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Bernie Hewitt- BEROCCA BERNIE (left) Chris Frisby trained Uncle Tony (right) (Image credit: The Creek Facebook)

## BATHURST TRAINERS AND DRIVERS MAKING THEIR MARK IN QUEENSLAND

For many years now, Bathurst trainers Bernie Hewitt, Chris Frisby, Nathan Hurst and members of the Turnbull clan have abandoned their hometown in the winter months to enjoy the warmth of the Queensland sun.

Again this year, Bernie, Chris, Nathan and Amanda have ventured north and been joined by the younger brigade Phoebe Betts, Olivia Frisby and Justin Reynolds.

In the month of June, these six

horsemen and women have won 22 races between them. This amounts to almost \$115,000 going into the pockets of those winning owners.

Justin Reynolds, who has now driven the winners of over \$2.1 million in a relatively short career, chimed in on 29th and 30th June, while steering home three winners for trainer Bernie Hewitt – Rocky Leigh, Same Old Devil and Dolly Rocket.

Our Bathurst boys and girls will no doubt be calling Qld home

for the month of July as well, so we wish them and their horses more success in sending some Qld dollars back to Bathurst.

The winning horses for each trainer have been:

### **Olivia Frisby-**

Dusty Muster (4 wins)

Judah Rex

Barlor Heaven

### **Phoebe Betts-**

Take Out

Bozzano

Straightnarrow (2 wins)

Fifty Three Stars

Bohemian

### **Amanda Turnbull-**

Baby Your The One

Shez Sweet Louise

### **Bernie Hewitt-**

Sweet On Lexy

Jungle Dragon

Ohoka Dream

Same Old Devil

Rocky Leigh

Red Bull Bernie

Dolly Rocket

### **Chris Frisby-**

Scruffy

Uncle Tony



Nathan Hurst driving ROCKING SWEET to a close 2nd.  
(Image credit: Dan Costello)



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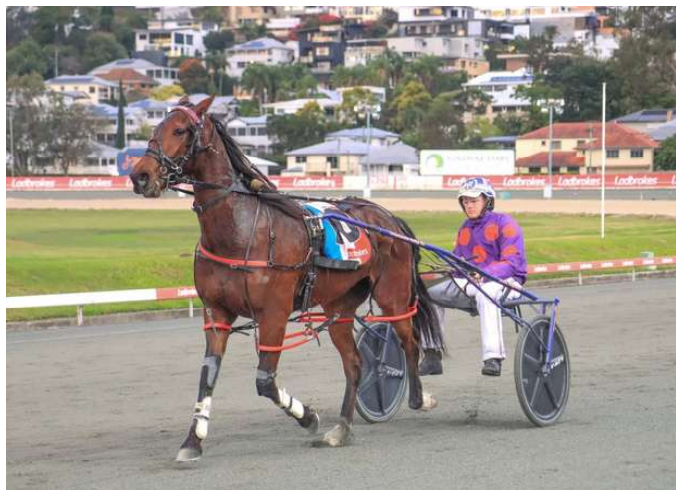


Olivia Frisby-  
DUSTY MUSTER

(Image credit: Dan Costello/  
The Creek Facebook)



Amanda Turnbull-  
BABY YOUR THE ONE



Justin Reynolds-  
DOLLY ROCKET



Phoebe Betts-  
STRAIGHTNARROW

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## Carnival of Cups returns to Bathurst

Harness Racing New South Wales has announced the locations of the 2026/27 Carnival of Cups. Bathurst has been named as host for the Western Region. The meeting will take place on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

As the Carnival of Cups enters the fourth season since the rebrand, HRNSW also announced via a media release 30/06/26 changes to the CoC prize money.

“In a major boost for participants and racing fans alike, Harness Racing New South Wales has increased

the feature race at each Carnival of Cups stop to \$100,000, ensuring the country’s best horses and participants are attracted to the series while showcasing elite racing in front of the Carnival’s large crowds.”



Captains Knock – winner of the Gold Rush Cup for trainer/driver Brad Hewitt (Image credit: Coffee Photography)

### Carnival of Cups dates

Wagga Wagga- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2026

Bathurst- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026

Newcastle- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027

Penrith- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027

Albury- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2027

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## SPONSOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hynash Civil Construction | Demolition and Asbestos Removal | Maintenance | Heavy Haulage. Image above: Bathurst track under construction

This month, Bathurst Harness Racing Club is pleased to place the spotlight on Hynash, a Bathurst-based business with a long-standing connection to development across the Central West, and a particularly tangible connection to our own racing complex, which is quite literally beneath our feet being one of its completed projects.

At the helm of Hynash is Director Phillip Hewitt, who has been part of the Hynash Group for more than 17 years. Phillip has owned and operated Hynash as its Director since early 2011, bringing extensive company knowledge and practical industry experience to the business. His progression from a long-serving member of the organisation to its owner and Director reflects the continuity, local knowledge and hands-on leadership behind Hynash's work. Hynash specialises in civil construction, demolition and asbestos removal, infrastructure and facilities maintenance, and heavy haulage. From residential developments and road construction to major earthworks and infrastructure projects, they have been helping build Bathurst from the ground up. Other projects include residential developments such as Marsden Heights Estate and Eglinton 100, along with the Gilmore Street Levee and a range of civil construction and infrastructure works.



### WHAT'S COMING UP!

**JULY:** Meat Raffles-  
1/7/26

Members badge draw-  
8/7/26

**AUGUST:** Meat raffle-  
5/8/26

Members badge draw-  
12/8/26

Nutrien Sale race

HEATS- 19/8/26

Nutrien Sale race FINAL-  
26/8/26

**SEPTEMBER:** Meat  
raffle- 2/9/26

Members badge draw-  
9/9/27

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Image above: Phil Hewitt

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We encourage our members, participants and supporters to consider the businesses that support regional racing and the Bathurst community.

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## CALLING IT- WITH BK

“ We asked BK what horses we should follow this month; heres what he had to say...

**STAY LUCKY:** This progressive filly had her first run at the Bathurst track on the 1<sup>st</sup> July and was impressive to the eye after settling well back inside of runners and taking a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> place at her first look at a 1000m track since her first start in June of last year. Under the astute tutelage of Mat Rue, this filly has seen her recent record transform to now sit at two wins and a minor placing from three goes in her new surroundings at Canowindra and seemingly has a bright future ahead. Amongst the ownership, long-term

participants Gary and Sue Thorncaft, Ross Higgins former HRNSW board member and Joanne Andersen a large commercial breeder who is well respected amongst the entire industry.

**SEASIDER:** This Amanda Turnbull trained son of Downbytheseaside was superb in the Group 1 Rising Sun and returned 4<sup>th</sup> beaten under 12m by the flying machine Captains Mistress. Returning a last mile of 1.51.3, his development and quality has continued to shine through since annexing the Western Region

Championships and Wagga 4&5YO Entires and Geldings Listed Classics. Despite not making the Interdominion Grand Final nor racing in the 4YO Championship on July 11<sup>th</sup>, this horse will no doubt have a busy second half of the year with races such as the NSW Breeders Challenge 4YO series, last contested by the Turnbull family by Allstarzzz Frankie and Saint Veran in 2023, some of our weekly competitors of our open class races at Bathurst, as a likely target for further group level success.



STAY LUCKY - Trained by: Mat Rue  
Driven by: Blake Medlyn  
(Image credit: Coffee Photography)



SEASIDER - Trained by: Amanda Turnbull  
Driven by: Ashleigh Delosa  
(Image credit: Coffee Photography)





Leap To Fame winning the 2025 Inter Dominion final. (Image credit: Darren Clayton)

## INTER DOMINION TRIVIA

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the grand final of the 2026 edition of the Inter Dominion Series will be conducted at Albion Park in Brisbane. The Inter Dominion commenced 90 years ago in 1936 at Gloucester Park in Perth and remains today as the pinnacle of Harness Racing achievement in the Southern Hemisphere.

The first Inter Dominion Series was won by the Tasmanian bred stallion Logan Derby, who defeated another Tasmanian horse, the mare Evicus, to etch his name into the Harness Racing history books. The Inter Dominion Series is a test of courage, speed and soundness, so the colour of the horse is irrelevant when it comes to collecting the winner's trophy.

The first chestnut horse to taste grand final success, was the 9-year-old gelding Grand Mogul, in 1940 at Gloucester Park. At the Melbourne Showgrounds, in 1959, South Aussie 4-year-old stallion Young Pedro was a victor for trainer and reinsman Leo Hunt.

Another 23 years passed by before the SA Bred gelding Rhetts Law led from pillar to post at Gloucester Park in 1982. Rhetts Law was owned by prominent WA racing identity Russell Roberts, who also owned the champion pacer Pure Steel – the best horse in the land to never win an Inter Dominion final.

This was the era of chestnut domination as the following 2 years, the champion from Terang in southwest Victoria, the mighty Gammalite, reigned supreme for owner and trainer Leo O'Connor.

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**Only five chestnut horses have won a pacers final.**

His first win came in 1983 at Alexandra Park in Auckland when defeating Popular Alm and then he trucked to Globe Derby Park in Adelaide the following year to again defeat a Bob Knight trained horse.

It then took another 38 years before I Cast No Shadow, the NZ bred horse was a surprise winner at Melton in 2022.



Gammalite wins the 1983 Inter Dominion Final in Auckland (Image credit: © Copyright Harness Racing Australia Inc)



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## Five pacing females have been too good for the boys.

The Inter Dominion Series which is run with 3 heats and a final in the space of 14 days is a real test of courage, stamina and horsemanship, so it does take a special mare to dominate the boys.

The Tasmanian mare Bandbox was the first to achieve success in 1947 at Gloucester Park in Perth. She later gained further recognition as the granddam of the champion WA pacer Pure Steel.

The Kiwi champion Robin Dundee was the second mare to write her name into the record books in 1965, although she had to share the glory with another Kiwi pacer Jay Ar. The judge that night at Forbury Park in Dunedin was unable to separate the two outstanding pacers.

The Maryborough, Victorian mare Richmond Lass followed on just 4 years later to take the

Inter Dominion trophy from the Wayville track in Adelaide in 1969. She was a comfortable 6 yards winner for trainer Jack Moore.

This was the era of some great mares. In 1971 the NZ bred and owned mare Stella Frost won in a close finish over Manaroa. This was also a controversial final at Addington in Christchurch as the first horse across the finish line, Juniors Image, was later disqualified after returning a positive swab. The last mare to win Inter Dominion success is now some 37 years ago when Jodies Babe had a neck to spare for young Victorian reinsman Scotty Stewart. The first two placegetters were trained by Kilmore horseman Bob Knight. The trophy presentation could have been highly memorable after some jostling between two owners almost put the Governor's wife on the deck.



Lazarus 2017 (Image credit: Harness.org)

## Five stallions have quelled the pacers finals.

It is the sign of an outstanding stallion to have multiple runners in Inter Dominion finals, but it takes a very special stallion to sire both the winner and runner up in the same year. Over the 90-year history of the Inter Dominions just five stallions have achieved this feat and for four of them, it isn't a surprise. However, in 2022 there was a somewhat surprise result.

So here are those Five Stallions [three of which have quelled the result on two occasions].

**Globe Derby** 1936 Gloucester Park- Logan Derby and Evicus. 1939 at Launceston- Springfield Globe and Globe Dorell.

**Light Brigade** 1951 at Addington- Vedette and Soangetaha.

**Vance Hanover** 1991 at Alexandra Park- Mark Hanover and Christopher Vance.

1999 at Alexandra Park- Our Sir Vancelot and Iraklis.

**Bettors Delight** 2015 at Menangle- Beautide and Flaming Flutter. 2017 at Gloucester Park- Lazarus and Chicago Bull.

**Shadow Play** 2022 at Melton- I Cast No Shadow and Torrid Saint.

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Bandbox 1947 (Image credit: Harness.org)

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