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PRIZEMONEY INCREASES FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB ALBURY GOLD CUP CARNIVAL

The Albury Racing Club has confirmed record prizemoney and changes to the race programs for the 2017 Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup Carnival on the back of recent prizemoney increases introduced by Racing NSW.

With a revamped carnival, \$850,000 in prizemoney will be on offer over two days with the SDRA Qualifying Heat of the **Country Championships** headlining the first day on Sunday 19 March. Through the support of Racing NSW the meeting will be a Country Showcase meeting with minimum prizemoney of \$30,000 and will also include the \$40,000 **Barlens Albury Mile** and a \$40,000 Country NSW Maiden.

The Listed **Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup** will be run on Friday 24 March and will increase in prizemoney to \$180,000. A \$20,000 increase to \$80,000 for the **Jayco Albury Guineas** (3YO – BM70) together with the \$50,000 **Inglis Bonus** attached to the race will further boost what has become one of the feature races of the Albury carnival.

The City Handicap (Open – 1175m) increases by \$10,000 to \$50,000 and will be moved from the traditional spot on Day 1 of the carnival to the Friday program. The club has also decided to recognise the enormous contribution of recently retired President David Wallace to racing at Albury by naming the 2017 running of the event as the **David Wallace City Handicap**.

Prizemoney for the two days including the Country Championship and Showcase races will increase by a total of \$305,000 on what was on offer in 2016.

Albury Racing Club President Mark Cronin said, "The club is very excited to be hosting the Country Championships heat and be in a position with the support of Racing NSW to offer record prizemoney for two days racing at Albury. Together with the track upgrades, these changes should further strengthen what is already considered an icon event for the city of Albury."

Race Programs and Prizemoney included over page.

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Sunday 19 March, 2017

Prizemoney	Class/Rating	Distance
\$150,000	SDRA Country Championship Heat – Class 5	1400m
\$40,000	Barlens Albury Mile - Open	1600m
\$40,000	Country NSW Maiden	1400m
\$30,000	Benchmark 60	1600m
\$30,000	Benchmark 60	1175m
\$30,000	Class 1	1500m
\$30,000	Maiden	1000m
\$30,000	3YO Maiden Plate	1175m
\$380,000		

Friday 24 March, 2017

Prizemoney	Class/Rating	Distance
\$180,000	Listed Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup - Open (Quality Hcp)	2000m
\$80,000	Jayco Albury Guineas - Inglis Bonus (3YO) - (Benchmark 70) *\$50,000 Bonus payable by Inglis if the winner is nominated to Inglis Race Series.	1400m
\$50,000	David Wallace City Handicap	1175m
\$50,000	Flat Knacker - Open	900m
\$35,000	Adrian Ledger Memorial - (Benchmark 65)	2400m
\$25,000	Class 3	1500m
\$25,000	Class 2	1175m
\$25,000	Class 1	1000m
\$470,000		