

Celebrate the 2014 **Melbourne Cup** "Unmissable"



Prints will be popular on Cup day

By Joshua Paterson

EXPECT to see plenty of colourful prints about on Melbourne Cup with prints the current fashion trend among the ladies for race day according to Halie Elliott of All Things Wedding and Formal Glen Innes.

"Prints are going to be the biggest thing, bright colourful prints, floral and abstract prints are all very big at the moment, pinks, purples, and blues across the board are the most popular," she said.

Mrs Elliott said shiny clutch

purses and handbags will be matched up with bright fascinators to the ladies with the gents also looking to match their ties with the colour of choice of their partner on the day.

"In terms of fascinators and headwear bright colours teamed with blingy clutch bags are what the girls are going with."

"The guys are complementing colours with the girls this year, so bright coloured ties that match with or tie in with what their partners are wearing."

"Mostly long ties, little skinny ties are starting to come through again."

There will be plenty on offer

from the licenced venues on the day with Glen Innes and District Services Club holding a chicken and champagne luncheon for \$15 and they will also hold a fashions on the field competition and a fashion parade with Ms Elliot involved, with prizes for best dressed lady and man and best dressed hat, there will also be race themed giveaways during the day.

The New England club and Railway Tavern will also be holding luncheons.

All three will also hold Melbourne Cup Calcutta's prior to the cup with the Railway Tavern's on Sunday at 2pm and

Services Club and New England Club's on Monday. Both the Services Club and Railway Tavern will be open early for punters to place bets prior to the race.

Bright and blingy: Right; Halie Elliott of All Things Wedding and Formal Glen Innes with the type of fascinator and bag pairing which will be popular this year.



All the big name trainers eye off the Cup

GLEN Innes will stop alongside the rest of Australia on Tuesday November 4 for the race that grips a nation, the 2014 Melbourne Cup.

Pubs and clubs across town are expecting a busy afternoon with Glen Innes punters dressed in their best and celebrating Australia's greatest horse race.

If people aren't out and about on the day they are sure to be glued to their televisions or engrossed in their radio's come race time as the Cup continues to grow into arguably the biggest sporting event in the nation rivalling and perhaps even surpassing the popularity of the NRL and AFL grand finals.

At the time of going to press the field is yet to be confirmed but bookies had Japanese horse Admire Rakti as a 4.50 favourite. Recent group one winner Junoob will pay well and may be popular with pun-

ters with cup winning jockey Blake Shinn confirmed to ride.

If he is allowed a weight penalty Caravan Rolls On trained by Danny O'Brien could be the horse to back if recent form is anything to go by.

Champion trainer Gai Waterhouse is also said to be hard at work to get her entrant The Offer ready in time for a tilt at the cup.

At one stage earlier this year The Offer was an odds on favourite to win the cup after blitzing all comers in autumn's Sydney cup, but a poor run of form has seen the horse miss the placing's in its last four Melbourne starts.

Racing legend Bart Cummings will be keen to win yet another cup with his horse Whoshotthebarman.

The Chris Waller trained galloper is a strong chance of fending off the foreign horses to keep the cup in Australian hands. The ex-kiwi horse carries recent good form including two recent wins at Flemington into the race.

Sydney's premier Jockey James McDonald may also be one to watch

having switched Godolphin trained horses for the cup from Cavalryman to Willing Foe and the word out of the Godolphin camp is they believe Willing Foe to be the horse to bring the stable its first Melbourne Cup.

Fellow Sydney jockey Hugh Bowman is looking to ride Mutual Regard in the cup after appealing the severity of a recent improper riding charge.

The foreign raid on the cup continues this year with Admire Rakti potentially joined by fellow overseas trained horses Dandino, Protectionist, Amralah, Mutual Regard, and Red Cadeux.

Red Cadeux will be well backed after finishing as a runner up in two Melbourne cups which will be enough for many to believe the European horse can go one better in what will be his fourth straight Melbourne cup.

Place your bets: Below; Railway Tavern staff Gemma Cooke and Tori Liddle with betting tickets which will be popular at both the Railway Tavern and Glen Innes Services Club come cup day.



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