

# WALLER WEEKLY NEWS

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Coup Ay Tee snatches the Listed Winter Challenge from stable-mate Bayrir.

Three winners plus a few hard luck stories saw a super start to the 2013-2014 racing season for the stable at Rosehill on Saturday. It was nice to kick off with great results and reassure ourselves that we're on track for another exciting 12 months.

The week started with a big Monday morning, having a big team of horses trial at Rosehill including some stars in Shoot Out, Royal Descent, Sacred Falls, Beaten Up, Foreteller and Zoustar to name a few. All horses preformed well and more importantly, pulled up well and are on track for their spring targets.

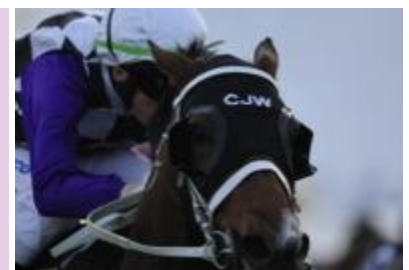
'The Star' provided a top venue to celebrate the past season at the NSW Racehorse Owners Awards dinner with Chris, Foreteller, Red Tracer and foreman Glenn Barnes officially recognized as award recipients on the night.

This weekend we head into Randwick with another good team including Eigelstein who will be looking to make it three on end. Earlier in the week, Berrimilla made the trip south and looks a strong chance at Flemington along with Eliza Blues. [Click here](#) for this week's video preview and visit [www.cwallerracing.com](http://www.cwallerracing.com) for full fields and form.

**Wishing you all a safe and successful weekend, the team at Chris Waller Racing.**

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## VELROSSO

The stars aligned for Velrosso on Saturday at Rosehill – we had the perfect track, he was fresh up, had a good draw and was aided by a good ride from Jim Cassidy. He sprinted home strongly off a slow tempo to add further merit to the performance of the noted back-marker. With Jim Cassidy commenting that he's the best he's felt him, the talented son of General Nediym is now likely to head to another 1200m race at Rosehill on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

## COUP AY TEE

Throwing caution to the wind paid off for Coup Ay Tee and Jason Collett, diving through a precarious gap at the 50m mark to win the Listed Winter Stakes at Rosehill. Bred and owned by Ray and Jill Coupland, it was a very Kiwi affair with the options for the 6yo's next race being a 1400m race at Rosehill on the 17<sup>th</sup> or the Hawkesbury Cup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> over 1600m. Also pleasing out of the race was the Australian debut of Bayrir with Hugh Bowman commenting that he had an exceptional will to win, fighting off Kinnersley before Coup Aye Tee burst out of nowhere to snatch the victory. His next outing is being decided between the Hawkesbury Cup and a Listed 1800m event at Rosehill on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

## SACRED FLYER

Glyn Schofield and Raffles Racing's Sacred Flyer made it back to back wins at Rosehill on Saturday. Letting down strongly over the concluding stages, he has more than rewarded his owners and our staff who have patiently brought him back to hand having suffered a tendon injury 18 months ago. He is likely to step out over 2200m at Warwick Farm on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August with his long-range target being the Wyong Cup. The 24<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day for his connections, Raffles Racing, who should have two runners on the day with Doncaster winning colt Sacred Falls set to resume there in the Warwick Stakes.

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Velrosso



Coup Ay Tee



Sacred Flyer



Christy Johns with Chris and Stephanie at the NSWROA Awards.



Velrosso & connections.



## NSWROA AWARDS FIVE TO WALLER STABLE

Last night we celebrated the State's best of the 2012-13 racing season with five awards taken home by the stable on the night.

With the tragic loss of jockey Simone Montgomery earlier in the week, heartfelt speeches and comradery was the order of the night. Red Tracer and Foreteller were rewarded for their consistency winning the Inglis Queen of the Autumn and New Zealand Bloodstock Middle Distance Horse of the Year titles respectively. Chris accepted his third successive TJ Smith Award for winning the trainer's premiership and Bart Cummings Medal. [Read more...](#)



## GLENN BARNES NSW STRAPPER OF THE YEAR

The whole team at CWR were elated to learn that one of the most-deserving members of our staff was recognised at the NSWROA Racing Awards as Strapper of the Year.

Having been with the stable since the April 2009, Glenn is incredibly dedicated and never leaves a stone unturned when it comes to the care of our horses. Often the last to leave, nothing is ever a problem for the softly-spoken boy from Moerewa in New Zealand who set out working in a bank before swapping suits for work boots to following his passion for racing.



Glenn & Runhardasun.

## TO GELD OR NOT TO GELD?

It's a regular dilemma in a racing stable and one that brings to a halt any trainers and owners dreams of having the next big thing on the stallion scene. With that in mind, it's never a decision taken lightly by Chris or the staff and by the time we approach owners for consent, it's our last resort.

### Reasons for gelding

- **Physiological** - high levels of testosterone promote extra muscle development, including a 'crest' along the top of the horse's neck and also thickening through the shoulders. This in turn creates a lot of extra pressure on the horse's front end when in motion. With shin soreness a developmental issue with any young horse, this is exacerbated by being heavy in front.
- The other odd thing that can happen is that, with the inconvenient positioning of the testicles between the horse's back legs, they can pinch sometimes when galloping, making the horse reluctant to fully stretch out. Usually a bit of baby oil applied by a lucky strapper helps avoid this however it depends on the horse.
- **Behavioral** – like most males, the extra testosterone can get them feeling pretty 'fresh' and all of that pent up energy can turn into a pretty testy horse to deal with. Some of these horses can become a danger to themselves, other horses and most importantly our staff and jockeys. The gelding process is a routine procedure performed with general and local anesthetic. Normal recovery usually only takes days.

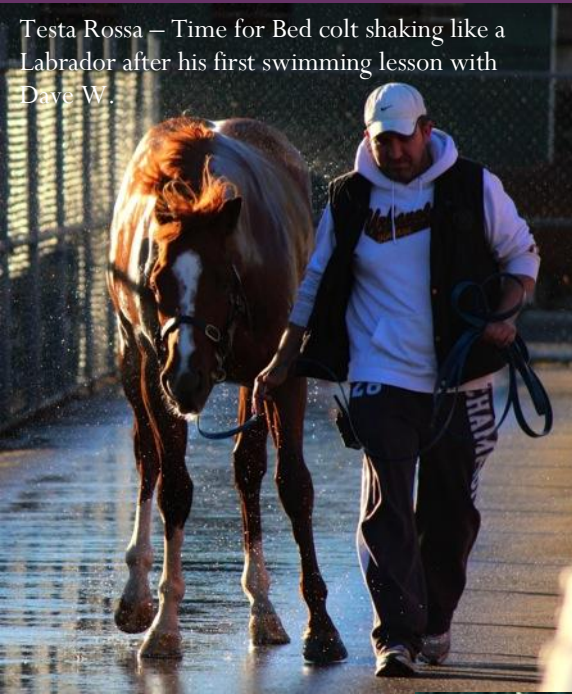


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CHRIS WALLER RACING

Testa Rossa – Time for Bed colt shaking like a Labrador after his first swimming lesson with Dave W.



Tim giving Vilanova a pick of grass.



Danielle (NZ) & Beaten Up.



Redoute's Choice – Wiener colt.



Satish & the Fastnet Rock – Gold Chant filly.



Rob & Rhamdani.



Danielle (NZ) & Champagne Cath.



Chris H & Shoot Out's (big) little brother hit the showers at Rosehill for the first time.

