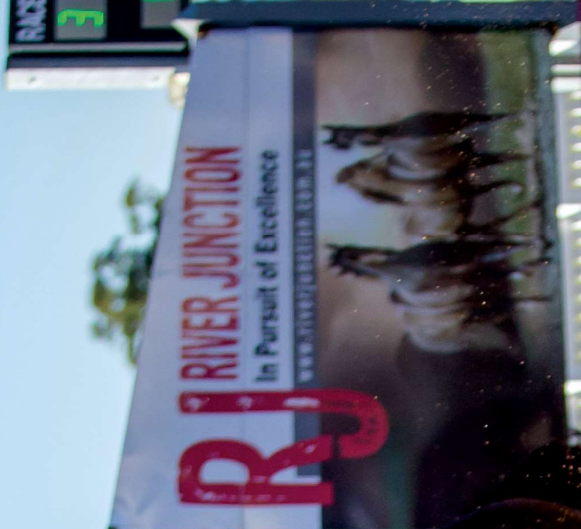




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MILESTONES CELEBRATIONS

FROM AN INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON
THE FLEDGLING GYMPIE GOLDFIELDS, TO NINE
POPULAR RACEDAYS SCHEDULED FOR EACH YEAR,
GYMPIE TURF CLUB HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH
TO STRENGTH ITS 150-YEAR HISTORY.





FIVE THINGS

GYMPIE

GYMPIE GOLD MINING AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Gympie has a colourful history and is credited as being the town that saved Queensland from bankruptcy. Discover how at the Gold Mining and Historical Museum, where documents, artefacts and photographs from the discovery of gold in 1867 to the recently closed operations of the Gympie Eldorado Goldmine.

TIN CAN BAY

Located a half-hour drive from Gympie is the sleepy little village of Tin Can Bay, which is home to the Great Sandy Strait famous for its safe and calm waterways. Rent a houseboat, take a fishing charter or bring your own boat and hit the waterways to meet the resident dolphins Mystique, Patch and baby Squirt.

BROOCH STATE FOREST

Just 10km north of Gympie, Brooch State Forest is home to sandstone cliffs, eucalypt forests and hoop pine plantations. A short walk to the top of Point Pure Lookout rewards you with a stunning view of the surrounding hinterland.

MARY VALLEY RATTLER

The historic Gympie Station, home to a café, museum and gift shop, also has heritage trains on display, with round trips from Gympie to Amamoor and Dagon scheduled to start soon.

KILKIVAN

One of the few towns located on the Bicentennial National Trail, Kilkivan is also home to the Great Horse Ride that is held each April. During the ride, more than 1000 horses and riders start from five points around the town and travel 20-32km along parts of the National Trail to Kilkivan for the Grand Parade down the main street.



2018 has seen the club host year-long festivities that are set continue with the Brown Macaulay and Warren Gympie Cup on October 27, before the major sesquicentennial celebrations kick off in late November. In a country area like Gympie, horseracing and what it embodies is integral to every aspect of the town according to Gympie Turf Club secretary Kristi Hollis.

"Racedays in our area are a way for the community to connect with their friends, make new friends and enjoy a day of fun in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere," Kristi said. "Economically speaking, our entire town also benefits greatly from the injection into the local economy each raceday brings.

"Perhaps most importantly, however, is the 'people' component. We fully recognise and appreciate Gympie Turf Club wouldn't be what it is without the community support we have. Our club is proud to be able to bring new and old friends together in such a positive environment every raceday."

"The Gympie Turf Club, along with many other country race clubs, loves to be part of the community. Our committee is dedicated, enthusiastic and genuinely committed to growth in our area."

Preparations for the overall anniversary Gympie Cup, Scheduled for October 27, the raceday is the penultimate event on the club's 2018 calendar and is expected to draw more than 1000 racegoers to Gympie Turf Club.

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In 1867, at a time when Queensland was suffering from severe economic depression and was on the brink of bankruptcy, the discovery of payable alluvial gold at Gympie by James Nash helped to not only change the course of history, but also put the small town on the map as the state's saviour. Originally known as Nashville before being renamed after a local string tree known as "gimpi", the mining shanty town had been inundated with hopeful goldminers by 1868, with an estimated 25,000 people on the goldfields.

As a result, the town expanded rapidly and, not surprisingly, in conjunction with the rise in population came the desire for a local turf club to provide entertainment. And so, Gympie Turf Club was born, with the first race meeting held on the fledgling Gympie Goldfields. Now, 150 years later, the turf club is still very much at the heart of the Gympie community, to commemorate this illustrious milestone.

PUNTERS LAND FACTS

A \$100,000 BONUS WILL AGAIN BE ON OFFER TO ANY HORSE THAT CAN WIN THE G2 VILLIERS/BERNBOROUGH HANDICAP DOUBLE DURING THE 2018 SUMMER CARNIVAL

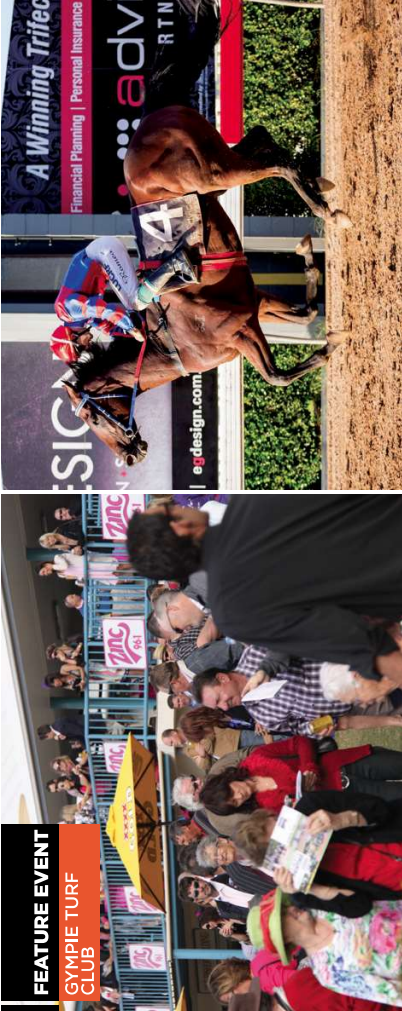


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"Race-day preparations for the Brown Macaulay and Warren Gympie Cup are coming along nicely. The entire committee has been working incredibly hard all year to bring a fantastic day of racing and action for our community," Kristi said.

"We believe our strong community focus, combined with a guaranteed great day trackside is a winning factor for bringing people together. We have averaged more than 1000 people in attendance every race-day this year, and look forward to another bumper crowd."

As is to be expected from such an established club, even the Gympie Cup has a story to tell.

Evolving from the Diggers Cup, which was first run in 1964 in conjunction with the Gympie RSL, the Diggers Cup formally became the Gympie Cup in 1970 and has several notable winners on the books including Panvalle in 1967 who went on to win the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick, as well as VRC Newmarket winner Better Beyond in 1981. More recently the Cup was claimed in both 2016 and 2017 by local favourite Faeta Than Light, trained by Pat Duff.

This year, gates to the five-race, \$66,500 race-day are set to open at 11am with the racing action beginning at 1pm.

What's more, the Gympie Cup HCP 1600m, will also form part of the Country Cups Challenge, an initiative that will bring together the winners of 16 Country Cups held across the state between September and November for a \$70,000 Metropolitan final on one of the Summer Racing Carnival's most popular days.

Off the track, more than \$2000 of cash, prizes and holidays will be on offer in the Fashions on the Field competition and the ever-popular annual members luncheon.

"This year, to celebrate our major sponsors, Brown Macaulay and Warren and their 70th anniversary, we plan to colour the track blue, and it will be a blue theme all day including during Fashions on the Field," Kristi said.

"We will also welcome former Racing Queensland chief steward Allan Reardon as our special guest at the annual Gympie Cup Luncheon, which will combine excellent racing commentary with a delicious meal. Then, to end the night, our patrons will enjoy dancing on the green to a live band."

To finish off Gympie Turf Club's racing year will be the major celebrations for the 150th anniversary on November 23 and 24. A gala dinner on November 23 will be followed by a Super Saturday of racing – the RSLA Digger's Cup – on the 24th.

"This race-day will have increased prizemoney and we'll also be giving away a brand new car," Kristi said.

"We have full bar, TAB, ATM and dining facilities on site, so there's no need to bring anything other than yourself and your friends to really enjoy a country race day."

"The best races are in country places!"

ON THE TRACK

**GYMPIE TURF CLUB
SATURDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2018**

**COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE
GYMPIE CUP RACEDAY**

All winners at this race meeting will receive a commemorative rug to celebrate 2018 Gympie TC's 150th Year of Racing.

**COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE
OPEN HANICAP** 1600 METRES
\$150 (Part of the Trophy)

This race is part of the 2018 Country Cups Challenge Series, with 1st, 2nd & 3rd placegetters automatically nominated. If eligible, to the RQ website and on Saturday 01/12/18. For full conditions refer RACE Magazine.

OT: \$22,000; 1st \$14,080; 2nd \$4,400; 3rd \$2,200; 4th \$880; 5th \$440
Trophies: \$650 (Owners' Trophy)

BENCHMARK 60 HANICAP 1030 METRES
OT: \$10,000; 1st \$6,500; 2nd \$2,000; 3rd \$1,000; 4th \$500
Trophies: \$300 (Owners' Trophy)

**RATINGS BAND
O - 55 HANICAP** 1470 METRES
OT: \$10,000; 1st \$6,500; 2nd \$2,000; 3rd \$1,000; 4th \$500

CLASS B HANICAP 1170 METRES
OT: \$10,000; 1st \$6,500; 2nd \$2,000; 3rd \$1,000; 4th \$500

**OTIS MAIDEN PLATE
(S TO & U) (SE WEIGHTS)** 1170 METRES
OT: \$10,000; 1st \$6,500; 2nd \$2,000; 3rd \$1,450; 4th \$550

For OTIS 3, 4, 5 year old Horses:
OT: \$12,000; 1st \$8,050; 2nd \$2,400; 3rd \$1,200; 4th \$350

For non-OTIS Horses:
OT: \$7000; 1st \$4,550; 2nd \$1,400; 3rd \$700; 4th \$350

NOMINATIONS close TUESDAY, 23 October 2018, 11:00 AM

WEIGHTS closed WEDNESDAY, 24 October 2018

ACCEPTANCES due THURSDAY, 25 October 2018, 10:00 AM

JOCKEY DECLARATIONS THURSDAY, 25 October 2018, 1:00 PM

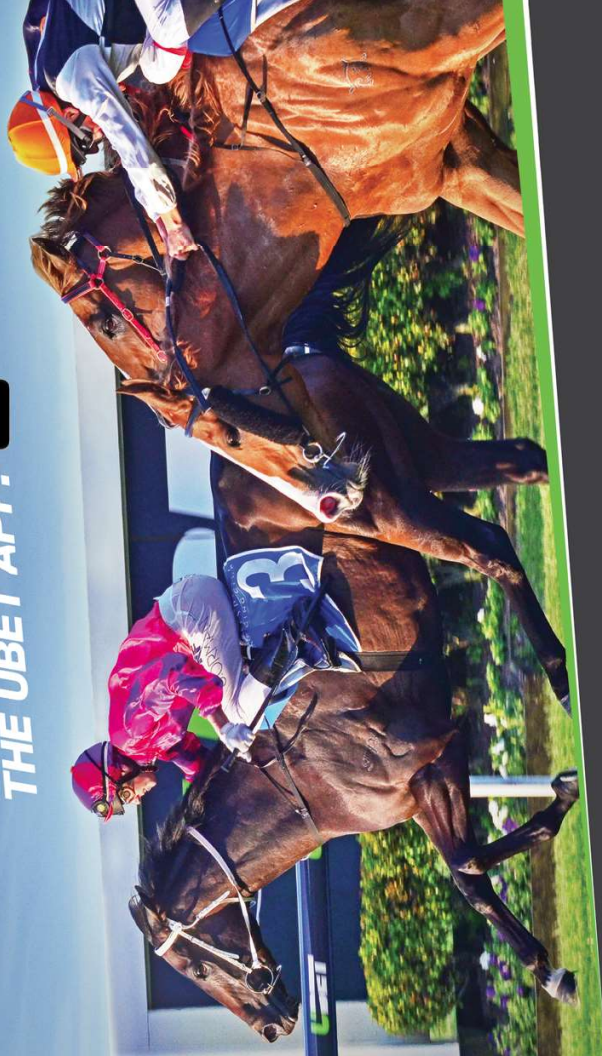
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