

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Members

We are excited to bring you a whole lot of news and ask that you take a few moments to read up on all the information below. With the Mansfield Cup to be held on Saturday 8 April the Committee is moving at high speed to get a lot done at the Club/Course; so if any member is willing to help in any way possible please contact our Secretary Susan Kinloch.

MANSFIELD SHIRE - AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to US......Mansfield District
Racing Club was honoured on Australia Day
with the COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR
for our Catanach Plate Melbourne Cup Day
Picnic Races held in November 2016.
Thanks to all those who came along and
supported the event.



NEW SAND TRACK

We were very fortunate to receive funding (50-50) from the State Government through their Victorian Racing Industry Fund to commence works on upgrading the sand track. Over the winter months the track deteriorated to unsafe conditions and work has now been completed to bring the track to its original state. Some before and after images are provided below. Thank you Noel Willaton, Gerald Egan, Barrie Scott and Jason Egan for project managing the work. The top 2 images show the impact of the winter rains and the bottom 5 show the upgraded sand track.







MANSFIELD CUP DAY - A WEEKEND AFFAIR

Enjoy picnic racing at its best at the Mansfield Cup - for the first time to be held in the month of April. Saturday 8th April is the day for great picnic racing with TAB facilities, roving musicians, a lawn party, Equine Art Exhibition, public bar, free kids' amusements......all tailored for a family day out.

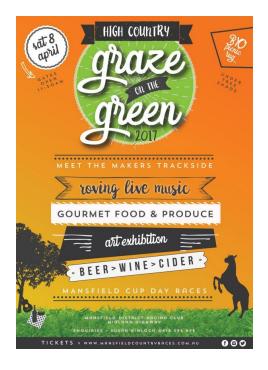
The day will also feature **The High Country Graze on the Green** where

patrons can 'meet the makers' in a unique

picnic races setting with all the excitement

COMMITTEE - CASUAL VACANCY

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of our Membership Secretary Kellie Boyd. As a result we have a vacancy on the committee and are looking for someone who is hands-on and committed to our cause. Please contact the Secretary if you wish to nominate.



of a country race day in relaxed outdoor surrounds. Targeted at 'foodies' and craft wine/beer/cider lovers, the Graze will flourish with an incredible selection of the very best boutique wineries, breweries and artisan food producers the Upper Goulburn and the North East Victoria has to offer.

Patrons can purchase a souvenir tasting glass for only \$10, which allows them to sample the vast range of wines/beer/cider on offer from the High Country Graze Avenue. They can also use the tasting glass for purchases by the glass.

A "Lawn Party Package" (\$45pp) is also available to those who wish to relax in a marquee arena with a dedicated turf bar, chair, table, live jazz by the Harvey Club and more.

In addition the club is hosting a **Twilight Gala at the Track** the evening prior on

Friday 7th April – this event includes the
opening of our Inaugural Equine Art Show
and prize announcements, a three act live
performance by the **Sassy Sisters**,
gourmet food and wine, fundraiser and
more, with packaged tickets to the
following Cup Day Lawn Party. (Twilight
Gala Evening \$95pp. & Twilight Gala &
Lawn party \$125pp).

Members please note your entry to the Mansfield Cup & the High Country Food & Wine Graze avenue is included in your membership, however if you wish to attend the Twilight Gala Evening (7/4/2017) you will require to purchase a ticket @ \$95pp.

Please spread the word to your friends and families and encourage them to come along and have a great day/weekend in





Mansfield. For more information on available packages and bookings to the various events visit

www.mansfieldcountryraces.com.au or call
Susan Kinloch – Secretary 0418 595 878.

OUR INAUGURAL NATIONAL EQUINE ART PRIZE - 7 & 8 April

We are excited to inform you that to date we have some 65 entries for this Prize and the cut off date is the 1 March. Our Judge Tony Pridham will choose 40 finalists to be exhibited at the Twilight Gala Evening on the 7th when the final winners will be announced. First Prize \$8000; Committee Choice Prize \$1000 and two highly commended prizes of \$500 each. We will also auction off a painting to raise money for our local Mansfield Hospital. All art will be on show at the Mansfield Cup the next day.

WORK FOR THE DOLE PROJECT

An update on our work for the dole project
- Yes we are ready to go on or about the
20th February. As previously advised we
will be enhancing the main entrance to the
Club/course with Brand New Gates, Ticket
Box and other works required to
complement.



Susan Kinloch

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