

WARWICK TURF CLUB

1873-2023



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Warwick Turf Club

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THE EARLY YEARS 1850 - 1873

Racing in Warwick is older than Queensland itself, having been inaugurated at Canning Downs before this State was separated from New South Wales, and subsequently on the flat between Grafton and Helene Street bridges prior to the granting of an area as a racecourse reserve.

And ever since those early days Warwick has played an important part in the development of racing in Queensland; not so important now, perhaps as when the State was sparsely settled and Warwick was always on the circuit travelled annually by most of the leading horses of southern Queensland and northern New South Wales, but nevertheless a part which has kept Warwick in the forefront as a racing centre.

As far as can be ascertained racing here was started in a small way in the early 1850s. Later in that decade it was common for the stables of Queensland and New England horses to pit their best against each other.

One early reference to such a meeting states that in July 1859, visitors flocked to Warwick from many outside stations for the winter meeting. The Canning Downs horses easily beat the New England stables and in honour of this also the carnival. Canning Downs gave the ball of the season.

The Downs was then an immense sheep run, the stations being owned by such men as Hodgson and Ramsay (Eton Vale), Shanahan and Jennings (Westbrook), Kent and Weinholt (Jondaryan), Foote (Clifton) and in the southern end by Marshall and Slade, the McDougalls, Donkin and also Jas Taylor of Cecil Plains.

In the early days of racing in Queensland, Warwick occupied a particularly high place in the racing world, meetings held in the district attracting horses from all over southern Queensland and the central districts. The *Moreton Bay Courier* of 4 May 1850 published a full report of the races held on over three days, the 23rd, 24th and 25th April 1850. Despite the lack of transport facilities as we know them today, horses would travel many hundreds of miles to race at Warwick, where the carnivals were the testing grounds of the State's best horses.

Prior to the convening of the public meeting called for 20 January 1873, at which the present Warwick Turf Club was formed, race meetings were held in Warwick at different intervals on the old course, when the straight was at the opposite side to where it is now. *The Courier (Brisbane)* has advertisements and reports from races in the Warwick district, especially Warwick Christmas races, from 1851 to 1862. Further, *Warwick Argus* notes the appointment on September 1862 of trustees of a Darling Downs Turf Club and in 1866 report the formation of the Darling Downs Turf Club in March 1866. From 1865 to 1872 Warwick and Brisbane newspapers published results of races held in the Warwick District.

OTHER RACE CLUBS

Press archives reports many other race clubs holding race meeting in the Warwick district. Some of these clubs were the Warwick Hibernian Club; Licensed Vitualler's Race Club; Warwick Picnic Race Club; Diggers' Race Club Warwick; Kildare Race Club¹; Allora Jockey Club, and the Warwick

¹ A club was run by Mr. J. Allman at his paddock along Stanthorpe road about six miles from Warwick



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A committee meeting was held in the club rooms, and were present:—J. Roach, Messrs. F. Johnston, Thompson, J. E. Voigt, A. Cooney, H. Nalder, J. J. Wilkes, T. L. Higgins, W. G. Collins, J. Clune, and the secretary. Apologies were sent on behalf of the president, Mr. the patron, Mr. H. Roberts, Messrs. D. Kehoe, and Mr. The secretary submitted a sheet of the spring racing, which showed total amounting to £882/12/6 and



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Cabmen's Race Club. In addition, local properties conducted race meetings; the Border Calvary and South Canning Downs Sports Club conducted races at the property of Mr. C. H. E. Chauvel from 1888 to 1892, and the South Toolburra is reported conducted races meeting in the vicinity of Darkey Flat from 1890 to 1900;

FORMATION OF WARWICK TURF CLUB - January 1873

The Warwick Turf Club evidently was formed on January 20, 1873, for the files of "*The Queenslander*" on January 25 record that a well-attended public meeting was held in the Cosmopolitan Hotel on that date for the purpose of forming a club to manage the racecourse and the future race meetings at Warwick. Most of the influential residents of the town and district were present, and considerable Interest was manifested in the proceedings. Mr FJC Wildash was elected to the Chair, Mr GH Davenport as Vice President, Mr JH Dunlop as Secretary and Mr RJJ MacKenzie as Treasurer. Resolutions were proposed and carried that a club be formed and called the Warwick Turf Club, and that member's subscription be two guineas. His Excellency the Marquis of Normanby was requested to be patron and Mr FJC Wildash was the first President. With some few alterations the rules of the Queensland Turf Club were adopted.

Early officials of the Darling Downs Turf Club, which became the Warwick Turf Club in 1873, were President Mr John Deuchar, succeeded on his death by Mr FJC Wildash who was Treasurer when his horse "Killarney" took the handicap in 1868.

The early history of the club is full of incident. In 1889, following a report of an overdraft, the Club was wound up and a meeting resolved to form and register a new club "The Southern Downs Turf Club" under QTC rules. Nevertheless, as the *Brisbane Courier* of October 1894 reports upon the Inaugural Meeting of the Warwick Turf Club, it seems the Club was in some way reconstituted. The Executive Committee who reinstated the Warwick Turf Club consisted of President Mr A Morgan, Vice Presidents HR Gough and W Collins, Treasurer CA Lambert and Secretary F Grayson.

FIRST ANNUAL RACE MEETING OF WARWICK TURF CLUB - July 1873

The new-formed club held its first annual race meeting in July 1873. It extended over two days, and the prizemoney amounted to £300, an equivalent of approximately \$45,000 in 2017, for nine races; four of which were run on the first day, and five on the second day. The principal events were the Warwick Handicap of £75, one and a half miles, on the first day, and the Governor's Cup, £55, w.f.a., one and a half miles, and the Turf Club Handicap, £65, two miles, on the second day. The grey gelding, Zanco, was the hero of the meeting. Racing in the ownership of the President (Mr FJC Wildash), and ridden by Fitzgerald, he won the treble.

The honour of winning the first race conducted by the Warwick Turf Club, The Maiden Plate of 35 sovereigns² went to Mr TG Robinson's Louise, a 6yrs bay mare carrying 9st 1lb and ridden by a Mr. Sinclair.

² A gold coin of the United Kingdom, with a nominal value of one pound sterling and here 35 sovereigns is currently worth approximately A\$375

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Photo credit: Glenn Locke



Mr James Locke (pictured) raced in the Warwick area from at least 1870 with horses such as Whiffler, Faughra-Bullagh, Creepaway, Cocktail, Lunacy & Yellow Girl.

His father, John Locke, was the overseer of Rosenthal Station for a few years before becoming a pioneer resident of Warwick.

James Locke's family are still involved in the racing industry today with great-great-granddaughter Kellie Monckton still competing as a local Warwick trainer.

Newspaper Article from the Sunday Mail Brisbane 16 Sept 1934

Bright Prospects

Warwick Cup Meeting, Inquiries for programmes for the annual Cup meeting of the Warwick Turf Club, which will take place at the Warwick racecourse on October 17 and 18, have been so numerous from all parts of the State and from Northern New South Wales, that the Club expects the entries for this year's fixture to greatly exceed those of recent years.

Since original Warwick Turf Club was formed in 1900 it has done much for racing generally on the Darling Downs, and it made turf history in that centre when it first launched out with a programme of 1000 pounds. Though economic conditions the prize money has since been reduced to 600 pounds, which amount will be distributed at this year's carnival.



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In the Warwick district are two of the greatest thoroughbred studs in Australia – Lyndhurst and Canning Downs, which in close proximity are other well-known breeding establishments in Alma Vale, Kialla and Wattle Brae. It is worthy of note that the first race meeting in this district was held at Canning Downs, where Mr JHS Barnes stud now is.

Photo credit: Bronwyn Morgan



Warwick Cup Owner Archibald "Archie" Graham holding the Warwick Cup

Winning horse: Peachtime

Year 1948

Camden Park Racing Stables (used to be bounded by Camden St, Stephen St, Divine St and Hampton St in Toowoomba. Now residential).

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PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM 1873 - 2023

Term		President	Vice President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Patron
1873	1874	FJC Wildash	GH Davenport		RJJ MacKenzie	JH Dunlop	
1874	1875	FJC Wildash	GH Davenport		J Horwitz	JH Dunlop	
1875	1876	FJC Wildash	GH Davenport			JH Dunlop	
1876	1877	FJC Wildash	GH Davenport		Australian Joint Stock Bank	JH Dunlop	
1877	1878	FJC Wildash	GH Davenport			JH Dunlop	
1878	1879	GH Davenport	JP Bell Esq		Australian Joint Stock Bank	JH Dunlop	
1879	1880	JD Smith	Malcolm S McDougall			JH Dunlop	
1880	1881	J Horwitz	W Allan			JH Dunlop	Excellency Sir Arthur
1881	1882					JH Dunlop	
1882	1883	J Horwitz	CHE Chauvel	J Dunbar Smith		JH Dunlop	
1883	1884						
1884	1885						
1885	1886	J Horwitz	W Allan				
1886	1887						
1887	1888						
1888	1889	W Allan				JH Dunlop	
1889	1890					FH Woods	
1890	1891						
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1893	1894	A Morgan	HR Gough	W Collins	CA Lambert	F Grayson	W Allan
1894	1895	A Morgan				M McDougall	
1895	1896	A Morgan	W Collins	JR Curnow	J Lambert	JM Healy	
1896	1897	A Morgan	W Collins	JR Curnow	J Lambert	JM Healy	
1897	1898	A Morgan	W Collins	JR Curnow	CA Lambert	JM Healy	
1898	1899	A Morgan	Cory, Curnow & Swinburne		CA Lambert	JM Healy	
1899	1900	A Morgan			CA Lambert	JM Healy	
1900	1901	A Morgan			CA Lambert	JM Healy	
1901	1902	A Morgan	JD Smith, CE McDougall & H Cory		CA Lambert	JM Healy	
1902	1903	A Morgan	JD Smith, CE McDougall & H Cory		CA Lambert	JM Healy	
1903	1904					JD Smith	
1904	1905						
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1909	1910					Mr Will H Berge	
1910	1911						
1911	1912	D Connolly					
1912	1913	D Connolly					
1913	1914	D Connolly				J Porter	
1914	1915	D Connolly	Martin Crane J McKone EJ Brennan	P McMahon DS Taylor			
1915	1916	D Connolly	Martin Crane, J McKone, EJ Brennan DS Taylor	P McMahon J Murdoch	H Butler		
1916	1917	John Allman					
1917	1918	John Allman					
1918	1919	John Allman					
1919	1920	John Allman					
1920	1921	John Allman				GA Leichney	
1921	1922	John Allman					
1922	1923	John Allman				J Porter	
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1930	1931	John Allman					
1931	1932	John Allman					
1932	1933	John Allman					
1933	1934	John Allman				J Allman Jnr	
1934	1935	John Allman			DJ McCarthy	RE Sloman	
1935	1936	John Allman					
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1941	1942	John Allman					
1942	1943	John Allman					
1943	1944	John Allman				T Mahoney	
1944	1945	LF Diplock					
1945	1946	LF Diplock					
1946	1947	AF Crichton				T Mahoney	



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1947	1948	CP Daly			BG Cooney	Arthur Cust	
1948	1949	Dr RC Dent			BG Cooney	Alec Creed	
1949	1950	Dr RC Dent			BG Cooney		
1950	1951	Dr RC Dent	WL Palmer	B Bromley	BG Cooney	Alec Creed	JT Scrymgeour
1951	1952	Dr RC Dent			BG Cooney		JT Scrymgeour
1952	1953	Dr RC Dent	WL Palmer	B Bromley	BG Cooney		JT Scrymgeour
1953	1954	Dr RC Dent			BG Cooney		JT Scrymgeour
1954	1955	Dr RC Dent	WL Palmer	B Bromley	BG Cooney		JT Scrymgeour
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1966	1967	GR Netterfield					
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1969	1970	William Hoiberg				Mrs Watts	
1970	1971	William Hoiberg				Margaret Hoiberg	
1971	1972	William Hoiberg			AT Jacobsen	Margaret Hoiberg	
1972	1973	William Hoiberg			AT Jacobsen	Margaret Hoiberg	
1973	1974	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Ross Fraser	AT Jacobsen	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1974	1975	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Ross Fraser	AT Jacobsen	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1975	1976	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Ross Fraser	AT Jacobsen	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1976	1977	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Ross Fraser	JE Flitcroft	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1977	1978	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Ross Fraser	JE Flitcroft	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1978	1979	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Ross Fraser	JE Flitcroft	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1979	1980	William Hoiberg	Boyd Irwin	Graeme Garde	JE Flitcroft	Margaret Hoiberg	WL Palmer
1980	1981	William Hoiberg - Boyd Irwin	Graeme Garde	x	No Treasurer	Margaret Hoiberg - C Day	WL Palmer

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1981	1982	Boyd Irwin	Graeme Garde	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	WL Palmer
1982	1983	Boyd Irwin	Graeme Garde	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	William Hoiberg
1983	1984	Boyd Irwin	Graeme Garde	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	William Hoiberg
1984	1985	Boyd Irwin	Graeme Garde	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	William Hoiberg
1985	1986	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1986	1987	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1987	1988	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	Boyd Irwin	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1988	1989	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	Boyd Irwin	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1989	1990	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	Boyd Irwin	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1990	1991	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	Boyd Irwin	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1991	1992	Graeme Garde	Ray Lyons	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1992	1993	Graeme Garde	W Sullivan	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1993	1994	Graeme Garde	W Sullivan	x	Paul Johnston	C Day	Charlie Fraser
1994	1995	William Sullivan	Graeme Garde	x	Paul Johnston	C Day – L Hill	Charlie Fraser
1995	1996	William Sullivan	Graeme Garde	Douglas Bryce	Paul Johnston		Charlie Fraser
1996	1997	Michael Grew	Graeme Garde	William Sullivan	Paul Johnston		Charlie Fraser
1997	1998	Michael Grew	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	Paul Johnston	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
1998	1999	Michael Grew	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	Paul Johnston	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
1999	2000	Michael Grew	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	Paul Johnston	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
2000	2001	Michael Grew	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
2001	2002	Michael Grew	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
2002	2003	Michael Grew	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
2003	2004	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	x	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
2004	2005	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	x	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser
2005	2006	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	x	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	Charlie Fraser - David Cory
2006	2007	Ted Donegan	Garry Adcock	x	Peter Campbell	Jane Grieve	David Cory
2007	2008	Garry Adcock	James Costello	x	Roger Cavanagh	Jane Grieve - Margaret Walsh	David Cory
2008	2009	Garry Adcock	James Costello	x	Roger Cavanagh	Margaret Walsh	David Cory
2009	2010	Garry Adcock	James Costello	x	David Lang	Margaret Walsh	David Cory
2010	2011	James Costello	Peter Campbell	Garry Adcock	David Lang	Margaret Walsh - Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2011	2012	James Costello	Garry Adcock	Warwick Fraser	Peter Campbell	Kristen Doyle	David Cory



Warwick Turf Club
Allman Park Racecourse.

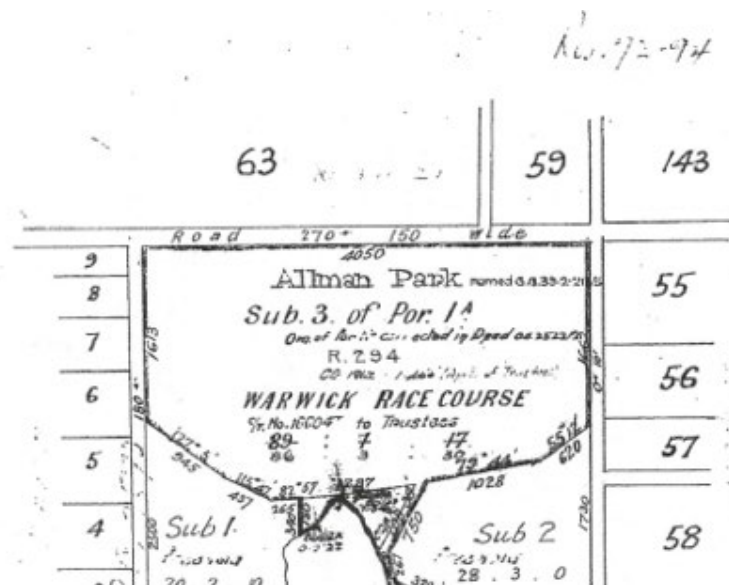


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2012	2013	James Costello	Warwick Fraser	Nick Inmon	Peter Campbell	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2013	2014	James Costello	Phillip Grant	Jack Brown	Peter Campbell	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2014	2015	Phillip Grant	Jim Costello	Len Bryant	Kathryn Wyvill	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2015	2016	Phillip Grant	Len Bryant	Peter Doyle	Deb Scanlan	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2016	2017	Phillip Grant	Len Bryant	Peter Doyle	Kathryn Wyvill	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2017	2018	Phillip Grant	Peter Doyle	Peter Campbell	Kathryn Wyvill	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2018	2019	Phillip Grant	Peter Doyle	Peter Campbell	Kathryn Wyvill	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2019	2020	Phillip Grant	Peter Doyle	William Martin	Kathryn Wyvill	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2020	2021	Phillip Grant	Barry Burgess	William Martin	Kathryn Wyvill	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2021	2022	Barry Burgess	Peter Doyle	Eric Standing	Michael Grew	Kristen Doyle	David Cory
2022	2023	Barry Burgess	Peter Doyle	Eric Standing	Michael Grew	Kristen Doyle	Garry Adcock

ALLMAN PARK RACECOURSE – January 1940

To commemorate the significant association to turf racing and civic service in Warwick by members of the Allman family, notably Mr. Jeremiah Allman (1842 - 1910) and Mr John 'Jack' Allman (1900 - 1946), the Mill Hill Racecourse renaming to Allman Park was approved and gazetted by the Department of Public Lands in January 1940.



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As recorded by Mr Ray Lyons

Deagon Racecourse in Brisbane was the only other racecourse where this happened.



Mr Lyons was a Member of the Trustees from roughly 1970 to 1998 when the Government allowed the Turf Club committee to take over control. There was a large file covering many years which was held by Jerry Allman – Chairman and Gus Conradby – Secretary. Unfortunately, at that time a Trustee could not be removed unless they died or resigned. Neither Jerry or Gus would resign and as both suffered dementia for some years before they passed away the Trustees did not meet for some years. When both passed away (around the same time) Mr Lyons became the Chairman but neither family could tell Mr Lyons where all the records were stored. They have never resurfaced and remain lost.

For the Record Book

Warwick claims several firsts on the strength of its early involvement in the sport – the Turf Club lays claim to holding the first sprint race & first women jockeys under the control of the Downs & South West Racing Assoc. Also the first head numbers for easy identification of horses.

List of Newmarket and Warwick Cup winners since 1930 is given. The races were not run in 1942, 43, 44 & 45, while the 1950 events were abandoned because of rain and the 1959 Warwick Cup was run on 21 November, having been washed out.

Year	Cup Winner	Newmarket Winner
1930	Pretty Damsel	Trimhal
1931	Beelbee	Ianbra
1932	Beau Don	Rivalli
1933	Maranerito	Strange Idea
1934	Maranerito	Warwickeye
1935	Thought Reader	Miss Sun
1936	Silk Felt	Strange Idea
1937	Backare	Beau Cheval
1938	One Star	Bahwing
1939	Bull Top	Jovial Monk
1940	Rivoli Gift	Hacked
1941	Rivoli Gift	Narringo
1942-1945	No event	No event
1946	Urochloa	Urochloa
1947	Sir Neith	Town Gossip
1948	Peachtime	Sole Support
1949	Tullialien	Little Larrikin
1950	Abandoned	Abandoned
1951	Standfelt	La Hey
1952	Blazeveil	Witty Nero
1953	Pandere	Royal Fare
1954	True Bill	Chestnut King



Annual Races.

[CORRESPONDENT.]

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1990	Pontinollo	
1991	Santorini Bay	
1992	Always Grand	
1993	Picardy Harbour	No event
1994	Café Affair	No event
1995	Billy Blue Jeans	No event
1996	Indian Play Boy	No event
1997	Just Missed	No event
1998	Life A Toff	No event

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1999	Liston	No event
2000	The Woodies	No event
2001	Druther's Option	No event
2002	Ice Pride	No event
2003	Waitawhero Gold	No event
2004	Sundae Jester	No event
2005	Ra Ra Rulenza	No event
2006	Ra Ra Rulenza	No event
2007	Abandoned	Abandoned
2008	Jackson Hill	Myndos
2009	Sir Kingsford	Myndos
2010	Bradfield	Hotshot Hayil
2011	Abandoned	Abandoned
2012	Zed Man	Daytime Dazzler
2013	Jack's Back	Mount Kosciuszko
2014	Manfred The Man	Blooded
2015	Billy Goat	Had Me At Hello
2016	Belflyer	Rebel Rover
2017	Belflyer	You Say No Way
2018	Bequeathed	Colpo Di Tamburo
2019	Rosie Posie	Super Suave
2020	Rosie Posie	Few Too Many
2021	Tears Of Love	Rocky Nugget
2022	Military Kings	Magic In Me

Snippets from the Daily News, 16 April 1987

WARWICK TURF CLUB SPECIAL FEATURE

New \$55,000 betting ring boosts Turf Club hopes

THE C.M. Fraser and Sons Easter race meeting at Allman Park in Warwick on Saturday should be bigger than ever with the opening of the Turf Club's new covered betting ring.

The ring, constructed at a cost of \$55,000, is the latest development in a program which has seen facilities at Allman Park virtually completely rebuilt over the past five or six years.

A total of close to 100,000 has been spent, with the major expenditure being a new club house and new low level betting ring.

The club holds great hope for the future, with the covered ring providing a more "Turf" feeling and a Sky Channel link brought Warwick into line with major race centres throughout the State.

President Graeme Gardie said the T&B betting facility was being made all year, making only for installation of television monitors.

The new side of the betting ring has been closed in now but the area from winter windily winds, and the ring itself can accommodate up to 10 bookmakers.

The covered ring area looks out on to the track, and a grandstand looks down to the track from the patron lawn to get a close-up view.

The Member for Warwick, Mr. Fraser, will officially open the betting ring during the absence.

THE IMAGE of racing in Queensland is that of big business, but much of the work in Warwick is done on a voluntary basis, according to the president of the Warwick Turf Club, Mr Graeme Gardie.

"Most racers would probably be surprised to learn that the only wages paid by the Turf Club are those given to race days to bookmakers, handler attendants, the course steward and the clerk, and they are employed because the association can't find enough to do these jobs," he said.

At the recent meeting of track buildings and growth is carried out by the committee on a voluntary basis.

Mr Gardie said the committee consisted of Ray Lyons, Fred Drew, Paul Johnston, Charlie Abbott, Errol Brown, Don Palmer, Les Hilder, Jim Green, Ron King, Ron McArthur, Rod Macdonald, and Parker, Errol McGowan, Steve Stealy, Keith Paul and Cal Durbell.

In their dealings with local owners and trainers, some responsible for the future of the Turf Club, Mr Gardie said the committee had to be seen to be fair.

"Their members on a meeting day are proud to be at any sporting event in the district," Turf Club president Graeme Gardie said.

"Today Fraser and his staff of helpers will be in the grandstand providing excellent service for the patrons and members on Easter Sunday."

ON THE TRACK Voluntary workers assist Warwick club

DAVID Price with the Max Price-trained "Buck" in trackwork at Allman Park during the week.

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CANTEEN OPERATION

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We are proud to support the Warwick Turf Club and congratulate them on the new Covered Betting Ring

Club patron has a long association with racing

THE PATRON of the Warwick Turf Club, Charlie Fraser, has seen the club grow over the past half-century, with the most rapid expansion in the past five or six years.

New facilities have not always brought bigger crowds, but in the covered betting ring new all recent renovations compared to Charlie's long involvement with the club.

He said the covered ring, with the promise of on-course T&B betting facilities and a Sky Channel link, could hold the key to bringing the crowds back.

He would also like to see prize money increased in all country meetings, something which he recognises depends largely on the ability of the races to attract crowds.

Charlie continues attending every Warwick race meeting in the dual role of patron and owner.

The Fraser family company has become actively involved in sponsoring races in the three years since Charlie Fraser was honoured to take the patron's job. C.M. Fraser & Son will be major sponsor this weekend.

Charlie said the crowds may have fallen away somewhat but the club itself was going ahead in leaps and bounds, with facilities virtually completely rebuilt over the past decade.

New stalls, toilet blocks, canteens, track upgrading work, the new clubhouse and now the covered betting ring are all recent renovations compared to Charlie's long involvement with the club.

His involvement dates back to before his time as a jockey. Charlie rode with the Warwick Amateur Racing Club in the 1930s and 1940s, along with his late brother Leslie.

He remembers those days when the Newmarket Handicap was held on a Wednesday and the Warwick Cup on the Thursday, when shops closed for half a day, everyone dressed for the occasion, the town was packed with visitors and rooms were impossible to find.

Mr Fraser

AMATEUR jockey Charlie Fraser in the saddle — photograph taken at Allman Park on March 17, 1940.

THEY'RE off and running — 1987 racing action from an Allman Park meeting earlier this year.

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Snippets from the Telegraph, 24 August 1987

Frank honored

FRANK Bryant, a former jockey and trainer in the Warwick district for the past 31 years, would have been a proud man on Saturday.

He was honored by his family who presented trophies to the winning trainer and jockey of the Frank Bryant Provincial Stakes.

Soon before this race was decided, Frank's 18-year-old grandson, Wayne Bryant, gave a deft riding display on the filly Navaho Girl at Doomben to win a Graduation Stakes and clinch a Sydney trip.

Sadly, the Bryant Provincial Stakes was a memorial. Frank died three weeks ago at the age of 61.

Widow Mavis and sons Len (Wayne's father) and Noel made the sentimental journey to Warwick's Allan Park racecourse.

A well respected Warwick resident, Frank trained horses in tandem with working for the city council.

And the last winner he led in before his death was at the Warwick track — Santa's Lad in a Provincial Stakes on June 20.

Additionally, Frank was singled out for the honor of riding the great Gunynd



• Sons Noel and Len Bryant flank their mother Mavis after the presentation of trophies for the Frank Bryant Memorial Provincial Stakes.

In his farewell parade at Goondiwindi before the grey retired to stud.

The Bryant Memorial was won by Oak, a Toowoomba galloper from the Carmel Richardson stable.

And had it not been for his commitment to riding Navaho Girl at Doomben, grandson Wayne may have had the mount.

He previously had ridden Oak in races and also regularly rode the five-year-old in track gallops.

For young Wayne, however, the winning ride on Navaho Girl was an important milestone in his career that only spans 18 months. The win clipped \$5k off his allowance and from now on he will claim 2.5kg.

Wayne also is in line for the mount on Navaho Girl if ace rider Mick Dittman is unavailable for the important southern campaign, due to climax with the \$200,000 Flight Stakes (1600m) at Randwick on October 3.

Telegraph

No shortage of bookie staff for father of 9



• BELOW: That winning feeling... proud father of nine, bookmaker-guiding contractor John Forde, is assisted by three of his children, Brett (right) and Angela with the cash and Donna with the tickets.



NONE of us can afford to lose at the races but for bookmaker John Forde, winning is an absolute necessity.

"With nine kids still living at home, winning is an absolute necessity," Forde said between races at Warwick on Saturday.

Thurs of the Forde family — Donna, 21, Brett, 18, and Angela, 17 — support Dad in his betting board business every Saturday.

Donna, a school teacher, writes the tickets, while school student Angela evokes the bag and Brett, a visual arts student and budding sculptor, is the clerk.

Forde senior is a building contractor as a back-up to his book-making business.

And he shouldn't be short of back-up as far as staff at the races is concerned.

Still wanting to reach an age where they may join the race-day roll-call are Patrick, 15, John, 14, Brian, 12, John, 8, Melissa, 6, and Grant, 4.

Forde said having members of the family as staff was "good business".

"If I don't win they don't get paid," he quipped, I think.

Anyway, he did confess to one that he had a winning day on Saturday.

'I can't tell you my age, they might sack me'

One of the great guessing games at Warwick race meetings is "how old is Pat Kelly?"

Pat has been the semaphore steward for the past 20 years.

So, how old is Pat? — "I can't tell you that; they might sack me."

The epitome of efficiency, the chances of Pat being replaced are slender indeed.

But try this for a bit of arithmetic. He did admit to having played rugby league for Clifton in 1924 against the all-conquering Toowoomba side featuring names like Goeman, Thompson and Steinfort.

Pat can't remember the score. "Put it this way, it was like Phat Lap racing against some of the horses running around Warwick," Pat proclaimed.

A retired railway guard, Pat's retirement bliss is supplemented by his job as a semaphore steward and barracking for the Warwick Cowboys, the local rugby league side.

"And they're pretty good, too," Pat declared. "They have had 18 games for 14 wins, two draws and two losses."

In spite of his years, Pat has a firm hand. For the display of jockeys' names, he prints each one individually with a mixture of lime and water.

"We used to have properly painted name plates but the jockeys changed so much it was better to print our own for every race."

The father of four children and proud grandfather to 22 offspring, Pat had to hurry away from the track as soon as correct weight was declared for the last race.

"The wife will be waiting at home for me to take her to Mass."

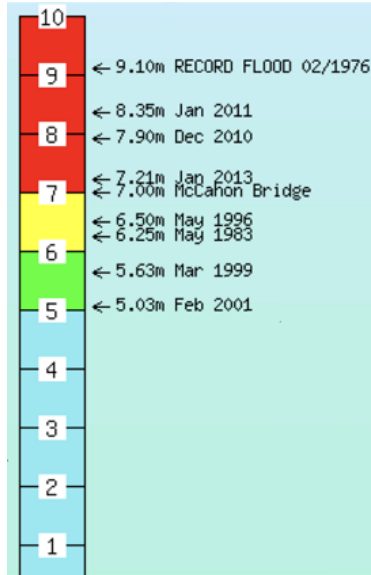
• BELOW: Veteran semaphore steward, Pat Kelly, chalks up another race for the Warwick Turf Club on Saturday.



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DESTROYED RECORDS – FLOOD OF 1976

Sadly, as recorded by Mr Ray Lyons in a letter to Clare Hemmings (sister of Michael Hemmings, local trainer) the Club's records pre 1975 were destroyed by a record flood in 1976, by 2 feet (60cm) of water pouring through the old administration building.



Missing from the Flood Gauge is the May 2022 level of 7.5m, which destroyed our sand training track.



Flood January 2011



Flood May 2022





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I can only tell a tale from October 2010 when I first walked through the gates of the Warwick Turf Club to assist in the office at the Warwick Credit Union Warwick Cup Races.

I fell in love with the atmosphere, horses thundering down the straight, the cheering from the Members Lounge located next to reception, the trainers/strappers preparing their horses across from the Club house with the occasional stomping of the hooves.

I started as the Secretary of the Warwick Turf Club in November 2010 starting 2 days a week/2 hours a day. In the 2010/2011 racing season only 3 race meetings were held due to the flood event in January 2011.

The Committee members at the time Jim Costello, Peter Campbell, Garry Adcock, David Lang, Bevan Ryan, John Gillott, Ken Bryant, Len Doyle, Mark Fowler, Mick Banks, Mick Grew, Peter Fraser, Roger Cavanagh & Warwick Fraser. The Club employed 3 casual staff in 2010 and were listed as a Non TAB Country Racing Club with the committee and volunteers carrying out the operations of the Club.

The Warwick Picnic Race Club disbanded and in May 2014 the Warwick Turf Club held their 1st Warwick Picnic Races. The Committee were very pleased with hosting the day and it is now one of our most popular race meetings patron wise.

Over the last 13 years the Club have produced some major works with the assistance of grant funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Southern Downs Regional Council to build a large shelter structure in 2016, the Kidszone Australia Trackside Pavilion. It has held many a race day function, weddings, wakes, birthdays and engagements. The Club took out the Wedding Industry Awards in 2022 for Winner Wedding Venue – Function Centre & Runner Up Wedding Venue – Coordinator.

Our small kitchen was transformed into a commercial kitchen in 2020. It is now leased by Top Paddock Catering our in house caterers for any function and all race days. Producing the best Bourbon Meat Balls in QLD, so Paul Joyce from Sky Racing will tell you.

Two x Accessible toilets (one at each end of course), accessible path ways and a tractor.

Today the Club is a Tier 3 TAB Club with 10 race meetings (9 TAB & 1 NonTAB) and with the assistance from Racing QLD we have completed many projects since 2021 onwards.

20 additional tie up stalls, another swab stall with vet room & urinal, extension to our female jockeys room (just this July we had 20 males & 13 females in attendance for our Punt123.bet race day), 15m x 25m barrier shed, inside & outside running rail, training track running rail, broadcast tower, back up set of barriers, new horse ambulance, Pharlap fencing for the saddling enclosure and horse movement areas. The Club also produced the sandstone terrace in front of trackside pavilion and renovation of our residence situated on level 1 of the Clubhouse.

Our local trainers number in the 20's with many being involved in racing through their family legacies. Our track is open 6 days a week and our Trackwork Supervisor Bill Brown is atop all WH & S / Horse Welfare issues on the daily.

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Our Track Manager Maurice Monckton has a long standing tie to the Club, here he is as a young jockey at a Warwick race day. He prepares all tracks for trackwork and race days and keeps our venue looking pristine.



We have the most vibrant social media pages of any Tier 3 Club with our Marketing Officer Bubbles Barbierato uploading her awesome photos from any of the events held at the Club.

In 2023 the Club now have 3 full-time staff myself as the Chief Operating Officer, Maurice & Bill and 60 plus casual staff over the 12 months to host 10 race meetings a year.

The Committee Members in September 2023 Barry Burgess, Peter Doyle, Eric Standing, Mick Grew, Bevan Ryan, Chantal Jones, David Hynes, Jim Costello, John Gillott, Natalie Nolan, Rachel Lane & Dr Ross Hetherington strategise the direction of the Club.

The past and present volunteers should be very proud of the Clubs accomplishments and our achievements to date will just keep on thriving and progressing forwards as they have, especially over the last two years with the support from Racing Queensland.

Last but not least thank you to our many loyal supporters over the years who have trusted the Club with their sponsorship and branding. The Club is indeed grateful of you & your contributions.

Life Members as at Sept 2022– Bevan Ryan, Ross McIntosh, Garry Adcock, Jim Costello, Peter Campbell & Ken Bryant (absent Graeme Garde, Charles Abbott & Mick Grew)



John Gillott presented with Life Membership in Oct 2022 (pictured with Grace Grace Minister for Racing & wife Jenny)



Charles Abbott & Mick Grew pictured receiving their Life Membership in 2014

Thanks for joining us in our 150th year of the Warwick Turf Club!

Kristen Doyle – Chief Operating Officer