



June 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the President

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Richmond Race Club members and industry participants to our first edition of the Richmond Race Club (RRC) Newsletter. The club will publish the newsletter each and every month to keep members and participants informed of what is happening around the club; introduce you to our team of dedicated employees; and provide an update of future events that will take place.

The inaugural Globe Memorial Richmond Riches Race Series concluded on May 28 and was an outstanding success, earning plaudits from those that participated as well from industry participants around the nation who viewed the action through our broadcasting partner, Sky Racing. Queensland connections were the first to etch their name into the history books when Thirty Talks, the \$30,000 sales-topper at the 2014 Puppy Auction, raced his way to victory in the final to take home the \$100,000 winners cheque for owner Len Antonio and trainer Tony Brett.

You may have noticed a number of changes that have taken place at the Club in the past few months and the committee wish to thank all our staff and management for the hard work that has been done. We look forward to many more exciting initiatives in the next year as we continue to strive to consolidate our position as one of the leading greyhound race clubs in Australia.

I hope to see you all at the track supporting our great club in the near future.

Regards
Peter Rodgers



Members Night Out

The President and the Committee wish to invite all the RRC members to a special...

"Welcome Back to Friday night at the dogs".

When: Friday 8th July 2016 (Bookings Essential)

Where: RRC Function Room

What: Special 2 Course Dinner + Tap Beer,
Wine & Soft Drink

Costs: \$25pp members only

Also: Prizes, prizes and more prizes

Action: Richmond Riches 400m Series Final

Social Media

We all know that social media has changed the world in recent years and RRC has made big steps to enable us to capture a new audience while also being able to communicate with our participants in an instant.

Whether its Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, RRC has an on-line presence as well as our own You Tube channel but we haven't forgotten those who like to do things 'the old way' – yep, we still have a phone line!

Join in the fun and keep up to date with everything that is happening – details of our social media sites are at the bottom of this page.

Launch of our new Website

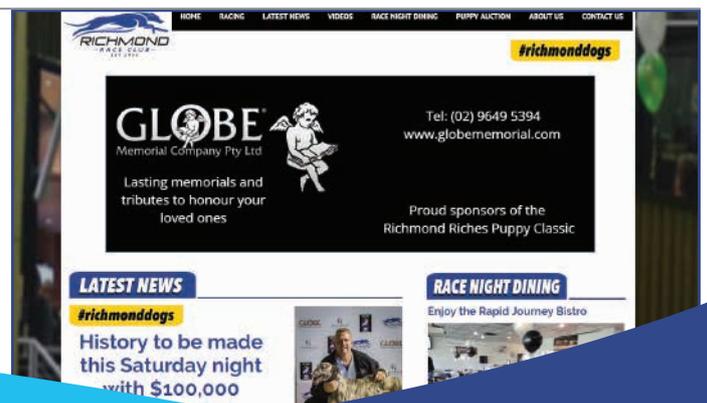
RRC are proud to announce the launch of our new website which we consider to be one of the best in the racing sector. Take a moment to browse through the pages and easy layout as the website provides a raft of information as well as providing a vital 'shop front' for everyone in the greyhound industry.

Updated regularly with all the latest Club news and information, go to www.richmondgreyhounds.com.au

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The fairytale comes to life

When Len Antonio purchased a five-month old pup for a Australian record of \$30,000 at the Richmond Riches Puppy Auction in November 2014, plenty of people may have shaken their heads. Some eighteen months later and Antonio's faith in his purchase was vindicated when Thirty Talks claimed the inaugural Globe Memorial Richmond Riches Race Series and banked \$100,000 for Antonio and trainer, Tony Brett.

Restricted to greyhounds that were graduates of the 2014 Auction, the series was well supported by owners and trainers and was conducted over three weeks with eight heats on May 14; four semi-finals on May 21; and of course, the final on May 28, which offered the richest prize money for a race conducted by a provincial race club in the southern hemisphere.

The supporting Puppy Auction race series' over 400m and 618m are next on the agenda with \$7,000 awaiting the winner of each of those series. Good luck to all connections.

RRPA 400m Race Series: Heats July 1 – Final July 8

RRPA 618m Race Series: Heats August 26 – Final September 2



Fridays Nights Are Back!

Following consultation with GRNSW, Richmond Race Club will return to their 'spiritual home' of Friday night racing after being granted 52 race dates for that timeslot for the 2016/2017 racing season. As well as Friday night, we will also race each Wednesday (twilight) with both meetings in premium timeslots and both to be broadcast on Sky Racing 1 (Channel 526)

- Wed twilight meetings (Nom's close 10am Friday with GRNSW)
- Friday night meetings (Nom's close 10am Tuesday with GRNSW)

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Around The Track – The GM's Review

Welcome to our first newsletter and each month, I'll endeavor to bring you up to date with what is happening around the Club and what we have planned for the future.

During the past two months, things have been happening at a frantic pace so in case you've missed it, here's a quick snapshot of what we have accomplished.

TRACK RUNNING RAIL: Sandblasted and repainted

SEMAPHORE BOARD: News signage printed and replaced

FUNCTION ROOM: A facelift with a new design and theme in place as well as being repainted

VET'S ROOM: A temporary Vet's Room for Matt Kwong has been installed

TRACK RENOVATION: More than 100tonnes of new sand was laid on May 30 and the track was re-cambered as part of our ongoing track maintenance

400M BOXES: New starting box mat has been installed

FOOD & BEVERAGE: Tap beer has been installed in our Bar and Function Room area's

FENCING: New fencing being installed at the 535m boxes for trials

STAFF: New uniforms for our staff have been designed

MERCHANDISE: A great range of merchandise now available including beanies, shirts and jackets

On a personal note, I would like to thank the RRC committee and staff for their unwavering support since I took over from Wayne Billett in December last year. While it has been an extremely busy initiation into the position, I have inherited a great team of staff and we all have great passion and major plans for the club moving forward.

RRC and the wider greyhound racing industry, both in NSW and throughout Australia, will face some testing times as the long-awaited release of the Special Commission of Inquiry Report into Greyhound Racing in NSW is due to be tabled to Government. I firmly believe that the Richmond Race Club is in a very strong position, both on and off-track, and hopefully, an exciting future awaits us all. –

Brad Adam - General Manager

Introduction of Hoop Arm Lure at Richmond

From Friday July 1, RRC will commence racing with a new Hoop Arm Lure. The arm has been used during trials at our track and feedback received from participants revealed that more than 70% were satisfied with the lure arm and the lure material. The new arm will be used with a catching pen finish which will have a decoy system to reward the greyhounds at the completion of the race and to entice them to safely enter and remain in the catching pen.

A roll out of the hoop arm lure is planned at other tracks in NSW as the appropriate infrastructure changes are addressed and we will trial with the new Hoop Arm before commencing racing.

Please contact us for any further information on the Hoop Arm trialling sessions.