

DALBY AMATEUR PICNIC RACE CLUB HISTORY

1960 – 1969

In the 1960's, races continued to be held on Wednesday and Thursday under the same rules as previously. Mr E Bassingthwaighte was the first president of the decade, assisted by Messers W D S Harpham, M A Winten, R F Fry, Kelly, A G Adnam, M Bassingthwaighte, C O Frith, K S Parker, E H Comerford, I Bassingthwaighte and G F Warby.

In 1960, admission to the saddle paddock and grandstand cost the grand sum of 10/- for gentlemen and 5/- for ladies while the official program cost 2/-.

The club celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1962 and for the remainder of the decade the club continued much as it had for the last fifty years. As was the tradition, a new president was elected each year with many of the gentlemen on the committee at the beginning of the decade serving a term as president. The Picnics were a social and sporting highlight of the year and greatly anticipated, as the meeting grew closer. It was a great chance for acquaintances, especially those from the more distant districts, to renew friendships.

Dalby celebrated its 100th year in 1963 with the club holding the "Dalby Centenary Meeting" which drew huge crowds. The Showground Hall was packed to the rafters for the post race Ball.

In 1968, rain caused the postponement and eventual abandonment of the second day of racing.



Image (left): Amateur jockey, Mr N Kruger, stood in the saddling paddock at the Dalby Centenary Amateur Race Club meeting yesterday while he talked to (from left) Mrs Noel Pearce, of Karminya, Cecil Plains, Mrs David Alexander, of Pipewell, Dalby, and Mrs Tom Frith, of Taunton, Dalby. Yesterday was the first of two days of amateur races held by the club.



Image (right): Blue Pencil, received pre-meeting attention from Mrs D. P. Curran, of Bluegrass plain, Capella, and Mr George Jekyll, of New Bon Accord, of Dalby. Blue Pencil is owned by Mrs Curran's father, Mr S. D. C. Rushbrook, of Rosalie Plains.