



VRC MEDIA RELEASE

Final Field for Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep locked in

The final field for the **Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep** has been locked in, following the official barrier draw at Flemington Racecourse today.

The barrier draw saw 24 rural and regional Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour destinations allocated a barrier for this year's Lexus Melbourne Cup, with Victoria Racing Club (VRC) Chairman **Neil Wilson** involved in the proceedings.

The town that draws the barrier of the eventual Lexus Melbourne Cup-winning horse will be presented with a cash prize of \$50,000 to put towards a registered charity for a local community initiative.

Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Ambassador and former Chief Steward, **Des Gleeson**, was also on hand as part of the event, selecting the barriers on the town's behalf.

Residents of **Dirnaseer** in regional New South Wales will be cheering on barrier 11, the most successful barrier in Cup history with eight winners so far.

Cloncurry in Queensland will be hoping for the best on Lexus Melbourne Cup Day after drawing barrier 18 while **Yea** in regional Victoria will jump from barrier 1.

Devonport in Tasmania have been allotted barrier 13 and will be hoping to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Tasmanian stayer, Piping Lane's 1972 Melbourne Cup win with a winning barrier.

Charters Towers in Queensland drew the widest gate which has produced three winners, selecting barrier number 24.

Following the devastating floods to impact northern Victoria, it would be an emotional win for **Echuca/Moama** if the winning horse jumps from their allocated barrier 19.

Destinations will be eagerly awaiting this Saturday's Lexus Melbourne Cup Barrier Draw following the conclusion of Penfolds Victoria Derby Day to see which horse will compete for their town.

Victoria Racing Club Chairman Neil Wilson said the club was looking forward to welcoming the 24 national sweep representatives to Flemington on Lexus Melbourne Cup Day to watch their horse compete.

"The VRC is extremely proud of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour and all it represents when taking the People's Cup back to the people of Australia," Mr Wilson said.

"The Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep is an important addition to the tour. We look forward to welcoming all 24 town representatives to Flemington to be part of the magic of Lexus Melbourne Cup Day, a once in a lifetime experience.

"This is the fourth year of the National Sweep and we are delighted to see the \$50,000 prize go to meaningful community programs in the past three years such as the Royal Flying Doctors in Kangaroo Island and various local initiatives in Bunyip."



Bendigo in regional Victoria took home the \$50,000 donation last year, with the winnings put towards local charity Sunshine Bendigo which aim to provide practical support to local families experiencing challenging times through collecting, sorting, and redistributing new and pre-loved baby goods and nursery equipment to families in need.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival begins with Penfolds Victoria Derby Day on Saturday 29 October, continues with Lexus Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 1 November, Kennedy Oaks Day on Thursday 3 November and concludes with TAB Champion Stakes Day on Saturday 5 November.

Network 10 is the exclusive broadcast partner of the 2022 Melbourne Cup Carnival with all races live and free on 10 and streamed on 10 Play.

Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep Results

Town Represented	Barrier Drawn	Charity
Allora, QLD	6	Allora RSL Sub Branch
Central Western Slopes, NSW	8	Can Assist & Cancer Patients Assistance Society of New South Wales
Charters Towers, QLD	24	Prospect Community Services
Cloncurry, QLD	18	Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (QLD)
Coolamon, NSW	2	Coolamon RSL Sub Branch
Curban, NSW	23	Macquarie Home Stay Dubbo, District Parent Support Group for The Deaf/ Hearing Impaired Incorporated & The Gilgandra and District Cancer Fundraisers Inc
Devonport/Meander Valley, TAS	13	Cancer Council of Tasmania
Dirnaseer, NSW	11	Rural Outreach Counselling Inc
Echuca/Moama, VIC/NSW	19	Riding for the Disabled (Echuca)



Gold Coast, QLD	14	Griffith University Institute for Glycomics & National Breast Cancer Foundation
Howlong, NSW	16	Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre
Junee, NSW	21	Cooinda Court Aged Care Facility
Kandanga, QLD	5	Hope Reins Inc
Maffra, VIC	17	Maffra RSL Sub Branch
Newman, WA	20	Royal Flying Doctor of Australia (WA) & Blue Tree Project
Portarlington, VIC	15	Ten02 Incorporated Bellarine
Seaspray, VIC	7	Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club
Stanhope, VIC	22	Stanhope & District Mens Shed
Tullibigeal, NSW	9	Ronald McDonald House Charities Australia
Wagin, WA	4	St John's Ambulance (WA)
Wallaroo, SA	10	Riding for the disabled (SA)
Warwick, QLD	12	National Jockeys Trust
Wauchope, NSW	3	Riding for the Disabled (Kendall)
Yea, VIC	1	Skyline Education Foundation Australia, Rotary Australia World Community Services & Yea Wetlands Trust Fund

Media Enquiries: Jessie Reed | J.Reed@vrc.net.au | 0408 206 422

