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Irish Day on the move

Thoroughbred Racing SA and the South Australian Jockey Club have moved the 2013 Irish Day race meeting by one week to maximise the opportunities for jumps racing participants between South Australia and Victoria.

Irish Day will now be held at Morphettville on **Saturday 7th September**, one week later than the previously scheduled date of 31st August.

TRSA CEO Jim Watters said the decision had been made following the rescheduling of the Australian Steeplechase and Australian Hurdle to Wednesday 28th August at Sandown in Melbourne.

“These two key events on the Australian jumps racing calendar were abandoned last Saturday when the Melbourne Racing Club was forced to cancel racing at Sandown Park due to heavy rain affecting the racing surface,” Jim said.

“The move to Saturday 7th September for Irish Day, which hosts both a steeplechase and hurdle event, will maximise the opportunities available to jumpers, while the scheduling of the Melbourne features late in August should further encourage jumpers to continue competing through what is the latter part of their season.”

A move to an early/mid August date for the Melbourne events was discounted to avoid a clash with South Australia’s Grand National Hurdle and Steeplechase on Saturdays 10th and 17th August respectively. Late August became the best option with the Melbourne Club still keen to run the events at one of its city tracks, with the Sandown meeting on 28th August the obvious choice.

While the rescheduled date avoids a clash with the SAJC’s two major jumping events, it would result in a clash with the Club’s Irish Day, one of the Club’s main race days of the year, only three days later.

Irish Day has been run on the first Saturday in September for the past two years.

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