

TBA NEWS

Artificial Insemination

The landmark case on **Artificial Insemination (AI)** commences in the Federal Court in Sydney on **Monday 5 September** and is scheduled to run for 5 weeks. The action brought by Mr Bruce McHugh alleges that the rules of the Stud Book and Australian Racing Board contravene the Trade Practices Act. The action is being vigorously defended by the TBA, ASB and ARB on various grounds including that Mr McHugh and anyone else is perfectly free to establish their own AI breeding and racing operation but not as part of the industry we have built on the basis of natural coverings.

TBA believes that intermingling AI and naturally conceived horses will threaten international sales as well as pose an unacceptable risk of narrowing the genetic pool.

Moreover, the alleged benefits of AI in Standardbreds including savings and greater access to top stallions do not stand scrutiny. **This is a case with the most profound implications for breeders and is arguably the greatest single issue ever to face the industry.**

Industry Code of Conduct

A new Australian Sales Thoroughbred Code of Conduct was released on 20 July by the industry's eight major participants in order to bring greater transparency and accountability to agents acting on behalf of buyers.

In a first, the code has been signed by The Australian Racing Board, Thoroughbred Breeders Australia, Magic Millions, William Inglis and Son Ltd., Federation of Bloodstock Agents Australia, Australian Trainers Association, NSW Trainers Association and Equine Veterinarians Australia. The code is the strongest in the world alongside that of the United States and introduces a Complaints Advisory Panel to which an aggrieved party can seek a resolution without having to resort to expensive and time consuming legal action.

Speaking on behalf of the signatory parties, Thoroughbred Breeders Australia CEO Peter McGauran said that the reforms would strengthen existing safeguards and generate greater

confidence in the sales system. "The code imposes a number of specific obligations on agents - who are defined as anyone acting on behalf of a buyer - in regard to disclosure as well as prohibiting payment of inducements or secret commissions. Importantly, however, the code incorporates sweeping provisions under which agents are held to the highest ethical and professional standards of their professions. We are confident that every potential wrongdoing is covered by the code which has been two years in the drafting," Mr McGauran said. A copy of the Code can be found on our website.

Hendra Virus

In welcome news Federal and State Governments have finally under the weight of industry and public pressure joined forces to fund research into the cause and solution to Hendra virus in the amount of \$12m (Commonwealth \$6m, NSW \$3m and QLD \$3m). In May of this year, CSIRO announced that a vaccine had been developed to protect horses against the virus but that more development and field trials were needed before it could be registered and made available by 2013.

Also, a cross-border task force has been established to combat the spread of the deadly virus in Queensland and NSW. The states have agreed to share information and resources of their respective biosecurity and health departments in the fight against the virus. The task force includes chief vets, chief health officers and chief scientists from both states as well as a CSIRO representative. TBA is urging greater participation by industry for fear that the research agenda will be captured by scientists interested in research for its own sake or by environmentalists more concerned with bats than they are horses or humans.

The **Queensland Department of Primary Industries** gives valuable and up-to-date advice and information on the current situation, and similar information for NSW can be found at **NSW Primary Industries**.



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STABLE FINANCIAL OWNERS & BREEDERS AWARDS NIGHT

Over 170 guests were in attendance as Super VOBIS, TROA and Thoroughbred Breeders Victoria joined forces to acknowledge the industry's outstanding achievements throughout the season.

It is the third consecutive year that leading Accounting & Taxation firm Stable Financial sponsored the event.

"With so many of Stable Financial's clients being Victorian breeders we are truly honoured to be involved with this function as the event acknowledges the invaluable contribution that breeders make to this wonderful industry," said Stable Financial Director Adam Tims.

When addressing the audience Tims noted that the 2010/11 season has been a monumental one for the Victorian thoroughbred industry following the results by Gilgai Farm's Ric Jamieson who bred World Champion Black Caviar and the achievements of Eliza Park whose stallions took out the awards for Champion Stallion and Champion First Season Stallion.



David Somers, The Hon Dr Denis Napthine, Cameron Croucher, Gary & Kerrin Wilkie, David & Jill Taylor

The Minster for Racing Dr. Denis Napthine officially opened proceedings and was full of praise for the Victorian breeding industry noting that the Victorian State Government looked forward to making some exciting announcements in the not to distant future to further assist the industry.

The Sirecam Champion Victorian Stallion was won for the fourth consecutive year by Eliza Park resident Bel Esprit, which puts him in the same company as Century and Better Boy as the only stallions to achieve this in the past 30 years.

Bel Esprit had a season to remember with Black Caviar being recognised in the World Rankings as well as again achieving the 100 plus winners in a season with his progeny earning in excess of \$7million on the race track.

Rick Jamieson's Gilgai Farm at Nagambie, was bestowed the honour of Gallagher Bassett Leading Victorian Breeder.



Kate & Adam Tims



2011 TBV COMMITTEE & STAFF

President: Tim Johnson
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Her dam Helsinga was named the Stu-Art Graphics Champion Victorian Broodmare.

The other TBV awards presented on the night were the Champion Victorian Broodmare Sire which went the way of Rory's Jester (Swettenham Stud), and the Basinghall Farm Leading Small Breeder award which was shared by John Pittard (breeder of Yosei) and Tarcoola Stud (breeder of Sacred Choice).

It was a season to remember for Eliza Park as Written Tycoon became the first Victorian stallion to take out the title of Champion Australian First Season Sire since Flying Spur stood at Chatswood Stud in 2000/01. Congratulations also to Robbie Griffiths who for the first time took out the title as the Leading Super VOBIS Trainer after years of domination by David Hayes and Peter Moody.

Robbie is a good friend of TBV and a great supporter of Super VOBIS and the Victorian bred product so it was great to see him achieve this result.



Robbie Griffiths with Family & Friends



The Hon Dr Denis Napthine & Cameron Croucher



John Pittard & Richard Andrews

BREEDERS SURVEY

In the coming weeks you will receive an invitation to complete an online 'Breeders Survey,' which will ask you to answer a series of questions about the industry, your operation and other relevant issues.

TBV would greatly appreciate your attention to this matter as the information collated from the responses received will play a part in the completion of the TBV Strategic Plan.

All completed surveys will go in the draw to win an Apple iPad 2 valued at over \$800.

FREE ENTRY TO METRO RACE MEETINGS FOR TBV MEMBERS

The list of benefits associated with being a member of TBV just got a whole lot longer with the MRC, MVRC and VRC kindly giving TBV Members free admission to the majority of their race meetings.

"Membership to TBV has always been incredible value given the list of benefits associated with it but thanks to the generosity of our Metropolitan Clubs it is now a must for any breeder to become a member," said TBV President Tim Johnson.

"TBV has enjoyed a long and healthy relationship with Victorian race clubs so again we thank them for the support they are giving the Association."

"TBV relies heavily on the money raised from membership so we urge all Victorian breeders to join now and take advantage of the benefits in place that range from discounts on horse transport, feed & vet supplies, Stallions publications, newsletters, marquee at the Premier Sale and now entry to the best racecourses anywhere in the world, and all for \$99!."

In total TBV Members will gain free entry to 92 meetings:

MRC 19 Caulfield and 34 Sandown

MVRC = 23 meetings

VRC = 16 meetings

The MRC race meetings excluded from this offer are:

BMW Caulfield Cup, The Age Caulfield Guineas, Schweppes Thousand Guineas, Patinack Farm Blue Diamond Stakes, Futurity Stakes and C.F. Orr Stakes.

The MVRC race meetings excluded from this offer are:

Tatts Cox Plate Meeting, Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes Meeting, SportingBet Manikato Stakes Meeting, Australia Stakes Race Meeting and Pulse Pharmacy William Reid Stakes Meeting

The VRC race meetings that are excluded from this offer are:

4 days of the Melbourne Cup Carnival

Sofitel Girls Day Out – Sat 3 September 2011

Melbourne Cup Carnival Preview Day – Sat 2 October 2011

Australian Guineas Day – Sat 2 March 2012 &

Super Saturday – Sat 9 March 2012

Of course there is nothing like being in the Member's area on course so if you aren't already a Member be sure to join now by going to the respective Club's website.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITIES ACT (PPSA) - ARE YOU READY?

Stable Financial Press Release

Tuesday 8 August 2011

We are only months away from arguably the biggest reform in Australia since the introduction of the goods and services tax (GST). The Personal Property Securities Act 2009 will make wholesale changes to the registration of security interests in personal property. Many businesses will not be aware that the legislation will radically change the notion of legal title to assets and it commences in October 2011.

For more information go to: www.stablefinancial.com.au



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FROM 5.30PM - 8.30PM**

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