



February 2017 NEWSLETTER

Presidents Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Richmond Race Club members and participant's newsletter for 2017.



Last year was certainly a year that none of us will forget and I think it's fair to say that we are rather pleased to leave 2016 behind us. As this newsletter comes to you there has been a recent change in government in NSW and early reports suggest that the Greyhound Ban will be dealt with and overturned just as the previous government had stated. The club via our General Manager, Brad Adam, has had meetings with the newly formed advisory panel lead by Morris lemma and can confirm that their recommendations paper should be tabled with the government in the next few weeks and are sticking to their terms of reference as set out and will cover, Governance, Financial and Welfare structures within our industry.

In 2017, the RRC can now get back to preparing and building for a bright future. The board of directors are committed to exploring

several projects which include; building a Vet Clinic; additional office space; construction of a TAB Class Straight track for racing and trialling; a new slipping track; upgrading facilities in the Broadcast Tower (Race callers box & Television broadcast box); all of these projects will be thoroughly researched and quoted for over the next few months.

In Racing terms, we are heading into the club's pinnacle events which this year carry our new sponsors name, The Ladbrokes Richmond Derby and The Ladbrokes Richmond Oaks. Both of these Group 2 events will offer \$40,000 to the winner which will once again ensure some of the nation's best chasers will converge on Richmond again.

Richmond Race Club and our industry has had some testing times but with your support, I know we can get back on track and make a success of this great club yet again

Regards
Peter Rogers

Feature Racing Calendar

A big year ahead with a number of feature races and it all kicks off in February with the Keven Waters Cannonball offering \$5,000 to the winner over the short course of 400m. March has the clubs two biggest races with the G2 Ladbrokes Richmond Derby and the G2 Ladbrokes Richmond Oaks to be run over the 535m. Heats will be staged on March 3 with the final on March 10. A big support programme will be staged on final night which will include time honoured feature races such as the Frank Kennedy Memorial (717m) & the John McCombe Memorial (618m) all adding to over \$100,000 in prizemoney.

For a full list of RRC Feature races go to www.richmondgreyhounds.com.au

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FEATURE RACE CALENDAR					
Kevin Waters Cannonball	400m	\$5,000	February	NG	
Richmond Derby	535m	\$40,000	March	NG	
Richmond Oaks	535m	\$40,000	March	NG	
Frank Kennedy Memorial Trophy	717m	\$4,000	March	NG	
John McCombe Memorial	618m	\$4,000	March	4th/5th Grade	
Wenty Leagues Club Sprint	535m	\$3,000	April	5th Grade	
Richmond Riches	535m	\$100,000	May	*NG	
Steelie Razzle Dazzle	535m	\$5,000	June	5th Grade	
Richmond Riches	400m	\$7,000	July	*NG	
Phil Davis 5th Grade	535m	\$10,000	August	5th Grade	
Bess Electrical 618m Cup	618m	\$4,500	August	NG	
Richmond Riches	618m	\$7,000	Spetember	*NG	
Globe Memorial Maiden	535m	\$15,000	November	Maidens	
Electrical Supplies.com Xmas Gift	535m	\$3,500	December	5th Grade	

*Denotes Special Event Non Graded

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Richmond Riches 2018 – ONE-OFF FEE

Richmond Riches continues to develop as a great brand in the Australian greyhound racing industry with this year's event already shaping up to be a cracker with auction dogs winning all over the country. Due to the pending decisions by the NSW Government, RRC did not conduct an auction in 2016 thus leaving a void to fill in 2018 in regards to a Puppy Auction Race series. To ensure participants have an opportunity to race their pups for significant prizemoney, the club is proud to announce that we will be conducting the 2018 Richmond Riches Race series which will be held over the 535m. Open to pups whelped between January 1 and June 30, 2016, to enter the series, owners or participants can purchase a Nomination for a 'one-off' fee of \$275 for a specific nominated pup or they can purchase a transferrable nomination for \$440 for any pup. Heats, Semi-Finals and a Final will be conducted with the series planned to offer prizemoney of \$40,000 + to the winner.



Charity Flyer

RRC would like to introduce you to "Charity Flyer" (Fabregas x Secret Mystique). Charity Flyer is a club owned dog that has been raised, broken in and now racing by the clubs President Peter Rodgers. He will hopefully be seen around the tracks over the next few months with all proceeds going to a select group of charities.



Ladbrokes Weekly Membership Draw

The Ladbrokes Member's Draw continues to jackpot each Friday and as we go to print, there is now over \$1,600 cash up for grabs, with it rising by \$100 each week until it is won. If by any chance the cash hasn't been won by Derby Final night, the club will draw it until it does go off. Members must present their badge in person to claim the prize.



Around The Track – The Gm's Review

A busy start to 2017 and hopefully a progressive year ahead. Our main focus will be to achieve steady growth for the club both financially and also in terms of improving our facilities. The new year starts with news that both the Gym and Hawkesbury Bridge club have found alternate rental premises as the proposed greyhound ban left them with an unclear future. We have commenced seeking alternate businesses opportunities to fill the financial void. In other news....

De Bortoli's have returned as the club primary wine supplier.

Coca Cola is signed now as the club's primary soft drink supplier with the deal including new fridges.

RRC Greyhound & Trainers premiership has been launched.

A new water sprinkling system has been installed on the kennels roof. Additional A/C units have been purchased as well.

RACE PROGRAMMING: April – June race programming is out and is available on the club's website

<http://www.richmondgreyhounds.com.au/race-dates>



Brad Adam
General Manager