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\$640,000 QTIS 600 commitment to country three-year-olds

The March 2009 Magic Millions QTIS 600 Sale received a welcome boost today, through the announcement that Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) will include three-year-olds within the QTIS 600 scheme at country race meetings. This decision will deliver an additional \$640,000 in QTIS 600 bonuses to country stakeholders.

QRL chairman, Mr Bob Bentley said today's announcement follows consultation with key stakeholder groups who have raised concerns with the QTIS 600 opportunities available throughout regional Queensland.

"The main concerns related to the education and training of two-year-olds in country areas and the fact that the majority of country two-year-olds will not commence racing until March each year," he said.

"The QTIS 600 scheme was implemented at short notice and although the majority of the scheme has received an overwhelming response, this is one area where concerns have been raised. To ensure country stakeholders are adequately catered for under this scheme, QRL has taken the decision to provide increased incentives throughout regional areas in the horse's three-year-old season.

"The scheme was developed to assist in the development of a sustainable racing industry throughout Queensland and it is imperative that regional stakeholders are able to access the broad range of benefits associated with the scheme."

Today's announcement takes the total value of the QTIS 600 restricted race and bonus series to \$4,830,000, with these horses also being eligible to compete for \$5,940,000 in QTIS added stakes annually.

"If the \$10,770,000 was not enough incentive to race a QTIS 600 horse, those horses purchased through the March 2009 Magic Millions QTIS 600 Sale will also be eligible for the lucrative \$5,975,000 Magic Millions race and bonus series," said Mr Bentley.

Tabled below are a full list of benefits associated with QTIS, QTIS 600 and Magic Millions.

| Eligibility | QTIS Races | QTIS 600 Races | QTIS 600 Bonuses | Magic Millions Races | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| QTIS 600 Registered (Normal) | \$5,940,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$3,330,000 | \$0 | \$10,770,000 |
| QTIS 600 Registered (QTIS 600 Sale) | \$5,940,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$3,330,000 | \$5,975,000 | \$16,745,000 |

All QTIS 600 eligible horses will race for double QTIS bonuses in their two-year-old season and now all country QTIS races will provide the opportunity for three-year-old QTIS 600 registered horses to compete for QTIS 600 incentives.

Anyone requiring additional information on the QTIS 600 scheme or Sale can contact a Queensland Racing representative on 1800 200 057 or via the website www.getintoracing.com.au.

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