



NEW SOUTH WALES HARNESS RACING CLUB LTD.

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## LET THE WATPAC ID10 CARNIVAL BEGIN!

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**THE NEW SOUTH WALES HARNESS RACING CLUB TODAY LAUNCHED THE WATPAC INTER DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP AT HARRINGTON GROVE COUNTRY CLUB WHERE THE GAMING AND RACING MINISTER THE HON KEVIN GREENE OFFICIALLY ENDORSED THE CARNIVAL.**

The iconic event which was first conducted in 1936 has been revolutionised by the host Club which will hold the Carnival at three venues for the first time in the history of the Championship.

The Heats will be conducted at the traditional home of harness racing in NSW, Harold Park on Friday night 19th February before moving to the Hunter Valley on Saturday night 27th February where the racing will continue at the Newcastle International Paceway.

The \$1 million Final will be held at Australasia's finest circuit Tabcorp Park Menangle on Sunday afternoon 7th March.

The Racing Minister in officially launching the Carnival expressed his government's support for the Championship.

"The Australian Inter Dominion Championship is, without a doubt, the premier harness racing event in Australia and New Zealand.

"Anyone who enjoys top class sporting events and harness racing in particular,

should come along to at least one of the venues during the next three weeks.

"I know I won't be missing it," said Minister Greene.

NSWHRC Chairman Rex Horne assured those in attendance that the Club would deliver a racing Carnival unrivalled in the history of the Inter Dominion.

"We have elected to take this great race to all racing enthusiast by holding meetings in the city, the heartland of harness racing in the Hunter and culminating the Carnival at the best and fairest track in the southern hemisphere, Tabcorp Park Menangle"

"The finest array of pacing talent available will make Watpac ID10 a most memorable event," said Mr Horne.

Martin Monro Watpac National General Manager Construction welcomed the building giants' third consecutive involvement in harness racing's flagship event.

"Over the past few years, Watpac has emerged as one of Australia's largest Construction, Infrastructure and Property companies. During our growth, particularly here in NSW, we have been privileged to enjoy a strong and rewarding relationship with harness racing and the NSW Harness Racing Club.

"The pinnacle of this relationship is obviously here today on the eve of ID10," said Mr Monro.

The Watpac Inter Dominion Carnival will distribute \$2 million in prizemoney and trophies which will be highlighted by four Group One events on Final day at Tabcorp Park Menangle.

The Carnival will also host the Australasian Junior Drivers Championship and on the social side of activities feature the Lexus of Parramatta Fashions on the Field.

The 2010 Watpac Inter Dominion celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the mighty New Zealand pacer Caduceus' victory in the event at Harold Park in 1960 before an Australian record crowd of 50,346 which crushed into the course. Caduceus won from the 36 yard handicap as a nine year old when trained and driven by legendary horseman JD (Jack) Litten.

In all there have been nine previous Championships conducted in NSW the winners being: Avian Derby (1952), Gentleman John (1956), Caduceus (1960), Hondo Grattan (1973), Koala King (1980), Our Maestro (1988), Weona Warrior (1994) and Smooth Satin (2002).



**Harold Park** Friday 19th February  
**Newcastle** Saturday 27th February  
**Tabcorp Park** Sunday 7th March  
Menangle



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