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Early action returns to showground track

PACE HEAT IS ON

HARNESS RACING
Josh Callinan

The 2013 Inter City Pace series will start on Sunday and organisers say preparations remain on track for the 50th anniversary of Maitland's premier harness racing event.

Maitland Harness Racing Club president Richard Earnshaw said the groundwork had been laid and he looked forward to the week ahead, especially with the heats returning to Maitland Showground for the first time since 2004 as the time-honoured race reaches a milestone.

"It is the first time the heats have been back in so many years, which is a big thing

2013 INTER CITY PACE

50th anniversary.
December 30 – five heats
January 2 – barrier draw
January 4 – calcutta
January 5 – final

for the club," he said.

"And especially being our 50th anniversary it is pretty special for us this year.

"But preparations are good and we are expecting five good heats – hopefully we get good weather and good patronage."

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Talented teen's top honours



Selected in NSW under 18s squad

LAWN BOWLS
Josh Callinan

Maitland City lawn bowler Molly Wilton had double the reason to celebrate at Christmas time this year.

Not only was the 14-year-old gathering with family and unwrapping presents on December 25 but this came on the back of selection in her maiden state squad.

Wilton was named in the NSW under-18s squad following the annual City versus Country series.

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Pace heats return to showground

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Five Inter City Pace heats will be held at the Maitland Showground track on Sunday afternoon, with Broken Hill the only other NSW venue racing that day.

The top two from each race will progress to the January 5 decider, which has \$50,000 prizemoney on offer, an increase of 25 per cent on recent years.

These will be contributing factors in the interest of the 2013 series, according to Earnshaw.

"There will be a lot of local support as per usual, but I'm sure with \$50,000 up for grabs there will be a few visitors as well," he said.

"Sunday is a good day for it and with barely any other races on around NSW it all helps to attract people here."

Sunday's race fields will be released at 4pm today.

The Inter City Pace heats are expected to be part of a nine-race card and start about lunchtime.

In other harness racing news, Newcastle International Paceway will host eight races today.

Maitland driver Jamie Bond will attempt to steer Irish Priest to win number three on the trot after success at Newcastle and Maitland earlier this month.

The five-year-old gelding will start from gate eight in race four, which runs over 2030 metres.

Bond and trainer Steven Humphries will team up in the third event as well with Hayhellnbooligal.

Racing starts at 1.40pm.

Ross is keen to rewrite history

ATHLETICS

Josh Callinan

Former Maitland sprinter Josh Ross will have to create history if he wants to take out this year's Bay Sheffield Gift.

Ross has been handicapped off scratch and no runner has won from that mark in the event's 125 years.

The two-time Olympian, who represented Australia in the 4x100 metre relay final at London 2012, has previously won the Stawell Gift (2005) and two Burnie Gifts from the back of the field.

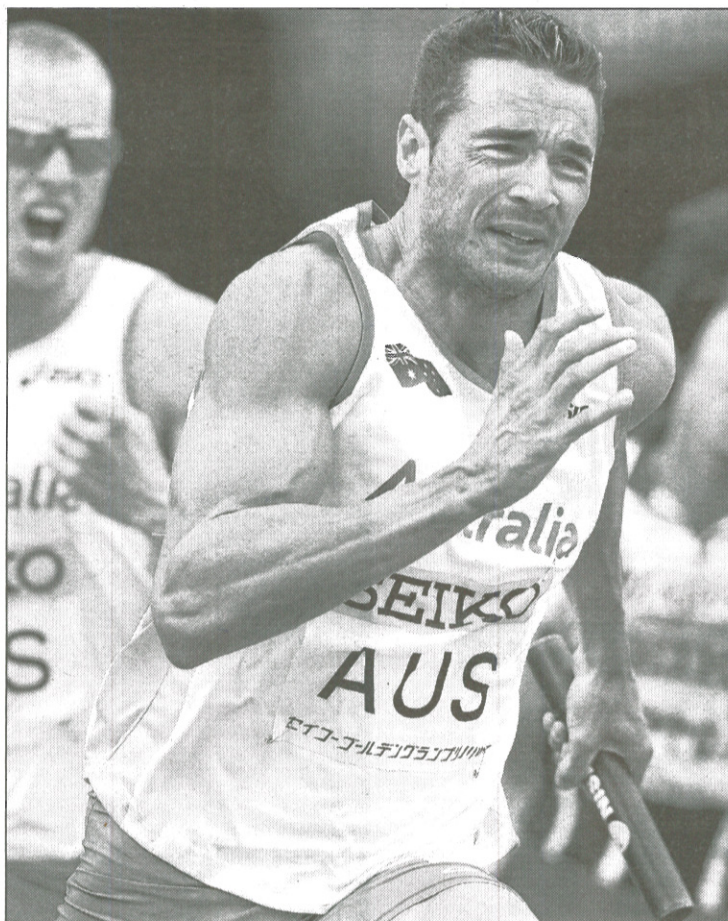
Ross, the 2005 Maitland Sportsperson of the Year, finished a close second at the Bay Sheffield Gift in 2004 when giving up half a metre.

The early betting markets for 2012 have Ross at 20-1 but home-state runner Tom Sclanders is the favourite for the 120m race, while Victorian Adam Coote and West Australian Matthew Short are next in the listings.

Ross will start in the 15th and final heat tomorrow at Colley Reserve, South Australia.

In other Bay Sheffield Gift news, former East Maitland sprinter Laura Whaler will be the backmarker in the women's main race.

Whaler, now living in Melbourne, has a handicap of 0.5m in tomorrow's 120m sprint while she will take the same mark into today's 70m race.



BACKMARKER: Josh Ross hopes to be the first runner to win the prestigious Bay Sheffield Gift from scratch.

Talented teen celebrates NSW squad selection

from back page

It was the third occasion Wilton had attended the tournament and even though Country were upstaged this time around the talented teenager was picked for higher honours.

She was one of 30 players included in the squad, made up of 14 girls and 16 boys from throughout the state.

A training camp will be held at Taren Point in January when the group will be halved for the 2013 under-18 national championships.

Wilton hoped to make the team and go on to represent NSW despite being four years underage.

"I have a lot of training to do, but hopefully I get picked in the side," she said.

"The championships will be held all over Australia."

And Wilton has every reason to be confident after finishing runner-up in the NSW women's under-18s singles competition earlier this year.

The state final went down to the last bowl of the last end and Wilton had led 31-30 while holding two shots.

Unfortunately for Wilton, who picked up the sport at an early age through her older brothers, it wasn't to be, but at Hunter district level she scored a fours title.

Before the state training camp Wilton, who hails from Karuah but bowls out of the Rutherford venue, will compete at the 2013 Junior South Pacific Games at Warilla.

Also in the new year she will begin coaching with world champion and 2012 Maitland Sportsperson of the Year nominee Natasha Van Eldik.

"I think she will help me improve a lot," Wilton said.

Wilton's long-term goal is to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games.

■ See tomorrow's *Maitland Mercury* for an interview with world champion lawn bowler and 2012 Maitland Sportsperson of the Year nominee Natasha Van Eldik.



Jessica wants to follow in her grandfather Graham Kirkwood's footsteps and bring home the family's second Inter City Pace trophy

READY TO RACE: Jessica Dart with Dakota Rebel and Four Wise Men – her two runners in the Inter City Pace heats at Maitland on Sunday. Picture by CATH BOWEN



DART'S TARGET

HARNESS RACING
Josh Callinan

Like many in the harness racing game around the Maitland area Jessica Dart wants to follow in her grandfather's footsteps.

The fourth generation trainer has the prestigious Inter City Pace in her sights after two of her horses were accepted into Sunday's heats at Maitland Showground.

Dart has Four Wise Men and Dakota Rebel going around in the 2013 series, which was taken out by her family almost four decades earlier.

The year was 1974 and Dart's grandfather, Graham Kirkwood, was the trainer-driver saluting aboard Blue Mineral.

Much time has passed since then but the significance of the Inter City Pace, celebrating its 50th anniversary, hasn't been lost on 22-year-old from East Maitland.

"I'm just really pleased to get a run in the

heats," she said.

"It's a big race around the district and I've heard all the family stories about the Inter City Pace.

"So just to get a run in the heats is pretty good for me."

The family connections to harness racing extend back to Dart's great-grandfather, Charlie Kirkwood, who was a former curator at the Maitland track.

Charlie was followed by Graham, whose daughter Vicki took up the sport and claimed an Inter City Pace consolation final with Lesley's Pride in the early 1980s.

It was simply a natural progression for Dart.

"I guess it has always been in my blood," she said.

"I'm the fourth generation in my family to do it and as a kid I remember tagging along with everyone to the track.

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THE FIVE HEATS OF THE 50TH INTER CITY PACE

Race 4 MAITLAND SHEET METAL 50TH INTER CITY PACE HEAT ONE 2:04 PM 2422 METRES MOBILE START

1	62214	INDIGO JOE NZ	Blake Fitzpatrick	FR1
2	73664	FOUR WISE MEN	Rodney Atkins	FR2
3	34526	STICKY FINGERS NZ	Danny Mackney	FR3
4	787s0	SHARPE FALCON	Michael Towers	FR4
5	19s32	BENNYS ACE	Michael Muscat (C)	FR5
6	19s31	SCANDALMAN NZ	Jim Douglass	FR6

Second Row

7	1668s	NICKEL PLATED TABMAN NZ	Guy Chapple	SR1
8	s711f	BETTOR SWEET NZ	Glenn McElhinney	SR2
9	5097s	BEEJAYS LAD NZ	Graham Glover	SR3

Race 5 WADWELL GRAIN & STOCK FEEDS 50TH INTER CITY PACE HEAT TWO 2:39 PM 2422 METRES MOBILE START

1	388s2	THE FALCON RAINBOW	Guy Chapple	FR1
2	4543s	DYNAMITE DENN NEE NZ	Blake Fitzpatrick	FR2
3	0s122	LIVING LORD NZ	Jarrold Alchin	FR3
4	86997	SAMMY GREENSOX	John Taylor	FR4
5	66011	MY LADY OF THE NIGHT NZ	Michael Muscat (C)	FR5
6	23212	BIEN HOA NZ	Greg Tant	FR6

Second Row

7	0r480	MY LATE BEST MATE	Robin Snr Hosking	SR1
8	24137	ZARDEVEL	Peter Hedges	SR2
9	82582	WESTERN DESTROYER	Jim Douglass	SR3
10	169s7	BRICK TOP	Michael Towers	SR4

Race 6 COMMERCIAL HOTEL MORPETH 50TH INTER CITY PACE HEAT THREE 3:14 PM 2422 METRES MOBILE START

1	12s13	RUINATE	Mark Rolfe	FR1
2	2158s	BUNDCHEN NZ	Daniel Carmody (C)	FR2
3	42113	BEETSON	Trent Rue	FR3
4	53537	KOBE BRYANT NZ	Graeme Watts	FR4
5	85859	LUKE ARMBRO NZ	Michael Muscat (C)	FR5
6	5s016	THE RIVER CARD NZ	David McGill	FR6

Second Row

7	14342	CHANCE NZ	Guy Chapple	SR1
8	43s14	THE BRAZEN HEAD	Rodney James	SR2
9	81211	EYE SPY LOMBO	Robert Morris (C)	SR3

Race 8 HUNTER VALLEY HARNESS RACING ASSOCIATION 50TH INTER CITY PACE HEAT FOUR 4:29 PM 2422 METRES MOBILE START

1	35344	IFIHADYURBET	Wayne Hancock	FR1
2	45447	MATAI LAD NZ	Danny Mackney	FR2
3	5s113	MAJOR POST	Chris Robinson	FR3
4	63217	NEVER A FROWN	Dale Spencer	FR4
5	s5218	KARLOO MAC	Robert Morris (C)	FR5
6	55518	MENDOORAN LASS	Kyle Brooks	FR6

Second Row

7	818s7	CASHISKING	Adam Ruggari	SR1
8	73621	STEPHANIE MAJOR	Jim Douglass	SR2
9	40131	LOSTA ARMBRO NZ	Guy Chapple	SR3

Race 9 O'NEILLS TYRES 50TH INTER CITY PACE HEAT FIVE 5:09 PM 2422 METRES MOBILE START

1	18324	LIBBIEMACK NZ	Guy Chapple	FR1
2	23723	LUMINOUS ENERGY	Darren Elder	FR2
3	15112	HEROS GOLD	Stephen Prest	FR3
4	64812	ROGER KHAN	Brett Bates	FR4
5	8s568	DAKOTA REBEL	Rodney Atkins	FR5
6	6s646	BEACH INSPECTOR	Luke McCarthy	FR6

Second Row

7	51111	CHISNALL NZ	Michael Muscat (C)	SR1
8	43902	BILLY BRANACH	Jim Douglass	SR2
9	54411	GOTTA FEELING	Peter Hedges	SR3

Pike's trio bring top form to pace heats

HARNESS RACING Josh Callinan

Sawyers Gully trainer-driver Rodney Pike has three genuine chances to claim the 2013 Inter City Pace.

Chisnall (race nine, number seven) and My Lady Of The Night (race five, number five) are both coming off wins for Pike while Bennys Ace (race four, number five) has good form and finished second at its last start.

Pike brings impressive form into the Inter City Pace series with the reinsman having started this season like he finished 2011-2012.

Last season he took out the Newcastle drivers' premiership for the first time with 66 winners next to his name and in the first four months of 2012-2013 he has notched up 29 victories.

Pike is also challenging three-time defending champion trainer Shane Tritton, of Metford, for the Newcastle trainers' crown and sat just one behind him on the overall standings at Christmas.

Pike has three of the Maitland region's 18 Inter City Pace heat runners and also has Arctic Falcon and Meagrs in the opening two support races of the afternoon.

This year's Bathurst Gold Crown winner Ultimate Art (race two, number five) features on the nine-race card for Ellallog trainer Michael Formosa while 2012 Inter City Pace finalist Kid Tycon (race seven, number three) will line up in the C5 or better event for Sawyers Gully-based handler Jason Proctor.



GENUINE CHANCE: Sawyers Gully trainer-driver Rodney Pike has three top chances in Chisnall, My Lady Of The Night and Bennys Ace in the heats of the Inter City Pace on Sunday afternoon.

Dart chasing another trophy for the family

from back page

"At home I would be trotting next to mum [Vicki] on a pony, so I spent the first 15 years of my life riding. It has always been an interest but more recently I made a bit of decision to start driving and training and I haven't looked back since."

During the past two years Dart has taken the sport much more seriously and she combines full-time work in hospital administration with her passion for harness racing.

Dart and her mother own three horses, which all reside at Kirkwood's Bishop Bridge stables.

Two of them will run on Sunday in the Inter City Pace heats, which return to Maitland for the first time since 2004.

In the opening heat will be four Wise Men (race four, number two) while Dakota Rebel (race nine, number five) will line up in the fifth and final heat.

Both charges joined Dart's team from Victoria and they have been set for this series.

"We have been working towards it," she said.

"I don't expect them to make the final but you never know and you have got to be in it to win it."

Racing starts at 12.24pm.

Wilson to drive early favourite

HARNESS RACING Josh Callinan

Impressive Sydney raider Scandalman will start as the pre-race favourite for the 2013 Inter City Pace.

The Ian Wilson-trained four-year-old colt will arrive at Maitland on Sunday unplaced in just one of 24 career starts.

This includes a Victoria Derby win, a Newcastle Derby win, a New Zealand Northern Derby second and a NSW Derby third in the space of four months earlier this year.

Experienced driver Jim Douglass will be on board Scandalman (race four, number six) once more after winning at Maitland on Inter City Pace final night in January.

Last year's winning trainer-driver Luke McCarthy has Beach Inspector in the running (race nine, number six) while another visitor in mix will be Beetson (race six, number three), the 2010 Bathurst Gold Crown champion.

MAITLAND INTER CITY PACE HONOUR ROLL

- 1962 Summit Road
- 1963 Brown Cosmo
- 1964 Stormy Bruce
- 1965 Moonlight Cocktail
- 1966 Mighty Reveller
- 1967 Joes Fortune
- 1968 Dashing Brucus
- 1969 Chamine
- 1970 Bay Foyle
- 1971 Nuts And Bolts
- 1972 Bold Biami
- 1973 Thorcard
- 1974 Blue Mineral
- 1975 Ace High
- 1976 Harga Lad
- 1977 Our Berra
- 1978 Penny Jack
- 1979 Rockin Butler
- 1980 Ad Verlorem
- 1981 Arties Hanover
- 1982 Simon Said
- 1983 All The Kings Men
- 1984 Hurricane Fury
- 1985 Hitchhiker
- 1986 Jennifer Bye Bye
- 1987 Red Korakau

- 1988 Berrason Beau
- 1989 Blue Gum Chief
- 1990 Twilight Tim
- 1991 Tarheeled
- 1992 Our New Life
- 1993 Royal Courtier
- 1994 General Fox
- 1995 Michael Augustine
- 1996 Antinous
- 1997 Franco Lotsmore
- 1998 Amanda Woodward
- 1999 Smokey Fuzz
- 2000 Candyrama
- 2001 Magical Mike
- 2002 Big Bad Holmes
- 2003 Awaba
- 2004 Muddy River
- 2005 Rockabye Bee
- 2006 (Series not run)
- 2007 Union Ticket
- 2008 (Series not run)
- 2009 Staminator
- 2010 Ghadusbest
- 2011 Goeslikell
- 2012 Lettucerocku

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FAVOURITE: Scandalman recorded a 30 metre victory in the opening heat of the Inter City Pace at Maitland yesterday. The stallion will start from the back row in the final at Maitland.

Picture by CATH BOWEN

RED HOT FORM

Scandalman streets field in sizzling Inter City Pace heat

HARNESS RACING
Josh Callinan

Inter City Pace favourite Scandalman lived up to expectations with a dominant display in yesterday's heats at Maitland Showground but the four-year-old stallion will have to come from the back row to claim victory in the 50th anniversary final.

Setting the fastest time in the first heats held at Maitland since 2004, Scandalman comfortably claimed the first heat by a margin of almost 30 metres.

He will start from the second line with three other C4 class horses contesting the \$50,000 decider on Saturday night.

The exact make up of the back row will be determined at Wednesday night's barrier draw, but following the five heat results at Maitland yesterday the front six gates in the final will definitely be taken up by six runners C3 or lower in class.

This leaves Scandalman with plenty of work to do around the outside of Maitland's skinny track, however, early betting markets have the Sydney raider paying \$1.50 to clinch the 2013 prize.

And after completing the 2422 metre journey in a time of three minutes and 2.5 seconds (3:02.5), including a second half 57.1s and a mile rate of 2:01.2, there was little wonder why.

This impressive showing by the Ian Wilson trained and Jim Douglass driven charge was the talk of the track yesterday and caught the eye of Maitland Harness Racing Club president Richard Earnshaw.

"Scandalman was just awesome," he said.

"I mean he has won \$376,000 in prizemoney already and Ian Wilson and Jim Douglass have been a great team for many years."

Bettor Sweet finished second in the opening heat and progressed to the top 10, while local hopes Bennys Ace, Nickel Plated Tabman and Four Wise Men finished third, fourth and fifth respectively.

In the second heat, Living Lord got the job done for Menangle trainer-driver Jarrod Alchin, with second-placed Dynamite Denn Nee trailing by 17.9m.

Third heat honours went to Kobe Bryant by a half head to Beetson.

Ellalong trainer Michael Formosa, winner of the

2009 Inter City Pace, missed out on a start in the final with Eye Spy Lombo finishing third.

Four-year-old gelding Major Post lived up to his favouritism for Coolangatta trainer-driver Chris Robinson in heat four with Losta Armbrø finishing second to give Keinbah trainer Shane Tritton and Louth Park driver Guy Chapple a shot in the final.

There was a distinct local flavour in the final heat with Sawyers Gully trainer Rodney Pike making final with his horse Chisnall winning in front of Gotta Felling, driven by Peter Hedges of Gillieston Heights and trained at Tamworth by Ken Natty.

Earnshaw and the organising committee was wrapped with the day and having the heats at home again in front of a crowd of about 1500 people.

"It was good to see the heats back here," he said. "It's a Maitland event and we had the complete thing here again with heats and final."

"And in the 50th year it couldn't be any better."

Other winners on the nine-race card were 2012 Bathurst Gold Crown champion Ultimate Art, Hey Hardy and Theartofdelusion while the opening event was a dead heat between Major Frank and Nobbys Beach Boy.

MARKETS

- Scandalman – \$1.50
- Major Post – \$6
- Chisnall – \$9
- Living Lord – \$10
- Dynamite Denn Nee – \$13
- Bettor Sweet – \$13
- Beetson – \$21
- Gotta Feeling – \$41
- Losta Armbrø – \$101
- Kobe Bryant – \$101

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Big race experience

HARNESS RACING
Josh Callinan

Inter City Pace experience will dominate the Charlie McDeed Memorial at Maitland Showground on Saturday night.

The fields were released by Harness Racing NSW yesterday and race four of the nine-event card has 2009 champion Staminator, last year's finalists Tokyo Drift and Kid Tycon and 2012 emergency Secret Squirrel pitted against one another.

The quartet will be among the favourites of the C5 to C8 class race over 2044 metres with last start winner Liberalitus also in the mix.

Tulhurst Candy, Torida El, Level Two, Kyema Kahn and Manto Man round out the 10-horse contest worth \$8000 in prizemoney.

In the fast class race, for C8 class or better, Sands Of Dubai will attempt to go one better for Sawyers Gully trainer-driver Jason Proctor after finishing second at Maitland on Sunday.

Keinbah-based trainer and three-time Newcastle premiership winner Shane Tritton has two cracks at the \$10,000 prize pool in race five with Shelbyville and Flyin Interstate.

In the other support races, Sawyers Gully based trainer-driver Rodney Pike brings three last start winners to Maitland with Hate To Waite (race one,

number eight), Master Firehawk (race two, number six) and Instant Chemistry (race eight, number four).

Other connections bringing last start winners into the meeting include East Maitland trainer-driver Polly Downing with Sanadik in the sixth, Cessnock's Clayton Harmey will be driving Dan in the third, while Hanabandana and Major Frank will attempt to make it two on the trot in the ninth and last for trainer-drivers Mark Callaghan and Rob Hosking respectively.

Racing starts at 6.10pm.

The barrier draw for the Inter City Pace final will be held tomorrow night at the Commercial Hotel in Morpeth.



WINNING FORM: East Maitland's Polly Downing.

Westcott has world at his feet

from back page

"I think my age and experience will come into play – and I want to run a steady but strong race and hopefully finish in the top 20."

"Based on previous world championships if I can run 2:16.00 or better that is where I can place."

In his two previous visits to IAAF World Championships, Westcott has finished 27th (Helsinki, 2005) and 58th (Berlin, 2009).

"I probably went in a bit over aggressive and paid the price," he said.

"But I'm more experienced now and I'm not trying to get a PB [personal best] or win a medal – I'm planning to pick up guys at the back end of the race."

Westcott will slowly build up his training regime in 2013, aiming towards 100 mile or 160 kilometre weeks.

There will also be road races in Melbourne and Sydney along with the Gold Coast half marathon in July.

But the journey to Moscow will be just as busy off the track as it will be on the track for Westcott, with an addition to the family and his fifth straight year as a regional development officer for Athletics NSW.

"It will be a pretty exciting year and definitely a transition year," he said.

"I want to make the most of this chance but racing is no longer the be all and end all."

"That's not to say that I won't give 100 per cent when I'm down on the start line, but away from it all I tend to switch off completely."

"As a family we will go from two kids to three in February – and I would have been in the same work place for the longest period ever."

"It means I'm pretty settled in my life."

August 17 is the date for the IAAF World Championships.

Maitland dogs in cup

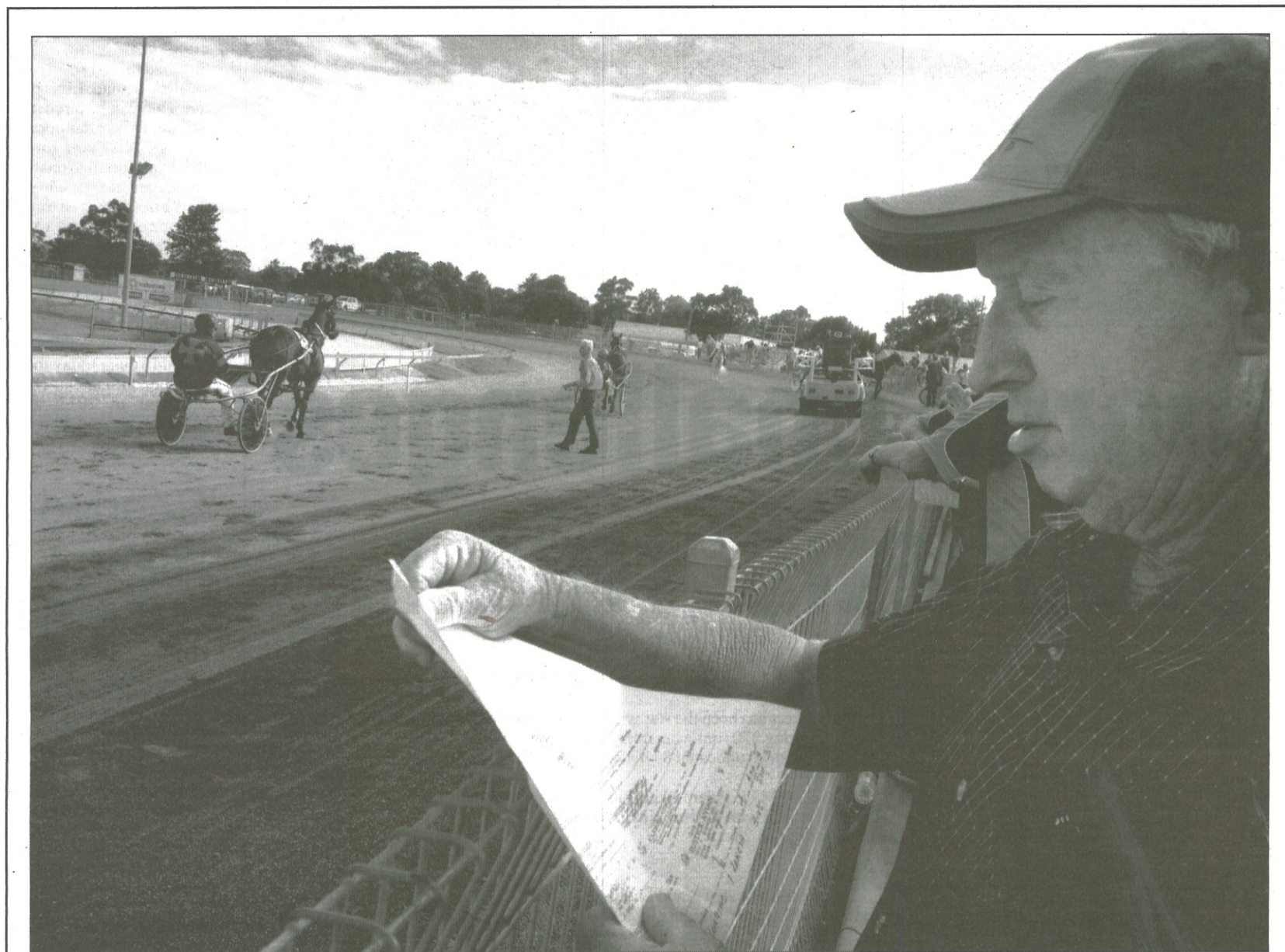
GREYHOUND RACING
Josh Callinan

Two greyhounds with Maitland connections will have a crack at \$40,000 on the Central Coast tonight.

Mr Clydsdale, trained by Robert McColm of Sawyers Gully, and Little Ed, the 400 metre track record holder at Maitland Showground, will contest the Gold Cup final.

The chances of both charges in the 515m non-graded decider have been increased after the scratching of favourite Got A Moment.

The New Year's Day final will jump at 8.58pm.



KEEN INTEREST: Hunter harness racing identity Henry Smith drove Pretty Lucky in the final of the first Inter City Pace in 1962.

Picture by JOSH CALLINAN

Inter City Pace memories come flooding back trackside

HARNESS RACING
Josh Callinan

The memories came flooding back for Henry Smith at the Maitland Showground track on Sunday.

The 81-year-old was on hand to watch the heats of the 2013 Inter City Pace series, half a century on from his appearance in the inaugural final.

Smith drove Pretty Lucky in the 1962 decider and while more than 50 years may have passed since that night, the pictures remained crystal clear standing trackside and looking over the old race book.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Smith said.

"It was probably the biggest crowd they've ever had here at Maitland – they were three of four deep all the way around the track."

"It was huge. I've never seen anything as big as that."

Smith, the only driver from the 1962 final who is still alive, said the driver was a quality one.

"Three or four horses from the field went on to Inter Dominion class," he said.

"My mare won the Maitland Centenary Cup the

INTER CITY PACE 1962 FINAL FIELD

- Summit Road (winner)
- Bryan's Wish
- Move Fast
- Pretty Lucky
- Idle Raider (third)
- Chief Vitesse (second)
- Mighty Flighty
- Cowra Mac
- All Class
- Farrel
- Cloud Leon
- Justice Arian

next year but there was a big class difference."

Summit Road won the first Inter City Pace final for trainer-driver Wally Wood while Chief Vitesse and Idle Raider made up the minor placings.

Smith, who was based at Wallsend at the time, was the sole local connection in the decider and held a 24 yard handicap in the standing start.

The former Newcastle Harness Racing Club pres-

ident, who now lives at Fletcher, gave up driving "a while back" but continued training until two years ago.

Smith, recipient of the Dick Osborn Medal for lifetime service to harness racing in the Hunter Valley, still casts an eye over the sport.

"You don't lose an interest in it," he said.

"I've been involved for a long time now and there are a lot of people I know here."

Smith will be particularly interested in the last event on Saturday night's Inter City Pace card at Maitland.

He owns Havana Star, which will start from barrier three for Wyee trainer Nathan Dawson.

In the main race at Maitland on Saturday night, Smith said Scandalman would be hard to beat in this year's final.

"There are a few good horses in it but he's in front of them," he said.

Check out the *Maitland Mercury* all this week for more build up to the 50th running of the Inter City Pace.



PASSIONATE: Maitland Harness Racing Club secretary Wayne Smith takes a look through some of the mountains of historic documents, papers and photographs he has collected on the Inter City Pace.

Picture by MARINA NEIL 010113MN117

Inter City Pace is a vital part of life for Smith

INTER CITY PACE

Josh Callinan

By the time Wayne Smith has the chance to read this the Inter City Pace would have been run and won for 2013.

Actually, the dust would have well and truly settled on the Maitland Showground track, the visitors from around the state would have arrived home and the annual series would be over for another year.

Such is the nature of life for Smith, secretary and director at Maitland Harness Racing Club, in the lead up to Saturday's final.

Like usual the 33-year-old from Louth Park has spent almost every waking minute busily preparing for the decider – between printing race books, checking venues and even cleaning barrels.

But the 50th running of the Inter City Pace series holds even more sig-

nificance for the club and Smith remains as determined as ever to carry the flame.

Yesterday while at the club's show-ground office, Smith took a few minutes out of his hectic schedule to glance back over old race books, newspaper clippings and photographs which cover five decades worth of Inter City Pace history.

"I love it," he said.

"I can just get lost in it all when I start going through it.

"The race books, the old clippings and the photos – I don't throw any of them out and it's just good to have them."

Smith said the race books, including the first Inter City Pace series from 1962, were a fortunate find almost 10 years ago when Mark Newton was secretary of the club.

"We didn't know they existed," he said.

WAYNE SMITH'S INTER CITY PACE TOP 5

1997 - Franco Lotmore
1993 - Royal Courtier
1978 - Penny Jack
1970 - Bay Foil
1972 - Bold Biemi

"We were just doing a clean up of the office one day and we came across an old plastic bag full of these old race books.

"We couldn't believe it because they were from almost every Inter City Pace."

The Inter City Pace has been a special part of Smith's life ever since he started working at the club in the early 1990s when his first job was to hose the marshalling area on race day.

Since then Smith has been judge, groundsman, barman, office attendant

and occasional race caller at Maitland.

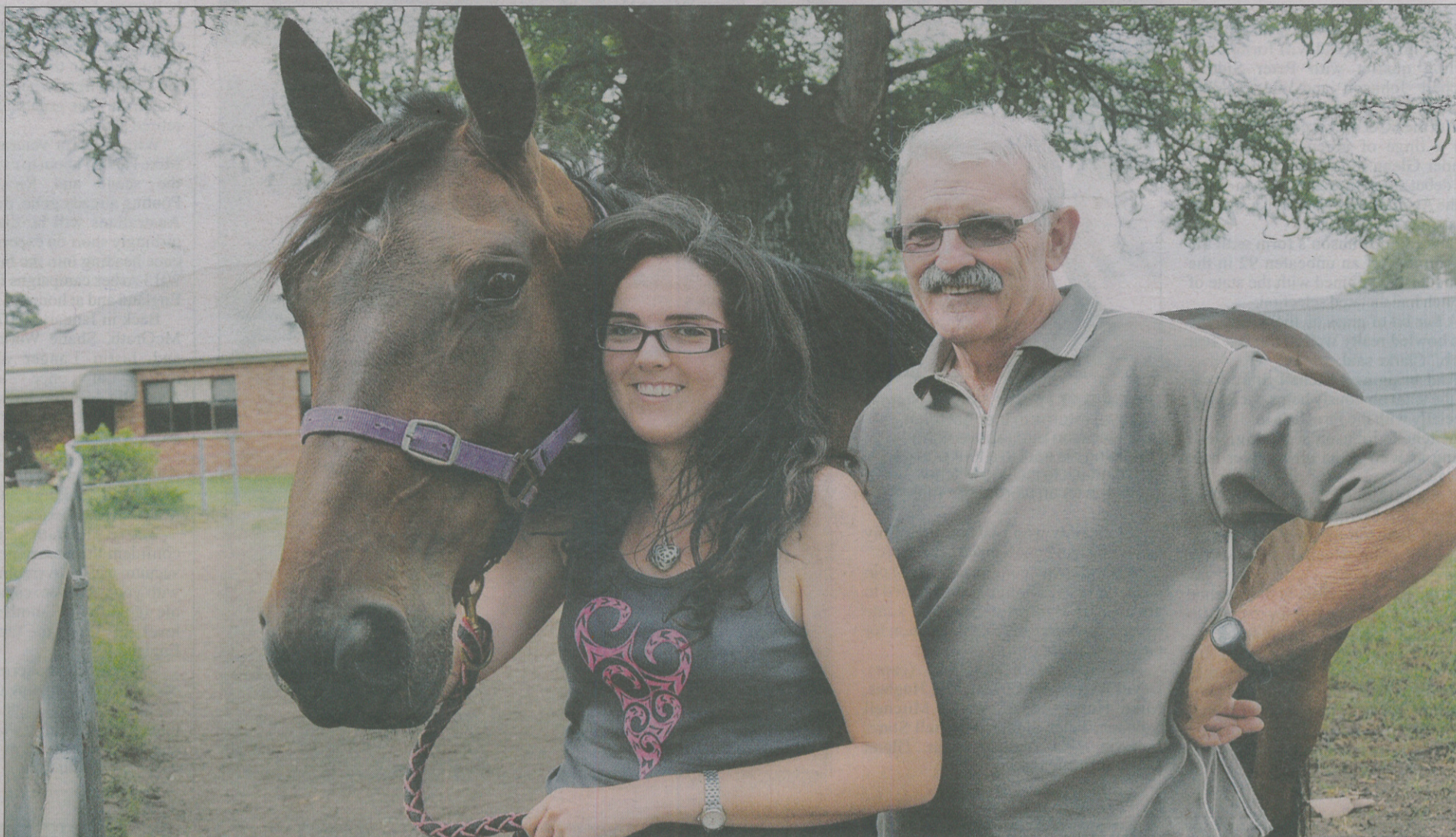
But regardless of the role the Inter City Pace has always been a highlight on the harness racing calendar for Smith, who has only missed the 1995 final during his time at the club.

He said 1997 champion Franco Lotmore, which went on to run fourth in the Miracle Mile to Christian Cullen, was the best winner he had seen take out the prestigious race.

The 1993 final, won by Royal Courtier for Aberglasslyn trainer-driver Arthur Irwin, was also a memorable one for Smith because his parents qualified Red Cavallo for the decider.

Looking further back, before he was born, Smith said Penny Jack (1978), Bold Biemi (1972) and Bay Foil (1970) were the triumphs people talked about most often.

□ **The barrier draw for the 2013 Inter City Pace final is at the Commercial Hotel, Morpeth 6.30pm today.**



RACE TRADITION: John Downing will be taking a close interest of proceedings at the Maitland Showgrounds on Saturday night with his daughter Polly driving.

Picture by CATH BOWEN

FAMILY AFFAIR

INTER CITY PACE
Josh Callinan

The Inter City Pace and the Downing family name go hand in hand around the district.

The East Maitland based unit have been involved in the harness racing game for decades and, like many in the region, the time honoured feature race has often been the focal point of their sporting year.

For John Downing the crowning moment of his career came when he trained and drove gelding Ad Valorem to victory in the 1980 Inter City Pace final at Maitland Showground.

Thirty three years on, and at the very same track where he tasted Inter City Pace success,

his daughter Polly Downing will be going around on finals night.

It may not be in the \$50,000 decider, but Polly will attempt to follow in her father's footsteps and triumph at Maitland on Inter City Pace night.

For 24-year-old trainer-driver Polly the Saturday night race will double as her first official outing at Maitland after watching track-side, including Inter City Pace finals, countless times before.

"I've probably been to every one of them [since I can remember] and they are always good," Polly said. "It is a big occasion.

"This will actually be my first race drive at Maitland - I've had plenty of trials there before

but at least I've drawn well."

Polly will be on board Sanadik in the lead up to the 50th running of the Inter City Pace, starting from gate number two in the sixth event of the night over 2044 metres.

The pair first teamed up on December 21 at Newcastle International Paceway where they scored a win over two kilometres.

Polly had bought the seven-year-old gelding from Sawyers Gully trainer-driver Jason Proctor a week earlier but the paperwork was only completed just in time to race.

"I got the papers that morning and won that night," she said. "He [Sanadik] is really easy to get along with and good to drive."

John will be at the track to watch Polly race

on Saturday night as he remembers the success of Ad Valorem.

"It was a third of a century ago now but it was a real buzz of course," he said.

"We were able to win a Sire Stakes [Swift Wind in 1988] which was probably a bigger race but ever since the Inter City pace started in 1962 it has been one of the biggest races in the valley and the one you want to win."

John said it would be hard to go past Scandalman to take out this year's Inter City Pace final but he was hopeful local charge Chisnall, trained by Rodney Pike at Sawyers Gully, can find glory from gate six.

☐ Check the *Maitland Mercury* online today for the Inter City Pace barrier draw.



HUGE EVENT: The betting ring at Maitland Showground at 1984 Inter City Pace (above) and the 1984 Inter City Pace finish with Hurricane Fury winning in front of a packed grandstand (right).



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Historic race as vital as ever

INTER CITY PACE
Josh Callinan

The Inter City Pace has stood the test of time to become one of Maitland's premier sporting events.

For five decades the annual harness racing series has been central to the sporting fabric of this region and in 2013 it will be run for the 50th time.

Thousands of people from across town, the state and the country hold affinities with the pace in some way, shape or form.

From future Miracle Mile champions to mothers in the stands, and from punters in the betting ring to the win they all dream to land - there are connections near and far to this prestigious event.

"It's just been a great race over the years," former harness racing journalist and Inter City Pace race

caller John Gilmour said.

Gilmour has been involved in the race since its formation in 1962 and recalls the opening night at Maitland Showground as a nine-year-old boy.

"The first one was something special," he said.

"No one had ever seen anything like that before.

"The crowds went all the way around the old showground and they were five or six deep along the straight."

Gilmour's late uncle, Ned Wilcher, called the Inter City Pace that night and for the next three decades, but rated the quality of the original final as the highest.

"[Wilcher] said the first final was the best field he has ever seen at Maitland," Gilmour said.

"All three horses went on to be top class at Harold Park."

Summit Road won the 1962 final from Idle Raider and Chief Vitesse after the Inter City Pace was put on by then Maitland Trot and Sports Club secretary Bert Greedy.

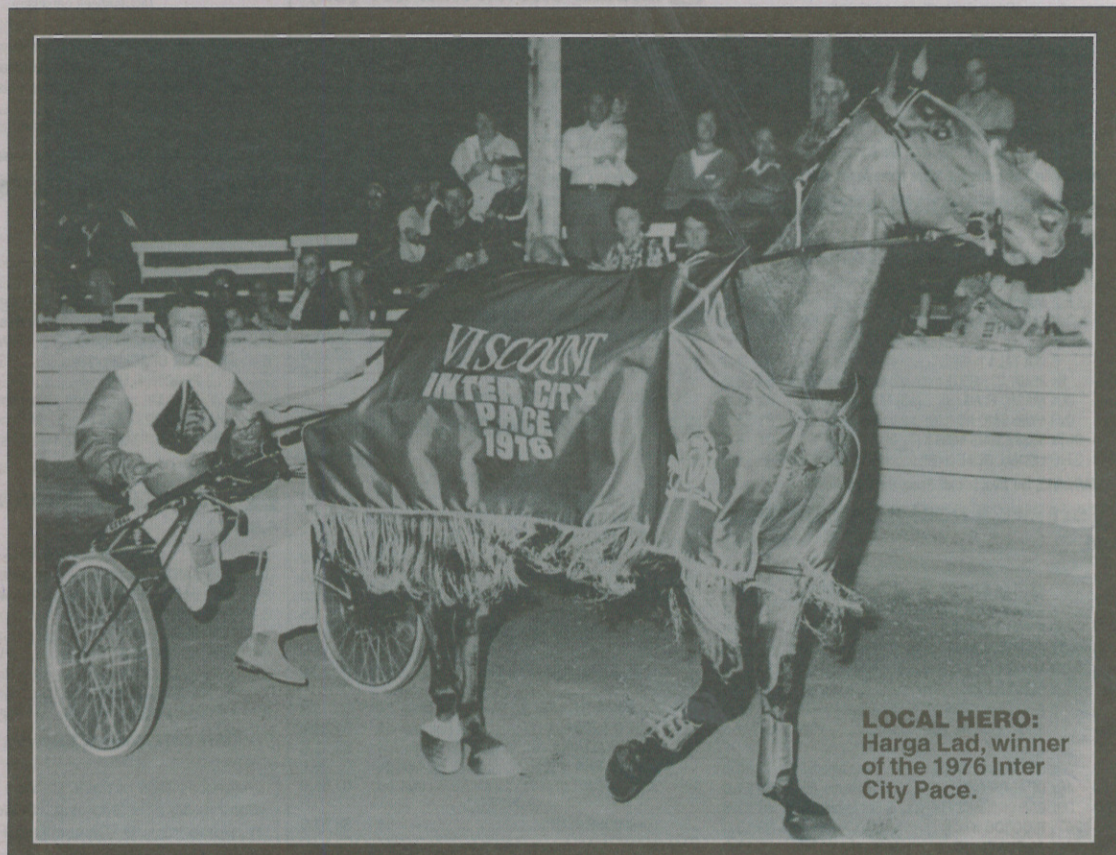
"The Inter City Pace was the brainchild of the late Bert Greedy," Gilmour said.

"Originally his vision was to run it all over country areas and share it between Maitland, Bathurst, Tamworth and Leeton.

"But no one took up the offer in the second year or the third year so he thought bugger it, I'll run it here."

The rest they say is history and apart from 2006 and 2006, when the series wasn't conducted, the Inter City Pace has been held each year since.

Gilmour said 1970 winner Bay Foyle, who went on to claim a Miracle Mile, was the highlight for him.



LOCAL HERO: Harga Lad, winner of the 1976 Inter City Pace.

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When the Inter City Pace started in 1962 there were a series of preliminary meetings held at Maitland Showground, standing starts were still in place and prizemoney was in pounds.

The Inter City Pace has managed to stand the test of time and half a century on Maitland's annual feature race remains as relevant as ever.

Lettucerocku wrote himself into the history books last year with a 30 metre win for Sydney trainer-driver Luke McCarthy, but who will win the 50th running of the race on Saturday night?

See pages 60 and 61 as *Maitland Mercury* sports reporter JOSH CALLINAN takes a closer look at the 2013 final.





THE MAITLAND MERCURY'S GUEST TIPPING PANEL'S SELECTIONS FOR THE INTER CITY PACE ...



1. Scandalman (10)
2. Major Post (2)
3. Living Lord (1)

JOSH CALLINAN
Maitland Mercury
Sports journalist



1. Scandalman (10)
2. Living Lord (1)
3. Major Post (2)

WAYNE SMITH
Maitland Harness
Racing Club
secretary



1. Scandalman (10)
2. Chisnall (6)
3. Major Post (2)

GLEN PARSONS
Inter City Pace
promotions
manager



1. Major Post (2)
2. Kobe Bryant (4)
3. Gotta Feeling (11)

AMY WILLIS
Maitland
Sportsperson of
the Year

Pike rates Chisnall a good chance

It has been a short but impressive racing career for Chisnall so far and Sawyers Gully trainer Rodney Pike will look to continue that in Saturday night's Inter City Pace final.

The five-year-old filly has won her last five starts, including Sunday's heat at Maitland Showground, for an overall record of six wins from seven runs.

The biggest hurdle for Chisnall will be drawing barrier six, but Pike said he was confident she could do the job after winning from a similar position at Menangle.

Chisnall will be driven by Michael Muscat in the 2013 decider with Pike still a week off returning from a 21-day suspension.

Scandalman talk of town

Scandalman has been the talk of the town this week in the lead up to Saturday night's 50th anniversary Inter City Pace final.

The Victoria and Newcastle derby winner comfortably won his heat at Maitland Showground on Sunday, running a last half 57.1 seconds and a mile race slightly outside the 2422 metre track record at two minutes and one second.

On right side of track

JOSH CALLINAN

Peter Hedges has been a spectator at Inter City Pace final night for as long as he can remember.

But this Saturday night the 30-year-old from Gillieston Heights will be on the other side of the Maitland Showground track.

Hedges, better known by his nickname Bucky, will drive Gotta Feeling in the 50th running of the Inter City Pace final.

It will be his first crack at winning the time-honoured feature race at Maitland and he was excited at the prospect of taking part in the \$50,000 event.

"I am really looking forward to it," Hedges said.

"I've probably seen 19 of them [Inter City Pace finals] but this will be my first drive in a final.

"I've had three or four [horses] in heats before but they've never even looked like qualifying, so this year will be really good."

Harness racing runs in the family and Hedges fondly recalled the preparations for Inter City Pace as a child.

"Dad and Pop used to train on the showground and as a kid I remember them getting one [horse] ready for the big race every year," Hedges said.

"Dad actually won a Consolation Cup [for the Inter City Pace] with Canberra and Kid in 1980."

As for the upcoming 2013 Inter City Pace decider, Hedges will be forced to come from the widest barrier on the second row, gate number 11, in order to be first past the post at the end of the 2422 metre journey.

"It's not a good draw for him [Gotta Feeling]," Hedges said.



INTER CITY DEBUT: After watching almost 20 Inter City Pace finals, Peter Hedges looks forward to being part of the action on the track on Saturday night at Maitland Showgrounds.

Picture by CATH BOWEN030113CB058

"We would have preferred seven or eight, but we had to draw the second line [being a C4 class horse] so we have to go from there."

Hedges has been on board the five-year-old colt nine times since September after Tamworth-based trainer Ken Natty went down injured.

This time together has produced

three wins and Sunday's second to Chisnall in the fifth and final heat of the Inter City Pace series at Maitland.

Hedges was impressed with the run of Gotta Feeling, especially stepping up in distance to a mile-and-a-half.

"The Inter City Pace wasn't the original plan but the timing was right and talking to Ken [Natty] I thought the

mile-and-a-half race would suit him," Hedges said.

"He is a good stayer and I think this distance will be better for him."

The biggest challenge for Gotta Feeling will be running inside of him with \$1.50 favourite Scandalman jumping from barrier 10.

The group 2 final jumps at 9.15pm.

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Suspension rules Chapple out of final

JOSH CALLINAN

Guy Chapple's chances of winning an Inter City Pace final have been dashed after receiving a 10-day suspension.

The Louth Park driver was penalised for interference in Sunday's heat win on board Losta Armbro.

Chapple was told shortly after the victory at Maitland Showground but only withdrew from the 50th Inter City Pace final on Thursday following his decision to start the suspension this weekend.

"It was tough call but I had to weigh up my options," Chapple, who finished third in last year's Inter City Pace final with Tokyo Drift after undergoing emergency heart surgery three months beforehand, said.

"I could have waited until after Saturday but it would have pushed [the

suspension] out further and I would have missed out on more drives," he said.

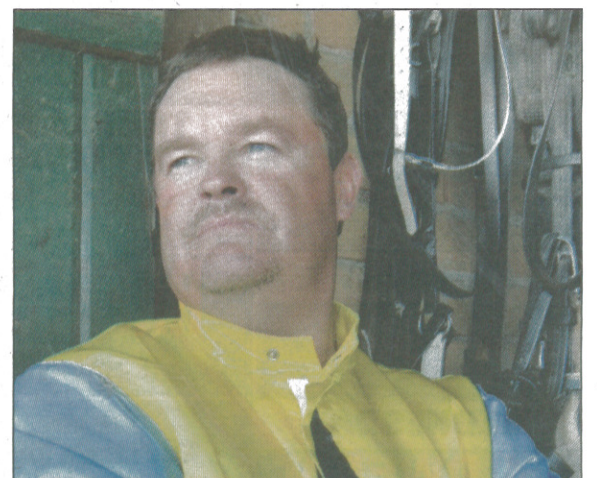
"There are at least two meetings at Newcastle next Thursday and Saturday and I couldn't afford to miss them."

Wes Komorowski will now drive Losta Armbro in the group 2 feature race for Keinbah-based trainer Shane Tritton.

"He [Losta Armbro] is funny to drive and out of everyone who has driven him before Wes was next in line," Tritton said.

"Scandalman will be tough to beat but it's a race so you never know."

Three-time defending Newcastle trainers premierships winner Tritton has six other runners in the nine-event card at Maitland, including Shelbyville and Flyin Interstate in the C8 or better class race, while Chapple has his own The Falcon Rainbow starting in the third.



SUSPENDED: Louth Park driver Guy Chapple.



LOVE TO DO IT AGAIN: Arthur Irwin won the Inter City Pace final in 1993 driving Royal Courtier.

Irwin recalls 'winning thrill'

JOSH CALLINAN

It has been 20 years since Arthur Irwin won the Inter City Pace.

But if the Aberglasslyn trainer-driver could do it all again at Maitland Showground on Saturday night he would.

"The thrill in that, winning the Inter City Pace final, well, I would like to have it again," Irwin said.

"It was a real big kick."

Irwin won the 1993 final driving Royal Courtier.

Before that East Maitland trainer-driver John Downing won with Ad Valorem in 1980, while Graham Kirkwood of Bishops Bridge was the trainer-driver of 1974 champion Blue Mineral.

But Irwin, now 74, remains the last hometown winner of the time-honoured feature race, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2013.

Chisnall, Losta Armbro and Gotta Feeling will attempt to break that drought in the \$50,000 group 2 final.

Others from the Maitland district have gone close, but missed out to visiting horses and Hunter stars.

Scandalman clear favourite in betting

JOSH CALLINAN

Scandalman remains the \$1.50 favourite while Living Lord and Chisnall have both come in on the Inter City Pace betting markets, according to bookmaker Steve Wiseman.

Wiseman said the Victoria and Newcastle derby winner would be unaffected drawing barrier number 10 in the group 2 feature, while Living Lord has shortened up after getting the inside lane.

Sawyers Gully charge Chisnall remains the best of the local hopes over the 2422 metre distance at

Fond memories from start

Ted Massingham remembers the 1962 Inter City Pace victory of Summit Road better than most.

He was the strapper of the inaugural winner.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Massingham told the *Maitland Mercury* from his Windsor home on Thursday.

"The atmosphere at Maitland was just unbelievable that night. "It was the very first one and it was a special win, especially now it has gone on to become such a successful race."

Then 16 years old, Massingham travelled to

Maitland with trainer-driver Wally Woods, who he lived with at Riverstone.

Woods was able to steer Summit Road home ahead of quality runners Idle Raider and Chief Vitesse.

Massingham said it was an impressive performance by Summit Road, who was bought in New Zealand by Jimmy Singh.

The foreman of Woods' stables for more than a decade, Massingham went onto train and drive, but retired from the harness racing game five years ago.

Stockton trainer Billy Reynolds had Bod Biemi saluting in 1972 and four years on it was Singleton-based Harga Lad in front at the finish line.

Fast forward to 1994 and Abermain's Graham Jennings was victorious with General Fox, in 2001 Les Kosklin prepared Magical Mike

for success at Anna Bay, while Staminator was triumphant for Ellalong trainer-driver Michael Formosa four years ago.

Sydney raider Bay Foyle is arguably the best performed horse to win an Inter City Pace final after going on to claim a Miracle Mile two years on from the 1970 victory at Maitland.

Maitland Showground on Saturday night, equal in odds to Living Lord and Major Post (\$7).

Bettor Sweet (16) and Dynamite Denn Nee (\$21) have blown out slightly from Sunday's initial post-heat markets, while Beetson remains at \$21.

Gotta Feeling was the biggest loser going from \$41 to \$101 following the draw of barrier 11 and sits alongside other outside chances Kobe Bryant and Losta Armbro (\$101).

In the support races, Manto Man (race four, number nine) was Wiseman's pick of the card.

Hate To Waite (race one, number eight), Master Firehawk (race two, number six), Hero's Gold (race three, number 11), Armagedon Flame (race five, number seven), Sanadik (race six, number two), Shootforthestarz (race eight, number seven) and Major Frank (race nine, number nine) also caught Wiseman's eye.

Inter City Pace betting market: Scandalman (\$1.50); Living Lord (\$7); Major Post (\$7); Chisnall (\$7); Bettor Sweet (\$16); Dynamite Denn Nee (\$21); Beetson (\$21); Kobe Bryant (\$101); Losta Armbro (\$101); Gotta Feeling (\$101).

Living Lord and Major Post winners at pace barrier draw

JOSH CALLINAN

Living Lord and Major Post were the big winners from Wednesday night's Inter City Pace barrier draw.

The pair drew gates one and two respectively at the Commercial Hotel in Morpeth giving them the inside running for Saturday night's \$50,000 final.

Fellow C2 class horses Dynamite Deen Nee, Kobe Bryant and Beetson make up barriers three to five, while Chisnall, a C3 runner, rounds out the front row in six.

On the back line, favourite Scandalman drew 10 while Bettor Sweet and Gotta Feeling ended up either side of the favourite in lanes nine and 11.

Losta Armbro will begin the 2422 metre journey from eight while seven, rails on the second row, will be left vacant for emergency Eye Spy Lombro.

BARRIER DRAW

2013 INTER CITY PACE 50th running of the final

1. Living Lord
2. Major Post
3. Dynamite Deen Nee
4. Kobe Bryant
5. Beetson
6. Chisnall
7. Eye Spy Lombro (em)
8. Losta Armbro
9. Bettor Sweet
10. Scandalman
11. Gotta Feeling

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FAVOURITE: Jim Douglass drives Scandalman home for victory in a record time in Saturday night's Inter City Pace final at Maitland Showground.

Picture by ROBYNNE METCALFE

GRAND RECORD

Scandalman talk of the town with sizzling Inter City Pace win

INTER CITY PACE
Josh Callinan

Scandalman was the talk of the track once more at Maitland Showground after taking out the 50th anniversary Inter City Pace final in record time on Saturday night.

The four-year-old colt ran a mile rate of two minutes and 0.8 seconds (2:00.08) in taking out the \$50,000 group two feature race over 2422 metres.

This narrowly bettered the mark set by last year's Inter City Pace champion and fellow Sydney raider Lettucerocku (2:01.00), a week after Scandalman claimed a 30 metre victory in the heats of the 2013 series.

But this latest effort was more about speed than dominance, as the \$1.40 favourite comfortably held off late surges from Major Post and Beetson down the home straight.

The Theresa Park team, of trainer Ian Wilson and driver Jim Douglass, couldn't have been happier with the showing and finally clinching the Inter City Pace after coming close in previous attempts.

"It's just tremendous," Wilson said.

"We've been here a few times but it was absolutely excellent to win it – the atmosphere, the crowd, just make racing what it is [at the Inter City Pace].

"It was amazing [the performance by Scandalman] – he's just a good horse."

Douglass shared similar sentiments post-race and said Scandalman did well after being forced to start from out wide on the back row in barrier 10.

"It's a big thrill," he said.

"It was going to be hard from the second row, especially when the favourites drew one, two and we had to come around them, but

he's just a terrific horse and got the job done."

Scandalman wasted little time in making his move, pulling equal with the leaders on the first lap, controlling the race pace from there and finally pulling clear with 400m to go.

This win adds an Inter City Pace to Scandalman's ever-growing honour roll, which already includes Victoria and Newcastle derby victories.

Both Wilson and Douglass agreed that Scandalman was the pick of the horses they had been involved with during their careers.

"He's definitely the best horse I've driven," Douglass said.

Wilson added: "Undoubtedly, he is the best." Chariots of Fire will be next event on the agenda for Scandalman according to Wilson and Douglass.

But Scandalman wasn't the only win of the

night for the Wilson and Douglass combination with Western Destroyer scoring the race before the pace final, the Cheryl and Peter Lowe Memorial.

Also experiencing multiple successes on Saturday night was Keinbah-based trainer and three-time defending Newcastle Premiership winner Shane Tritton.

The first two events of the nine-race card fell his way courtesy of Libbiemack and Chloe Maguire, driven by Wes Komorowski and Lauren Panella respectively.

And shortly after it was Panella making it a double for her and a treble for Tritton when Shelbyville clinched the highest classed race of the night for horses C8 or better.

Earlier in the evening, a suspended Guy Chapple watched trackside as Peter Hedges drove his Louth Park charge The Falcon Rainbow to triumph in the third race.

Big crowd enjoys the 50th



ABOVE: Nicole Hollier of Rutherford and Lisa Aston of Maitland. 050113JCPAGE1



BELOW: Jenna Towers of East Maitland, Lauren Hepworth of Cooks Hill and Amy Martin of Lorn. 050113JCPAGE6

ABOVE: Kay Hepworth of Lorn, Karenne Saxby of Rutherford, Tridall Bowe of Windella and Kerrie Jarmain of Lochinvar. 050113JCPAGE7

BELOW: Molly True, Janet Anderson and Ann Dawson, all of Tea Gardens. 050113JCPAGE10



ABOVE: Stacey Lawrence of Thornton and Jo-Ann Burgess of Beresfield. 050113JCPAGE2



ABOVE: Leanna Wiggins of Rutherford and Michelle Turner of Aberglasslyn. 050113JCPAGE3



ABOVE: Monique and Andrew Hedges of Aberglasslyn with their children Marissa, Kye, Luke and Jake. 050113JCPAGE4



ABOVE: Damian and Sara Newson of Largs with baby Madison. 050113JCPAGE5



ABOVE: Mark and Racquel O'Brien of Woodberry with daughter Tia. 050113JCPAGE8



ABOVE: Karleen Jones and Adam Debenham of Chisholm and Colleen and Dick Jones of Aberglasslyn. 050113JCPAGE9

running of Inter City Pace

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BELOW: Ross Anderson, Geoff True and Ray Dawson, all of Tea Gardens. 050113JCPAGE11



BELOW: Karen Tulloch of Telarah, Sally-Anne Parsons of Ashtonfield and Gayle Ford of Telarah. 050113JCPAGE12



ABOVE: Margaret Ridgeway of Lorn, Nat Mexon of Millers Forest, Bonnie Matthews of East Maitland and Lisa Gollan of Ashtonfield. 050113JCPAGE13

BELOW: Scott Daly of East Maitland, Aaron Mahony of Rutherford and Nick Tobin of East Maitland. 050113JCPAGE19



ABOVE: Mark Neilson of Lorn, Scott Freeman of Largs and Paul Fletcher of Lorn. 050113JCPAGE15



LEFT: Cameron McDeed and Kylie Smith of East Maitland with Bella Parker and Alan Parker of Rozelle. 050113JCPAGE17

ABOVE: Harness Racing NSW board chairman Graeme Campbell, Jason Buffier of Lorn and Dan Gollan of Lorn. 050113JCPAGE14



ABOVE: Troy and Penny Ernst of Rutherford. 050113JCPAGE20



ABOVE: Louise and Glen Gardner of Largs. 050113JCPAGE18



ABOVE: Yvette Cavanagh of Lorn and Kim Watson of Louth Park. 050113JCPAGE16