



ANTICIPATING A GREAT EASTER AT OAKBANK

The World's Biggest Picnic Race Meeting, the Oakbank Easter Racing Carnival, will again be a festival like no other on Saturday April 23 & Monday April 25th 2011.

For the first time since Anzac Day's inception* it aligns with Easter Monday, and that means the Oakbank Racing Club will honour our Anzacs heroes at this year's Oakbank Easter Racing Carnival.

Oakbank Racing Club Chairman John Glatz said, "We're especially excited about this Easter as having Anzac day on Easter Monday will add an extra special significance to our event. We are able to race before midday with special permission from the RSL and we will honour our brave diggers with a Last Post before we commence the day. We invite families, groups and race lovers to join us for a fantastic Easter Saturday and Anzac Day at Oakbank in 2011."

Oakbank Racing Club will offer FREE ADMISSION on Easter Monday to financial members of the RSL (on presentation of their membership) as well as free admission to members of the 16AD Regiment from Woodside.

In another first, patrons will be able to pre-book car park tickets in the Little Heroes Foundation Family Area to Oakbank over Easter via Little Heroes Foundation who is Oakbank Racing Club's 2011 Charity Partner.

Crowds of 100,000 plus are expected over the two race days with groups of mates and families sharing the fun and excitement of the Easter tradition at Oakbank. There will be at least eight races on both Saturday and Monday including a hurdle and a steeplechase each day which all adds to the carnival atmosphere.

Children and the young at heart will enjoy the showground style rides and amusements as well as the face painting, roving entertainers and the petting zoo that will be trackside at Oakbank Racecourse, and the Australian Girls Choir will herald in the Scott Group of Companies Great Eastern Steeplechase on Monday with a fantastic rendition of our national anthem adding even more to the Easter celebrations at Oakbank.

Oakbank 2011 Ambassadors Emma Charlton and Sophie Edington will join in the action trackside. Loxton born Australian Swimming Champion Sophie has just completed the Australian National Swimming Championships in Sydney winning a silver and 2 bronze medals, she is "Looking forward to returning my home town South Australia and celebrating Easter in the stunning Adelaide Hills. Oakbank is something that's unique in the world and I can't wait to be part of it, and help Oakbank Racing Club support Little Heroes Foundation in their fantastic work with Children with Cancer and Serious illness."

Club sponsor Stirling Jewellers will have people bubbling with anticipation as each day there is a stunning white gold champagne diamond ring to be won - you must be at the track and fill in an entry form for your chance to win.

All other Oakbank Season enquiries and bookings can be made by calling Oakbank Racing Club on 08) 8388 4072, via an email to info@oakbankracingclub.com.au, or via the club website at www.oakbankracingclub.com.au

**NOTE: The next time Anzac Day aligns with Easter Monday is not until 2095*

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Upcoming Media Diary Dates for Oakbank Season

Oakbank Easter Carnival Trials (Jumps Horses Only) Monday 18th April 2011 at approx. 9:30am

Oakbank Easter Racing Carnival – Saturday 23rd & Monday 25th April 2011- Gates open 7am and racing from approximately 11 am to 5pm. Tickets: Adults: \$25 / Children 13-17: \$10 / Children under 12: Free. Family ticket (2 adults + children): \$50 & Car parking: \$5 per car. FREE ADMISSION ON ANZAC DAY EASTER MONDAY FOR :Financial members of the RSL on presentation of their membership + 16AD Regiment Woodside members. **Pre Book your Family Friendly car park NOW** via <http://www.littleheroesfoundation.com.au/>

Oakbank Christmas Twilight Race Meeting - Friday December 9th 2011.