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WASBA Annual Awards/APG Sales Classic Night

A top night of racing with some of the best breeders in the country receiving awards for the success of the progeny they bred. The awards were the result of successes over the 2024 racing season in WA. The WA harness racing industry relies on these – and other – WA breeders to make the industry successful.

The top award, for 2024 WA Breeder of the Year, went to Bob and Marilyn Fowler's Allwood Stud Farm. The farm bred the winners of 177 races including 3 Group or listed races, as well as 459 places for \$1,809,354 in stakes. Allwood Stud also managed the leading WA based stallion of the Year **Fly Like An Eagle**, who finished just behind Sweet Lou USA as the leading sire overall of Westbred progeny. A tremendous effort.

The **Breeding for Excellence Award** was presented to Kevin and Annette Charles for their 41 winners of 82 races, 202 places and \$1,325,421, with progeny including Belly Up, Lavra Joe, Wonderful To Fly, Machlani, Lion Queen, Middlepage, Queeninthecorner and Crowd Control.

Relatively new on the breeding scene was the winner of the Breeding for Excellence – Special Mention Dennis and Dot Roche, with their 8 starters 6 winners of 21 races, 16 places and \$352,780 including Reinette and Bettagetonpip.

While Breeder of the Month Awards (included in the February Newsletter) are announced each month and presented at the annual awards, the major awards are based on a number of criteria including allocated points for the level of win, and stakes earned. Other major award winners were:

- 🏆 WA Broodmare of the Year **Thats The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA)** progeny bred by Kevin and Annette Charles - with 5 Australian starters in 2024, 4 of them winners for 10 wins including a Group 1 win, 3 Metro wins and \$226,238 prizemoney. Season winners included Belly Up, Middlepage, Lets Rock Tonight and Spiritofanangel while successfully racing in the US but not included in the results was Group 1 winner Patrickthepiranha.
- 🏆 WA Horse/Gelding of the Year **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)** Breeder Steve Johnson – winner of Group 2 \$100,000 Westbred Classic, \$50,000 Winter Cup, \$50,000 Preux Chevalier.
- 🏆 WA Mare of the Year **Zephyra (Sweet Lou USA)** Breeder Marie and Jesse Moore, Winner Group 2 \$100,000 Westbred Mares Classic
- 🏆 WA 2YO Colt/Gelding of the Year **Belly Up (Foreclosure NZ)** Breeder Kevin and Annette Charles - winner of \$215,000 Group 1 2YO C&G Westbred Classic, 2nd Group 2 Pearl Classic.
- 🏆 WA 2YO Filly of the Year **Reinette (Vincent)** Breeder Dennis and Dot Roche – Winner of \$215,000 Group 1 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic, \$50,000 Group 3 2YO Champagne Classic, 2nd \$150,000 Group 1 Golden Slipper. Reinette was also named Racing WA 2YO Filly of the Year.
- 🏆 WA 3YO Colt/Gelding of the Year **Bet The House (Betting Line USA)** Breeder Trevor and Colleen Lindsay's Karnup Racing Pty Ltd - Winner of Group 2 \$100,000 C&G 3YO Westbred Classic, Group 3 \$50,000 Caduceus Classic.
- 🏆 WA 3YO Filly of the Year **Water Lou (Sweet Lou USA)** Breeder KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles. Winner \$100,000 Group 2 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic, \$50,000 APG 3YO Fillies Sales Classic, \$50,000 Group 3 Diamond Classic, \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Country Classic. Along with this win, Water Lou was also named Racing WA 3YO Filly of the Year and Australian 3YO Filly of the Year

Kody Charles and family receiving the award for 3YO Filly of the Year Water Lou from WASBA President Jeanine



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2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES



2YO	\$30,000 2YO Westsired Classics at Bunbury on 12 April INCLUDING WESTBRED BONUS
3YO	\$21,000 Caduceus Classic Prelude on 25 April – includes golden ticket to the \$50,000 Cad Classic on 2 May
	\$9,360 Diamond Classic Heats on 6 May for fillies paid up for the \$50,000 Final on 16 May
Mares	\$35,000 Race For Roses Stand on 4 April
	\$14,000 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Mares on 14 April at Pinjarra for Westbred Mares who have not won a race with stakes greater than \$21,000 as a 3yo or older
	\$75,000 Empress Stakes on 18 April

2025 WA APG Sales Classics

The Sales Classics were a great showcase for our WA bred yearlings as well as some of the new sires. They also highlighted the loss of American Ideal USA, sire of Australian bred champions Bling It On and Soho Tribeca, and New Zealand bred My Hard Copy, Copy That and Magnificent Storm.

The very talented **Ideal Beach** (**American Ideal USA** out of Coopers Beach NZ by **Somebeachsomewhere USA**) made it 2 from 2 with his win in the Heat and Final of the \$125,000 APG WA 2YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic. The \$130,000 2024 APG Yearling Sale purchase was bred by Karnup Racing and Steve Johnson, who purchased the dam Coopers Beach NZ and brought her to WA as a 3yo. The unraced Coopers Beach NZ has an unblemished record as a broodmare, with 4 winners from 4 foals including the impressive Mikis Beach 1:54.8 who won his first race start by over 40m. This is a very strong maternal family, with Coopers Beach being a granddaughter of Atomic Lass NZ (Sokys Atom USA), the dam of 7 winners including the very speedy **Taihape Tickler NZ** 1:57.1 \$183,919 and one of the best juveniles to race in the southern hemisphere in **Auckland Reactor (Mach Three CA)** 1:51.4 \$1,759,374. Atomic Lass is also the granddam of multiple Group winner **The Parade NZ (Real Desire USA)** 1:53.2 \$425,999, whose wins included the Group 1 Mares Classic.



Ideal Beach - So many winning connections

The \$125,000 2YO Fillies Final was a success story for first season sire **Bettors Wish USA**, who sired both the winner and favourite **Ma Petite Dame** and second placed **Wishing Belle**, with the result reversing their placings in the qualifying Heat. Bred by the Howie's Copper Lodge, **Ma Petite Dame** is the only foal out of Gold Bracelet winner and Golden Slipper placed **Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:57.0 \$100,020 and sold for \$65,000. Some Copper Beach is a half sister to 4 winners including the brilliant 2024 2YO \$125,000 Sales Classic winner **Copper Head Lady (Sweet Lou USA)** 1:56.2 \$141,510, whose run to place 2nd in the Group 1 2024 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic was phenomenal.



Wishing Belle has cemented her form with subsequent wins in the Group 3 \$50,000 Champagne Classic and the \$35,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet. Sold for \$55,000 by KTC Bloodstock, she was one of 3 yearlings by Bettors Wish USA sold to Aiden de Campo for stable clients. She is the 6th winner from her multiple Group 1 winning dam **Libertybelle Midfrew NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:53.9 \$640,497 whose wins included the \$150,000 WA Oaks, \$175,000 Golden Nugget, The Mount Eden Sprint, the Stratton Cup and a Heat of the 2015 Inter Dominion.

It was also a good night for first season Alabar's 3yo sire **Captain Crunch USA** – winning both legs of the \$100,000 3YO Classics. Sold by Mike Howie's Copper Lodge for \$60,000, **Its Maa Time** was late to start her career, but won 3 consecutive races in November/December and has been impressive in winning 2 of her 3 starts this year, including the \$100,000 APG 3YO Fillies Sales Classic for 5 wins from 7 starts to the end of February. Her Group 3 winning dam **Maastricht (Blissfull Hall USA)** 1:55.3 \$89,989 is a 100% producer with 4 winners including **Captain Maastricht** 1:54.5 \$95,110. The granddam of Maastricht is **Forest Glory (Armbrus Aussie USA)** winner of 8 of her 10 starts and part of the Forest Lodge/Kevin Newbound legend that commenced with the mare **Lucias First**, the dam of **Mozambique** and her full sister **Gay Acres (Gay Reveler USA)** the dam of champion racehorse and sire **Classic Garry**. Mozambique, the granddam of Forest Glory, has produced a significant family herself that includes 2024 Group 1 Queen Elizabeth winner **Aardies Express (Always B Miki USA)** 1:48.9 \$498,134, **Tatijana Bromac NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:54.2 \$198,481, Group 1 full sisters **Tandias Courage (Stonebridge Scooter)** 1:53.6 \$305,236 and **Mother Courage** 1:56.9 \$462,520 and Inter Dominion winner **Lennytheshark (Four Starzzz Shark USA)** 1:49.2 \$3,007,585 just to scratch the surface.



Another happy group photo, connections of **Its Maa Time**

Captain Stirling put in a strong performance to win the \$100,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic, finally getting the top class win he has been so close to, after 7 places and now 3 wins from 11 career starts. Considering his breeding he was a very cheap buy at the 2023 Sale at \$32,000. Bred by Steve Johnson, he is the 8th winner from 10 live foals from his dam **Chemical Romance (Northern Luck CA)** with those winners including Group 1 winner **Bettor Reward (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:52.7 \$244,065, Group 2 winner **Sovrana (Betting Line USA)** 1:55.5 \$177,416, **Destined To Rule (Shadow Play USA)** 1:57.5 \$229,787 and **Bettor Romance (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:52.4 \$159,932. Chemical Romance was a non-winning daughter of champion mare **Ferrari Trunkey (Tarcoola Frost)** 1:56.6 \$267,527 winner of the WA Oaks, WASBA Breeders Stakes, Silver Bracelet and other Group races amongst her 22 wins. Ferrari Trunkey produced 8 winners including WA Derby winner **Trunkey Maseratti (Wellwood Hanover USA)** 1:56.4 \$273,457 and Corniche Trunkey (Wellwood Hanover USA), dam of 2008 WA Sales Classic 3YO winner **Ima High Rolla (Kinney Hanover USA)**, who, in turn, is the dam of the Group 1 winner **Lady Jadore (Tintin In America NZ)**.



Peter Watkinson (APG) and connections of **Captain Stirling**

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Yearling Sale Wrap

A lot of yearlings available in the WA Sale and always a challenge to find new homes for all of them. Nevertheless and despite the Australia (and New Zealand) wide downturn in the middle market, there were some successes. Last year the top priced filly was a full sister to **Double Espresso (Sweet Lou USA)** at \$110,000 and this year the first foal of Double Espresso, a filly by **Always B Miki USA**, was top price filly at \$120,000 for her vendors Jemross Racing Trust. Purchased by Kingseat Standardbreds, she was one of 4 purchases by the company with other purchases all being fillies and ranging from \$6,000 to \$45,000.

Averages can be misleading but comparing numbers from the 2024 Sale (96 sold for \$3,138,000), the 2025 Sale produced a higher than expected 113 sold for \$3,342,000. Unfortunately 30% of the yearlings sold for below \$11,000 which in anyone's terms is a bargain. Overall the sale produced a median (fifty percent sell below this value) price of \$20,000 compared to \$25,000 in 2024.

The average for colts was \$34,406 (median of \$22,000) compared to the 2024 average of \$33,804. The top price was the \$135,000 **Sweet Lou USA - Maddy White** colt (half brother to Classic winner Floewriter and Multiple Group winner Star of Diamonds) sold by Mike Howie's Copper Lodge to Four Diamonds Pacing, who are very familiar with Maddy White's family having trained her half brother - the Derby and multiple Group 1 winner **Handsandwheels** 1:53.7 \$707,393.

Of interest is that both of the top priced yearlings feature relatively unwanted stallions in their breeding - the dam of Double Espresso is by Westsired stallion **Rich And Spoilt**, who was first past the post in the 2000 WA Derby but lost on protest. Rich And Spoilt was also second in the Australian Derby and Golden Nugget. The sire of Maddy White is the Australian bred stallion **Lombo Mandingo**, who was unfortunate to race against Australian 2yo and 3yo Horse of the Year Lombo Pocket Watch when he was winning 27 of his first 30 starts, and who was from the same Misty Maiden family as Maddy White and Lombo Pocket Watch.



Double Espresso filly



Maddy White colt

Fillies averaged \$25,308 (median of \$18,000), with their average downgraded by the large number of fillies released by their vendors for a bargain price. It is clear that we as an industry need to do more to make fillies a valuable racing commodity and do better at supporting the mid range horses with racing opportunities.

In Queensland the average APG Sale price was \$21,483, in Victoria \$17,202 and in NSW \$36,829.

In Queensland the Nutrien Sale produced an average of \$28,069, Melbourne \$32,136 (median price \$25,000), Bathurst \$12,882 and Sydney \$37,578.

Only yearlings purchased from the WA Sale are eligible, if sustained, for the 2026 \$125,000 2YO Finals and 2027 \$100,000 3YO Finals – we recommend that you keep your yearling eligible for these races. Passed in lots are still eligible for the Sales Classics if fully sustained, so check the APG website or directly with a vendor if you are still looking for a yearling. Most vendors will be prepared to sell for the right price.

Best wishes to all purchasers with their yearlings. Sales companies and administrators have a role to play in ensuring fillies and colts can sell and race viably and to make any necessary changes to ensure this happens. All sales reflect a responsibility on administrators to support all levels of the market not just the elite level.

First season sires

First season 2yo pacing sires are on the board with wins, including Bettors Wish USA, Captain Ahab USA and Ultimate Sniper NZ – all with crop sizes of less than 40 – as well as Capt Midnight USA and Ride High whose crop sizes were 60 or more.

For the first season 3yo sires (first season 2yo sires in 2024), Captain Crunch USA (9 winners \$201,000) is having a great start with a 6th place on the 3YO sires list behind the big guns, from his 97 foals, followed by Poster Boy (12 winners \$175,000) from 73 foals, McWicked USA (13 winners \$134,000) 95 foals and Soho Tribeca (6 winners \$116,000) 87 foals. Other first season 3yo sires with smaller crops include Lather Up USA (48 foals 5 winners \$74,000), Stay Hungry USA and The Storm Inside. **Huntsville USA** will not appear on the 2yo or 3yo list for 2025 as his semen was not available.

It is very early days in the season but breeders should be willing to take a look at any of the above sires for the forthcoming breeding season

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ Tariffs seem a long way from the racing industry but they are not. The Ontario horse racing industry – both thoroughbred and standardbred – is potentially a major casualty of any tariffs imposed on Canada. Many of the horses bred in Canada are by US sires and are bred for the US market, with impacts likely to be felt on stallion fees, yearling sales and all horse movements. The impact on semen collections crossing the border is unknown, as is moving horses to and from Canada and the US for racing.

Ontario had previously announced some stakes increases which could also be under threat.

In Ontario Canada, Winbak Farm stands pacing stallions Artspeak (Western Ideal), Beach Glass (Somebeachsomewhere), Betterthancheddar (Bettors Delight), Betting Line (Bettor's Delight) Lawless Shadow (Shadow Play), McWicked (McArdle) and Tattoo Artist (He's Watching). Also in Ontario, Seelster Farms stands All Bets Off (Bettors Delight), Big Jim (Western Ideal), Bulldog Hanover (Shadow Play), Century Farroh (Mach Three), Sunshine Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)

Tariffs kick in on 2 April, unless there are late changes to that process. With the 2025 breeding season running until early July, some breeders may be lucky enough to have a positive for their mare already, or at least a service, but many will be caught up in the mayhem that is none of their doing.

☑ Added to the list of "book full" sires is first season sire Legendary Hanover (Huntsville) who joins other pacing sires with full 2025 books in the US **Captaintreacherous (Somebeachsomewhere)**, **Lous Pearlman (Sweet Lou)** and **J K Endoranera (Art Major)**, as well as trotting stallions **Winners Bet** and **Volstead**.

☑ Canadian 2YO Filly of the Year and 2024 Somebeachsomewhere Horse of the Year **Chantilly (Big Jim)**, is one of 69 horses - and the only filly – nominated for the Pepsi North America Cup. She is the first filly paid into the event in its 42 year history. She finished her 2yo season undefeated with 9 wins and \$761,000 and wasn't eligible for most of the premier 2yo events on the US circuit in 2024, but is having a go for the big time with the support of her driver James MacDonald.



☑ The Bluechip Matchmaker Series for pacing mares is underway at the half mile Yonkers Raceway, with the series Final on 9 May upgraded to \$200,000 to match the Borgata Final for pacing males, with that series commencing 31 March. Both series have increased nominations this year. Two of the four divisions run so far have been won by Australasian mares, with the recently exported **Aardie B Miki (Always B Miki)** stepping out for the first time in the US and winning in 1:53.4. The Australian bred **Silk Cloud (Shadow Play)** was also successful, winning her division in 1:53.

☑ Two times Canadian O'Brien award winner **Logan Park (Archangel)** 1:49.2 \$2,009,000 will make the trip to Elitloppet 2025. He is the fastest Canadian-sired trotter ever and was named 2024 O'Brien Older Trotter of the Year with \$940,000 in earnings.

And elsewhere....

☑ Inter Dominion winner **The Locomotive (Muscle Mass USA)** – second in the Great Southern Star after a track record in his Heat, and winner of the recent Trotters FFA at Menangle in 1:52.1 by 12.9m – has an invite to Elitloppet 2025 at Stockholm's Solvalla track on 25 May. He is hoping to be only the second Australasian bred trotter – after Pride Of Petite in 1997 – to reach the Elitloppet Final. We all wish him the best. Before Sweden he will compete in the \$650,000 TAB Trot at Cambridge on 4 April.

☑ Other Australians in - or almost there - New Zealand for the TAB Trot is 8yo mare **Im Ready Jet (Quaker Jet FRA)** – who won the Group 1 Sumthingaboutmaori Mares' Trotting FFA for the 3rd time in 4 years – and **Arcee Phoenix (Trixtion USA)** who has won 3 this year including the Group 1 Maori Mile. The 2023 Australian 3YO Trotter of the Year, aptly named **Not As Promised (Betting Line USA)**, is in New Zealand and ran 2nd to Oscar Bonavena in the Group 2 \$60,000 Waikato Trotters Flying Mile. He missed his entire 4yo season with injury. Like Arcee Phoenix (4th in the 2024 TAB Trot) he has previously raced in New Zealand, running 4th in the NZ Trotting Derby. Finalising the Aussie contingent is 2024 Australian Trotting Mare of the Year **Queen Elida (Love You FRA)**. New Zealand runners are millionaire **Oscar Bonavena (Majestic Son CA)** who lost all chance in the Group 1 Hammerhead Mile after galloping out at the start, **Bet N Win (What The Hill USA)** – 11 wins from 20 starts and a 3rd to Oscar Bonavena and Not As Promised - and **Muscle Mountain (Muscle Hill USA)** – 35 wins and \$990,000 in stakes, most recently running 2nd to Bet N Win in the Group 3 Trotters Classic early in March. Go the Queen!

☑ **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:48.3 \$3.6 million had his last Australian race – and win – before arriving in New Zealand for the NZ \$1 million Race by Betcha. He was back on top after an exceptionally hard Miracle Mile run (something like Soho Tribeca who breezed all the way to run 3rd in 2018 in 1:46.9), winning his Albion Park race by 23.3m in 1:48.6, last qtrs 27.3 and 26.6.

Double millionaire **Don Hugo (Art Major USA)** stepped out on the same weekend to win a Menangle FFA in 1:49.3 last qtrs 28.3 and 25.9, both races over the mile equivalent. He is also in New Zealand for the \$1 million The Race and all going well will then head to Perth for his Anzac Day clash with **Swayzee** and **Catch A Wave** in the Nullarbor. Don Hugo, winner of the 2024 Eureka, did not fare well in the Hunter Cup but won his next 4 in a row including another Menangle FFA, the Miracle Mile qualifier (the \$100,000 Cordina Sprint) after breezing over the mile, and the Miracle Mile in a lifetime best 1:48.4 from the front.



In a surprise move **Don't Stop Dreaming NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** has been transferred from the Purdon stables and won at his first outing for the Cullen stables in the \$60,000 City of Auckland FFA, winning in a race record 1:54.5. He will line up in The Race by Betcha, after having defeated other \$1 million The Race starters Republican Party (6th), the 2024 Group 1 Auckland Trotting Cup winner, and Chase A Dream (9th) in the FFA.

In fast moving action, Tact McLeod and Catch A Wave are now non starters, and 5yo **Pinseeker NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** will start in the \$1 million race for the Slot now owned by Michael Brennan Racing. The relatively inexperienced (21 starts, 6 wins) Pinseeker's most recent outing was a fairly impressive 3rd behind **Chase A Dream NZ (Captaintreacherous USA)** and **Merlin NZ (Art Major USA)** in the \$60,000 Group 2 Pacers Flying Mile after breezing. The winner and the recently sold Merlin were both impressive with Chase A Dream leading and Merlin coming from well back from a tricky barrier. Fourth in the race was **Rakero Rocket NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** with all 4 runners taken up by Slot holders in the Race by Becha.

The remaining two runners in the \$1 million The Race by Betcha are **Duchess Megxit NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** who finished 8th to Chase A Dream but has credentials including winner of the 2024 Group 1 Queen of Hearts and named New Zealand 2024 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year, and 5yo **Ohoka Connor NZ (Sunshine Beach**

USA) who was 9th to Chase A Dream but was rated extremely highly as a juvenile, winning his only 2yo race and winning 7 from 9 as a 3yo. Duchess Megxit will draw 1 in The Race by Betcha.

☑️ Harness Racing NSW shouldn't mind paying **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** the \$500,000 Bonus for winning 4 of the 5 legs of the Country Cups Carnival Series, with his win in the final leg at Penrith being a stunning run in front of a capacity crowd – perhaps those critical of earlier races because of their one sided nature should now take note of what attracts people to our sport, and it isn't turnover. Caught on the pegs in the Miracle Mile, that didn't happen at Penrith and he led convincingly to win in 1:54.3, beating the race record set by another champion in **Tiger Tara NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**. Next stop Perth for the Nullarbor on Anzac Day.

☑️ The 10yo **Bulletproof Boy (Art Official CA)**, who has a vet's examination every time he starts due to his age/number of starts, is showing no signs of wear and tear as he likely heads for the 2025 Inter Dominion in Queensland, having already picked up \$126,000 this season from wins in the Bendigo and Ballarat Cups, a second to Don't Stop Dreaming in the Miracle Mile Consolation after being first emergency for the Mile, and a win in the 1200m dash at Melton in March. He has won \$742,000 from his 209 starts.

The 2025 Inters will have just two rounds of Heats one week apart, with the \$1 million Final for the Pacers and a \$500,000 Final for the Trotters on 19 July. The winner of the \$350,000 The Rising Sun (for 3yo and 4yo pacers on 5 July) will get a golden ticket to the Inter Dominion pacing final, provided the winner is a 4yo and also contests a 4YO race a week before the Final.

☑️ While their stable star **Extreme Sea (Well Said USA)** may be disappointingly sidelined (early 2024 Eureka favourite with 7 wins and 2 placings from 10 starts), the Hewitt family are on a role with his half sister in **Sparkling Sea (Lather Up USA)** who was a very impressive one start one win in a Heat of the Gold Tiara in 1:53.8. The Hewitts have shown considerable faith in the family line started with 1994 mare **Sapphire Sea (Nikalong Shadow)** and they have been prepared to back their judgement with many underrated sires along the way. While the \$150,000 Final didn't go their way (won by another Heat winner in Bettors Delight filly **Ripples NZ** in 1:53.9) it was a great run by the Hewitt filly to be flying home for 2nd. No shame here as Ripples NZ is a granddaughter of Harness Jewels, Queen of Hearts and Kaikoura Cup winner **Nearea Franco NZ (Badlands Hanover USA)** 1:54.4 \$440,875, who is the dam of 6 winners including **Nike Franco (McArdle USA)** 1:48 \$913,870, the dam of **Bay Of Biscay**.

Sparkling Sea's driver Brad Hewitt is the trainer and driver of **The Locomotive** so will head to Sweden soon.

☑️ The \$250,000 Chariots of Fire winner **Bay Of Biscay (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, who led all the way in 1:49.1, may butter up for his second start in the \$2.1 million Eureka after running second to Don Hugo in the 2024 event. Named 2024 Australian 3YO Colt/Gelding of the Year, he is the winner of 10 from 21 with 8 places and stakes of \$821,580. He is the first foal of champion Nike Franco, with breeder part owners Alabar Stud hoping he can continue into a stallion career. The Chariots was run with quarters 26.9, 28.7, 26.8 and 26.7

☑️ In Australia on Miracle Mile night it was 3yo unbeaten colt **Always Hot (Always B Miki USA)** who was a comfortable winner of the \$200,000 NSW Derby. Winner of 4 2yo races including the \$150,000 Vicbred 2YO Colts and Geldings Final, he has won 4 from 4 as a 3yo including the \$30,000 Caduceus Classic in a lifetime best 1:50.9. He won't be out of place in the 2025 Eureka or the NZ 3YO Slot The Velocity in November.

☑️ In New Zealand the \$200,000 Group 1 Great Northern Derby in late April is the target for the 2024 2YO Pacing Colt/Gelding of the Year **Marketplace (Bettors Delight USA)** who brilliantly won the \$200,000 NZB Standardbred Harness Million 3YO Colts and Geldings Final at his second start this time in. He is currently considered the best 3yo in the country. The Group 2 Southern Oaks will also be run at the end of April.

☑️ The first 2yo winner in New Zealand for 2025 **Showmethetanlines (Downbytheseaside)** is owned in Perth but won his first Australian start in NSW, making it two from two when he won the Group 3 \$50,000 Sapling Stakes at Menangle in 1:52.2 after winning his first Australian run in a Melton trial. Its handy to be able to flit from one state to another to select the best races.

☑️ As long as they are healthy and happy – veteran pacer/trotter **Take After Me (Holmes Hanover USA)** just notched up his 400th start, running 3rd and earning just over \$301,000 during a career that spanned 124 starts



as a pacer and 276 as a trotter. Holding the record for the most ever career starts in Australasia for a standardbred is Australian raced recently retired - but possibly returning – New Zealand bred **Lancelot Bromac (Art Major USA)** with \$407,000 in earnings from 551 starts. The Australian bred with the most career starts are **Celestial Daybreak (Dawn Ofa New Day USA)** with 441 starts and 2 wins already this season, for just over \$222,000 in stakes, and **Clementsorrell (Totally Ruthless USA)** with 448 starts and \$322,000 - also still racing this year. That's a lot of time to spend watching your horse racing

☑ Some top performances from the mares on both sides of the country with **Rakero Rebel NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:51.1 \$372,785 winning 2 from 2 including the Geelong Cup, and **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** 1:51.9 \$576,150 winning 3 Group 3s in a row – the Christmas Belles, the Laurie Kennedy Mares and the open Lord Mayors Cup. In a tough contest Steno ran 2nd to **Nullarbor Navajo (Betterthancheddar USA)** in the \$35,000 Dr Ed Dewars Golden Girls Mile in 1:50.6. Both Steno and Nullarbor Navajo are bred in Australia from strong maternal families, with Nullarbor Navajo being bred by none other than Peter Gleeson and belonging to the same family as NSW Derby winner **Always Hot**, as well as **Ride High (Art Major USA)** 1:49, winner of 16 from 18 including the 3YO Breeders Crown



Steno and friends after winning the Laurie Kennedy

☑ New Zealand will host the World Drivers' Championship in November 2025, with 10 countries to be represented in a southern hemisphere series that for the first time will not be a joint event held with Australia. Puzzling, and disappointing if local self interest is limiting collaboration. The series will run across 4 tracks with the final heat being held on IRT New Zealand Cup day at Addington Raceway on Remembrance Day 11 November. Defending champion is Rick Ebbsing, from The Netherlands. Dexter Dunn, who competed in the recent Ultimate Driver Challenge, is a previous winner of the Championship.

☑ Entain is making a difference in New Zealand – and they are supported by government action in legislative changes for racing and sports betting, and online casino regulation, resulting in more customers and significant growth opportunities. It just seems we are standing still in Australia with no visible presence at government level. Racing is an entertainment industry, and yet we are being allowed to be treated as parasites.

HRNZ is also cross promoting the code with the One New Zealand Warriors NRL rugby team with both organisations having big plans for their Anzac Day events right next door to each other in Christchurch.

☑ Harness racing Victoria has undertaken a number of roadshows recently to explain the current situation of the sport in Victoria and to look at the ways forward. No answers yet, however both Chairman Bernard Saundry and CEO Matt Isaacs have attended the meetings, acknowledging that all racing codes benefit when their major carnivals are promoted, resulting in attendance boosts and increased revenue from turnover. How novel.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Great result in the Miracle Mile – two fantastic sons of the top two stallions of the recent era finishing first and second. Both should be great additions to the stallion ranks in Australia, especially as both are fast and sound with fantastic maternal families,
- ♣ Congratulations to Gary Hall Snr on his Distinguished Service Award,
- ♣ Great to see the pref draw on sex in Friday meetings for good wins by Penny Black, Steno and Quintessa
- ♣ Excellent Owners Guide produced by RWWA. Did you receive a copy?
- ♣ Very sad to lose a great breeding icon in Dr Ed Dewar,
- ♣ Sincere condolences to the Costello family



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – February 2025

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 can take a lot of perseverance to get to the winners list and this month's breeder of the month is no exception. Its *congratulations* to our *Breeder of the Month* for *February 2025*, **Colin Belton** as the breeder and part owner with wife Annie Belton of the lightly raced 6yo mare **Alta Allure** (Alta Christiano NZ out of Miss Allure (D M Dilinger CA). **Alta Allure** had 2 starts as a 2yo for 2 places before a paddock injury. She won her first start as a 3yo, finishing that season with 2 wins from 15 starts. Missing her entire 4yo season, she won her first start in January 2024 as a 5yo but managed only 3 more starts for the season for 3 places. She has managed 8 starts this season to the end of February for 2 wins and 2 places, including winning a Heat and the final of one of the new \$25,000 Summer Series by over 11m.

Miss Allure (D M Dilinger CA) is the dam of 2 winners from 2 foals. Her winning dam **Lady Allure (Crouch USA)** is a half sister to 6 other winners and to the dams of WA raced Sandler 1:55.9 \$125,101, Group 1 winner **Blucolla Tigerpie (Union Guy USA)** 1:53.8 \$212,507 and Group 3 winner and Group 1 placed **Rackemup Tigerpie (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:52.1 \$334,820. This is the family of **Connenora (Springfield Globe)**, the dam of Australian champion Australian sire **Aachen**.



Chris Lewis winning on Alta Allure

Congratulations to breeder Colin and Annie Belton and Alta Allure.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES FEBRUARY 2025

Eleven WA based sires were represented by winners in February, with 28 winners of 33 races. **Fly Like An Eagle** has started the season well with 8 winners of 10 races for the month, to give him 12 winners of 18 races after just 2 months. This undervalued sire has performed above expectations on the track for the below reasonable results at the yearling sales.

There were 3 Westsired progeny with their first career win in February – 2yo **Chefs Kiss** (Captain Ahab USA), and 4yos **Gaitcrasher** (Always B Miki USA) and **Rocknroll Jewel** (Rock N Roll World USA) – and 14 Westsired progeny having their first race start (11 as 2yos).

Four different sires were represented by dual winners – **Alta Allure** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Im Grafter** and **Koolbardi Navajo** (Fly Like An Eagle), **Follow My Stride** (Follow The Stars) and **Remarkable Rock** (Rock N Roll World USA) were all dual winners.

There were 37 races run at metropolitan premium meetings, with two Westsired progeny being successful. Excluding the Westsired mare covered separately the remaining Westsired winner was:

- ♠ **7yo Galaxy Warrior – Follow The Stars** o/o **Sparkling Desire (Tell All USA)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. Working his way to \$100,000 in earnings. Unpopular in the betting, starting at 26/1 from 6, fast out to be challenging for the lead before taking a sit to settle in the one-one, moved 3 wide coming to the home turn, great finish with 2024 Driver of the Year Shannon Suvaljko nosing out the leader to win the \$23,000 NR 60-80 Pace in 1:58.8, last qtrs 28.1 and 29.3.



Shannon on Galaxy Warrior (6) working hard for the win

The poor start to the season for race opportunities for 2yos and 3yos has had an adverse effect on bonus payments, with just \$47,000 in payments to Westsired progeny in February. This is expected to pick up in coming months as more opportunities are provided.

Stakes won by Westsired progeny in February 2025 was \$352,000, which is the highest February figure in the last 6 years.

WESTBRED WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2025

February 2025 produced a top 10 result for the percentage of Westbred wins in the month, with 63.4% of the 153 races won by Westbreds. While Bonus payments (\$184,000) were low for the same reasons as previously discussed the stakes payments to Westbreds (\$1,569,230) was a top 10 result over the last 8 years. Given the low number of races this is an excellent outcome for those racing WA bred horses!

There were also 44 first time starters in February – including 36 2yos.

There were 44 sires represented by winning Westbred progeny in February, with local sire **Fly Like An Eagle** (9 winners of 11 races) leading with almost double the results of the next group, all on 6 wins. Noteworthy is the fact that including *all horses races in WA in February*, Fly Like An Eagle is only just behind Bettors Delight USA (12 wins) and Sweet Lou USA (13 wins)

There were 12 Westbreds winning for the first time – excluding the 3 Westsired previously mentioned these were:

- 2yos **Chugach** and **Ideal Beach** (American Ideal USA), **Ma Petite Dame** and **Wishing Belle** (Bettors Wish USA), **Koh I Noor Camel** (For A Reason), **Fear The Storm** (The Storm Inside);
- 3yos **Lazarus Star** (Lazarus NZ), **Pineapple** (McWicked USA), and
- 4yo **Gaitcrasher** (Always B Miki USA).

In addition to the 5 Westsired progeny there were 9 other Westbreds winning 2 races in February – Sales Classic Heat/Final winner **Ideal Beach**, **Rajah Rocks** (Art Major USA), **Bettor Arcade**, **Bettor Move Along** and **Having Fun** (Bettors Delight USA), **Its Maa Time** (Captain Crunch USA) who also won 2 races in December, first time winner **Pineapple**, **Lets Rock Tonight** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and **Blaze Away** (Sweet Lou USA).

Westbreds won 9 of the 10 2yo races run in February 2025, a welcome relief from the previous month, along with 47 of the 49 starters being Westbred.

After a terrible January for race opportunities, Westbreds won 6 of the 8 3yo races run in February 2025, as well as 6 of the 14 3yo and older races won by this group. Westbreds also provided 52 of the 64 3yo starters for the month.

The number of 4yo and over starters in February 2025 (470) is well down on the traditional numbers for the month but similar to the racing numbers in November. We believe this lower than desirable result could have been avoided if programs were and continue to made more available to inform owners and trainers about racing opportunities. There are certainly participants who have appreciated the additional earning opportunities that the double concessions and Heat/Final concepts have provided. We hope that RWWA will indulge in an information campaign going into the 2026 year to promote the racing opportunities that will be available in future periods.

The new program style makes it difficult to determine races restricted to the 4yo and over age group, but the use of win categories is a useful mechanism to provide these horses with equivalent opportunities rather than race against horses with superior winning form. As a result the age group averaged one win every 9.7 starts which compares favourably to previous results.

Westbreds in this age group won a total of 77 races out of the 121 races won by the 4yo and over.

At premium meetings in February there were 16 Westbreds winning 17 of the 37 available races, including two Westsired winners and 4 wins by fillies The remaining 11 winners – all new for the year - were:

- ◆ 8yo **Auckland Jet - Auckland Reactor NZ** o/o **Alkira Jet (Jet Laag USA)** breeder part owners Neville and Vanessa Brockman. Lightly raced 8yo picking up a nice win in one of the new Summer Series Finals. Started way out of the betting at 51/1 from outside the back line with Chris Voak in charge. Got away well and settled one out 2 back, stayed in until past the 400m before making a 3 wide move, 4 wide on straightening and showed a great turn of foot to race past the leading group and win the \$31,000 OW/15K Westbred Series Final by 1.9m in 1:58.8, last qtrs 28.8 and 29.2;
- ◆ 7yo **Bettor Move Along - Bettors Delight USA** o/o **Rocknroll Royalty (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. Won earlier in the week same course same barrier then started favourite from 8 with Trent Wheeler driving the family horse, quickly settled one out one back, one further back

with a lap to go and making a 3 wide move, quickly up to be a length clear at the 400m and too good over the final stages to win the \$21,000 NR 55 to 65 Pace by 4.9m in 1:57.7;

- ◆ 5yo Horse **Callmewhatuwant - Shadow Play USA** o/o **Keep Grinning (Grinfromeartoeat USA)** breeder E Roberts, M and the late J Schurmann. Lightly raced 5yo, placed previous start then started 18/1 from 2 with junior Toby Lynn on board, settled 3rd on the pegs, deftly into the one-one near the 400m, 3 wide to the home turn then poured on the speed to swamp the leaders near the finish and win the \$21,000 Pace by a head in 1:56.3, last qtrs both 28.7. Good drive;

- ★ 3yo Colt **Captain Stirling - Captain Crunch USA** o/o **Chemical Romance (Northern Luck CA)** breeder Steve Johnson. Top 2yo and placed at his 2 previous starts this time in. Started favourite from 1 with trainer driver Dylan Egerton-Green, beaten for speed from the barrier but moved to the breeze with 2 laps to go to avoid being covered, took over the lead with 700m to go, sprinted down the back and now a race in 4, just one to beat coming into the home straight and a solid win from WASBA 2YO of the Year Belly Up – just too much ground to make up - in the \$100,000 APG 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic by 5.2m in 1:56.9, last qtrs 28.9 and 29.3;

- ★ 2yo **Cease To React - Soho Tribeca** o/o **Orphan Reactor (Auckland Reactor NZ)** breeder Mike Howie. Lining up for his 2nd successive win after winning the first 2yo race of the season. Started favourite from 2, held together early before racing 3 wide to breeze, had the one by one with a lap and the straight to go, moved 3 wide down the back, rounded the home turn in 3rd before racing past the leading pair to win the \$30,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Western Crown by 1.8m in 1:59, last qtr 28.8;

- ★ 2yo Colt **Ideal Beach - American Ideal USA** o/o **Coopers Beach NZ (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd and Steve Johnson, a resounding win in his Heat and started favourite in the final from inside the back line. Off the pegs from the barrier to settle one out two back for Gary Hall Jnr, made a 3 wide move with a lap to go to be 3 wide but level with the leaders at the 400m, a battle royal to the 50m but got the better of Cease To React and Butter Me Up to win the \$125,000 APG 2YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic by 2.4m in 1:57.5, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.3;

- ★ 5yo **Magnus Victor - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Benjor Maddy Lombo (Perfect Art USA)** breeder Mike Howie. A country Heat win and placed in a Series Final. Two starts later started favourite from 1 with trainer driver Aiden de Campo, led, solid pace throughout, strode clear down the back, clear into the straight and an easy win in the \$23,000 0-2W/\$15K Pace by 7.1m in 1:55.5, last qtrs 28.2, 28.4;

- ◆ 9yo **Nickys Son - Imperial Count USA** o/o **Nicky Eileen NZ (Dr Ronerail USA)** owner breeder Norm and Julie Champion. Did his early racing in Melbourne. Having a good season and started at 6/1 from 4, restrained by Chris Lewis to drop into the one by one, waited until the 400m to make a 3 wide move and superior over the closing stages to win the \$21,000 Trot by 1m in 2:01.4;

- ◆ 6yo entire **Paul Edward - Always B Miki USA** o/o **Like A Dame (Golden Greek USA)** owner breeder Steve Johnson. Previous win in December and approaching \$200,000 in earnings. Started favourite from 1 for driver Maddison Brown, fast out and held the lead, quick first qtr and solid sectionals, found plenty in the run home to hold on and win the \$31,000 NR 30-90 Summer Series Final by 1m in 1:55.6,

- ◆ 4yo **Rajah Rocks - Art Major USA** o/o **Gaetana Nicole (Sutter Hanover USA)** breeder part owner Steve Johnson and trainer driver Aiden de Campo, a midweek win and place then another winner starting from outside the back line. Settled one out 4 back early before a cracking speed in the second qtr had him 10 lengths off the lead, had to really chase hard down the back and a great effort to be 4 lengths back at the 400m, just kept on going and in a war of attrition went on to a good win in the \$23,000 0-3W Summer Series Final by 3.9m in 1:58.0. They aren't robots guys; and



- ★ 4yo Horse **Waverider - Downbytheseaside USA** o/o **Premium Copper (Major In Art USA)** breeder Mike and Sharron Howie, won in January and 2nd in the Summer Series, before starting favourite from 6 after 2 scratchings, last early before settling 4th along the pegs, looked to be struggling in the hot early

pace, still last at the 400m before swinging 6 wide to steam past the field under "hands and heels" to win the \$23,000 0-2W/\$15K Pace in 1:55.6. Well judged by Junior Driver of the Year Kyle Symington.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (February 2025)

During February 2025, 37.9% (58) of race wins were by fillies and mares. This follows on from the 31.5% result from January so overall a good beginning for fillies and mares under the WA hybrid National Rating System. We hear of complaints about the system but these results, with the double concessions for mares and preferential draws in some cases, might finally be making a difference to this racing pool. We look forward to further opportunities for the fillies and mares to improve their results for their owners and trainers, and of course their future breeders, noting that the national average is 33.6% races won by fillies/mares.

There were 47 individual fillies/mares enjoying a win, with leading sires of winning fillies and mares being **Rock N Roll World USA** and **Sweet Lou USA**, both with 4 winners of 5 races.

In terms of stakes, Westbred fillies/mares won 40 of the 58 races and earned \$627,000 plus \$91,000 in bonuses. The total stakes won by fillies and mares, of \$872,000, is the sixth highest monthly earning figure in the last 7 years which means, in all likelihood, it is the 6th highest monthly figure ever earned.

With a new handicapping system and a new race program model, we want to reset the outcomes for fillies/mares, targeting 35% winners and making the racing system just as attractive for this 50% of the foal population as for the other half of the foals born.

Amongst the fillies and mares there were 20 first time starters In February 2025 and 5 first time winners - 2yos **Chefs Kiss** (Captain Ahab USA), **Koh I Noor Camel** (For A Reason), **Ma Petite Dame** and **Wishing Belle** (Bettors Wish USA) and 4yo **Rocknroll Jewel** (Rock N Roll World USA).

Dual winning fillies and mares included **Alta Allure** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Having Fun** (Bettors Delight USA), **Its Maa Time** (Captain Crunch USA), **Koolbardi Navajo** (Fly Like An Eagle), **Follow My Stride** (Follow The Stars) and **Remarkable Rock** (Rock N Roll World USA). Steno (Sweet Lou USA) also won 2 races while Quintessa (Always B Miki USA) and Brulee NZ (Vincent) won 3 races in the month,

Opportunities for fillies in February 2025 didn't need to improve much to be better than January, but with the Sales Classics and the controversial Western Crowns included in the month it did provide good money for those fillies ready to race:

- 2YO – there were 10 races provided for 2yos (5 for fillies) with fillies winning 5 races. Fillies provided 24 (49%) of the 49 individual 2yo starters.
- 3YO – there were 8 races provided for 3yos (2 for fillies) with fillies winning 4 of these races as well as 7 of the 14 wins by 3yos in the 3yo and over races. The 3yo fillies contributed 35 (55%) of the 64 individual 3yo starters and do warrant more of their own races.

Not as high as the 48 wins by mares in February 2023 but a good result for the mares in February 2025 with 42 race wins. This is lower than the previous month (45) but coming from a lower number of starters (156 in January against 144 in February) so all in all a good outcome for those racing mares.

Fillies and mares won 12 (32.4%) of the 37 races run at Gloucester Park premium meetings, one of the few times that the 30% target has been overtaken. This is a significant improvement and one we hope will continue.

Winners included 5yo **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** who won the Group 3 \$50,000 Laurie Kennedy Mares and the open \$50,000 Group 3 Lord Mayors Cup – a great result. Preferential barrier was applied (as we believe it should in many of the open features). New Zealand 2yo **Miss Red Velvet NZ (Always B Miki USA)** won the \$30,000 2YO Fillies Western Crown, 3yo filly Quintessa won a \$21,000 Summer Series Pace against older horses, 5yo **Penny Black NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** won a restricted \$27,000 Pace, and 7yo **Blaze Coops (American Ideal USA)** won a \$23,000 Restricted Pace. The remaining 4 WA bred filly/mare winners of 5 races at premium meetings were:

- ♥ 6yo **Alta Allure – Alta Christiano Miss Allure (D M Dilinger CA)** breeder part owner Colin Belton Lightly raced 6yo won her heat of the 0-2W/\$15K Summer Series before stepping out as 2nd favourite from 2 in the Final with Chris Lewis in charge, settled one out two back in running, slow lead and 1st qtr before the pace quickened into the back, moved 3 wide at the 400m to race up to the leader and favourite coming to the home turn, flew past her at the 100m to win the \$25,000 Fillies and mares Summer Series Final by an impressive 11.2m in 1:59;
- ♥ 3yo **Jaxs Ideal - American Ideal USA** o/o **Jacinta Jones NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Won 2 races in January including a \$21,000 Fillies and Mares Summer Series, then

started at the attractive odds of 20/1 from 7 in the \$21,000 3YO Pace, restrained from the barrier by Gary Hall Jnr to settle last on the pegs while the leaders were diminishing their chances in a 35.1 lead, followed a 3 wide move with just over a lap to go, worked forward strongly down the back as the leaders compounded but still lengths to make up, closing fast on the nw leaders down the straight to grab the win in by a head in 1:56.4;



Jaxs Ideal coming fast down the outside to win

♥ 3yo **Its Maa Time – Captain Crunch USA** o/o **Maastricht (Blissfull Hall USA)** foaled by Mike Howie. Three wins over November December then second start back started favourite from 3 after a scratching. Scooted out to lead, slow lead and poured the pressure on down the back to be a race in two, held out a brave Delulu down the straight to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies by 2.9m in 2:00.4, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.5. A week later stepped out at 10/1 from outside the back line, fast out but paced roughly before settling one out 3 back for trainer driver Aiden de Campo, followed a 3 wide move with just over a lap to go, moved 4 wide at the 400m to make up ground on the leading pair, finished strongly down the straight to run down the brave Delulu and Reinette to win the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic Final in 1:57.5;

♥ 2yo **Ma Petite Dame – Bettors Wish USA** o/o **Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** breeder Sharron, Mike and Shannon Howie. One of only 6 foals born in WA from the sire, with 5 raced and two winners. A noteworthy 2nd in her Heat to the other Bettors Wish filly Wishing Belle, and started favourite from 4 in the Final. Came out running and straight to the lead with Wishing Belle in the one-one, stepped up the pace down the back, headed for home with the breeze filly beaten but Wishing Belle chasing, drew clear at the top of the straight to go on to a 3.8m win in the 2YO Fillies \$125,000 APG Sales Classic from Wishing Belle in 1:57.4, last qtrs 28.8 and 28.4;

The number of fillies and mares racing in February 2025 (203) leaves plenty of room for improvement next year. We believe there is plenty of opportunity to provide the early 3yos and 4yos in particular with some great racing opportunities over these months by providing good target races for them to compete in rather than move all the best races to just a few months in the second half of the year. This all relies on owners and trainers being given plenty of notice about what the race program intentions are – and not just in the meeting calendar. It requires just a small effort to deliver a plan and strategy so the racing population can make informed decisions.

Westbreds share of the female racing population in February was 79%, while Westbred 2yo fillies contributed 92% and 3yo fillies 80%. Overall fillies and mares provided 34.8% of the racing population in the month. The junior concession and double concession is making a difference to earnings for fillies and mares and while we know there is opposition from some sectors, we will vigorously defend these initiatives which for the first time in WA have provided some real balance for those racing fillies and mares.

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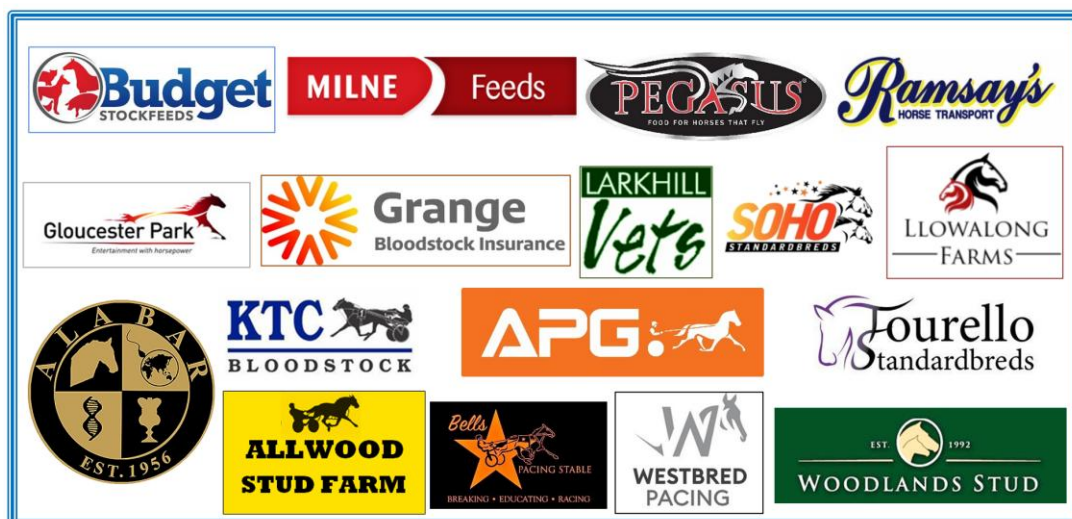
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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **26 March 2025**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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