



# Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival

16 - 17 March, 2024

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Dear Competitors

Welcome to the third Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival to be held at the Allora Showgrounds on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

Once again, we have added to the program – this time to include show jumping for both heavy horses and partbreds on Sunday afternoon plus an expanded Heavy Horse Harness program. Please read the rules and definitions in both the Schedule and Rules before submitting your entries.

## **Entries will close on Sunday, 11 February, 2024**

All entries must be submitted to the secretary on or before Sunday, 11 February. Payment must accompany the entries for them to be accepted - please forward a copy of your Lodgement Receipt or Payment Advice. ***Please scan documents, preferably as a PDF, for emailing. A photo of a form may not be accepted and is often difficult to read.***

### **Early Bird Entries Draw**

All entries received by Sunday, 28 January will go in the draw for a \$100 cash-back prize. You **must** compete at the event to be eligible to claim it and it will be paid out with prize money.

### **Increased Prize Money & Appearance Money**

We have increased the prize money for all classes to 1<sup>st</sup>: \$40    2<sup>nd</sup>: \$30    3<sup>rd</sup>: \$20

There have also been increases to Grand Champions and some Championships. We are also offering appearance money for some competitors - full details are in the Competitors Rules & Conditions of Entry.

### **Attached to this email is all the documentation & information competitors need. Included are**

- Competition Schedule
- Entry Form – Led Classes
- Entry Form – All Other Classes
- Payment Form
- Competitors Rules & Conditions of Entry
- EA Event Indemnity Form
- Event Membership & Insurance Form
- Horse Health Declaration (*to be handed in on arrival at the Festival*)
- Sponsorship Pledge Form

We will have more information out to competitors closer to the event but please feel free to contact us by email or through private message to our Facebook page "Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival".

Our website is updated as new information becomes available.

Allora Showgrounds, is situated on the New England Highway about 20km north of Warwick. It's a lovely venue offering powered (limited number) & non-powered camping sites, open, portable panel yards or a limited number of smaller, covered stalls more suited to ponies and smaller horses. Food vendors will be on site for the weekend – along with a big range of displays, demonstrations and stalls. A Saturday night dinner and licensed bar is once again planned – you can pre-order your dinner with your nominations.

A sponsorship pledge form is also attached if you would like to support the Festival in this way – we would be extremely grateful should you choose to support us in this way and please feel free to contact us regarding more information on sponsorship packages. To those of you who have already supported us... we are truly thankful.

If you have to bring your dog with you it/they must be confined or on a leash at all times and remain at your campsite during Show opening times.

We trust that you are all safe and well and look forward to seeing you all at the Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival.

Kind regards

*Clare Gorwyn*