



MEDIA RELEASE

Changing of the guard at the races

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After 10 years at the helm of Kangaroo Island Racing Club, Roger Williams has stepped down and the Club also lost two other stalwarts in Mike Linscott, Secretary, after 23 years, and the Coopers' major sponsorship after 10 years – so there is definitely a changing of the guard.

The new President is Mark Turner, who is following in the footsteps of his father Milton. Mr Turner Snr was a 60 year life member of the Racing Club and a former president himself, and has a Memorial Race named after him, which is presented on Cup Day by Mark's mother Margaret. "I feel like dad tapped me on the shoulder and said go and do something for the Racing Club," Mark said.

Greg Miller is now Secretary/Treasurer and Tony Nolan has taken on the role of Vice President with a special interest in the catering side.

The Club is receiving special assistance from Chris Biggs, who has just retired as secretary at Oakbank. Mr Biggs will take on the role of Racing Director for the upcoming carnival.

The 2017 SeaLink Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival will kick off on Saturday January 28 with the renamed Racing at The Cygnet – a family day with the gold coin entry donation going to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This is a six-card race meeting with on-course betting, food vans and drinks, and a great day out for families.

The Ozone Hotel has taken up the opportunity to supply beer, so there will be a wide choice of brands available, and Dudley Wines is an exclusive supplier.

The Racing Carnival continues on Thursday February 16 and Saturday February 18, the two-day carnival culminating in the Dudley Wines Kangaroo Island Cup.

There will be food vans on-site and the Kangaroo Island Long Lunch will be catered by 2 Birds & a Squid. Tickets are \$199, all inclusive per head, and are available via SeaLink.

"On both days of seven races, on-course betting will be available along with the TAB van and book-makers, and all races will be televised nationally and internationally, taking Kangaroo Island to the world," Mark Turner said.

"And don't forget the Saturday Fashions of the Field, this year sponsored by Channel 7 Adelaide and compared by Channel 7 weather presenter Amelia Mulcahy," he said.



“We are grateful to Thoroughbred Racing SA for running these great fashion competitions at 26 race meetings in South Australia, so we’d encouraged the ladies to come along in their fashions and fascinators.”

Mr Turner expressed his gratitude for the work done by Roger Williams and Mike Linscott, and mentioned that memberships are now due - \$50 per person, with a great list of benefits available. “You can pick up your form from Turner Tyres and I’ll be happy to speak to anyone interested in helping us at the races in 2017 – we need volunteers to step forward,” Mark said.

Anyone interested in getting involved can call in to see Mark at Turner Tyres or telephone him on 0417 890 763.



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