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NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

New Independent Chairman Terry Browne is settling into his THRC role. Terry is a former President and a long-time supporter of the Club. He has a vast knowledge of the Harness Racing Industry in a variety of capacities over a number of years. He brings a wealth of experience to the Club in its future path forward to a new track and the promise of re-invigorating the local industry.

Administration Manager Karen Fox has now been at the Club for 6 months. Karen has a history in thoroughbred racing in both administration and training. Before moving to Tamworth with her family Karen was working in the office of the Bendigo Harness Racing Club, which has given her a good grounding for her current THRC position.

HRNSW Chief Executive Sam Nati has announced he will leave his position on August 22nd 2014 thus ending a period of time that has seen the industry evolve a more dynamic model. In this area his initiative in developing and supporting small clubs with the carnival of cups has given this region a great stimulus. His administrative skills have resulted in four straight surplus budgets which helps prize money and industry initiatives. No issues in the sport are simple anymore and this has made the position increasingly difficult. History will probably reflect on Sam's time very positively. Certainly we will be lucky to ever have a CEO with such a passion for the industry.



Perc Vering (13/8/1915 – 27/4/2014). A long time THRC member and stalwart of the local industry Perc Vering passed away recently aged 98 years. After racing greyhounds Perc ventured into harness racing over 50 years ago. He raced a number of quality pacers including Leica Light and Ainsley Dillon. Perc was a regular at Tamworth meetings occupying his favoured spot in the "DR Corner" at the bar. He will be sadly missed by all.

Untimely passing of popular Newcastle CEO Ross Gigg, aged 58. A former Penrith first grade rugby league footballer, Ross Gigg ventured into sports administration at the conclusion of his rugby league career, firstly with the Penrith Panthers then to Western Australia before starting his long tenure with the Newcastle HRC in 1992. He was a former Chairman of the Harness Racing Clubs Committee and more recently was involved with the Hunter Academy of Sport in the development of junior drivers. Ross Gigg was a popular figure not only in harness racing but in all walks of life. The THRC extends condolences to his family, friends and the Club that he dearly loved.



RACE MEETING DATES 2014/15

Date	Day	Time
22/05/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon
5/06/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon
19/06/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon
29/06/2014	SUNDAY	Afternoon
10/07/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon
24/07/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon
7/08/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon
18/08/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon
New Season		
1/09/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon
15/09/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon
29/09/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon
12/10/2014	SUNDAY	Afternoon
27/10/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon
11/11/2014	TUESDAY	Afternoon
25/11/2014	TUESDAY	Afternoon
9/12/2014	TUESDAY	Afternoon
24/12/2014	WEDNESDAY	Night
4/01/2015	SUNDAY	Afternoon
14/01/2015	WEDNESDAY	Night
18/01/2015	SUNDAY	Twilight
23/01/2015	FRIDAY	Night
10/02/2015	TUESDAY	Afternoon
26/02/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon
Narrabri, Armidale, Muswellbrook and Inverell race in this period.		
23/04/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon
7/05/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon
21/05/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon
4/06/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon
18/06/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon

Winter Sponsorship Drive

The THRC is conducting a sponsorship drive to promote local businesses through the media at a competitive rate during June, July and August. Race sponsorship gives naming rights to one race which provides national exposure via press and Sky Racing along with local exposure via local press, on course broadcasting and your race book advertisement. Race sponsorship also provides the Sponsor with complimentary gate passes, race books and the opportunity to have your business signage and product or product information displayed on race day. For June, July and August meetings 2014 race sponsorship will include each sponsor going into a draw for a trophy presentation. Packages from \$150 plus GST.



TRACK NEWS

- ❖ Land rezoning development. After the local public viewing the rezoning proposal will go to the TRC meeting on May 27
- ❖ A new track preparation aerator has been ordered with the cost of the purchase being obtained through RDF funding.
- ❖ Please be advised HRNSW rules state that **children under the age of 14 are not allowed entry to the stabling area** on course.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Resurrection of Oaks and Derby These events created a lot of interest and the meeting had excellent TAB figures. The races held up because almost everyone who had an eligible horse entered the spirit of the races and ran. Hopefully these people will get their rewards in future Oaks and Derbies which will continue because of their support, thank-you. We race horses in the hope of winning feature races not just a normal race, although they are still welcome, and pay the bills.

Locals Train the Program and no Driver

Suspensions The 8th May 2014 meeting was special as locals trained the whole program and the drivers managed to navigate all races without retribution from the stewards. We need the cross fertilisation of the visiting trainers and drivers to foster competition and raise betting figures but it is great to see the high standards being displayed by local trainers and drivers.

Field Sizes Tamworth owners and trainers need to be congratulated on the fact that Tamworth has the second highest average field size of all the clubs in NSW. Continued support at these levels up until we move to the new track will consolidate the club's future. Well done owners and trainers.

HRNSW invitation to Board Meeting On the 27th May 2014 Terry Browne, Mark Lowe and Karen Fox will be meeting with Mr. Rex Horne and his board at HRNSW headquarters in Bankstown. We set the agenda which includes topics relating to future plans, race dates, administration, the new track, promotion, 2yo racing and multi-media opportunities. A copy of the proposed agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard. We will report the result of the meeting in the next newsletter.

In support of the Northern Inland Credit Union sponsorship the Club has transferred it's banking to the NICU who have been providing excellent personal service and advice.



SMART THINKING

Two Year Old Racing One agenda item we are taking to the HRNSW Board is asking their support of Tamworth guaranteeing 2yo races. For example the club could guarantee two 2yo races before the Bathurst carnival and two after i.e. Trainers could aim their young horses at these race dates. It is always frustrating to see some horses ready in December but races not holding up and different horses ready in February but again races not standing up. If we have as many as possible ready at the same time we may recapture the added magic 2yo racing brings and breeders and buyers would have added incentives.

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JACKPOT PACING PICK

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CURRENT PRIZE POOL: \$900.00

AIM: To select the winners of all races after Race No.1
(If one of your selections is scratched the entry is void)

PRIZE:

The prize pool starts at \$150.00 and will jackpot by \$50.00 per race meeting until won, at which stage the prize reverts to \$150.00. If there is more than one winner, the prize will be divided equally.

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SNIPPETS

- **2014 Tamworth Oaks winner Freedom Is** finished 2nd in both her heat and the final (to Charming Allie) in Queensland's \$75,000 Seymour Nursery 3YO Fillies Group 2 at Albion Park earning nearly \$16,000 for owner/trainer Phil Thurston of Forbes.
- **Steve Loftus, formerly of Moonbi** and now domiciled in Victoria for a number of years has a handy 3YO filly under his care as trainer. From just 6 starts Bettor Downunder, a daughter of Bettor's Delight, won her third race start at Ballarat (1.59.6 for 2200m) then was placed 5th and 6th in the Victoria Oaks heat and final before a last start win in 1.55.9 in a 3YO Classic 2240m at Melton on May 16. Career – 6 starts 2 wins for \$17,867.
- **THRC representatives Terry Browne and Mark Lowe** represented the Club at the Newcastle Oaks meeting on May 9. It was a somber night following Ross' passing but people were determined to press on and have a great meeting in a way Ross would have appreciated. We were well looked after by President Jim Bell and his Committee.

SPONSORSHIP

Information on the THRC's new sponsorship packages, the Silver Sponsorship Package and the Race Sponsor and Function Package can be obtained from the office or found on the Club's website www.tamworthharnessracing.com.au The Silver Sponsorship is a corporate package offering multiple promotional marketing and hospitality benefits. The Race Sponsor and Function package can be a great alternative to celebrate a business, social or family occasion. All packages can be individually tailored to suit the requirements of your business or function.



FEEDBACK

Members are encouraged to provide ideas, suggestions and comments to assist the management of the Club. Feedback can be forwarded to the office or e-mail admin@tamworthharnessracing.com.au

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