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SA DERBY NOW \$500,000 PRIZEMONEY

The new South Australian Racing Carnival to be held next autumn now has its second half-million dollar race with the Group 1 SA Derby increasing in prizemoney by a further \$50,000.

The \$50,000 prizemoney boost from the South Australian Jockey Club (SAJC) comes on top of the \$100,000 previously announced by Thoroughbred Racing SA (TRSA) and represents a 43% increase on last year's race.

SAJC CEO Brenton Wilkinson said the prizemoney increase added further incentive for trainers, with the SA Derby carrying qualification criteria towards a start in the Emirates Melbourne Cup.

"At a time when Australian trainers are finding it increasingly difficult to qualify their horses for the Melbourne Cup, the SA Derby offers an opportunity for trainers with quality three-year olds to qualify for the Cup while also competing for their share of half a million dollars," he said.

"We are enthusiastic about welcoming and working with trainers keen to seize the opportunity to stake their claim at the South Australian Racing Carnival."

The Derby becomes the second half-million dollar race of the Carnival alongside the Group 1 Distinctive Homes Goodwood.

"The total prizemoney which will be paid over the three Saturdays of the Carnival next autumn will be \$3.55 million, which will certainly achieve the desired focus on South Australian racing at that time," said Jim Watters, Chief Executive of TRSA.

Highlights of the 2012 South Australian Racing Carnival include:

- Ladies Day (April 28th) with the Group 1 Sporting Bet Classic (\$400,000) and Group 1 Schweppes Australasian Oaks (\$400,000) plus the Queen of the South (Group 2);
- Derby Day (May 5th) with the Group 1 SA Derby (now with \$500,000), two listed races and the \$100,000 Provincial Super Series Final; and
- Super Saturday (May 12th) with the Group 1 Distinctive Homes Goodwood (\$500,000), three Group 3 races and four Listed races with minimum stakes of \$100,000.

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