

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANNE-MAREE CONROY VSTA PRESIDENT

The last few months have been 'very interesting' for a variety of reasons. Following on from a number of rumours flying around about the state of the industry, I was approached to join with the other kindred bodies of HRV to draft a letter to Dale Monteith and Matt Isaacs asking for an explanation about how HRV was travelling and the financial situation.

We had asked for a meeting in June but this had not happened when HRV issued a press release in August regarding prizemoney reductions which stated "they had consulted with the kindred bodies". As this was largely incorrect, we were quick to refute that and asked for a meeting with the board.

This meeting was attended by Anthony Butt, Emmy Mazzetti, Shane Gloury, Brett Shambrook, Nick Hooper and myself. We spoke of our concerns and asked for time to speak to our members and present some alternatives. Everybody spoke strongly and from the heart and we were given a week to present a submission.

Our secretary, Ian White, wrote an excellent, detailed submission explaining where everyone fits into the industry and the importance of all participants. In return, we received an email from Stephen Bell agreeing not to drop the minimum stake from \$4500 to \$4000 or less as was the initial plan from HRV.

As there were still many concerns, we asked for a meeting with the Minister for Racing, the Honorable Mr Anthony Carbines, which was a positive experience. Minister Carbines assured us that the government wants for there to be three strong racing codes. I had prepared a document outlining the pitiful amount each participant receives in a \$4500 race and I managed to get a copy into the hands of Minister Carbines and the four government racing staff in attendance.

I was initially apprehensive about this meeting but I take the responsibility of representing the VSTA very seriously. As such it was so important to get the point of view of the participants across in a face-to-face chat, not by whinging to your mates on Facebook which doesn't achieve anything.

The presidents of the various kindred bodies have banded together on this and have earned the respect of HRV and the minister of Racing because we genuinely care.

We understand Matt Isaacs is in a very difficult position and that we will all have to stay strong and support each other for the next few years for Harness racing to survive and hopefully thrive into the future.

Now for some good news! Pat Driscoll has generously donated five stallion services from the Haras de Trotteurs stallion roster for us to raffle. These include his new stallion E L Titan US, along with On a Streak US, Classic Connection, Used to Me and Always Ready.



We will limit the number of tickets so be quick - they are selling fast at \$30 each or four for \$100. The winners will be drawn on Redwood Day.

Recently, I was lucky enough to meet Emmanuelle Morvillers, Chef du Département International f Le Trot France. Le Trot produces a magazine about all things trotting in France and Emmanuelle has agreed to let us use some of their content in our newsletter and I would encourage everyone to subscribe to the weekly magazine. It's free and full of interesting content.

It was great to see former VSTA committee person Tina Ridis drive the winner of the 'Haras des Trotteurs Nutrien Equine Classic' for 3yo Trotting Colts and Geldings on Prince of Rock.

Tina combined with trainer Daryl Crone for an impressive victory. Another hard-working VSTA member being rewarded for their efforts is Chris Svanosio. I watched Chris and Ross Payne warmup every one of their horses on VicBred 4yo trotter's heats at Bendigo in the pouring rain.

They combined to get four winners, culminating in winning the four-year-old VicBred Super Series trot final for Entires and Geldings. Well done to Chris and all involved.

Thanks to those members who agreed to talk to Ernst and Young about the Costs vs Returns of Harness Racing. This initiative of the VSTA was followed up by the trainers and drivers and completely confidential. It provided vital information to forward to the government which will help Harness Racing receive better outcomes in the future. Thanks also to Fiona Mellor and Luke Spano for inviting Ernst and Young to get involved with us.

The Redwood is on the 29th of October, The VSTA will be present collecting memberships on the day and there will be bonuses on all races for paid up members, owners, trainers and drviers.

Good luck to everyone!



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COMPETITION WILL BE DRAWN ON REDWOOD DAY, AT MARYBOROUGH ON SUNDAY 29, OCTOBER 2023.

PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO REDWOOD DAY FOR THE TIME IT WILL BE DRAWN

BEST CONTACT TO BUY TICKETS - SUE WHITE 0417 385 II3 OR KATRINA KNIGHT 0438 255 232. VICSOUARETROTTERS@HOTMAIL.COM

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- There is no Live foal guarantee.
- That the winners must have their own broodmare



FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE

The Locomotive turned up the throttle to land his fifth group 1 victory in the \$100,000 Ecurie D @ Haras des Trotteurs Vicbred Super Series final 3yo colts and geldings, 2240m, at Melton on Saturday, September 16.

The Muscle Mass colt strode away by 14.6m in his most emphatic performance of the season.

For The Locomotive, this was his second Vicbred Super Series title and another accolade for his dam, champion mare La Coocaracha.

The Locomotive won four group 1s as a 2yo - the Vicbred Platinum Home Grown Classic, Nutrien Equine Haras de Trotteurs 2yo Mixed Sex Trot, Breeders Crown and Vicbred Super Series.

His career now stands at 11 wins - 2 this season - from 17 starts for \$278,398.

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms, The Locomotive was a \$42,000 purchase at the 2021 Nutrien Equine Standardbred Yearling Sale.

La Coocaracha won 23 of 36 starts for almost \$430,000 in the early 2000s.

She did not race until she was a 3yo and it was not until her 4yo and 5yo seasons that she stamped her authority - winning 15 of her 18 starts, including the group 1 Vicbred Super Series 4yo final, Bill Collins Mile, Australian Trotting Grand Prix, SA Trotters Cup and Australasian Trotters Championship in winning sequences of six and eight.

She has left 10 winners at stud, including champion mare Dance Craze.

The Locomotive is on target to join a select of trotters to sweep the Vicbred Super Series 2yo, 3yo and 4yo finals.

Others to complete the feat include Table Card (1987-88-89), Noopy Kiosk (1995-96-97) Spidergirl (2012-13-14) and Claudys Princess (2013-14-15)

VICBRED SUPER SERIES

FINALS WINNERS PROFILE

(ORDER BY STALLIONS)



Bred by Yabby Dam farms; raced by EJ Hill, GJ Moloney

3YO COLT THE LOCOMOTIVE (MUSCLE MASS USA)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; raced by GB Holland, WR Potter

3YO FILLY SUSAN IS HER NAME (SEBASTIAN K SWE)
Bred and raced by BJ Wyborn

D 4YO GELDING ARCEE PHOENIX (TRIXTON US)

Bred by RA Haynes, CA Shaw, EA Payne, BM Payne; Raced by RA Haynes, CA Shaw, D Kane, JL Stevenson

4YO MARE GARDENA RONDA (USED TO ME FRA)

Bred and raced by Yabby Dam Farms

2YO FILLY VIOLET STANFORD (VOLSTEAD US)
Bred by BG Phillips, KJ Lee; raced by Spunky Syndicate

VICBRED Trotting Super Series 2023 sponsored by:





VICBRED SUPER SERIES WINNERS PROFILE



HEAT WINNERS (BY STALLIONS)

3yo filly Rockinwithattitude (Aldebaran Eagle US)

Bred by ME Arnott, K Holzberger, J Ryan, JD Stewart, AM Webb, A Kingston, C Holloway, MD Drady, T Russell, A Wyllie; Raced by ME Arnott, JD Stewart, K Holzberger, J Ryan, TP Webb, Wyllie Family, A Kingston, C Holloway, MD Drady

4yo mare Lady Adelia (Creatine US)

Bred by GE Old, FJ Old, PW Old, SM Hall, DF Old; Raced by GE Old, FJ Old, PW Old, S M Hall, DF Old

4yo mare Just A Bit Touchy (Father Patrick US)

Bred by DJ Poole, SB Poole; Raced by Alabar Bloodstock, NR Jenkin

3yo filly Preferred Love (Love You FRA)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; Raced by Yabby Dam Farms

2yo colt Valtino (Love You FRA)

Bred by Yabby Dam farms; raced by EJ Hill, GJ Moloney

4yo gelding Aroha Koe (Love You FRA)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; raced by PJ Svanosio, BW Edwards, CM Payne, P Moloney, CR Donaldson, LJ Turnbull, SA Hammond, TW Clohesy, MacLean Family Group, M Payne

3yo gelding Gotfeelingsyouknow (Majestic Son US)

Bred by Brad Aylett; Raced by WL Lewis, AR O'Brien, JF Verdichizzi, R Wilton, HJ Weeks, BG Phillips, SJ Gaskett, J Brooks, RM Purcell, WR Trotter

2yo gelding Aldebaran Campbell (Muscle Hill US)

Bred by Aldebaran Lodge; Raced by Aldebaran Lodge

3yo colt The Locomotive (Muscle Mass US)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; Raced by GB Holland, WR Potter

3yo filly Rapid Return (Orlando Vici FRA)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; raced by Veritas Holdings

2yo filly No Telling Heather (Sebastian K SWE)

Bred by Alabar Bloodstock; raced by CW Holloway, HA Holloway, BW Holloway, DA Candy

4yo gelding Arcee Phoenix (Trixton US)

Bred by RA Haynes, CA Shaw, EA Payne, BM Payne; Raced by RA Haynes, CA Shaw, D Kane, JL Stevenson

3yo colt Stevie Gee (Used To Me FRA)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; Raced by Terry French

4yo mare Queen Of Quebec (Used To Me FRA)

Bred by Yabby Dam Farms; raced by PJ Svanosio, BW Edwards, CM Payne, P Moloney, CR Donaldson, LJ Turnbull, SA Hammond, TW Clohesy, MacLean Family Group, M Payne

2yo filly Violet Stanford (Volstead US)

Bred by BG Phillips, KJ Lee; Raced by Spunky Syndicate

3yo filly Shesawish (Wishing Stone US)

Bred by JF Shaw, MB Shaw, LN Pangrazio; Raced by LN Pangrazio, MB Shaw

SILVER WINNERS (BY STALLIONS)

3yo filly Majestic Tooth (Majestic Son CA)

Bred and raced by GF Bullock

4yo gelding Mercenary (Majestic Son CA)

Bred and raced by Buckland Park Homestead

2yo filly Nordic Reign (Volstead US)

Bred by ER Taylor; raced by T Walker

BRONZE WINNERS (BY STALLIONS)

3yo filly Satin Stride (Muscle Hill US)

Bred and raced by E&M Stride

STRONGER HOOVES



FOR ACTIVE HORSES





AINSWORTH FAMILY

The VSTA congratulates the Ainsworth family who were the most recent recipient of Member Recognition Award. The Ainsworths have been VSTA members for the past 9 years and have been a part of the harness racing industry across Australia for their entire lives. Barry's father, uncles and cousins all participated in the Harness Racing Industry so it was a natural progression for the boys to become involved.

Previously from Western Australia, the Ainsworths would have had little association with the trotter, but now trotters make up a majority of their stable. Barry says that 'sitting behind or watching a trotter in full flight, perfectly balanced on the edge of unadulterated speed and total catastrophe is one of the reasons I am drawn to the gait'. The Ainsworths' are no stranger to hard work, with some of their proudest achievements in the industry being getting baby trotters to the racetrack.

When asked about their favourite racetracks Barry

recalled driving against many talented horses and drivers at Gloucester Park and son Ashley highlighted the Swan Hill circuit as his preferred destination. Barry's favourite memory in Harness Racing was watching the great Western Australian pacers Pure Steel and Satinova Clash.

When asked about their favourite horses they have been involved with Barry remembered a pacer from Western Australia called Samrae Miss, while Ashley selected En Solitaire from his time working with Yabby Dam Farms. Barry also nominated Ready Cash as his dream stallion, as would many others.

Outside of the racing industry the Ainsworths enjoy spending time as a family and Barry enjoys nothing more than being with his grandchildren.

Asked about how Harness Racing could be improved, the Ainsworths stated 'I would like participants

to have more say in the direction of our industry'.

To them this means 'changing the board and management and making it more accountable to the grassroots of our industry... I think we all need to talk about the lack of care that has been dished out to the grassroots of our industry.

So many partners are having to go back to work to prop up this bureaucracy and or have left the industry all together'.

The VSTA congratulates the Ainsworths and

we wish them every success on achieving their ambitions of training a treble at one meeting. We wish to express a huge thankyou to the award sponsors.

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We appreciate our Member Recognition Award Sponsors - Ranvet, Maryborough Harness Racing Club & Function Complex, Ballarat & District Trotting Club Inc, Bendigo Harness Racing Club, Black Horse Naturals, Claire Weston Photography, Mick Barby Racing Stables, Harness Racing Victoria, World's Best Hoof Oil, Dynavyte, BetaVet Australia, Katrina Knight and the Knight Family.























The VSTA has a bi monthly member recognition award. We are constantly looking for nominations of amember you think fits our criteria. Note that the nominee must be a member for 2023 which you can see the membership list on our website. Please forward any nomination to the VSTA email.

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ONE OVER ALL STRETCHES LEAD

NZ-bred One Over All has increased his hold on Harness Racing Victoria's Maori's Idol Trotting Championship.

The Jess Tubbs-trained 5yo stretched his lead in the race for a \$25,000 bonus by taking out the \$25,000 Total Cool Maryborough Trotters Gold Cup, 2690m, on Sunday, September 17.

Starting off the backmark of 30m, he made up his ground quickly before sweeping to the lead with 1100m to go.

He went away by 9m, rating 2:10 with his last 800m in 57.4sec.

This gives One Over All four country cups this season, adding to the Horsham, Charlton and Ararat Cups.

One Over All has won seven times in 2023 to take his career record to 17 in 55 starts and \$227,975 in earnings.

CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

24-One Over All

17-Victree Hill

11-Bullion Harry

10-Double Helix

9-Downunder Barkers, Hatchback



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Haras des Trotteurs, Victoria

CLASSIC CONNECTION FRA

Haras des Trotteurs, Queensland

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Aldebaran Park, Victoria

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Trump Bloodstock, Queensland

MY HIGH EXPECTATIONS USA

Medowie Lodge, New South Wales

ON A STREAK US

Haras des Trotteurs, New South Wales

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SKYVALLEY NZ

Aldebaran Park, Victoria

WHAT THE HILL CA

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SUNDONS COURAGE

Truscott Lodge, Victoria

TIMOTHY RED

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Haras des Trotteurs, Victoria



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Haras des Trotteurs

PERFECT SPIRIT US

Trump Bloodstock

PROPULSION US

Trump Bloodstock

SOUTHWIND FRANK

Stallions Australasia

TACTICAL LANDING US

Stallions Australasia

TIMOKO FRA

Haras des Trotteurs

TRIXTON

Stallions Australasia

UP AND QUICK FRA

Trump Bloodstock

WISHING STONE US

Stallions Australasia

ZIRCONIUM ITA

Trump Bloodstock

List as per Harness Racing Australia website

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF WINNERS

FIRST-TIME WINNERS



At The Distance (Used To Me Fra-Pink Or Purple)
3yo gelding. - bred by Leigh Graham; raced by
E Holmes; trained by Ross Graham; driven by
Chris Alford. Successful at Melton on Thursday,
September 21 after five starts.

Darcys Fireball (Bacardi Lindy US-Gluteus Maximus) 3yo gelding - bred by NJ Hopper, PE Graydon: raced by NJ Hopper, DJ Smith

PE Graydon; raced by NJ Hooper, DJ Smith, JA Tubbs, MF Shelly, SJ Murray, L Lorandos, DG Monteith, P Watkinson, BJ Glasheen, JHR Bryant trained by Jess Tubbs; driven by Greg Sugars. Winner at Melton on Thursday, September 21 at ninth start. Fourth winner out of mare.



Maori Duchess (Pegasus Spur Ca-Happy Maori)
4yo mare - raced and bred by F Crews; trained
by Brent Lilley; driven by Chris Alford. Broke
through at her eight start at Melton on Thursday,
September 21. Dam is half-sister to recordingmare Maori Time.

Ewing (Father Patrick US-Shes An Image) 2yo colt - bred by CA and HL Lang; raced by N Jenkin, Alabar Bloodstock; trained by Andy Gath; driven by Kate Gath. Had his maiden victory at his fifth start at Melton on Tuesday, September 19.

Luvski (Love You Fra-Skye Rocket) 4yo entire - bred, raced and trained by GM Donaldson; driven by Anthony Crossland, Scored on debut at Kilmore on September 14.

Beautybouchea (Danny Bouchea-Yankee Surprise NZ) 4yo mare - bred by GT Hargreaves; raced by DR and T Goodridge, C Innes-Goodridge; trained by Carla Innes-Goodridge, driven by Alex Ashwood. Won at 11th career start at Ballarat on September 13.

Emmwallen (Majestic So Ca-Idle Lea NZ) 2yo colt - bred by B Dumesny; raced by MJ Driscoll, MR Lamond, FR Clarke, ZJ Driscoll; trained and driven by Courtney Slater. Saluted on debut at Kilmore on September 10.

Virgina Clowers NZ (Creatine US-Gina NZ) 3yo filly - bred and raced by SD Mounce, JC Mounce, LJ Mounce, AT Mounce; trained by Anna Donnelly, driven by James Herbertson. Won at first Australian start at Kilmore on September 10.



Get Up Early (Yankee Spider US-Packed Up Early) 8yo mare - bred by PA Goudie, D Goudie, P Kara, TW Jobling, RL Jobling; raced by EL Kennedy; trained by Toby Ainsworth; driven by Ada Massa. She had her first career win at her 29th race start at Geelong on September 5.

Imperial Monarch NZ(Imperial Count US-Ann's Monarch) 3yo gelding - bred by H. Van Opzeeland; raced and trained by MA Lee; driven by Glen Craven. Had his first career win at his second Australian start at Cranbourne on September 3.



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