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APG Online Sale for Dr Ed Dewar's Estate

With the very sad passing of Dr Ed Dewar on the eve of the 2025 WA APG Sale, there is an opportunity for breeders to buy into some of Dr Ed's famous Remit line mares, as well as some other stock of all ages.

APG will run an online sale from 2 to 4 May for Dr Ed's breeding and racing stock, and you can go to the catalogue [here](#) or visit the APG website www.apgold.com.au. Photos are available on all lots and all lots are unreserved.

Buyer registration is open now. Bidding will open on 2 May and end from 3pm WST, Sunday 4 May 2025.

There will be two other Mixed Sales run by APG – 23-25 May and 15-17 August.

Dr Ed's foundation mare **Remit (Out To Win USA)** 2:01.6 \$92,839 has produced a family of winners of over \$10 million in stakes and it is no coincidence that Remit belongs to the same family as Scuse Me NZ. Remit is a half sister to **Time Lag (Farm Timer USA)** 2:2.0 \$23,905, both out of the winning Fallacy NZ (Light Brigade USA) mare **Gold Heritage NZ**. Despite the almost total lack of success of the beautifully bred Farm Timer USA, Time Lag NZ produced the unraced mare **Super Smooth NZ (Smooth Fella USA)** for her breeder Mark Purdon. Super Smooth NZ is the dam of several winners including **Scuse Me NZ (B Gs Bunny USA)** 1:53.5.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	no features, but races programmed throughout May
3YO	\$50,000 Caduceus Classic on 2 May
	\$9,360 Diamond Classic Heats on 6 May for fillies paid up for the \$50,000 Final on 16 May
	\$9,360 Pearl Classic Heats on 13 May for colts/geldings paid up for the \$50,000 Final on 23 May
Mares	\$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes on 9 May
	\$30,000 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO & 5YO Mares (mares who have not won a race with stakes over \$30,000) is on 30 May
	The \$14,000 Color Glo is at Narrogin on 14 June – Westbred Mares who have not won a race with stakes over \$21,000



RWA Call for Submissions -WA Feature Race calendar

RWA is calling for feedback and suggestions from industry participants - and any others - on WA feature race events as well as race programming, prizemoney distribution, race conditions and scheduling in general.

You can provide your comments by email to industryfeedback@rwwa.com.au by 31 May 2025.

Outcomes from the review will be provided in late 2025 with the feature race calendar in 2026 to be implemented from the results.

If you want to impact the outcome you must provide comment, either directly or through WASBA or another Eligible Body.

Just for the girls

There are a number of prominent mares races in WA through Autumn, beginning with the \$50,000 Lombardo Fillies and Mares, the Listed \$35,000 Dr Ed Dewar Golden Girls Mile and the \$35,000 Race For Roses Stand. These races lead into the \$75,000 Group 2 Empress Stakes, the \$50,000 Group 3 Breeders Stakes, and the winter \$50,000 Group 3 Kerry Clarke.

Add to these the \$30,000 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO/5YO Mares and the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (both the 4YO/5YO races exclude previous feature race winners) so there are some good opportunities for mares over the period.

In April, WASBA provided the trophy and garland for the Race For Roses winner, 5yo **Penny Black NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** who started from the 30m line to put in a great performance to win from the fast finishing Chilli Punter (off 10m) and 3YO Filly of the Year Water Lou (off 30m) who put up a stout performance once in front in the windy conditions.



Penny Black representatives with trainer Michael Young and WASBA representatives

Penny Black was overlooked in the 2021 NZ Yearling Sale despite her showy looks, and was passed in for \$10,000. She had 6 NZ starts with her last start being her first win, before her sale to, and racing career in, WA. Penny Black's dam Tessa Rocks NZ is a full sister to another good WA racemare in **Crystal Sparkles NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:53 \$233,000 who coincidentally won the 2019 \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares. Their dam **Taylor Kate NZ (Artsplace USA)** is a half sister to champion filly and 2008/09 NZ 3yo Pacing Filly of the Year **Lauraella (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:55.9, \$649,946, with her wins including the Northern Oaks, Group 1 NZ Oaks, Ladyship Stakes, Group 2 Harness Jewels 2yo Diamond and Group 1 Queen Of Hearts.

For those a little shy to go with older broodmares, the dam of Taylor Kate and Lauraella was the winning racemare **Black Maire NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)** whose dam **Corbie (Vance Hanover USA)** was born when her dam **Black Watch NZ** was 24 years old. The Black Watch NZ family is one of the most noteworthy and prolific maternal lines in the southern hemisphere.

First season sires

First season 2yo pacing sire **Captain Ahab USA (Captaintreacherous USA)** is now 3rd on the first season sire list (by stakes earned) from a foal crop of 30, behind Ride High (Art Major USA) - foal crop 60 - and Bettors Wish USA (Bettors Delight USA) - foal crop 28. Capt Midnight, Tall Dark Stranger and Ultimate Sniper NZ also have winners from their first crop.

Captain Ahab progeny won both of the 2YO Westsired Finals with impressive performances from home bred **Aussie Captain** (colts and geldings) who was first up, and **El Raes Girl**, who made it consecutive wins in just over 1:57. **El Raes Girl** was bred by David Simmonds and was passed in at the 2024 Yearling Sale. She is raced by David's father David, keeping it in the family. The family was responsible for bringing Captain Ahab to Australia after his impressive juvenile performances in the US.

For the first season 3yo sires (first season 2yo sires in 2024), Captain Crunch USA (97 foals 14 winners \$250,000) Poster Boy (73 foals 12 winners \$255,000), McWicked USA (95 foals 15 winners \$176,000) Soho Tribeca (87 foals 9 winners \$143,000), Stay Hungry (48 foals 8 winners \$105,000) and Lather Up USA (48 foals 6 winners \$104,000) and The Storm Inside (62 foals 6 winners \$75,000) are all in the top 20 3YO sires atm.

Poster Boy topped the 2024 First Season sires with 23 winners. Captain Crunch USA (22), Stay Hungry USA (20), Soho Tribeca (17), McWicked USA (16), The Storm Inside (11) and Lather Up USA (9) were other top 20.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☒ The Bluechip Matchmaker Series (mares) and Borgata Series (males) are the early features at the half mile Yonkers Race Track, with heats in each series worth \$50,000 and the Finals worth \$200,000 each - and there are \$100,000 Consolations! Definitely causing some increased nominations this year (you do pay a nomination fee) for both series which are contested over 5 preliminary rounds.

Matchmaker winners to date include recently imported 4yo **Aardie B Miki NZ (Always B Miki)** with 3 wins, while 5yo Walkin On Sunshine (Always B Miki), 4yo Rocket Deo (Captaintreacherous), 5yo Beautiful Seaside (Downbytheseaside) and 7yo Australian **Silk Cloud (Shadow Play)** have two wins each. Aardie B Miki is undefeated in the US.

In the Borgata series, 7yo New Zealander **Mossdale Ben (A Rocknroll Dance)** and **For Once Inmy Life (Downbytheseaside)** have 3 wins, 5yo **Huntinthelastdolar (Huntsville)**, 5yo **Coaches Corner (Always A Virgin)** and 5yo **Verdun (Bettors Delight)** have two wins apiece, while 8yo Himself NZ (Sportswriter) and 6yo Aardies Flash NZ (Always B Miki) have one win.



Peter Tritton (training in the US for 25 years and father of Shane Tritton) trains Silk Cloud and Mossdale Ben NZ, who are both likely finalists in their respective races. Mossdale Ben's only loss in the US from 7 starts was his 2nd in the third round of the Borgata. Australian Tritton trained Bit Of A Legend NZ (Bettors Delight) to win the 2016 Borgata Final. Meanwhile the Shane Tritton (in the US since 2020) trained 5yo Its A Me Mario (American Ideal) is on one win in the Borgata.



☑ Also trained by Shane Tritton and driven by Lauren Tritton is the spectacular pinto Irish born **Always B Colour (Always B Miki)**, winning at the Meadowlands in 1:52. Coloured horses are very popular outside Australia and Always B Colour gets his good looks from his dam Mamma Said, who is by Australian bred skewbald stallion **Rorschach (Preux Chevalier)** 1:58.6 9 wins \$30,331, whose dam Mix N Match was by piebald stallion **Snow Time (Meadow Chief)** who was imported from New



Zealand to Australia in 1965. Rorschach was exported to England in 2001, so perhaps he will have some recognition as the broodmare sire of the fastest skewbald in history.

✠ Hall of Fame and World champion **Western Ideal (Western Hanover)** died peacefully at the age of 30 and will be buried in the Hanover Shoe Farms cemetery alongside some of their other great stallions of the past. Western Ideal sired 16 millionaires, including champions **Rocknroll Hanover** 1:48.3 \$2.75 million (sire of three time Australian Horse of the Year King Of Swing NZ), 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year and world champion **Big Jim** 1:49.1 \$1,54 million (sire of 2024 Sombeachsomewhere Horse of the year the unbeaten Chantilly); **Always A Virgin** 1:48.4 \$1,14 million (sire of champion Always B Miki) and World Champion **American Ideal** 1:47.4 (sire of numerous Australasian champions including stallions Soho Tribeca, My Hard Copy NZ and Copy That NZ). He was also the broodmare sire of **McWicked** 1:46.2 \$4,930,967, **Bettors Wish** 1:47.3 \$2,601,233, Dan Patch winner **Abuckabett Hanover** 1:47.2 \$2,049,901 and Dan Patch winner **Pebble Beach** 1:48.1s \$1,720,875.



☑ The late Dr Ed Dewar featured as the breeder of the 2024/25 Ballys Dover Horse of the Year in 9yo (he is 10 in the US) **Its Rock And Roll (A Rocknroll Dance** out of Miss Worthy Whitby). The winner of \$157,000 for the season at the 1000m Delaware track, Its Rock And Roll won 8 races and was placed 6 times from 16 starts to take his lifetime stakes above \$550,000. His WA wins included the 2018 Group 1 Sales Classic and the Group 2 \$50,000 Champagne Classic, winning the Group 3 Im Themightyquinn in his final Australian start in 2020.

☑ Another outstanding achiever in the US is the newly retired Majorca NZ (Art Major) who went out a winner at Ballys Dover with career earnings of \$661,000 and a lifetime mark of 1:48.2. Her US career consisted of 75 starts for 29 wins and 21 places. Majorca NZ had 10 Australian starts for 8 wins and 2 places at Albion Park.

And elsewhere....

☑ Well it's round one to **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)** who has returned to WA to defend his Nullarbor title, winning impressively in his lead up race a week out from the Nullarbor. Obviously he has no issues with the half mile Gloucester Park track and connections could do a lot worse than leave him here to race. Racing from the front he won by 10m with a last qtr in 26.9, with Mister Smartee NZ second after racing in the breeze. **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** remains favourite despite his loss to the evergreen **Max Delight (Bettors Delight USA)** in a Menangle FFA, and at a (2024) stud fee of less than \$7,000, his sire Rock N Roll Heaven USA is quite a bargain considering the quality of the horses he has produced in all countries. 2024 Inter Dominion runner up and \$1.5 million earner **Minstrel (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** will be first up in the Nullarbor for trainers Greg and Skye Bond after a 6 week absence, and unfortunately for connections, Majestic Storm has a very untimely injury (again) and is a non starter.

Unfortunately WA will also miss out on Miracle Mile and Inter Dominion winner **Don Hugo (Art Major USA)** 1:48.4 who was on the receiving end of that brilliant performance by Leap To Fame. He will head for the Inters in Queensland in July after a brief let up.

☑ A clean sweep to the visitors in New Zealand, although one not so expected. Oscar Bonavena again lost all chance after galloping in the \$600,000 TAB Trot at Cambridge, but credit always goes to the winner which was **Arcee Phoenix (Trixtion USA)** who won 3 prior events this year including the Group 1 Maori Mile, before grabbing that momentous victory in the TAB Trot. He was 4th last year -you have to have faith in this industry.

Meanwhile, The Locomotive is in Sweden for his brush with the elite of trotting in the 2025 Elitloppet at Solvalla in Sweden on 25 May.



Arcee Phoenix wins from Queen Elida

☑ Deserving of her millionaire status from a second place to Arcee Phoenix was **Queen Elida NZ (Love You FRA)**. While the Slot races substantially skew records, the Queen deserves hers with over 40 of her 80 plus starts being in Group races with almost no favours in the barrier draw for being a mare. She has drawn outside the top trotters and has won the hard way. Her Group 1 wins have included the Victoria Trotters Oaks, the L Coocaracha and the Bill Collins Mile. She will finish her career in her country of birth with her most recent result a second to Muscle Mountain (Muscle Hill USA) who also reached millionaire status in the \$600,000 TAB Trot

☑ You can really only say it was a stunning effort by entire **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** to win the NZ \$1 million Race by Betcha – his 50th win from 63 starts - with no favours from the barrier, no favours in running and no favours from the weather. The win took his stakes to over \$4 million. No disgrace to the younger Don Hugo (Art Major USA), with connections choosing to abandon Nullarbor plans after the effort. He is still a young horse and has a big future and has plenty of



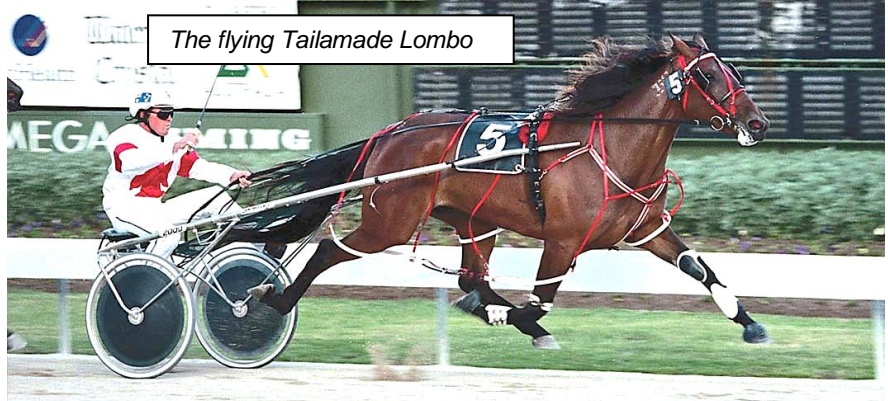
Leap To Fame well clear

money in the bank after his 2024 \$2million Eureka and \$500,000 Menangle Inter Dominion wins as well as the 2025 \$1 million Miracle Mile, so didn't need to be tested by Swayzee and Catch A Wave in Perth.

All going well, Leap To Fame will return to New Zealand for the \$1m IRT New Zealand Cup later in the year

✚ It's sad when a great horse passes, and **Tailmade Lombo (Troublemaker USA)** certainly fits the bill of champion up with the very best.

Plaudits to Alabar who continue to take care of their retired stallions and mares. Tailmade Lombo will be buried amongst Alabar's champion stallions like Fake Left USA, Golden Greek USA, Presidential Ball USA, Safely Kept USA, Sokys Atom USA, Village Jasper USA and Whats Next USA – all of whom have left an indelible mark on breeding in the southern hemisphere. As a broodmare Tailmade Lombo left 10 winners including 4 with over \$200,000 in earnings, with the best being multiple Group 1 winner **Aussie Made Lombo (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.1 \$578,456.



Tailmade Lombo was a 1994 foal and raced from 2 through to 2002 – her final start in an Inter Dominion Final at Harold Park, having being placed in all 3 Heats. She began her career in WA before heading east and returned to WA for the 1998 WA Oaks win. She ran second to the mighty Christian Cullen NZ in the 1998 Miracle Mile. She won numerous Group 1 and Grand Circuit events and retired with earnings of \$1.35 million, along the way beating the best horses in Australasia including millionaires Courage Under Fire NZ, Miracle Mile winner Iraklis NZ, dual WA Pacing Cup and Inter Dominion winner Our Sir Vancelot NZ, Hunter Cup winner Safe and Sound, and Victoria Cup and dual Miracle Mile winner Sokyola.

✚ A rough start to the year being disqualified from his win in the \$60,000 Shepparton Cup, 5yo entire **Captain Hammerhead (Captaintreacherous USA)** won the Albury Cup a month later (preventing Swayzee from winning that extra \$500,000 bonus), didn't quite run well enough to qualify for the Miracle Mile but has come back as good horses do and won his Heat and an eventful \$100,000 Riverina Championship Final for 4YO/5YO entires and geldings. Last year's winner was Extreme Sea who at one time was favourite for the 2024 Eureka.

✚ Doing one better than last year, **Eye Keep Smiling (Sweet Lou USA)** won the \$100,000 Riverina Final for the mares. She has won her last 4 starts and overall has 21 wins and 5 places from 32 starts. Including her unplaced starts was a 5th in the 2024 Eureka, but her wins have included the \$150,000 Group 1 The Golden Girl in 1:51.5 in Queensland, defeating Aardies Express and Ladies In Red. **Oh Eye See (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:54.5 \$101,705, the dam of Eye Keep Smiling, is a full sister to **Two Eye See** 1:52.4 \$306,703 – who raced with one eye. Their unraced dam **Grace Robinson (Perfect Art USA)** was the last foal of champion **Jasmarilla (Tarport Low USA)** 1:55.2 50 wins \$503,000. Other members of this family include **Eye See Diamonds (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:51.6 \$284,875 who was unfortunately lost while foaling, and 2023 \$400,000 APG Gold Final winning 2yo filly **Eye Believe (Captaintreacherous USA)**.



Eye Keep Smiling is heading for the \$200,000 Group 1 Queen Elizabeth Mile at Menangle on 10 May, where she is likely to meet recent winner **Rakero Rebel (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** who put up an outstanding effort to beat the in-form **Yambukian (Bettors Delight USA)**, the older half brother to Catch A Wave. A top effort given that Yambukian ran 3rd to his younger brother in a Geelong FFA before Catch A Wave left for WA.

Also heading for the Queen Elizabeth is WA raced **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)**, who is preparing for lead up events. She is aiming for one of two invitations for the event, and aside from that will need to finish in the first four of either the Sibelia Stakes or Robin Dundee Stakes to take her place in the Queen Elizabeth.

☑ The impressive filly **Beside Me NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** has chalked up another win for the family of **Scuse Me NZ (B Gs Bunny USA)**, this time in the NZ Northern Oaks Prelude. She is the second foal of champion mare **Dream About Me NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:50.1 \$ \$1,375,085 whose wins in Australia included three Group 1s – the 2YO Fillies Breeders Crown, the NSW Oaks and the Group 1 Ladyship Mile. Dream About Me NZ is a half sister to Hunter Cup, Victoria Cup and Miracle Mile winner **Christen Me NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**. Their two times winning dam **Splendid Dreams NZ (Dream Away USA)** is a half sister to full siblings **Adore Me NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** \$1,667,029 and Miracle Mile winner **Have Faith In Me** \$1,993,914. Imagine Me NZ 1:56.9 \$241,972, the full sister to Splendid Dreams NZ, is the granddam of Race For Grins and multiple Group 1 winner **Merlin NZ (Art Major USA)** 1:52.1 \$1,436,789 and NZ 2024 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year Captains Mistress (Captaintreacherous USA).

☑ Fresh from his second to Leap To Fame in the \$1 million race by Betcha after his previous win in the Group 2 Flying Mile for trainers Nathan and Mark Purdon, **Chase A Dream NZ (Captaintreacherous USA)** will be chasing the warm weather in Queensland to race in the \$300,000 Rising Sun as a precursor to an Inter Dominion start.

The Rising Sun is run on the same night as the Inter Dominion round one heats and any 4yo winner of the Rising Sun does not have to contest the Inter Dominion Heats to qualify for the Inters, as long as they also run in a nominated 4YO race on the same night as the second and final round of the Inters Heats. Remembering that Minstrel would not have qualified for the 2024 Inter Dominion Final – in which he ran second – if that series was run over just two qualifying Heats.

The Purdon team will also take Oscar Bonavena (Majestic Son CA) for the Inter Dominion Trotting Series, and Rubira (Always B Miki USA) will target the Queensland Derby for them.

☑ Also returning to the winners list and a possibility for The Rising Sun, 4yo **Fighter Command (Always B Miki USA)** has returned to the winners list after suffering a twisted bowel last year that necessitated lifesaving surgery on the eve of his Eureka start. He had won 9 of his first 12 starts including the \$80,000 Beatitude to qualify for a 2024 Eureka start.

☑ New to the stallion ranks in 2025 will be the just retired **Act Now (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:52.6 who will stand at Durham Park, the property of his owners. Act Now won 22 races and retires just shy of \$1 million in earnings. He was a brilliant juvenile, winning the Breeders Crown and several other features, but he was also the 2023 Group 1 Victoria Cup winner and went through the 2022 Inter Dominion Heats almost undefeated.

His dam Mollys Ideal (American Ideal USA) is American bred, being out of imported mare Mollys Lucky Star (Bettors Delight USA) whose dam is by Artsplace USA and he belongs to the successful maternal line of a former Australian based stallion Pacific Fella USA). Pacific Fella was the sire of Harness Horse of the Year and Triple Crown winner No Pan Intended USA.



☑ Harness Racing New Zealand have commenced their National Bureau, which is a new innovation intended to streamline their nomination, acceptance, and field release process across the country.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Two Captains having a good early start in WA, and both are currently Australian residents – Captain Crunch in Victoria and Captain Ahab in WA
- ♣ The Locomotive is in Sweden but in WA and from Finland a new junior driver Anna Hiltunen, with monte experience, is starting her driving career in WA. All the best Anna.
- ♣ Inter Dominion winner Baltic Eagle, driver Bob Pollock and the Porter family have been inducted into the WA Racing Hall of Fame. You can read about the Inductees [here](#)
- ♣ Passing of William Crabb, the doyen of photographers across a number sports including football, sailing and in particular, harness racing at Gloucester Park. Many of his winning photographs adorn walls in WA.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – March 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.

This month it's a lightly raced 4yo with a bright future. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **March 2025**, **Steve Johnson** as the breeder of **Blaze Away** (Sweet Lou USA out of Maggie Pearl by Rock N Roll Heaven USA). Blaze Away began his career as a 2yo winning his Heat of the APG 2YO Sales Classic and finishing second in the final in March 2023. Only 2 more runs that year and a change of trainers saw him with just 7 starts last year, before really hitting his straps this season. He has 4 wins and 2 places from the 6 starts, with the margin in his last two victories being 10m and 12m in winning the \$23,000 Autumn Series Final.



Blaze Away is the first foal of his dam Maggie Pearl and was purchased by Trotsynd at the 2022 WA APG Sale for \$45,000. Maggie Pearl was unraced but is a half sister to 6 winners and her dam Betapic (Bettors Delight USA) 1:56.2 8 wins \$59,160 is a half sister to 9 other winners including 2002 Australian 2YO Pacing Colt/Gelding of the Year **Black Line** (Troublemaker USA) 1:57.5 18 wins \$255,232.

Congratulations to breeder Steve Johnson, trainer Michael Young and the connections of **Blaze Away**.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES MARCH 2025

Twelve WA based sires produced winners in March 2025, with 34 individual winners of 39 races. Leading the pack was Fly Like An Eagle with 10 winners winning one race each, with Follow The Stars next with 5 winners of 5 races, as well as Renaissance Man also with 5 race wins.

Five Westsired horses won 2 races in the month – **Alta Freeway** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Miss Uneek** (My Hard Copy NZ), **Longreach Bay** and **Trittrittbangbang** (Renaissance Man) and **Kurios Boy** (Rock N Roll World)

There were 5 Westsired progeny with their first career win in March including 3 by **Fly Like An Eagle** – 2yo filly **Shes Super Charged**, 3yo colt **By Royal Command** and 4yo mare **Alreddy Flyin**. The other first time winners were **Run Stella Run** (Advance Attack NZ) and **Follow Therockstar** (Follow The Stars). There were 6 first time starts who were Westsired, including 4 2yos.

There were 39 races run at metropolitan premium meetings with 5 Westsired winners:

- ♠ 4yo entire **Chief Copy - My Hard Copy NZ** o/o **Kamendable Lass (Allamerican Ingot USA)** breeder Bill Hayes. Four consecutive 2nds then started favourite from 6 after a scratching, 2nd last early in a slowly run race, followed a move to be one by one at the 1200m, moved 3 wide by Hayden Charles at the 400m to be threatening on straightening, took a while to balance before stretching out to win the \$21,000 Pace by 1.0m in 2:02.3;
- ♠ 7yo **Classsmart - Renaissance Man** o/o **Classy And Smart (Fake Left USA)** breeder part owner Ross Waddell. Won in February at Williams then 3 starts later in a \$21,000 Autumn Series Final stepped out from 3 middle of the betting with Shannon Suvaljko on board, in the breeze early before getting a sit with 2 laps to go, a bunched field coming off the back, moved forward 3 wide into the straight to just get to the lead in the nick of time and win by a half head in 1:58.2;
- ♠ 6yo **Follow Rocknroll - Follow The Stars** o/o **Rocknroll Royalty (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, 2nd in a \$31,000 Summer Series the week before, then started at 6/1 from 5 after a scratching, settled 4 on the pegs in running for Stewie McDonald, deftly to two back the running line with a lap to go before finding an opening off the back to swoop home 5 wide and win the \$21,000 Pace by 3.8m in 1:55.9;
- ♠ 6yo **High Price - Alta Christiano NZ** o/o **Harriet Price NZ (Grinfromeartoeear USA)** breeder A Merrington, M Howden, having his best season ever with over \$50,000 in 3 months. Started favourite from 4 with Chris Lewis driving, under a hold from the barrier and settled in the breeze in a slow lead,



starting to draw clear off the back and heading for home in front with challengers coming, still in front where it counts and a win in the \$31,000 FFA by a half neck in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.1

- ♠ **4yo Kurious Boy - Rock N Roll World USA o/o Kurious (Sportswriter USA)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. Four starts this season has equalled his stake earnings from 17 starts in 2024. Won a Northam Heat then started favourite from 6 with Cody Wallrodt, eased out of the early speed and eventually settled 2nd last, moved forward 3 wide with just over a lap to go to be 2nd at the 400m, 3 wide into the straight but worked home strongly to win the \$23,000 4YO+ Autumn Series Final by 1.4m in 1:58.5.



Kurious Boy (9) getting the win

Bonus payments for the month continued the lower trend for the year, with \$74,000 in payments to Westsired progeny in March 2025, although this was roughly 55% higher than the previous month.

Stakes won by Westsired progeny in March 2025 was \$436,000, another increase over the previous month and the **highest March figure in the last 6 years.!**

WESTBRED WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2025

March 2025 produced another top 10 result (over the last 8 years) for the percentage of Westbred wins in the month with 64.7% (108 races) of the 167 races won by Westbreds. Bonus payments (\$263,000) remain lower than desirable, however stakes payments to Westbreds (\$1,403,580) were solid given the results exclude the Yearling Sale classics which are often in March.

There were 42 sires represented by winning Westbred progeny in March 2025, with local sire **Fly Like An Eagle** (10 winners of 10 races) on top, followed by American Ideal USA with 7 winners of 8 races.

There were 19 Westbreds winning for the first time – excluding the 5 Westsired previously mentioned these were:

- 2yos **Viva Lost Wages** (American Ideal USA), **Waves of Fortune** (Poster Boy) and **Wheres My Halo** (Rock N Roll World USA);
- 3yos **Fakenit** (American Ideal USA), **Pinny Noir** (Bettors Delight USA), **Damage Done**, **Gelsomino Amal** and **Wicked Hustler** (McWicked USA), **Manhattan Ruby** (Soho Tribeca), **Lou Lamour** (Sweet Lou USA) and **Village Dee Jay** (Village Jolt CA), and
- 4yos **Miki Windermere** (Always B Miki USA) and **Switch Blade** (Ultimate Machete NZ), 6yo **Pay Homage** (Shadow Play USA).

There were also 20 first time starters in March – by 16 different sires - including 12 2yos and 6 3yos.

There were 17 Westbreds winning at least 2 races for the month. First time winner **Manhattan Ruby (Soho Tribeca)** had her first start in February and won 3 races in March! Also with 3 wins was 9yo **Second Amendment (Well Said USA)**. **Blaze Away** (Sweet Lou USA) followed his 2 wins in February with another two in March. Other dual Westbred winners for the month included **Gaitcrasher** and **Miki Windermere** (Always B Miki USA), **Greatgreat Boulder** (American Ideal USA), **Mister Piccolo** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Back On Line** (Betting Line USA), **Wishing Belle** (Bettors Wish USA), **Manhattan Moon** (Control The Moment USA), **Wicked Hustler** (McWicked), **Peachee** (Red Samurai), **Sweet Vivienne** (Sweet Lou USA), along with the Westsired dual winners Alta Freeway, Miss Uneek, Longreach Bay and Kurious Boy listed previously.

Westbreds won 7 of the 8 2yo races run in March 2025, as well as providing 26 of the 28 starters.

In a big turnaround of race opportunities, Westbreds won 14 of the 15 3yo races and 3 of the 11 other races won by 3yos. Westbreds provided 69 of the 83 3yo starters.

The number of 4yo and over starters in March 2025 (458) is the lowest number recorded over the last 6 years (and has been for every month of this year) and reflects to some degree a lack of confidence in the new racing system. However, we believe there are good opportunities for many of this age group and a more visible race

program would provide the confidence needed to bring horses into work. We will continue to ask for the race program to be available 3 months ahead of time so that owners and trainers can see the opportunities.

If you are not benefitting from the race opportunities please drop us a line with the details so that we can discuss with the Harness office. We certainly want to see the racing numbers in the age group pick up.

There were 41 races restricted to the older age group (4yo+) which provides great opportunity along with win categories, but that doesn't mean it can't be improved. We are happy to take forward positive suggestions.

There were 144 races available for the age group, with the 4yo and overs winning 133 races. Westbreds won 84 of these races. As a group the average was one win every 9.7 starts, the same as for the previous month.

At premium meetings in March there were 22 Westbreds winning 23 of the 37 available races, including five Westsired winners and 6 wins by fillies and mares. The remaining 12 winners were:

- ◆ **4yo Back On Line - Betting Line USA** o/o **Chrissy Hills (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder owner trainer driver Brad Stampalia, won a Heat at Northam then started 2nd favourite from inside the back line, settled behind the race leader, with slow early stages, still pocketed coming to the home turn the final time, bumped out to get clear and fly home to win the \$21,000 4YO+ 0-1win Autumn Series Final by 3.5m in 2:01.5, and earned a suspension to go with the stakes;

- ◆ **3yo Belly Up - Foreclosure (NZ)** o/o **Thats The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, WASBA 2024 2YO Colt/Gelding of the Year. Resumed with 2 seconds before stepping out as 2nd favourite from 5 with Deni Roberts on board, settled one out one back but midfield in a slow lead, led up the 3 wide line with a lap to go, 2nd and closing but still 3 wide at the 400m, well clear into the straight to easily win the \$21,000 0W/15K Pace by 17m in 1:58.0, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.3;



- ◆ **4yo Blaze Away - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Maggie Pearl (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** breeder Steve Johnson. Nice type with high expectations as a 2yo. A good win mid week at Pinjarra by 10m then started a short favourite from 9, had a look first before going forward 3 wide to the lead with 1200 to go, sped away down the back to be well clear into the straight and an easy win in the \$23,000 4YO+ Autumn Series Final by 11.6m in 1:56.7 last qtrs 28.6 and 28.8;
- ◆ **8yo Chumani - Bettors Delight USA** o/o **Storm Cat (Mister Big USA)** breeder part owner Terry Ferguson. Second metro win this prep after starting 2nd favourite from 4 with Gary Hall Jnr, happy to race in the breeze until the 400m then moved to the lead, a clear lead into the straight and held his own to win the \$21,000 Trotters Mobile by 1.7m in 2:00.9;
- ◆ **4yo Gaitcrasher - Always B Miki Usa** o/o **Innocent Affair (Art Major USA)** breeder (Debra Lewis. Two consecutive wins at Pinjarra including a Heat then stepped out in the \$23,000 Autumn Series Final from 3 as favourite with junior Joseph Suvaljko having no hesitation to go straight to the lead, solid quarters throughout to lead comfortably into the straight and win by 10.7m in 1:57.5;
- ◆ **5yo Insta Gator - Huntsville USA** o/o **Topless Beach Girl (Art Major USA)** breeder Mike, Sharron and the late Ian Howie. Won mid-week in February then 2 starts later started 2nd favourite from 1 with trainer driver Jocelyn Young, hunted through to retain the lead, easy first half before setting up the win by sprinting down the back clear into the straight, going on to win the \$23,000 2-4W/15K by 8.3m in 1:57.9, last qtrs 27.8 and 28;
- ◆ **5yo Magnus Victor - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Benjor Maddy Lombo (Perfect Art USA)** breeder Mike Howie. An easy win in a \$23,000 0-2W/\$15K Pace, this time started from 7 with junior Joseph Suvaljko, hit the gate and bubbled to be last early but in a very slow lead, made a 3 wide move to the breeze to be outside the leader with 1200 to go, starting to take control near the 400m in a fast qtr and clear at the

top of the straight and a strong win in the \$31,000 4YO/5YO Westbred Restricted Autumn Classic by 3.6m in 1:56.2, last qtrs 28.1, 27.8 and 28.6. Another with nearly \$50,000 for the season already;

- ◆ **9yo Major Freeway - Art Major USA o/o Eliza Grace (Armbro Operative USA)** breeders Barry, Lynley, Jimmie and Katie Howlett. Started at 8/1 from 2 with driver Chris Lewis, took a stride or two to get going then straight to the lead, under challenge down the back, headed at the 400m, fought back down the straight, a half length in front at the 100m and won the \$21,000 M0 OW/15K by 1.3m in 1:58.4;
- ◆ **4yo Menemsha - Sunshine Beach USA o/o Falcons Gem Nz (Falcon Seelster USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Pearl and Westbred Classic winner at 2, first start since Country Derby win at 3. Started at 12/1 inside the back line, ended up 4 back the pegs for Trent Wheeler, solid lead, into the moving line going into the back, swung 5 wide off the back and into the turn making good progress, 6 wide down the straight and in a brilliant finish won the \$23,000 Pace by a nose in 1:55.8, last qtrs 27.5 and 29.2;
- ◆ **4yo entire Miki Windermere - Always B Miki USA o/o B D Windermere NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder part owner Lara Tither. 4yo with just one start prior to this season, won at his previous start at Pinjarra then started favourite from 9 in the \$21,000 Autumn Series Maiden Final, settled near last before going forward to the breeze with two laps to go, not much race experience so shaken up by Stewie McDonald with a lap to go, just starting to level up at the 400m before getting to the lead coming to the turn and going on to win by an easing 6.2m in 2:00.2;
- ◆ **9yo Nickys Son - Imperial Count USA o/o Nicky Eileen NZ (Dr Ronerail USA)** owner breeder Norm and Julie Champion. Won a \$21,000 Trot by 1m in 2:01.4 in February. A month and 2 starts later repeated the effort to win by a neck in 2:00.6; and
- ◆ **6yo Soho Santorini - Sunshine Beach USA o/o Hannah Isabella (Jeremes Jet USA)** breeder Steve Johnson, close to \$50,000 this season, 14/1 from barrier 5 and out like a bullet for Emily Suvaljko to go straight to the lead, steady first half, packed field down the back in a quick 27.4, scooted clear into the straight, went on to a good win in the \$30,000 Im Themightyquinn Pace by 2.7m in 1:56.4, last qtr 28.5.



How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (March 2025)

After such a great result in February (37.9%) it was a significant drop in March 2025, with 50 races (29.9%) won by fillies and mares. The average for the first 3 months of the season is still good at 33.0% but that remains below the national average of 33.6% races won by fillies/mares (in 2024).

There were 44 individual fillies/mares winning during the month, with the leading sires being American Ideal USA and Fly Like An Eagle, both with 5 winners of 5 races.

Westbred fillies/mares won 35 of the 50 races and earned \$458,000 in stakes plus \$118,000 in bonuses.. The total stakes won by fillies and mares was \$652,000 and \$36,000 in Epona credits.

We remain committed to a target of 35% wins for fillies/ mares, and will discuss all options with RWA.

With the Sales Classics in February the number of first time starters in March was much lower at 8, as the 2yo fillies gradually filter into the racing system.

There was a good result for first time winners with 2 2yos - **Shes Super Charged** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Viva Lost Wages** (American Ideal USA) – and 4 3yos – **Fakenit** (American Ideal USA), **Gelsomino Amal** (McWicked USA), **Manhattan Ruby** (Soho Tribeca) and **Village Dee Jay** (Village Jolt USA) – with their first win along with mares **Run Stella Run** (Advance Attack NZ) and **Alreddy Flyin** (Fly Like An Eagle) all adding at least \$8,800 to stakes for the win.

Four fillies/mares won 2 races in the month - **Wishing Belle** (Bettors Wish USA), **Miss Uneek** (My Hard Copy NZ), **Peachee** (Red Samurai) and **Sweet Vivienne** (Sweet Lou USA), while **Manhattan Ruby** (Soho Tribeca) won 3 including her first career win.

Just the one 2yo fillies race in the month, but fortunately the fillies were able to win 5 2yo races, including 4 by Westbred fillies. Fillies provided 13 of the 28 2yo starters.

There were 15 3yo races including 3 for fillies, with fillies winning 8 (7 Westbred) of the 15 3yo races plus another 2 race wins in 3yo+. Fillies provided 45 (54%) of the 83 3yo starters, justifying more fillies races.

Mares won 35 of the 133 races won by the 4yo+ age group – the highest figure for March over the previous 5 years is 36 wins. The number of mares starting has dropped to 135 which is consistent with a drop of around 10 per month over the previous 3 months.



With no real target races in this period to be racing for, the number of fillies is down from 72 in March 2024 to 58 this year. There have been some good targets for mares, so the total number of fillies and mares racing during March 2025 (193) is disappointing compared to last year (236) but is expected to increase over April May with good targets that included the Race For Roses, the WASBA King-Lethbridge, the Breeders Stakes and Empress Stakes and the 3YO Diamond. This is a good time of year to be racing as opposed to a number of features in the middle of winter so some changes to timing of juvenile features in particular seems warranted.

However, we recommend that if you have comments to make on the features and lead up races and their placement, you should put suggestions through to industryfeedback@rwwa.com.au by 31 May 2025. Regardless of when features are placed we will continue to ask for much longer racing calendars than the current 6 weeks. We want owners and trainers to be able to make informed decisions.

Fillies and mares won 8 (20.5%) of the 39 races run at Gloucester Park at premium meetings, which is not the trend we were hoping for after a good February result.

Winners included 5yo **Penny Black NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** who won the \$50,000 The Lombardo for Fillies and Mares, and 7yo **Luvafair (Love You FRA)** who won a \$21,000 Trot Stand. The remaining 5 WA bred filly/mare winners of 6 races at premium meetings were:



♥ 3yo **Manhattan Ruby - Soho Tribeca** o/o **The Achiever NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeder trainer driver Corey Peterson, had her first race start in February this year and has now won 3 from 4. Won mid week Gloucester Park and Northam earlier in the month then started favourite from 4, quick out to take the lead, in control throughout, bounded clear coming to the home turn to win the 3YO \$31,000 Autumn Series Final by 10.2m in 1:58.4, last qtrs both 28.6;

♥ 4yo **Princess Katie - Vincent** o/o **Rocknroll Dreams (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, having a good season after just 3 months, started equal 2nd favourite from 7 with driver Gary Hall Jnr, settled midfield briefly before going to the breeze with just under 2 laps to go, took over the lead at the 400m, fought a torrid battle down the straight to retain the lead and win the \$21,000 M0 Mares, aka 0W/15K, by a nose in 1:56.8, better than even time throughout;

♥ 3yo **Reinette - Vincent** o/o **Aqueensomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** breeder Dennis and Dot Roche, Brilliant filly with over \$200,000 in stakes. A win and 2 places this time in then started 2nd favourite from 2 with Trent Wheeler, burned to the front from the barrier with the favourite one by one. Faster down the back and a length clear into the straight with the favourite coming wide but no trouble for Reinette to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies by 2.9m in 1:56.9, last half 57.9;

♥ 5yo **Sweet Vivienne - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Quite A Sensation (Yankee Sensation USA)** breeder part owner Paula Petricevich and with new trainer driver Chris Voak, started 2nd favourite from 2 and went out hard to take the leaders role over the 1730m short course, raced away down the back, rounded in front but with challengers, fought on well to a good win in the \$23,000 Mares NR<85 by 3.3m in 1:54.9, last half 57.6. Followed that with a romp at Narrogin to win by 30m; and

♥ 2yo **Wishing Belle - Bettors Wish USA** o/o **Libertybelle Midfrew NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**. Out of champion mare Libertybelle Midfrew NZ and purchased in foal by KTC Bloodstock. Second in the \$125,000 2YO Fillies Sales Classic Final before starting favourite from 1 in the \$35,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet, fast out for Trent Wheeler to hold the lead comfortably with second favourite Miss Red Velvet NZ in the breeze, great battle between these two for the duration with the final finishing order unchanged for a 5.5m win in 1:56.3, last qtrs 28.6 and 27.9. A week later in the \$50,000 Champagne Classic started a short priced favourite from 5, initially took the sit behind the race leader before going to the breeze with a lap to go, a battle down the back and into the straight but just too strong in the end, winning the Group 3 by 1.1m in 1:56.4, last qtrs 28.6 and 27.8. Great effort by Chugach in second.

Westbreds share of the female racing population in February was 77%, while Westbred 2yo fillies contributed 85% and 3yo fillies 84%. Overall fillies and mares provided 33.9% of the racing population in the month.

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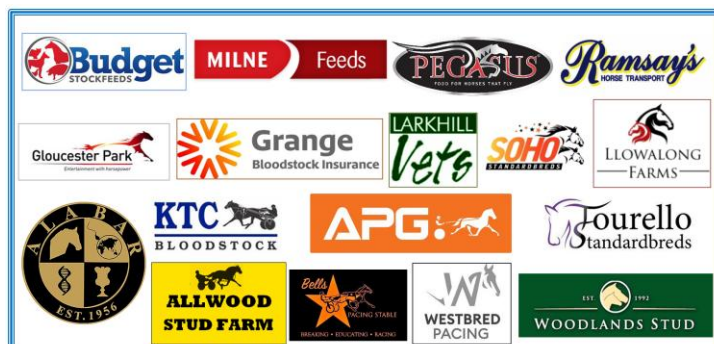
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The WASBA AGM (for the 12 months ending 31 August 2024) was held on **Friday 29 November 2024**. Financial members have received the 2024 AGM records.

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **30 April 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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