

TUNCURRY FORSTER JOCKEY CLUB ADVERTISING FEATURE

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PLENTY of hard work goes on behind the scenes to bring some of the best racing in the region to the fore.

From the sponsors to the committee, volunteers and grounds staff, there's a large army of supporters helping to keep the club running throughout the year.

Tuncurry-Forster Jockey Club president, Garry McQuillan, is one of several committee persons who have put their heart and soul into the running of a club that was once a pipedream.

"It was, and still does, involve loads of hard work but it's our passion up here," Garry said.

The club's newest sponsor is Mid Coast Automotive Group. They have agreed to a five-year sponsorship including the placegetter covers in the parade ring.

"We're really proud to have them on board," says Garry.

THE 1000CLUB

There are sixteen business in town who are members of the 1000Club. It is a great concept that works well for the businesses and the Club.

All businesses pay \$1000



PROUD SUPPORT: Garry McQuillan (L) with Mario Tomlinson (R) of Mid Coast Automotive Group who are the jockey club's newest sponsor.

and they all go into a draw to share co-sponsorship of the Tooheys XXXX Gold Cup with Tooheys.

"Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant have been the most successful by winning it twice," said Garry.

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

The Club relies heavily on

a team of volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year.

Pot holling is one essential job and this is looked after by a group of retired men who keep the track in top condition after track work.

Volunteers also mow and whipper snip, serve alcohol on race day, control the traffic, help the jockeys and

much more.

The Club's 'GG Girls' also do their part.

"The ladies are the best, they're great" says Garry. "They include Gwen Stonham, who at 85 years young sells the raffle tickets on race day and looks after our gardens."

The club gives back to the community by supporting:

- Riding for the Disabled
- Men of League
- Aboriginal Men's Group
- Quota
- Great Lakes Education Fund
- Ronald McDonald House
- Forster Tuncurry Lakeside Festival
- Marine Rescue Forster Tuncurry
- Legacy



Praying for rain.

PROVIDING WATER FOR THE FARMERS

THE Tuncurry Forster Jockey Club's dam is on a natural spring which means supply is nearly endless. So farmers are encouraged to bring any form of tanker, barrel or container and fill up.

President Garry McQuillan said the club is only too happy to help.

"We want to open it up to legitimate farmers who are struggling," Mr McQuillan said.

"We have plenty of water and we want to share it." Mr McQuillan can be contacted on 0418 677 056 for more details.

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The Tuncurry-Forster Jockey Club provides the perfect backdrop for a great day out of the races, it's a fantastic coastal racing venue.

And the punters most certainly agree.

This year's XXXX Gold Cup Day attracted the biggest crowd the club has seen since its inaugural race meeting back in 2008.

More than 3000 people poured through the gates for a day of fine weather, socialising and high-quality country racing, with the 2200m XXXX Gold Cup sponsored by L & B Glass and Aluminium and the 1200m Evermore Pearl sponsored by Broken Bay Pearls the premier fixtures of the day.



VIP AREA: Enjoy music between races in the Pavilion.

"It was huge. Incredible figures, incredible crowds, great races," Garry McQuil-lan said.

At the winning post

The next race meet is on December 9 for the Christmas Party Race Day, and the Pavilion is ideal for any corporate event or private party.

It's fully-enclosed so you can watch the racing in com-

plete comfort. Plus there are four wide-screen televisions showing all the races, a fully-stocked bar and a private bookmaker.

The Pavilion can host up to 200 people and there's live music between the races.

Alternatively, you can host your party under a gazebo. They can comfortably seat 10 and are suitable for any cor-

porate or private function.

Both areas have a great view of the races, whilst still being amongst the excitement of the crowd so that guests can enjoy the atmosphere of the day.

To make sure a day at the races doesn't leave you feeling the pinch only gamble with money you can afford to lose, and look to set a spending limit in advance to avoid the sting of a loss.

Remember to gamble responsibly. You can find assistance at gamblinghelp-online.org.au or by phoning 1800 858 858.

Did you know?

There's also a driving range at the club. It's great family-friendly entertainment. You can join the kids in the Water Golf challenge and then put on your game face while you go about the serious business of getting the perfect golf shot sorted.



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The low-down on the events not to miss

THERE'S a jam-packed calendar and here's the low-down on these unmissable events.

Christmas Party Race Day

Monday, December 9, 2019

It's nine weeks until Christmas and time to get planning those Christmas festivities.

"A lot of businesses are now booking their Christmas parties," says President Garry McQuillan. "There will be seven races and plenty of great food and drink."

There will be free buses running and if you want to book a VIP space, you need to get in quick as there are only limited spaces left.

Seafood Race Day

Saturday, January 18, 2020

There wouldn't be a better array of seafood on any NSW country racecourse than at Tuncurry in January. There will be fresh prawn rolls, barbecue fish cooked by the local fish co-op and premium Wallis Lake oysters.

Men of League Charity Race Day

Saturday, February 29, 2020

A charity set up to help those in the rugby league community who need it most, the Men of League foundation provides financial support of more than half a million dollars each year to its beneficiaries.

Ladies Race Day

Saturday, May 16, 2020

It's a fine day of fun, fashion and racing and a great outing for blokes and sheilas alike. Every lady gets a glass of champagne on arrival and last year 81 bottles of champagne were given away.



THE MEN OF LEAGUE CHARITY RACE DAY: Close to 2000 punters turned out for an enjoyable day of racing, footy legends and fundraising. Photo - Race 1 winner Brooke and Jockey Adrian Robinson.



SEAFOOD RACE DAY: Tuncurry will put on one of the most tantalising race days across the State.



LADIES DAY: Girls just want to have fun at the races.

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SEAFOOD AND RACING: Enjoy delicious seafood and the coldest refreshments, sandwiches, pies, hot dogs - there'll be something for everyone.



LEGENDS: Matt Watson celebrating his 50th birthday with friends from Newcastle at this year's Men of League Charity Raceday.



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The Crowds at the XXXX Gold Cup Day.

FUN AT THE TRACK

More than 3000 people poured through the gates for the XXXX Gold Cup and thousands more have enjoyed Ladies Day and Christmas Party, Seafood and Men of League Charity Race Days.



THRILL OF THE RACE: Racing towards the finishing line on XXXX Gold Cup Day.



BRINGING THE GLAMOUR: Sporties group Sue Ryan, Kim Wilson, Nancy Shaw, Ruth Pearson, Tricia Hartmann and Roslyn Brown at Ladies Day.






Members of the Pearl Dragons celebrated ladies' day in style.

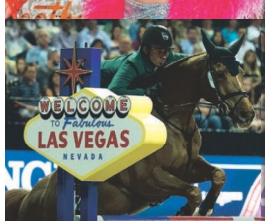


Benny Tupo, Troy Jones and Trent Beaver at the XXXX Gold Cup Day.





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Racing into a bright future

NORM Roberts, John Darcy and Don Creighton formed the Tuncurry Forster Jockey Club back in 1980 and were joined by Les Dunk and Rusty Begg four years later.

It was not until 1985 that Norm Roberts arrived at a meeting and said, "I have found some land which will be suitable" that the Tuncurry Racecourse became a reality.

During the next 15 years, they worked voluntarily to sell the sand dredged from the lake. They also used funds raised from the subdivision of the Racecourse Estate to build the racetrack with spectacular views.

There have been countless others who contributed, but it was the foresight of these gentlemen who made the track what is today.

On October 1, 2008, the then Minister for Racing, Kevin Greene announced that the club was granted a licence to conduct race meetings on the Tuncurry track.

Ever since the Tuncurry-Forster Jockey Club have been hosting exceptional country racing events.

Over the years, the club's



COURSES FOR HORSES: The irrigation system in full flight and keeps the track in top condition.

committee worked to improve the site's infrastructure and consequently built a sustainable racing calendar.

One such move was the recent upgrade to the irrigation system.

President Garry McQuillan thanked Racing NSW for its ongoing support of the club and for helping with the funding of the system through the Country Racing Development Fund.



EYES TO THE FUTURE: Garry McQuillan says the club wants to make a race day experience as enjoyable and affordable as possible for patrons.



POPULAR EVENT: Race meets now attract crowds of up to 3000.

"It takes five hours to water the track instead of 13," Garry said. "The curator puts them on at 5.30pm and by 11pm every inch of the track has been watered."

"There are 16 sprinklers

that can shoot 22 metres of water at one time."

The system was run on an iPad program enabling it to be monitored remotely.

"So if we've got rain we are able to turn it off."

Racing NSW has contributed \$1.4 million to the track over the years.

The club's bountiful water supply is also open to farmers. They can fill up from the dam, they just need to call ahead.

There is one huge dam filled by natural water and in fact, the water is so pure that in 1968 an idea was floated to tap the underground water to supply the town.

"We are very lucky to have so much water to keep our course so well watered and we're happy to share it," said Garry.

He thanked Tooheys, Evermore, Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club, Bellevue Hotel, Club Forster, Schweppes, Hawkesbury Jockey Club, sponsors of XXXX Gold Cup Day and all the members of the 1000Club for their ongoing assistance.

Garry has many plans for the future, including getting more shade for patrons, tarring the access road and building a members bar.

"We also need to build another 20 horse tie-up and get more room for jockeys, both male and female," he said.

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