

**MONDAY, 10th JULY 2006**

## **WESTLAWN FINANCE JULY CARNIVAL LUNCHEON**

The CRJC July Carnival Luncheon, supported once again by long-term July Carnival sponsor Westlawn Finance, will be held on Monday July 10. Previously the Luncheon has played host to the live drawing of the barriers for the two big races of the Carnival – the \$160,000 XXXX Gold Grafton Cup (2400m) and the \$125,000 Black Toyota Ramornie Hcp (1200m). In 2006 however, there will be a slight change in format.

Until February 2006, acceptances closed at 10am for NSW Country meetings. Now with a 9am acceptance time, it was believed delaying the barrier draw until 11am would cause too much angst for out of town owners and trainers.

Hence, the barrier draw will be conducted by the NRRA Stewards on their office computers along with all other events for the main days of racing. The day will still begin at 10.30am, with an immediate preview of the Cup and the Ramornie, along with sponsor representatives from Tooheys (XXXX Gold) and new Ramornie sponsor Black Toyota.

Hosts Chris Scholtz and Steve Hawkins (returning after a year off) will offer their expert comments and advice to patrons on the main chances in the two (2) big races and will ensure the crowd is continually entertained.

Special celebrity guest for the day is Sky Channel's Brisbane form expert Larry Olsen. Formerly a champion jockey, Larry completed the Grafton Cup-Melbourne Cup double in 1987 aboard the Les Bridge-trained Kensei and has confirmed his participation on the day. It is rest assured that Larry would have plenty of good yarns to tell from his many years at the racetrack.

Spot interviews will be conducted with other high-profile industry participants in attendance, along with the usual trivia competition. Prizes and giveaways on the day are courtesy of Westlawn Finance and Tooheys Ltd.

For only \$40 per person, you can be guaranteed a great day's entertainment. The ticket price includes a two-course luncheon, consisting of a main meal plus dessert. There is also complimentary beer, wine and soft drink available to the close of the function at 2.30pm.

Tickets are available at the CRJC office on a planned seating arrangement. With a limit of 250 seats being available, early purchase is advised to guarantee your spot.