

# WALLER WEEKLY NEWS

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Apart from being surrounded by horses daily, another enjoyable part of being involved with Chris Waller Racing is meeting our owners on race day, hearing their stories and sharing the ups and downs on the racing rollercoaster. This week Hawkspur provided a perfect example of a great bunch of people who have buckled up, sat tight and enjoyed the ride. From long-time racing people to having never stepped on a track, their journey has culminated in their horse stringing together a hat-trick of stakes wins recently including Saturday's Group 1 Queensland Derby.

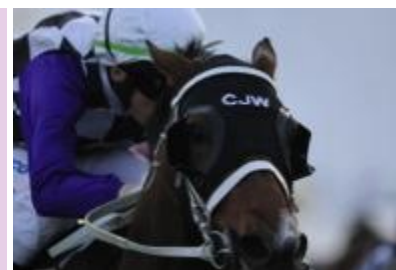
Hawkspur also provided the stable with its eighth Group 1 victory of the season to see Chris the leading Australian Group 1 winning trainer this season. This feat is made even more remarkable being that it's shared between seven different horses with Shoot Out the only one to secure two. For a full list of the stables Group 1 winners [click here](#).

Chris was recently quoted as saying that the leading Group 1 accolade to him would mean more than breaking the record for the most Sydney winners. With just seven more to go, both look to have been clinched and are just rewards for the years of hard work, careful planning and sacrifice that's gone into the operation and we look forward to sharing the ongoing success of the stable with our staff and owners alike. This week we have runners in all eight races at Rosehill - [Click here](#) for this week's video preview. For a full list of runners and form, see the [homepage of the website](#).

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

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## HOW WE GOT TO HAWKSPUR

Rather than giving you the normal post-race run down, we thought it would be interesting to hear from some of Hawkspur's owners about their experiences with their Derby winner. Hawkspur was bred by co-owners David Puglisi (who raced his sire Purrealist) and Tony Muollo (who owns his dam Mollyhawk) with business associates Tony Ristevski and Emil Spoljar joining the team along the way.

### David Puglisi

Back in 2006 David visited Tony Santic who, both in the Tuna business, had offices near each other. Over a coffee and cigarette, Tony showed David photos of a colt by Tail of the Cat he has just brought. Not being much of a shopper and with wife Lynlea's birthday coming up, a 10% share for her birthday was purchased.

"In 2006 I lost my youngest brother to stomach cancer so we decided to get away with our kids and live in Italy for a year. The colt I named Purrealist began racing so we listened by phone to some races. He was one of the favourites for the Caulfield Guineas along with Weekend Hustler so we were heading home after nine months away to be there. We watched him win the Guineas Prelude by Skype from Dubai but he broke down soon after and was later set for the Cadbury Guineas but broke down again. Then he was retired to stand at Makybe in Victoria. I was then introduced to Tony Muollo by my cousin and we decided to join forces and breed with two of his mares in Mollyhawk and Sad Eyed Lady. This resulted in Hawkspur and we since have bred a full-sister and more recent a really nice strong colt who we have retained to race. Mollyhawk will return to Purrealist this year."

### Tony Ristevski

Tony describes himself as the average person who would occasionally have a bet however a conversation with fellow owner Tony Muollo, who is a client of ours Tony's at All Cargo Logistics, changed all of that. Knowing that good horses are few and far between, in the early days he was just happy to have a horse that made it to the track. After coming close on many occasions his first win came after his tenth start at Newcastle and this was the only race he wasn't there for, luckily he won his next start at Rosehill and Tony had the pleasure of witnessing the win with my wife Suza and children Lucas and Kayla.

Said Tony of his experience so far "Going to the races and cheering your horse on is one of the most amazing feelings anyone can experience. To win the Queensland Derby on the weekend and be able to share the memories with family and friends, I could honestly say it does not get better than that and my feet have still not touched the ground. I must be one of the luckiest owners ever to be able to say that this is my first racehorse and that I am now one of the proud owners of a Group 1 winner."

"I am very grateful to fellow owners Tony Muollo and David Puglisi who gave me the opportunity to be part of this horse that they bred and would like to thank you everyone at CWR – you all do a fabulous job and have made my experience as a first racehorse owner most enjoyable and rewarding."

### Emil Spoljar

Having never stepped foot on a racetrack and with Melbourne Cup sweeps his only racing experience, Emil was informed by business partner Tony Ristevski that he'd bought a share in a horse. A renowned practical joker, Emil didn't realise Tony was serious until a transfer of ownership form arrived for signing along with an invoice. Emil's wife, Christine, is a horse lover from way back so she was delighted – as were his daughters Alicia and Natalie.

Said Emil "Given my somewhat unusual introduction to horse ownership I can now honestly say that it has been a totally thrilling experience for both my wife and myself. It took some time to sink in what a special horse Hawkspur is - the races that he has been in and the wins that he has had in such a short time, some owners may never experience in a lifetime. It is a wonderful journey and as David Puglisi told us, "It is an interest that has taken us to so many places and met so many people that we would never have had the opportunity to do otherwise". I can now greatly appreciate the care, attention and training of Chris Waller and all of the staff at the stables and the skill of the jockeys that go to creating a champion racehorse."





## RED TRACER

Overcoming her wide barrier in the expert hands of Nash Rawiller, Red Tracer took out the Group 2 Dane Ripper for the second year running. She now heads to the Tatt's Tiara next weekend, with the daughter of Dane Shadow looking to secure that elusive Group 1 win.

## MORIARTY

Another wide barrier and a masterful ride by Nash Rawiller saw the stable secure the time-honored Group 2 Brisbane Cup. In typical Moriarty style, he quickened brilliantly and ran on in the straight for a decisive 1-length victory. He is now spelling in Queensland before coming back for a tilt at the spring's second tier staying races.

## SHES CLEAN

Adding more black-type to her page, the well-named She's Clean (who I out of 'Feather Duster') and Jason Collett combined again at Randwick to secure their second win in a row within a fortnight. The daughter of Redoute's Choice now heads to Queensland this week for the big step up to Group 1 level in the Tatt's Tiara.

## MADAM NASH

Relishing being out in front, Madam Nash gave her rivals a galloping lesson as she bowled along at Randwick on Saturday in the hands of Glyn Schofield. Stretching her lead to up to 12 lengths, she sustained her gallop to win by 3 lengths at the line. Multiple options are available for the daughter of Flying Spur so over the next week Chris will make a decision as to where she heads next.

## FULGUR

From our latest batch of imports, Fulgur continued to reward his owners and made it back to back wins at Flemington over 1700m on Saturday with another tough display from the son of High Chaparral. Relishing his racing and pulling up well, he is likely to run one more time at Flemington over a mile in 2 weeks before heading for a spell.

## CAESARS PRINCESS

On a testing track at Warwick Farm on Wednesday, Caesar's Princess laughed at those who tipped the fitter horses to be on top on the day. Resuming racing and described as 'as big as a house' she produced a surprise win and now sets her sights on a 1200m race at Rosehill in early July.

**Many thanks to Ross Stevenson for the Queensland photos, Bradley Photographers for Sydney and Bruno Cannatelli for Melbourne.**

**To see more photos from the carnival and around the stables, visit the [Chris Waller racing Facebook Page](#).**





## WHAT CHANGES IN THE WINTER MONTHS?

With winter well and truly here, there are a few things we do with the horses to help them cope with the colder, wetter conditions.

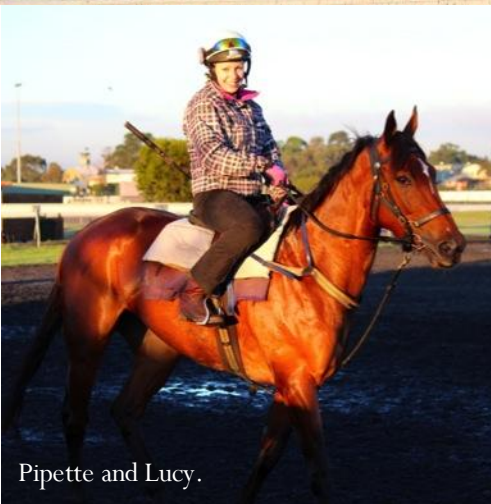
With the wetter conditions underfoot, particular attention is paid to the horse's feet as certain bacterial and fungal infections can develop. Also more common are foot abscesses and so particular attention is paid to cleaning the hooves and making sure no small stones are wedged in shoes.

For the last few weeks head foreperson Annie Trollope and her trusty helpers have been busy working through clipping the horses that are racing or trialing and have sprung their winter coats. Clipping keeps the horses a bit cooler when they're working and also speeds up the drying off process after they've worked. Once a horse is clipped, they wear an extra rug to make up for their lost hard. The arduous task of clipping takes on average an hour per horse and is aided by them being mildly sedated. Pictured below are before, during and after photos one of the hairiest characters to be clipped yet – I'm Imposing.

At this time of year, we also have our first batches of youngsters (also pictured below) coming through the stable so next week we'll look at how Chris approaches showing them the ropes and introducing them to the hustle bustle of Rosehill racecourse.



Follow the leader – yearlings having their first look around Rosehill.



Pipette and Lucy.



Post-work pit crew un-tacking.



Oompa-Loompa and Sarah.