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The annual Kalgoorlie-Boulder Round erupts this Sunday announcing the arrival of a feast of racing. \$535,000 in prize money for the round and \$140,000 in bonuses gives you a pretty good understanding on how this carnival continues to be the richest country carnival in WA.

Leading the way this Sunday is the running of the \$90,000 NRW Civil and Mining Boulder Cup (1760m). An intriguing field has been assembled and the raiders appear strong on paper.

However, the locals reigned supreme in the \$100,000 Aon Coolgardie Cup (1600m) a fortnight back, and many will be hoping that good fortune continues to shine.

Two such blokes hoping that their luck holds-out to snare the \$100,000 National Hire Triple Nugget Bonus. Similar to the last time the bonus was secured by Lawmaker in 2002; the first leg resulted in a dead heat between Heavenly Business and Morocco Bound.

Leading trainer Cliff Smith prepares Heavenly Business, whilst Morocco Bound is under the astute eye of Neville Newton.

If either horse wins the Boulder feature, only the \$125,000 XXXX Gold Kalgoorlie Cup (2300m) stands in their way of collecting the bounty.

In a week that attracts so many additional people to the Goldfields, the Round is so much more than just racing. Perhaps it's an opportune time to reflect on each day of the carnival for those unfamiliar with the activities that are considered by many as an institution.

Sunday - Boulder Cup day – focuses on the family. Next Thursday is considered a day when the ladies of the region get the opportunity to glam-up. The Kalgoorlie Cup is decided on the following Saturday.

Cup day is really party day. It is the social event of the year where locals mingle with thousands of visitors to celebrate. Some assemble for the horses, but many come to experience one of the most historic events this State has to offer.

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The Round of 2005 continues to break records.

Sunday's Dewson's O'Connor Gold Cup turnover was up by \$4,000 at the track. The news away from the course was again sensational with turnover up an incredible \$244,000 to \$608,198.

To this point in time, the figures this season have eclipsed all records. The KBRC are extremely optimistic that the final three meetings of the season will add to this tally.

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A close look at the Sunday's NRW Civil and Mining Boulder Cup meeting provides ample evidence that they day should be a treat for families.

In addition to a terrific card of racing, the entertainment off the track is appealing.

For the young at heart Bilby - the amazing clown magician will be in action. He (I'm certain he's of male extraction) will be joined by his partner Jilby – the fairy face painter.

If that's not enough excitement, there will be a children's playground, a merry-go-round, Jump 4 Us will be in attendance with their bouncy castle and Lions will be present with their famous train.

To cap that off, Masters have come to the party with free choc milks to be handed out by those crazy Masters Choc Cows.

For the adults, they will have the opportunity of winning a \$500 Lottery West voucher courtesy of Boulder News & Lotto.

The talented Tony Balnaves will be playing in the Blue Spec Room after the final event and a heat the Burswood World Two-Up Championships will also be conducted.

The meeting will be covered by Sky Channel, which kicks off just after 1pm.

Once again the KBRC can boasts some very loyal sponsors this Sunday.

Leading the way is the cup sponsor NRW Civil & Mining but the support cast is impressive.

The Boulder Promotion and Development Association, Yarradale Stud, Diggers and Dealers, Boulder News and Lotto, Oliver Foundation, Widdeson's Hire Service and National Food, have all raised their respective hands again to sponsor the meeting.

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Decades of dedication and determination will come to fruition at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racecourse next Wednesday, September 14 – the day preceding the WesTrac Hannan's Handicap.

On that day life member of the KBRC David Reed OAM will officially open the Signpost Goldfields Racing Museum.

It is fitting that the former chairman of the club will open the historic display. It was Reed who piloted the club's history in book form when the 'Round' was released at the turn of this century.

An avid racing enthusiast, Reed and numerous others over the years have collected a fine array of memorabilia that is certainly worth a look at.

The facility will be open to the public on Hannan's and Kalgoorlie Cup days.

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In a terrific gesture, GWN has decided to share its sponsorship at the Hannan's Handicap meeting in memory of the late Nick Robin.

Robin ventured to the Goldfields carnival for close to a decade to cover the event throughout Australia on Sky Channel.

Unfortunately, shortly after last year's carnival, Nick died after a brief illness.

He was a popular figure and his absence this year will be noticeable.

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Champion hoop Damien Oliver along with Australian Football League legend Tom Haffey will be in attendance at the track next week.

One clear opportunity to see the two stars will be to get a crew together in the Champions Marquee at the WesTrac Hannan's Handicap meeting tomorrow week.

The delightful Chrissy Morrissy from the ABC will play hostess for the afternoon and places are filling quickly.

Avoid the crush in a fantastic facility right in the heart of the action. Tickets are \$125 per person and include plenty to get you through the day.

A three-course meal with red, white & sparkling wines, along with beer and soft drinks kicks it off. In addition, entry to the track will be free for Marquee participants plus they'll receive some goodies including a race book.

Kalgoorlie Cup day is full but there are places available for the Hannan's. To book you can ring the KBRC on 90 212 303.

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Will some lucky trainer drive off in a brand new Holden Commodore at the conclusion of the upcoming carnival?

The \$35,000 prize offered by Golden City Motors will go to the first trainer to prepare six winners from eligible races – including one of the feature races.

A quick look at the early noms for Sunday suggests that Neville Parnham will start favourite. Decorated mentor Sharon Miller has a good record at the carnival and should be prominent with a healthy team assembled.

A local has never won the award, but perhaps Cliff Smith could perform the feat.

Another bonus hotly contested is the \$5,000 Jockeys' Bonus supported by Goldfields Furniture & Betta Electrical. The rider who boots home the most winners (in fields of more than seven runners) will collect the cash.

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Echo Fashions on the Field to be conducted tomorrow week promises to be the best yet.

Described as the most eye-catching event in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, registration takes place early at the WesTrac Hannan's Handicap meeting.

\$4,000 worth of prizes will be collected, with a \$2,500 fashion wardrobe from Echo going to the winner.

The competition is judged on elegance, style, the latest fashion trends and fashion suitable for a big day out at the races.

Based on past experience, it's certainly worth a look.

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