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2012 ADELAIDE CUP DATE CONFIRMED

Thoroughbred Racing SA and the South Australian Jockey Club (SAJC) have confirmed the date for the 2012 Adelaide Cup.

The 2012 race will be held on the Adelaide Cup public holiday on Monday March 12th.

“The Board of the SAJC has restated its belief that the Adelaide Cup should be held in May,” said Brenton Wilkinson, SAJC Executive Officer.

“However, given the proximity of the 2012 event, next year’s Adelaide Cup will proceed in March as scheduled to enable the SAJC and Thoroughbred Racing SA to work through the issues involved in setting the optimum date for future events.”

Jim Watters, Chief Executive of Thoroughbred Racing SA, said the two organisations would continue to work together on the timing of the Adelaide Cup after 2012.

“Thoroughbred Racing SA undertook an assessment with regard to the best placement of the Adelaide Cup on the Australian racing calendar,” Mr Watters said.

“The clear view of trainers both in South Australia and interstate was that the event would be better placed in May, and this formed the basis for our original request to move the public holiday and Adelaide Cup back to May.

“The Board of Thoroughbred Racing SA believes there is an important nexus between the Adelaide Cup public holiday and the Adelaide Cup itself. To that end, we will continue our efforts with the State Government to ensure the two continue to be aligned into the future.”

Thoroughbred Racing SA has also announced it will still proceed with plans to introduce a new carnival for South Australian racing, to be held over the last two weeks of April and first two weeks of May, effective from 2012.

“While South Australia has a number of major races, we believe we lack a defined Racing Carnival in the State. This is the window of opportunity we have identified in the national racing calendar where

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we can create a carnival and make South Australian racing the centre of attention for that period,” Mr Watters said.

“Obviously, our preference – and that of the SAJC – would be to have the Adelaide Cup as the culmination of that carnival, and we will continue to work towards that outcome.”

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