



WAGGA GOLD CUP CARNIVAL SUCCESS

The Wagga Wagga Gold Cup Carnival was an overwhelming success with record bookmaker and TAB turnover on both days, totalling over \$5.5 million. There were 42 bookmakers on course and many leading trainers and jockeys supported the meeting. Koorungal Stud horses raced very well with **Fubu's Image** winning his 6th race when successful in the Ratings 72, 1000 metre event, which was a great effort carrying top weight. It also gave leading Wagga based trainer Trevor Sutherland a winning double. **Balmont** ran a very close 2nd in the Murrumbidgee Guineas going down a head to Relentless Lad.

It is encouraging to note that punters still have the willingness to bet if they have confidence in the condition of the track and are happy with the quality of horses, jockeys and trainers that are in attendance.

There is always good form to come out of a Wagga Cup carnival and the Cup winner **Macknuckle** will be running in the Brisbane Cup following on from his great 3rd at Doomben last week. His dam Knucklemania has a weanling colt by Bureaucracy who is a lovely type. Goulburn trainer Danny Williams had a great carnival and from six starters, got four winners and two placegetters. The Town Plate winner **Wasted Emotion** is a classy galloper and I am sure will have another good win in the near future.

PASTURES AND CROPS SOWN

Much of our sowing is complete and our cereal crops are now well out of the ground. Recent rains have been well timed to give the seedlings a much needed moisture boost and looks to have set us up for some great feed this spring. Oats and ryegrass have been sown for the mare and foal paddocks, as well as undersowing our existing lucerne pastures with oats to give the weanlings a thicker pasture and more variety. Some final lucerne paddocks are yet to be sown, but will provide spellers and yearlings, and some mare and foal paddocks, with year round feed. 300 acres of oats have also been sown for harvesting grain and cutting hay in late Spring.

MARES UNDER LIGHTS

Now is the time to start thinking about planning your mare's 2009 season, and as always we will begin running our dry mares under lights from mid-July until early September. The equine breeding season is dependent upon an increase in the number of daylight hours, so placing your dry mare under lights enables her to be reproductively cycling and more likely to conceive from a September mating than a mare in natural conditions, thus resulting in an early foal.

Our program involves feeding the mares in one of our secure yard complexes at 4.30pm, when the lights are activated. The lights automatically switch off at 10.30pm, and an electronically controlled gate is opened at 10.45pm, which allows the mares' eyes to adjust before wandering out into their paddock. If you would like us to include your mare in our program, or if you have any questions, please give Stuart or Angus a call.

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