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WASBA 2017 RAFFLE – GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

Tickets are now available in our 2017 Raffle – the **winner** gets to choose from **Woodlands Stud's AMERICAN IDEAL** or **Alabar's HE'S WATCHING** or **SPORTSWRITER !** AND the **winner of Second prize** can choose one of the remaining two stallions after the First prize winner has made their choice. Two free services are up for grabs. Who wouldn't want a free service to one of these?!

Wait! There's more!. Third prize is a \$1,000 voucher, and current WASBA Members get two extra chances to win a voucher worth \$750 each to spend on an Alabar or Woodlands' stallion service fee.

The raffle **closes** on **13 August**, allowing you to be ready for the start of the breeding season.! Mares must be located in WA or SA at time of service to redeem a prize. (only 200 tickets available – great odds!!).

American Ideal 1:47.8 US\$785,055 is a world champion racehorse who has sired multiple millionaires (including the fastest horse ever on a half and 5/8 track). His progeny include Heston Blue Chip, He's Watching, Bling It On, My Hard Copy etc. American Ideal stands for \$10,000 in the US

He's Watching 1:46.8 US\$1,129,215 was undefeated at 2, setting 5 track records and 2 world records and was US 2yo colt of the year. He is the fastest 3yo ever at the Meadowlands and youngest winner of the Meadowlands Pace. "*He's Watching is the fastest horse I've ever driven*" .. quote from Tim Tetrick.

Sportswriter 1:48.6 US\$1,566,460 was USA and Canadian 2yo Pacing colt of the year, and is a standout sire in Australasia with Mitch Maguire, Niki No No, Shezallapples, Cimorene, Tenniele Erin and this season's top 2yo Lumineer 1:52.5.

Along with their regular stallions Alabar will stand first season stallions, **Always B Miki 1:46** (US Horse of the Year and fastest horse of all time) and **Racing Hill** (champion son of Roll With Joe and winner of Breeders Crown, Messenger and Adios Stakes). Alabar will also stand NZ 3yo Pacing colt of the Year and Auckland Cup winner **Sir Lincoln** (Mach Three out of a Beach Towel mare out of a Cam Fella – same as Somebeachsomewhere).

Woodlands will stand **Sweet Lou** (Dan Patch 2 year old Pacing Colt of the year, 2014 US Pacer of the Year) and millionaire son of Bettors Delight in **Highview Tommy** along with the waitlisted Bettors Delight.

2YO, 3YO, FILLIES, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

2yos -	The \$125,000 Golden Slipper is on 14 July, with the Diamond, Pearl and Westbred Classic winners excluded from the ballot if they are acceptors;
3yos -	The \$8,500 3C0 Westbred races are again on every Friday night at GP in July and August The 3yo Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic is on 17 July at Pinjarra
Mares -	\$14,999 WASBA/Allwood Stud Farm Virgil Queen Westbred Celebration Pace for M0 only C2 and better is on 8 August at Northam
Westbred	Remaining heats of the \$25,000 4 and 5yo Kerry Clarke Westbred Series are on 11 Jul (Northam) and 22 Jul (Bunbury) with the \$25,000 Final at Gloucester Park on 4 Aug.



STALLIONS ON THE MOVE (updated)

Just updating last month's list:

Bettors Delight has had his book reduced and 2017-18 Australian and NZ bookings are all allocated with a waitlist. Early indications were that his fee will be \$25,000. See www.woodlandsstud.co.nz

Former New Zealand Cup winner **Changeover (In The Pocket)** will stand at Burwood Stud in Queensland from the coming season. See www.burwoodstud.com

Legendary racehorse and sire **Courage Under Fire (In The Pocket)** and former New Zealand dual Harness Jewels winner and Breeders Crown Champion **Tintin In America (McArdle)** have joined the Yirribee NSW stud roster this year. See www.yirribee.com.au .

Sir Lincoln /Lincoln Royal (**Mach Three**), bred on the same Mach Three / Beach Towel / Cam Fella cross as **Somebeachsomewhere**, will be standing at Alabar NZ this coming season.

The very popular US Horse of the Year – and fastest pacer in history - **Always Be Miki** (by the underrated **Always a Virgin**) will stand at Alabar in Victoria for \$7,000. Alabar will also stand **Sunshine Beach** and new season sire **Racing Hill** (by **Roll With Joe**) at Alabar Victoria. See www.alabar.com.au for the full line-up.

North American 3yo Pacing Colt of the Year **Betting Line (Bettors Delight)** will be coming to Australia to stand at Empire Stallions Victoria for a fee of \$10,000. Empire Stallions will also have world champion US Pacer of the Year & 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year **Well Said** standing in Australia for the first time (previously frozen). Check www.empirestallions.com for the updates.

What's happening in WA:

- **Fly Like An Eagle (Mach Three)** - with his oldest crop only weanlings, star in Australia and NZ, *Fly Like An Eagle* – NZ 2yo of the Year, NZ Derby winner and 3yo Australian Breeders Crown winner - will be standing his first season in WA, and he will stand alongside **Follow The Stars** at Allwood Stud – see www.allwoodstud.com.au
- **Alta Christiano (Christian Cullen)** Another outstanding sire for WA for the first time is the stunning *Alta Christiano*, who will stand in WA in the 2017/18 season at Larkhill Vets. More details available soon
- **Advance Attack** (sire of **Cott Beach** and full brother to **Courage Under Fire**) will be available by chilled semen (as well as fresh) this year. Check out www.hentybrookstandardbreds.com.au for details.

All other WA based stallions that stood for public service last year are expected to be available this coming year.

\$30,000 WESTSIRED CLASSICS

It was a great initiative to ensure the running of the Westsired classics by offering either \$25,000 or \$30,000 races depending on nominations, and the result was two brilliant performers in **Cott Beach (Advance Attack)** and **Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt)** dominating their respective \$30,000 races.

From a breeding perspective it's interesting to note that although the two fillies have completely different sires, the broodmare sire of both fillies is the former Alabar stallion and champion sire **Armbo Operative**.

Brilliant 2yo filly **Cott Beach** went straight to the front, slowed the race down and was never in danger, running a final quarter in 28.5 to win by over 11m. Second and third placegetters Infinite Symbol and The War Nurse did their best and although well beaten, they also performed credibly in the Westbred Classic the following week. It's been a great ride for owners Barbara and Peter who bought Cott Beach's dam **Back In The Black** in foal, with Cott Beach the resulting foal.

Back In The Black 1:58.1, 7 wins 18 places and \$58,780 comes from a very strong female line, being a daughter of prolific winner **Black And Blue** (Northern Lights) 1:57.2 17 wins 21 places and \$212,495 with wins including the 3yo Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic and the 4 and 5yo Championship. In a link to the past she also won the 3yo Fillies and the 4yo Mares State Sires Series Classics. Black And Blue is out of another prolific producer and broodmare gem **Bonnie Blue Eyes** (Golden Greek) 1:56.9, 12 wins \$87,565 who produced 8 other winners including champion WA pacer **No Blue Manna** (Mystical Prince) 1:56.6 41 wins \$628,157.

3yo filly **Sarah Goody** started a very short priced favourite (which means lots of people won money) from barrier 2 and set the race up with a 37.5 lead time and steady first and second quarters, leaving plenty of gas in the tank. Sarah Goody proved to be too strong for the field and drew away in the straight to win comfortably by 9m in 1:58.6. Second and third placegetters Itz Dynamo and Allamerican Queen performed admirably in the Westbred Classics the following week, showing that our local sires are producing competitive horses.

With \$120,000 in stakes from 9 wins and 6 places Sarah Goody has been a great earner for her owner/breeders Ross Waddell, Kevin Keys and Rob Hall. She is out of Armbro Operative mare **Forrest Interlude** who won \$22,026 from 6 wins and 9 places. Forrest Interlude is also the dam of **Secret Interlude** (Panorama) 1:56.6 19 wins \$230,348 and **Nothingbutadream** (Modern Art) 1:55.1 \$54,218. Forrest Interlude is a half sister to 8 other winners and her granddam Take Care (El Patron) was one of New Zealand's best pacing mares in the early 80s.

\$100,000 WESTBRED CLASSICS

With the night sponsored by Owners Only and the rugs, garlands and sashes provided by WASBA, it was a top night of racing and a demonstration of the quality of our WA bred horses, both locally and elsewhere sired.

First up were the 2yo Fillies, and brilliant filly **Cott Beach** put in another dominating display to win by 21m in 1:58.8. Stepping out fast from 5 then slowing the race down, it was a similar pattern to the previous week's race. There was an incident at the top of the home straight, and unfortunately for the owners of The War Nurse (who passed the post second) that filly was disqualified. An excellent run to finish third by **Rosies Ideal (American Ideal)** after leading up the three wide line for the hole last lap. **Infinite Symbol (Indomitable Saab)** ran another good race to finish second. Not counting her Westbred and Westsired bonuses, which are substantial, Cott Beach has won \$136,550 in stakes from her 6 wins and 2 places.

The 2yo colts and geldings followed, with **Highroller Joe (Roll With Joe)** winning his second race at only his third start. Very impressive in the \$100,000 Pearl Final, Highroller Joe started outside the back line and settled nicely one out two back after being driven forward out of the barrier by trainer Justin Prentice. With 300m to go he set sail 4 wide and was in front at the 100m, moving away to win by 7.8m. **Mister Spot (Village Jolt)** who was last with a lap to go, weaved his way through the field and finished brilliantly to run second with **Liam Neil (Modern Art)** running third. Owned and bred by Craig Lynn, Highroller Joe is the first winner from his dam Illeagle, who won in 1:57.6 as a 3yo. This is the second Group 1 winner in WA for sire Roll With Joe.

The 3yo fillies was next, with WASBA Country Oaks winner **Allamerican Queen (Allamerican Ingot)** victorious. Trainer Justin Prentice wisely (again) chose to drive Allamerican Queen and she stepped out quickly from 1 to take the running. Justin set up her victory with even quarters and although she was swamped on the line, she held on to win by a head in 1:58.7. Second placed **Milliondollahanova (Shadyshark Hanover)** was an excellent run and an excellent pick up for \$5,500 at the 2015 WA Yearling Sale. **Somewheronlyknow (Somebeachsomewhere)** ran on well into third. Bred and owned by Allwood Stud Farm, Allamerican Queen is the first foal from the lovely grey Northern Luck mare **Teen Queen Lombo** 1:57.1. Her dam Show Girl Lombo won 8 races and \$55,000 and is from the same family as **Smooth Sensation** (Smooth Fella) 2:00.9 \$249,419 and **Mazzini Magic** (Windshield Wiper) 1:56 \$367,140.

Last but not least was the 3yo colts and geldings Classic, with WA Derby winner **Handandwheels (Mach Three)** starting favourite from barrier 3. He went out fast in the wet conditions and led into the straight the first time. The pace was on for the race, and with 3rd and 4th quarter in 28.7 and 28.9 and the winning mile rate 1:56.9, Handsandwheels had to show his class to win the race. **Itz Dynamo (Allamerican Ingot)** ran a good race to finish second, closing in on the leader with **Our Zak Whitby (Mach Three)** running on to finish third.

Handsandwheels was bred by Mike Howie from Victorian mare **Benjor Maddy Lombo (Perfect Art)** 2:01.8 who won 3 races and \$21,511 in stakes. Benjor Maddy Lombo is the dam of 3 other winners including Maddy White (Lombo Mandingo) 1:56.9 11 wins \$110,824 and 2yo Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven). Benjor Maddy Lombo is a half sister to 5 other winners including **Suave Stuey Lombo** (Bettors Delight) 1.49.6 \$587,032, **Miss Trickin Lombo** (Blissfull Hall) 1.53.3 \$230,312 and **Sweet Maddy Lombo** (Panorama) 1:59.5 \$106,588. Even more noteworthy is the fact that her granddam is **Misty Maiden** (Windshield Wiper) 1:59.4 \$245,449, Australian 3 year old of the year, and Australian Broodmare of the year, being the dam of Australian 2yo of the Year **Lombo Pocket Watch** (Jet Laag) \$1,522,638 45 wins including 19 consecutive wins at 2 and 3.

Three different WA based sires produced 2 wins (both fillies) and 2 seconds. The Westsired fillies have done particularly well this year and have taken home a lot of Bonus money, with Infinite Symbol and Allamerican Queen both having won about \$25,000 to \$30,000 in Westbred and Westsired Bonuses this season.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ After winning a Heat of the Diamond, Miss Sangrial (Art Major) put in a super effort in the \$100,000 Final but just got pipped by a great effort from **Sportswriter** filly **Cimorene** (who had also won a Heat);
- ♣ A great demonstration of class in the \$100,000 Pearl by **Mach Three** colt **Jack Mac** (who was purchased from the NZ weanling sales by Barry Howlett) in winning effortlessly, but a pretty good effort from local colt **Highroller Joe (Roll With Joe)** to make up huge ground to run third;
- ♣ **Soho Wall Street** in stunning form in May and June, with 5 wins and 2 seconds. Over \$87,000 won this season;
- ♣ **Cott Beach (Advance Attack), Allamerican Queen (Allamerican Ingot), Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt), Infinite Symbol (Indomitable Saab), all Westsired fillies**, demonstrating that you don't have to pay a fortune on a stud fee to get a quality race horse;
- ♣ Great effort by **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)** to split Inter Dominion horses Beaudiene Boaz and Run Oneover in the Past Presidents Cup; and
- ♣ 3yo filly Bettor Be Chevron heading straight into M1 class by winning the \$25,000 Lombardo Final.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – MAY 2017

With so many special performances this month it was a difficult choice, but it isn't always about the brightest stars or biggest winners. **Congratulations** this month go to our **Breeder of the Month** for **May, Garry McShane**, who bred 7yo gelding **Livin La Bamba (Elsu)**. Probably apt that the dam of Livin La Bamba is called **Next Fantasy**, because it's certainly been a long road for Livin La Bamba and Garry.

Livin La Bamba had 8 starts as a 3yo, from October 2011 to June 2012. His next start was 6 months later in December 2012 with his next start January 2013 for his first win. Another 2 starts 14 months later, then a 26 month break to May 2016 before his second win in June 2016. Another 11 months off the racetrack, and he resumed racing in May 2017 to record a win at his first start back, winning a C2 event at Pinjarra by 7.4m in 1:54.5, last quarters in 27.3 and 28.2. We aren't sure if Garry is a drinker but this probably deserved a champagne.

Livin La Bamba is the second winner from the handy mare Next Fantasy (**Whats Next**) 2:00.2, 10 wins \$46,525, who is a full sister to **What A Dream** 2:01.1 9 wins \$37,092 who is the dam of 4 winners including **Village Of Dreams (Village Jasper)** 1:56.2 19 wins \$304,056 and **Terrific Son (Safely Kept)** 1:57.8 15 wins \$109,752.

Definitely points for perseverance, something which abounds in our industry. Congratulations to Garry and Livin La Bamba.

WA BASED SIRES – MAY 2017

In May 2017 the progeny of 10 WA based sires produced 22 individual winners of 23 races. **Rich And Spoilt** (7 winners of 7 races) and **Allamerican Ingot** (5 winners of 6 races) were again the leading two sires.

There was one dual winner, **Self Reliant** (by **Allamerican Ingot**).

There were 3 West-Sired winners at Gloucester Park Friday meetings in May, including one listed under the Fillies and Mares section. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the winners:

- ♣ **Americanbootscoota (Allamerican Ingot)** breeder Ross Torre's Royalstar Farm, very impressive in winning Heat 2 of the Pure Steel in 1:55.5, qtrs in 29.3, 28.9, 28.2, 28.8; and
- ♣ **Out Back Joe (Northern Luck)** owner/breeder Clive Stevens, followed a good run the previous week with a top win over Soho Wall Street in a \$20,000 M0 to M2 over 1730m, in a lifetime best of 1:55.4.

WESTBRED WINNERS – May 2017

Westbreds won 97 (51.1%) of the 190 races run in May 2017. This is the highest May figure in the last 5 years, both in terms number and percentage, an excellent result. It's also above our target figure of 50% and is the

fourth of five months this year that is above the target (another “best result” for the last five years). It would be great if these numbers continue, hopefully avoiding the historical dip over the next few months.

Our WA bred horses are performing exceptionally well against top class opposition. Owners and breeders should be encouraged by some of the quality wins by Westbreds against high priced tried and raced opposition. Imported horses will always be part of the racing scene in WA but we would encourage everyone not to overlook the local product.

There were 21 Westbred races run in May 2017, including 2 for 3yo fillies and 1 for 3yos. This is well down on previous months but with the number of Westbred winners increasing this is not a concern. The purpose of the Westbred only races is to ensure that owners of Westbreds can place their horses to earn money. The programming would appear to be encouraging this outcome.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Courage Under Fire** did best with 5 winners of 6 races, followed by **Shadow Play** with 4 winners of 6 races, then **Jeremes Jet** with 4 winners of 4 races and **Rocknroll Hanover** with 3 winners of 5 races.

There were 12 dual winners and one triple winner this month – **Star Armbro** (Armbro Operative), **Military Master** (Bettors Delight), **Daniel John** (Blissfull Hall), **Be On Guard** (Changeover), **Heez On Fire** (Courage Under Fire), **Star Boss** (Dawn Ofa New Day), **Our Zach Whitby** (Mach Three) **Just Above** and **Sheer Rocknroll** (Rocknroll Hanover), **Gonzos Shadow** (Shadow Play) for the 2nd month, **Natural Disaster** (Shadow Play) and **Kerrin Joseph** (Somebeachsomewhere). **Soho Wall Street** (Four Starzzz Shark) won 3 races.

At metropolitan stakes meetings in May 2017 there were 11 WA bred horses who won 16 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Two winners are mentioned in the Westsired section and 2 in the Fillies and Mares section. The other SEVEN Westbred winners were:

- ◆ **El Hombre (Badlands Hanover)**, owner/breeder Bob Fowler, won a C5 to C9 in a super 1:55.3 over 2130m, last qtrs. 27.9 and 28.2;
- ◆ **Heez On Fire (Courage Under Fire)**, breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, flew home to win a \$23,000 M0+ then in wet condition was scintillating in winning his 3rd consecutive race in similar style, winning a \$23,000 M0+ in wet conditions in 1:54.8;
- ◆ **Importer Exporter (Artesian)** breeder and part owner Chris Winston, in his favourite type of race, stepped out well and led in a \$19,000 M1 and better stand, running last qtrs 28.9 and 28.6;
- ◆ **Military Master (Bettors Delight)**, owner/breeder Allwood Stud, a super run, winning by 22m in a 2130m \$18,000 M0 in 1:55.6, last qtrs 28.9 and 28.4, and won a C5 C9 the following week;
- ◆ **Natural Disaster (Shadow Play)** owner/breeder Oz-West Pacing, top effort to win his 2nd consecutive race (and 4th from 5 starts) in a \$20,500 M0-M2 by 5.5m in a very fast 1:55.6, last qtrs 28 flat and 28.2;
- ◆ **Star Armbro (Armbro Operative)** breeder and part owner David Bushell, won his second race for the month in a C1-C4, starting favourite and leading all the way; and
- ◆ **Soho Wall Street (Four Starzzz Shark)** breeder Mike Howie, won a C1-C4 from the breeze in 1:57.2, won an \$21,500 M1-M3 a fortnight later the same way, and won his 3rd race for the month leading all the way in a \$23,000 M2 to M4, margin 8.5m in 1:57, last qtrs 27.6 and 28 flat. Very good horse.

Some excellent displays by these WA bred horses, with talent aplenty on show.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (May 2017)

Fillies and mares won 52 (27.4%) of the 190 races run in May 2017. After such a low figure in April this is an excellent result and shows that if opportunities are there, fillies and mares can be good earners.

Of the wins, 22 (11.6%) were open races and the remaining 30 (15.8%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. The open race wins is still low, but both the open and restricted race wins are consistent with May 2016. There were 2 races restricted to Westbred 3yo fillies.

Of the wins, 8 were 2yo, 6 were 3yo, 10 were in R class, 11 in C0, C1 or C0-C1. There were 5 in M class and 4 in Discretionary handicap events. Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares in all races in May was high at \$609,843 (compared to \$525,266 in April and \$451,510 in March), but did include the \$150,000 WA Oaks which

comprises nearly 25% of the total. Excluding the Oaks, WA bred fillies and mares earning 57.7% of stakes earned by fillies and mares in May.

At metropolitan stakes meetings, 9 mares won 10 (25%) races. Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won at these meetings during May.

Winners included NZ trotting mare Sunnys Little Whiz (Monarchy) (she has her own facebook page!), eastern states bred Miss Sangrial (Art Major) won the \$19,999 2yo fillies Western Crown, Glenferrie Arch (Major In Art) won a \$19,000 M1 mares, NZ 3yo fillies Maczaffair (Mach Three) won the \$150,000 WA Oaks, and Pick My Pocket (Bettors Delight) won a 3yo fillies event. NZ mares Hidden Bad (Badlands Hanover) won an M0-M2 and My Platinum Belle (Bettors Delight), winner of an M0. The remaining two winners were:

- ♥ **All About Pink (Yankee Sensation)**, owner/breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, renowned for her speed over the 1730m, stepped out and won an \$18,000 M0 over her pet distance in 1:57.2; and;
- ♥ **Sheer Rocknroll (Rocknroll Hanover)** owner/breeder Allwood Stud, brilliant winner of the \$35,000 Race For Roses over 2503m from the 30m mark. Followed up a fortnight later with an outstanding win in the \$40,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes, breezing to Tricky Styx and running 1:57.2 in the rain.

WESTBRED IS BEST

WASBA's fully supports the current Westbred Bonus Scheme, including the double Westsired Bonus. This has been a big incentive to bring some quality stallions to WA and has given local breeders the opportunity to utilise a locally based stallion, or to choose the right stallion for their mare from any state in Australia or New Zealand.

We are considering putting forward an additional component to the current scheme based on the thoroughbred model which would see breeders or owners pay into a "platinum level" (no additional payment for the current level) which would increase the winning Bonus payout. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know.

Trainers and drivers of WA bred 2 and 3yos get their percentage of the Westbred Bonuses when their youngsters run first to fourth in 2 and 3yo races less than \$20,000 in stakes (except the Breeders Crown Heats). The Westbred Bonus applies to ALL 2yo and 3YO races UNDER \$20,000 (except Breeders Crown). The Bonus does NOT apply to open age R and C class events, so make sure you are maximising your earning opportunities by aiming for the age races.

WANT TO BUY, LEASE OR SELL A MARE?

If you want to buy or lease a mare, or sell or lease out your mare, we can include a short notice in the Newsletter and on the Breeding page of our website www.wasba.com.au or on our facebook page. We can also assist with a Harness Racing Australia (HRA) Trading Ring advertisement.

*****NOTICES FOR JUNE*****:

For lease - in foal mares. Lessee to retain foal and return mare after weaning. Asking price is for foal, to cover service fee paid for stallion. For more information please phone John Coffey on 0418 500 211

- **9yo grey mare Margareta Mobster, in foal to CHANGEOVER LDOS 24th Nov 2016. Dam of 1 foal of racing age for 1 winner - Flying Margareta (\$12,900). By D M Dilinger out of Margareta Ville, who is a half sister to Bonnie Blue Eyes. Same family as Cott Beach. Asking \$3,300.**
- **12yo mare Ima High Rolla, in foal to TINTIN IN AMERICA LDOS 13th Oct 2016. Dam of 2 foals of racing age, 1 winner Madam Gazelle (\$10,500) By Kinney Hanover out of Corniche Trunkey (daughter of Ferrari Trunkey), sister to Trunkey Maserati, etc. Asking \$2,200.**

RACING BETS LEVY PROPOSAL

A PROPOSAL has been put forward for consideration by one of the other racing industry codes to alter the way in which the Racing Bets Levy is distributed. Currently all the money that is collected under the Racing Bets Levy (a levy placed on other betting operators for use of our race fields information) is managed and distributed by RWWA and forms part of the income that clubs and participants receive.

WASBA and all the other Eligible Harness bodies have considered the proposal and are opposed to it. A letter expressing this view, signed by all the Eligible Harness Bodies, is being forwarded to the Department of Racing

Gaming and Liquor in response to the proposal. Our position on the proposal is based on what we believe to be detrimental effects on harness racing, and in fact on the racing industry in general, should the proposal be given consideration by the new Minister for Racing.

EXTENDED SPECIAL HRCG MEETING

WASBA and some of our breeders attended a special Harness Racing Consultative Group meeting which included RWWA representatives, BOTRA, several club representatives and representatives from the Owners Association.

The meeting commenced with presentations from RWWA including from the new Commercial Manager David Hunter who provided some great insight to trends in our industry. The presentations covered some “state of the nation” material and were open to questions and comments. Several other issues were discussed including payment of all starters, the direction we are heading, turnover, microchipping, the status of whips, or “safety devices”. There was also opportunity to put forward comments on a variety of matters, with some of these comments receiving very negative responses from the audience but other comments being met very positively.

In general it was a worthwhile meeting, but there were items that could not be fully discussed or resolved in the timeframe. We look forward to the further discussions that should emanate from the meeting.

YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP

Membership benefits include stallion service discounts, representation at all levels, a regular newsletter along with other topical emails (if we have your email address), a quarterly Trackbred, the invaluable annual Stallion Guide and for family members who aren't already receiving it, RWWA's Racing Ahead. If you have paid, thank you! If you think you have paid but have not received your membership card, please contact us.

The membership year **commences in January each year**. If you are yet to pay, please pay promptly. Single membership is \$50, Family \$60 (single and family memberships receive Trackbred) and Associate \$20. You can complete your form online, or email your details or request a membership form.

You can pay your membership by cheque, direct credit to **WASBA's account BSB 036 043 account 129810** or pay by credit card.

YOUR SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors, for their support and contribution to our industry. Our sponsors make it possible for us to provide sponsorship and financial and other incentives to our participants and breeders. They are also helping us with donations for rehoming (particularly Budget Stockfeeds, Milne Feeds and Alabar).

Please show your support for your sponsors by purchasing their goods and services, or talking to others about them. Without this valuable support our industry would suffer.

Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Nevele R and Woodlands Stud have been great supporters. **TabTouch** and **Gloucester Park** are also great supporters and assist us on many occasions. Our newest supporters are **Australian Pacing Gold (APG)** and **Ross Waddell's Pacing WA**. **Pacing WA** has had a strong presence at the WA Yearling Sales over the last few years and have introduced **Girl Power In Pacing** to complement their activities supporting harness racing in WA.

All our sponsors, including those who assisted us on our Breeders Stakes Night are listed below. For website information and more contact details, go to the Breeding News Page of our website www.wasba.com.au :

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RWWA's TABTOUCH**



contact us.

YOUR COMMITTEE

From time to time there are vacancies on the WASBA Committee. If you consider you have a genuine interest in promoting breeding and harness racing in WA, have been a financial member for at least one full calendar year and you have relevant experience and the time to contribute to a Committee position involving meetings and undertaking various projects, please forward a brief profile by email or post to the WASBA Secretary. All appointments to the Committee are in accordance with the WASBA Constitution.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be on **26 July 2017**. If you would like to raise any issues for discussion, or comment on any aspect of breeding, please contact us by:

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