Escape to Oakbank for some real horsepower in 2010

In addition to Easter this year, there will again be a Prelude Family Race Day on Saturday March 13th as well as a Twilight Races event on December 10th 2010.

"A day at Oakbank races on March 13th will be a great way to avoid the traffic and chaos in the city and afterwards you can head on to Mount Lofty to watch Skyshow from easily the best vantage point available" said Chairman of Oakbank Racing Club, John Glatz.

In March 2009 almost 6,000 people were trackside for the inaugural Oakbank Prelude Family Race Day, making it the top eight race days in the state.

For 2010 Oakbank Racing Club is pleased to announce that this prelude race day will support new club charity partner Childhood Cancer Association with part proceeds going to support their great work with people dealing with Cancer in SA.

Chairman of Oakbank Racing Club, John Glatz, says the focus of the Club is on families and friends getting together and enjoying themselves in a relaxed and friendly environment.

"At Oakbank it's all about people enjoying themselves," John says, "We provide the beautiful venue, the family entertainment and the fantastic program of (both jumps and flat) horse racing, and we make sure all those things are done very well."

"The only decision you need to make besides which horses to back is whether you'll have a family picnic, a barbeque with some mates, or a more formal experience in a trackside marquee… there's so many ways to enjoy Oakbank."

Q: So what about the future of event and Jumps racing at Oakbank?

A: There's nothing like a day at Oakbank now and always

With debate raging around Australia over whether Jumps Racing will continue in Australia, the Oakbank Racing Club want to assure the industry, its loyal members and guests that the tradition will continue in 2010 and well beyond.

Each year, over 110,000 people flock to the usually serene Adelaide Hills' town of Oakbank for the Oakbank Easter Racing Carnival and in 2010 it is set to continue its reputation as the worlds biggest picnic race meeting with thousands trackside to enjoy all the racing, colour and fun.

Chairman of Oakbank Racing Club, John Glatz, says "At Oakbank we host fun informal race days. Jumps have traditionally been a feature of our Carnival and we fully support the AJRA in their work to ensure they continue, but our event is much more than just jumps racing" John says.

"The emphasis is on having a great day out that's affordable. Oakbank only happens a few times a year and people like to make the most of it. Children, in particular, love Oakbank, and it's a terrific introduction to racing as well as a great showcase of Adelaide Hills hospitality" continues John.

So all you need to do is get your family and friends together and head to Oakbank on March 13 th& for the Easter Carnival On April 3rd and 5th AND perhaps plan now to celebrate Christmas at Oakbank on 10th December 2010.

Young party-goers should book now for the Real Tonic Marquee on both Easter Race days and/or the Young Members Marquee on Monday or if you like fine dining try the Punter Retreat Marquee as they will be the places to be seen at Oakbank.

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