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HORSE OF THE YEAR
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GOLDRUSH GURU



The 2025 SA Thoroughbred Breeders Annual Awards celebrated the achievements of the 2024/25 season at the Wolf Blass Function Centre, Morphettville.

Winners included Steel Trap, Out of Square and Ichibansan for Racing SA Awards.

Goldrush Guru was named Horse of the Year 2025 after featuring among thirteen finalists.

Goldrush Guru, bred by The Guru Breeding Syndicate, raised at Mill Park Stud and trained by Andrew Gluyas, Morphettville Group 1 Winner Victorian Derby 2024



Breeding honours went to Kambula Stud, The Guru Breeding Syndicate, The Toorak Thoroughbred Breeding Trust and David Peacock being awarded for his outstanding mare Bahamas, Claude Haigh Memorial Broodmare of the Year for a 2nd time.

The evening also recognised industry contributors, with the Gerald Schlink Memorial Award presented to photographer Terry Hann, and the Matrice Award awarded to the Just family.

Congratulations to all on their outstanding achievements





Photos previous page 1. Breeders Horse of the Year The Guru Breeding syndicate & connections 2. Matrice Award Sponsor Tod Booth HorseMed, recipient David Wagner for the Just Family, Ralph Satchell President SATB
3. Gerald Schlink recipient Terry Hann, with family Rhys and Stephanie All Images : Courtesy of Terry Hann | Atkins Photography



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Adrian Hancock - Auctioneer

Terry Hann for his relentless efforts in capturing photos and supporting all race clubs across the state

Sandy Andreopoulos from Website in a Wink for crafting the presentation

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Around the tracks recap - SA Bred



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Recording his seventh stakes win, **Air Assault**, trained by Andrew Gluyas, delivered an exceptional performance at Morphettville on Melbourne Cup day. He surged ahead to win by over six and a half lengths, marking his second consecutive triumph in the Listed SAJC John Letts Cup (1800m). Bred by Harry Perks, Toorak Thoroughbred Breeding Trust, trained by Andrew Gluyas Air Assault's next run will be in the Ballarat Cup on Saturday the 6th December.

The dynamic **Guru Warrior** has celebrated victories in his last four outings. Sired by Saxon Warrior (Jpn) and out of the dam Glory Guru, he is both bred and raced by The Quality Thoroughbred Breeding Joint Venture. Guru Warrior, a 4-year-old gelding, achieved his most notable career win on November 15th at Morphettville under the guidance of trainer Andrew Gluyas and ridden by Jason Holder, his performance was impressive. Congratulations are in order for the breeders/owners!



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Despite facing one of the widest barriers in the \$500,000 Listed Cranbourne Cup (1600m), **Sabaj**, trained by Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr, secured a stylish victory. Sabaj clearly demonstrates significant potential and appears to be on the path to becoming a future group winner. The horse also claimed victory in its previous race over Spring Carnival, BM 78. Bred by South Australia-based Ms. A. Rossi, Joe Piteo, Paul Piteo, and Pat Hodby - Sired by Manhattan Rain from mare Bouzy, Sabaj has earned a total of \$548,000. Congratulations to all involved!

Galaxy Patch has established a strong reputation for himself. On November 23rd, he achieved an exhilarating victory for James McDonald & Pierre Ng in the Group II BOCHK Private Wealth Jockey Club Mile (1600m) at Sha Tin, HK. Galaxy Patch had previously secured a third-place finish in this event last year. This year, however, he appears to be performing even better. This result makes the upcoming HK\$36 million G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (1600m) on December 14th an exciting prospect. Bred by Rob & Maureen McBryde, Summerset Park, Gumeracha, sired by Wandjina x Voltara.



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Pictured , Andrew CEO TBA, Gemma, Meagan, Maddie Biddy & Kirsten NSW, Carrie VIC, Georgie SA.

State representatives united with **Thoroughbred Breeders Australia** to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AgriFutures Rural Women's Award in late October. The Gala Dinner and national announcement at Parliament House aimed to highlight the accomplishments of women leaders in rural Australia. It also provided an excellent opportunity to connect and learn about the current happenings across our industry in various states.

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In the absence of any really topical horse taxation updates, commenting on the tax implications of farmer property sales is always my next best preference to write on, being very mindful that this is a huge topic amongst my client base and breeding industry as a whole. Thankfully, there have been no shortage of these cases lately.

To avoid GST on the sale, the message out of this is that the farmer was too active in the sales process.

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