



NEWSLETTER

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Victorian floods...

For those in Victoria and NSW that have been impacted by shocking weather, particularly the current floods in some of the prominent horse districts across Victoria, we feel for you. We know there has been an incredible effort by complete strangers to help studs and others to move vast numbers of horses to safety. Residents in Echuca, Charlton and Shepparton were told to evacuate.

We hope everyone gets themselves and their horses to safety and can return to their homes and farms as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to access Harness Racing Victoria's information about support services and assistance.

Service Certificate not here yet?...

Just repeating, if you have NOT received your Service Certificate by the time your foal is born, and the foal is born in WA, please contact RWWA's Licensing and Registrations by phone 9445 5558 or email licreginfo@rwwa.com.au to notify them that your mare has foaled - with some details including parentage, sex, colour and foal date of birth - and they will waive any late fees *provided* that you forward the Service Certificate promptly after receiving it. Remember that it is a lot cheaper if you register your foal within 35 days of birth.

The new RWWA fee structure is available from the Registrations & Forms link at the top of the RWWA home page, or use this link <https://www.rwwa.com.au/industry/registrations-forms/>.

For other states you will need to check with your relevant Administrators.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	feature races are done, but normal 2yo races are programmed
3yo	\$150,000 WA Derby on 4 November
	\$30,000 WACHRA Country Derby Pinjarra 14 November
Mares	\$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Bunbury 9 Nov (HWOE < \$25,000)
	\$100,000 Norms Daughter Classic on 11 November

Notice Board

Westbred Bonus enhancements starting 2023

It's approved! We have some very timely enhancements to the Westbred Bonus and Epona Bonus, and we now have a First Start Bonus!

Commencing 1 January 2023, your filly or mare can earn up to \$10,000 in Epona Bonuses, up from \$5,000. Up until then, she continues to earn Epona credits up to the current maximum of \$5,000.

Commencing 1 January 2023 for 2yos, the Westbred Bonus has increased from \$3,750 to \$5,000 for races with stakes of \$6,001 to \$14,999, and from \$6,250 to \$7,500 for races with stakes of \$15,000 to under \$21,000.

Current 2yos will continue to earn the existing Bonus levels as 3yos.

A First (career) Start Bonus of \$500 is also being introduced from 1 January 2023, to give you that little bit more incentive to get your Westbred horse to the racetrack.

We hope that these incentives will assist our industry in breeding and racing of our WA bred horses and mares. We have worked hard to achieve these outcomes and thank RWWA's David Hunter and Code Director Bob Fowler for supporting these initiatives.

Stallion Service fee Voucher winners....

For those members who participated in either the raffle or stallion Tender the added bonus this year was a chance to earn a \$500 Stallion Service fee voucher. Congratulations to those who were successful.

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise funds this year by participating in our fundraisers. The winners have all been notified:

The vouchers can be used at any of the studs that supported WASBA in either the raffle or stallion Tender, so Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud, Cobbitty Equine Farm, Global Breeding Farms (Renaissance Man), KTC Bloodstock (Foreclosure NZ), Llowalong Farms, Medowie Lodge (Tiger Tara NZ), Soho Standardbreds (Soho Tribeca), Trump Bloodstock Qld (Dancin Lou CA), Westbred Pacing (Captain Ahab USA) and Woodlands Stud.

Stallions standing in WA

We would love to tell everyone just who is standing a stallion in WA, but unfortunately you haven't all told us, and it looks like there is a bit of paperwork to complete as well to satisfy HRA's new registration requirements.

So PLEASE make the most of the opportunity to get that information out there, and comply with HRA's registration requirements – REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 31 OCTOBER – DO NOT BE LATE

You can complete an online registration (this link is for stallions remaining in Australia and not shuttling)

<https://www.harness.org.au/owners-breeders/stallion-registration-australian-domiciled/>

The Annual Stallion Guide that all members received will probably be the best source of information for the most popular stallions across Australia and New Zealand. You can also go to the WASBA links page <https://www.new.wasba.com.au/links/> under Studs and Service Providers.

For the list of HRA Registered Stallions, refer to <https://www.harness.org.au/owners-breeders/registered-stallions/>, however, many of the stallions standing are not listed as they are yet to be officially registered for 2022 service. Alternatively You can check the Index of Australian sires <https://www.harness.org.au/ausbreed/studs/INDEX2.HTM> which will hopefully have updated details for the stallion you are interested in.

WASBA members - service fee discounts

If you are a WASBA member, the following stallions are offered at a discount fee (you will need to advise the stud when booking and they will confirm with us that you are a member):

- **Century Farroh CA** (Mach Three CA) 1:49 \$1,557,016 – A\$4950 incl GST and Stallion Levy
- **Mel Mara USA** (Lis Mara USA) 1:47.0 \$1,028,350 – A\$1650
- **Poster Boy** (Somebeachsomewhere USA) 1:49.1 \$803,310– A\$4400
- **Raging Bull NZ** (Christian Cullen NZ) 1:56.6 \$115,581– A\$2750
- **Soho Tribeca** (American Ideal USA) 1:53.8 \$1,103,854 – A\$2700
- **Yankee Rockstar** (Rocknroll Hanover USA) 1:52.2 \$329,048– A\$1650, all the above standing at Llowalong Farms/Northern River Equine Victoria. Of the above, only Century Farroh has a levy applied.
- **Dancin Lou USA** (Sweet Lou USA) 1:47.2 \$1,119,848 – A\$5400 incl GST and Stallion Levy, standing at Trump Bloodstock in Queensland.

Many of the studs also offer multiple mare discounts so don't forget to ask!

The Eureka Slot holders announced

The TAB Eureka Slot holders have been announced by HRA. We went into whose names are missing, but here is the list of who is in:

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| • Aaron Bain Racing & Summit Bloodstock | • Racing Queensland |
| • Cordina Racing | • Soho Standardbreds |
| • Danny Zavitsanos | • Tabcorp |
| • John Singleton | • Tasracing |
| • Kevin and Kay Seymour | • Wayne Loader |

Interestingly, both Racing Queensland and Tasracing have a slot. We don't know if RWWA applied for a slot - RWWA of course has a \$1 million Slot race set to run in WA in April 2023, to be known as The Nullabor, open to horses of any age and state/country of birth. Unfortunately this will be a direct clash with New Zealand's \$1.5 million "The Race". Applications for The Nullabor, costing \$70,000 per Slot, close on 26 October 2022.

the \$2.1 million TAB Eureka, will be run in September 2023 for the first time, at Club Menangle over 2300m. Only Australian bred 3YOs and 4YOs are eligible, with a very tight definition of Australian bred.

Certainly there are some very nice WA bred horses who are not only eligible, but are worthy contenders.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

✓ 4yo stallion **Bulldog Hanover** (Shadow Play) 14 starts 12 wins \$1.2m remains top of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll Week 19, despite his recent loss to 5yo gelding **Allywag Hanover** (Captaintreacherous), who moved into 8th place on the back of that record setting win. 4yo mare **Test Of Faith** (Art Major) remains in 3rd, 3yo gelding **Bythemissal** (Downbytheseaside) remains in 4th, 3yo colt **Beach Glass** (Somebeachsomewhere) in 7th, 2yo colt **Stockade Seelster** (State Treasurer) in 9th and 2yo filly **Twin B Joe Fresh** (Roll With Joe) in 10th. The remaining positions are trotters. Three out of the top 7 pacers are by stallions who Australian breeders do not have access to. The poll is based on votes, not dollars won.

✓ **Shadow Play (The Panderosa)** 1:47.4 \$1,559,822 from 20 wins, 14 places from 49 lifetime starts will be inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame. Shadow Play is the sire of 6 millionaires including Bulldog Hanover, Lady Shadow and Desperate Man

✓ Returning to racing after a race injury in May, the 2021 Dan Patch 2YO Filly of the Year **Niki Hill (Always B Miki)** has now won 2 races including the \$205,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial. On the same card North America Cup winning 3yo colt **Pebble Beach (Downbytheseaside)** won the \$363,500 Tattersalls Pace.

✓ The top 3yo pacers on stakes earnings in the US are gelding **Bythemissal** \$981,000, colts **Beach Glass** \$937,000 and **Pebble Beach** \$930,000 and the filly **Boudoir Hanover** (Captaintreacherous) \$529,000. All others in the top 10 are trotters. The filly **Twin B Joe Fresh** \$598,000 and colt **Stockade Seelster** \$559,000 are the leading 2yo pacers.



✓ 3yo colt **Beach Glass** (Somebeachsomewhere – Im With Her) had surgery for an airway obstruction. He is expected to be back racing for the Breeders Crown.

✓ **Lazarus** is 8th on the 2yo Sires List (stakes won) with Captaintreacherous, Sweet Lou, Downbytheseaside, Stay Hungry, Huntsville, American Ideal and Tellitlikeitis ahead of him, all with bigger foal crops. The 3yo list is headed by Downbytheseaside, Captaintreacherous, Huntsville, Sweet Lou and American Ideal.

✓ Australian bred **None Bettor** (Bettors Delight) set a world record over 1 ¼ miles at Yonkers half mile track, winning in 2 mins 20.3 (1:52.2) to beat the previous best set in 2008. He has now earned over \$1 million.

✓ WA raced **Newsy NZ** (Bettors Delight) has won 4 from 4 since arriving in the US in August.

✓ **Patrickthepiranha** had another win at Plainridge, Massachusetts, making it his 9th race win for the year and season earnings over \$142,000. Abraxus Blues, Infinite Symbol, Lady Dela Renta, Lord Willoughby, Mister

Spot, Slick Artist, Soho Chelsea, and WA raced NZ bred My Carbon Copy, Our Corelli and Runrunjimmydunn have also won.

And elsewhere....

✓ NZ bred **Rock N Roll Doo** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) again downed Honolua Bay (Somebeachsomewhere USA), this time in the Group 1 Victoria Cup, after their first clash resulted in the first loss in 9 starts to Honolua Bay (in the Group 1 Caduceus Classic at Melton). NZ's Copy That (American Ideal USA) ran 4th after his earlier bleeding setback looked like it might derail his campaign.

✓ Watch the episode of the NZ show "The Box Seat", in which Mark Purdon talks about Lazarus and some of the progeny of Lazarus – use this link <https://youtu.be/Bqj0LZyTvXw>

✓ There are big raps around **Raupunga Lad NZ (Raging Bull NZ)** who is unbeaten in 3 starts n New Zealand. Although the times have not been super, the manner of his first win has left a few watchers wondering if this 3yo grandson of Christian Cullen NZ is going to be a star.

✓ No such thing as a certainty. Glamour queen Ladies In Red (Mach Three CA), the red hot favourite, had to settle for second to the equally meritorious Tough Tilly (Captaintreacherous USA) in her return to racing.

✓ Lochinvar Art has arrived in the US to commence his northern hemisphere racing career.

✓ Former \$1.75 million-winning New Zealand superstar **Auckland Reactor NZ (Mach Three CA)** has a new home for the 2022/23 stud season at Glen Alvie Stud, Undera, in Victoria's Goulburn Valley. Auckland Reactor is the sire of Chase Auckland, a triple Group 1 winner of \$810,384 and NZ 3YO Colt of the Year, and Soho Burning Love \$612,763 1:48.2 who was the fastest Australian-bred pacer in the US, and the fastest mare.

✓ New Zealand Cup winner **Copy That (American Ideal USA)** and Australian trained Rock N Roll Doo NZ have arrived in New Zealand for their campaigns towards the New Zealand Cup on November 8. The connections of **Majestic Cruiser (Art Major USA)**, who has just passed his standing start test in readiness, are working through some logistics issues to confirm if they can get their charge to New Zealand for the Cup and back to NSW for the Inter Dominion starting November 26 at Ballarat.

What is it about Bulldog Hanover and Always B Miki

Two stunningly good racehorses. Both by unfashionable sires, as is champion McWicked USA (McArdle USA).

Breeders often shy away from stallions because of what someone else said about the horse or the progeny.

We suggest you always listen to what knowledgeable people say, and try to learn from it. That doesn't mean you follow blindly. Not every mare is suited to every stallion and the best bred or best performed stallion in the world is not guaranteed success at stud – although some are certainly assisted by their "commercialness", their support from their owners and breeders, and that one or two really nice progeny from their first few crops.

Apart from the breeding lines themselves, there are other things to judge - size, temperament, weaknesses, strengths, soundness, durability, precociousness. And that is on both sides – the prospective stallion and the broodmare. And trainers can be the best and worst judges of sires and mares.

Thank goodness that owners of B Js Squall (dam of Bulldog Hanover), Artstopper (dam of Always B Miki) and Western Sahara (dam of McWicked) had faith in their mares and in the combination of breeding lines for their chosen stallions – Shadow Play for Bulldog Hanover, Always A Virgin for Always B Miki, McArdle for McWicked. You could add to that list Sweet Lou, who is by the underrated Yankee Cruiser out of a mare by millionaire Falcons Future, who was brilliant on the track but not considered a success at stud.

Yes, yearlings sold at yearling sales get a higher price if they are "commercial", and you have the advantage of being able to see what you are getting. But if you are breeding to race you can stretch your imagination a little further, as well as making sure your mare and foal get all the appropriate care and attention.

You can add to the "not so fashionably bred" the winner of the \$15,000,000 The Everest, run on 15 October and won by home-bred Gigi Kick, by Scissor Kick by Redoute's Choice, trained by former jockey Clayton Douglas

and ridden by Craig Williams, who gave up a Caulfield Cup ride to be on board – he obviously knew how talented the 3yo colt was. The sire Scissor Kick is believed to be in Tunisia after 4 seasons in Australia. Gigi Kick is from his 3rd crop and is currently unbeaten with 5 wins (his first win was at Sale) from 5 starts and \$7 million in stakes, including the Everest. And Gigi Kick is a chestnut with 3 white feet.

Gigi Kick in an earlier race win, and with Clayton Douglas



RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Westbred Bonus and Epona enhancements, along with a First Start Bonus, commencing in 2023.
- ♣ Another great result for WA bred fillies in the WA Oaks!
- ♣ Some great performances by 2YO filly Zephyra and 2yo gelding Never Ending. Some of the beaten brigade very unlucky to meet these two.
- ♣ The Nullabor, our WA slot race for \$1,000,000, closes to nominations on Wednesday 26 October at 10am – [click here](#) for an application form.
- ♣ The passing of the very gracious Beth Richardson, not long after the very humble Bill Horn



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – September 2022

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

This month it's a 4yo gelding with a slightly later start to his racing life and with a new zest under a new trainer. It's **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **September 2022**, Wayne Morrison, as the breeder and part owner of the much improved **Strauny (Indomitable Saab** out of Caval Ridge by **Badlands Hanover USA**). Strauny trialed as a 2yo but didn't race until May 2021 where he won at Pinjarra at his first start. With a couple of let-ups on the way, his next win was November 2021, followed by a couple of places. An 8 month break and a new trainer resulted in 3 consecutive wins in August 2022, followed by a second, and then a win at his first attempt at metropolitan racing and over 2536m.



Strauny is the first foal from **Caval Ridge 1:55.2**, who acquitted herself very well on the track in Queensland with 13 wins and 13 places for \$59,239 in stakes. Caval Ridge is out of **Another Stubbies (Laser Hanover USA) 1:55.9** 23 wins 15 places, who was quite a gem herself on the track, winning multiple metropolitan races including at Harold Park, for \$128,658 in stakes.

This isn't a family that many would recognise, and the family does have a stronger presence in New Zealand, but a local runner from this family is

Not Bad Johnny (Badlands Hanover USA) 1:57.2 \$173,401.

Obviously the dam and granddam did have talent, given their racing careers and times achieved. Congratulations to **Strauny**, breeder part owner Wayne and other happy owners, trainer Peter Tillbrook and driver Chris Voak.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES SEPTEMBER 2022

There were 30 Westsired winners of 33 races this month, representing 8 sires. This time it was **Fly Like An Eagle** on top with 8 winners of 9 races, followed by former stud mate **Follow The Stars** with 7 winners of 8 races and Advance Attack NZ with 4 winners of 5 races.

There were 3 multiple winners this month – dual winning 3yo **Luke Attack** (Advance Attack NZ) a double at Pinjarra, **Hilo Louisa** (Fly Like An Eagle) following a double last month had wins at Central Wheatbelt and Northam, and **Zyanya** (Follow The Stars) who also won at Central Wheatbelt and Northam.

There were 5 first time winners:

- 2yos **Fly To Fame** (Follow The Stars), **Bronzed** (Indomitable Saab) and **Heez Good As Gold** (Rich And Spoilt)
- 3yos **Luke Attack** (Advance Attack NZ) included his first career win in his winning double; and
- 5yo **Issues** (Via Gears).

Westsired progeny received \$124,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses for September 2022, quite a bit down on September 2021 but it is a very different racing year. For the 9 month period January to September, the Westsired Bonus payments in 2022 are \$1,160,000, down \$169,000 compared to 2021 for the same months.

In September 2022, 4 metropolitan races were won by Westsired progeny, including one filly. The remaining 3 winners were:

- ♠ 4yo **Arma Einstein - Renaissance Man o/o Arma Fifty Five (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder part owners Montague, Currie, Farrant and Brown. Having a brilliant season with over \$100,000 in stakes so far. Started at 16/1 from 9 and settled last in the moving time in a too slick lead of 35.7 and far too hard first half at the front of the field. First to move 3 wide with a lap to go, 3 wide and 3rd at the 400m, full on battle down the straight and won the \$18,500 Pace by a half head in 1:56.2, last half 59.7;



- ♠ 3yo **High Price - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Harriet Price NZ (Grinfromeartoea USA)** breeder part owners A Merrington and M Howden; lightly raced 3yo. Previous start a midweek 2nd then started favourite from 9, settled last in the moving line before going fast to the lead with 1200m to go. Clear leader at the 400m, clear into the straight and moving away to win the \$9,000 Pace over 2536m by 6.8m in 1:59.1, last half 59.1; and
- ♠ 4yo **Strauny - Indomitable Saab o/o Caval Ridge (Badlands Hanover USA)** breeder part owner Wayne Morrison. In top form of late with 3 wins in August since resuming, then a second. Then started as second favourite from 1, not fast out but recovered to keep the pegs and the lead, now striding out but no rest after the first quarter, toughing it out down the back and clear into the straight, hung on for a solid win in the \$20,250 Pace over 2536m by a half head in 1:57.8, last qtrs 28.9, 28.2 and 28.9.

WESTBRED WINNERS – SEPTEMBER 2022

Westbreds won 102 (53.4%) of the 191 races run in September 2022. This is substantially more race wins than September generally provides due to an increase of more than 30 in races run for the month over recent years. It is also the highest figure in percentage terms over recent years, so a win-win for Westbreds in September.

53.4% of wins
\$ million in stakes
\$312,000 in Bonuses

Thirty seven different sires were represented by winners (including Westsired winners), with the best performances from stallions standing outside WA from **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** (7 winners of 8 races) and **Sweet Lou USA** (4 winners of 6 races). Both of these sires have been overlooked in recent years but are having a resurgence on the back of substantial results in Australia - the Victoria Cup was won by a son of Rock N Roll Heaven in Rock N Roll Doo, and Sweet Lou is having great results in both hemispheres.

Multiple winners in September 2022 (10) excluding the 3 previously mentioned Westsired progeny were **Rock N Roll Elliot** (A Rocknroll Dance USA) at Narrogin and Pinjarra, **Silent Reaction** (Auckland Reactor NZ) Narrogin and Bunbury, **Aussie Scooter** (Mach Three NZ) Gloucester Park midweek and Pinjarra, **Maddy Maddy** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) Bunbury and Pinjarra, **Lavra Joe** (Roll With Joe USA) two Gloucester Park FFAs, and both 2YO winners by Sweet Lou USA – **Never Ending** and **Zephyra** repeated their efforts of a double last month – winning a Prelude and the Final of the Westbred Classic (Zephyra) and the Group 1 Westbred Classic and Group 1 Golden Slipper (Never Ending) at Gloucester Park. Lavra Joe and Never Ending have been dual winners in 3 consecutive months.

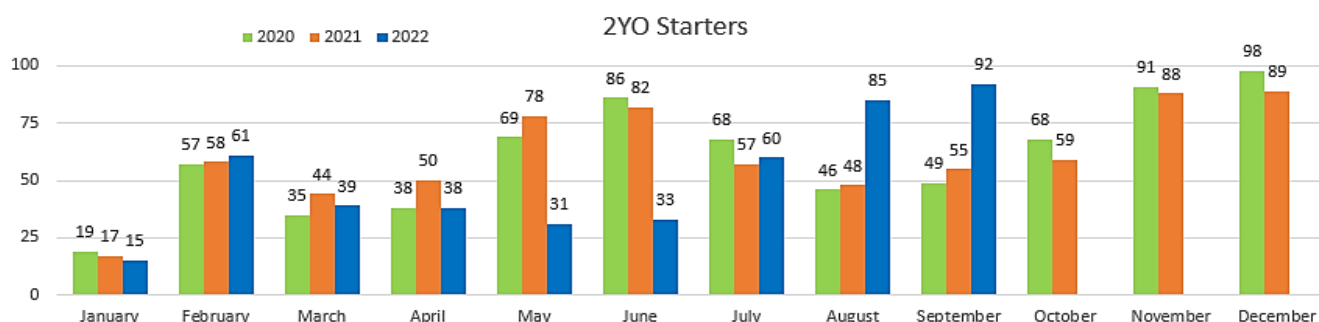
There were 21 Westbreds with their first career win in September 2022. Excluding Westsired they were:

- 2yos **American Monarch** (American Ideal USA), **Lombo Mitchinson** (Art Major USA), **Dourado** (Betting Line USA), **Purest Copper**, **Quiggley** and **Tommy Carta** (Huntsville USA);
- 3yos **Stepping Wolf** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), **Sassy Annie** (Always B Miki USA), **Star Glance** (Bettors Delight USA), **Too Bee Watching** (Hes Watching USA), **Chica Valiente** (Hurrikane Kingcole USA), **Hot Cinder** (Pet Rock USA), **Please Not Tonight** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), **Ponzi Beach** (Somebeachsomewhere USA);
- 4yo **Oh So Grand** (Art Major USA) and 5yo **Kilkivan** (Mach Three USA).

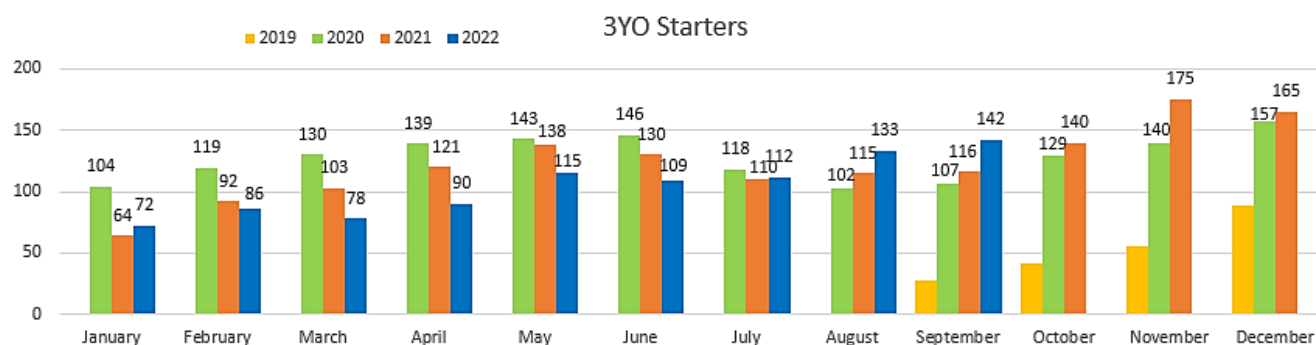
Total Bonus payments in September 2022 were \$312,000, \$32,000 lower than the previous month but \$17,000 higher than September last year. Breaking up Bonus payments by age – 2YOs received \$145,000, 3yos received \$138,000, and the older horses received just over \$11,000.

Race wins by Westbreds - 29 wins were at Community level, 56 in \$9,000 races, 1 \$11000 race, 8 standard metro races and 8 at FFA, Listed or Group level. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.8 million out of total of stakes paid of \$2.95 million (advertised stakes for races run of \$3.0 million). For the 9 month period ending September, WA bred horses have received \$11.5 million in stakes and \$2.6 million in bonuses.

Overall Westbreds provided 68.2% of individual starters, 53.4% of race wins for 61.3% of stakes.



The number of 2yo starters has increased over the last 3 months as the 2yos were aimed at the peak races. The number of races did increase, from 19 in August to 24 in September. Four of these races were for maidens, and there were 5 Preludes for the 2YO Westbred Classics along with the two \$215,000 Finals. Westbred 2yos won 20 of the 24 races, and contributed 86% of starters.



The number of 3yo starters in September 2022 (142) is also on an upward trend, as expected with all the feature races. The number of races specifically for 3yos did increase from 21 in August to 23 in September, but this did not produce the right mix of races for the pool of 3yos. While 3yos can start in 3yo+ races they cannot receive Westbred bonus money. Again, some classes of 3yos did have difficulty finding a 3yo race, and we do expect the race program to provide sufficient suitable races.

Seven of the 3yo races were for maidens, and there were 4 feature races including the two 3YO Westbred Classics. Westbred 3yos won 17 of the 23 3yo races, along with 12 of the 26 races won by 3yos in the 3yo and over events. Westbreds 3yos provided 84% of individual starters. Of the 26 races won by 3yos in the 3YO and over class, 17 started a short priced favourite, suggesting the older horses were being outclassed by the 3yos, with a subsequent negative impact on race turnover.

With 3 consecutive months with just 13 races in each month specifically for horses older than 3, we would like to see more 4yo and over races to support the older horses, particularly outside the 3 main tracks. Nine of the races were at the \$6,000 level, with no maiden races for 4yo and older horses. This reflects in the First Win payments to 4yo and older horses, which is around \$40,000 lower than last year for the 9 month period.

The majority of Westbred winners older than 3 were 4yos (25) and 5yos (14). The oldest winners were 10yos Batavia Blackhole and Mission Glory.

There were 17 maiden races run in September 2022, the same as September last year. If the 3yos continue to be attracted in large number at this time of year, the spread of maidens needs to cover all age groups – 2yo, 3yo, 3yo and over and 4yo and over. We will continue to request the harness office to review the program.

WA bred horses won 18 of the 52 races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings in September. Four of the wins were by Westsired progeny, and another 6 wins were by Westbred fillies or mares. The remaining 6 winners of 8 races were:

- ◆ **9yo *Fanci A Dance - Rock N Roll Heaven USA* o/o *Fancipance (Fake Left USA)*** breeder part owners Barry and Jim Howlett. A good season last year and going well this season. Started at 16/1 from 7, settled back in the field before moving 3 wide for quite a long way to get to the breeze with 1000 to go. A close tussle for the lead at the 400m, just in front into the straight and fought it out strongly for a well deserved win in the \$18,500 Pace in 1:56.1, last qtrs 28.9, 28.4 and 28.7;
- ◆ **4yo *Lavra Joe – Roll With Joe* o/o *Lavra Florence NZ (Live Or Die USA)*** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Two consecutive wins in July and again in August including the August Cup. Unplaced at his next start after overracing, then started favourite in the small field, settled one out one back, made his 3 wide move at the 600m, challenging for the lead from the 250m, overcame the brave race leader with 70m to go and won the \$30,000 Porter Memorial by a head in 1:54.6. Breezed at his next start to get beaten by the same horse, then started an extremely short priced favourite from 2 in the \$30,000 Past Presidents Cup, straight to the lead, clear leader down the back, skipped away at the top of the straight and went on to win by an easing 4.6m in 1:56.4, last qtrs 28.2 and 27.8;
- ◆ **2yo *Never Ending – Sweet Lou USA* o/o *Endless Journey (Live Or Die USA)*** breeder Steve Johnson. Unbeaten this season. Won the Heat and \$100,000 Pearl Final in August. Straight into the \$215,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic as favourite, drawing 1. Straight to the lead, solid qtrs throughout, a classy win by 5.4m in 1:55.6. A fortnight later drew 1 again, fast out and straight to the lead, solid qtrs again - very hard to beat setting such a solid pace. Looked briefly under pressure coming off the back but held his composure and won the \$150,000 Group 1 Golden Slipper by 3.6m in 1:55.1, last qtrs 28 and 29.2;

◆ 7yo **Nuclear Poker - Auckland Reactor NZ** o/o **All In Baby (Aces N Sevens USA)** breeder Kathleen Chambers; started at 31/1 from a handy draw in 2, showed speed to grab the leaders role and stay there, an easy 1st qtr, close to even time next half, still striding out down the back at the 400m, led into the straight and held out a strong challenge to win the \$18,500 2536m Pace by a head in 2:01.5;

◆ 4yo **Rockstar Rebel - Rock N Roll Heaven USA** o/o **Penny Wonda (Art Major USA)** owner breeder Sean Barrett. Has won at Pinjarra and Bunbury this season. In September started from inside the back row and settled 3 along the pegs, close to even time first half, same position at the 400m but a gap opening, 3 wide coming off the back, 4 wide down the straight and flying, going on to a win the \$9,000 Pace by 2.5m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.4;



Another win for Aiden De Campo, this time with Rockstar Rebel

◆ 3yo **Tricky Miki - Always B Miki USA** o/o **Harriet Elisabeth (Modern Art USA)** breeder Steve Johnson, lightly raced 3yo and last season's Golden Slipper winner. Resumed in July with a win and a couple of places, then started from 7 in the \$100,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic. Settled towards the back before moving forward 3 wide to be in the breeze briefly with 2 laps to go but quickly with a sit and now one-one, made his 3 wide move coming off the back, running second at the top of the straight and finished powerfully to win the Group 1 by 2.2m in 1:56.2, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.8.



How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (September 2022)

Fillies and mares won 56 (29.3%) of the 191 races run in September 2022. This exceeds the results achieved prior to HWOE but does not meet national performance averages of over 32% on an annual basis, suggesting that more work needs to be done to the race program to bring it up to the required levels. The 12 month rolling average of filly/mare winners to total winners is 30.8%.

There were 24 fillies/mares races included, with the remaining 32 (16.8%) wins in open races. There were 11 (8 Westbred) wins at Community level, 33 (22) wins in \$9,000 level races, 6 (4) in standard metropolitan level and 5 wins (3) at FFA or Group level. Westbred fillies and mares won (66%) of the races won by fillies and mares and 77% of their stakes, helped along by the Westbred feature races.

For fillies and mares there were 48 individual winners, from 26 sires. **Fly Like An Eagle** (5 winners of 6 races) was again on top followed by Rock N Roll Heaven USA and Bettors Delight USA, both with 5 race wins.

There were 7 multiple winners, 4 being Westbred - 3yos **Hilo Louisa** (Fly Like An Eagle) for the second consecutive month, **Zyanya** (Follow The Stars), **Maddy Maddy** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and 2yo **Zephyra** (Sweet Lou USA) for the second consecutive month. Other multiple winners were Alcippes Delight NZ (Bettors Delight USA), The Amber Hare (For A Reason) and Little Suzie NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA).

There were 12 first time winning fillies and mares in September 2022 – a positive result. These included 2yos **American Monarch** (American Ideal USA), **Fly To Flame** (Follow The Stars) and **Purist Copper** (Huntsville USA), 3yos **Sassy Annie** (Always B Miki USA), **Star Glance** (Bettors Delight USA), **Too Bee Watching** (Hes Watching USA), **Chica Valiente** (Hurrikane Kingcole USA), **Hot Cinder** (Pet Rock USA), **Please Not Tonight** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and **Ponzi Beach** (Somebeachsomewhere USA), 4yo **Oh So Grand** (Art Major USA) and 5yo **Issues** (Via Gears). All by different sires.

There were 7 races provided for 2yo fillies but only 3 for 3yo fillies. These are the same numbers as August 2022, and not enough for the racing population. Another 13 races were provided for 3yo+ fillies and mares, as well as one for mares only. Fillies won 8 of the 24 2yo races and 10 of the 23 3yo races (including 7 open), along with 9 3YO and over races.

With steady increases in the number of 3yo fillies racing over the last 6 months, the number of races allocated to them needs genuine intervention to better match the requirement, even allowing for "fillies preferred" races. 2yo fillies provided 44% of 2yo starters for their allocation of 7 races. For 3yo fillies to have provided 44% of 3yo starters and be allocated 3 races reflects poorly on the programming. It isn't reasonable to swap a fillies and mares races for a 2yo fillies race just to maintain the number of races for females.

The number of mares racing in September (137) was an increase of 15 on September 2021, yet the number of 3YO+ Fillies and Mares races dropped by 5 to 14. This is not conducive to providing the right opportunities.

Amongst the 29 wins by mares there were 17 wins by 4yos, 9 by 5yos and 3 by 6yos. The majority (83%) of the wins were at the \$9,000 level and above, including 7 at metropolitan level.

There were 11 wins by fillies and mares (21.2%) at the prime Gloucester Park meetings, all but two being in fillies and mares races. More races for fillies and mares at these meetings please.

City winners included 4yo **The Amber Hare (For A Reason)** who won a \$20,250 3YO Fillies and Mares, 4yo NZ mares **Booraa NZ (Mach Three CA)** and **Alcippes Delight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** who each won a \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, and 5yo **Miss Limelight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** won a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares Pace.

Congratulations to all fillies and mares who won in September. The 7 WA bred metropolitan race winners were:

- ♥  2yo **American Monarch - American Ideal USA** o/o **Prix De Whitby (Life Sign USA)** breeder Ed Dewar, 3rd in her Heat and the \$100,000 Diamond Final, then started from 2 as favourite, scooted to the lead, solid pace throughout, led into the straight, withstood a late challenge and good enough to win her first ever race in the \$20,250 Fillies Pace by 1.2m in 1:58.1, last qtr 28.7;
- ♥ 6yo **Line The Starzzz - Four Starzzz Shark CA** o/o **Life On The Line (Life Sign USA)** breeder Terry Ferguson. Resumed in September off an 8 month absence. A 5th first up then started 2nd favourite from 1 over the 2503m stand, started well and straight to the lead, in command down the back, well clear into the straight, easing down to win the \$20,250 Trot by 1.6m in 2:06.1, last half 59.4;
- ♥ 5yo **Livy Jay - Sportswriter USA** o/o **Flylika Bird Lombo (Jet Laag USA)** breeders Kevin, Annette and Kody Charles, an honest mare who resumed in August with Dylan Egerton-Green her new trainer driver. Second start back, started from 1, held up well with a bit of urging to hold the leaders role in a solid lead time, even time first half, looking more comfortable down the back and a good length clear at the 400m, clear at the top of the straight and held on well to win the \$20,250 Fillies and Mares Pace by 1.6m in 1:57.1, last qtrs 28.6 and 29.6;
- ♥ 3yo **Sovrana - Betting Line USA** o/o **Chemical Romance (Northern Luck USA)** breeder Steve Johnson, top filly have a good season despite the level of competition. Surprisingly started at 61/1 from 7, shot out like a bullet to dash to the lead before surrendering the lead, still 2nd at the 400m, got the gap at the top of the straight but still 2 lengths back, motored home to win the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic by a neck in 1:56.7, last qtrs 28.6, 27.6 and 30.1;



Sovrana takes the bikkies with Aiden De Campo

♥ 5yo **Suing You - Alta Christiano NZ** o/o **Tiger Su NZ (Elsu NZ)** breeders G and T Ralston, S Rohde, D Keating and B Nazzari resumed in August off a 6 month absence, drew 1 and started favourite, began well and kept the leaders role, quicker down the back, in charge heading home and on to a good win in the \$18,500 Pace by 3.0m in 1:58.7, last qtrs 28.9 and 28.2;



♥ 3yo **Wonderful To Fly – Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Won the WASBA Country Oaks at her previous start then aiming for her 10th consecutive win. Started from inside the second line as favourite, waited for the field to settle before going to the lead with 1200 to go. Off the bit at the 400m to charge forward and go on to win the Group 1 \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic by 10.1m in 1:56.0, last half 57.1 after a fast lead; and



♥ 2yo **Zephyra – Sweet Lou** o/o **Tricky Styx (Jeremes Jet USA)** owner breeders Jesse and Marie Moore, won a Heat and the \$100,000 Diamond Classic in August. Next up led and won a Prelude, then into the \$215,000 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic Final. Started from 3 as favourite, stepped out well enough to move to the lead at the top of the straight the first time, started to move away down the back and just too good, going on to win the first running of the new Classic by 2.9m in 1:57.8, last qtrs 28.8 and 28.9.

At Pinjarra, **Rocknroll Elliot** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), breeder Mike Howie, won the \$11,000 Alcoa Cup in a very snappy 1:56 over the 2185m.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in September 2022 was \$919,000, almost double the result for September 2021 – largely due to the presence of substantial feature races in September this year. Westbred fillies and mares earned \$714,000 of that total and additionally collected \$163,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses.

After 9 months of the season, fillies and mares have earned just over \$6 million in stakes and \$1.1 million in Bonuses, compared to \$5.3 million in stakes and \$1.3 million in Bonuses for the same period in 2021. Overall that's a half million dollar increase this year. So far this year 48 fillies or mares have received more than \$10,000 in Bonus money.

It is too early to tell if the change to novice driver concessions, which commenced on 2 September, is having an impact. Let us know if it has helped you.

In September 2022, WA mares contributed 68% of the racing mares, with Westbred 2yo fillies comprising 95% and Westbred 3yo fillies comprising 87% of fillies racing. All up, 186 Westbred fillies and mares raced in September 2022, up from 141 (an increase of 32%) on September 2021. Total number of mares racing in September increased from 197 (in 2021) to 240 in 2022. Worthy of extra races.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **2 November 2022**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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