



CANBERRA RACING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP
2026–2027

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Cover Photo: Touristic for Peter Snowden, ridden by Andrew Adkins wins the Centenary TAB Canberra Cup.

INTRODUCTION

The Canberra Racing Club Membership 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

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John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Winner 2026 - Music Time. Trained by Gratz Vella, ridden by Pierre Boudvillain.

CHAIR'S WELCOME



Dear Member,

As the Chair of the Canberra Racing Club, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026/27 racing season and thank you for your continued support of our Club and thoroughbred racing in the Nation's Capital. Your membership is greatly valued, and on behalf of the Board, I look forward to sharing another exciting year with you at Thoroughbred Park.

The 2025/26 season was another strong one for the Club, highlighted by growth across racing, events, and membership. We were particularly pleased to see growth in Club membership, reflecting the strength of our racing community and the increasing value Members see in being part of Canberra Racing Club.

A major highlight of the season was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first running of the Canberra Cup – a significant milestone in the history of racing in the ACT and a proud moment for our Club. Our major racedays and events also continued to grow, including strong crowds on John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Day, Hops and Hooves Race Day, Good Friday Race Day & our Christmas Party Race Days.

Importantly, Canberra's racing industry continues to strengthen. Following recent changes to Workers Compensation arrangements for thoroughbred trainers in the ACT, together with improved access to TAB Highway races in Sydney, 20 trainers now call Thoroughbred Park home, with around 350 horses in active work at any one time. This positions Thoroughbred Park as the largest training centre outside of Greater Sydney – a significant achievement for racing in Canberra.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on delivering exceptional experiences for our Members, racegoers, partners, and guests. Thoroughbred Park is more than a racing venue – it is a place for connection, entertainment, and community, and we remain committed to ensuring it continues to thrive both on and off the track.

The Board and management team also continue to progress the long-term vision for the Thoroughbred Park precinct, helping secure a strong and sustainable future for racing in Canberra.

Thank you once again for being a Member of the Canberra Racing Club. I look forward to welcoming you to Thoroughbred Park throughout the season – whether at the races or one of the many events we are proud to host.

Les Boag
Chair



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member, you can enjoy many benefits including:

RACE MEETINGS

Admission to 25 race meetings at Thoroughbred Park during 2026/2027 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 on or before 4 September 2026

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 at each race meeting. Members select a horse in each race of the Canberra race meeting with scores designated as 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd.

The Member(s) with the highest tally of points will receive \$250 (shared if multiple winners) in food and beverage credit to spend at Thoroughbred Park. Members who are on-course and have swiped their member's card at a POS terminal are eligible for a 20% bonus of the amount won i.e. \$250 won, additional \$50 won.

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

ANNUAL BLACK OPAL ROOM TABLES

Members can express their interest in securing a table in the Black Opal Room for this membership year. If you are interested in a table, please email membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au. These are allocated at the Board's discretion and subject to availability.

ANNUAL INTERNAL CARPARK

Members can express their interest in securing an internal carpark for this membership year. If you are interested in a table, please email membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au. These are allocated at the Board's discretion and subject to availability.

MEMBER GUEST PASSES

Members may purchase up to two member guest passes. On any non-feature race day for \$15 each. On any feature race day for \$60* each. This does not include admission into the racecourse. Consider joining your guests as members!

MEMBERS E-NEWS SUBSCRIPTION

Receive the exclusive member e-newsletter.

DISCOUNTED ROOM HIRE

Receive a 20% discount on room hire for non-race day 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 Board elections.²

EXCLUSIVE MEMBER ONLY PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Reciprocal membership privileges at leading Australian racing clubs or other partners, inc Royal National Capital Agricultural Society, Canberra Raiders.

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, cafe and TAB facilities. Members may reserve tables in the Black Opal Room for any race day. Refer to page 11 for further details.

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
BLACK OPAL STAKES AND MELBOURNE CUP		
All Members Areas	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collared shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
OTHER FEATURE RACE DAYS		
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 collared 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.
NON FEATURE RACE DAYS		
Black Opal Room	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collared 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 by 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 General Admission gates. On Black Opal Stakes Day, member gates open 45 minutes prior to General Admission gates. Members will not be able to access the member areas (or applicable function room) until the advised time.

VOTING

Members of the club must have renewed their annual membership no later than 28 days from the date when the subscription becomes available to hold voting rights. The Annual General Meeting is held in November 2026. In accordance with the Club's Constitution 40(d): (i) The Member has paid the amount of the annual membership subscription payable in respect of the then current Financial Year by no later than 28 days from the date when the subscription becomes payable; 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 money 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 the Board Directors is in accordance with the Club's Constitution 18 (a) (iii) "the candidate must be a financial Member of the Club prior to the time of nomination;" Please refer to our website to view the Club's Constitution.

BLACK OPAL ROOM DINING

Feature Race Days

On Feature Race Days, bookings into this room can be made directly on our website. This replaces the previous practice of conducting a Ballot. We will advise members via our newsletter the date bookings will be open.

Non-Feature Race Days

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

If you would like assistance making a website booking, please contact the Administration Office.

NO EXTERNAL FOOD

The Black Opal Room and Winning Post Bar are catered areas. Members are requested to refrain from bringing outside food into these rooms.

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 pro-rata 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

GAMBLING

Gambling Help Online – gambling counseling and support services are available, telephone number **1800 858 858** and 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 Board. Members are reminded that they are responsible for the behaviour of their Guest whilst in the Member areas as well as ensuring all Guests 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

Thoroughbred Park is a smoke free venue. 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 Board.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Members planning to attend a feature race day are encouraged to renew their membership a minimum of two weeks before the event to allow sufficient time for processing.

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 4 September 2026. Funds must be used within the current membership period. Funds can not be redeemed to cash at the end of the current racing season or transferred to the next membership period.

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. Tipping credits must be used within this membership period 2026–2027. However, tipping credits won in June 2027 will be carried over to the 2027–2028 membership period. Tipping credits can not be redeemed for cash.

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 to review the complete Privacy Policy.





CANBERRA RACING CLUB

—2026-2027—

RACE DATES

2026

Wed 8 July

Fri 24 July

Fri 7 August

Fri 21 August

Fri 4 September

Fri 18 September

Sat 26 September*

Fri 9 October

Fri 23 October

Tue 3 November*

Sun 22 November*

Fri 4 December

Fri 11 December

Wed 30 December

2027

Fri 5 February

Fri 19 February

Sun 7 March*

Fri 26 March*

Wed 7 April

Fri 16 April

Fri 30 April

Fri 21 May

Sat 29 May

Fri 11 June

Fri 25 June

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*Feature Race Day

