



Danielle Cleary (centre), dressed by Queanbeyan Cup Fashions on the Field sponsor Debbie Maree's Fashion Boutique with daughters and junior Fashions entrants Charlise and Laila. **Photo:** Andrew Johnston

## Fashion to the fore

By Andrew Johnston

### ■ QUEANBEYAN CUP

LOCAL milliner and regular race goer Penelope Rosiak doesn't have too many hard and fast rules when it comes to Cup day fashions.

Aside from ensuring dresses are at least knee length or longer - with anything shorter representing a major racing fashion faux pas - Ms Rosiak says it's all about the individual.

"I think really what it comes down to is what you feel confident in and what makes you feel comfortable," she said. "In terms of colours, everyone is different. It's all about what makes you look amazing."

Ms Rosiak said budding fashionistas would do well to keep an eye on the fashions currently being flaunted by style icons like Jennifer Hawkins, Sarah Murdoch and Erica Packer for inspiration in finding the perfect race day outfit.

"This year in Sydney they seem to have been going for a lot of colour but I also noticed Megan Gale wearing black and white recently so there are so many different styles out there," Ms Rosiak said.

"For a statement piece a beautiful clutch purse and a stunning pair of shoes can really set of an outfit. Some nice black gloves are always a nice statement piece and of course a beautiful fascinator or hat."

Entries for this year's Queanbeyan Cup Fashions on the Field will be taken directly after race two at 2pm in the marquee next to the mounting yard.

Judging of the best juniors will take place directly after race three at 2.35pm, and Best Dressed Lady and Best Hat/Fascinator will be judged after race four at 3.10pm.

The main prize for best dressed lady will be a weekend package for two including accommodation and dinner at the Coachhouse Marina Resort in Batemans Bay.

## Hard to go past Al Ahmar

IT'S Queanbeyan Cup time once again and as always, Sunday is set to provide punters with a great day of racing.

In the day's marquee race, the \$40,000 Queanbeyan Cup, I can't go past the Barbara Joseph and Paul Jones trained Al Ahmar.

Drawing barrier 10 won't help its chances but it should be good enough to get across early and take home the biscuits. Mick Smith's Street Spirit looks the best of the local chances.

In race one, the Jerrabomberra Hotel Golden Bullet (1100m), the locally trained Smoke Alarm had a good run last start and wouldn't have to improve much to win this one.

In the Class 3 Handicap, Garry Clarke's Sahamar is almost the standout bet for the day first up from a spell.

Race three is the Signflair Maiden Plate (900m) and is anyone's guess. John Borham's Sir Lenny could be

a sneaky chance in this one, as could Myffy Rae's Pink.

The Benchmark 61 Handicap over 1600m will see the reigning Queanbeyan Horse of the Year Brasileiro Macho in action and despite a poor run last start, it should be too good in this one.

The story of race five, the Class 1 and Maiden Plate, is Murray Irving's Royalla Beau which will be backing up less than 24 hours after racing in Harden on Saturday.

The penultimate race on the day's program, the Class 3 Handicap (1460m) will see a strong local chance going round in the Joe Cleary trained Liberal's Knight.

That brings us to the final and what is shaping up as the best race of the program, the \$25,000 Thunderbolt Handicap over 1000m.

This one could see a local quinnella with Julia Ceely's Anything You Touch and Garry Clarke's Oh So Adorable both looking the goods.



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With fine weather expected for Sunday there's no excuse not to get down to the track this weekend for an afternoon of quality racing.

And as always, good punting.

*The Queanbeyan Cup will be held at Queanbeyan Racecourse, McCrae Street on Sunday. The first race of the meet's eight-race program will be at 1.25pm with the Cup itself to jump at 4.20pm.*

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**SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2013**

RACE 6: 2000M CLEARY CARPENTRY QUEANBEYAN CUP OPEN HCP

RACE 8: CARLTON MID THUNDER BOLT 1000M OPEN HCP

COUNTRY STYLE WINDOWS 1600M BM 65

GREG BURKE RACING MANAGEMENT 1460M CLASS 3

J.W.O'SULLIVAN 1100M CLASS 3

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL 1600M CLASS 1

JERRABOMBERRA HOTEL GOLDEN BULLET 3YO COUNTRY PLATE 1100M

SIGN FLAIR 900M MAIDEN [SW]

