

# Victor Harbor Harness Racing Club



# AGM NEWS

October, 2018



## From the President..

We had a good season of racing at VHHRC. The Cup day was disappointing with only 42 horses nominated for the day, despite putting up the largest prize money for the season of about \$40,000. A likely reason for the decline in starting numbers was poor programming and too many race meetings held during the week across the state.

We must say a big thank you to the committee and volunteers for their efforts in organizing and running our successful racing season, and continually maintaining and improving our facilities.

A big thank you to our major sponsor Kelvin Amos of Lonsdale Sand and Metal, for his continued support and help. The committee is working to have Kelvin's feature race become established as a permanent feature on the racing calendar.

The Honour Board, which hangs in the main pavilion, has been named in Kelvin's honor. We also thank Philip Reichstein, a retiring committeeman, for all the work he had done for the club in his quiet, efficient and no fuss manner.

Last season, VHHRC was the only club in South Australia to make any money from the on-course TAB. The sponsor and guest area upgrade added aesthetic value as well as improved comfort to our patrons.

VHHRC's website, Twitter and Facebook have been significantly upgraded in the past 12 months and are being well maintained by Ali Kuchel. Newsletters, racing information and sponsor information can be found here.

- Lynton Bishop

## calendar dates

**Sunday, December 30**  
Victor Harbor Pacing Cup  
(Twilight meeting)

**Monday, January 14**  
trotters cup  
approx 1.30 start

**Sunday, April 21**  
Easter Sunday  
Lonsdale Pacing  
approx 1.30 start

## Treasurers Report...

The Treasurer's Report our finance situation is very positive news with the club's trading for the financial year finishing healthily in the black. This fantastic result was made possible by generous sponsor support and excellent attendances on race days boosting bar, TAB and gate receipts. The end result of this means we can add to our investment portfolio instead of drawing down on it.

- Ian Simmons, Treasurer

## Upcoming Season...

Victor Harbor Harness Racing Club has 3 meetings programmed for the 2018-2019 season. They include

- \*Sunday 30th Dec 2018 VH Pacing Cup (twilight meeting)
- \*Monday 14th Jan 2019 Trotters' Cup
- \*Sunday 21st April (Easter Sunday) Lonsdale Pacing Cup

Sky Channel has ruled against Sunday TAB meetings for South Australian harness racing. We had to fight hard for our December and Easter Sunday meetings to be programmed on Sundays.

The January 14th meeting is not a public holiday but we are hopeful that there will be enough tourists in the area to get a good crowd attending.

The club's first meeting is a twilight meet with an approximate start time of 4.00pm. The other two meetings are day meetings with an approximate start time of 1.30 pm.

In the past VHHRC has had these times change at very short notice. The club tried to negotiate times and days, which suited us more but without success. We are hopeful and have been assured that other trotting venues in SA will not be programmed close to ours so we can attract strong fields.

The club will be entertaining our sponsors on December 30th. Although this time of year is busy we still think this is the best meeting to host our sponsors because it is a public holiday.

The committee is hopeful of your continued support for this year. It is very much appreciated and is an important component of our financial plan.

- Bryce Walker, Vice President

## Become a sponsor...

At this time our feature race, The Trotters Cup, on January 14, is without a sponsor. For the major sponsor we offer pre-race publicity in The Victor Times, our social media and website channels, as well as Sky channel and radio.

In addition, we offer a package for 10 people from your business to attend the VHHRC race meet, and the option to present a rug and trophy to the winning connections on the track. The package is priced at \$1000 but the club is happy to discuss options with any interested businesses.



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