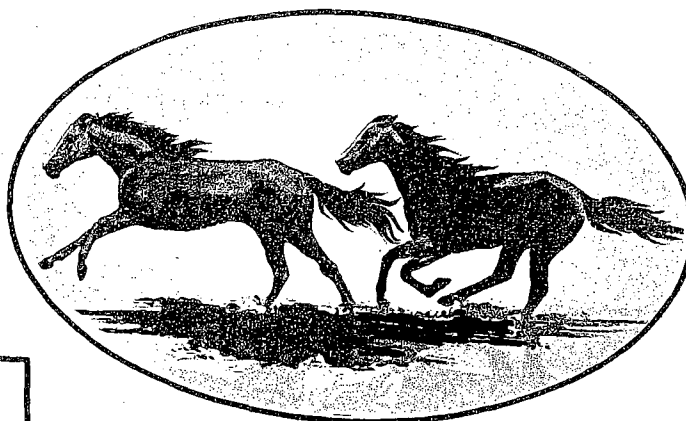


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**Our thanks to those who
have contributed so far.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stud Visit

*Sunday 22nd July 10 a.m.
Princes Farm, 123 Smith Road
Castlereagh. See resident Roman
Emperor (in this year's tender
scheme. Then return to Club House
at Clarendon for Champagne and a
light lunch. Rob Caruso will do
pedigrees using the Goldmine
system. Jennifer Churchill (a mine
of information) will discuss matings
with you. She has also donated a
copy of 'Great Thoroughbred Sires
of the World', as a raffle prize.*

Apology

*We sincerely apologise for the
misspelling of Don Storey's name in
the last newsletter. RTP Don*

Next Meeting:

The next Committee meeting will
be held on **18th July 2018 at 6.30
pm.** at the A.T.B.C building
Hawkesbury Racecourse
Clarendon.
A light supper provided.

New rules of Racing

All owners need to be aware of new
rule **LR 114** which refers to the welfare
and retirement of all Thoroughbred
horses.

We thank local Trainer *Ethne Potowski*
for providing the information via the
NSW Racing Calendar. See page 3

Centre Insert preview 2018 Tender
Scheme Stallions and membership
renewal form

South Africa – Thoroughbreds and Wildlife Tour

21 day escorted tour departs November 2018

Tour highlights include

- Attend race meets at Cape Town and Johannesburg;
- Visit major studs including Gary player Stud (the former great golfer) and school of equine Management Excellence;
- Enjoy wildlife viewing at Hluhluwe and Kapama Game Reserves;
- Visit major battlefield sites of the Boer War including Rorke's Drift;
- See the spectacular Drakensberg Escarpment;

Tour leader Virginia Harvey, well known Thoroughbred editor of *The Land*
and long term member of the Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club.

For further inquiries contact Quadrant Journeys 1300 301 128 or
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Gallopers given a new life after racing

STEPHEN ROMEI

Caymans was a Group II winning galloper in Australia, taking out the 2008 Sandown Guineas for trainer Peter Snowden. A Godolphin gelding, he went on to race in Britain and Dubai.

It's a fair bet, however, that few were on the money when it came to tipping his post-racing career. Now rising 13, and missing an eye after an infection, he is at work as a falconer's mount in southwest England.

Moved on as part of Godolphin's global "rehomeing" program, he came into the care of Martin Whitley at Dartmoor Hawking, one of Britain's few private falconry centres. Whitley has said Caymans likes the job.

"On his blind side he's good as gold. On his good side he's good as gold too."

Caymans came up in conversation at the recent 37th Asian Racing Conference in Seoul, which showcased innovations on all sides of the thoroughbred business, from tote boards to synthetic

tracks to horse feed. From equine massage to a mechanical mount that educates jockeys, to a new computer chip-enhanced "smart whip" that is being used in Istanbul, Turkey.

The idea of the latter is that jockeys can't dispute how many

The care of the horse no longer stops at the finishing post. They are monitored through retirement

times they used the stick, as it's all recorded.

But the considered focus of the conference, attended by racing authorities and industry representatives from Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, France, Turkey, the US, India and South Africa, was the need to improve the image of horse racing, particularly when it comes to looking

after horses during and after their racetrack careers.

"If you take anything out of this," Racing Australia chair Frances Nelson said at the opening of her presentation on equine welfare, "make it this: it all starts with the horse".

Nelson shared three years of data compiled since the introduction of new rules governing the retirement of racehorses. Of the 27,000 horses that retired in this time, 90 per cent were moved into breeding or the equestrian sector.

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR), which has a presence in Australia, Britain and the US, reports similar figures.

"The data tells a good story," Nelson said. Importantly, owners must advise the reason for the horse's retirement, which can be no later than age 12, and detail a post-race care plan.

The care of the horse no longer stops at the finishing post. They are monitored throughout their retirement. This "traceability", Nelson said, is just as important as the other buzzword in racing reform: integrity.

Yet anti-racing activists will point out that 90 per cent is not good enough. Does that mean 10 per cent go to the knacker's? That's something racing authorities should take seriously. Dismissing this well-organised protest group as "extremists", as Nelson and other did during the conference, is a mistake.

Victorian Supreme Court Justice Jack Forrest, chairman of the Racing Victoria Integrity Council, alluded to this in his speech. While he agreed that the sins of the turf, such as the recent cobalt scandal, are due to individuals rather than the industry as a whole, he added that the general public does not see it that way.

"I fear that most Australians would be of the view that racing is not conducted fairly and that corruption is rife. I suspect the



One-eyed horse Caymans in his new life as a falconer's mount



A PREVIEW OF THE STALLIONS IN 2018 TENDER SCHEME



CARDINAL KINGDOM

CHOISTAR

DANE SHADOW

DIXIE PROSPECT

DUBLEO

KNIGHT EXPEMLAR

LAST TYPHOON

LONDON BRIDGE

LUCAS CRANACH

ROMAN EMPEROR

SHEER TALENT

STRATEGIC MANEUVER

STRADA

STRATUM STAR

THE BROTHERS WAR

VA PENSIERO

ZARIZ



general public, sadly, regards racing integrity as an oxymoron.”

Forrest said racing reform must continue and that, in tandem, the industry needed to communicate its values to the wider community more effectively. Part of this is in reconnecting horses and people in this industrial, urbanised and now digitalised era. This came to mind as I prepared my presentation to the conference, on the horse and racing in popular culture. I opened with one everyone in the audience would know, from the US to Britain, South Africa to Australia and the rest of Asia: “A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse.” Richard III knew the importance of horses. So, centuries later, did Banjo Paterson. But most of us today never see a horse, let alone sit on one.

This is changing, in unlikely places. In NSW, the St Heliers Correctional Centre at Muswellbrook runs a program in partnership with Racing NSW where inmates look after horses. It's good for man and for beast, and for the farm property attached to the minimum security prison.

One of the most moving presentations at the conference was about the Man O' War project at Columbia University in New York, in which military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder are counselled not by psychologists, nor prescribed drugs, but put in touch with horses. It is the world's first university-led trial of equine-assisted therapy for PTSD. The video footage of broken-down soldiers holding close to horses was touching.

“One of our aims,” said IFAR representative Diana Cooper, who works for Godolphin in Britain, “is to foster an emotional attachment between the racegoer and the horse.” This happens naturally from time to time, such as in Australia when people flock to the racetrack to see the champion mare Winx. But the aim is to make it happen even when there is no Winx around.

LR 114.

(1) The purpose and objective of this Local Rule 114 is to ensure the welfare of thoroughbred horses from birth, during their racing careers and on retirement.

(2) A registered owner, trainer or any person that is in charge of or has in his or her possession, control or custody of any horses (Eligible Horses, Unnamed Horses and Named Horses) must ensure that any such horses

are provided at all times with:

- (a) proper and sufficient nutrition and water;
- (b) proper exercise;
- (c) stabling and paddocks of a standard approved by Racing NSW, which are adequate in size, which are adequately maintained and kept in a clean and sanitary condition;
- (d) veterinary treatment where such treatment is necessary or directed by Racing NSW.

(3) A registered owner, trainer or any person that is in charge of or has in his or her possession, control or custody of any horses (Eligible Horses, Unnamed Horses and Named Horses) must exercise reasonable care, control and supervision as may be necessary to prevent any such horse from being subject to cruelty or unnecessary pain or suffering.

(4) A registered owner, trainer or any person that is in charge of or has in his or her possession, control or custody of any horses (Eligible Horses, Unnamed Horses and Named Horses) is not to euthanize or destroy a horse (or permit a horse to be euthanized or destroyed) unless a registered veterinary surgeon has certified in writing that it is necessary on welfare or safety grounds or for reasons approved in writing by Racing NSW or unless under extreme circumstances where it is necessary for a horse to be euthanized immediately and the decision is subsequently confirmed by a veterinary surgeon.

(5) Further to AR64JA(1), where a decision has been made to retire a horse, or not to commence racing an Eligible Horse, and that horse has been domiciled in New South Wales for the majority of its life:

- (a) the Manager, in addition to any forms to be lodged with Racing Australia pursuant to AR64JA(1), is to lodge with Racing NSW the Retirement Notification form prescribed by Racing NSW, such form to include details of the retirement option, where that horse will be located, and contact details of the new owner (if that horse is being transferred to a new owner);
- (b) that horse is not to be transferred to a location which does not meet minimum standards prescribed by Racing NSW to ensure the ongoing welfare of that horse and the owners are required to provide Racing NSW with all information and assistance (including access to the proposed location) in order to enable Racing NSW to assess that those minimum standards are met;
- (c) the owners are to make all reasonable endeavours to find a home for that horse that meets Racing NSW's minimum standards in any of the following options:
 - (i) breeding purposes;
 - (ii) equestrian, working, pleasure or companion horse;
 - (iii) any other option approved by Racing NSW
- (d) in the event that the owners are unable to find a home for that horse, having used all reasonable endeavours, then the remaining options for that horse are:
 - (iii) an official retirement or retraining program (either operated by Racing NSW or approved by Racing NSW in writing);
 - (iv) any other option that ensures the ongoing welfare of the horse approved by Racing NSW in writing;
- (e) the horse is not to be, directly or indirectly, sent to an abattoir, knackery or similarly disposed of;
- (f) the horse is not to be sold/gifted at a livestock auction not approved by Racing NSW; and
- (g) if that horse is in need of veterinary treatment (including ongoing veterinary treatment), it is not to be transferred to a new home until that veterinary treatment has been provided or Racing NSW is satisfied that it will receive that veterinary treatment.

(6) Any person who fails to comply with LR 114(1)-(5) commits a breach of these Rules and may be penalised.

Date of Effect: 1 October 2017

WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND! Barbara Robertson

Our recent trip to the Hunter Valley was deemed a great success by all who participated and in my view one of the best trips ever. (I should know I've been on nearly all of them). We saw some of the top studs and stallions in the industry, tasted lots of wine and had good company and lots of laughs along the way. More detailed reports will follow in the next Newsletters.

THEY CAME FROM HERE AND THERE, FAR AND WIDE

Of the 20 people that travelled to the Hunter Valley here is the split where they came from - Cowra, Dorrigo, Dubbo, Harrington, Hawkesbury Krambach, Sydney, Tea Gardens Ulludulla and Wollongong.
TALK ABOUT KEEN!

FROM THE CLUB HISTORIAN

I've been everywhere (LuckyStar sang) that sums up our Club Tours. Our first June Bus Trip 35 years ago was to the Hunter Valley We had somewhere around 40 people on the Coach. This trip was organised by Mike Davies, the remainder have been done by Dianne and myself or both of us. The Club has organised trips to many places. Our visits in NSW include the Hunter Valley, Mudgee, Dubbo, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra and many more. Three trips to Queensland and Victoria, one to Western Australia coming through South Australia and one to Tasmania. That leaves us the Northern Territory for Camel Racing! Our first Trip was to the Hunter Valley in 1983 and our driver was Brian Kirkpatrick who was our driver for the next 17 years. Then we hired K & R Coaches and Kevin's son Rodney drove us on two trips and one other driver, the rest has been Kevin. Kevin is thinking of retiring but might keep something for us, we have taken all this time to train him in our funny ways such as allowing food and alcohol on the bus, nothing complicated. I don't think we like the idea of training another driver. So have we had our last bus trip? Your answer or suggestions are most welcome.

What's in a Name?

BY Dianne Lanham

When choosing a horse from the Club's 2013 Stallion Tender Scheme I asked former President John Holloman to run some horses through the 'Equisleuth Pedigree System' to suit *Etinceler* who is by *Way of Light* from *Sunflowers*. John is one of a handful of people in the country who knows how to interpret the readings, the optimum being the correlation between the sire and dam lines, the closer the better. Previously John had 'consoled' me over poor results by saying, "but Di it's a winning family".

This time when he hit on *Zariz* (donated by great supporters of the Club, Koorungal Stud) he leant towards the computer very surprised as the two figures were identical. The resulting colt (now gelding) *Zidane* won at Kembla in May. His nick name is Jonas, named after a little 3 year old boy who is a member of a French family I have known for many years. Owing to the two 'Z' in *Zariz* I chose *Zidane*, (first name Zinedine), a former top French football player who coached Real Madrid to win the European Championships just two days before the race. Was this a good or bad omen I wondered? Luckily it turned out to be the former and he was my first winner in a while.

That evening I rang the family in France to tell them that '*Zidane* aka *Jonas*' had won a race and who should answer the phone but the very cute little Jonas himself!