

MAY 2011



GEELONG RACING CLUB  
ON TRACK

# CEO REPORT



Dear Member,

As we approach the end of another financial year, I would like to thank all members for their support over the past 12 months.

I am pleased to inform you the Club is heading towards another profit in 2010/2011. This will be our 9th consecutive profit, the first time this has occurred in the Club's 146 year history.

We are extremely pleased with today's announcement by the Minister for Racing, the Hon. Denis Napthine that the State Government has committed \$31,000 towards the cost of developing a concept Master Plan for the Geelong Racecourse Reserve. A key component of this Master Plan will be the relocation of the Haworth Court Training operations to the Racecourse Training Precinct.

Racing Victoria Limited have called for tenders for the Club's new Race Day Horse Stall Project. Permits have been issued by the relevant authorities, so hopefully this project will begin in the near future.

Members who have attended one of our recent Race Meetings would have noted the Bookmakers have been relocated to the Dual Choice Room. They will be located in this room for all of our meetings during the colder months. The Club has made significant improvements to this room so on-course

patrons can enjoy our winter race days in relative comfort.

The feedback from on course punters since the relocation has been extremely positive.

After 12 months of operation the Club's storm water harvesting project has exceeded expectations. The results indicate that this project will be extremely beneficial the next time we experience a period of low rain fall.

With the 2011 Centrebet Geelong Cup just around the corner, the Club is investigating ways to improve the quality of the race program on our biggest day. We are currently in discussion with the industry in relation to conducting another feature race in addition to the Geelong Cup, Geelong Classic and Dual Choice Plate.

I would like to welcome Melanie Savage to the team of the Geelong Racing Club. Melanie brings significant expertise and experience with a background in Racing and Event Management and will prove to be a valuable asset to the Club.

As we welcome a new member of staff we say goodbye to track work supervisor Warren Roper.

Warren will retire in September after more than 36 years of fantastic service to the Geelong Racing Club.

We thank Warren for his loyalty and dedication to the Club after such a long period.

It has been great to see local Geelong trainers having a run of success.

Heath Conners' Stable has had a high number of winners in recent times. His well bred filly 'Fashion' won a Saturday race at Caulfield in April before being Black Type placed in the Laelia Stakes at Morphettville on the 8th May. We wish Heath all the best as he travels the filly to the Brisbane Winter Carnival in search of an elusive Black Type win.

Jason Clifford, a recent addition to the local training ranks, trained his first winner out of his new Haworth Court stables at our Friday 20th May race meeting. Jason recently moved from Seven Mile Beach in Tasmania and we hope there are many winners on the horizon.

Local trainers Sonny Coombes, Craig Conron, Kelvin Bourke, Vin Malady, Niall Phillips, Sheila Arnold, Michael and Don Roebuck, Don Campbell, Tim Cain, Ricky Pike, Kath Durden, Glen Thornton and Tony Parker have also tasted recent success.

Long may this continue.

I look forward to seeing members at one of our upcoming race meetings.

**Paul Carroll**  
Chief Executive Officer



# 2011 Centrebet Geelong Cup

**Race Day Packages are now available.**

**Call the office on 5229-4414 or  
visit [www.grc.com.au](http://www.grc.com.au) for more information.**

## 2011/2012 Members Renewal

**Members Renewal Application forms will be sent  
out in the next few weeks.**

### Getting to Know.....

#### Paul Bongiorno



*Paul joined the GRC Board in 2007 and later became Treasurer. He took over the Presidency in August 2010.*

*As President, Paul sees his role as one who facilitates effective governance of the Club by chairing Board*

*meetings, maintaining a strong level of communication between the Board and with Club Executives, and generally ensuring the Club continues to be successful, complies with its Constitution, and delivers appropriate benefits to its members.*

*Outside of the Racing Club Paul is a Chartered Accountant and Partner in small local practice MacMillan Cowan & Co.*

*His other passions include Racing, breeding, golf, the Geelong Football Club, jogging, my son's soccer, my daughter's netball.*

*Paul is married to Carmel and has two children; daughter Maxi (15) and son Oscar (13).*

#### Eric Faulkner



*Eric has been practising as a lawyer for nearly 40 years and has operated as a sole practitioner in Geelong for more than 30 years.*

*He has resided in Geelong for most of his life completing both his primary and secondary education in the area.*

*Eric's interests include horse racing and following the local and AFL Football.*

*He has been a member of the Geelong Racing Club Board for more than 7 years.*

*Eric is married to Diane and they have 3 children; Scott, Andrew and Kim.*

#### Michael Jennings



*Michael is a local builder who joined the Board in 1999. He was President from 2006-2009.*

*His building expertise is of great assistance to the Club especially over recent times when a significant number of projects have taken place.*

*He owned the famous St Albans Stud which he recently sold. Michael was particularly proud of the restoration he undertook to the homestead, whilst residing at the property.*

*Michael is a passionate historian who has a large collection of racing memorabilia and antique books.*

# JOHN DUNNE'S CORNER

## Message from JD

THE Club is currently in negotiations with our major sponsor Centrebet regarding an exciting exclusive offer for Geelong Racing Club members.

Centrebet have offered to pay the annual membership of each member who opens a Centrebet account and places a bet equivalent to the cost of their membership.

Members will be notified of further details in the June E-Bulletin which will be emailed to each of you who have supplied the Club with your email address.

The Club is delighted to announce that Geelong's own Mr Paparazzi, Darryn Lyons, will perform the role as the male ambassador for this year's Centrebet Geelong Cup.

As a weekly columnist in the Geelong Advertiser, Lyons is sure to keep the general public up to date with all the latest news leading up to this year's big day.

The Geelong Advertiser will conduct a competition to find the Female Face of the Cup in July and the winner will be announced in August.

As predominantly a Friday afternoon race club, we are well placed to conduct industry theme race days.

In August last year we re introduced a Publicans Race Day which appears set to expand into a bigger event this year.

On Friday 22 July the club will stage the second annual Jai Roderick Memorial Race Day, a day in which the insurance industry of Geelong come together to celebrate the life of a former member whose life was cut tragically short three years ago.

Also in July we plan to stage our inaugural Real Estate Race Day which gives the local real estate industry the opportunity to come together socially for A Day at the Races.



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**NEW**

THE GEELONG RACING CLUB WILL BE PRODUCING A MONTHLY **e-BULLETIN** TO BE SENT VIA EMAIL (ONLY) TO ALL MEMBERS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE MAILING LIST PLEASE PROVIDE MEL IN THE OFFICE WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

Phone: 5229 4414 or

Email: [m.savage@geelong.countryracing.com.au](mailto:m.savage@geelong.countryracing.com.au)

(The Members quarterly Newsletter will continue)

**JUNE**

Friday 3rd  
Friday 9th  
Friday 17th  
Friday 24th

**SEPTEMBER**

Friday 2nd  
Friday 9th  
Friday 16th  
Friday 30th

**JULY**

Friday 1st  
Friday 8th  
Friday 15th  
Friday 22nd  
Friday 29th

**OCTOBER**

Wednesday 19th  
**Centrebet Geelong Cup**

**NOVEMBER**

Sunday 13th  
**Ladies Day**

**AUGUST**

Tuesday 2nd  
Friday 5th  
Tuesday 9th  
Friday 12th  
Friday 19th  
Tuesday 23rd  
Friday 26th

**DECEMBER**

Sunday 4th  
**Xmas Party Day /  
Briseis Cup**  
Monday 26th  
**Boxing Day /  
Kids Day Out**



**PLATINUM CORPORATE**

**SPONSORSHIP**

**\$1600.00 +GST**

Includes:

- Invitation for six persons to have lunch in the Briseis Stand on a tiered table at a Geelong Racing Club race day (excluding Centrebet Geelong Cup Day) which includes entry to the course and Briseis Stand plus a superb four course lunch and drinks with your own private TV.
- Naming rights on the day.
- A full page advertisement on the day of the race sponsorship.
- Two full Memberships of the Geelong Racing Club plus two Guest Passes for the season (44 meetings).
- An invitation for four persons to a GRC Committee Luncheon at one of the Geelong Racing Club's race days.
- An invitation for two persons to attend the Centre Geelong Cup Eve Cocktail Party.

.....and to complete your full race experience

- The opportunity to experience the pre-race nerves in the Mounting Yard as the jockeys receive last minute instructions from the trainers.
- Join the winning owners of your race for a celebratory drink in the Owners and Trainers Bar after the race.

Call now for details:

John Dunne (03) 5229 4414 or email

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**FUNCTIONS & EVENTS AT THE GEELONG RACING CLUB**

With seven superb meeting rooms, extensive grounds and ample off-street parking, the Geelong Racing Club is the perfect backdrop for your next function or event.

We can tailor a package to your needs, including:

- \* Room hire
- \* Meals, snacks & drinks
- \* Conference stationery
- \* AV equipment
- \* Internet access

Be it a conference, wedding, birthday party or exhibition, our experienced functions team will ensure that your every need is taken care of.

For more information contact Danine Bourke at the Club on 5229 4414 or email d.bourke@geelong.countryracing.com.au

