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Windfall puts race club on winner



Bishop's purple letter day

AT LAST!: Genieve Blackwell made history on Saturday as she was consecrated the state's first female Anglican Bishop in an elaborate ceremony at St Saviour's Cathedral. Photo: Darryl Fernance. See story page 3.

At a glance

- High Court decision puts initial \$100 million in Racing NSW coffers.
- Some \$50m will also be distributed annually to racing clubs, including Goulburn's.

level of the legal system.

At least \$100 million had accumulated in an escrowed bank account while the costly court-room actions played out.

Had the High Court agreed with the bookies in their final do-or-die effort to avoid paying the tax, the NSW racing industry would have been left severely wounded.

The resultant bleeding of life-saving funding would have quickly killed off a number of traditional small country race clubs, and caused many owners, breeders, trainers and other workers to quit the industry. This, in turn, would have hit regional and rural economies across the state.

Now, though, racing industry participants everywhere in NSW, and at every level, are rejoicing. They at last have certainty, and can see their way forward to a more economically-viable, expansionist future.

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By LEIGH BOTTRELL

G OULBURN will soon see community and wider regional economic benefits from Friday's landmark High Court ruling in favour of the NSW racing industry.

This long-awaited good news follows the court's unanimous decision that all betting operators taking bets on NSW races must pay Racing NSW a 1.5pc turnover tax.

Racing NSW was collecting this state government-mandated tax over the past four years, while the industry and bookies waged a drawn-out legal battle through every

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