

WYNDHAM HARNESS RACING CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen, in moving the adoption of the Club's Annual Financial Accounts a surplus of \$82,640 has been recorded from this year's operations. This surplus is driven by the strong performance of the club by creating revenue outside of racing. Over 550 bales of baleage were made on course and sold, the sale of lambs and cattle, dairy heifer leasing and trading, the stables complex rental and track usage all contributing to income for the club. These initiatives would not be possible without the support of the committee, who volunteer their time with the numerous projects.

Thank you to our valued members, sponsors, cattle and lamb graziers, volunteers, Lions Ladies and businesses that contribute to the club, both at Wyndham and at Cromwell.

Thanks to Donald McKay, our Caretaker, and Jamie Agnew who keep the course looking presentable. To everyone involved in keeping the track up to a high standard, with the number of horses being trained, is a credit to you all. Thanks also to Southern Harness (Jason, Julie, Nicole & Lindsay) and the Board at Southern Harness for keeping things moving. Thanks, must also go to all the Trainers and Drivers that chose to race a horse at Wyndham. The hours you all put in to make race days happen doesn't go unnoticed. We sincerely thank you for your support. We received good entries for all our meetings, and we saw some great racing throughout the season.

Some highlights of the season include the MLT Wyndham Cup, which was taken out by the Craig Ferguson trained and driven, *Wagstar*. A race of six runners but a good contest all the same. The Macca Lodge Kindergarten Stakes was won by the Telfer trained *Sonofamystery*, driven by Tim Williams. Another small field with some quality two-year-olds on show. The Hunter Family Handicap Pace was won by the Regan Todd runner, *Betterthancash*, driven by Robbie Close. A great field and a very competitive race. This year we had the first running of the Gr3 Champagne Stakes for four-year-old and older mares. The mares ran for a good stake of \$40,000 and this race was taken out by the Nathan Williamson runner, *Ruby Roe*, in a time of 1:54.7. Another competitive race with some quality mares. This is a race in which I am sure will continue to generate interest in years to come.

The club's meetings in Cromwell were also well supported. Cromwell also enjoyed some great racing with the Andrew Faulks trained *Winnyzback*, driven by Blair Orange, winning the Shannon Farm Cromwell Cup. The Club also enjoyed hosting the Hygain-Revell Douglas Memorial series. The race was won by *Quinn*, trained by Bruce Negus and driven by Mia Holbrough.

To all the winners throughout the season, congratulations, and to all who raced a horse at Wyndham, thank you for your support. To everyone who made this year happen, thanks again. I have enjoyed my first year as President and it is made easier by having a strong committee around me. I look forward to working with you all this coming season.

Brendan Duffy
WHRC President