



# AJRA

Australian Jumping Racing Association



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**“The 2022 jumps racing season was among the safest ever conducted, it enjoyed strong engagement with increased wagering turnover, and saw a record crowd attend the jewel-in-the-crown Warrnambool May Carnival**

**In 2023 we will continue to benchmark the safety of jumps racing, assist Racing Victoria in operations and focus on engaging participants across the country**

**- The AJRA Committee**



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Welcome to the Annual Australian Jumps Racing 2022-2023 Members Magazine. Thank you to all participants for yet another excellent jumping season in 2022 and we look forward to the 2023 season in Victoria. 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 and we look forward to this years program.

We are committed to Racing Victoria KPIs being met to enhance a safer jumps industry for all horses and participants. We believe the AJRA's ongoing hard work and dedication to the sport will assist the increase of wagering, field sizes and participants.

The AJRA committee were pleased to see the support RV has for Jumps Racing which was proposed in their greens paper published in June. This paper was published for consideration and feedback by participants to create a 10-year Victorian Racing Infrastructure Blueprint which will be published by Racing Victoria this year.

The AJRA made a submission to strongly support the following

1. RV is proposing to retain jumps racing throughout the next decade and program races at those tracks currently conducting meetings subject to appropriate safety standards being maintained, Club support, and the availability of venues and horses.
2. RV is open to increasing the number of races conducted within the existing season window of March to August, subject to the support of owners and trainers in growing the jumping population.
3. A trend towards race meetings conducted exclusively with jumps and highweight races will continue should participation numbers warrant it

In relation to horse safety, we are pleased to share with you that with 66 races across the season in Victoria and with the introduction of new One-Fit Hurdles, designed to further improve safety for horse and rider. saw 2021 achieved the lowest fall rate in history – down 66% on the 10-year average. This was

followed by the 2022 jumps racing season was among the safest ever conducted.

The 2023 season will feature 19 jumps meetings throughout Victoria from March to August – six of which will be held exclusively for jumps riders – with 42 hurdle races and 24 steeplechase races programmed prior to any divisions.

Following a significant prizemoney uplift of over \$850,000 in the 2022 season, the 2023 program will see an additional \$175,000 in prizemoney dispersed across four of Victoria's feature jumps races taking the total amount on offer to just under \$5 million.

In 2022 we worked with Racing.com and TRP in adding additional cameras and enhancements to the coverage of jumps racing on television. In 2023 we look forward

to continuing these efforts and assisting in enhancing the coverage even further.

Jumps Racing in the Media continues to be positive and reflective of the uptrend in support. A credit to the transparent hard work and dedication of the entire industry, it is with utmost gratitude to the journalists and reporters of jumps racing who are continuing to push the good work and success stories of our participants.

**Sandy McGregor**



**Saunter Boy soared over the fences to win back-to-back Australian Hurdles.  
Picture: Brett Holburt-Racing Photos**



# *Highlights of 2022.*

Feature written by Michael Manley

At the start of the 2022 jumps season three stars Gold Medals, Ablaze and Zed'em all were retired seemingly one after the other so there was some trepidation as to how the year would pan out.

The only big name who would be returning in 2022 was champion hurdler Saunter Boy.

Jumps fans needn't have worried as what ensued was one of the most successful jumps seasons in recent years and one which will be a building block for years to come as potential star jumpers appeared and some promising young jumps jockeys put up their hands for the future.

There were also some well-known jumps trainers returning to the fray for the first time in several years to the sport.

Any look back on the 2022 jumps season though must start with the one horse, jumper or rider who stood out above the rest and that was Saunter Boy.

The tough grey from the Ciaran Maher and David Eustace stable, raced by Australian Bloodstock established himself as the best hurdler to have raced for many years winning his five feature starts over the jumps.

His feats were acknowledged at the end of the season as he was voted the Champion Jumper award at the 2022 Australian Racing Awards. He was also named the J.J Houlahan Hurdler of the year.

What did he do? Well - everything he could have achieved he did.

He won the five of the six feature Hurdle races on the 2022 calendar and

each one he contested: the Bourke Hurdle and the Dreschler Hurdle at Pakenham, the Galleywood Hurdle at Warrnambool and the Australian Hurdle and the Grand National Hurdle at Sandown Lakeside.

It was his last win in the Grand National Hurdle (4200 metres) at Sandown Lakeside where he crowned his greatness on August 7.

On that occasion Saunter Boy carried top-weight of 71 kilos in the Grand National Hurdle and he also had to defy a late challenge from St Arnicca who carried seven kilos less to make it five wins from five starts in 2022.

In the past 20 years only another champion Black And Bent has carried a bigger weight to victory.

Saunter Boy has won his past six hurdle starts and eight of his last nine. He has won 10 of his 13 starts and has won every feature hurdle race on the calendar and he has also won two Australian Hurdles.

The Grand National Hurdle was also memorable as it gave Maher and Eustace and the unofficial trainer of their jump's horses, Declan Maher their third straight win in the race having won it in 2020 with Ablaze and 2021 with Wil John.

The Maher brothers were quite emotional after the win which demonstrated what Saunter Boy meant to them.

After the race Ciaran Maher repeatedly used the

adjective phenomenal to describe what Saunter Boy had achieved.



***"That's what's so special about the jumpers. They come back year after year and get better; they get stronger and tougher. To carry that sort of weight over that trip was a phenomenal effort to do it from the front," Maher said.***

Saunter Boy's rider Steve Pateman also added another line to his glittering CV with his fifth win in the Grand National Hurdle which is now a record.

Pateman won four Grand National Hurdles in a row between 2011 and 2014 and Saunter Boy was his first since then.

In the weeks leading into the Grand Annual Steeplechase at Warrnambool, the Maher and Eustace stable lost their number one contender in 2020 winner Ablaze, but they had a more than worthy replacement waiting in the wings in Heberite who took out the event at only his second run over the fences.

Heberite also carried the same colours as Ablaze as their managing owner is Rod Lyons who also races gun sprinter Nature Strip. It was an historic sixth win in the race for the former Warrnambool boy Maher which is a record for a trainer in the 150-year-old event.

Maher said for him the Grand Annual is the race he wants to win the most every year. "It's unbelievable. I think it's the best race on the whole calendar, well it is to me anyway," Maher said.

The win also gave former Irish and American based jumps jockey Willie McCarthy his first win in the race at his first ride in it.

McCarthy gained the ride as Steve Pateman couldn't make the weight of 64 kilos.

McCarthy in turn had to waste to get down to that weight and had to endure a pumpkin soup diet for the week leading into the race.

"Unfortunately, he was out of Steve's (Pateman) weight category, it was a bit light for him, and I'm absolutely privileged to get the opportunity to step in when he can't do it," McCarthy said.

McCarthy said Heberite's performances at his second run over the fences was unbelievable and he would only get better with time.

Heberite defeated the local chaser Police Camp by a length and a half with the Declan Maher trained Eyes Are Blue two and a quarter length away third.

McCarthy was also back in the spotlight on the final day of the jumps season on August 28 when he won the Ecycle-Solutions Grand National Steeplechase (4500m) on St Arnicca in a slogging finish holding out the star Kiwi

fencer The Cossack at Ballarat. The victory also gave Horsham trainer Paul Preusker his second win in a row in the Grand National Steeplechase having won it in 2021 with Inayforhay.

Remarkably Preusker pulled off the same training feat as last year as St Arnicca followed in Inayforhay's footsteps winning the Grand National Steeplechase at his fencing debut.

McCarthy said after the Grand National Steeplechase making the move to Australia had provided him with the highlights of his riding career despite also having had great success in Ireland and in the United States.

In less than 15 months of riding in Australia, the 39-year-old won 13 jumps races from 58 rides. He also won the 2021 Grand National Hurdle on Wil Jon before his two feature wins in 2022.

McCarthy will ride here for the remainder of his career which he hopes will extend to the end of the four-year visa he has.

McCarthy also shared the Tommy Corrigan Medal with another of his Irish compatriots in Richie O'Donoghue who amazingly tied for the award after his first full season of riding.

The 24-year-old O'Donoghue was one of the great success stories of the 2022 season as he won seven jumps' races in his first full year of riding to finish equal second in the Jumps Jockeys Premiership as well.



The Irishman said he couldn't believe that success he had had and was thrilled to be riding winners for his biggest supporter in Eric Musgrove who had really encouraged him.



***"Without Eric I wouldn't be having this run at all. He's given me so much advice and support," he said.***

Musgrove had another good season with seven winners and his team was led by his super tough mare Onset who raced throughout the year having 14 starts over the jumps for three wins, a second and four thirds.

Symon Wilde dominated his local Warrnambool May carnival with his highlight providing the quinella in the Brierly Steeplechase with former Kiwi Vanguard prevailing over Britannicus.

Vanguard was ridden by former English jockey Will Gordon and gave him his biggest success in Australia.

"We bought Vanguard to target this carnival, some stable clients jumped in, and Britannicus was a second-hand horse who is having a great career. We've got every inch out of him and he's doing a terrific job," Wilde said after the race.

Wilde also trained Count Zero to take out the Cally Hotel Hurdle and he also quinellaed the Maiden hurdle with Rider In The Snow defeating Tolemac.

For Wilde those successes in May set up a big year for him as he went on to win 13 races and secure a win for the first time in the Australian Jumps Trainers Premiership over Maher and Eustace by one winner.

One member of the Wilde stable, Elvion, continued his love affair of the picturesque Casterton circuit winning the three feature races held at that circuit. In each win he was

ridden by Aaron Kuru and he led throughout each time.

Pateman again had a stellar season being a runaway winner of the Jumps Jockeys' Premiership with 15 wins and he also took out the J.J. Houlahan Champion jumps rider award.

Pateman also made inroads as a trainer winning the Mosstrooper Steeplechase at Pakenham with Valac and also the Ecycle Solutions J.J. Houlahan Hurdle (3250 metres) at Ballarat with former Irish hurdler Bell Ex One.

Bell Ex One demonstrated his international jumps prowess at his Australian debut as he could boast a win at Punchestown and a placing at Cheltenham.

The hurdler was purchased by AJRA chairman Sandy McGregor who also owns the Houlahan Hurdle runner-up Stern Idol.

The victory gave Pateman his biggest success as a trainer and his first winner over the hurdles.

Pateman said Bell Ex One could be a star in the making.

On the final day of the season at Ballarat, Henry Dwyer completed another good season with his small jumps team when Brungle Bertie won the Ciaran Maher Racing Steeplechase BM120 (3400m) but he couldn't find a suitable jockey.



Dwyer's other jumpers Riding High and Budd Fox also had good seasons.

On the final day of the season at Ballarat his jumper Castrofrancaru showed his potential with his win in the Gotta Take Care Hurdle (3600 metres) continuing the comeback of John Leek.

For many years John Leek was a force in jumps racing. He won three Great Eastern Steeplechases (River Amos 1988, Vinchiamo 1992 and Boxtor Blue 2004) and a Grand Annual Steeplechase with Vinchiamo in 1992. He also won the Grand National Steeplechase with Team Heritage in 2004.

Leek virtually walked away from racing for the past decade after brushes with officialdom but this year he came back and he's keen to put his stamp on next year's feature races.

Leek said it was a big effort by Castrofrancaru to win as he lost over three lengths when a horse fell with 1000 metres to go and he was hampered in the incident.

Leek said Castrofrancaru would be a better fencer and he was aiming him for the Brierly Steeplechase and the Grand National Steeplechase next year.

His wife Andrea Leek also trains another promising jumper in Heir To The Throne who won two jumps races later in the season.

The final day at Ballarat provided a mouth-watering taste of what was to come in 2022 with Castrofrancaru, Bell Ex One, Symon Wilde's Fabalot and also St Arnicca each showing they could be stars next year.

Add in the return of Saunter Boy, Heberite and Vanguard it promises to be a stellar year. ■



# 2022 AWARDS

## AJRA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual AJRA championships will be awarded based on amount of wins throughout the season. 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.

### CHAMPION HORSE:

SAUNTER BOY

### CHAMPION TRAINER:

SYMON WILDE

### CHAMPION JOCKEY:

STEVE PATEMAN

### CLAIMING JOCKEY:

RICHIE O'DONOHUGH

## JJ HOULAHAN AWARDS

The J.J. Houllahan 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 will be run between April and August across Victoria and each race carries minimum prizemoney of \$100,000.

### WINNING JOCKEY:

Steven Pateman | Winning on 84 points

### WINNING TRAINER:

C Maher & Eustace | Winning on 82 points

### WINNING HORSE:

Saunter Boy trained by Ciaran Maher & David Eustace |  
Winning on 50 points

## AJRA & CRV GROUND STAFF AWARDS

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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.

### 2022 WINNERS

**EXCELLENCE IN PRESENTATION:** Chloe Canham: Symon Wilde Racing

**EQUINE WELFARE:** Belinda Simpson : Eric Musgrove Racing

**HORSEMANSHIP AWARD:** Jess Pateman: Pateman Racing

## JJ Houllahan Leader Board

Leading Horse	Points
Saunter Boy	50
St Arnicca	30
Tamarack Flying Agent	26
Britannicus	22
Valac	20
Police Camp Elvison Onset Yulong Place	18

Leading Jockey	Points
Steven Pateman	84
William McCarthy	60
Lee Horner	50
Aaron Kuru Arron Lynch	46
Darryl Horner (Jnr)	42

Leading Trainer	Points
Maher & Eustace	82
Eric Musgrove	68
Symon Wilde	58
Steven Pateman	50
Amy McDonald	46

# MOSSTROOPER AWARDS



# Victorian Jumps Racing Program

FEBRUARY – AUGUST 2023



**Racing  
Victoria**

DATE	VENUE	MAIDEN HURDLE	PRIZEMONEY	RESTRICTED HURDLE	PRIZEMONEY	OPEN HURDLE	PRIZEMONEY	RESTRICTED STEEPLECHASE	PRIZEMONEY	OPEN STEEPLECHASE	PRIZEMONEY
<b>Fri 24 February 2023</b>	<b>Cranbourne Trials</b>										
<b>Fri 3 March 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool Trials</b>										
<b>Fri 10 March 2023</b>	<b>Cranbourne Trials</b>										
<b>Fri 17 March 2023</b>	<b>Terang</b>	3200m	\$35,000	BM120 3200	\$35,000			3200m BM120 Chase	\$35,000		
<b>Thu 23 March 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool</b>	3200m	\$35,000			3200m Open Hurdle	\$35,000			Open Chase 3450m	\$35,000
<b>Wed 29 Mar 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool Trials</b>										
<b>Sun 2 April 2023</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	3200m	\$35,000			3200m Open Hurdle	\$35,000			Open Chase 3200m	\$35,000
<b>Thu 6 April 2023</b>	<b>Cranbourne Trials</b>										
<b>Sun 16 April 2023</b>	<b>Sportsbet-Pakenham</b>	3200m	\$37,500	1JW 3200m	\$37,500	<b>3200m MJ Bourke Hurdle Qty Hcp</b>	\$100,000	BM125 Chase 3200m	\$50,000	<b>3500m J.E.H Spencer Memorial Qty Hcp</b>	\$100,000
<b>Fri 21 April 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool Trials</b>										
<b>Tues 2 May 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool</b>	3200m	\$50,000							<b>3450m Brierly N/C</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Wed 3 May 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool</b>					<b>3200m Galleywood Hurdle SW&amp;P N/C</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	BM120 3450m N/C	\$80,000		
<b>Thur 4 May 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool</b>					3200m Champion Novice Hurdle (QC) N/C	\$60,000			<b>5500m Grand Annual N/C</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>Wed 10 May 2023</b>	<b>Traralgon Trials</b>										
<b>Sun 14 May 2023</b>	<b>Casterton</b>	3500m	\$35,000			3500m Open Hurdle	\$50,000	3800m BM125 Chase	\$35,000		
<b>Fri 19 May 2023</b>	<b>Warrnambool Trials</b>										
<b>Sun 21 May 2023</b>	<b>Ladbroke's Park Sandown</b>			BM120 3400m	\$55,000	<b>3900m Australian Hurdle N/C</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>			<b>3900m Australian Steeplechase N/C</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

DATE	VENUE	MAIDEN HURDLE	PRIZEMONEY	RESTRICTED HURDLE	PRIZEMONEY	OPEN HURDLE	PRIZEMONEY	RESTRICTED STEEPLECHASE	PRIZEMONEY	OPEN STEEPLECHASE	PRIZEMONEY
Tues 30 May 2023	Hamilton	3200m	\$35,000			3200m Open Hurdle	\$40,000	Maiden Chase 3450m	\$35,000	3450m Open Chase	\$50,000
Fri 2 June 2023	Traralgon Trials										
Wed 7 June 2023	Sale	3200m	\$37,500	0-114 3200m	\$40,000					3200m Open Chase	\$50,000
Sun 18 Jun 2023	Warrnambool	3200m	\$35,000			3200m Open Hurdle	\$40,000	0-114 3450m	\$40,000		
Tues 20 June 2023	Warrnambool Trials										
Sun 25 Jun 2023	Casterton	3500m *	\$35,000	BM120 3500m	\$40,000					3800m Two Rivers Chase	\$100,000
Sun 2 Jul 2023	Warrnambool	3200m	\$37,500	1JW 3200m	\$40,000	3200m Kevin Lafferty Qty Hcp N/C	\$125,000	BM120 3450m	\$40,000	3450m Thackeray Qty Hcp N/C	\$125,000
Wed 5 July 2023	Traralgon Trials										
Sun 16 Jul 2023	Sportsbet-Pakenham	3200m	\$37,500	BM120 3200m	\$40,000	3500m Brendan Drechsler Hurdle SW&P N/C	\$125,000	Maiden Chase 3450m	\$40,000	3500m Moss Trooper SW&P N/C	\$125,000
		3500m	\$37,500								
Tues 18 July 2023	Warrnambool Trials										
Sun 23 Jul 2023	Casterton	3500m	\$35,000			3500m Casterton Hurdle	\$40,000			3800m Casterton Chase N/C	\$60,000
Tue 2 Aug 2023	Traralgon Trials										
Sun 6 Aug 2023	Ladbroke's Park Sandown			BM120 3400m	\$55,000	4200m Grand National N/C	\$300,000			4200m Crisp SW&P N/C	\$150,000
Sun 13 Aug 2023	Coleraine	3300m	\$35,000	0-114 3300m	\$40,000	3300m Coleraine Hurdle	\$40,000			3600m Great Western Chase N/C	\$60,000
Mon 14 Aug 2023	Coleraine										
Sun 27 Aug 2023	Sportsbet Ballarat	3400m*	\$37,500	3600m Gotta Take Care Hurdle (BM114)	\$50,000	3200m JJ Houlihan SW&P N/C	\$150,000	BM120 3600m	\$40,000	4500m Grand National N/C	\$400,000
		3200m	\$37,500								

**Bold** = Leg of the J.J. Houlihan Championship.  
 (\*) Restricted to horses with a flat rating of 68 and below.  
**Red** = Trial

# AJRA invest in project to improve the broadcast of Jumps Racing

In 2022 AJRA on behalf of the clubs worked with Racing.com and TRP to enhance the coverage of jumps racing. 2023 we look forward to continuing these efforts and assisting in enhancing the coverage even further. A snapshot of the improved results.

## Warrnambool May Carnival

- Additional camera and operator utilised to capture in-running shots in Brierly paddock and also tight racing shots along the back straight
- LiveU utilised to conduct additional interviews from vantage points like the hill, tie up stalls, and the unique insight provided by Shane Jackson at Brierly Paddock going through strategies in races and also looking at the jumps themselves
- Slow motion camera
- Shane Jackson used as an expert commentator Casterton Cup Day
- For the first time ever, Casterton Cup Day was elevated to become the feature race meeting for coverage

## Grand National Hurdle Day

- Shane Jackson used as mounting yard expert Great Western Steeplechase Day at Coleraine
- Shane Jackson used as on-course correspondent and expert
- Interviews conducted with club personnel, trainers and jockeys
- Additional camera used to capture in-running close-up shots



- With a talent presence on course, we captured the fun and excitement both on and off the track
- The day included feature interviews with a number of jockeys and also utilised additional cameras around the course to provide tight shots of the races, capturing the undulations and scenery at the racecourse
- Shane Jackson used for expert insight on runners and to conduct interviews
- Significant wagering uplift for the meeting year on year Mosstrooper Jumps Day at Pakenham
- Additional camera installed at course to better showcase the spectacle and highlight the athleticism of horses and riders
- Extended mounting yard previews conducted at this meeting when not done in previous years as the secondary meeting on the day Grand National Steeplechase Day at Ballarat
- Two talent on course, including Shane Jackson, to provide insight and the highest possible level of coverage speaking with key participants across the day
- Additional in-running camera utilised to enhance live coverage

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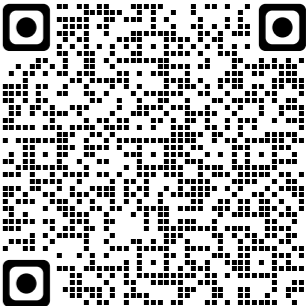
<b>GREIG, Mark</b> 0417 385 994	<b>PAYNE, Patrick</b> 0408 101 305	<b>MAHER, Ciaron</b> 9571 1455 or 0418 573 079	<b>CALDWELL, Raymond</b> 03 9700 4758 or 0418 121 358	<b>DIPLOCK, Christopher</b> 0418 894 967	<b>JULIUS, Joshua</b> 0457 806 612	<b>BEDGGOOD, Gavin</b> 0403 204 736	<b>MAYBERRY, Gayle</b> 03 5942 7589 or 0418 513 538
<b>STOCKDALE, Shane</b> 0410 594 622	<b>PALLOT, Jackson</b> 0423 345 038	<b>FEEK, David</b> 0403 883 377	<b>GRAESSER, Charlotte</b> 0438 939 275 <b>BRIDGES, Gary</b> 0423 915 204	<b>MARSHALL, Clinton</b> 0408 856 253 <b>SMITH, Dane</b> 0433 148 333	<b>MCDONALD, Amy</b> 0413 397 563	<b>CULLY, Richard</b> 0418 490 123	<b>FEEK, Coral</b> 0435 649 709
<b>BOTTOMLEY, Shane</b> 03 5978 5739 or 0418 100 901	<b>WILDE, Symon</b> 03 5561 0977 or 0419 850 402	<b>BUSUTTIN, Trent</b> 0477 075 772	<b>GRAESSER, Paul</b> 0417 116 269	<b>FINNEGAN, Francis</b> 0479 193 296	<b>CROSS, Glenn</b> 03 5941 5377 or 0419 595 908	<b>MCQUEEN, Graeme</b> 03 5448 3338 or 0419 307 311	<b>O'LEARY, Michael</b> 08 8725 6196 or 0408 092 310
<b>PURCELL, Aaron</b> 0438 289 074	<b>STOCKDALE, Frank</b> 0488 637 363	<b>YOUNG, Natalie</b> 0477 075 779	<b>GILCRIST, Ian</b> 03 5581 1297 or 0427 811 299	<b>MCCUSKER, Shane</b> 0487 980 222	<b>PAYNE, Michelle</b> 03 53 346 437 or 0439 006 772	<b>WHELAN, Lisa</b> 0469 827 900	<b>HYAM, John</b> 0438 320 211
<b>GELAGOTIS, Peter</b> 03 5127 7665 or 0419 891 233	<b>MATHRICK, Shawn</b> 03 5998 5592 or 0477 029 897	<b>JOHNSTON, Amy</b> 0439 696 933 <b>BELL, Michael</b> 0428 982 286	<b>MADDEN, James</b> 03 5568 7271 or 0427 522 832	<b>KIRKPATRICK, Shelley</b> 0400 859 999	<b>HORNER, Jackie</b> 0448 050 966	<b>DOUGLAS, Clayton</b> 0448 912 243	<b>BROOK, Barry</b> 08 8388 4482 or 0417 837 012
<b>SOUTHEY, Kelvin</b> 0438 571 878 <b>O'SULLIVAN, Daniel</b> 0418 173 717	<b>SCOTT, Malcolm</b> 0448 500 511	<b>CHARRY, Brett</b> 0418 255 205	<b>MARTINDALE, Catherine</b> 03 5122 2277 or 0419 885 827	<b>CUNNINGHAM, Rachael</b> 0413 565 698	<b>PATEMAN, Steven</b> 03 9769 4395 or 0407 775 495		
<b>DANIEL, Ron</b> 0421 609 668	<b>MCGILL, Logan</b> 0437 006 019	<b>COUSINS, Geoffrey</b> 0403 014 142	<b>DRUST, Daryn</b> 0429 361 021				
<b>PETERSON, Allan</b> 0417 547 828	<b>BOWMAN, Daniel</b> 0409 807 762	<b>GOTTS, Sharen</b> 0408 581 732	<b>HORNER (SNR), Darryl</b> 0409 218 901				
<b>MCARDLE, John</b> 03 5975 6278 or 0419 103 801	<b>ALEXANDER, Archie</b> 0414 466 263	<b>MADDEN, Michael</b> 0418 317 579	<b>EDWARDS, Kaye</b> 0402 677 405				
<b>LAMING, Richard</b> 03 5998 9188 or 0407 244 614	<b>DWYER, Donald</b> 0452 493 833	<b>MURRAY, Clifford</b> 0427 251 950	<b>RYAN, Simon</b> 03 5562 9902 or 0411 502 683				
<b>HASAN, Saab</b> 0424 160 986	<b>BRIDGMAN, Jason</b> 0428 670 300	<b>KRELLE, Paul</b> 03 5359 0230 or 0402 869 520	<b>KEATING, Shay</b> 03 5344 8475 or 0407 836 239				
<b>KENT, Michael</b> 03 5995 5888 or 0400 888 488	<b>SMART, Nicholas</b> 0477 446 335	<b>MCGRATH, Anne</b> 03 5568 9241 or 0429 807 084	<b>SHAND, Lyn</b> 0432 111 896				
<b>RYAN JNR, Patrick</b> 03 5561 0513 or 0468 703 618	<b>SYMONS, Rodney</b> 03 5448 3293 or 0419 371 191	<b>SMITH, Michael</b> 03 5581 1950 or 0407 712 893	<b>COTTIER, Trudy</b> 03 5572 1952 or 0427 088 942				
<b>BAKER, Jane</b> 0412 223 565	<b>MAHER, Declan</b> 0458 235 539	<b>DAVIS, Christopher</b> 0439 391 543	<b>ASHBY, Mark</b> 0427 973 360				
<b>COSGRIFF, Anthony</b> 0400 295 592	<b>MAYBERRY, Kim</b> 03 5942 7589 or 0401 814 081	<b>MANGAN, Rhonda</b> 0412 225 191	<b>LENEHAN, Stephen</b> 0428 338 391				
<b>DWYER, Henry</b> 03 9571 1255 or 0488 001 787	<b>TOLSON, Lynette</b> 03 5979 3561 or 0408 591 972	<b>SIMPSON, Belinda</b> 03 5997 1129 or 0409 971 129	<b>KINGSTON, Robert</b> 0427 666 150				
	<b>FREEDMAN, Anthony</b> 0412 518 191	<b>BOURKE, David</b> 0417 589 673					



# Become Part Of The Action Become an Owner

Following a significant prizemoney uplift of over \$850,000 in the 2022 season, the 2023 program will see an additional \$175,000 in prizemoney dispersed across four of Victoria's feature jumps races taking the total amount on offer to just under \$5 million.

SUPPORT  
JUMPS RACING  
BECOME A MEMBER



# Top 10 Reasons To Support Jumps Racing

- 1.** We now have the lowest fall rate in history – down 66% on the 10-year average.
- 2.** Prize money has reached just under 5 million dollars. With 42 hurdle races and 24 steeplechase races programmed prior to any divisions. This is a wonderful opportunity to be in it to win it.
- 3.** Becoming an owner strengthens the population of staying horses, securing your support for jumps trainers and having fun in the process.
- 4.** An opportunity to attend some of the finest country race clubs in the country.
- 5.** Witness the action and thrill of the Warrnambool May Carnival.
- 6.** Becoming a member you are supporting a non for profit of a sport you love.
- 7.** Jumps horses can race until they are 12 years old. This is longevity in education and husbandry of a beautiful animal who then becomes an ideal candidate for equestrian sports.
- 8.** Country Racing. It's got it all!
- 9.** Witness and support racing at Sandown. Watch jumps racing from the iconic heritage listed grandstand. A racetrack worth fighting for. With two iconic meetings held at the Melbourne Racing Club; by attending and supporting these meetings you are joining participants in advocating for racing at this beautiful racetrack.
- 10.** Get involved in the wagering of jumps racing. More opportunities - great tipsters, great fun.



\*gamble responsibly

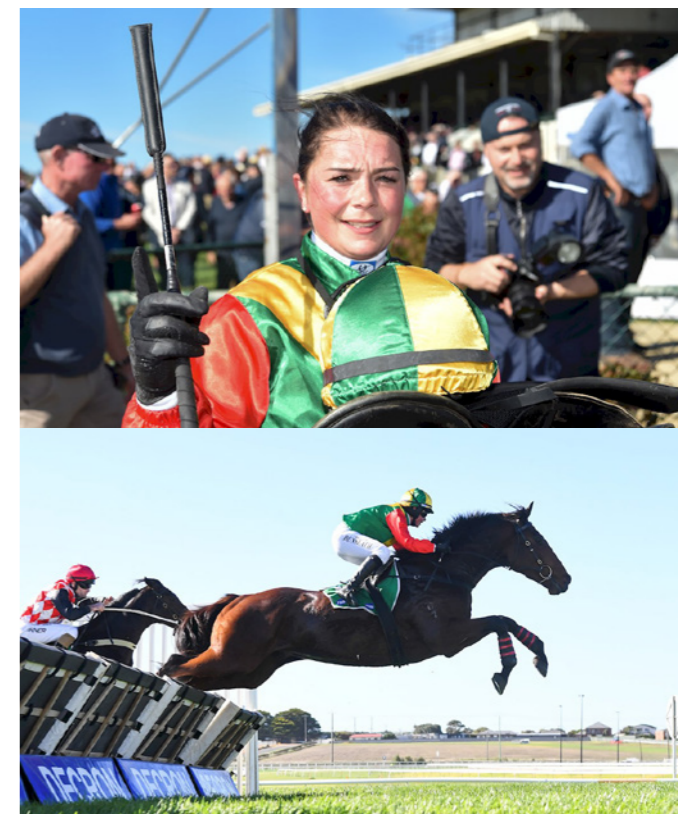
# JUMPS JOCKEY Participation Welfare Programs

## 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.

*'Megan Dunseath - Irish Jockey creates history by riding her way into the Warrnambool May Racing Carnival history books. The first female jockey to win over obstacles during the three-day event'*



## 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 2023, 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 2023 the successful schooling one day program will be implemented at Pateman Racing for it's purpose to consolidate and improve the skills of the current team of Jumps Jockeys.

- It will address the "fall rate" & potential for incident.
- It will 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.

Furthermore a pilot program was conducted by

Racing Victoria in 2022 following consultation with the AJRA, VJA and RV's Equine Welfare and Workforce Development teams. The objective was to improve jump racing safety by supporting upskilling of jump jockeys with 'out of saddle' development.

There was a high level of attendance and engagement in the program in 2022 and a review at the conclusion of the program resulted in Racing Victoria offering a program in 2023.

This year the field testing, strength and conditioning sessions will be conducted by the Victorian Institute of Sport, this will be followed by the opportunity to receive feedback and assistance in the design of a strength and conditioning program for all jockeys attending.

Victorian Institute of sport's field testing comprises of several strength and endurance tests and measures body mass. This will provide a baseline and comparison data allowing jockeys to identify opportunities for improvement.

# Licenced Jumps Jockeys

## 2022-2023 season

### Jumps Jockey 'A' 2022-2023 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



NEWTON, Nathan  
0488 734 963

### Jumps Jockey 'B' 2022-2023 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



ABGEL, Selim  
0459 475 927



O'SULLIVAN, Ross  
0481 354 247



O'DONOGHUE, Richard  
0422 429 001



SHORT, Ronan  
0404 707 084



SMALL, Daniel  
0404 372 236



HANLEY, Jayden  
0499 099 961

\*\*\* Visiting International Jumps Jockey's will be available throughout the season. Please contact Josh Grimwood from RV or Matt Hyland from the VJA for details.

# 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.

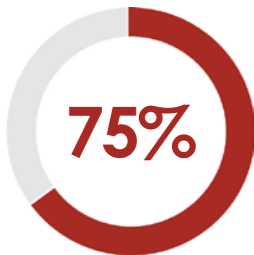
**12+ LONGEVITY**  
A jumps horse can race for up to 12 years before retiring. This alone is a vast improvement on longevity. This counts to half of the average lifespan of the horse. Data collection and continual study of focus groups continues.



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.





# 2023 MEMBERSHIP

We hope that you will be interested in making a donation and becoming a member of the AJRA. Our commitment is as follows:

- To maintain a professional organisation to support the industry of Australian Jumps Racing
- To increase crowds at jumps races by creating a broader interest in the sports through industry engagement
- To engage a passional equine community including trainers, jockeys, owners, members, and stakeholders.
- To increase the amount of horses involved and advocate the quality of horsemanship skills and equine welfare, before, during, and after jumps racing.
- To work with stakeholders to increase wagering.



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