

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

Celebrate VICTORIA

The Victorian jumps fraternity gathered to celebrate the continued strengthening of this unique facet of the racing industry during the 2018 jumps season.

We celebrated a wonderful spread of success throughout the whole industry; and we are ever mindful of the considerable contribution that all participants make

- **Racing Victoria, Country Racing, The Clubs** who run jumps races, **Owners, Members, Jockeys, Trackriders, Trainers, Strappers, Administrators** and all the supporting businesses (vets, farriers, dentists, body workers,) make throughout the year.

On page 2 of this newsletter we recognised the Elite in the **J J Houlahan Championship Series** and the **Most Consistently Performed** in their categories. The **Media Contribution of the Year** and **Jumping Photo of the Year** had their special place on the night and their special perspective of the jumps industry.

The support, encouragement and enthusiasm of our sponsors needs special mention.

Our celebration of the 2019 season date has been set and we look forward with anticipation to **Saturday 14th September 2019**.



INSIDE
THIS MONTH

MOSSTROOPER AWARDS NIGHT • ALL THE WINNERS

JERICO CUP - WARRNAMBOOL - NOVEMBER 2018

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SEASON WRAP-UP CHAMPIONS

Mosstrooper

WARRNAMBOOL RACE CLUB
Most Consistently Performed
2018 Jumps Jockey & High Weight Jockey



MARTIN KELLY



CLAYTON DOUGLAS



Mosstrooper

RACING VICTORIA
JJ. Houlahan Jumps Championship
2018 Jockey of the Year



STEVEN PATEMAN



Mosstrooper

RACING VICTORIA
JJ. Houlahan Jumps Championship
2018 Trainer of the Year



PATRICK PAYNE



Mosstrooper

RACING VICTORIA
JJ. Houlahan Jumps Championship
2018 Horse of the Year



ZED EM



Mosstrooper

COUNTRY RACING VICTORIA
Most Consistently Performed
2018 Trainer of the Year



ERIC MUSGROVE



Mosstrooper

COUNTRY RACING VICTORIA
Most Consistently Performed
2018 Horse of the Year



BIT OF A LAD



Mosstrooper

MELBOURNE RACING CLUB
2018 Media Contribution
of the Year

WINNING POST
'WHAT A WEEKEND'
Wells goes for a record four Grand Nationals
August 18, 2018



Mosstrooper

EASYFIX
2018 Photo of the Year



TODD'S PHOTOGRAPHY
Zataglio and Martin Kelly at Casterton Racing Club



Celebrate SOUTH AUSTRALIA

As the 2018 jumps season in South Australia comes to a close, there were a number of highlights and landmarks for SA-trained horses and the state's major jumping races that are worth looking at again.

The **Von Doussa Steeplechase** at **Oakbank** was for the first time in living memory run outside of the **Easter Racing Carnival**, a decision that certainly impacted on the quality of the field, with 10 of the best chasers in Australia lining up at the iconic Adelaide Hills track. Seasoned observers remarked that this was the best field for many years and the race itself didn't disappoint, with **Patrick Payne's Zed Em** (ridden by Steven Pateman) finishing strongly to win by 3 lengths.

The NZ-bred chaser then backed up to win the **Great Eastern Steeplechase** thirteen days later at the Easter Carnival (again with Pateman aboard), becoming the first horse since fellow Kiwi **Toubouggie Nights** in 2012 to win both the Von Doussa and the Great Eastern in the same year.

Another highlight of the 2018 season was undoubtedly **Grant Young's Tunes**, who won the **Over The Rainbow** series with 42 points, just ahead of another reliably consistent hurdler **Searaven** (trained by Barry Brook) on 35 points. With three wins across the season, including a hugely popular victory in the **Irish Hurdle** at **Morphettville** on the last day of the jumps year, **Tunes** has shown himself to be one

of the most versatile and durable horses in Australia, and his confident front-running jumping saw the 10-year-old also pick up two second places in what was a stellar season.

Grant Young further established his credentials as one of the best jumping trainers in Australia through the performances of his iron horse **Spying On You**. Named the Most Consistently Performed Horse at the AJRA Mosstrooper Awards in 2016 and winner of the Great Eastern Steeplechase in 2017, the 9-year-old started the 2018 season with a win over hurdles at Gawler in February, then ran 4th in the Great Eastern, 3rd in the Grand Annual, and was well in contention in the Australian Steeplechase when brought down with two to go. To cap off another remarkable year, **Spying On You** was only beaten in the last stride by **Sea King** in the **Grand National Steeplechase** at **Ballarat** in August in what was one of the most thrilling jumping races of the year.

Had **Spying On You** been able to hold on, it would have been a unique double for SA-trained chasers at the meeting, after Barry Brook's **Caroun** with **Shane Jackson** aboard took out the BM120 Steeplechase earlier in the day. Other highlights of 2018 included a maiden hurdle win for **Exalted Kanga** (another from the Grant Young stable), jumps racing returning to **Naracoorte** for the first time in many years, two hurdle races at **Gawler** featuring all SA-trained fields, and a 3rd place

*Trainer Grant Young
with Spying On You
FAR RIGHT
Tunes, ridden by
Clare Lindop*



Photo by Tom Huntley

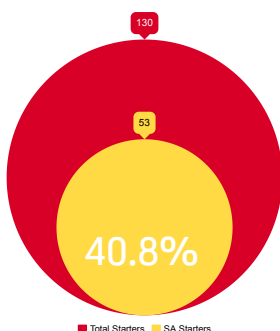


Photo by Jenny Barnes

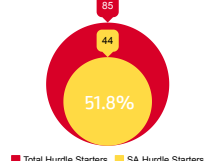


2018 SA JUMPS RACING SEASON

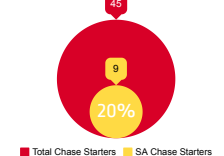
2018 SA Jumps Race Starters



2018 SA Hurdle Race Starters



2018 SA Steeplechase Starters



20

Number of SA jumps races in 2018

6

Number of SA-trained jumps winners in 2018



2018 Hurdle Races
13 races

6

SA 1st place
46.2% of races

7

SA 2nd place
53.8% of races

8

SA 3rd place
61.5% of races

2018 Steeplechase Races
7 races

0

SA 1st place
0% of races

0

SA 2nd place
0% of races

2

SA 3rd place
28.6% of races

2018 SA-trained Jumps Race Winners

SPYING ON YOU

Grant Young

Sanders Fodder / Mitavite BM120 Hurdle, 3040m
Gawler 28.02.18

EXALTED KANGA

Grant Young

RSL Thank you For Your Service BM120 Hurdle, 3340m
Gawler 25.04.18

TUNES

Grant Young

Scullion Farming BM120 Hurdle, 2830m
Naracoorte 11.05.18

TUNES

Grant Young

UBET BM120 Hurdle, 3280m
Murray Bridge 04.07.18

SEARAVEN

Barry Brook

Ausbia Electrical Hurdle, 3340m
Gawler 29.07.18

TUNES

Grant Young

Aus vs Ire Jumping Challenge Hurdle, 3200m
Morphettville 01.09.18

2018 SA Jumps Racing Season in Numbers

2

The number of jumps races with all SA-trained fields (10%)

40.8

The percentage of SA jumps race starters trained in South Australia

13

The number of jumps races in which SA-trained horses placed (65%)

6.5

The average number of starters in South Australian jumps races

in its first ever hurdle start for **Dapper Rossa**, trained by **Karen Byrnes**.

To round off the season, at the **TRSA Racing Industry Awards** at the beginning of September, **Martin Kelly** won the **EJ Mooney Medal** for the **2018 South Australian Jumps Jockey of the Year** after taking out the **Over The Rainbow** series with 46 points, while the **2018 SA Jumps Trainer of the Year** went to **Eric Musgrove**, who picked up 97 points in the series.

SA-TRAINED JUMPING HORSES IN 2018

The 2018 jumps racing season in South Australia has been a year of consolidation, rather than great strides being made either forward or backwards.

There were 20 jumps races in South Australia in 2018 (13 hurdles and 7 steeplechases), with the average field size down a little at 6.5 (6.5 in hurdles, 6.4 in chases), as opposed to 7.2 in 2017. The overall percentage of SA-trained jumpers in 2018 dropped slightly to 40.8% (44.4% in 2017).

SA-trained horses were most prominent in hurdle races with 51.8% of all starters, which was down on the figure

of 54.2% in 2017; the local representation in steeplechases was down in 2018 at 20%, as opposed to 25% last year. SA-trained horses won 46.2% of all the hurdle races held in South Australia in 2018, came 2nd in 53.8% and took 3rd place in 61.5% of hurdles, while two hurdle races in 2018 featured all SA-trained fields. There were no SA-trained steeplechase winners in 2018, after local horses won 2 chases last year.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

South Australian Jumps Racing (SAJR) will be aiming to support the growth in the number of SA-owned and -trained jumping horses competing in 2019. As part of this mission, SAJR will be introducing a platform that will make it easier for current and potential owners to find suitable jumping horses, and for new entrants to the industry to get connected to a SA jumps trainer.

To stay in touch with SAJR and to keep up with jumps racing in SA, you can subscribe to our newsletter at www.southaustralianjumpsracing.com Follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well. Mark Angus - Deputy Chairman, South Australian Jumps Racing

Warrnambool to host Jericho Cup

A \$300,000 HORSE RACE OVER A GRUELLING 4600 METRES WILL BE RUN AT WARRNAMBOOL TO COMMEMORATE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND'S INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD WAR I AND AS A TRIBUTE TO ALL ANZAC HORSES LOST AT WAR.

The Warrnambool Racing Club is set to host the inaugural \$300,000 Haymes Paint Jericho Cup on Sunday 2nd December in honour of the heroic servicemen and their magnificent mounts, The Walers, for their heroic deeds in the Middle East from 1915-1919. This special race day commemorates the 100 year anniversary of The Jericho Cup and will be run as a 4,600m flat race across the Brierly Paddock.

The distance of the Warrnambool race is the same as that of the original race in Palestine, just outside the city of Jericho, in 1918.

The 2018 event is the brainchild of Victorian philanthropist **Bill Gibbins**. Gibbins is sponsoring the race through the WRC.

"Australia has a proud war history and any event that positively promotes the involvement of the ANZAC soldiers and their horses during battle - we are only too happy to support," WRC chief executive Peter Downs said.

The race day looks forward to welcoming Return Veterans and their families and friends and will feature historic displays and free children's activities. A large memorabilia tent showcasing treasured items from the Australian Light Horse and Battle of Beersheba during the first World War. The club is inviting anyone that has items they would like to display and share with patrons on the day to contact the club.

Free entry is offered to DVA Gold Card Holders and children (under 18 years), with free car parking available in Albert Park Reserve. There are a number of different hospitality options available to both Warrnambool Racing Club members and the public, with a dedicated Return Veteran's Marquee offering an all-inclusive 3-course luncheon for DVA Gold Card Holders and their guests.

In partnership with the Victorian State Government, Country Racing Victoria and RSL Victorian Branch, the club is selling commemorative Jericho Cup pins, with all proceeds donated to the RSL Victoria Branch with the aim to raise \$15,000 through this initiative. Businesses and individuals are welcome to purchase a box to sell or purchase individual pins in support of this fundraising event. The boxes are \$150 each and include 10 x Gold Pins (\$10 each) and 10 x Silver Pins (\$5 each) and details of where to purchase pins are available on the club's website.

For further information, please visit the following websites:

Qualifying and current points tally:

<http://www.thejerhocup.com.au>

Race day information, tickets and packages:

<https://country.racing.com/warrnambool/racing/the-jericho-cup>



Featuring the \$300,000
Haymes Paint Jericho Cup

— Free —
ENTRY FOR VETERANS AND KIDS

BOOK
NOW

WARRNAMBOOLRACING.COM.AU
(03) 5562 2211 | warrnambool@countryracing.com.au

Haymes
PAINT

country racing
It's a Good Day Out

WARRNAMBOOL
RACING CLUB



Australian Light Horse

At 4600m the \$300,000 Cup will be the longest flat race in Australasia and then some (the Melbourne Cup is 3200m) — a tribute to a “three mile” race that “Banjo” Paterson and other Light Horse officers staged in Palestine to boost morale. And, perhaps, to lull the enemy into a false sense of security before launching an attack. A race meeting, deliberately promoted so the Turks would hear about it, was a way to explain a massed gathering of soldiers and horses. In the “factionalised” version, Bill the Bastard wins the “three-miler” across the sand, ridden by an Aboriginal jockey. As history, that bit is up there with The Man from Snowy River and Braveheart.

The real worth of Bill the Bastard was not how fast he was, but how tough.

Descriptions suggest he was a big, rough chestnut gelding of uncertain breeding and temperament. Like thousands of others sold to the army by outback stations, he had probably run wild early in his life — then proved too hard to break in.

After being sent to the Middle East with shiploads of other “remounts”, Bill proved an incurable buckjumper — hence the nickname. He was mostly used as a packhorse until a Queenslander, Major Michael Shanahan, managed to ride him, which was lucky for the four soldiers that Shanahan and Bill the Bastard rescued at the battle for Romani on August 4, 1916.

The story goes that Shanahan rode up and down the line under fire to rally the troops. Bill endured this for several hours longer than other officers’ chargers.

According to one account: “Shanahan and Bill found four Tasmanian soldiers stranded next to their dead horses and under gun fire. Shanahan said to them, ‘Get up on Bill, get up! One on each stirrup, two on the back, we will get out’.” The rogue horse, unriddleable not long before, carried the five men (a load of maybe 380kg) to safety.

Sadly, Shanahan was shot later in the battle and would lose a leg. The amputation got him a trip to England, then home to Queensland, the DSO bravery medal, and the war story of a lifetime.

Andrew Rule, *Sunday Herald Sun* - January 29, 2017

**THE
JERICHO CUP**

 **SUN, 2 DECEMBER
WARRNAMBOOL**



Featuring the \$300,000
Haymes Paint Jericho Cup

— Free —
ENTRY FOR VETERANS AND KIDS

**BOOK
NOW**

WARRNAMBOOLRACING.COM.AU
(03) 5562 2211 | warrnambool@countryracing.com.au

Haymes
PAINT

country racing
It's a Good Day Here

WARRNAMBOOL
RACING
It's a Good Day Here

Proud supporters of
JJ HOULAHAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Strapper Series
country racing
It's a Great Day Out

Following a successful program over the last three years, the AJRA is pleased to announce the continuance of an initiative proudly supported by Country Racing Victoria to engage and recognise the Strappers involved in the care of their Jumps Racehorses.

AJRA have chosen the 16 feature races from the JJ Houlihan Series which commences with the Von Doussa Steeplechase in March at the Oakbank Carnival in South Australia and concluded with the Grand National on 19 August at Ballarat in Victoria.

The winning strapper of each race will receive \$100 cash and a specially embroidered AJRA cap.



18 March - Oakbank
Von Doussa Steeple 3250m
Rhiannon Moore
SPYING ON YOU



31 March - Oakbank
Somerled Classic Hurdle 3600m
Tyson Anwyl
RENEW



31 March - Oakbank
Great Eastern Steeple 4950m
Patrick Ryan
I'LL AWA'ALF



1 May - Warrnambool
Brierly Steeple 3950m
David Browne
MONARCH CHIMES



2 May - Warrnambool
Galleywood Hurdle 3450m
Belinda Simpson
URBAN EXPLORER



3 May - Warrnambool
Grand Annual Steeple 5500m
David Browne
MONARCH CHIMES



26 May - Sandown
Australian Hurdle 3400m
Belinda Simpson & Sharon Collins
FOUR CARAT



26 May - Sandown
Australian Steeple 3400m
Marilla Schumach
ZATAGLIO



8 July - Warrnambool
Thackeray Steeple 3450m
Laura Lafferty
EVENESCE



8 July - Warrnambool
Lafferty Hurdle 3200m
Donna Ferrier
ANCIENT KING



22 July - Bendigo
Brendan Dreschler Hurdle 3200m
Stacey Kelly
ANCIENT KING



22 July - Bendigo
Moosrooper Steeple 3600m
Ian McMahon
ABEBE



5 August - Sandown
Grand National Hurdle 3900m
Sam Kumar
SIR LOPEZ



5 August - Sandown
Crisp Steeple 3900m
Rachael Cunningham
EXCELLENT RHYTHM



19 August - Ballarat
JJ Houlihan Hurdle 3400m
Ted Purcell
KING OF DUDES



19 August - Ballarat
Grand National Steeple 4500m
Natalie Young
MONARCH CHIMES

Our Sponsors

We thank our Sponsors for their generous support.

Ballarat Turf Club
Country Racing Victoria
E Cycle Solutions
Easyfix Jumps
Melbourne Racing Club

Melbourne Racing Club Foundation
Racing.com
Racing Victoria Limited
Warrnambool Racing Club



EQUAL RUNNER UP EASYFIX JUMPS 2018 PHOTO OF THE YEAR

MYSTIC PRINCE WITH MARTIN KELLY BY BRETT HOLBURT-RACING PHOTOS & THREE ACROSS BY PAT SCALA-RACING PHOTOS



Helping make regional and remote communities more sustainable

**eCycle Solutions
– Polystyrene and
e-waste collection
and recycling
specialists**

How can we help local governments be more sustainable?

- Fully compliant co-regulator of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme
- Reduce EPS waste from landfill by recycling it into a re-useable material
- Easy, simple solution with over 300 collection sites across Australia

For more information:

03 9706 5966

1300 432 952

chris@ecyclesolutions.net.au

www.ecyclesolutions.net.au/recycling



Australian Jumping Racing Association

400 Epsom Road, Flemington VIC 3031

PH: 0499 988 556

EMAIL: info@ajra.com.au

MEMBERSHIPS MAIL

PO Box 88, Lang Lang VIC 3984

2019 AJRA MEMBERSHIP FORM

1 February 2019 - 31 January 2020

Name:

Address:



State: Postcode: Phone:

Email:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- ☐ General Membership \$125 Newsletter by Email (Inc GST) @ \$125
- ☐ General Membership Newsletter by Australia Post (Inc GST) @ \$150
- ☐ Mosstrooper Membership @ \$1100 (Inc GST)

PAYMENT METHODS (Please tick):

- ☐ Cheque PAYABLE TO - Australian Jumping Racing Association Inc
MAIL TO - Inez Musgrove, PO Box 88, Lang Lang, VIC 3984
- ☐ EFT to AJRA BSB: 083 - 155 Account: 515 - 274 - 721
(For all EFT payments, please add your full name and event for us to identify your payments)
- ☐  or ☐  (A payment processing fee of 1.1% applies to Credit Card payments)

Cardholders Name:

Card No:

Exp Date: / 3 Digit Security Code:

Signature of Cardholder / Member:

..... Date: / /

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

AJRA:

400 Epsom Road
Flemington
Victoria 3031
Australia
Email: info@ajra.com.au
Phone: 0499 988 556

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Inez Musgrove

COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN
Sandy McGregor
VICE CHAIRMAN
Nick Rule
SECRETARY
Inez Musgrove
TREASURER
Sandy McGregor

Marg Lucas
Eric Musgrove
Lisa Coffey
Des Roberts
Paul Hamblin
Brett Scott
Lachlan McKenzie

INDUSTRY APPOINTMENTS

Bill Wilde
- ATA
Joe Cannizzaro
- JUMPS RACING SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Paul Bloodworth
- RVL
Lee Horner
- JOCKEYS

For Your Diary – upcoming Social Events

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS OF EVENTS:

April	– Saturday 13	Oakbank Races
April	– Friday 19	Oakbank Calcutta PM “Haus” Hahndorf
April	– Saturday 20	Oakbank Racing Carnival
April	– Monday 22	Oakbank Carnival
April	– Monday 29	Welcome to Warrnambool Cocktail Party
April	– Tuesday 30	Warrnambool May Carnival Day 1
May	– Wednesday 1	Warrnambool May Carnival Day 2
May	– Thursday 2	Warrnambool May Carnival Day 3
September	– Saturday 14	Mosstrooper Celebration of the 2019 Season

MISSED A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER?

Past copies of the newsletter are available on the AJRA website and a hyperlink to the website.

Useful Links

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter



Find us at www.racing.com > Racing > Jumps Racing

If you hover over Racing, a menu will drop down and you can click on Jumps Racing.

Jumps Racing	http://www.racing.com
Racing Victoria	http://www.racingvictoria.net.au/p_AJRA.aspx https://rv.racing.com/racing-and-integrity/jumps-racing
AJRA Auctions	https://www.myminiauction.com/www-myminiauctions-com-ajra
Corrigan Club	http://www.corriganclub.com.au
Irish Thoroughbred Marketing	http://www.itm.ie
Off The Track	rv.racing.com/the-horse/off-the-track
Horse & Country	http://www.horseandcountry.com.au
AJRA Promo	http://vimeo.com/120989768
The Irish Field	http://www.theirishfield.ie

GET THE PICTURE FROM THE
OFFICIAL HOME OF VICTORIAN
RACING PHOTOGRAPHY

photos.racing.com



SPECIAL OFFER

Sovereign Resort, Cooktown Queensland, is kindly offering 10% discount to AJRA Members and 15% discount to AJRA Mosstrooper Members.

