

LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST - SALES START 30 MAY -

The Queensland office is preparing for the massive sale with a full 12 days of selling and well over 2,600 horses, which would have to be Australia's biggest sale as far as numbers go.

On sale will be weanlings for the first 3 days, mares for the next 5 days, and yearlings for the following 4 days.

It will be a very busy time but Bradley and Darren and all the drivers are fully prepared. They are in the starting blocks ready to go!

Ring now and make your bookings!

NEWS FROM THE HUNTER

The Scone Branch of LTG just completed one of its busiest Easter periods on record, moving a good number of horses in and out of the Hunter region over the two and a half weeks. It was testament to Dave Rose's organisational skills that the whole exercise went without a hitch and we were able to get all horses out with a minimum of fuss.

The Scone office is now gearing up for the **Scone and Upper Hunter Horse Festival** activities from 4 – 20 May and the **Emirates Park Scone Cup Race Day** on Friday 18 May 2007.

Next on the calendar is the colossal winter sale up on the Gold Coast which runs for nearly three weeks. With such a large weanling and mare catalogue, there will be plenty of traffic back to the Hunter Valley. LTG will have our trucks based on the Gold Coast to move the horses quickly, and our staff will be at the Gold Coast sale to assist with all enquires.

See you there – your support is always appreciated.

POOLS OF FUN



Here is our Admin Team – Cathy, Pam, Cate, and Raj - pictured cheering on the entrants in a hotly contested LTG sports event.

A challenge had been made and a date set. Bets were (perhaps rashly) laid. Who would win the 1 km swim competition?

Cathy had whipped up the pom-poms the night before in preparation for an occasion not to be missed.



Fortunately it was a very quiet day at the local pool, so each competitor had their own lane. A warm up lap was swum, and then Peter Nolan (above, left lane) and Matt Backhouse (above, right lane) were away.

The contenders kept pace for the first 6 laps or so, then Matt pulled ahead and finished in an excellent time (we didn't have stopwatches, but it was well under 16 minutes).

Peter wasn't far behind, and is now considering some improvements to his training regime before the next event.

TOP HORSES TRAVEL LTG

With the combination of the Easter Racing Carnival and the William Inglis Easter Sales, April is a busy month for Sydney. LTG carried the likes of Group One winning horses Miss Finland, Bentley Biscuit, Desert War, Blutigeroo and Meurice. In fact, Meurice was strapped this preparation by our very own Operations Supervisor, Timothy McMahon, who assists Gai Waterhouse each morning before starting at LTG.

During this time, the pressure was cranked up with a huge influx of horses to the William Inglis Yearling Sales. This record-breaking sale saw two of Sydney's loyal clients (Tyreel & Ruane Studs) having very successful sales, both finishing in the top 4 vendors for average selling prices.

While ensuring that the yearlings were delivered promptly and safely after the sale, LTG's drivers were also busily bringing horses to the Inglis complex for the huge Australian Select Weanling and Broodmare Sale. This was a mighty logistical exercise and, considering the number of horses that we moved, a very professional job was done by all drivers and operational staff.

HIGH FLIERS HOME AGAIN

Many of the horses we move would have interesting travel tales to tell.

We recently picked up Karasi from Melbourne airport after his 3rd Nakayama Grand Jump win and dropped him home for a well earned rest.

Two recent Dubai winners, Smart And Mighty and Benedetti, also returned home recently. Both are trained by Tony Noonan.