



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Not Surprising winning her third race from her past six for the preparation at Hawkesbury.  
She is likely to run at Doomben on Saturday.**

It is amazing how strongly the media attention has turned to racing with the football season behind us.

The win by Winx at Flemington had to be seen to be believed. She looked like she was in second gear as she cruised past her opponents. It was a remarkable win and she looks to have the Cox Plate at her mercy.

On Sunday night she was rightfully named 'Australian Horse Of The Year' at a really good function in Brisbane. It was a great night and she really dominated proceedings which was understandable. She

is a champion and is doing remarkable things for our industry. It is amazing just how many of my daughter's friends went to Flemington on Saturday to see Winx. Her appearance and win was just the tonic needed by the Victorian Carnival to get it on the front page of the Melbourne newspapers for the right reasons.

This Saturday we have possibly the biggest day of racing ever witnessed in Australia with the running of the \$10 million Everest at Randwick and a really important meeting at Caulfield where we have 10 'Black type' races including the all important Caulfield Guineas worth \$2 million.

The biggest issue facing trainers with runners on the day is getting a suitable rider. The riding ranks have certainly been stretched to the limit. It will be interesting to see which meeting our big trainers attend.

The weather will have a big saying in the result of 'The Everest'. No rain and we will unfortunately have a firm track which would impact on some of the runners. I'm still in the Clearly Innocent corner but wish the connections of all runners the best of luck.

### **CUP WEEK FUNCTION**

Our Melbourne Cup drinks this year will be held at John Moloney's Stable at Caulfield on the Sunday after Derby Day. More details to follow. It will be a good day and a lot of fun. Hopefully we are celebrating a big win.

### **TASMANIAN NEWS**

I'm always pleased to write positive stories on Tasmanian Racing and there are a couple of good ones this week. Firstly, the position of Head Of Integrity has been filled by well credentialled steward Reid Sanders. The position had been vacant for some time and the state is lucky to have secured a person with Reid's experience. We can never underestimate the importance of integrity in our business.

We have also seen a number of increases in stakes money which is very welcome. Hopefully an upgraded Breeders Scheme will be announced soon.

Wordsmith is an amazing sire. He is almost exclusively used by his owners Paul and Elizabeth Geard yet had four winners on Sunday and also filled the first four placings in the feature race The Pink Cup.

### **AT THE TRACK**

We have quite a few runners coming up starting with Makeadane at Warwick Farm this afternoon, The Wasp at Cessnock on Friday, Not Surprising at Doomben and Quirion at the Gold Coast on Saturday.

Flying Jess will be held back for the Wednesday meeting at Caulfield where Tye Angland is available to ride her. The biggest issue with having these two big meetings on Saturday was not really having enough top riders available.

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RICKY STUART FOUNDATION**  
**FLEMINGTON COMMITTEE ROOM LUNCH**  
**20 JANUARY 2018**

I am pleased to announce that our lunch in the Committee Room at Flemington on 20 January 2018 will be conducted in partnership with the Ricky Stuart Foundation in support of autism.

Ricky is an owner with Prime Thoroughbreds and is very well known in Rugby League and Rugby Union circles. He had distinguished careers firstly in Rugby Union where he toured Argentina with the Wallabies but as a Rugby League player and coach he has few peers. He is the current coach of the Canberra Raiders a club he won three premierships with as a player.

Ricky represented and coached the NSW State Of Origin Side, went on two tours of Great Britain and France with the Australian Rugby League Kangaroos and has won an NRL Premiership as a coach with Eastern Suburbs in his first year as an NRL coach. In 1993 he was awarded the Rothman's Medal being recognised as the finest player in the competition.

It is our aim to firstly have a great day while doing so raising some money for this very worthwhile cause. We will deliver further information as we get closer but I can assure you it will be a memorable day for those lucky enough to attend. The cost for the day in the Committee Room is \$225 per head. The VRC Committee Room over looks saddling enclosure and is the prime position at the great course.

I'm expecting the function to be very popular given the number of replies I have already had for the day. This is a superb venue and Shawn Cosgrove will be our host for the day.

*To book this function email: [primefunctions@outlook.com](mailto:primefunctions@outlook.com)*

On Sunday 21 January we will be visiting Fulmen Park on the Mornington Peninsular for a bbq lunch. This will also give you the opportunity to inspect the facilities available at the property where we spell many of our horses.

**SHARES AVAILABLE IN STAR WITNESS FILLY**  
**DARREN WEIR TO TRAIN**

I have completed the purchase of the Star Witness filly out of Involve. She is a cracker and full details will be available next once the promotion is approved by RVL.

The 10% shares will be \$11,500 with 5% shares available. Hopefully she can join Holding, Unchain My Heart, Pitt Street, Too Many Reds and Invincible AI as successful horses we have purchased privately.