



LOCAL SPONSOR OF STALLION SHOOTOUT

Quipolly Equine Centre, a specialised centre in all areas of assisted breeding techniques and stallion management, has recently sponsored the Stallion Shootout in the campdraft competition at the 2013 Landmark Classic Campdraft Sale held at the Australian Equine and Livestock Event Centre (AELEC) in Tamworth from February 4 until February 10.

The Landmark Classic began as an incentive based sale allowing horses aged five years and under to compete in an annual draft. The inaugural event was held at the Tamworth Showground in May 2008 with 113 performance horses sold, grossing \$1.2 million and a sale average of \$10,700. The event moved to (AELEC) the following year and interest has continued to grow with 467 horses sold grossing \$4.5 million with a sale average of \$11,050 in 2012.

The Landmark Classic Campdraft has the highest prize money for individual campdraft winners in Australia and Lyn Batterham from the Quirindi Veterinary Group (which includes the Quipolly Equine Centre) said it is becoming a prestige event and venue.

"We held a reception on the Tuesday night for participants in the Stallion Shootout which involved three rounds held over the next three days from Wednesday to Friday last week," Mrs Batterham said.

"This is our third year of sponsoring the Stallion Shootout and it let people know what the Quipolly Equine Centre is and was very well received," she said.

Quirindi Veterinary Group Business Manager Kathy Burns said the Quipolly Equine Centre Stallion Shootout sponsorship is for \$15,000 in total with \$10,000 in prize money and a \$5000 certificate for stallion evaluation and semen freezing.

2013 Landmark Classic Campdraft includes Open, Challenge, Classic, Masters and Stallion Shootout competitions. Overall 2013 Quipolly Equine Centre Stallion Shootout placings were: First Terry Hall on Hazelwood Conman, second Michael Wilson on Soda Justice, third Craig Ervine on Clarke Fam. Review, fourth Luke Whitehead on Bonlac Gigolo, equal fifth Ian Hughes on Coolum Epic and Ben Hall on Daley's Playrio.

Terry Hall was the 2012 Quipolly Equine Centre Stallion Shootout overall winner.

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