



2013 Harden Picnic Races



Past winners

2012 Three Buddies	2001 Abbadab
2011 Strike Me Happy	2000 Count Bobby
2010 Tha' Hab	1999 Norm's Bridle
2009 Pass It On	1998 Strictly Family
2008 Spirited Choice	1997 Gengabella
2007 No races due to El	1996 Chance Affair
2006 Black Comet	1995 Chance Affair
2005 Geemtree	1994 Cliche
2004 Breakaway	1993 Money Road
2003 Real Flyer	1992 Metu
2002 Big Agent	1991 Royal Glow
	1990 Charm Boy

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Paul and Emily O'Connor, along with Tim McMeekin and John Crawford of Elders present Bill Hayes (centre) with the Oxtan Park/Elders award as winner of race two at last year's races.



Jess Maher, left, congratulates Fashions In The Field winner Emily O'Connor at last year's Picnic Races.

THIS Saturday marks the 33rd running of the Harden Picnic Races with the first race meeting being held in 1980.

That meeting was started from scratch by a hard working committee.

Pat Brown was on that committee and he spent many Sundays out at racecourse with his family along with many others. Pat is still on the committee this year.

The cup in 1980 was fought out by Cootamundra gallopers with Bobby Bobtail the winner, trained by John Shoar, and Grecian Phoenix, trained by the late Ray Stevens, placed second.

The best horse to have possibly won the cup was Chance Affair, trained by David Middleton, as it won two Harden cups and a Wagga Cup.

One local racehorse owner with some recent success is predicting that former Harden trainer, Chris Heywood, who is now based in Wagga, will train three winners this Saturday. He has trained nine winners in the last four weeks and his son, 17-year-old Mick, rode his winner at Deniliquin last Saturday with Memphis Flash.

Chris Heywood has a horse in each race this year and has Maniago running in the cup.

Three Buddies, which won last year, is running again this year and is likely to attract support in Saturday's race.

And while the racing is the obvious highlight of the day, the Harden Picnic is also the 'must attend' social event on the local calendar.

The Harden Picnics are a great promotion for the Harden district and regularly draws great crowds.

At the 2012 meeting the crowd travelled from across the state, including Sydney, Southern Highlands, ACT, South Coast, Riverina, Central West and, locally, the South West Slopes.

Owners and trainers appreciate the strong competition and rich prize money on offer, including the \$7,000 Claas Harvest Centre Wagga, Harden Picnic Cup.

Sky Racing will provide television coverage of the MVRC Cox Plate meeting and all other metropolitan and provincial race meetings during the Picnics. Bookmakers and a tote will cover the local races as well as metropolitan races.

Many of the racegoers use the race meeting as an opportunity to celebrate family reunions, special birthdays and hens and bucks parties. With marquee bookings growing each year, there are more than 20 marquee bookings at this year's picnics.

The organising committee thanks local businesses for their marvelous support and making our Picnics possible. Major sponsors of this year's Picnics are: Claas Harvest Centre Wagga Wagga, Harden Fuel Supplies, Thompsons Rural Supplies, Oxtan Park Pty Ltd, Irving family, Brown family, ABC Freighters, Bringham Alpacas, FoodWorks Harden and Lube Alloy.

Nominations for Harden District Picnic Racing Cup Saturday October 26, 2013

HARDEN PICNIC CUP (1400 METRES)		5 LAUTREC	Chris Heywood	5 JESTA ROLLINGSTONE	Graeme Spackman
1 BENNY'S JET	Russell Hogan	6 MORTARMAN	Russell Hogan	6 MISS MAFASSA	Gino D'Altorio
2 CENTRAL ACT	Graeme Spackman	7 NECESSARY EVIL	Peter Kirby	7 SEA 'N' BELIEVE	Bernie Connell
3 COURTROOM DRAMA	Graham Grimmond	8 NORBERT	Rick Freyer	8 ST LEONSBELL	Rick Freyer
4 GOODFA	Paul Theobald	9 OUTLAW DACASH	Greg Gooch		
5 MANIAGO	Chris Heywood	10 PERFECT SIR	Richard Freyer	MAIDEN PLATE (1000 METRES)	
6 POINTING TO GOLD	Brad Witt	11 RIVERWINA PRINCE	Michael McRea	1 ALLIRA	Troy Lorback
7 SATURDAY TRADER	Norm Alchin	12 VI'S INTERVENTION	Kevin McLeod	2 JUST KARMA	Chris Heywood
8 SPICY LYRIC	Leslie Bryant			3 MINEIRO	Bruce Williams
9 THREE BUDDIES	Richard Freyer	CLASS B HANDICAP (1100 METRES)		4 RAFAELA'S AIM	Tricia Anderson
10 TRIBALI	Peter Kirby	1 HE'S TRUMPS	Dennis Bush	5 RIEUSSEC	Gino D'Altorio
11 URBANE VALOUR	Tricia Anderson	2 JUNE DON'T DALLY	Rodger Waters		
12 VOLATICUS	Scott Spackman	3 KID ALAPRIS	Kevin McLeod	MAIDEN PLATE (1300 METRES)	
13 WIND OF DUBAI	Leslie Bryant	4 MINT CONDITION	Chris Heywood	1 GEE FOR GEORGE	Tricia Anderson
14 ZAKYNTHOS PRIPECHO	George Dimitropoulos	5 PUMA KAYO	Rick Freyer	2 HAMMER'EM	Chris Heywood
		6 TRUCE SEEKER	Gino D'Altorio	3 OUTBACK WANDERER	Peter Kirby
				4 ROYALLA BEAU	Murray Irving
TROPHY HANDICAP (1100 METRES)				5 RUN FOR BRUCE	Rick Freyer
1 BATHYSTIAN	Paul Theobald	CLASS B HANDICAP (1400 METRES)		6 SARATON ROSE	Gino D'Altorio
2 EXCHANCELLOR	Rodger Waters	1 CARINDA GIRL	Paul Theobald	7 SHE'S MAID OF GOLD	Neil Osborne
3 NATREATI	Leslie Bryant	2 COOL AND COLLECTED	Chris Heywood	8 SOUTHERN ARENA	Vince Suraci
4 JESTA ROLLINGSTONE	Graeme Spackman	3 DOUBLE DISSOLUTION	Peter Kirby		
		4 GREENWICH GIRL	Tom Wilson		

Three Buddies 2012 cup victory



LEFT: Three Buddies, ridden by Tim Phillis, took out last year's Class Harvest Centre Wagga Wagga Harden Picnic Cup with the ringleader, ridden by Stuart Brown, coming second. Freudian, ridden by Paddy Kelly, came third.

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