

Newsletter



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Another Australia Day Success!

A huge crowd turned out at Narrogin Racing for the annual dual code horse racing fixture on Australia Day. Some excellent racing and pacing along with live music, children's entertainment and the pony trots made for a good day for all that attended. Some of the more impressive winners on the racing program included the Shane Edwards trained 'The Thirteenth' who led all the way and came away to win by 3 lengths in the Narrogin Hyundai Maiden for recently graduated apprentice jockey Jarrad Noske. The Angela Smith Wagin trained mare 'Cat Magic' also led all the way to win the Bouvard Cruises Handicap. Shane Edwards and Jarrad Noske again combined to win the final race on the program with the promising Rebel Fury. Noske and Edwards also took the riding and training honours respectively on the day with 4 winners each.

Brew's second winner came in the GS Waste Disposal Pace where Chelsea Diamond overcame another tough run to overrun Pamper in the final stages to win by a neck. Shannon Suvaljko drove and trained a winning double in consecutive races. His first winner Westwind Renegade worked quite hard in the run but ran away with the race on the home bend to win by an impressive 17 metre margin at the good odds of \$8.30. His second winner was with James Morrison who led all the way to win the Duke of York Hotel Pace at another good price of \$6.30.



Cat Magic takes out the Bouvard Cruises Handicap

Chris Brew and Shannon Suvaljko took the driving honours on the harness program with 2 winners each. The first of Brew's winners came in the opening race The Narrogin Sportspower Pace where Fireinthesky overcame a tough run to hold off Boofshalfbrother and Archean Hanover in a tight finish.



Westwind Renegade's runaway finish



Limehill Sweetie and Chloe Geneve win a Pony Trot

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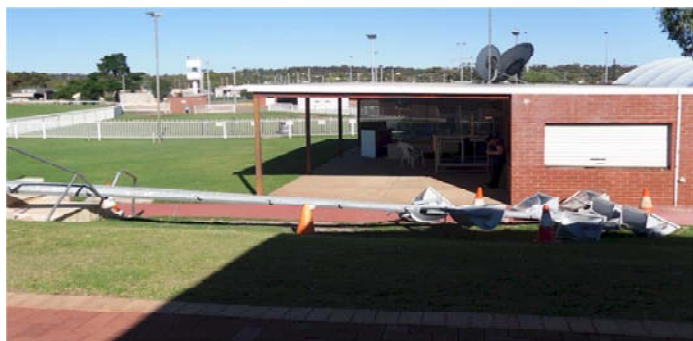
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Storm Damage

Saturday the 29th of January is a day that will long be remembered by people in the region. Late in the afternoon, a huge storm swept through with dark dust clouds, winds that were at hurricane strength and rain.

The storm was later declared a natural disaster and many members will still be cleaning up yards and paddocks, reroofing sheds and fixing fences as our newsletter goes to press.

The Club did not escape damage with one of our main lighting towers brought down in the strong winds.



Club Manager Jon Menzel said that replacement of the lighting will be covered by the Town of Narrogin as part of repairs of storm damage.

Narrogin Racing Grant

Your club has been busy in seeking allocations of grant funding under the recently announced racing infrastructure grants from the portfolio of the Minister for Sport and Recreation and local member, Terry Waldron.

We are pleased to announce that 50% of our funding application for the building of 20 extra horse stalls has been given the nod under these grants. However, we still have to find the remaining 50% which the club will seek in the next round of contestable grants under the Royalites for Regions Scheme.

Unfortunately, our applications for funding for work on widening and improving the 1200 metre start and also for improvements to member facilities at the club did not get approved at this stage. The club will continue to seek funds for these and other projects that are a part of our planning for the future.

Members who have ideas and suggestions for fund-raising activities are invited to submit their thoughts to the Management Committee.

Racing Continues

Meantime, our racing program continues with a packed program right through until the end of the current season in July.

On Thursday, February 24th., there will be another great night of harness racing with two more harness meetings to follow, firstly on Thursday, March 10th. to precede the Narrogin Harness Cup to be run on Thursday, April 7th. On the night of the Cup, there will be a Members Sundowner before the meeting with drinks and nibbles as well as Cup sweeps.

If you miss this Sundowner, mark your diary for the next one which will be at the final harness meeting on Thursday, July 14th. with the end of season presentations as part of the festivities.

Following our turf meeting on the 10th of February, the next thoroughbred meeting will be a big one for the Narrogin Cup of 2011. This will be a Sunday meeting on the 10th of April and we are hoping for some great Autumn weather for the Cup.

Narrogin Racing Review

Those who attended the Australia Day dual-code meeting may have had the chance to chat with the Community members of the Narrogin Racing Review. Sara Ballard and Doug Peden have been taking the time to speak with both Narrogin Racing members and racegoers to seek their feedback on our first two years of our operation. Meantime, RWWA staff are also taking part in the bi-annual review with their observations and figures.

We expect that results of the review will be available in late March for distribution to members.

Narrogin Racing would like to express our sincere thanks to Sara and Doug for taking on their roles in this review. Their hard work and research into the review is very much appreciated by the Management Committee and members.

This Space Available!

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