

Newsletter



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Derby Success for Local Heat Winner

The winner of Narrogin Racing's Great Southern Derby heat Touch of Tango took out the Country Derby final in impressive fashion at Gloucester Park.

Touch of Tango led all the way at Narrogin two weeks ago from barrier 1 but drew the back line in the final. This didn't hinder his chances though as he settled mid field and flew home to win impressively by 4 metres.

Although not settling particularly well and almost galloping on the home turn he gathered his composure under driver trainer Bob Mellsop to run down the leader Ledger and win the \$30,000 final.



Bob Melsopp pilots Touch of Tango home at Narrogin

Representatives from the Fremantle Harness Committee along with delegates from Major Sponsor Hankook Tyres were guests of Narrogin Racing for the evening and, along with a good crowd, they enjoyed a thrilling night of harness racing. They were also on hand to join Narrogin Racing Committee members to present the winners of the Narrogin Heat with the prize picture and rug. (See next picture)

Jake The Musk scores a Win for the Locals



Jake The Musk wins the Narrogin Earthmoving Handicap

Narrogin Racing's first twilight meeting took place on Thursday February 10th. The program was dominated by metropolitan trainers until local trainer Angela Smith won The Narrogin Earthmoving Handicap with Jake The Musk. Smith said she was impressed with the run as he was three wide throughout and finished the race off really well.



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Committee Member Resigns

Long-serving Management Committee member Nick Bosly-Pask has resigned from the Committee and also from the Harness Operations sub-Committee.

Nick resigns as he and Christina, also a long-serving committee member and Project Manager for the amalgamation of the two former clubs, head off for an extended holiday in New Zealand and then prepare for their move to Tasmania in May.

Vice President Pip Porter and Club Manager Jon Menzel paid tribute to Nick at the recent Committee Meeting for his professionalism in applications for grant funding and stepping into the role of Acting Chairman last season.

Club members who may be interested in filling the vacancies on both committees can express their interest by contacting Club Manager Jon Menzel on 9881 1009 or via email at racing@narrogin.net

Project Funding

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, approval for grant funding from the Racing Infrastructure fund has been given for the construction of extra stalls at Narrogin Racing.

Your club still has to seek the remaining funding for this project from the next round of Contested Grants under the Royalties for Regions program and this application will go to the Wheatbelt Development Commission shortly. Meantime, members who would like to see the plans for the proposed stalls can contact Jon and arrange to find out more details.

Committee Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee has received queries from members regarding the minutes of Management Committee meetings and their availability to members. Under our Rules of Association, members have access to all minutes of the Management Committee. This can be arranged by contacting Club Manager Jon Menzel.

Members are, however, reminded that some matters discussed at Management Committee meetings such as quotes and projects may be of a "commercial in confidence" nature.

Members who access minutes are requested to keep the contents of those minutes, especially those mentioned above, in confidence within your club.

Members are also reminded that, should they wish to attend Management Committee meetings as observers, they are more than welcome to do so.

Racing Continues

Our racing program continues right through until the end of the current season in July.

Firstly, apologies from your editor as the last newsletter reported incorrect dates for the Narrogin Harness Cup meeting. The next harness meeting is on Thursday, April 7th and will be closely followed on the 10th of April by the big day out for the Narrogin Turf Cup. At the April 7th harness meeting, there's the Members sundowner on the upstairs deck. Sweeps will be available for Sundays Cup and drinks and snacks provided.

The Cup on April the 10th will be a huge event and if you want to find out more about any special corporate offers for the day, please contact Narrogin Racing on 9881 1009.

The Cup will be the finale for the Turf season for the year but there is a full program of Harness Racing right through until mid July.

Harness dates for the rest of the season are:

April 28th., May 12th. and 26th., June 9th and 30th and the final harness meeting for the current season will be held on Thursday, July the 14th.

Please come along and bring your friends for an exciting program of Autumn and Winter harness racing!

Narrogin Racing Review

The bi-annual review of the operations of our dual-code club is nearing completion. The report on the industry perspective from RWWA representatives has been received and local Community Review representatives Sara Ballard and Doug Peden are completing the write-up of the Community and local perspective at the moment.

The completed report is expected to be presented to the next Management Committee meeting in early April and members will be advised when the report is available for them to see.

This Space Available!

Narrogin Racing members and sponsors who would like to place classifieds or other advertisements in the newsletter are advised that space is available.

Just contact Nick Bosly-Pask on 0409 910510 or email to nick.boslypask@gmail.com for details. This newsletter goes out to all members and sponsors so it's a great opportunity!

Remember, your classifieds can be about horses, gear etc. for sale and also for "Wanted" items. It's your newsletter so take advantage of it.