

# Wagga Carnival of Cups

Advertising feature

## Saturday Night, March 8

### Country Star Adam Brand will shine on centre stage

WAGGA will showcase the best harness racing has to offer with some outstanding entertainment headlined by country music star Adam Brand on March 8.

Brand will perform between two races at Wagga's Carnival of Cups meeting next Saturday night where the date is ideally situated at the peak time of the season.

Wagga hasn't held a Carnival Of Cups since October, 2012, and last year packed the Showgrounds circuit when former *Australian Idol* runner-up Shannon Noll performed at a regular night meeting.

The Saturday night date in March before the football season commences is ideal for sports fans to take in one of the best local nights of harness racing they could hope to attend.

"We expect this to be the biggest meeting we have held for a few years because of the Saturday night date at this time of the year and also combined with the entertainment," Wagga Harness Racing Club chief executive Graeme White said. "Any sport these days is about putting on an event and not just a meeting and that is the aim of this night.

"We will have a lot of entertainment with a celebrity mini trotting race and free children's rides plus either eight or nine races.

"One racegoer will also win a \$1000 holiday voucher in a race book competition courtesy of the Wagga Harness Racing Club and Harvey World Travel."

Racing will start at 6pm where \$70,000 prizemoney will be distributed highlighted by the \$15,000 Ausmet Roofing Wagga Cup.

Ausmet Roofing boss Warwick Hay has been a sponsor for the past two years and won naming rights in September.

"I own a pacer myself and to sponsor the Cup is a big thrill -



Country singer Adam Brand with drivers Robbie Morris and Lauren Panella.

I'm really looking forward to the night," Hay said.

Well known businessman Gerry McCormick's Cottontail Winery and Restaurant will sponsor the \$10,000 Wagga Derby for three-year-olds.

"It's a nice race to be supporting and I'm sure it will be a very strong field with some nice horses racing," he said.

A new feature on the program is the \$10,000 Pat's Tyres & More Rising Stars for two-year-olds.

The race falls perfectly for two-year-olds being aimed at the Bathurst Gold Crown series later in the month.

There will also be an

Invitation Drivers race backed by ITP (Income Tax Professionals) where the winner will receive a free win with no penalty.

ITP franchisee Simon Rosengren will also support one of the three \$1000 bonuses being offered by Wagga, Albury and Young over the next few weeks.

"We wanted to support the everyday trainers who runs his horses each week and mightn't necessarily win, but is always there," he said.

There will also be a \$1000 prize for the best performed horse over the three Cups as well as a \$1000 prize for the leading Riverina trainer.



### Record a rarity

EVERY owner would love to have a horse like Frith and at Wagga next Saturday night the local champ will complete an exhibition workout between races.

Frith has a record very few horses can match in Australia - 22 wins, 4 2nds and 1 3rds from 28 starts for prizemoney of \$619,060.

The mare has won her past 12 starts and is the reigning NSW pacer of the year - a feat rarely achieved by a three-year-old filly.

Frith will work with a galloping pacemaker as she nears a return to racing for trainer-driver Bruce Harpley.

Her wins last season included the Western Australia Oaks, Victoria Oaks, Breeders Challenge, Breeders Crown and Bathurst Gold Tiara.

"She isn't far off another start and will come back on a pretty good handicap," Harpley said.

"She will work

along pretty well with another horse to keep her going."

Frith is a rarity not only for her record, but she was used for breeding purposes after her three-year-old campaign.

A surrogate mare carries the embryo from Frith with the foal to be born later this year.

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*Carnival of Cups*

**Saturday Night, March 8, 2014**

Featuring Country Music Star  
**ADAM BRAND**

**Free Children's Entertainment**

**\$10 Admission.**  
Children under 16: Free

**First race starts @ 6pm**

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