

THE QUOKKA

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ABOUT THE QUOKKA

The Quokka is the richest turf race to be held in Australia outside of Victoria and New South Wales.

The extraordinary prize money of \$5,000,000 is equal to the prestigious W.S. Cox Plate.

Ascot Racecourse in Perth plays host to this exciting event on Saturday 20 April 2024. The brainchild of Racing WA, The Quokka forms part of the world's first-ever tri-code slot series, which includes The Nullarbor for pacers and The Sandgroper for greyhounds. Collectively, this three-day festival injects a substantial boost into the local economy and holds claim to becoming the most anticipated race days for fans.

This race concept draws inspiration from Sydney's The Everest, boasting 14 slot holders, each contributing \$200,000 to select their own contender for the 1200m weight-for-age sprint, open to three-year-olds and older horses. These slot positions can be traded, leased, or even entered into joint ventures before the deadline.

Slot holders identify a horse and then negotiate a prize money-sharing agreement with the horse's owners and

trainers. All slot holders signing up in 2024 will commit to a three-year contract.

In 2023, Ascot witnessed the inaugural race, where Overpass, trained by Bjorn Baker, emerged victorious, surpassing WA's superstar mare, Amelia's Jewel from the Simon Miller stable, with the prominent interstate galloper Bella Nipotina, trained by Ciaran Maher and David Eustace, securing the third position.

Australian racing holds an esteemed reputation as the ultimate benchmark for sprinters globally. The negotiations between slot holders and horse connections add an intriguing layer to this relatively young race.

WA's most opulent race day also includes the 'The Joey,' a consolation race where emergency runners for The Quokka are selected. Additionally, the \$500,000 Group 2 Amelia Park Karrakatta Plate for two-year-olds takes centre stage, representing the crown jewel for juvenile racing in the west.

THE QUOKKA RACE & VENUE

Date: Saturday 20 April 2024

Racecourse: Ascot Racecourse

Race Distance: 1200m

Conditions: Standard Weight for Age

Starters: 14

Prizemoney: \$5,000,000

Track Type: Turf

Track Direction: Anti-Clockwise

2023 Winner: Overpass

WHAT IS A QUOKKA?

A quokka is a small marsupial native to Australia. It belongs to the macropod family, which includes kangaroos and wallabies. Quokkas are known for their friendly and seemingly smiling facial expressions, which has earned them the nickname "the world's happiest animal." They are herbivorous and primarily inhabit forests and scrublands in southwestern Australia, including Rottnest Island. Quokkas are also a popular subject for wildlife photography due to their charming appearance.



HOW IS THE QUOKKA PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTED?

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

Prizemoney Breakdown

Finishing position	Prizemoney
1st	A\$2,000,000
2nd	A\$600,000
3rd	A\$400,000
4th	A\$250,000
5th	A\$190,000
6th	A\$180,000
7th - 10th	A\$175,000
11th - 14th	A\$145,000

2023 - The Quokka Results

Result	Horse	Following Start
1st	Overpass	2nd - G1 Doomben 10,000
2nd	Amelia's Jewel	1st - G2 Lets' Elope Stakes
3rd	Bella Nipotina	6th - G1 Sangster Stakes
4th	Asfoora	1st - G3 The Heath 1100
5th	Hot Zed	6th- G3 Northam Stakes
6th	Red Can Man	3rd - G3 Northam Stakes
7th	Resortman	3rd - G3 Belmont Sprint
8th	Uncommon James	3rd - G1 Moir Stakes
9th	Shades of Rose	6th - Listed Takeover Target Stakes
10th	Kementari	8th - G1 The Goodwood
11th	Bustler	1st - RTG72+ Ascot
12th	Trix of the Trade	
13th	Massimo	8th - G3 Northam Stakes
14th	Western Knight	



HOW DO HORSES QUALIFY FOR THE QUOKKA?

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

The Slot Holders are looking to select the best sprinters 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 Winterbottom Stakes (1200m), Group 1 Lightning Stakes (1000m), Group 1 Oakleigh Plate (1100m), Group 1 Newmarket Hcp (1200m), Group 1 William Reid Stakes (1200m), Group 1 VRC Classic (1200m) and the Group 3 The Gold Rush (1400m) will likely put in a horse right in contention for a Quokka slot!

Previous three starts for the top three placegetters of The Quokka in 2023:

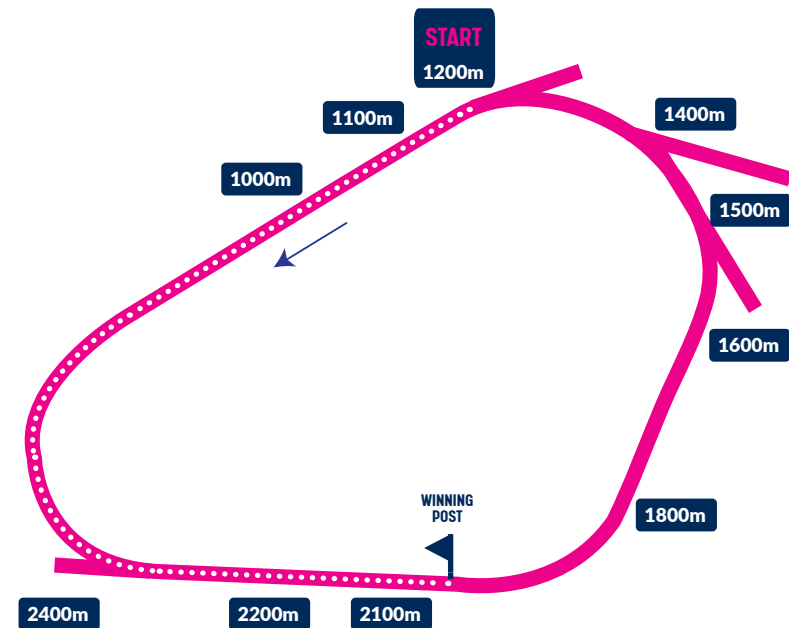
Result	Horse	Place
1st	Overpass	10th - The Hunter - Newcastle 9th - The Golden Eagle - Rosehill 6th - The Everest - Royal Randwick
2nd	Amelia's Jewel	1st G3 Roma Cup - Ascot 1st G1 Northerly Stakes - Ascot 1st G2 WA Guineas - Ascot
3rd	Bella Nipotina	2nd G1 William Reid Stakes - Moonee Valley 12th G1 Newmarket Hcp - Flemington 3rd G1 Lightning Stakes - Flemington



THE QUOKKA BARRIER DRAW

The Barrier draw for The Quokka will be conducted by Perth Racing at Ascot Racecourse on Tuesday 16 April 2024. Further details on timing and venue location on course will be provided closer to the date.

Placing	Horse	Barrier	Position at 800m	Position at turn
1st	Overpass	8	1st	1st
2nd	Amelia's Jewel	14	14th	13th
3rd	Bella Nipotina	6	13th	12th





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?

Racing WA will support all visiting trainers with finding suitable stabling for their horse, whether that is at Ascot Racecourse or in a more rural setting.

When will slot holders be announced to the public?

Monday 13 November 2023.

Who can apply for a slot?

Applications are open to all businesses, individuals or entities that satisfy all terms and conditions. Send a completed application form to slotraces@rwwa.com.au. You can find this available on our website at westerntrilogy.com.au.

How are emergencies 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 Joey) programmed on the same day as the Race (as determined by RWWA)



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.



What events are on before The Quokka?

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 Ascot racecourse?

All race day events are booked via the host race club Perth Racing. For available hospitality packages, visit www.perthracing.com.au. If you require any assistance please get in touch with our team who are more than happy to help.

What will I receive as an owner in The Quokka?

Owners will receive access to The Vantage, a venue at Ascot Racecourse exclusively for racehorse owners. Each owner will receive a personalised memento on course which can be collected at The Vantage. Our dedicated ownership team will provide owners with all the information prior to race day.



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