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How the numbers stack up

It is good to do an analysis of results over recent years and see a greater percentage of winners and more winners from each crop than existed in previously. That may be a surprise to many of us, but facts are facts.

The 2009 crop resulted in 52% starters and 34% winners up to the end of 2022. The 2016 crop at the end of 2022 produced 61% starters, with 49% winners – a noteworthy improvement. The 2018 crop, with just two racing seasons under their belt, was standing at 60% starters and 42% winners. These are not HRA figures, and this is not the national system. We are just presenting the facts from the racing figures we have access to.

Overall it represents a significant improvement on yesteryear in terms of horses successfully getting to the track for their owners and or owner/breeders. While a percentage of every crop cannot race for reasons of injury, death, defect at birth or other (up to 20% in this category), it recognises that some changes have worked, and owners and breeders are putting more effort into getting their horses to the track and achieving success on the track. Congratulations everyone – lets see the figures go even higher!

WASBA Raffle and Stallion Tender - Thank you

Thank you for supporting our Raffle and Stallion Tender. We try to provide the best available stallions, as well as a choice of bloodlines across the price range, including newer stallions. In the current environment with competing interests it is difficult to obtain the best options for you. Some Tender stallions remain available.

The money we raise is *entirely returned to the industry* – supplementing stakes, breeding vouchers, awards to breeders, trophies rugs and garlands to Westbreds and winners of our mares' races, and rehoming support.

All ticket purchasers or Stallion Tenderers who were WASBA members in the 2022/23 season and pay/paid their 2023/24 membership (WASBA membership is \$20 single or \$30 family) before 30 September 2023 will be included in a draw for 10 \$500 breeding vouchers to be used on stallion services at our sponsor studs - Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud Farm, Cobbitty Equine, KTC Bloodstock, Northern River/Llowalong Farms, Shanks Standardbreds, Soho Standardbreds, Westbred Pacing and Woodlands Stud.

If you haven't paid your membership yet, please call **0418 207 079** (Howard) or **0447 053 040** (Jeanine) to pay by credit card or pay by direct deposit (WASBA Westpac Bank account BSB 036 043 account 129810) using your surname as a reference OR you can complete the membership form online and pay securely by credit card (just have your credit card handy after you submit your form).

WASBA Member Service fee discounts

BUT THERE'S MORE. Cobbitty Equine is offering WASBA members a 10% discount on service fees for their Australian domiciled stallions!. That includes, Bling It On, For A Reason, My General Lee, Ultimate Machete NZ and three times Grand Circuit champion King Of Swing NZ

Alabar have early bird discounts (pay before 30 September) and multiple mare discounts available except for their shuttle stallions. They are also offering our members **10% discount on service fees on their Australasian bred stallions Elite Stride, Ride High, The Storm Inside, Vincent NZ as well as Rock N Roll Heaven USA and Majestic Son CA.**

All Westbred progeny, whether Westsired or otherwise, earn Bonuses in 2YO and 3YO races less than \$22,000, for first to 4th place AND receive \$500 on their first race start. This season's Bonuses total **\$2.3 million so far.**

Looking for a WA based stallion for the Westsired advantage?

WA based stallions give you a *double Westbred Win bonus* when their WA born Westsired progeny win any WA 2yo or 3yo race under \$22,000. Westsired foals of 2020 onwards earn a win bonus of \$2,550 to \$5,100 if Westbred or \$5,100 to \$10,200 if you are Westsired, depending on the stakes tier. Check the details [here](#) .

[Our website](#) , [HRA's website](#), stud websites and Facebook pages are being updated regularly.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES



2yo	\$150,000 Golden Slipper is on 29 September
3yo	\$50,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic is on 22 September
	\$35,000 Battle of Bunbury is on 27 September
	\$150,000 WA Oaks is on 6 October
	\$11,000 Council Derbies are at Bunbury 11 October (South Western Districts), Northam 17 October (North Eastern Districts) and Narrogin 28 October (Great Southern Districts)
	\$50,000 Western Gateway is on 20 October
	\$200,000 WA Derby is on 3 November
Mares	\$30,000 Fillies and Mares Restricted Spring Feature is on 13 October (HWOE<\$70,000)
	\$50,000 The Schrader Fillies and Mares is on 20 October

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ This is what you can do when you win a race in the US! This is 9yo Vivid Wise As (Yankee Glide) from Italy winning the \$1 million Yonkers International Trot with driver Matthieu Abrivard celebrating. You have to ask. Why cant we make winning look like fun in Australia? Is it that the rules need to be modified by looking at what other countries do? Our drivers are equal to the best, as the McCarthys and the Dunns have shown.



It was a rain soaked track with Vivid Wise As racing without shoes, as they often do in the US. He led all the way with the only mare in the field, Jiggy Jog S, finished second. France's 2022 Elotloppet winner Etonnant (Timoko) faded to 4th after challenging, with the Australian contender Aldebaran Zeus (Muscle Hill) finishing a solid 5th after drawing awkwardly.

☑ Breeders Crown winner **Lost In Time** 1:48.4 goes to stud in 2024 with over \$700,000 in earnings from just 13 lifetime starts. He is the first son of **A Rocknroll Dance** to stand at stud. Lost In Time is likely to join many of the very good US and Canadian performers that will never be available in Australia. Many of these sires, like Boston Red Rocks (Rocknroll Hanover), JK Endofanera (Art Major), Rockin Image (Rocknroll Hanover), So Surreal (Somebeachsomewhere), Tellitlikeitis (Well Said) have either got bloodlines we are familiar with or would love to have, with their progeny doing extremely well in State Sires Series races. Not all horses are staked to the premium races in the northern hemisphere, which makes it difficult for them to make their mark at stud and with southern hemisphere breeders. That doesn't mean they aren't good enough.

☑ The leading 3yo colts and geldings – except Confederate – are in the Little Brown Jug, including current top contenders **It's My Show (Sweet Lou)** 1:46.4; \$687,215, **Stockade Seelster (State Treasurer)** 1:48.4 \$1,031,487 and **Cannibal (Sweet Lou)** 1:48.1 \$444,978 in Heat 3, **Seven Colors (Stay Hungry)** 1:48.1 \$497,370 (Heat 2), and **Voukefalas (Lazarus)** 1:49.2 \$568,750 and **Hungry Angel Boy (Stay Hungry)** 1:48.2 \$270,645 (Heat 1). The Little Brown Jug is run on the half mile Delaware track with a two heat - same day requirement. You have to be good and tough to win. Unlike the others, Seven Colors has a lifetime best on a half mile track. Voukefalas' sire Lazarus won on the half mile Gloucester Park track and Stay Hungry, sire of Seven Colors and Hungry Angel Boy, won but was disqualified in his Heat of the Little Brown Jug.

The Juggette for 3yo fillies has been run and won, by **Ucandoitbluechip (Keystone Velocity)** in 1:50.2 from **Zanatta (Stay Hungry)** with both fillies winning their Eliminations.

☑ Speaking of **Confederate (Sweet Lou)**, he became the fastest 3yo pacer of all time, setting a world record in winning his 5th straight race in a \$80,000 leg of the Kentucky Sire Stakes at The Red Mile, by 5 lengths in 1:46.1. Confederate went on to win the \$400,000 Final with ease.

His time was just 0.6 seconds off the fastest mile in harness racing history, 1:45.4, set by Bulldog Hanover in 2022.

The former world record of 1:46.4 was held by four horses – the mighty Somebeachsomewhere (2008), He's Watching (2014), Cattlewash (2020) and It's My Show (2023). It was the only two times this season that Confederate raced without the legal medication Lasix, which is not allowed in Kentucky.



☑ A total of 32 rule and bylaw change proposals have been submitted to the US Trotting Association and will be voted upon by the full board of USTA Directors in March 2024. The USTA takes a much more meaningful consultative and collaborative approach than what we are used to here when reviewing and discussing prospective rule changes. It's a very transparent process. Prior to the final decisions, each proposal will be discussed at each of the USTA's district meetings. USTA members in attendance at each district meeting will review and vote to provide a recommendation to the full Board of Directors for each proposal.

☑ The 2022 Adios and Little Brown Jug winner **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** won the \$250,000 Aria Invitational Pace at Yonkers Raceway in a track-record 2:21.2 for 1-1/4 miles. That's just shy of 1:53 on the half mile Yonkers Circuit. The win moved him up to 3rd on the Hambletonian Society's Breeders Crown poll, behind Confederate (Sweet Lou) and Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki), both winning 7 of their first 8 starts this year.

☑ **Dancin Champion (Sweet Lou-Dancewiththebest)** paced his way to a mild upset win in the 4th leg of the \$80,000 Kentucky Championship Series for 2yo colts and geldings at the Red Mile. Dancin Champion is a half brother to world champion and three-time Ohio Older Pacer of the Year, Dancin Yankee (Yankee Cruiser) 1:47.2 \$2 million and a full brother to the Cobbitty shuttle stallion **Dancin Lou** 1:47.2 \$991,441.

☑ Millionaire **Southwind Amazon (Camluck)**, with his 129th win in 1:54.1 late August, is now the second winningest harness horse of all time having just passed the tally of legend Rambling Willie. Nine wins to go.

☑ **Seven Colors (Stay Hungry)** won the \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championships at Harrah's Philadelphia in 1:48.1 closing in 26.2, equalling the previous track record that he holds with A Rocknroll Dance. He has won 7 from 14 this season and won all 3 starts since his change of ownership after running 2nd to Confederate in August.

The \$252,000 PASS Championship for 3yo fillies was won by **Odds On Hail Mary (Heston Blue Chip)**, setting a new world record for a 3yo pacing filly on a 5/8ths mile track.

\$50,000 Consolations are run for both these events, giving more horses a chance to share in good prizemoney.

The fillies 2yo \$252,000 Final was won by the unbeaten filly **Geocentric (Sweet Lou USA)** whose dam was unraced but her dam was champion mare See You At Peelers (Bettors Delight) 1:49.2 \$1.6 million. Geocentric retained her unbeaten record in winning the \$400,000 2YO Fillies Kentucky Championship.



☑ Geocentric is the leading 2yo on stakes in the US, just ahead of **Better Is Nice (Bettors Wish), Clever Cody (The Panderosa) and Boston Rocks (Boston Red Rocks)**. Better Is Nice won the \$400,000 2YO Colts Kentucky Championship. Boston Rocks won the \$225,000 2YO Colts and Geldings New York Sires Stakes Final.

☑ Still punching above their weight as first season sires in the US are Alabar shuttle stallion **Bettors Wish (Bettors Delight)** and Woodlands shuttle stallion **Lather Up (Im Georgeous)** and who are following each other closely in the leading sires list for 2yos and currently stand at 9th and 10th. The usual suspects (Captaintreacherous, Sweet Lou) lead, but Huntsville and Bettors Delight are right behind them ahead of Downbytheseaside, Stay Hungry, Fear The Dragon, American Ideal and a surprisingly good effort from Tellitlikeitis 11th.

Sweet Lou leads the 3yo list ahead of Huntsville, Downbytheseaside, Captaintreacherous, Stay Hungry, Always B Miki, American Ideal.

These figures are impacted by State Sires Series results, as they should be.

☑ **Lazarus**, who is just behind the top 3yo sires this year, had success in both the \$150,000 3YO New Jersey Classic Finals with gelding Voukefalas and filly Odds On Cinamon both being successful.

☑ \$2.5 million earner, the NZ bred **Bit Of A Legend (Bettors Delight)** is on the board with a couple of nice winners including 2yo filly A Bit Crazy who cost \$5,500 as a yearling and has won 8 races on the Ohio Fair harness racing circuit. Her owners want to make sure that she will accumulate enough points to make the lucrative \$50,000 Fair Championship that will be contested at Northfield Park in October. Food for thought.

☑ **Rock N Roll World** (dec) is having success in the US with his 3yos in the State Sires Series in Maine. 3yo colt Luke McGook with \$200,000 in earnings had 7 successive wins before losing to another son of Rock N Roll World in Colt Bennett. These horses aren't racing in the big time and don't have to – there is a significant number of State Sires Series races across most harness racing states.

☑ \$260,000 yearling sale purchase **Legendary Hanover (Huntsville)** may well pay off his purchase price, with his 6th win from 6 starts after adding his Metro Pace Elimination to his wins in the Dream Maker, Nassagaweya and Champlain, taking his earnings to \$174,000.

☑ 5yo mare **Grace Hill (Always B Miki)** is on a role up in Canada, winning the C\$220,000 Fillies and Mares Milton Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park by 2 lengths from a star studded field in 1:48. She has 27 wins from 57 starts and C\$1.7 million in earnings. Her driver indicated her record would have been even better if he had driven her more patiently in some of her losses. She cost \$75,000 as a yearling.

☑ 6yo entire **Tattoo Artist**, by forgotten sire **Hes Watching**, was an emphatic winner of the \$260,000 Ewart Memorial in 1:48.2. The race saw the return of Beach Glass after a long absence from racing. Beach Glass was driven aggressively from the 9 barrier to lead early before tiring. The win by Tattoo Artist was his 3rd consecutive win after dominating in his heat and the final of the \$615,000 Canadian Pacing Derby, defeating heat winner Bythemissal. Tattoo Artist lost to Bulldog Hanover in the 2022 Canadian Pacing Derby. Tattoo Artist has now won 34 races and \$2.8 million with a lifetime best 1:47.1.

☠ Sad to see that **McArdle (Falcon Seelster-Lilting Laughter)** passed away this month at the age of 24. As a racehorse, he set his lifetime mark of 1:49 as a 3yo and earned \$2,455,609 while winning 28 races. McArdle shuttled to Nevele R Farm, New Zealand. He was the sire of some very fast and durable horses. His progeny earned over \$86 million and he sired 7 millionaires including **McWicked** 1:46.2 \$4,930,967, World Champion **One More Laugh** 1:47.4 \$2,690,593 and Ohio Champion **Charlie May** 1:47.1 \$2,020,385.

☑ 8yo **Patrickthepiranha (Four Starzzz Shark)**, won at The Meadows in 1:50.3, taking his lifetime stakes to \$475,000. Also winning, and with the same previous owners, was 8yo **Its Rock N Roll (A Rocknroll Dance)**

who made it five in a row and took his season stakes to \$121,290 in winning in 1:52.2 at Harrington. All his wins during the streak have come from outside draws. His earlier big win was in the \$50,000 Governors Cup during the Delaware State Fair at Harrington Raceway.

And elsewhere....

☑ The \$2.1 million Eureka is over for 2023. Although it remains a sore point that breeders have provided the greater portion of the stakes, it's still congratulations to the connections and shareholders in all the horses, but particularly 4yo mare **Encipher (Captaintreacherous USA)** who stunned the boys with her finishing burst. There are some jurisdictions who wont select mares in big races because "they haven't proved themselves", but here we have an example of connections believing they had the right horse for the right race, and they were right. Can we make sure that we can watch some exciting races across Australia where selectors have the desire to make the big races more interesting without all the contenders having crossed paths several times.



☑ After running 3rd in the Eureka, 4yo **Captain Ravishing (Captaintreacherous USA)** is entered for the New Zealand Cup in November. It was a great performance by Captain Ravishing who was first up after a number of delays to his Eureka preparation and he is expected to go at least as well as the Taiba's previous star runner, Sushi Sushi who ran 3rd to Terror To Love in 2012. Captain Ravishing will not be a starter in the Victoria Cup to be run on 14 October, with other targets in mind.

☑ Eureka winner **Encipher**, who had previously won 6 Group 1s and \$580,000 in stakes, is aiming for a win in the Victoria Cup. Should she win, she will be the first mare to do so. **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** who has returned to Queensland for a freshener may also be a starter in the Victoria Cup depending on his recovery from a very tough Eureka in which he breezed most of the way. Other potential runners include Hunter Cup winner **Honolua Bay (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, Inter Dominion placegetter **Act Now (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** and Chariots Of Fire and Miracle Mile winner **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)** who may have disappointed some but these horses are not robots. Another serious contender is defending Victoria Cup winner **Rock N Roll Doo (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** who has won the \$150,000 Len Smith Mile and Maryborough Cup in the last few weeks.

☑ Another 4yo mare, **Amore Vita NZ (Art Major USA)** has written her name in the record books by being just the second mare to make a clean sweep of the Vicbred series by winning the 2yo, 3yo and 4yo legs. The only other mare with similar credential is Maajida (Somebeachsomewhere USA), with both mares having earned around \$650,000 and with a best time close to 1:50.

Three of the Vicbred Series races were won by sons or daughters of Captaintreacherous – 2yo colt **Stormryder**, 3yo filly **Sahara Breeze**, 3yo colt **Petracca**, with the remaining two pacing winners being 2yo filly **Draw A Dream (Hes Watching USA)** who was passed in for \$12,000 and is unbeaten in 4 starts so far, and gelding **Solesseo Matuca (A Rocknroll Dance USA)** for his new owners. Stormryder is a grandson of former Australian 2 & 3YO Filly of the year in **Lady Waratah (Walton Hanover USA)** 1:59.5 \$564,770

☑ The Congratulations Bernie Winkle 300th Pace at Mildura was won by, you guessed it, 10yo **Bernie Winkle (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** bringing up his 63rd win for over \$660,000 in stakes. It's always important for the race program to provide the right races for the racing horses, including the older brigade.

☑ **Better Be The Best**, by the WA based **Shoobees Place USA**, will temporarily have a new trainer in preparation for the NSW Breeders Challenge Series. Better Be The Best has brilliantly won his major races against top competition. His sire Shoobees Place has also relocated but remains in WA.

Spurrs Stud, who previously stood Shoobees Place, have added a different bloodline to the state and will stand **Goodtime Sammy (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, the brilliant winner of his first 4 starts before injury curtailed his career. Contact Kevin Spurr 0429 104 145.

☑ Winners are grinders and the owner/breeder connections of 2yo **Sir Knight (Lazarus NZ)** certainly were that when they beat the odds (over 100/1) to win the \$100,000 Cobbitty Equine NSW Breeders Challenge Final for 2YO Colts & Geldings. Sir Knight hadn't won previously but in only 5 starts had shown a lot of ability. You've got to be in it to win it. It was also the first Group 1 in Australia for Lazarus.

☑ HRNSW has shown some initiative and is revitalizing its Carnival of Cups programs with some great incentives. Some of Australia's most prominent bands will provide entertainment, while \$300,000 in bonuses is being offered across the 5 venues. Plaudits to Queensland and NSW for their promotions.

☑ Two of the top mares racing in Australia (other than Encipher) are both either back or soon to be, with Tough Tilly (Captaintreacherous USA) a recent winner and Ladies In Red (Mach Three CA) not far off racing.

☹ Disqualifications for some of the stars of harness racing in Jason Grimson and Jack Trainor was something we all could have done without, given the superb success and excitement produced by the combination in recent times. Jack Trainor currently has a stay of proceedings after appealing the disqualification. Jason had his disqualification quashed on appeal.

Breeding Theories

The principles are the same regardless of the gait.

The fastest 2yo trotters in the US this season are the filly **Allegiant (Tactical Landing)** 1:52.2 and the unbeaten colt Karl (Tactical Landing) 1:52.1.

Allegiant is the 14th foal from her unraced dam, with her next 3 dams winning less than \$12,000. Allegiant's dam was 22 when she foaled Allegiant and had produced 10 \$100,000 earners and 12 winners from 13 eligible to race, by the time Allegiant reached the yearling sale and sold for a modest \$50,000.



There are two principles here – breeding from older mares, and breeding from relatively unsuccessful or unraced mares. Perfect Sting (Always B Miki USA) 1:48.1 \$1,808,147 and his dam Shebestingin 1:47 \$759,000 are two of many good examples of the latter, along with the leading 3yo in the US this year Confederate, and Australian/NZ champions Amazing Dream, Bling It On, Vultan Tin, Catch A Wave.

Some very good horses from older mares include Litte Brown Jug winner Courtly Choice – 15th foal, World Champion Lather Up – 10th foal. Sweet Future (Falcons Future) has this record – 2nd foal Bettor Sweet \$2.8 million, 5th foal Sweet Lou \$3.5 million, 10th foal Nutcracker Sweet \$520,000, and 13th foal at age 22 - C Is For Cookie, who is the leading earner by Betting Line this year.

Water Lou is the 8th foal from her then 18yo dam, and Never Ending is the 8th foal from his then 17yo dam. Both of these dams won less than \$3,000 in stakes.

The statistics on older mares are always skewed negatively, as they do not receive the same breeding opportunity as younger mares. If you want to read an interesting article go [here](#)

All mares should be healthy when considered for breeding, and maintained well throughout the pregnancy to maximise the chances of a successful pregnancy. Late pregnancy issues need to be monitored and assistance sought immediately a problem is identified, either by behaviour or physical evidence. Always seek assistance when it's needed or when you are unsure. We do recommend that skilled assistance is very close at hand, foaling alarms are used, and preferably use the services of dedicated breeding establishments.

Registering your foals

Don't forget one of the most important things you need to do to save you money – register your foal early. Its an exciting time of year and sometimes the basic business is overlooked, but the 3 tier structure currently in place in WA for foal registrations is much cheaper if you get this done early. The same applies in most states. Results of all final services/pregnancies need to be registered, even if your mare has missed, slipped or no live foal.

In WA, if you have not received your Service Certificate by the time the foal is born, please contact RWWA's Licensing and Registrations by phone 9445 5558 or email licreginfo@rwwa.com.au to notify them that you have a foal born, with some details including sex, colour and date of birth, and they will waive any late fees provided that you forward the Service Certificate promptly after receiving it. Scan (or photograph) a copy of the completed Service Certificate for your records, in case you need to refer to it later.

It is the owners responsibility to register the foal. The fee is \$133 in WA if RWWA receives your completed registration within the first 35 days of birth of the foal, and it increases after that. The RWWA fee structure is available from the Registrations & Forms link at the top of the RWWA home page, or use this link <https://www.rwwa.com.au/industry/registrations-forms/>

Diamond, Pearl and Westbred Classics

Another stunning group of 2yos and 3yos competing in our major juvenile features this year, with some future champions evident. What makes it even better is that 60 individual horses competed in the 6 events including 36 in the 2yo Pearl, Diamond and Westbred Classics.

There were 22 sires represented, with Sweet Lou USA tops with starters as well as 2 winners. A wide range of stallions and service fees were represented as well as new sires. Other winning sires were American Ideal USA, Captaintreacherous USA and Sunshine Beach USA while place-getters included Art Major USA, Betting Line USA, Fly Like An Eagle, Huntsville USA, Lazarus NZ, My Hard Copy NZ and Ultimate Machete NZ.

The \$100,000 2YO Diamond Classic was first up, with Heat winners, all favourites, In A Wink NZ (Bettors Delight USA) , Xceptional Arma (American Ideal USA). and an impressive 20m win by unbeaten Sales Classic winner **Water Lou (Sweet Lou USA)**. Drawing 9 in the Final did not stop this brilliant filly, who sped out to lead and went on to a brilliant win in the \$100,000 Diamond Classic.



A \$65,000 purchase from the 2022 WA APG Sale bred by KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles, Water Lou is the 7th winner from her non winning dam **Living Hei (Live Or Die USA)**. Other winners include **Erskine Range (Four Starzzz Shark USA)** 1:54 \$255,480. Other locally raced horses from the family include **Pinny Tiger (Mach Three CA)** 1:51.2 \$218,638 and **Courage Tells NZ (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:54.1 \$433,861.

The \$100,000 Pearl was next with another group of impressive Heat winners starting as favourites in Gold Bullion winner Ten To The Dozen (Art Major USA), Thelittle Master (Vincent) winning his 5th in a row and the unbeaten Sales Classic winner Waverider (Downbytheseaside USA). The \$100,000 Pearl Final produces some surprises with a star emerging in **Menemsha (Sunshine Beach USA)**, bred by Karnup Racing, proving to be too strong over the final stages to emerge victorious.

The 3YO Westbred Classics were next, with short priced favourite **August Moon (Captainteacherous USA)** starting favourite and lining up from 3 for her 5th win in a row, going straight to the lead and winning impressively by 7m. In the \$100,000 Colts and Geldings it was **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)** still a short favourite despite the 9 barrier and blotting his copybook with a loss the previous week, restraining before going forward 3 wide at the 1000m to take the lead with a lap to go, maintaining the speed over the last half to a super win by 10m.

August Moon, bred by the late Harry Capararo, was a \$38,000 purchase from the 2021 APG WA Yearling Sale, out of **My Samantha Jane NZ (Extreme Three CA)** 1:57.4 15 wins \$166,426. The dam of My Samantha Jane is an unraced half sister to 3 winners including **Shady Falcon NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)** 1:57.6 \$109,619. Clarendon Hustler (Blissfull Hall USA) 1:54.4 \$125,812 and Group 1 winner Jack Brandon NZ are members of the family, with the most famous member being champion Queenslander Stormy Water who raced in the late 60s and went on to a successful stud career. It's not a very deep family but just goes to show you never can tell where that next star is coming from.



August Moon takes the 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic

Gary Hall Jnr doubles up with Never Ending in the 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic



Never Ending, sold for \$75,000 at the 2021 APG WA Yearling Sale by Steve Johnson, does have a lot to live up to, being a half brother to Group 1 Pearl Classic winner **Isiah Artois (Modern Art USA)** and Group 3 Pinjarra Daintys Daughter Classic winner **Mandy Joan (Art Major USA)** 1:54.9 \$168,564. Their dam Endless Journey is a half sister to **Fake Embrace (Fake Left USA)** 1:53.4 37 wins \$240,249 and Like A Dame (Die Laughing USA) 2:02.2 \$10,312, the dam of champion **David Hercules (Artesian USA)** 1:52.7 39 wins \$1,263,159. The close up family also includes **Major Martini (Art Major USA)** 1:54.8 \$322,483, Otis, Hugh Victor, Kerrin Joseph and multiple other metropolitan winners.

The biggest (in terms of stakes) 2yo races were a week later, with winner **Xceptional Arma (American Ideal USA)** getting a good spot 3 on the pegs after starting inside the back line, getting the opening at the 600m to be in the moving line, running home strongly 4 wide on the turn then finishing powerfully to win the \$215,000 Fillies Westbred Classic by 6m. After his effort in the Pearl Classic Heat and Final, it was **Menemsha** again in the \$215,000 Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic after starting from 5 and breezing all the way to win by 2.4m.

Xceptional Arma comes from a great family with her breeders Liam O'Connor and Jim Currie having a terrific few months with a win in the WASBA Raffle as well as a number of "Arma" progeny being recently successful and their former yearling sale purchases Patrickthepiranha and Its Rock And Roll being successful in the US. Xceptional Arma is one of 4 top class winners from her dam **Arma Xpress**



Xceptional Arma salutes with Maddison Brown

(Artiscape USA) 1:56.5 \$279,890 - Group 1 Golden Slipper, 2YO Fillies Sales Classic, Group 2 Champagne Classic and Westbred Classic and Group 3 Gold Bracelet winner. Arma Xpress is a daughter of lightly raced Arma Antoinette who is a daughter of Arma Class (Talk About Class USA) 2:06 \$19,765, the granddam of

Group 1 and multiple Group winner **Excel Stride (Aces N Sevens USA)** 1:50.3 \$769,464. This is an extremely high class female line stemming from **Ar Miss NZ (Armbro Del USA)** and includes champion NZ Oaks, NZ Cup and Auckland Cup winning mare **Armaight NZ (Timely Knight USA)** 1:55.4 \$279,560, **Ohoka Punter NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:52.4 \$1,177,323, Miracle Mile winner **Spankem NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:47.7 \$1,264,572 and many others.

Purchased for \$47,500 at the 2022 WA APG Sale, **Menemsha** is a half brother to the good racemare **Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.6 \$103,276 winner of the WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares and the Northam Village Kid Sprint and dam of **Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ)** 1:54.2 \$224,681. Menemsha is 100% US bred with his dam Falcons Gem NZ (Falcon Seelster USA) being a granddaughter of the Warm Breeze USA mare Emerald



Breeze USA, imported by National Bloodstock NZ. This family has some very big names including the sires **Die Laughing USA**, **Hilarion USA** and a number of others with over \$500,000 in the bank.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Who is responsible for there being no promotion of our \$215,000 2YO Westbred Classics?
- ♣ Good buying and training by Aiden de Campo – 1st and 2nd in the Pearl then 1st to 3rd in the 2YO Westbred Colts and Geldings
- ♣ Chris Lewis 6000 career victories – what a phenomenal achievement
- ♣ Driver Colin Brown retiring from race driving after 47 years – its been a pleasure to know Colin personally. What a wonderful contributor to the industry
- ♣ The way all the people at Kellerberrin treated Colin Brown on what would be his last outing to the track. That's what makes our industry great.!



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – August 2023

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

It's another smaller owner breeder this month, and a first time starter winning first up as a 3yo and winning his next two starts as well!. It's *congratulations* to our *Breeder of the Month* for *August 2023*, Colin and Annie Belton as the breeder of 3yo gelding **Louie Dior (Sweet Lou USA** out of Dior Mia More by **Tintin In America NZ)** Louie lacked maturity as a 2yo although he did go through a prep, and came through that a stronger horse.

Starting in two trials before his first race start (winning both of them) he then proceeded to win his first start by over 20m in his current lifetime best 1:56.5, and his next start by 13m before settling for a win by 3m at his 3rd lifetime start, all in August. He has since won a metropolitan race before starting in the 2YO Westbred Classic

Louie Dior is the result of winning a service to Sweet Lou USA in a raffle, with the service being used with 2016 WASBA Country Oaks winner **Dior Mia More** 1:53.2 \$77,806, who set her lifetime best in her very first race start. Dior Mia More was the first of 5 winners from 5 foals for her dam **I Am Special (Live Or Die USA)** 1:57.4 \$74,744, whose wins included the 2009 WASBA Breeders Stakes. I Am Special is a half sister to 7 other winners from her dam **Kelty Star NZ (Caprock USA)** including **Chiaroscuro (Art Major USA)** 1:54.9 \$231,127



Other locally raced members of this family include 2019 Golden Slipper winner **Jaspervellabeach (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, Vicbred 2YO, 3YO and 4YO winner **Maajida (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:50.3 \$684,518, **Scruffy Murphy (Albert Albert USA)** 1:56.5 \$526,357, **Mister Daytona NZ (American Ideal USA)** 1:50.6 \$499,854 and **Millwood Faith NZ (Ohoka Arizona NZ)** 1:55.6 \$284,229.

Congratulations Colin and Annie Belton, owner breeders and trainer of **Louie Dior**.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIREs AUGUST 2023

There were 24 Westsired winners of 27 races in August 2023, representing 6 sires, with the leading sires being **Fly Like An Eagle** (10 winners of 11 races), followed by **Follow The Stars** with 7 winners of 8 races. For the 8 months of the season the leading sire of Westsired winners is Follow The Stars with 45 winners, followed by Fly Like An Eagle (31).

There were 3 dual winners for the month – **Bravo Christiano** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Allaglow** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Tempt The Stars** (Follow The Stars). Along with his wins at Bunbury and Pinjarra Bravo Christiano was a first time winner so also collected the \$11,700 in bonuses for his first career win as a 4yo. Two year old Tempt The Stars was also a first time winner and collected \$21,300 in First Win and other bonuses for the month.

Other first time Westsired winners were **Philthejug** (Follow The Stars), **Relatively Arma** (Renaissance Man), **Arkarama Star** (Follow The Stars) and **Flys At Night** (Fly Like An Eagle).

Westsired progeny received nearly \$135,000 in Westbred, First Win and First Start Bonuses in August 2023, and for the first 8 months of the season the total bonuses paid to connections of Westsired progeny is \$954,000.

There were 2 metropolitan level Westsired winners in August – both are included under the results for fillies and mares.

WESTBRED WINNERS – AUGUST 2023

There were 174 races run in August 2023 with 94 individual Westbreds winning 111 (63.8%) of these races – this is the best result for August for quite some time and over 5% higher than August last year.

There were 36 sires with winning Westbreds in August, with the leading sire standing outside WA being **Sweet Lou USA** with 9 winners of 13 races followed by **American Ideal USA** (6 of 8) and **Art Major USA** (5 of 7).

For the 8 month period January to August 2023 the leading Westbred sire standing outside WA is still **American Ideal USA** with 19 winners of 47 races followed by **Sweet Lou USA** (17 of 42). Mach Three CA, Betterthancheddar USA, Betting Line USA, Rock N Roll Heaven USA, Art Major USA, Bettors Delight USA and Sportswriter USA all have double digit winners with wins in the mid to high 20s.

In addition to the Westsired dual winners there were 12 Westbred winners of 2 or more races – **Arma Xfactor** and **Elwaddell** (American Ideal USA), **Elsamay** (Betting Line USA), **Beat The Bank** (Bettors Delight USA), **August Moon** and **Our Lady Jen** (Captaintreacherous USA), **Hillview Bondi** (Somebeachsomewhere USA),

Soho Santorini (Sunshine Beach USA) and **Magnus Victor** and **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA). Topping that were **All About Riley** (Art Major USA) and **Louie Dior** (Sweet Lou USA) with 3 wins each.

As well as the 6 Westsired progeny who lost their maiden status there were 12 Westbred first time winners in August:

- **2yos Brought To Light** (Bettors Delight USA) and **Grand Couteau** (Ultimate Machete NZ);
- 3yo **Louie Dior** and **Sweet Duncan** (Sweet Lou USA) and **Love Me Doo** (Vincent); and
- 4yos **Bardan Kid** (Auckland Reactor NZ), **By Submission** and **Wedu Whitby Voodoo** (Betting Line USA) **Carmela Domenica** (Sportswriter USA), **Sugar Shake** (Bettors Delight USA), **Tilly Swift** (Sunshine Beach USA), **Under The Starzzz** (Western Terror USA).

For his efforts in winning 3 races and being a first time winner, Louie Dior collected \$14,600 in Bonuses.

Total Bonus payments in August 2023 were just under \$333,000 including \$7,500 in First Start Bonuses. Of that amount, 2yos received \$143,000, 3yos received \$115,000, and 4yo and over received \$75,000. The amounts include \$78,000 paid solely to breeders. So far this season 150 Westbreds have broken their maiden status.

Bonus payments for the first 8 months of the season total \$2,309,000 (including \$596,000 to breeders).

Westbreds won 27 races at Community level, 70 at \$9,000 level, 1 \$14,000 WASBA race at Northam and 13 metropolitan level races including 5 at FFA or feature race level. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.3 million, or 60.2% of the total stakes pool.

There were 21 2yo races run (6 more than the previous month), with Westbreds winning 18 of these races. The number of 2yo starters (89) was slightly higher than August last year but increased substantially compared to July 2023 (61). This is the highest number of 2yo starters this year, with Westbreds providing 84% of starters.

The number of 3yo starters (113) is also the highest for the season and is trending upwards but is struggling to reach the same levels as previous years. Westbreds provided 82% of the starters and won 15 of the 17 races. Westbreds also won 17 of the 22 3yo and over races won by 3yos.

Remember that if its not your first win or first start, you will not earn bonuses in 3yo+ races.

Westbred starters comprised 62.2% (283) of starters in the 4yo and over age group. The numbers in this age group has stabilized, with 455 starters (453 the previous month), and does continue to show improvement compared to last year (439) for the same month. It is also the highest August value for at least the last 5 years. There were 13 races (including 3 maidens) for 4YO and over, including the \$30,000 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace. WA bred horses won 10 of these races.

There were 114 wins (61 Westbred) by horses 4yo and over out of a total 136 races that they were eligible to race in. This included 52 wins by 4yos (37 Westbred), 38 wins by 5yos (17 Westbred) and 13 wins by 6yos (3 Westbred). The oldest winner was 10yo Cavalry Call, at midweek Gloucester Park. The race program must ensure that there are suitable races to attract and retain the older horses, and their owners, in the race pool.

Westbreds won 13 of the 40 races run at prime meetings at Gloucester Park in August 2023, a relatively low result compared to previous. Two of the wins were by a Westsired filly and mare, another 4 by Westbred fillies and mares and the remaining 5 winners of 7 races were:

- ◆ 4yo entire **Arma Xfactor – American Ideal USA o/o Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeders Liam O'Connor, Kemprust P/L, Almost a perfect record with 6 wins from 8 starts this season and already more stakes earned than from 22 starts as a 3yo. First win in August started second favourite from 5 over the sprint journey, settled in the breeze, even time first half, half a length back at the 400m, just in front rounding the turn, worked hard down the straight to win the \$19,000 Pace by 1.4m in 1:56.2, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.9. A week later started from 4 as favourite over the stayers 2536m journey, went forward from the barrier to initially breeze midfield before wooshing up in the back straight to go to the lead after half a lap. Had them off the bit down the back, being challenged off the back but responded well at the top of the straight to go to a 1.9m win in the \$21,000 Pace, mile rate 2:02.1 and last qtrs fast at 28.1 and 27.7;
- ◆ 4yo **Goodfellaz - American Ideal USA o/o Shes Innocent (D M Dilinger CA)**, breeder trainer Debra Lewis, First start since 3 consecutive placings in May/June and starting second favourite out wide in 6. Wide early and restrained towards the rear before making a forward move to sit outside the leader and

favourite with one and a half laps to go. A half length back at the 400m but starting to make up ground. Tackling for the lead off the back, had the favourite's measure at the top of the straight and came away to win the prestigious \$50,000 San Simeon by 4.1m in 1:56.9, last qtrs 27.6 and 28.6;

- ★ ◆ **5yo Hillview Bondi – Somebeachsomewhere USA o/o Maid For Life (Safely Kept USA)**. Having another good season for breeder part owner Lisa Bendotti. Started second favourite from 2 with regular driver Kyle Symington, fast out from 2 but not fast enough, good drive to wait a little longer before crossing over to the front after half a lap over the 1730m short course, in control down the back, clear into the straight, quickened again to go away and win the \$9,360 Pace by 6.2m in 1:55.6, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.2. A week later, this time over the stayers journey of 2536m from barrier 3 and again second favourite, much quicker out to lead the field, well in control with even time first half, very quick 3rd qtr and still going well, a length clear into the straight, held his ground to kick away before easing on the line to win the \$19,000 Pace by 4m in 1:58.8, last qtrs 27.6 and 28.7;
- ◆ **2yo colt Menemsha – Sunshine Beach USA o/o Falcons Gem NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)**, breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, 3 places since resuming including 2nd in his Pearl Heat after breezing, then not favoured in the betting from outside the backline, settled one out two back, quick lead but slower first half, first to move at the 400m but 4 wide off the back, 3 wide and 3rd at the top of the straight and raced home to draw clear and win the \$100,000 2YO Colts and Geldings \$100,000 Pearl Classic by a neck from his stablemate in 1:56:9, last qtrs 29.0 and 28.4; and
- ★ ◆ **5yo Mighty Ronaldo Alta Christiano NZ o/o Millwoods Delight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, breeder Trevor Lindsay, Second start since resuming after a 4 month absence, started second favourite from 2, missed all the action out wide and moved to the lead after half a lap with the favourite out of play, fast lead and slow first half for the 2536m journey, travelled well down the back and still plenty in hand coming off the back, rounded in front and doing it comfortably to win the \$50,000 August Cup by 2.4m in 1:58.1, last qtrs 28.1 and 27.7.



Gary Hall Jnr on Mighty Ronaldo

WA bred horses provided 69% of individual starters in August 2023, earning \$1.67 million in stakes and bonuses.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (August 2023)

Fillies and mares won 54 (31.0%) of the 174 races run in August 2023. This is second only to August 2022 (59 wins, 180 races) for the month and maintains the recent good results for August. It still remains slightly below the national average, so we are continuing to look for those small improvements to provide better outcomes.

There were 30 fillies/mares races in August 2023. The balance of the wins (24) by fillies and mares were in open races. Wins included 11 (9 Westbred) at Community level, 32 (25 Westbred) wins at \$9,000 level, and 10 (7 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level races, as well as the WASBA \$14,000 Westbred Mares race.

There were 21 individual sires represented by winners, with 45 individual winners. The leading sire for the month for winning fillies and mares was **Fly Like An Eagle** (5 winners of 6 races) followed by **Follow The Stars** and **Sweet Lou USA**. For the first 8 months of the season (including all fillies and mares racing in WA) **Follow The Stars** still leads with 24 winners of 40 races, followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** (15 of 31), then **American**

Ideal USA (12 of 27) and **Alta Christiano NZ** (12 of 26). Outside these stallions, the stallions with the most female winners are Bettors Delight USA and his son **Betterthatcheddar USA**.

There were 7 multiple winning fillies or mares including 6 Westbreds - **August Moon** and **Our Lady Jen** (Captaintreacherous USA), **Elsamay** (Betting Line USA) and **Allaglow** (Fly Like An Eagle). **All About Riley** (Art Major USA) and **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA both won 3 races in the month.

Taking home their very first win were 8 fillies/mares - 2yos **Philthejug** (Follow The Stars), **Relatively Arma** (Renaissance Man) and **Grand Couteau** (Ultimate Machete NZ), 3yos **Arkamara Star** (Follow The Stars) and **Love Me Doo** (Vincent) and 4yos **Wedu Whitby Voodoo** (Betting Lone USA), **Carmela Domenica** (Sportswriter USA) and **Tilly Swift** (Sunshine Beach USA).

Races for fillies:

- 8 of 21 2yo races were for fillies (included 2 maidens). Fillies won 9 2yo races.
- 4 of 17 3yo races were fillies races (no maiden races run). Fillies won 6 3yo races
- None of the open races were pref draw for fillies
- 3yo fillies won 6 3yo and over races, including 4 open races

Programming is a difficult task but it does need to be better balanced for 3yo fillies, in particular. Races for the 3yo fillies included the \$30,000 WASBA Country Oaks.

Races for fillies and/or mares:

- There were 13 races for fillies and mares, with 3yo fillies winning two of these races
- There were 5 races exclusively for mares, including the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares and the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Westbred Mares.

Of the 33 wins by mares, 7 were in 4yo and older races. All up 17 (52%) of the wins by mares were in open races.

Wins by mares included 20 wins by 4yos, with the oldest winners being 7yos including **Sheez Our Hope (Alta Christiano NZ)** who won a metropolitan level open race at Gloucester Park. The majority (73%) of the wins were in races at the \$9,000 level and above. However it is apparent that better opportunities are needed to keep the older mares in the racing system while they are relatively young.

The total number of fillies and mares racing in August was 223, the same as the previous month and just 2 more than August 2022. The number of 2yo fillies (39) and 3yo fillies (44) both increased compared to July 2023, but the number of 3yos overall is lower than last year due to the smaller WA crop born in 2019. The number of mares racing in August (140) did decline compared to the previous month but is the highest August figure for the last few years. At this time of year some mares are withdrawn from the racing system to commence breeding. However, they can continue to race quite successfully for 2 to 3 months with no adverse impact on the pregnancy if managed correctly by the trainer.

There were 9 wins (22.5%) by fillies and mares at prime metropolitan meetings (we believe the racing program should be delivering 30% female winners at prime meetings), along with wins at Northam in the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares Pace and the \$30,000 WASBA Country Oaks

Winners included 4yo **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** who did one better this month by winning the \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, 4yo **Cyclone Charlotte NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** won the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Pace after winning last month in the \$30,000 Fillies and Mares Restricted Winter Feature, and trotting mare Luvafair also won. The 5 WA bred winners of 6 races were:

- ♥ 3yo **August Moon – Captaintreacherous USA** o/o **My Samantha Jane USA (Extreme Three CA)**, breeder the late Harry Capararo. Lovely filly having a brilliant season, five wins and a place in her previous 6 starts including 2 wins since resuming in July. Then started favourite from 4, settled one-one at a very bumpy front end of the field, avoided the pocket by moving 3 wide with a lap to go after an even time first half, gliding up to be second at the 400m, a nose in front on the turn, balanced around the turn and stretched her lead to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace by 11.5m in 1:57.1, last qtrs 28.9 and 29.6. A fortnight later started from 9 as favourite, happy to settle last in the moving line with a solid pace out front, first to move 3 wide at the top of the straight, running 2nd in the breeze at the 600m, moving forward with more intent coming off the back and drew clear down the straight without being pressured to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace by 1.5m in 1:57.3, last qtrs 29.2 and 28.8;



- ♥ 2yo **Lenora Jane – Fly Like An Eagle** o/o (**Shezagoodtimegirl (Jeremes Jet USA)**) Owner/breeders Kevin and G Strahan, Gary and V McRae. Started her career with a first up win in July and followed with a place, before stepping out from 6 as favourite over the sprint journey. Quickly out and to the lead surprisingly but comfortably, good first half and up tempo-ed down the back, had them stretching at the 400m, started to clear out on the turn and sailed well clear to win the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 16.1m in a speedy 1:57.9, last qtrs 29.2 and a slashing 27.2;

Mitch Miller and Lenora Jane



- ♥ 7yo **Sheez Our Hope - Alta Christiano NZ** o/o **Easton Swift NZ (Washington VC USA)**, breeders Aldo Cortopassi, F Minniti. Quality mare. Had a mini return March/April this year before resuming again in August. Second start back started favourite from the difficult 4 barrier. Began quickly to go to the lead, challenged early but not a chance Mr Lewis is giving up the spot to the second favourite. Very quick lead followed by steady first half, striding boldly down the back, briefly headed off the back by a new challenger but not panicking with the inside running, in front again straightening up and plenty in reserve to win the \$19,000 Pace by 3.2m in 1:57.7, last qtrs 29.3 and 27.9;
- ♥ 2yo **Water Lou – Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Living Hei (Live Or Die USA)** breeders KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles. A special filly with perfect record so far. Won her Heat of the Diamond by over 20m before drawing 9 on the front in the final to start second favourite. Not the first time Shannon Suvaljko has swooshed to the front from barrier 9 in a "Group 1" (what it should be), to be leading after 200m with the favourite in the breeze. No change up to the 400m where the favourites were running one to 4. Well in control coming off the back with the only challenges to come from one-one filly I Cross My Heart and Miss Hepburn who had the sit behind Water Lou. Not to be beaten, she went on to win the \$100,000 2YO Fillies Diamond Classic by 4.7m in 1:57.8, last qtrs 29 and 28.4; and
- ♥ 4yo **Wonderful To Fly – Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, had one of her rare losses earlier in the month then started favourite from 8 as favourite, held out early before going around to the lead in a solid lead time, easy first half, started to move away from the field coming off the back and eased down to win the \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 10.2m in 1:57.8, last qtrs 28.7 and 27.3.

Westbreds provided 92% of 2yo fillies, 86% of 3yo fillies and 74% of the racing mares. Fillies and mares contributed 33.9% of starters.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in August 2023 was \$705,000 (32.7% of total stakes). Westbred fillies and mares won \$544,000 as well as \$151,000 in Bonuses.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **18 October 2023** to avoid a clash with the Gloucester Park AGM. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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