

# MUSWELLBROOK'S

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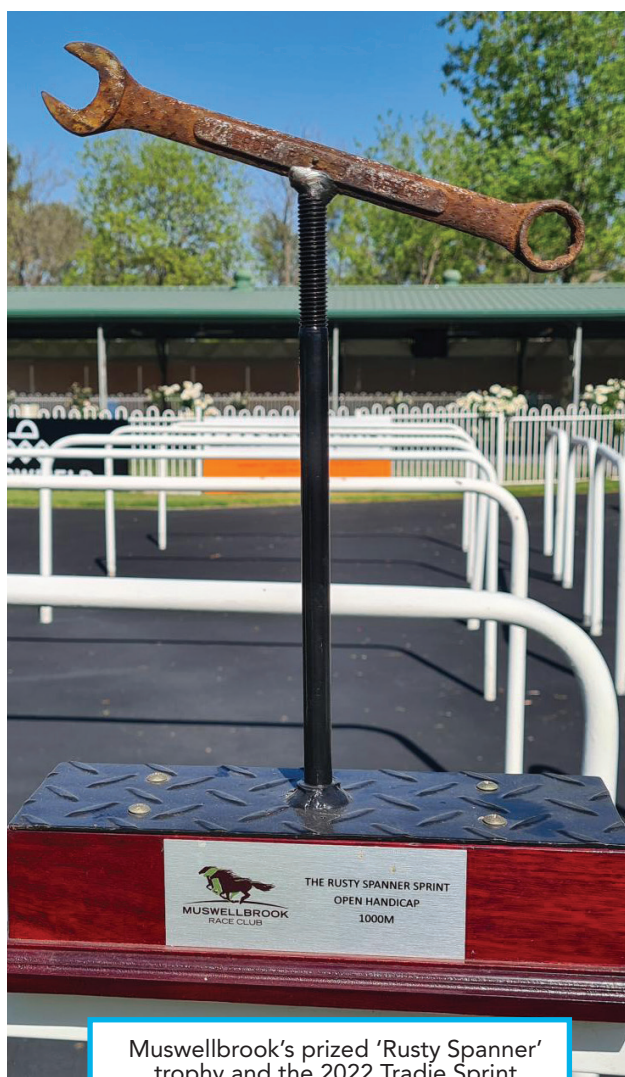
**MUSWELLBROOK RACE CLUB COULD DO WITH SOME WD-40 – OR SO IT SEEMS! THE CLUB WILL STAGE ITS ANNUAL 'RUSTY SPANNER' RACE MEETING ON FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

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**M**uswellbrook Race Club's Rusty Spanner race meeting is a very popular afternoon aimed at all the tradies in the region.

"This is truly a great country race with a differentiated trophy of a rusty spanner and this year not only will the tradies win a prize, but the company that allows their tradies the day off will be able to nominate a charity and Muswellbrook Race Club will donate a \$1000 to the winner's nominated charity," said MRC's GM, Trevor Taylor.

"Tradie Andrew Thomas was the 2022 Sprint Champion so who will be the next reigning sprint tradie in 2023?"



Muswellbrook's prized 'Rusty Spanner' trophy and the 2022 Tradie Sprint Champion, Andrew Thomas (below right)

"Muswellbrook Steel Supplies sponsor the Rusty Spanner Sprint over 1000m and is worth \$29,000.

"The race offers great differential perpetual trophy that every trainer and owner want to win with a rusty spanner on it.

"We then have a great fun human tradie race over 100m on the main racetrack where various tradies all line up and sprint to the finish line to win some major prizes.

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"Our raceday is all around creating that great 'experience' and having a fun day by creating more winners in more ways."

## AKUBRA REMAINS PART OF CUP DAY

Kempsey Race Club has been partners with major sponsor Akubra Hats for around 40 years and

continue that association during Akubra Hats Cup Day on Friday 10 November.

The local hat company is known around the world, having been making hats in Kempsey for 147 years.

"Akubra Hats have been great sponsors and one of the main races is the \$32,000 Steve Keir Memorial named after the 'hat king'," said KRC's secretary-manager, John Graham.

"The Akubra Hats Kempsey Cup is the feature with \$40,000 in prizemoney.

"It is a Country Showcase meeting so we will be offering more than \$280,000 in prizemoney and we have another memorial race on the day with the Geoff Steinmetz Memorial.

"There'll be a variety of food trucks serving some nice food as well as our canteen.

"The reserved area is nearly booked out so we're anticipating a large crowd."

## TAREE CUP DAY APPROACHING

Planning is well underway by Manning Valley Race Club for the 2023 Stacks Law Firm Taree Gold Cup on Sunday 19 November.

"The Club greatly appreciates the continued support of the Stack family who are involved again with the Cup this year," said MVRC's CEO, Damien Toose.

"We are looking forward to this year's Cup program with over \$350,000 in total prizemoney on the day, highlighted by the \$100,000 Taree Gold Cup that carries eligibility to the \$3 million Big Dance.



Mister Smartee (Luke Rolls) bolts in with the 2020 Akubra Hats Kempsey Cup. Image by Trackside Photography