FINLEY AUTUMN CUP 2020 REPORT

DEAR SPONSORS, MEMBERS and PATRONS

We are pleased to report on another successful running of the Finley Autumn Cup meeting held at Berrigan on 14th March 2020. The five-race program with 54 starters was conducted in fine weather on a track rated as a Good 4 with approximately 400 in attendance and an on-course betting turnover of $30547.

The Berrigan Race Club committee see the staging of our three race meetings each year as an important contribution to the social fabric of our immediate district and beyond. Our Berrigan Gold Cup meeting held each year on the Saturday prior to Melbourne Cup day is a major highlight for locals and visitors alike. Our supporting two meetings in August and March each season aim to provide incentives to ensure the racing fraternity maintain an ongoing interest in the race club.

The cost to our community race club to conduct a race meeting without the “trimmings” is between $9000 and $11000. These costs include prizemoney (part of which is not covered by Racing NSW) ambulance, vet attendance, broadcast, and various wages for barrier attendants, farrier, course clerks, officials etc. Race day income is sourced from gate attendance, bar takings and sponsorship. This year’s result showed a small deficit of $1027 and we are continuing to identify means to get the bottom line into the black.

Sponsorship for this year’s Finley Cup came from the following;

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To these Sponsors, our Patrons and Members we say a big THANKYOU

In these challenging times we trust that you all stay safe and we are hopeful that community racing will soon recommence if not for our August meeting then on 31st October for Berrigan Cup day.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Alexander - Secretary

For Berrigan Race Club Committee