

**Caroline Searcy
Racing Broadcaster**



Caroline Searcy is the host and producer of two programs on Australian Thoroughbred racing channel Sky Racing Australia: Bred to Win and Thoroughbreds are Go. Bred to Win promotes the Thoroughbred breeding industry, focusing on stallion profiles, yearling sale previews and feature stories on the great race mares and their foals. Thoroughbreds are Go aims to promote the great athleticism of the Thoroughbred away from racing, with education for the racing owner and the equestrian world about the best care for off-the-track Thoroughbreds.

Having worked for 30 years in broadcast media, Searcy traveled from Adelaide to Darwin to work as a radio newsreader, journalist and sports panelist. From there she worked in television and radio news rooms, with a particular focus on sports journalism.

Employed for a decade as the senior newsreader and producer at Fox Sports News, Searcy spent 10 years with national horse racing broadcaster TVN as host of Sydney's bi-weekly race-meetings as well as many carnival meetings in Melbourne, in particular the Melbourne Cup carnivals.

Searcy is the chair of the Carbine Club of NSW and is on the committee of Thoroughbred Breeders' New South Wales as well as being a judge in the Australian Stud and Stable Staff Awards.

Michael Drapac
Founder, Drapac Capital Partners
Thoroughbred Owner and Breeder



Michael Drapac is the founder of the international property group Drapac Capital Partners, with offices in Melbourne (Australia) and Atlanta (USA). Michael has extensively invested and developed commercial, industrial, and residential projects in Australia, Asia, and the U.S.

For over 30 years, a defining element of Michael’s core business philosophy has been an uncompromising commitment to sustainability. He has always believed that the goal of sustainability is more complex than simply “painting the world green.” Sustainability requires the practitioner to be aware of, and accountable and responsible for not only the dollar value of a given endeavour, but its full cost throughout its lifecycle, including the social, cultural, and environmental.

Michael has won national awards for sustainability and has pioneered sustainable practice, including developing what was at one time the greenest office building in Australia and being the first signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).

Michael’s philosophy of sustainability is fundamental to the ethics of his business, life, and sporting endeavours.

Approximately 20 years ago, Michael established an international cycling team, which at its pinnacle competed in three Tour De Frances - placing second in 2017.

In addition to achieving outstanding performances on the field, the team was unique for its incorporation of the principles of sustainability into its engagement with athletes. This included a commitment to empowering its athletes to transition and reintegrate into society post their cycling career. Notably, the team produced over 50 university graduates and was the first international team of any discipline to establish structured programs for athlete transition.

Michael has also been involved in horses and the racing industry for most of his life; he is a passionate owner, hobby breeder, and rider. For over 20 years, he has advocated for and practiced sustainable horse ownership. He has strongly voiced the view that the most important metric that will determine the future of the industry is how successful the industry is at repurposing and transitioning Thoroughbred horses. He advocates for systemic and regulatory reforms in the racing industry that would ensure that resources are available for horses to receive optimal care throughout their lives.

Jen Hughes
General Manager – Equine Welfare
Racing Victoria



Jen Hughes is the general manager – Equine Welfare for Racing Victoria (RV) and a member of Racing Victoria’s Equine Welfare Advisory Council (EWAC). Her role encompasses equine welfare before, during, and after a Thoroughbred’s racing career. Jen is responsible for the development and implementation of RV’s equine welfare strategy, delivery of traceability, post-racing, and safety net programs and initiatives, and industry engagement with equine welfare and post-racing. RV’s key programs include Off The Track Sponsored Events, Acknowledged Retainers, RESET (Racehorse Evaluation Support Education and Transition), Full Circle, the Off The Track Community and OHEP (Onsite Humane Euthanasia program).

Jen has a bachelor degree in equine sport science that incorporated a year as an equine orthopedic technician at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Science, a master’s degree in equine science, a master’s degree in international animal welfare, ethics, and law, and a micro credential in Applying Behavioural Science to Create Change. Jen is also a board member for the Riding for the Disabled Victoria and chair of their Equine Welfare Committee and in her free time enjoys trail riding with her two retired racehorses.

Previously, Jen worked in intelligence and licensing for RV. She also spent eight years at the British Horseracing Authority, where she managed key participant welfare projects including a five-year strategy to deliver welfare objectives for both equine and human participants, a study into equine careers after racing, and the development of an ex-racehorse strategy with British racing’s official charity, Retraining of Racehorses.

Kirsten Green
Executive Director
Retired Racehorse Project



Kirsten Green grew up riding and competing Thoroughbred lesson horses in dressage and eventing. With a background in customer service, logistics, and business administration, she was able to merge her personal passion for the breed with her career when she joined the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) in 2014. Since then, Kirsten has done pretty much every possible job in her time with the RRP, from stuffing envelopes and ordering logo wear to writing budgets and the Thoroughbred Makeover rulebook and everything in between. After serving in the organization for eight years, she was promoted to executive director in 2022. Her history with the RRP and as part of the aftercare industry as a whole gives her a comprehensive perspective as she guides the RRP into the next chapter of its work leading a market-based approach to aftercare.

Dr. Adrian Farrington
Executive Manager, Veterinary Clinical Services
Hong Kong Jockey Club



Adrian Farrington is a veterinarian based in Hong Kong, where he has spent the last decade working with retired racehorses. He qualified from the University of Bristol Veterinary School in 2005. After working with mixed and specialist equine practices in the UK, Adrian joined the Hong Kong Jockey Club's veterinary team in 2012, where he now oversees the veterinary care of racehorses as they transition off the track and into their lives after racing. Adrian's professional interests lie in the management of the sport horse, especially with regards to their rehabilitation from poor performance and injury, and the application of novel diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. In addition to providing clinical services to all equestrian horses and events domestically, he has been team vet to the Hong Kong Dressage, Para-Dressage, Jumping, and Eventing Equestrian Teams since 2016, and the FEI National Head Vet for Hong Kong since 2020.

Caoimhe Doherty
Manager, Forenaghts Stud
Co-Founder, Treo Eile



Caoimhe, a native of Athenry, Co Galway in the west of Ireland, has been working in the racing industry since graduating university. A graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start programme, Caoimhe has spent time working for the Racing Post, Godolphin, and is currently managing Forenaghts Stud in Naas, Co. Kildare. Together with her partner Tom, they run a boutique National Hunt stud, Brooklodge Farm in Galway. Co-founder of Treo Eile, a not-for-profit that promotes Thoroughbreds in a second career, Caoimhe sits on the Irish Thoroughbred Welfare Council and is a keen advocate for progression in the industry. In her spare time, Caoimhe is a keen amateur eventer and supporter of the Connemara pony.

Natasha Rose
Equestrian Affairs Project Manager & Retired Horse Unit Manager
Hong Kong Jockey Club



Tasha's career and interest in the Thoroughbred aftercare industry was sparked off by a weekend stable job at the Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre during her undergraduate university years.

Since then Tasha has pursued a career along a combined racing and equestrian path. She has been in her current role at the Hong Kong Jockey Club for almost five years. Before that, she was the head of operations for the Horserace Betting Levy Board in the UK. Tasha recently completed a Thoroughbred Horseracing Industries MBA with Liverpool University and her final year thesis was titled "*how does the equestrian industry view the suitability and versatility of retired Thoroughbred racehorses in a second career.*"

**George Broughton
Trainee
Godolphin Flying Start**



George Broughton is 25 years old and from Suffolk, UK. In 2019, George completed his MA (Hons) degree in Politics at the University of Edinburgh graduating with First Class Honours. Following this, George spent time in the Southern Hemisphere working for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott Racing along with time at New Zealand Bloodstock. During Godolphin Flying Start, George has completed work placements with Tweenhills Stud in the UK, and trainers Richard and Michael Freedman in Australia. Upon graduating Flying Start, George hopes to pursue a career in bloodstock sales as well as an involvement in the politics of racing.

Elinor Wolf
Trainee
Godolphin Flying Start



Elinor Wolf hails from Louisville, Kentucky. Currently, she is a first-year trainee on the Godolphin Flying Start Program. Before embarking on this program, she studied advertising and communications at the University of Colorado and went on to graduate from the Irish National Stud in 2021. She has always loved the sport of racing and would like to have a career that will enable her to experience racing in various jurisdictions around the world while cohesively trying to increase global interest and participation within the Thoroughbred industry.