PUNTERS BIG WINNERS IN THE 2006 DARWIN CUP CARNIVAL

The 2006 Carlton Darwin Cup Carnival is set to be one of the most exciting the Territory has ever seen, said Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing, Syd Stirling.

“Starting on the 8th of July and culminating in the Carlton Darwin Cup on the 7th of August, the Darwin Cup Carnival will attract many thousands of racegoers.

“During the month-long carnival, around ten million dollars will be injected into the Territory economy as a result of local and visitor spending.

“This year’s Darwin Cup Carnival is especially exciting with $1.3 million worth of prizemoney on offer. It’s great to see that the Schweppes Palmerston Sprint prize-money has been increased by $15 000 to $85 000.

“I am pleased to see that two complexes of 48 new stables have been built in time for the carnival, with another 20 stables to be built later this year.

“But the punters are set to be the big winners during this year’s carnival, with the Turf Club today announcing three exciting new competitions,” said the Minister.

They include:

1. “Australian Punter of the Year” – an unprecedented competition where the best punter wins a Mitsubishi Colt

2. “Lucky Colt Giveaway” – a patron can win a 2nd Mitsubishi Colt for being drawn out of a hat and going on to pick the winner of the Carlton Darwin Cup

3. The chance to win a family trip for four to Disneyworld in Hong Kong

“It is great to see the Darwin Turf Club coming up with new initiatives to ensure the carnival is the best it’s ever been.

“A big thankyou must go to Mitsubishi for kindly donating these two Colt motor cars for the event. It is fantastic to see local business supporting local events.

“Have a great Darwin Cup Carnival, and I wish everyone involved the very best of luck!.”

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