



Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards

Rewarding dedication and hard work

6 Days Left to Nominate for the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards

Members of the Australian horseracing community now have less than one week before nominations close for the inaugural Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards.

Nominations for the awards can be made by anyone within the industry, from any part of Australia. Trainers, owners, breeders, managers and colleagues can all show their appreciation for hard-working members of staff. Staff can even nominate themselves.

Boasting a total prize-pool of \$100,000, the Awards, sponsored by Godolphin and run by Thoroughbred Breeders Australia and Racing Australia, will showcase the outstanding talent and dedication of those individuals who form the backbone of the racing and breeding industry in Australia.

Champion Trainer and Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards Ambassador Gai Waterhouse, said: "These national awards are a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding staff in our industry and reward the winners and their stables or studs with valuable prizes. I have encouraged all my staff to nominate colleagues and have even submitted a number of nominations myself. It's a great initiative and one that should be supported by the whole Australian racing and breeding industry."

The awards are divided into 6 categories, which carry a total prize-pool of \$100,000. Each category winner will receive \$10,000, with another \$2000 to be given to share among their co-workers (two runners up will also receive \$500). The overall winner, to be announced at the awards ceremony at the The Stables, Royal Randwick on Tuesday 24th November, will receive the Thoroughbred Excellence Award and a further \$5000, with their employer given \$4000.

Nominations close on Monday 28th September, 2015 at 17.00 (AEST). The nomination forms are available at <http://racingaustralia.horse/GodolphinForm/godolphin.aspx>.

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Judging Panel Members:

- Johan Petzer (Chair), Chief of Stewards TRSA (S.A.)
- Basil Nolan, President of TBA and stud owner (Qld)
- Melissa Weatherly, Racing Victoria (Vic)
- Caroline Searcy, Sky Racing Channel (NSW)
- Chris Watson, Director TBA and stud owner (S.A.)
- Ron Quinton, Thoroughbred Trainer (NSW)
- Troy Corstens, Thoroughbred Trainer (VIC)

Categories of Awards and Prize money:-

1. Leadership Award (Stud or Stable)

An award to an individual in a managerial or supervisory role in a stud or stable who has displayed leadership qualities – in particular in terms of quality people management, mentoring and support of staff, attention to workplace health and safety, commitment to continuous improvement and displaying good business acumen.

Prize: Trophy and \$10,000 to winner with \$2,000 to employer to share amongst staff. \$500 to each of 2 runners-up).

2. Horsemanship Award (Stud or Stable)

An award to an individual staff member who has shown talent for horsemanship, consistency and reliability in or out of the saddle. Must include an affinity with horses and gives a priority to animal welfare. Must demonstrate a degree of success with the thoroughbred, whether it be in breeding or racing or both, that has been borne out of their particular skill set.

Prize: Trophy and \$10,000 to winner with \$2,000 to employer to share amongst staff. \$500 to each of 2 runners-up).

3. Dedication to Breeding Award

An award to an individual staff member who has shown talent in thoroughbred breeding horsemanship, consistency and reliability in a stud role. Must have at least 5 years' service in the breeding industry and must have been pivotal in his or her employer's success.

Prize: Trophy and \$10,000 to winner with \$2,000 to employer to share amongst staff. \$500 to each of 2 runners-up).

4. Dedication to Racing Award

An award to an individual staff member who has shown talent for horsemanship in the racing field, consistency and reliability in racing role. Must have at least 5 years' service in the racing industry and must have been pivotal in his or her employer's success.

Prize: Trophy and \$10,000 to winner with \$2,000 to employer to share amongst staff. \$500 to each of 2 runners-up).



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5. Administration (Stud/Racing Stable/Ancillary Services) Award (Stud or Stable)

An award to an individual staff member who works in an administration role in a stud or racing yard or services ancillary to racing or breeding (such as Race Club administrators). Must demonstrate exceptional skills, loyalty or some achievement that has added value to their employer's business, and directly or indirectly to industry standards.

Prize: Trophy and \$10,000 to winner with \$2,000 to employer to share amongst staff. \$500 to each of 2 runners-up).

6. Thoroughbred Care and Welfare Award

An award to an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to the care and welfare of thoroughbreds who are not actively racing, and/or created a greater awareness, passion and care for the thoroughbred horse in its second/alternate career. Advocates whether by action or effort to ensure or promote best care throughout the thoroughbred's life (breeding, breaking, pre and post racing career, re-homing, retraining, providing a comfortable retirement, etc). These may be, for example, a quite achiever/ paid or volunteer in retraining or re-homing of the thoroughbred. This includes re-homing, retraining and providing a comfortable retirement for the animal. (Note – this winner will not be eligible for the **Thoroughbred Excellence Award**)

Prize: Trophy and \$10,000 to winner with \$2,000 to employer to share amongst staff. \$500 to each of 2 runners-up).

7. Thoroughbred Excellence Award - Overall Award (Stud or Stable Only)

Winner to be selected from one of the five categories. Must have made a significant, exceptional contribution to the industry.

Prize: Trophy and an additional \$5,000 to the winner with an additional \$4,000 to the winner's yard/stud (to be divided amongst stable/stud employees).

Awards Timeline:-

- **1st September 2015:** Nominations open.
- **28th September 2015:** Nominations close.
- **24th November 2015:** Awards ceremony.