





Australian Turf Club

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\$7.5 million The Golden Eagle Highlights Spring Expansion

Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club today announced the launch of a unique, new race – The Golden Eagle – to be run at Rosehill Gardens that will spearhead an expansion of the Spring Carnival in Sydney.

The Golden Eagle, carrying prizemoney of \$7.5 million, will be run over 1500m at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday, 2 November 2019. The race is open only to four-year-olds and will be run at set-weight conditions.

Of the \$7.5 million prizemoney for the race, 10% will be donated to charity. The connections of each runner will nominate a charity that has been accredited with Racing NSW and that charity will receive 10% of prizemoney won by their horse. Accordingly, \$750,000 will go to charity. For example, as prizemoney for first is \$4.1 million, the charity nominated by the owners of the winning horse would receive \$410,000.

Prizemoney for the race will be funded entirely from new revenues, rather than drawing on existing revenues of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry. This new revenue stream will be subject of a separate announcement.

“The Golden Eagle is the first feature race on the Australian Racing Calendar exclusively for four-year-old horses,” said Racing NSW Chairman, Mr Russell Balding AO.

“We believe The Golden Eagle will be attractive in retaining our top three-year-olds to race on as four-year-olds and benefit the racing industry, underpinning the strength of racing in NSW and Australia more broadly.”

Had it existed in 2018, The Golden Eagle could have drawn horses such as those listed below.

Horses retired to stud have an asterisk next to their names.

Horse	Sex	Weight	Trainer	Best Win/ Performance (1200-1600m)
Trapeze Artist	H	57.5kg	Gerald Ryan	Golden Rose / T J Smith
Kementari	H	57.5kg	James Cummings	Randwick Guineas
Pierata	H	57.5kg	Gregory Hickman	Magic Millions 3YO / Sydney Stks
Grunt	H	57.5kg	Mick Price	Australian Guineas
Merchant Navy *	H	57.5kg	Aaron Purcell	Ascot Vale Stks
Peaceful State	H	57.5kg	Darren Weir	2nd Australian Guineas
Invader *	H	57.5kg	Peter & Paul Snowden	ATC Sires' Produce
Menari *	H	57.5kg	Gerald Ryan	The Run to The Rose

Mighty Boss	H	57.5kg	Mick Price	Caulfield Guineas
Showtime	H	57.5kg	M,W and J Hawkes	3rd All Aged Stks, PB Lawrence Stks
The Mission *	H	57.5kg	Paul Perry	Champagne Stks
Siege of Quebec	H	57.5kg	Gai Waterhouse/ Adrian Bott	Tramway Hcp
Cliff's Edge	H	57.5kg	Darren Weir	Crystal Mile
D'argento	H	57.5kg	Chris Waller	2nd Epsom Hcp
Alizee	M	55.5kg	James Cummings	Queen of the Turf / Flight Stakes
Aloisia	M	55.5kg	Ciaron Maher/David Eustace	Thousand Guineas
Shoals	M	55.5kg	Anthony Freedman	Surround Stakes, Empire Rose Stks
Unforgotten	M	55.5kg	Chris Waller	Phar Lap Stks, Chelmsford Stks

“The Golden Eagle strengthens our spring carnival and provides a further highlight for spring racing in Sydney. It also opens up the possibility of attracting runners from diverse form lines including The Everest, the Sydney Stakes and the Epsom Hcp,” Mr Balding added.

The Golden Eagle will also be the third leg of the new Golden Slam at Rosehill, with a \$5 million bonus offered to any horse that can win the Golden Slipper at two, the Golden Rose at three and The Golden Eagle as a four-year-old.

“The Golden Eagle is an exciting development, which will bring together the best sprinter-milers of their generation at an age when they have fully matured,” said ATC Chairman, Mr Matt McGrath.

“We are excited by The Golden Eagle, which alongside Rosehill’s other great races in the Golden Slipper and Golden Rose, creates a Golden Slam that only champions can dream of,” Mr McGrath continued.

“The Golden Eagle will be entirely funded by new revenues to the NSW Racing Industry. I am delighted that this enables The Golden Eagle to be added as an important feature race at Rosehill and will also distribute \$750,000 to charities,” said Racing NSW Chief Executive, Mr Peter V’landys AM.

“We want to bring another major event to the western suburbs of Sydney. In The Golden Eagle, we have provided a race that is also a celebration of the west of Sydney.

“Now having the third richest race on turf in the world behind The Everest and the France’s Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, Sydney’s west has the perfect day to celebrate,” Mr V’landys concluded.

Two additional \$1 million Races for Spring

The Golden Eagle headlines changes to the program for spring racing in Sydney which will feature a race that highlights each Saturday meeting through to 9 November 2019.

This also includes a new \$1 million three-year-old and a \$1 million two-year-old race highlighting Saturday race programs in October and November.

The new \$1 million Bondi Stakes will be run at Royal Randwick for three-year-olds over a distance of 1600m on 26 October 2019. The race provides a new spring target for three-year-olds in Sydney and follows on from races such as the Golden Rose and the Flight Stakes.

The Golden Gift, an 1100m race for two-year-olds which was first run by the ATC in 2015, will now be run for \$1 million prizemoney on Saturday, 9 November 2019.

This race provides a focal point for two-year old racing in the spring, with the prizemoney on offer enough to ensure that the first and second placegetters will gain a berth in the Golden Slipper.

With the addition of these new feature races, the highlight of each spring program in Sydney for 2019 is as follows:

7 September 2019	Royal Randwick	Chelmsford Stakes	Weight for Age
14 September 2019	Rosehill Gardens	Run to the Rose	3YOs SW
21 September 2019	Royal Randwick	George Main Stakes	Weight for Age
28 September 2019	Rosehill Gardens	Golden Rose	3YOs SW
5 October 2019	Royal Randwick	Epsom Hcp	Handicap
12 October 2019	Royal Randwick	Spring Champion Stakes	3YOs SW
19 October 2019	Royal Randwick	The TAB Everest	Weight for Age
26 October 2019	Royal Randwick	Bondi Stakes	3YOs SW
2 November 2019	Rosehill Gardens	The Golden Eagle	4YOs SW
9 November 2019	Rosehill Gardens	Golden Gift	2YOs SW

“This program of exciting feature races will maintain keen interest in Sydney racing following The Everest and throughout the spring,” Mr Balding concluded.

For more information please contact Mr Peter V’landys AM, Racing NSW Chief Executive, by phone on (02) 9551 7556.

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Attachment – Golden Eagle Prizemoney

The prizemoney by finishing position, including the component paid to charity are summarised in the table below.

Finish Position	Total Prizemoney	Charity Approximately	Owners/Trainer/Jockey/Strapper
1st	\$4,100,000	\$410,000	\$3,690,000
2nd	\$1,500,000	\$150,000	\$1,350,000
3rd	\$750,000	\$75,000	\$675,000
4th	\$376,000	\$39,000	\$337,000
5th	\$180,000	\$20,000	\$160,000
6th	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000
7th	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000
8th	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000
9th	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
10th	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
11 th -16 th \$4,000 each	\$24,000	\$6,000	\$18,000
Equine Welfare Fund	\$75,000	N/a	N/a
Jockeys Welfare Fund	\$75,000	N/a	N/a
Total	\$7,500,000	\$750,000	\$6,600,000

THE GOLDEN SLAM



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