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## **NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017**

**HARNESS RACING BACK IN TAMWORTH APRIL 9 SUNDAY TWILIGHT**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT HARNESS RACING IN TAMWORTH APRIL 20**

### **2017 TAMWORTH CARNIVAL OF CUPS**

#### **Pryde's Easifeed Golden Guitar Final**

He was a 50/1 shot but Magoogan turned out to be the worthy winner of the \$25,000 Pryde's Easifeed Golden Guitar Final for 2017 in an action packed race. The win presented Ellalong trainer Michael Formosa his second Golden Guitar Final and although he has trained two winners, driving the winner has eluded him each time. Xavier won back in 2009 for Formosa with Cameron Davies in the spider. Roll forward to the 2017 running and Formosa once again had two runners engaged – Somemondosomewhere and Magoogan – who both won their heats. Formosa elected drive Somemondo somewhere from the seven barrier while he secured the services of Mark Callaghan to take the reins behind Magoogan from nine. "Mark and I have been friends since High School so it was real good to see Mark drive the winner" said a happy Formosa. Both the horses were going good, their runs in the heats were good runs so they both deserved to be in the final. I was confident Magoogan could win if he got the right run" added Formosa. Mark Callaghan said "there was a bit of trouble in the race and we had to duck and swerve a few times but we got through luckily and it probably helped him when we ducked back to the inside on the turn and he dug deep in to hold Courtsinsession on the line. He did hang in a bit but he showed how good he is to win". Magoogan held on for a head win over Courtsinsession with Real Social 3 metres away third in



1.58.7. It was the five year old Santanna Blue Chip – Amber Loofah gelding's third win on the trot at the Tamworth Paceway. "He has always been consistent but since he has come back from a spell he is a bit sharper – hopefully he will go through his grades" added Formosa. **Julie Maughan.**

**Garrards Tamworth City Cup** was taken out by Better Than Max driven by Sydney reinsman Brendan Barnes. Two years ago the 19 year old finished third in the Tamworth Cup behind the Bart Cockburn trained Katesaroyal. "He had good form going into the race" said Barnes. "I have seen the horse race around Menangle and I was confident before the race just on his class". Trained at Medowie by Darren Reay, Better Than Max has had 17 career wins - which included three wins at Menangle with the last visit to Tamworth being back in December 2015 also showing a win – and 32 placing from 72 career starts. "He was the best horse in the race and you can drive them a bit harder and it pays off – it was good to win a feature race at a carnival like Tamworth" added Barnes. **Julie Maughan.**



**Tamworth HRC Star Maker Final** "She went good – she went super" was how Bathurst trainer Bernie Hewitt summed up the win of I'm With Lexy in the \$15,000 Tamworth HRC Star Maker Final. "I thought she was capable of winning it – she is starting to get to the top of her game" said Hewitt. "I'm With Lexy (Roll With Joe USA- Laughing Lexy) is continuing on like her older sister" added Hewitt, with the older sister being Read About Lexy who had 22 starts for 11 wins and nine placings and over \$150,000 prizemoney. Both pacers are owned by Lex Crosby who was at Tamworth to witness the win in the feature race for three year olds. Bernie Hewitt is no stranger to the Tamworth Paceway and won a Tamworth Cup "about ten years ago". I'm With Lexy went straight to the lead from the four barrier to lead the field up with the John McCarthy trained and driven Bettor Be Gold racing out in the breeze. "John realised I wanted to hold the lead. Bettor Be Gold is a tough horse and it is hard to race outside another horse - but I knew my filly wouldn't lay down and she managed to have a little in reserve at the end" said Hewitt. **Julie Maughan.**



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A brilliant and accurate **Tentpegging Display** was enjoyed by the crowd at the Golden Guitar Carnival of Cups meeting. Thanks to our Clerks of Course Barry Biffin and Bryson Roser along with Todd Carey. All three plus Sarah Rushbrook also did a great job of carrying the placards for the Golden Guitar pre-parade.



**The Pub Group Gold Nugget** was won by Culinary Delight trained and driven by Hunter Valley reinsman Mark Callaghan. With race favourite Captain Rockey (David Grant) utilising the number one barrier and holding the lead Callaghan popped in on the leaders back. "I was wrapped to get in there on the favourites back – I only had to get out then" said Callaghan. Carrying a flat tyre - which occurred on the first turn - Callaghan was happy with the run of Culinary Delight. "Horses that pull a flat tyre don't normally win these days" added Callaghan who took the \$10,000 feature and the gold nugget trophy by a neck over Captain Rockey right on the line with Sams Cam 10 metres away third. "I like coming here (Tamworth) it's a great Club - you get well looked after and the track is in great order" Callaghan enthused after the win. For Culinary Delight – a former Kiwi pacer – it has been a great success rate on the Tamworth Paceway with two starts producing two wins with the first back in December when the mare won the BMR Quarries Dash For Cash raced over the 1230 metre distance, setting a new track record with a mile rate of 1.53.6 before taking out the Gold Nugget feature raced over 1980 metres. Callaghan has had two other attempts at winning The Pub Group Gold Nugget feature race – back in 2015 he was beaten a short half head on race favourite Millwood Liberty and in the 2016 running he missed out again with Strawberry Courage – who also started as favourite. Maybe this time round Callaghan's change of luck came when he wasn't the race favourite with Culinary Delight paying \$7.50 for the win! **Julie Maughan.**



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## THRC Chairperson's Report

Dear Members,

It is with pleasure that I as Chairperson along with the Board of Tamworth HRC can report that the purchase of the Tamworth Showground by HRNSW is now complete with all official paperwork signed off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2017.

The Tamworth P & A will remain on the grounds until after their Show and as of April 1 it will be onwards and upwards with HRNSW currently calling for tenders for an all-weather cover to go over the current race day stables.

Well our January racing Carnival has been and gone and what a Carnival it was! Over the four days 1500 patrons attended the carnival. Thank you to all our sponsors and patrons who enjoyed the great racing and thank you to the trainers who competed at the meeting. With 38 races conducted over four meetings there were only two racing incidents so testament to some great drivers.

The Tamworth HRC also made another progressive milestone when for the first time they conducted 12 races at one meeting - there were plenty of compliments received for the smooth operation.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers who made our racing Carnival one of the best.

What a time to take up the position of Chairperson with not only the racing Carnival but also the exciting news with the purchase of the Showground – a place we can now officially call home.

As Chairperson I have the support of a very proactive Board who are all dedicated to the Tamworth Club – they are achieving a lot behind the scenes of which we will see come to fruition over the coming months.

Each Director has a Portfolio and I have elected to take on Media. Over the coming Newsletters we will showcase each Director so you can see that the people leading this Club have some very outstanding qualifications – both personally and professionally.

The majority of you know me through a connection with horses and media but I also had a healthy work life that has given me plenty of experience after working in Government Departments - Labour & Industry, Public Works, Soil Conservation as well as Local Council, Education and private enterprise. It is a pleasure to be working with this fine Club.

My final six years were spent working for an Apprenticeship Centre covering the State in the position of Manager of the Western, North West and Orana areas with a staff of ten under my management. I worked alongside various industries such as Mines, Abattoirs, large Supermarket chains and plenty more business houses looking after their staffing matters.

I also hold a Diploma of Management, Marketing and Governance and I am open to any ideas that you as

Members or Participants would like to see help your Club grow. Thank you for a warm welcome to the position of Chairperson.

Yours in racing

**Julie Maughan**

**Madam Chair**

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### TRACK NEWS

**Trainers wishing to use the Tamworth Paceway for track work are required to sign and submit an Application to Train to the THRC. # Children are not allowed in the stabling area, unless a child has been approved by HRNSW Stewards and displays a HRNSW licence at all times. This will be at the direction of HRNSW Stewards. # Incident reporting is mandatory and gives information to help prevent future incidents.**

### EVENT TRACK CLOSURE TIMES

EVENT	TIME	DATE
<u>Relay for</u>	Closes 9am	Friday 31/3/17
<u>Life</u>	Closes 8:30am	Saturday 1/4/17
	Track Closed	Sunday 2/4/17
	Closed 9am –12noon	Monday 3/4/17

### THRC SMOKE FREE

THRC is compelled to endorse NSW legislation 15.7.3.2 in that smoking is banned in spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas (during an organised sporting event). It would be appreciated if all event attendees to THRC be respectful of non-smokers and comply with this legislation with smoking areas provided as designated.

### MINI TROTS NEW AREA

The fenced area opposite the office / tie up stalls is to be the designated area for the Mini Trots parking and assembly and will only be open to Mini Trots competitors at future race meetings. Public / Members car parking area is near the Canteen.

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**Miracle Mile Day Trip** Winners of tickets in this promotion and friends left Tamworth by McPhersons coach at 11am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February arriving at Menangle prior to the first race at 5:30pm. The travelers were greeted on arrival with a gift bag containing betting vouchers, race books and Miracle Mile caps. The weather was fine and a great night was had by all. Two passengers, Scotty-Jon and Luke were selected for fashions on the field. Lennytheshark driven by Chris Alford had a good win in the Miracle Mile. Rory Brown represented Tamworth in the Mini Trots Final. The coach left Menangle at 11pm returning to Tamworth at 5am Sunday morning. Congratulations to Club Menangle for the promotion of this event, allowing the Country Clubs to be part of the evening.  
**Joyce Walsh.**



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**The Joan Bullock Memorial** was won by Emargee who had what looked like a comfortable all the way win but trainer and reinsman Ricky Gordon had to defend the victory in the Stewards room. When Emargee shifted out down the home straight it allowed Rocknroll Annie from the Weidemann stables to take an inside run over the concluding stages. It was a relief for Gordon when the Stewards gave the all clear and the Queenslander was happy to celebrate – especially after driving seven and half hours from Marburg to contest the feature race. "I felt confident coming into the race – we had a good barrier draw. She ran to the line well" stated Gordon of Emargee who had a 1.2 metre win over Rocknroll Annie with Shadow River (Daniel Morgan) another metre away third. "She is an honest performer without being a champion – its good prizemoney and a lovely rug to go with it" added Gordon. The Four Starzzz Shark – Dee Flyer six year old mare collected her third win with another 14 placings from 39 starts. **Julie Maughan.**



**THRC Membership** The new category of **Licensed Membership** has proved popular and is available at \$22 for all participants licenced with a Harness Racing authority. 12 months **Full Membership** remains at \$55 and \$27.50 for **Pensioner Members**, including GST. Membership provides free entry and race book for all meetings, voting rights and **entry into the Peter Jackson Bookmaker Members' Draw.**

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# TAMWORTH HRC RACE MEETING DATES (to June) 2017

Date	Day	Time	TAB	Meeting Classification	Feature Races
9-Apr-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	C / \$3500	Old Boys' Day Perc Verring Memorial / Merv Johnston Memorial
20-Apr-17	Thursday	NIGHT	8	B / \$5000	<b>\$7000 Select Autoglass 3YO Classic (2360m)</b> <b>\$7000 Billy Grima Memorial (1980m) (C2+)</b>
5-May-17	Friday	DAY	8	B / \$5000	
14-May-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	
28-May-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	<b>\$7000 Droughtbreaker Mile (1609m) (Maidens)</b>
11-Jun-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	
24-Jun-17	Saturday	NIGHT	8	B / \$5000	<b>\$7000 Winter Warmer (1980m) (C1)</b>



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Super Golden Guitar Carnival of Cups night entertainment from multiple Australian whip cracking champion Daniel Wicks. He was assisted by Sophie Mackney.



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