

THE
NULLARBOR

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THE NULLARBOR RACE & VENUE

Date: Friday 19 April 2024

Racecourse: Gloucester Park

Race Distance: 2536m

Conditions: 3YO+ FFA Open.

Starters: 10

Prizemoney: \$1,250,000

Track Circumference: 804.5m

Track Direction: Anti-Clockwise

2023 Winner: Betterzippit NZ

ABOUT THE NULLARBOR

The Nullarbor is the richest harness race to be held in Australia that is open to free-for-all pacers. With stake money increased to \$1,250,000 in 2024 The Nullarbor is firmly on the radar for local and international horses.

Gloucester Park in Perth plays host to this unique event on Friday 19 April 2024. The brainchild of Racing WA, The Nullarbor forms part of the world's first-ever tri-code slot series, which includes The Quokka for thoroughbreds, and The Sandgroper for greyhounds.

This three-day Western Trilogy festival of racing injects a substantial boost into the local economy and holds claim to becoming the most anticipated race days for fans of all codes.

The Nullarbor race is the only slot race in Australia for free-for-all pacer. Each of the 10 slot holders invest \$70,000 to select their own contender for the 2536m race. These slot positions can be traded, leased, or even entered into joint ventures before the deadline.

Slot holders identify a horse to represent them and negotiate a prizemoney-sharing agreement with the horse's owners and trainers. All slot holders

signing up in 2024 will commit to a three-year contract.

The inaugural running of The Nullarbor was won by Betterzippit NZ who held off fellow interstater Spirit of St Louis NZ to give New South Wales the quinella. In third place was the Gary Hall Snr trained Jumpingjackmac NZ, who finished best of the local pacers.

Western Australian harness racing has a highly regarded reputation for hosting championship races such as the world renowned Inter Dominion Championship. The introduction of The Nullarbor adds a new level of intrigue and excitement, with negotiations between slot holders and owners to secure their place in the top-quality field.

Also featured on Nullarbor race night is The Eucla, a consolation race from which emergency runners are selected if required.

WHAT IS THE NULLARBOR?

The Nullarbor Plain is the iconic 1,200km stretch across the Eyre Highway on the journey from the eastern states to Western Australia, or vice versa.

"Crossing the Nullarbor" is a symbolic part of the journey when traveling to or from WA, with its unique and memorable landscape, sense of adventure, isolation, and the historical significance of the transportation routes that traverse this iconic Australian desert. It is a defining experience for many travellers exploring the vast continent of Australia.



HOW IS **THE NULLARBOR** PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTED?

An agreement between the Slot Holder and Owners of their selected horse must be signed and sent to Racing WA. The split of prizemoney is negotiated between both parties until an agreement is reached.



The Nullarbor Prizemoney Breakdown

| Finishing position | Prizemoney |
|--------------------|------------|
| 1st | A\$500,000 |
| 2nd | A\$200,000 |
| 3rd | A\$140,000 |
| 4th | A\$90,000 |
| 5th | A\$60,000 |
| 6th | A\$49,500 |
| 7th | A\$49,500 |
| 8th | A\$49,500 |
| 9th | A\$49,500 |
| 10th | A\$49,500 |



2023 The Nullarbor Results

| Result | Horse |
|--------|-----------------------|
| 1st | Betterzippit NZ |
| 2nd | Spirit of St Louis NZ |
| 3rd | Jumpingjackmac NZ |
| 4th | Steel The Show NZ |
| 5th | Typhoon Banner NZ |
| 6th | Diego NZ |
| 7th | Magnificent Storm |
| 8th | Loyalist |
| 9th | Lavra Joe |
| 10th | Mighty Ronaldo |

HOW DO PACERS QUALIFY FOR THE NULLARBOR?

Horses don't qualify for The Nullarbor in the traditional way, i.e., winning or placing in ballot exemption races and getting a horse's classification or prize money as high as possible.

The Slot Holders are looking to select the best pacers in Australia or the most promising 'up-and-comers'. It is entirely up to the Slot Holder on which horse they select for their slot.

Performing strongly in races such as the Group 1 WA Pacing Cup (2536m), Group 1 Inter Dominion Championship (2680m), Group 1 Hunter Cup (2760m), Group 3 Pinjarra Pacing Cup (2692m), Group 1 Miracle Mile (1609m), Group 3 Bunbury Cup (2569m), will likely put in a horse right in contention for a place in The Nullarbor!



THE NULLARBOR BARRIER DRAW

The Barrier draw for The Nullarbor will be conducted at Gloucester Park on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Further event details will be provided closer to the date.

| Placing | Horse | Barrier | Position at 800m | Position at turn |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Betterzippit NZ | 4 | 1st | 1st |
| 2nd | Spirit of St Louis NZ | 8 | 3rd | 2nd |
| 3rd | Jumpingjackmac NZ | 5 | 9th | 6th |



WHO IS RACING WA?

At Racing WA, we are the heartbeat of Western Australia's racing industry, uniting a diverse community that spans the entire state, from Albany to Kununurra and everywhere in between.

We are the catalyst for progress, passionately dedicated to nurturing growth and ensuring the welfare of both the remarkable people and animals that make this industry come alive. As the governing body of race clubs across our state, overseeing all three racing codes—Thoroughbred, Harness, and Greyhound—we take pride in supporting the vibrant world of racing in Western Australia.



HOW DO I GET MY HORSE TO PERTH?

Racing WA will organise a flight for interstate horses from Sydney to Perth on Monday 8 April 2024 (or near this date).

The Slot Holder will pay approximately AUD 10k each way (Racing WA to offset against prizemoney, per the conditions stipulated by Slot Holders in private arrangement). Racing WA will underwrite the balance of the flight cost from the east coast, so that Slot Holders are not subject to commercial rates.

Where will my horse be stabled?

We can assist trainers in finding a suitable host-facility for your horse to be stabled here in WA.

When will slot holders be announced to the public?

Monday 13 November 2023.

How is the Emergency Pool selected?

The Race Committee will, in its absolute discretion, select four eligible horses to be included in the final Emergency Pool for the Race (Emergency Pool). The Emergency Pool will comprise of four eligible horses which will be selected from the pool of horses who have been accepted to race in the consolation race (The Eucla) programmed on the same night as the Race (as determined by RWWA).



WHAT EVENTS ARE INCLUDED?

The TABtouch Western Trilogy Luncheon will take place at Optus Stadium on Wednesday 17 April 2024.

All Slot Holders will receive a table to enjoy at the event which will showcase the contenders of all three races. Additional tickets can be purchased. Owners of accepted runners will be notified prior to the event.

For more information, please get in touch with our marketing team at marketing@rwwa.com.au

HOW DO I BOOK HOSPITALITY AT GLOUCESTER PARK?

All race day events are booked via the host race club Gloucester Park.

For available hospitality packages, visit gloucesterpark.com.au. If you require any assistance, please get in touch with our team who are more than happy to help.





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