

# Murray Bridge Racing Club

HISTORY IN SUMMARY





1945

**23 March**  
**First meeting held after the war,**  
 with no fewer than fifty three bookmakers applying to attend, the previous policy of the club was to restrict the number of bookmakers but after hostilities ceased it was decided to accept all applicants and at the next meeting 60 were accepted by the Committee.

1955

**First tractor purchased by the Committee**  
 at a cost of seven hundred pounds and continued to work forty years later.



1970

**Extensive renovations were carried out**  
 with the building of the Wills room at the rear of the building and reroofing the grandstand.

1971

**The Murray Bridge Corporation**  
 had given permission to the Club to lay a concrete pipeline from the river to the racecourse, the Racing Club generously included their neighbours the Golf Club into the scheme.

1979

**The Club purchased the steeplechase fences from the SAJC**  
 as they were no longer being used. The Grand National Steeplechase was run at Murray Bridge in July, the first time that it had been held outside the metropolitan area.

1975

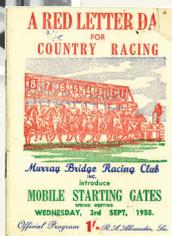
**The trotting club opened its track**  
 and is one of the largest and fastest in the State.

1945

1950

**Posts and rails were purchased for the re railing of the straight.**

As insufficient bolts were available, due to the scarcity of building materials after the war, the committee has to resort to the old 'Cocky's friend' – no8 wire and a twitch. Those posts rails and wire stood the time and stress until the 1970's when they are replaced with Steriline aluminium rail.



**Champion Comic Court gets paraded**

Murray Bridge Racing Club presents a cheque for three thousand, four hundred and sixty one pounds to John D. Lee, Chairman of Legacy Sports Committee. John D. Lee also part-owner of Comic Court parades his champion after winning the 1950 Melbourne Cup. Pictured with Pat Glennon aboard, His Excellency Gov. Sir Willoughby Norrie and Lady Norrie and a young Bart Cummings strapping for his father Pat.



1958

**Starting gates began to play an important role in racing and Murray Bridge considered the purchase of a set.**

Contact was made with Mr Lindsay Sims of Steriline who set out to manufacture his first set of stalls for Murray Bridge. The experiment proved to be a very successful one, and resulted in the Club being the first proud owners of a set of starting stalls manufactured at Murray Bridge by Steriline Engineering Co Ltd. Mobile starting gates were introduced at the spring race meeting on Wednesday 3 September 1958.



1979

1978

**The opening of the Marlboro cafeteria complex.**

The racetrack was reblocked from the 1000 metres and in the process removed the hump that existed for 50 metres past the winning post. This allowed the turn into the straight to be cambered making for safer racing.

This year saw in May the introduction of the Charles David Gold Cup for 2400 metres, sponsored by Charles David Meats Works – stake money for the first cup was five thousand dollars.



1972

**The Club was approached by representatives of the trotting community**  
 of the district seeking permission to build a trotting track in the centre of the racecourse. New tote computer system started operating in November.

1960

**Camera eye was installed, the old judges box was replaced** by one which was gifted from the Adelaide Racing Club. Work began on the cafeteria at a cost of two hundred and forty six pounds.

1974

**The Club agreed in principle** to the establishment of a trotting track on the Club's property.



2009

2008

**Presentation of final concept plan of the project to relocate to the new site on Brinkley Road approved by Committee.**

**The Emirates Melbourne Cup** visited Murray Bridge on 10 October courtesy of the successful tender by the Club.

2009

**Settlement on property at Gifford Hill**

2005

**Committee in office when new development first discussed -**

Reg Nolan (Chairman), Mick O'Neil (V Chairman), Kym Thomas, Brenton Lewis, Dean Tanner, John Leahy, Beverley Curtis, Mario Grande, Robert Hodge & John Buhagiar (Secretary/Manager).

2004

**Consideration was made to look at re-locating its racecourse**

to a greenfield site to grow and enhance its business, to provide better training and facilities.

**Torrential summer storms dumps 2 inches of rain** prior to the running of the T&R Christmas Cup in December. Less than 24 hours before raceday and our biggest marquee raceday is underwater. Working tirelessly into the early hours of the morning the Club with the assistance of MFS and Spry Earthmovers are able to drain surface water away from the track. A miraculous effort to race the next day.

The following year the Club wins Outstanding Achievement Award.



1993

**Murray Bridge Harness Club**

ceased using Murray Bridge Racing Club grounds.

1997

**First female Committee person elected -**

Mrs Beverley Curtis.

2001

**T&R Christmas Cup won Rural City of Murray Bridge**

"Community Event of the Year"

1992

**Administration/ Raceday Building built by Murray Bridge Racing Club**

in conjunction with the Racecourse Development Board was officially opened in May 1992.



1988

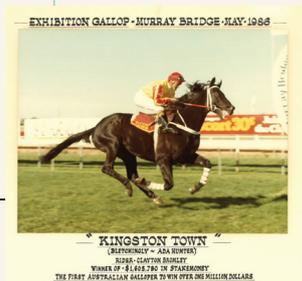
**Gold Cup changed**

to October due to the constant inclement weather in May.

1986

**Kingston Town paraded at the Murray Bridge Cup Day in 1986**

with local jockey Clayton Bromley in the saddle.



1989

**75th Jubilee of racing on the Murray Bridge Racing Club's own course,**

which consists of two grass tracks, an all-weather sand track, plus a sand track for slow work, a jog track with a hurdle schooling lane. Also in the centre of the course is a first class trotting track and an air strip.

1986

**First female Secretary/Manager appointed**

Rosemary Naismith.

Covered Betting Ring officially opened.



1981

**Laying of the second grass track.**

Trainers, committeemen, strappers, jockeys, boy scouts in fact anyone who could carry a bucket picked up stones. Trainer Ron Morgan paid all children who picked stones one dollar per bucket.

1983

**Murray Bridge Racing Club Pty Ltd**

changed to Murray Bridge Racing Club Inc.

1982

**Club advertised for a full time Secretary/ Manager -**

Lance Wuttke appointed in March.

1985

**Gold Cup distance changed from 2400 metres to 2100 metres**

and was changed to a two day carnival and was won by "Kiwi Slave" on 15 May 1985.

1981



2010

2011

**Raceday on 3 January abandoned due to locusts plague.**

New racecourse bulk earthworks completed in preparation of laying of the new track. A tunnel under the course proper was installed and is the first tunnel on a SA racecourse.



2010

**Preliminary design of new racecourse**

presented to Committee and Members.



2013

**Roadwork** and associated stormwater completed in August.

**Thomas Foods International Christmas Cup** enjoys the biggest crowd in years. The crowd enjoys perfect weather for the marquee event.



2012

**New racecourse turf planting has 95% coverage and consolidating nicely.**

New logo and branding of Club presented at Awards Night/ Dinner in October.

**Emirates Melbourne Cup** visited Murray Bridge on 12 October.



**New development** – “Global Financial Crisis has seen bank funding tightened, but the development is very much alive and will happen in a sensible and controlled manner” quote from Kym Burke, Managing Director, Burke Urban Developments in response to an article in The Advertiser newspaper.

**December** marked the commencement of earthworks for the entrance road at the new racecourse.

2014

**Celebrating 100 years of racing at the current track.**

**Cancelled racedays** 15 January and 12 February due to extreme heat.

**Tragic accident Gold Cup Day** - SA Racing industry is in mourning after a tragic 3 horse race fall just prior to the cup, which Caitlin Forrest sadly passed away from injuries sustained from the fall. Libby Hopwood would not return to race riding after this incident and Justin Potter fortunately did not sustain serious injury.

2016

**Work on raceday stalls to commence after approval received in January.**

**New betting auditorium** opened in the old public bar area at the current racecourse to provide greater comfort to patrons.



2017



2015

**In May, Murray Bridge Racing Club was successful in its grant application to receive 5 million dollars funding**

from the Australian Government towards the redevelopment of the MBRC to a national standard convention centre.

**Commencement** of construction of the first undercover raceday horse stalls in SA.

**Reverse cycle air conditioning** installed in the current Members bar and function centre.

2017

**Gold Cup history was created**

when Excites Zelady won our Premier event for the third time, Excites Zelady is trained by Chris Beig and was ridden by Justin Potter.

**State government loan of 5 million dollars** along with a loan from TRSA and further committed funding from Burke Urban Joint Venture will enable the Gifford Hill development to now be completed.

**Carlton Draught Gold Cup** changed from Wednesday to Friday.

**Dec 2017** work commenced on the 20 million dollars Function Centre and Raceday facilities buildings, it is anticipated the building will take around 14 months to complete with Marshall and Brougham the successful tenderer.

**Murray Bridge Racing Club** welcomed a new sponsor for the Christmas Cup – Swanport Hotel.





## The Murray Bridge Racing Club

**Murray Bridge Racing Club offers a range of hospitality packages for corporate functions and social occasions throughout the racing season.**

The Murray Bridge Racing Club prides itself on being a progressive club, continually upgrading and refining raceday packages to suit the needs of its customers.

Only a short drive from Adelaide along the South Eastern Freeway, the Murray Bridge Racecourse is the ideal location for corporate and social entertainment. Each package provides a unique and cost effective way to entertain clients, staff or family and friends all year round.



### HOSPITALITY PACKAGES



## 2018 Carlton Draught Murray Bridge Gold Cup



**FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2018**

**Join us as we celebrate the last Carlton Draught Murray Bridge Gold Cup at the current Murray Bridge Racing Track**

The Gold Cup is always a fantastic day of quality racing, fashion and entertainment. Murray Bridge is known as the generous heart of the Murray and is famous for its hospitality.

Take advantage of the atmosphere of this great day to entertain friends and colleagues or network with clients and suppliers.

Stay for the after party with live music after the last.



## Murray Bridge Gold Cup

### HOSPITALITY PACKAGES

#### Carlton Draught Marquee

\$170 per person or  
\$1600 per table of 10

Perfectly located trackside within close confines of the day's activities, this marquee is the place to be for the racing enthusiast. The Carlton Draught Marquee offers the ultimate raceday experience with a special guest MC.

##### This package includes:

- Entry to the Racecourse
- Admission into the Carlton Draught Marquee
- Reserved seating
- 3 course plated lunch
- Premium beer, wine and soft drink - (Bar open from 11am to last race)
- In-house TAB facilities
- Guest MC
- Interviews with Trainers and Jockeys
- Prizes and Giveaways

**Dress code:** Jacket and Tie  
Over 18 Event  
Marquee open 11 am.

#### Crown Lager Trackside Marquee

\$120 per person

Superbly situated in a trackside marquee, this package represents great value and an experience only Gold Cup Day offers.

##### This package includes:

- Entry to the Racecourse
- Admission into Crown Lager Trackside Marquee
- Reserved seating
- 2 course plated lunch
- Beer, wine and soft drink - (Bar open from 11am to start of the last race)

**Dress code:** Neat casual  
Marquee open from 11am.

#### General Admission

\$20 per person

Pre-purchase your General Admission ticket and have the ease of entering the racecourse on Gold Cup raceday via a dedicated gate. No lining up to buy your ticket on the day.

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## Murray Bridge Gold Cup

### HOSPITALITY PACKAGES

#### Langhorne Creek Roast & Red Experience

\$110 per person

Come and experience exquisite Langhorne Creek Wines while savouring the mouthwatering charcoal spit roast flavours trackside on Gold Cup Day. Winemaker's selected premium wine to accompany the mains will showcase some of the best reds this region has to offer.

##### This package includes;

- Entry to the racecourse
- Admission to the Langhorne Creek Roast & Red Experience
- Reserved seating
- 2 course lunch
- Langhorne Creek Wines, Beer, Cider and Soft Drink (bar open from 11am to start of the last race)

**Dress Code:** Neat Casual  
Open at 11am.

#### Reserved Private Marquee

\$400 per site

Do you want your own trackside area reserved for you and your guests? Just turn up on the day and relax, knowing there will always be a seat for you.

##### This package includes:

- 4.5m Marquee
- Tables
- Chairs
- Umbrella
- Picket Fencing

**Please note:** This price DOES NOT include admission onto the Racecourse.

#### Bus Reservation

\$40 per person (return travel)

Do you want the "no hassle" type of experience where you are picked up and dropped off?

Buses leave the Convention Centre at 9.30am and the Shell Garage opposite the old Victoria Park Racecourse at 9.50am. If you would like a different pick-up location please call the Office on (08) 8532 2310 or email us at [email@racingmurraybridge.com](mailto:email@racingmurraybridge.com) to see if this can be arranged.

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# Murray Bridge Gold Cup

## EVENT BOOKING FORM

Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoicing details: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Package details:

### Carlton Draught Marquee

@ \$170 per person

@ \$1,600 per 10 people

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Crown Lager Trackside Marquee

@ \$120 per person

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Langhorne Creek Roast & Red Experience

@ \$110 per person

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Reserved Private Marquee

@ \$400 per Site

Number of Marquees: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Bus Seat Reservation

\$40 per person

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### In signing this booking sheet, I agree to the following:

- Bookings cancelled within four calendar weeks of the event will incur a 25% administration fee
- No refunds for non arrivals or reductions seven working days prior to the event

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

**Murray Bridge Racing Club Inc.**

**PO Box 865, Murray Bridge SA 5253**

**or email@racingmurraybridge.com**



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# Murray Bridge Gold Cup

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Please send payments to:

**Murray Bridge Racing Club Inc.**

**PO Box 865**

**Murray Bridge SA 5253**

### Payment Details:

Cheque     Money Order

I enclose my cheque/money order for:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to Murray Bridge Racing Club Inc.

### Or debit my:

Bankcard     Visa     Mastercard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Verification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder name: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Direct deposits:

Can be made to the following account:

**Murray Bridge Racing Club Inc.**

**Bank: ANZ**

**BSB: 015-665**

**Account: 623530120**

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward remittance advice by email to [finance@racingmurraybridge.com](mailto:finance@racingmurraybridge.com)



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# Murray Bridge Gold Cup & Christmas Cup

## PRIVATE MARQUEE PACKAGE

### Tailoring to your needs

The Murray Bridge Racing Club prides itself on tailoring hospitality packages to suit individual needs. Everyone wants something different at their race day function, and we will go out of our way to accommodate everyone. Simply give us a call or email us, and we will endeavour to make your race day one to remember.

Packages can be tailored to suit your needs and budget. Patrons can supply their own food for the day, or choose from our selection of delicious menus\*. \*Please contact the club for catering and beverage packages.

We have a strict no BYO alcohol or soft drinks policy at the racecourse, but can discuss beverage packages with you. All marquee bookings receive discounted drink prices.

\*Minimum numbers required.  
\*Not available every raceday.

### Private Marquee Package - uncatered:

**\$38.00 (inc GST) per person**  
Minimum 10 guests  
**\$36.00 (inc GST) per person**  
Group bookings between 21 - 40 guests  
**\$34.00 (inc GST) per person**  
Group booking between 41 - 79 guests  
**\$31.00 (inc GST) per person**  
Group booking 80+ guests

#### Package includes:

- Marquee tailored to size of group
- Round tables
- White garden chairs
- Umbrella
- General admission
- Fencing

For more information on Private Marquee Packages visit:  
[www.racingmurraybridge.com](http://www.racingmurraybridge.com)



# Murray Bridge Gold Cup & Christmas Cup

## COCKTAIL MENU

### Mixed Skewers Platter (Main) – Hot

**Mini Lamb Skewers:**  
Marinated with a traditional Greek seasoning with garlic, parsley, salt and pepper  
**Mini Chicken Skewers:**  
Marinated with a traditional garlic and parsley Greek seasoning

### Simply Tasty (Finger Food) – Hot

**Chicken Devil Wings:**  
Baked and marinated with honey and sweet chili  
**Homemade Meatballs:**  
Served with Tzatziki sauce  
**Chicken Tenderloin Fillet Strips:**  
Tossed in a sun-dried tomato and basil crumb mix and lightly fried

### Mixed Burgers (Main) – Hot

**Beef Sliders with Coleslaw:**  
Beef patty with Swiss cheese and relish on a mini brioche served with Coleslaw  
**Pork Sliders with Chinese Coleslaw:**  
Smokey Pulled Pork with Smokey BBQ Sauce on a seeded bun served with Coleslaw  
**Chicken Sliders with Coleslaw:**  
Mildly Spicy Chicken Bites with Aioli Sauce on a seeded bun served with Coleslaw

### Pita & Dips (Finger Food) – Cold

**Pita Bread:**  
With Tzatziki, Taramasalata dip and Eggplant dip

### Vego (Finger Food) – Hot

**Vegetarian Spring Rolls:**  
Served with Sweet Chili sauce  
**Arancini Rice Balls:**  
with tomato and oregano or pumpkin and parmesan  
**Spinach & Ricotta Triangles:**  
Spinach and Ricotta flavored savories with fresh herbs in a puff pastry

### From the Sea (Main) – Hot

**Salt and Pepper Calamari:**  
Served with spicy lemon Tartare sauce  
**Whiting Bites:**  
Served with a spicy Tartare sauce  
**Prawns skewers:**  
Accompanied with a lemon Tartare Sauce



# Murray Bridge Gold Cup & Christmas Cup

## COCKTAIL MENU

### Quick and Easy (Finger Food) – Hot

**Gourmet Pies:**

Served with Tomato sauce

**Gourmet Pasties:**

Served with Tomato sauce

**Gourmet Sausage Rolls:**

Served with Tomato or BBQ sauce

### Hot From the Oven (Finger Food) – Hot

**Mini Pizzas:**

Ham and pineapple, supreme and vegetarian

**Mini Quiches:**

Vegetarian, tomato, mushroom & cheese, and supreme mix

**Mini Hot Dog Puffs:**

mini Frankfurt wrapped with puff pastry

### Assorted Bruschetta (Finger Food) – Cold

**Tomato & Basil Bruschetta:**

Served on toasted wood oven bread

**Fetta cheese and Kalamata olive Bruschetta:**

Served on crisp and traditional wood oven bread

### Gourmet Antipasto – Cold

**Continental Platter:**

Fresh prosciutto, Hungarian salami, honey Smoked Ham, Char grilled red capsicum, eggplant, mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes and bocconcini

### Touch of Asia (Finger Food) – Cold

**Sushi:**

Tuna and avocado, California, vegetarian & Teriyaki chicken

**Prawn and Chicken Cold Rolls:**

served with a Vietnamese peanut dipping sauce

### Fruit Platter – Cold

**Fruit Platter:**

Slices of Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon, pineapple, strawberries, kiwi fruit and other seasonal fruits

### Cheese Platter – Cold

**Cheese Platter:**

Camembert, mature Cheddar and Tasmanian blue vein with dried apricots, figs and pears, mixed roasted nuts and Lavosh Biscuits

### Mediterranean Platter – Cold

Turkish pide bread lightly toasted and served with balsamic vinegar and extra virgin olive oil. Greek influenced Dolmades with yoghurt dipping sauce

# Murray Bridge Gold Cup & Christmas Cup

## COCKTAIL MENU

### Price per person – (Minimum 25 guests)

Choice of any three hot and any three cold platters

**\$33.00 per person inc GST**

Choice of any four hot and any four cold platters

**\$38.00 per person inc GST**

Choice of any five hot and any five cold platters

**\$42.00 per person inc GST**



# Murray Bridge Gold Cup & Christmas Cup

## PRIVATE MARQUEE BOOKING FORM

Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Invoicing details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- In signing this booking sheet, I agree to the following:**
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  - Full payment of the total account must be received by the Secretary of Murray Bridge Racing Club, seven working days prior to the event.
  - Any unused and undamaged beverages at the end of the raceday will be refunded.
  - Refunds will incur a handling fee.

| Package Details                              | NO. | Cost     |
|--|-----|----------|
| Marquee cost:                                |     | \$ _____ |
| Catering cost:                               |     | \$ _____ |
| Beverage package cost:                       |     | \$ _____ |
| Miscellaneous/ Power:                        |     | \$ _____ |
| Total:                                       |     | \$ _____ |
| Deposit (40% of total enclosed herein):      |     | \$ _____ |
| Balance (payable seven days prior to event): |     | \$ _____ |
| * Power \$20 per power point                 |     |          |

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Swanport Hotel Murray Bridge Christmas Cup

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018

This popular event is one of the best family social race days on the thoroughbred racing calendar. The beauty of the Christmas Cup is that it offers something for everyone - great food, racing, live music and entertainment for the whole family, all in an atmosphere of good cheer and celebration.

Featuring Games 2 U with video games, bumper balls and water tag - Don't forget a towel or change of clothes. Plus face painters, giveaways and an appearance from Santa himself.

Marquee packages are very popular, offering one of the most extensive and variable racing hospitality packages going around. Be sure to book early and secure your spot.

### Swanport Hotel Christmas Marquee \$120 per person

Situated in the midst of this day's festive atmosphere, the Christmas Marquee is in the prime trackside location.

**Package includes:**  
 Three Course Luncheon - Offering quality Murraylands grown products matched with a Drinks Package - Including beer, wine & bubbles package.

**Marquee open:**  
 11.30.am - 5pm  
 (Bar open from 11.30am to start of the last race)



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# Murray Bridge

## UPCOMING RACE DATES

### 2018

#### Transporters Raceday

Wednesday 15 August 2018

#### Spring Raceday

Wednesday 19 September 2018

#### Carlton Draught Murray Bridge Gold Cup

Friday 19 October 2018

#### Daish Irrigation & Fodder Race Day

Wednesday 14 November 2018

#### Swanport Hotel Christmas Cup Raceday

Sunday 2 December 2018



### 2019

#### New Year's Day Races

Tuesday 1 January 2019

#### Sunday Raceday Family Day

Sunday 27 January 2019

#### Summer Raceday

Wednesday 13 February 2019

#### Tailem Bend Raceday

Wednesday 6 March 2019

#### Memorial Raceday

Wednesday 17 April 2019

#### Autumn Raceday

Wednesday 15 May 2019

#### Queen's Birthday Holiday Raceday

Monday 10 June 2019

#### Hotelier's Raceday

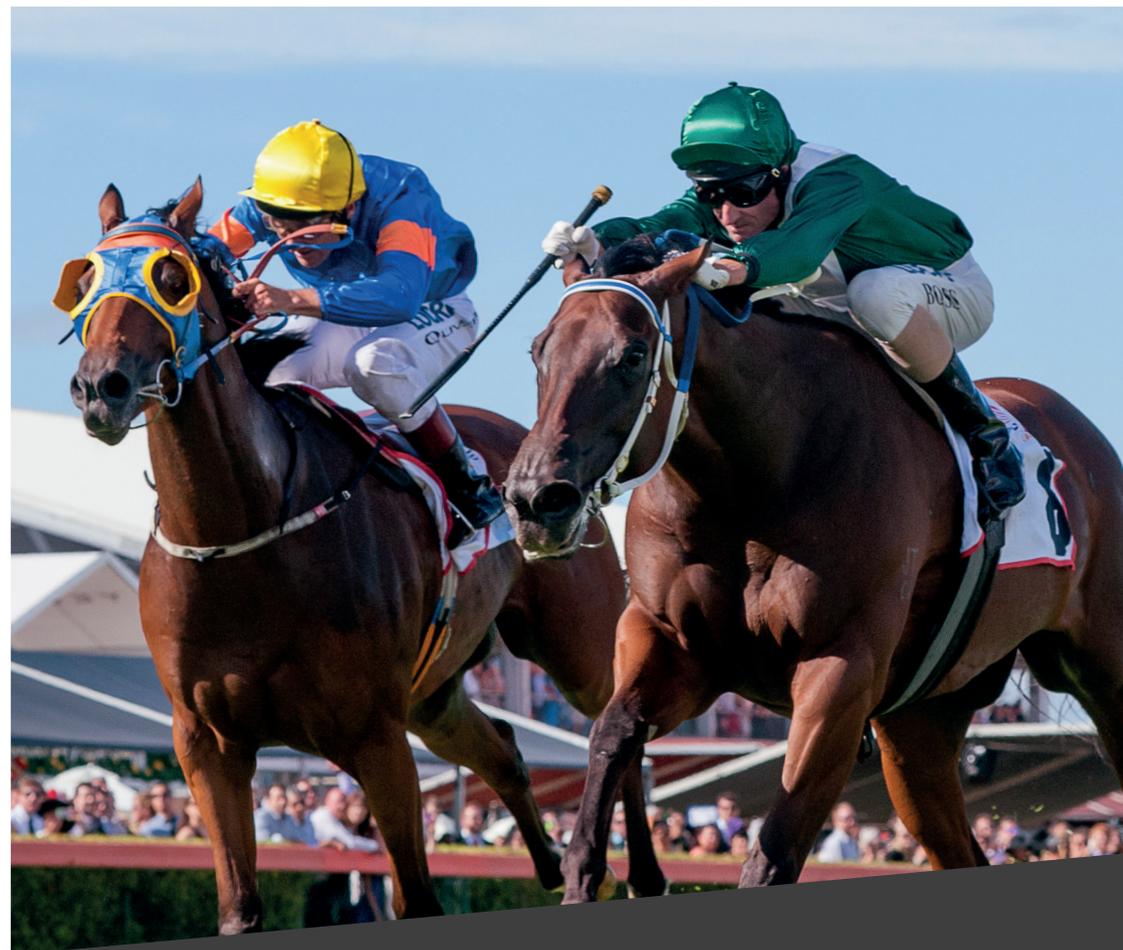
Wednesday 3 July 2019

#### Saturday Raceday

Saturday 13 July 2019

#### Winter Raceday

Wednesday 24 July 2019



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