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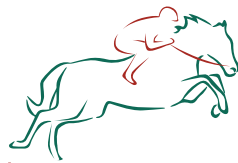
*It is with great pleasure that we bring you the first edition of the Australian Jumps Racing Association souvenir magazine.*

*As a valued member of the AJRA, we would like to encourage you to share this magazine with fellow enthusiasts. We hope to inspire you to become owners, enjoy more race days and motivate new participants to become custodians of our much loved sport of jumps racing.*

*See you on track in 2022*

Yours Sincerely  
The AJRA Committee.





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Australian Jumping Racing Association

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# *Chairman's* LETTER

Welcome to the Inaugural Australian Jumps Racing 2021 Members Magazine. Thank you to all participants for yet another excellent jumping season. On behalf of the committee we would like to send a personal note to thank all, clubs, members and affiliated organisations for being thoroughly engaged with the AJRA. It has been an outstanding jumps racing season.

The Onefit hurdles have proven successful in safety measures and provide a magnificent backdrop to present jumps racing at it's best. Media coverage this season has been the most positive yet and is a credit to the transparent hard work and dedication of the entire industry, in particular our team at the AJRA who continuously put the horse first.

In relation to horse safety, we are pleased to share with you that with 70 races across the season in Victoria, horses are jumping safer and with steadfast entries throughout. The safest the sport has been since 2001 – with the reduction of faller rate of 82% it is only onwards and upwards from here.

Recognising that it has been yet another challenging year for clubs, amongst the current lockdown requirements. It is a credit to Racing Victoria, Country Racing Victoria & all racing participants to not only race, but to race extremely well; considering Victoria's current lockdown climate.

It was outstanding that in May 2021, The Warrnambool Carnival was able to proceed with full crowds, and as an industry we have been lucky to have these three extraordinary days to showcase some of the best that the jumps racing industry has to offer.

The ongoing determination of clubs continuing to offer participants with hospitality opportunities at last minute intervals with such uncertainty for a second year in a row. We commend you for these efforts; keep going! The AJRA will continue to support you, your staff, your track managers and your trainers.

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With the conclusion of the season, we have recently secured a three year sponsorship deal with the Pakenham racing club, have worked with Coleraine Racing club on the 'Dandy Andy Bar' renovations in readiness for one of Australia's most historic steeplechases and Hamilton is strengthening their focus on the jumps industry. Sale, Terang and Casterton are all continuing



to support jumps racing and Warrnambool guidance of Nick Rule as vice chair have been an outstanding contribution to the sport. Sandown and Ballarat are both solid in their commitment and we thank all clubs for their allegiance.

We are saddened about the shock closing of jumps racing in SA and were as disappointed as our participants were with the announcement early October. We will continue the efforts here in Victoria and believe that the industry is sustainable as ever to move forward proactively - securing our future for the next 20 years.

Our focus now shifts to solidifying the next generation for our sport of jumps racing. As we put pen to paper, the \$450,000 + investment by Racing Victoria into the new set of RV approved steeplechase fences from Ireland covering the entire field at Warrnambool is currently on the water for delivery before the May Carnival.

The strengthened Racing Victoria program is on the agenda and will be released in early December and a strong focus on staying horses and the initiation of the 'marathon stayers program'. This program will enable owners and trainers to identify eligible races to keep their horses fit and competitive 9 out of 12 months of the year.

We hope you enjoy the inaugural members magazine and we look forward to engaging you throughout the 2022 season.

Sandy McGregor



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*One of our biggest achievements for 2021, is the successful implementation of the OneFit hurdle. The faller rate has reduced by 82% . This is the safest the sport has been in 10 years.*





# *A SPECTACULAR* Jumps Season

written by Michael Manley

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The race was the highlight of a spectacularly successful jumps season and one of many shining lights in a year which has also set-up the future of jumps racing in Victoria.

Any review of the jump's year should begin with what transpired at Warrnambool on May 6 which was a magical and memorable race watched by a Covid safe capacity crowd of 12,000, the biggest crowd to attend a race meeting in Victoria for 2021.



***I think the focus has to be on the horse. What an athlete to be able to turn up year after year. He's got an amazing constitution. The staff at home, we all love him. He comes in year-after-year. He's almost like a pet. He's got some constitution. He's amazing.***

**- Symon Wilde**

Amazingly for the fourth consecutive year Gold Medals and Zed Em competed against each other in Australia's longest race. Both went into the race with one win and two placings each over the three previous years. The fairy tale script was that they would fight the race out, but age was

creeping up on both horses. The Symon Wilde trained local Gold Medals was an 11-year-old and the Patrick Payne trained Zed Em only a year younger.

The feeling was that the younger horse Yensir would have their measure and he was sent out as favourite at \$3.20.

With 600 metres to go the large crowd found their voice when it was apparent the old warriors would fight the race out as they cleared away from their rivals with Zed Em in front and Gold Medals in hot pursuit.

Before the turn Gold Medals surged to the lead and with 200 metres to go it appeared that he had the race in his keeping and the locals were roaring him home.

The roars though became desperate ones as Zed Em rallied again as he issued a final challenge with 100 metres to go and started to take ground from Gold Medals.

On the line though Gold Medals was able to hold off his great rival and take out his second Grand Annual Steeplechase.

When Gold Medals hit the line first the mounting yard erupted in a display of unbridled emotion from Wilde and his team.

They cried, they jumped up and down and they hugged. Not far away also in the mounting yard was Jamie Kah, the partner of the winning jockey Clayton Douglas, and she too had tears running down her face.

Wilde when interviewed on Racing.com paused to fight back tears and then gave verbal acclamation for his stable star.

"He's not the greatest horse in the world. He's an amazing horse, he really is. To turn up as much as he has. I'm so grateful to have him," Wilde said.

Was that race bettered for the rest of the year? No, it wasn't either over the jumps or on the flat.

The race was to prove synonymous of how successful the rest of the year was to be for Australian jumps racing.

AJRA chairman Sandy McGregor is adamant that the 2021 could not have been any better and rates it as the most successful jumps season in over 10 years.

It's hard to argue with him. Fatalities were the lowest in 10 years and there seemed to good solid fields in the hurdles, followed with exceptional chasers coming through the ranks.

Many of these new stars were from the Ciaran Maher and Dave Eustace stable.

In a credit to their training capabilities several of their jumpers were able to do it at the start of the season and at the end of the season.

It was on the final day of the season the stable excelled winning five races.

They won the first five races with Raise You Ten and



Herberite winning the Maiden Hurdles. Then Light Pillar won the Gotta Take Care Hurdle, Saunter Boy the Jim Houlahan Hurdle and Mawaany Machine the Henry Dwyer Racing Steeplechase.

They didn't have a representative in the final race, the Grand National Steeplechase which was won by the Paul Preusker trained Inayforhay who defeated the star fencer of the season Social Element.

Inayforhay, as a seven-year-old gelding, stamped himself as a force to be reckoned with for the future as he raced away to win by eight lengths.

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*One of the most popular wins for the year and another part of the great tapestry of stories which emanated from Warrnambool was Brett Scott's victory with The Statesman in the Galleywood Hurdle.*



Inayforhay with Lee Horner on board claims jumps - Grand National Steeplechase  
Picture: Racing Photos



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Jockey Will Gordon and Trainer Brett Scott celebrating their win with THE STATESMAN / Gallywood Hurdle.

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Clayton Douglas in his final season as a jumps jockey won the Grand Annual Steeplechase on Gold Medals plus the Australian Steeplechase on Riding High at Sandown.

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**Wagering turnover on jumps racing set a new record with a figure of \$56.2 million which exceeded 2020 by 12 per cent.**

Chris Hyland returned to jumps racing as a trainer and he won races with Annunciate and Karakoram.

Another jumps training stalwart Tony Rosolini also returned to having a jumper in his care White Heath who won at Sale.

Respected and successful flat trainer Andrew Noblet trained his first jumper with Out And Dreaming and he made a sensational start with that gelding winning three of his five hurdle races.

Murray Bridge trainer Grant Young produced Spying On You to win his second Great Eastern Steeplechase.

Some of the leading jump's stables also have strong teams going into next year.

For Ciaran Maher and Dave Eustace in addition to the afore-mentioned horses they also won races with promising jumpers such as Norway, Roland Garros and Big Blue who

will also be horses to be reckoned with next year.

Symon Wilde also has his heir apparent to Gold Medals in Americain In Paris as his next Grand Annual Steeplechase horse as well as the consistent Britannicus.

Wilde though already is eyeing off a third Grand Annual Steeplechase with Gold Medals.

From whatever angle you view the 2021 season it was a great success.

New ownership groups have entered the industry with Australian Bloodstock finding another avenue for their northern hemisphere flat performers whose careers stagnated. They had great success winning feature races with Saunter Boy and Mawaany Machine.

Next year promises to be bigger and better again with new trainers already eyeing off training jumpers.

Nearly every trainer after they won a big race this year said they would set their horses for the 2022 Grand Annual.

Imagine a field including Gold Medals, Zed Em, Inayforhay, Social Element and

Mawaany Machine facing off in the 2022 Grand Annual Steeplechase. Bring it on. ■





# 2021 AWARDS

## AJRA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inaugural AJRA championships were. This year, Social Element and Saunter Boy were equal wins. When this happens, both horses were then counted based on the amount of prize money won.

### WINNING HORSE:

SOCIAL ELEMENT trained by Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott

### WINNING TRAINER:

CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE

### WINNING JOCKEY:

STEVE PATEMAN

### WINNING UP AND COMING RIDER:

AARON MITCHELL

## JJ HOULAHAN AWARDS

The J.J. Houlahan Jumps Championship celebrates the champion jumps horse, trainer and jockey who each accumulate the most points from 16 feature jumps races. The feature jumps races are run between April and August across Victoria and each race carries minimum prizemoney of \$100,000.

### WINNING JOCKEY:

Steven Pateman | Winning on 82 points

### WINNING TRAINER:

C Maher & Eustace | Winning on 112 points

### WINNING HORSE:

Saunter Boy trained by Ciaron Maher & David Eustace |  
*Winning on 40 points*

## JJ HOULAHAN WINNING HORSE GARLANDS

Throughout the season, each JJ houlahan winner was presented with a beautiful garland sponsored by Eric and Ines Musgrove. We would like to thank Ines and Eric for their ongoing contribution to the jumps racing industry for over 30 years.

## JJ Houlahan Leader Board

Leading Horse	Points
Saunter Boy	40
Social Element	32
Instigator Riding High Inayforhay	28
Zed Em Flying Agent	24
The Statesman The Dominator Robbie's Star	20

Leading Jockey	Points
Steven Pateman	82
Tom Ryan Will Gordon	60
William McCarthy	52
Ronan Short	44
Lee Horner	42

Leading Trainer	Points
Maher & Eustace	112
Henry Dwyer	48
Patrick Payne	38
Symon Wilde	34
Aaron Purcell Waterhouse & Bott	32
Paul Preusker	28





## AJRA GROUND STAFF AWARDS

Brought to you by



The Australian Jumps Racing Association would like to celebrate the hard work and enthusiasm of the participants by creating an awards program dedicated to ground staff, stable hands and strappers who are an integral part of the Australian Jumps Racing Industry.

The aim is to encourage horse owners, trainers, clubs, office staff and administration within the jumps racing industry to engage and participate with the initiative. Each category has been sponsored by Country Racing Victoria and Ecycle Solutions.

*"Our ground staff are the heart of the industry and the jumps racing community are dedicated to recognising their contribution to our sport."*

-Eric Musgrove

### 2021 WINNERS

**Excellence In Presentation:** Sophie Heard | **Life After Jumps Racing Award:** Sheree Wright  
**Horsemanship Award:** Kylie Scott

## VICTORIAN RACING MEDIA ASSOCIATION: JUMPS PHOTO OF THE YEAR

Introducing a new set of awards hosted by the VRMA, jumps photo of the year & jumps personality of the year. Each year the AJRA will be sponsoring two award categories with \$1000.00 worth of cash prizes.

**Vince Calguri - Big leap at the Bool.**

\* Victorian Racing Media Award Winner - best jumps photograph. (as seen on front cover)



**VRMA**

VICTORIAN RACING MEDIA ASSOCIATION

\*\* Jumps Racing Personality will be awarded at the VRMA lunch in February 2022.





## AWARDS FOR SPECIAL MENTION COUNTRY RACING VICTORIA AWARDS

We would like to congratulate AJRA Committee Member Marg Lucas who was awarded the Tony Shanahan Award for Services to Country Racing

## RACING NSW JUMPS HORSE OF THE YEAR

Finalists in each category received the most votes from more than 70 of the nations most respected media and handicappers.

This year's finalists included:

Ablaze (NZ) | Gold Medals (NZ) | Saunter Boy (Fr) | Social Element (NZ) | Zed Em (NZ)

**WINNER - GOLD MEDALS: Wilde Racing**







# RACING VICTORIA Prize Money Increase

After a thrilling conclusion to the 2021 jumps racing season, Racing Victoria (RV), in consultation with the Australian Jumping Racing Association (AJRA), is pleased to announce the details of \$745,000 in prizemoney increases earmarked for next season.

The significant increase, which takes the total available prizemoney over the 2022 jumps racing season to more than \$4.66 million, reflects the current strength of the sport across Victoria.

The focal point of the 2022 campaign will again be the famous Warrnambool Racing Carnival from 3-5 May, with the jumps races held across the three days of the festival set to benefit to the tune of more than \$100,000.

The time-honoured Galleywood Hurdle (3200m) and Brierly Steeplechase (3450m), won respectively by The Statesman and Flying Agent this year, will both receive a \$25,000 increase in 2022, taking their prize purses to \$175,000.

The Kevin Lafferty Hurdle (3200m), won in fine style by rising jumps star Saunter Boy, will increase from \$100,000 to \$125,000, together with three other features held in July. They are the Thackeray Steeplechase (3450m), which is run on the same day as the Kevin Lafferty Hurdle at Warrnambool; and the Brendan Drechsler Hurdle (3500m) and Mosstrooper Steeplechase (3500m), both held at Sportsbet-Pakenham.

Saunter Boy's emphatic win in the Kevin Lafferty Hurdle helped the nine-year-old gelding finish on top of the horse leaderboard in the 2021 J.J. Houlahan Jumps Championship with 40 points, eight ahead of the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained Social Element in second place.

Saunter Boy's co-trainers Ciaran Maher and David Eustace, who capped a dominant campaign with five winners at the Ballarat season finale, ran away with the trainer category with their tally of 112 points putting them well clear of Henry Dwyer (48) in second. Steven Pateman took the title in the jockey ranks with 82 points, 22 ahead of the joint runners-up, Tom Ryan and Will Gordon.

Another feature contest won by Saunter Boy, Maher-Eustace and Pateman was the Australian Hurdle (3900m), which has received an increase of \$25,000 next season together with two other marquee jumps races at Ladbrokes Park (Sandown). Like the Australian Hurdle, the Australian Steeplechase (3900m) and the Crisp Steeplechase (4200m) will both now also carry a prize purse of \$150,000.



The Grand National Hurdle (4200m), held on the same day as the Crisp Steeplechase, has received an even bigger increase for 2022, rising by \$50,000 to \$300,000 where it retains its position as the nation's richest hurdle race.

Casterton and Coleraine will also benefit next season, with both clubs' feature steeplechase races increasing to a minimum of \$60,000,

with the headline Two Rivers Steeplechase over the live hedges at Casterton now worth \$100,000.

But it is not just the flagship jumps races which have seen significant increases, with minimum prize money levels now set at \$35,000, whilst the majority of restricted races will be run for at least \$40,000 during the 2022 season.

2022 PRIZEMONEY INCREASES	2021 PRIZEMONEY	TOTAL INCREASE
Minimums increased to \$35,000	\$25,000-\$30,000	\$100,000
Various restricted races increased to \$40,000	\$30,000-\$35,000	\$160,000
Minor feature races increased to \$50,000	\$30,000-\$35,000	\$90,000
Feature races increased to \$60,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Western Steeplechase (Coleraine)</li> <li>• Casterton Steeplechase</li> </ul>	\$40,000	\$40,000
Feature races increased to \$100,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Rivers Steeplechase (Coleraine)</li> </ul>	\$75,000	\$25,000
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Warrnambool May Carnival Increases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maiden Hurdle to \$50,000</li> <li>• Novice Hurdle to \$60,000</li> <li>• Galleywood Hurdle to \$150,000</li> <li>• BM120 Steeplechase to \$80,000</li> <li>• Brierly Steeplechase to \$175,000</li> </ul>	\$35,000 \$50,000 \$150,000 \$50,000 \$150,000	\$15,000 \$10,000 \$25,000 \$30,000 \$25,000
<b>Total 2022 Prizemoney Increases</b>		<b>\$745,000</b>

## MESSAGE FROM JOSH GRIMWOOD - RV RACING OPERATIONS MANAGER

"With jumps racing enjoying such strong support from some of Victoria's leading stables and owners, these significant prizemoney increases reward the hard work and loyalty of our jumps participants and owners, and also ensures that the sport remains highly competitive with strong participation levels,"

"With prizemoney increases announced right across the board, from maiden hurdles to jumps racing's marquee contests, all owners, trainers and jockeys are set to benefit, and this early announcement will assist stables in planning for the 2022 season.

"Whilst the Warrnambool May Racing Carnival will again be the main event next year, there will be highlights across the six months of the 2022 season and these prizemoney increases reflects the importance of maintaining and indeed enhancing the sport's appeal from the grass roots races through to its showpiece events."

# *TOP 10*

## achievements for 2021

**1** Wagering Turnover  
On Jumps Racing  
Set A New Turnover  
Record In 2021  
(\$56.2m) Exceeding  
2020 Benchmarks By  
12%

**6** Online Jumps  
Racing  
Hub For The  
Warrnambool  
May Carnival.

**2** Safest Jumps  
Racing Season  
Since 2001

**7** 193 Horses On  
The Retired  
Jumps Horse  
Register

**3** Racing Victoria  
Significant Prize  
Money Increase

**8** Inception Of  
Ground Staff  
Awards

**4** Implemented 3  
New Schooling  
Chutes At  
Wangaratta,  
Seymour &  
Geelong

**9** Collaboration  
With Australian  
Racing Museum  
To Improve  
Jumps Racing  
Collection

**5** Rv Investment  
Of \$450,000 +  
Into New Easyfix  
Steeple Fences

**10** 95%  
Attendance  
At Annual  
Jockey  
Upskilling



# Jockeys jump at schooling opportunity



written by Jess Pateman - Pateman Racing

In early 2018 Pateman Racing & Barton Equine started their own schooling program to encourage young budding jumps jockeys to get involved in the sport. This has now grown into a established program supported by the AJRA and Racing Victoria.

There are a number of reasons why these clinics are important for the nurture and development of our pool of riders. Jumps jockeys do not have a formal apprentice program as the flat jockeys do. They are very much left to their own devices once they are licensed and only receive minimal assistance on the way to achieving being fully licensed.

Many of our jumps riders have not come from a jumping background. The English & Irish grow up hunting, showjumping, eventing and pony racing. Jumping is so much a part of the Irish culture so it nearly becomes second nature to them, they also have fabulous schooling programs available for their riders, which the AJRA and RV have funded to send jockeys over to attend in the past.

We want to create a culture within our sport where it is not frowned upon to accept or ask for advice. There was not a coaching culture as such in jumps racing in Australia and that is something that we are working towards changing.

The key points that are focused on are rhythm, balance, straightness, vision and position. The position the jockey rides in is important, not because we want to focus on an outline that is visually pleasing, but it is the most economical and effective way to ride, which is beneficial to the horse.

It is important to practice riding at obstacles to learn to not only to judge a take off distance but also to train appropriate reactions and improve reaction time. It is also important for jumps jockeys to practice making appropriate adjustments so it becomes more automatic for them in a race situation.

Barton Equine & Pateman Racing have been running the program for the last 3 years including clinics and also private sessions which have been made available and funded thanks to the AJRA. RV have assisted in funding the clinics and sending riders to RACE school of racing in Ireland. The clinics and training sessions have been well received by the jockeys.



Watch the 2021 Jumps Jockey schooling program, scan your camera over the QR code.

# JUMPS JOCKEY

## Participation Welfare Programs

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### What is the Racing Victoria Jumps Review Panel?

The function of the Jumps Review Panel is, among other things, to provide clear direction regarding matters that the Panel may take into account when considering the qualification of horses to race in jumps races. The Jumps Review Panel take the following points into account when qualifying a horse;

- Competitiveness.
- Jumping ability.
- Placing in trial.
- Fitness to race over long distances
- Overall performance and condition.

### The Purpose of the Racing Victoria Rider Skills Coach

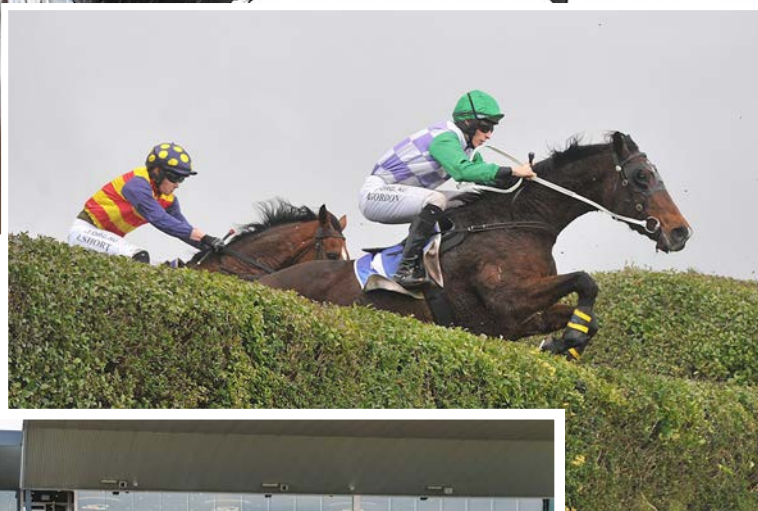
In 2019 a jockey coach & jockey training programs were implemented to improve experience & ability. Successful and ongoing into 2021 and 2022, a rider skills coach is engaged by RV to provide hands-on coaching and training to riders; review rides and falls; provide feedback and reports to the Jumps Review Panel. The Rider Skills Coach will be required to attend trials and races throughout the season.

In 2021 the successful two day program was implemented Its purpose is to consolidate the skills of the current team of Jumps Jockeys thereby addressing the "fall rate" & potential for incident. To serve as an opportunity for riders to school over various obstacles and at various speeds; thereby increasing their skill before, during and after landing over obstacles.





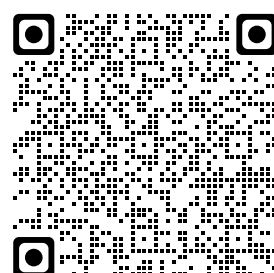
# HIGHLIGHTS of 2021







To watch feature  
race days of  
2021 scan the QR  
code with your  
camera phone.





# MESSAGES OF INDUSTRY SUPPORT



*"The Melbourne Racing Club remains committed to hosting jumps meetings at Ladbrokes Park for the foreseeable future and was pleased with the results of its two jumps meetings held during the 2021 season. Most satisfying for the club was the fact that all 43 horses which competed across the six jump races held at Ladbrokes Park last season did so safely. The AJRA should be commended for their commitment to implementing increased safety measures for both horses and riders over the past 24 months. In particular, the new 'One Fit' hurdles have proved a brilliant innovation and the results now speak for themselves. The new hurdles have also played a part in the ease of our logistical operations, and we were satisfied with the delivery, set up, and pack up of both the hurdles and steeplechases at both meetings."*

**Jake Norton | Executive Director – Racing & Operations | Melbourne Racing Club**

*"CRV thanks all concerned for another great year and whilst reluctant to call out individuals may I extend our warmest gratitude to AJRA President Sandy McGregor and General Manager Marlee Horobin on another fantastic contribution to the sport. We simply would not have been able to achieve success without the likes of Sandy whose passion commitment and dedication continue on each year without fanfare, yet conviction to levels only possible by great leaders."*

**Scott Whiteman | CEO Country Racing Victoria**

*"The WRC is excited and thankful to Racing Victoria, Country Racing Victoria and AJRA on the recent announcement on the Steeple upgrade project at Warrnambool. The WRC, through its support for jumps racing, is pleased to support the project by contributing 25% of the cost, equating to over \$112,000. Jumps racing is an integral part of the Warrnambool racing district and the WRC looks forward to continuing a close working relationship with the AJRA."*

**Tom O'Connor | Warrnambool Racing Club**

*"Prizemoney led to greater participation, it was wonderful to see so many Maiden Hurdles divided, it augurs for greater numbers and more participation next season. Jumping Clubs such as Casterton, feel more comfortable knowing they have the support of a vibrant and hard working AJRA Sandy, again congratulations to your team and look forward to seeing you in 2022"*

**John Donnelly  
Club Manager | Casterton Racing Club**

*"We believe that Jumps Racing in our region is in a healthy position with horse numbers strong and support for events even stronger. We anticipate that 2022 will deliver an exciting, unique and engaging series of Jumps Racing events with Coleraine being an important part of that."*

This year, despite COVID-19 preventing us from having crowds we successfully conducted the Great Western Steeplechase Race Day, a historic and unique jumps racing program that is renowned as Australia's oldest. With the support of the Australian Jumps Racing Association this day was a major success. The Australian Jumps Racing Association has supported the Club significantly by the following means:

- Introduction and promotion of the new OneFit hurdles at Coleraine;
- Inclusion in the Jumps Racing Trail creating awareness of jumps racing;
- Social media support prior to and after the event creating a buzz around the event within our community
- Financial support for the renovation and re-development of our main bar and new member's lounge.

We are incredibly appreciative of the support and resources the Club receives from the AJRA. This year the Club received wonderful feedback from the race day and its promotion; this is a credit to the work the AJRA does with individual Clubs."

Rod Neeson  
Club President. | Coleraine Racing Club

"Ballarat Turf Club were exceptionally grateful for the continued support of your Chairman and avid jumps supporter Sandy McGregor, who via Ecycle Solutions continued to offer very generous sponsorship to our club and the jumps program. We were also very happy to receive sponsorship support from a couple of our local stables who enjoyed a prosperous jumps racing season. Henry Dwyer Racing and Ciaran Maher Racing chose to sponsor a race on the feature "Grand Final" jumps day at Ballarat."

Belinda Glass  
Chief Executive | Ballarat Turf Club

"The Sale Turf Club would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Australian Jumps Racing Association for their support in providing the opportunity for jumps racing to, once again, feature at the Sale Turf Club in the 2020-21 Season.

All equipment required was provided and I am pleased to say, all horses and riders navigated their way around with no major incident. The inclusion of the newly approved onefit hurdles was also a feature including that they focus on the safety of all involved in these types of events. Promotional material, prizes, and sponsorship of all three races through E-Cycle Solutions were also appreciated by the club in its shared promotion of jumps racing."

Brad Evans | CEO | Sale Turf Club

"The Hamilton Racing Club congratulate the AJRA on a successful 20/21 Jumping season. The ongoing positive outcome within jumps racing has been assisted by the efforts of you and your team at the AJRA. The introduction of the "One Fit" hurdle to improve horse and rider safety has been seen a great success within the Industry. The support of RV with an increase in prizemoney has led to greater participation in jumps racing which will lead to higher participant numbers in future seasons and an increase in numbers at our Hamilton race days. As mentioned during my interview on racing.com during this season Hamilton Racing Club will be hoping for additional jumps races on course."

Helen Sobey | President



# Australian Jumps Racing *COLLECTION*

The Australian Racing Museum has a number of items and racebooks in its possession showing the history of jumps racing in Australia.

## Have an item you'd like the museum to consider?

The Museum Acquisition Committee assesses donation offers on a case by case basis against the Museum's Collection Policy.

The Australian Racing Museum is a not for profit organisation, and is eligible to receive donations under the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program.

Please contact [memberships@australianjumpsracing.com](mailto:memberships@australianjumpsracing.com) to find out more



Ron Hall jnr's boots



### Tommy Corrigan.

Artist: Frederick Woodhouse snr, 1888.

Horse is unknown.



1895 Early photos of Oakbank and Adelaide



Crisp's racing plates

# Find a Jumps Trainer

**SCOTT, Quinton**  
0417 593 597

**DYER, Neil**  
03 5976 3398  
or 0417 594 737

**EURELL, Gregory**  
03 5996 4599  
or 0418 388 905

**KELLY, T D**  
0419 337 791

**MUSGROVE, Eric**  
0419 666 114

**CAREY, Patrick**  
359763137  
or 0418 995 475

**ALDERSON, Cynthia**  
359965501  
or 0417 590 643

**KELLY, Wendy**  
03 5978 6813  
or 0418 533 707

**HYLAND, Christopher**  
03 9707 3008  
or 0419 336 140

**EDWARDS, James**  
03 5245 6755  
or 0419 356 165

**MOODY, Peter**  
0419 486 644

**PURCELL, Bruce**  
03 5998 2252  
or 0412 327 132

**DALZIEL, Grant**  
0418 107 459

**PRICE, Michael**  
0424 372 082  
or 0418 179 345

**WATERHOUSE, Gabriel**  
02 9662 1488  
or 0417 547 727

**MCEVOY, Anthony**  
885642360  
or 0417 805 936

**CORSTENS, Troy**  
0413 876 534

**BOURKE, Kelvin**  
03 5241 4105  
or 0419 323 653

**CARSON, Gary**  
03 5978 8210  
or 0414 466 045

**BESANKO, Raymond**  
0417 056 068

**CONLAN, J T**  
0439 455 111

**COOMBES, Raymond**  
0407 852 747

**FISHER, Shayne**  
03 5569 2407  
or 0428 502 517

**LEEK (JNR), John**  
03 5942 5111  
or 0409 537 445

**RATTLE, John**  
359776675  
or 0417 363 096

**ELFORD, Kenneth**  
0448 331 184

**CANNON, Daryl**  
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**LONDREGAN, David**  
03 5565 1594  
or 0417 512 194

**SALANITRI, J P**  
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**CHALLIS, Robert**  
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**HUNTER, Damien**  
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**GEBERT, Simon**  
03 5381 0553  
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**WILLIAMS, Matthew**  
0409 705 006

**PREUSKER, Paul**  
03 5384 6327  
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**EWERT, Ernest**  
03 9361 2419  
or 0412 299 521

**CHOW, Peter**  
0407 542 035

**STANAWAY, Bryce**  
0417 318 474

**KRAMER, Pau**  
03 5629 2661  
or 0410 798 041

**DURDEN, Kathryn**  
03 5266 2155  
or 0438 662 155

\*this list is available from Inside Racing. Some trainers may not be featured due to their choice to no to share their details publicly.



Scan your camera over the QR code to watch Eric Musgrove explain the new onefit hurdles & how they benefit equine welfare.





**GREIG, Mark**  
0417 385 994

**STOCKDALE, Shane**  
0410 594 622

**BOTTOMLEY, Shane**  
03 5978 5739  
or 0418 100 901

**PURCELL, Aaron**  
0438 289 074

**GELAGOTIS, Peter**  
03 5127 7665  
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**SOUTHEY, Kelvin**  
0438 571 878  
**O'SULLIVAN, Daniel**  
0418 173 717

**DANIEL, Ron**  
0421 609 668

**PETERSON, Allan**  
0417 547 828

**MCARDLE, John**  
03 5975 6278  
or 0419 103 801

**LAMING, Richard**  
03 5998 9188  
or 0407 244 614

**HASAN, Saab**  
0424 160 986

**KENT, Michael**  
03 5995 5888  
or 0400 888 488

**RYAN JNR, Patrick**  
03 5561 0513  
or 0468 703 618

**BAKER, Jane**  
0412 223 565

**COSGRIFF, Anthony**  
0400 295 592

**DWYER, Henry**  
03 9571 1255  
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**PAYNE, Patrick**  
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**PALLOT, Jackson**  
0423 345 038

**WILDE, Symon**  
03 5561 0977  
or 0419 850 402

**STOCKDALE, Frank**  
0488 637 363

**MATHRICK, Shawn**  
03 5998 5592  
or 0477 029 897

**SCOTT, Malcolm**  
0448 500 511

**MCGILL, Logan**  
0437 006 019

**BOWMAN, Daniel**  
0409 807 762

**ALEXANDER, Archie**  
0414 466 263

**DWYER, Donald**  
0452 493 833

**BRIDGMAN, Jason**  
0428 670 300

**SMART, Nicholas**  
0477 446 335

**SYMONS, Rodney**  
03 5448 3293  
or 0419 371 191

**MAHER, Declan**  
0458 235 539

**MAYBERRY, Kim**  
03 5942 7589  
or 0401 814 081

**TOLSON, Lynette**  
03 5979 3561  
or 0408 591 972

**FREEDMAN, Anthony**  
0412 518 191

**MAHER, Ciaron**  
9571 1455  
or 0418 573 079

**FEEK, David**  
0403 883 377

**BUSUTTIN, Trent**  
0477 075 772

**YOUNG, Natalie**  
0477 075 779

**JOHNSTON, Amy**  
0439 696 933  
**BELL, Michael**  
0428 982 286

**CHARRY, Brett**  
0418 255 205

**COUSINS, Geoffrey**  
0403 014 142

**GOTTS, Sharen**  
0408 581 732

**MADDEN, Michael**  
0418 317 579

**MURRAY, Clifford**  
0427 251 950

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03 5359 0230  
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03 5568 9241  
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**SMITH, Michael**  
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**DAVIS, Christopher**  
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0412 225 191

**SIMPSON, Belinda**  
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0423 915 204

**GRAESSER, Paul**  
0417 116 269

**GILCRIST, Ian**  
03 5581 1297  
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**MADDEN, James**  
03 5568 7271  
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**MARTINDALE, Catherine**  
03 5122 2277  
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**DRUST, Daryn**  
0429 361 021

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0409 218 901

**EDWARDS, Kaye**  
0402 677 405

**RYAN, Simon**  
03 5562 9902  
or 0411 502 683

**KEATING, Shay**  
03 5344 8475  
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**SHAND, Lyn**  
0432 111 896

**COTTIER, Trudy**  
03 5572 1952  
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**ASHBY, Mark**  
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**LENEHAN, Stephen**  
0428 338 391

**KINGSTON, Robert**  
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**SMITH, Dane**  
0433 148 333

**FINNEGAN, Francis**  
0479 193 296

**MCCUSKER, Shane**  
0487 980 222

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**CUNNINGHAM, Rachael**  
0413 565 698

**JULIUS, Joshua**  
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03 5941 5377  
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03 5448 3338  
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**PROCTOR, Leonie**  
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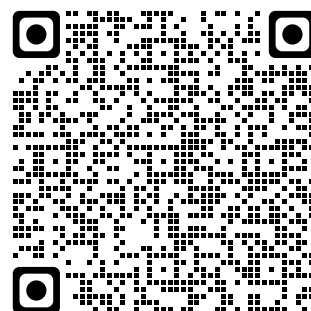
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# Licenced Jumps Jockeys

## 2021-2022 season

### Jumps Jockey 'A' 2021-2022 Season

Licensed to ride in all Jumping Races or any Flat Race at Professional Meetings outside the Suburban Radius unless otherwise stated in the conditions of the race.



GORDON, Will  
0432 230 802



HORNER, Lee  
0414 299 127



HORNER (JNR), Darryl  
0406 850 338



KURU, Aaron  
0455 257 870



LYNCH, Arron  
0421 774 498



MITCHELL, Aaron  
0402 752 290



MCCARTHY, William  
0477 167 779



PATEMAN, Steven  
03 9769 4395, 0407 775 495



RYAN, Tom  
0449 583 156



SMALL, Braidon  
0401 524 422



WILLIAMS, Luke  
0477 770 626

### Jumps Jockey 'B' 2021-2022 Season

Licensed to ride in all Jumping Races at Professional Meetings outside the Suburban Radius unless otherwise stated in the conditions of the race.



DUNSEATH, Megan  
0478 833 106



MCCARTHY, Chris  
0476 250 738



NEWTON, Nathan  
0488 734 963



O'SULLIVAN, Ross  
0481 354 247



O'DONOGHUE, Richard  
0422 429 001



SHORT, Ronan  
0404 707 084

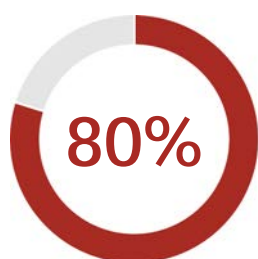


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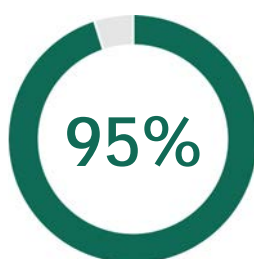
# Life after *JUMPS RACING*

With the increase of field sizes, it is the responsibility of the AJRA to raise awareness for the retired jumps horse. Our value proposition includes.

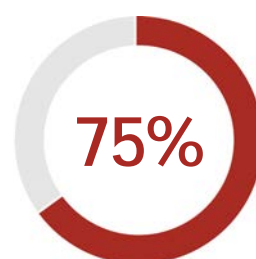
**12+ LONGEVITY**  
A jumps horse can race for up to 12 years before retiring. This alone is a vast improvement on longevity. This counts to half of the average lifespan of the horse. Data collection and continual study of focus groups continues.



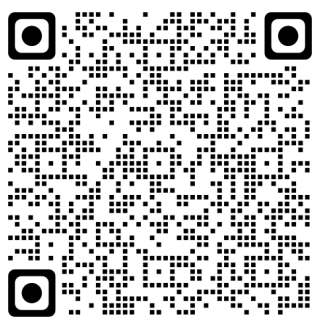
OF TRAINERS HAVE GROWN UP AROUND HORSES. THIS HIGHLIGHTS THEIR HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS, WHICH ARE A MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE SUCCESSFUL RE-HOMING RATE OF RETIRED JUMPS HORSES.



OF RETIRED JUMPS HORSES TRANSITION EASIER INTO EQUESTRIAN PERFORMANCE DUE TO EXTENSIVE EDUCATION, AGE & TEMPERAMENT. ONLY 5% OF RETIRED JUMPS HORSES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE MORE RETRAINING.



OF RETIRED JUMPS HORSES HAVE BEEN FOUND COMPETING IN EQUESTRIAN, 2% AS PART OF EQUINE THERAPY ORGANISATIONS & 23% AS PADDOCK COMPANIONS.



Are you an owner, trainer or participant and would like to register your retired jumps horse?

Scan the QR code to enter your horses' details.



# AJRA GROUND STAFF AWARDS 2022

*Nominations Open  
March - August 2022.*

The Australian Jumps Racing Association would like to celebrate the hard work and enthusiasm of the participants by creating an awards program dedicated to ground staff, stable hands and strappers who are an integral part of the Australian Jumps Racing Industry.

The aim is to encourage horse owners, trainers, clubs, office staff and administration within the jumps racing industry to engage and participate with an initiative which the AJRA hope to develop into a strong section of the sport that's celebrated each year at the annual jumps racing awards night. Each category has been carefully created to highlight the achievements in different areas in the sport.



***Our ground staff are the heart of the industry and the jumps racing community are dedicated to recognising their contribution to our sport.***

***-Eric Musgrove***



This is to be award to a participant who has shown skill in horsemanship either on the ground or while riding track work. The winning applicant will be awarded for their ability to work with horses with a focus on their care and wellbeing. This award also highlights the connection the staff member has to animals and their talent in the area of horsemanship both on and off the track.



This award focuses on the presentation of a horse and their strapper. Consistent care in presentation and turnout will be highlighted by those who nominate them. We encourage owners to watch and assess their horses' turnout on race day awhile at the track or via racing.com



This award is dedicated to those who are passionate about rehoming jumps horses in their post racing career. The nominee's commitment to the horses they care for both during it's racing career and after will be key factors for this award.

# 2021 *JUMPS RACING* *in numbers*

The 19 meetings at nine tracks in 2021 were to feature 64 races (41 hurdles, 23 steeplechase); instead, there were 76 with 13 more over hurdles (mostly maidens) but one less steeplechase—two with few entries on the same card were combined to provide a better spectacle and wagering opportunity.

There were **614** starters (up from 545) from a pool of **262** qualified horses (up from 255) provided by **168** qualified trainers and ridden by 18 jockeys.

Importantly, the increased attention to health and safety continued to pay dividends, with falls dropping to eight (from 19). The new One Fit hurdles played a key role in their first season and the EasyFix fences for the steeplechasers continued to prove their worth—only Warrnambool and Casterton have live fences in addition to the man-made obstacles.

RV's Racing Operations Manager Josh Grimwood praised the work of RV's Rider-Skills coach Jamie Murray, who has an equestrian background, in providing important advice to jockeys on how to approach the obstacles.

"Onwards & upwards" cliché holds true for an outstanding jumps season just finished, and the signs are good that next year will be even better with a significant prize money boost."

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