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NEWS FLASH FROM RACING SA

Effective immediately all Category 3 Nominations for the Racing Rewards Bonus Scheme will now be free



- A saving of \$825 per Yearling for nominators.
- No further Racing Rewards Bonus nomination deductions from the 2026 Yearling Sales.
- Register your 2024 Yearlings sold online, privately or retained to race with Racing SA for Racing Rewards before 28th February 2026.
- Nomination fees already paid for 2024 foals will be refunded by Racing SA.

The South Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Association sincerely thanks Nick Bawden and his team for working together with us for this positive outcome for betterment of South Australian owners and trainers.

BERKELEY DOES THE DOUBLE

After a 12-month hiatus, so to speak, Dan O'Sullivan's Berkeley Square has returned to the winner's circle, having last claimed victory in this same race a year ago. With the triumph in the \$500,000 Listed Ballarat Cup (2000m), the 6-year-old Territories (IRE) gelding bred by David Peacock has surpassed the impressive milestone of \$2 million in earnings.

Follow the link for full story courtesy of Breednet.



Berkeley Square | Image: Racing Photos

REY MAGNERIO STRIKES GOLD

After finishing a gallant third behind Libertad in the Group 1 Winterbottom Stakes (1,200m) on Nov 29, the Magnus six-year-old gelding stayed in Western Australia.

Rey Magnerio thrived when stepping up to the 1,400m for the first time in the Group 3, The Gold Rush at Ascot on Dec 13.

The Robbie Griffiths-trained six-year-old passed his first test on the 1,400m trip with flying colours at his 26th start.

Rey Magnerio, sired by Magnus and the Testa Rossa mare Luchardo, was sold directly from the paddock as a late two-year-old. The astute bloodstock agent Peter Ford facilitated the sale to the Cranbourne training duo of Robbie Griffiths and Mathew de Kock.

In 2016, Andrew and Jody Nitschke acquired Luchardo online for just \$1,000, and Rey Magnerio has proven to be her standout progeny, accumulating earnings exceeding \$2 million to date. Can't wait for his next start!

Rey Magnerio | Image courtesy of Racing WA



The son of Magnus has now won 10 of his 26 career starts and has taken his prizemoney tally from \$1.26 million to \$2.08

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SHOWCASING LOCAL 'NEW ARRIVALS

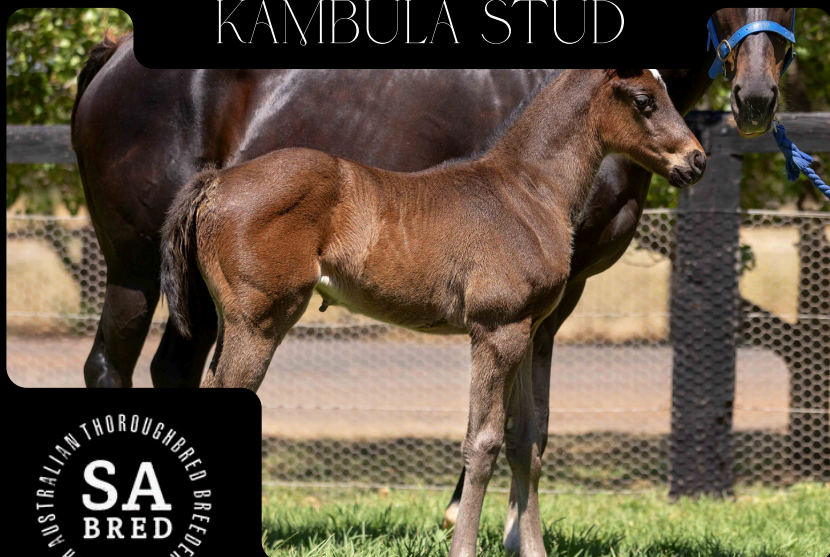
Balcrest Stud's mare Kabini (Written Tycoon)

This is her third foal, sired by Maurice, whose offspring, Cosmic Crusader, recently won the G1 Northerly. Kabini's first foal, by Toronado, fetched \$225,000 at the Adelaide MM 2024 sale and is currently racing in Hong Kong named 'Synergy in Active'.

BALCREST STUD



KAMBULA STUD



Kambula's Shamus Award x Nocelle.

This filly is a half-sister to 'The Sprinkler', who is returning from a spell under the training of Richard & Chantelle Jolly. Both this filly and The Sprinkler are co-owned by Price Bloodstock and Kambula Stud.

Rathmore's

Home Affairs x Debate colt at 2 months old.

Physically, he's as good a foal as we have ever bred so expecting big things from him at a weanling sale in 2026.

RATHMORE LODGE



Good luck to Mill Park Stud at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling sales with their draft of 16 Yearlings.

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INDUSTRY NEWS - TBA & AGRIFUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



**New
modules
released...**

TBA Learning

Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) is pleased to announce a new TBA Learning module focused on promoting industry best practice for preparing horses for the yearling sales.

This module has been developed specifically for breeders and senior leaders, particularly those who are newer to the thoroughbred industry or those looking to review, refine or elevate their processes to recognised industry best practice. Created from valuable feedback given in WA from breeders & vendors at the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale. Please click link to expand what is on offer.

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**New AgriFutures
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Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) is pleased to advise that applications are now open for the 2026 AgriFutures Learning and Development Opportunities!

If you've been thinking about taking that next step in your leadership or simply investing a bit more in yourself, these programs are a great way to do it. Individuals working in or involved with an AgriFutures Levied Industry, including Thoroughbred Horses, are eligible to apply for all available opportunities. You can apply for one or more programs through a single application form, and you can choose whether to answer the questions in writing or via video, whatever feels most natural for you.

This year's opportunities include:

AICD – Foundations of Directorship

AICD – Company Directors Course

ARLF – Australian Agribusiness Leadership Program

ARLF – TRAIL Emerging Leaders Program

Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Program

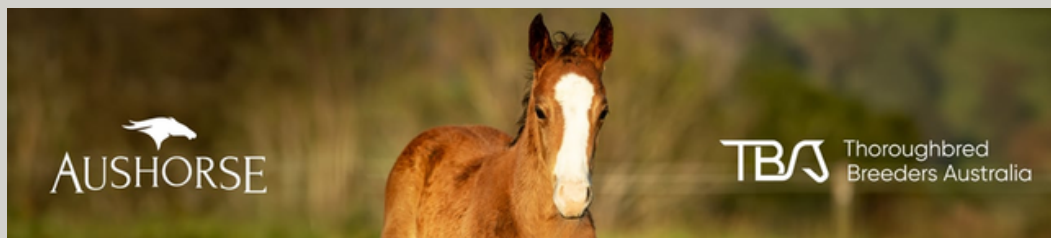
Applications close 4pm Monday 12 January 2026. Follow link to find out more:



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INDUSTRY NEWS - TBA



Update for Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Members

Members of Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) may have noticed recent media coverage regarding announcements from the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) and discussions about Australian black type.

The ARF has stated that, due to what they call "exceptional circumstances," the Asian Pattern Committee (APC) will temporarily take over decision-making responsibilities for Australian black-type races.

Although this arrangement is meant to be temporary, it marks a significant and worrisome development for Australia's racing and breeding sectors. To continue to the update, please click the link provided.



RACING
AUSTRALIA

Statement on the ARF Announcement on Australian Black Type

The Asian Racing Federation (ARF) announced that due to "exceptional circumstances," the Asian Pattern Committee (APC) will now be responsible for decision-making regarding the status of Australian Black Type races for an undetermined period of time. Follow link for media release



12 December Reminder to Stallion Proprietors – November coverings

Declarations for coverings which occurred in November 2025 are due [More ...](#)

12 December Reminder to Breeders - Live Foal Mare Returns & Foal Ownership Declarations are due within 30 days of birth [More ...](#)

14 November Reminder to Stallion Proprietors – October coverings

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KERRY O'BRIEN

CHAMPION

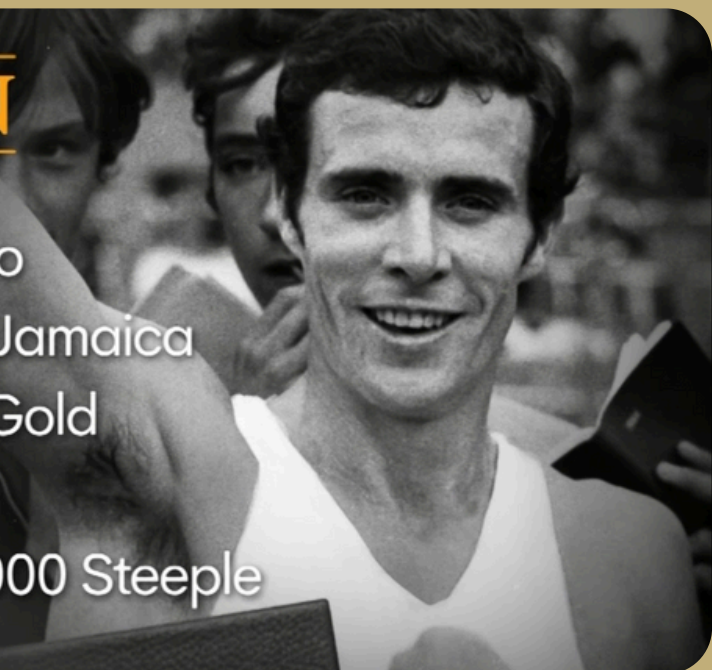
2 Olympics – 4th in Mexico

2 Comm Games – 2nd in Jamaica

2 Pan Conf. Games – 2 Gold

9 Australian titles

World Record Holder 3000 Steeple



It is with great sadness and heartfelt condolences that I announce the peaceful passing of Kerry O'Brien, aged 79, on December 13th, 2025

Kerry served as the President of Thoroughbred Breeders South Australia and held the position of Federal representative from 1991 to 1996. Additionally, he was a dedicated member of the Committee from 1989 to 1997, demonstrating unwavering commitment to sustaining the association during challenging financial periods. He also managed Kildare Park Stud for a time. Kerry will be fondly remembered as the breeder of many high class horses including the triple Group 1-winning mare Forbidden Love, SA Bred Horse of the Year 21/22 as well as exciting 2yo filly Augusta Proud, a winner of the Magic Millions Adelaide 2YO Classic followed by the Magic Millions 2YO Classic on the Gold Coast and the Magic Millions - all in all she won her first six starts as a juvenile.

Click to view tribute to Kerry and Forbidden Love,
SA Thoroughbred Breeders Horse of the Year 21/22
courtesy of Channel 7 Racing.



Forbidden Love as a foal with mare, Juliet's Princess.
SA Breeders Horse of the Year & Broodmare of the Year 21/22

In his earlier days, Kerry was an outstanding sportsman, representing Australia at the 1966 Jamaica and 1970 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, and the 1968 Mexico and 1972 Munich Olympic Games. He also competed at the 1969 and 1973 Pacific Conference Games.

Kerry had a tremendous start to his international career where he would rise to athletics fame during the 1966 Commonwealth Games, held in Kingston, winning the silver medal in the Steeplechase. He was also highly successful on the US indoor circuit, setting an indoor World Record for 2 Miles in San Diego in 1971, where he had a time of 8:19.2.

Kerry's contribution to Australian and international athletics was significant and enduring. His outstanding achievements were formally recognised with his induction into the Athletics SA Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Sport SA Hall of Fame in 2014.

He will be deeply missed, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.



INDUSTRY NEWS

TAXATION NEWS



CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND RELATED GIFTS

In the spirit of goodwill and the festive season, Paul Carrazzo from Baumgartners shares with industry employers the GST and FBT rules in relation to XMAS parties and the related gifts, to employees and clients.

Follow the link provided to learn more. Happy holiday season.

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For further taxation related enquiries, contact Paul at paul.carrazzo@baumgartners.com.au



COMMITTEE NEWS



Tim Satchell from Willow Grove Stud has taken the position of a casual vacancy on the SA Thoroughbred Breeders Committee. We welcome Tim

Thank you to all our members, sponsors, and partners for your unwavering support throughout the year.

Wishing everyone festive greetings and a prosperous 2026!



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