



# CANBERRA RACING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP  
2023-2024

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# INTRODUCTION

The Canberra Racing Club handbook has been prepared to inform you of various privileges and facilities available to you as a member.

Our rules and regulations are explained which govern the Club and by which Members must abide.

We are happy to help. If you require further information, please email **membership@thoroughbredpark**, phone **02 6204 0000** or visit **thoroughbredpark.com.au**





Image: Black Opal Winner 2023

# CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME



**Dear Member,**

Thank you for your continued support of the Canberra Racing Club. I wish you an enjoyable and exciting 2023/2024 racing season at Thoroughbred Park.

The last Membership year was one of tremendous progress for our Club and we have a rejuvenated racing calendar as well as a range of new feature race days in store, to further progress in the year ahead.

The Club will reap the benefits of the successful completion of a new Polytrack surface on the Acton Track finalised in June 2023. A significant and important investment by the Club, the Acton Track has been installed with great attention and diligence. The team's hard-work has paid dividends with endorsements, from across the spectrum of Racing Industry participants, flowing from the inaugural meeting held on the new Acton Track on Friday, 23 June 2023. The timely completion of this project has allowed the Club to get a good head start in a renovation of the Course Proper ahead of a revamped Spring racing program.

With a new Owners and Trainers Lounge, media rights deal and wagering partnership, we are excited about the year ahead.

More Saturday race meetings and an exciting new innovation race in November headline a number of positive changes to the Canberra Racing program. Four Saturdays in September, November, January and June as well as Sunday of the March long weekend and Good Friday, gives Canberra Racing fans more opportunities to experience and enjoy Thoroughbred racing in the Nation's Capital at accessible times.

The Club will return to a one-day John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Carnival with a 10-race Super Sunday to be Canberra's first million dollar race day.

With a focus on Members, customers and community, the race day experience at Thoroughbred Park will continue to improve in the year ahead.

The Club has grand plans for the Thoroughbred Park precinct as we continue to pursue a Territory Plan Variation to deliver a great future for racing in Canberra.

Thank you for your continued support of Canberra Racing. I look forward to seeing you at Thoroughbred Park in 2023/2024.

**Les Boag**  
Chairperson



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member, you can enjoy many benefits including:

## **RACE MEETINGS**

Admission to 25 race meetings at Thoroughbred Park during 2023/2024 season

## **ACCESS TO MEMBER AREAS**

Access to Member only areas at all race meetings

## **DISCOUNTED FOOD AND BEVERAGES PURCHASES**

Minimum 10% discount on race day food and beverage purchases

## **DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR PROGRAM**

Preload your membership card with funds and we will match the value (capped at \$200 per annum, only when available when joining or renewing before 30 September 2023)

## **FEATURE RACE MEMBER GUEST PASS**

Obtain a free member guest pass to all feature race days (excludes Black Opal Stakes Race Day)

## **TIPPING COMPETITION**

Members Tipping Competition worth up to \$100,000. Select the winners of the last six races at Thoroughbred Park to win. Enter online via our website – see terms and conditions for details

## **REFER A FRIEND**

Encourage your family or friends to become a member. You will receive \$50 credited to your membership card when they nominate you when signing up





### **MEMBER GUEST PASSES**

Members may purchase up to two member guest passes. On any non-feature race day for \$10 each. On any feature race day for \$50\* each. This does not include admission into the racecourse

### **MEMBERS E-NEWS SUBSCRIPTION**

Receive the exclusive member e-newsletter *"The Unspoken Word"*

### **DISCOUNTED ROOM HIRE**

Receive a 20% discount on room hire for non-race days functions

### **MEMBERS' CARPARK**

Members may park in the unreserved Members' Car Park for free via Gate 2. Please present your membership card when requested

### **VOTE OR NOMINATE**

Full Canberra Racing Club Voting Entitlements including ability to nominate for Canberra Racing Club Committee elections.<sup>2</sup>

### **EXCLUSIVE MEMBER ONLY PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

### **RECIPROCAL RIGHTS**

Reciprocal memberships at multiple Racing Clubs around Australia

# MEMBER AREAS

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II GRANDSTAND

Members have full use of the Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand at all times provided they meet the required dress standard. The Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand contains the Winning Post Bar, Black Opal Room and the members' grandstand seating.

## WINNING POST BAR

The Winning Post Bar provides light refreshments, TAB, Bookmaker, and a full bar facilities. This bar is open to the public for standard race meetings, however it is reserved for members and member's annual guest card holder and member's day pass holders on feature race days.

## BLACK OPAL ROOM

The Black Opal Room is a fully catered venue, which offers lunch from a seasonal menu, full bar and TAB facilities. On non-feature race days, members may reserve tables in the Black Opal Room. Refer to previous page for further details. Feature race days, members can enter a ballot to obtain a table.

## DRESS REGULATIONS

Dress regulations apply on feature race days. See page 9 for further details.



## FEATURE RACE DAYS

Members in possession of their current membership card will be admitted into these areas on Feature Race Days.

The Member Only areas are only accessible from the official gate opening times.

Guest in possession of Members Guest Day Pass or Owners Tickets will be permitted into the Member areas.

Reciprocal Club Members will be permitted into these areas. The Club reserves the right to alter the configurations of these areas at any time.

# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND DRESS REGULATIONS

	Ladies	Gentlemen
<b>BLACK OPAL STAKES, MELBOURNE CUP AND CANBERRA COMMUNITY CHEST</b>		
All Members Areas	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collard shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
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<b>OTHER FEATURE RACE DAYS</b>		
Black Opal Room Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collard shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
Winning Post Bar	Members in the Winning Post Bar are welcome to wear shorts, athletic wear and footwear and relaxed seasonal clothing.	Members in the Winning Post Bar are welcome to wear shorts, athletic wear and footwear and relaxed seasonal clothing.
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<b>NON FEATURE RACE DAYS</b>		
Black Opal Room	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collard shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
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# IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION AND POLICIES

## GATES OPEN

The Thoroughbred Park website displays the latest gate opening times. Gates times may vary depending on each race meeting.

As a general rule, on non feature race days, gates open an hour before the first race. On feature race days, Member gates open 30 minutes prior to the General Admission gates. Members will not be able to access the member areas (or applicable function room) until the allocated time.

## VOTING

Members of the club must have renewed their membership no later than 31 August each year to hold voting rights. The Annual General Meeting is held in October each year. Special business at this meeting in the form of a notice of motion must be lodged with the Secretary no later than 42 days prior to the meeting. In accordance with the Club's Constitution 37(d) "a member, other than life members, is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Club unless: (i) The member had paid the amount of the annual membership subscription payable in respect of the then current financial year on or before 31 August of the current financial year; and (ii) The member has held continuous membership for at least 12 months immediately prior to the occasion on which it is proposed that the member might vote; and

(iii) any other moneys due and payable by a member to the Club has been paid to the Club within 28 days of that money becoming due and payable." Election of committee members in accordance with the Club's Constitution 19 (a) (iii) "the candidate must be a financial member of the club for at least 12 months immediately prior to the time of nomination".

## BLACK OPAL ROOM DINING

### *Feature Race Days*

Limited seating is available for Ballot on feature race days. Cost is based on per person and value is redeemable for use in the Black Opal Room on that race day.

Ballot forms and pricing will be available via the website. You will be notified by telephone if you are successful for a table. Payment is due by the date listed on the ballot form.

### *Non-Feature Race Days*

Available tables are offered to members and non members via the website. Cost is based on per person and value is redeemable for use in the Black Opal Room on that race day.

If you need help filling and submitting the ballot form or website booking, please contact the Administration Office.

### NO EXTERNAL FOOD

The Black Opal Room is a fully catered dining venue. Members are requested to refrain from bringing outside food into the Room.

### GLASS IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH GRANDSTAND AREA

For overall safety of Members and Guests, glass can not be taken into the Grandstand seating area. Drinks purchased in glass can be transferred into plastic cups at all Grandstand entrances.

### REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

Your membership is non-refundable and cannot be cancelled in exchange for a refund, except at the sole discretion of Canberra Racing Club. Requests for refunds may be made in writing to the Canberra Racing Club at **membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au**

Race Day Function bookings are subject to the Refund Terms and Conditions.

### COMPLIMENTARY MEMBER DAY PASS – FEATURE RACE DAY

Members' can obtain a free member guest pass to all feature race days (excludes Black Opal Stakes Race Day)

### LOST MEMBERSHIP CARD

Membership cards are the property of the Canberra Racing Club. Membership cards are to be displayed at all times whilst in the members area and supplied upon request to a Canberra Racing Club official. Failure to produce your membership card may see the patron removed from the area. If you have misplaced or lost your membership card or a member's guest card you are able to order a replacement card for \$25 per card.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PERSONAL DETAILS

If your address or contact details change throughout the membership season, please notify us as soon as possible by emailing [membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au](mailto:membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au)

### GAMBLING

Gambling Help Online – gambling counseling and support services, telephone number **1800 858 858** and **[www.gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au)**



# IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION AND POLICIES

## UNDER CONDITION OF ENTRY

To ensure safety and comfort of all guests visiting our racecourse, a number of conditions of entry are in place. Please see the website for a full list of conditions.

## FORGOTTEN CARDS ON FEATURE RACE DAYS

If you do not have your current membership card, you will be required to pay the non-refundable admission fee at the front gate.

## BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS

Members are asked to respect the comfort and enjoyment within the members areas and Club functions at all times. Inappropriate or offensive behaviour may result in the offender being removed from the racecourse and their Membership reviewed by the Canberra Racing Club Committee. Members are reminded that they are responsible for the behaviour of their Guest whilst in the Members areas as well as ensuring all Guests are appropriately attired and adhere to dress regulations.

The Canberra Racing Club enforces the responsible service of alcohol and not serving patrons under the age of 18 years. The Canberra Racing Club reserves the right to remove any intoxicated or disorderly patrons.

## DRESS REGULATIONS

When in a Members Area on a Feature Race Day, Members and all Members guests must comply with the Canberra Racing Club Dress Regulations, as published on page 9 and available on the website.

## SMOKING

Under current ACT legislation, smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vapes is prohibited except in Designated Outside Smoking Areas (DOSAs). Please see a CRC staff member to navigate to the closest DOSA.

## MEMBERSHIP CARD MISUSE

All membership cards are non-transferrable. The lending of a Canberra Racing Club membership card to a non-member for use is a breach of membership policy and may lead to a review by the Canberra Racing Club Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Canberra Racing Club requests that renewing their memberships prior to feature race days do so at a minimum of 2 week prior to race day.

### **MEMBER BENEFITS**

Canberra Racing Club reserves the right to amend any member benefits at any time. Member benefits cannot be transferred.

### **DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR PROGRAM**

Canberra Racing Club will match the exact value of the pre-purchased card credit up to the value of the of \$200. Available only once at time of joining or renewing before 30 September 2023. Outstanding funds can be rolled over to the next membership season. Funds can not be redeemed to cash at the end of the current racing season.

### **FREE TIPPING COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Members Tipping Competition is available to current members. Details on how to enter the competition and the terms and conditions are available from our website.

### **PRIVACY**

The Canberra Racing Club understands and appreciates concerns about the privacy, confidentiality, and security of the personal information received from you. Please consult the website [thoroughbredpark.com.au](http://thoroughbredpark.com.au) to review the complete Privacy Policy.





## CANBERRA RACING CLUB DATES 2023-2024

### JULY

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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- 10 - Ballots open for all 2023-2024 Feature Race Day - Black Opal Room  
21 - Red Wine & Racing Race Day

### AUGUST

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- 4 - North Canberra Bears RLFC Race Day  
18 - Laminex Race Day  
28 - Ballot for Hops & Hooves Black Opal Room closes

### SEPTEMBER

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- 1 - Acton Grand Finals Race Day  
15 - Joseph Jones Racing Race Day\*  
23 - Hops & Hooves Festival Race Day†

### OCTOBER

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- 6 - TAB Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Race Day  
7 - Ballot for Melbourne Cup Race Day & Summer Saturday Race Day Black Opal Room closes  
10 - Annual General Meeting  
20 - Terry Bros Carpet Court Race Day

### NOVEMBER

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- 7 - TAB Melbourne Cup Race Day  
25 - Affinity Electrical Technologies Canberra Community Chest Race Day†\*

### DECEMBER

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- 1 - Pegasus Riding for the Disabled Charity Race Day  
8 - Christmas Party Race Day  
23 - Ballot for Summer Saturday Race Day Black Opal Room closes  
29 - Clan O' Sullivan Race Day

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## JANUARY

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- 12 – School Holiday Family Race Day
- 22 – Ballot for John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Day Black Opal Room closes
- 27 – Summer Saturday Race Day†
- 30 – Ballot for Good Friday Black Opal Room closes

## FEBRUARY

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- 9 – Racing to Cure Brain Cancer Mike Cramsie Memorial Race Day
- 23 – Preview Race Day

## MARCH

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- 8 – Carbine Club Black Opal Stakes Luncheon
- 10 – John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Race Day
- 20 – Members Race Day
- 29 – Canberra Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong Cup Race Day

## APRIL

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- 12 – West Belconnen Warriors Race Day
- 19 – Ginninderra Cricket Club Race Day

## MAY

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- 17 – May Race Day

## JUNE

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- 1 – Defence and Veterans Race Day†
- 14 – Daniela O'Dwyer Foundation Race Day

Back Cover: Canberra Cup Winner 2023

● Key Dates
 ● Race Days
 ● Public Holidays (observed in ACT)



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