

2026 OUTBACK RACING SHOWCASE SERIES



The 2026 Outback Racing Showcase series will comprise six heats commencing May 2 at Barcaldine Race Club and culminate in a final at McKinlay Race Club on June 20.



HEATS | DATES & VENUE

DATE	CLUB	RACE
02/05/26	Barcaldine RC	Tree of Knowledge Open Plate (sw) 1600m
02/05/26	Gregory Downs JC	Burke Shire Cup Open Hcp 1300m
16/05/26	Hughenden JC	Open Hcp 1400m
30/05/26	Tambo & DRC	Tambo Cup Open Hcp 1400m
06/06/26	Mount Isa RC	Mount Isa Cup Open Quality Hcp 1450m
15/06/26	Longreach JC	Open Hcp 1400m

Refer to the Race Magazine for individual prizemoney for the heats listed above.

FINAL - RACE DETAILS

- McKinlay Race Club, Saturday June 20, 2026
- McKinlay Cup Open Handicap - 1500m
- (No allowances for apprentices)
- Quality Handicap - (Max Hcp Wgt 64kg Min Hcp Wgt 56kg)
- \$30,000 Prize money: 1st \$20,550; 2nd \$5,250; 3rd \$2,400; 4th \$1,200; 5th \$600

SERIES CONDITIONS

Aggregated points scored in the Heats, according to horses' placing(s), will determine the composition of the field in the final, if a ballot becomes necessary.

Heats' Points Allocation: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 8 points, 3rd - 7 points, 4th - 6 points, 5th - 5 points, 6th - 4 points, 7th - 3 points, 8th - 2 points and Others - 1 point

In the event of a heat of this Series being abandoned or declared a "no-race" (and the heat is unable to be rescheduled), final acceptors remaining in the field for such heat, at the time of such abandonment or declaration of "no-race", shall be allocated one (1) point. In the event of a dead-heat in the heats, the qualifying points will be combined and evenly divided between the dead-heated horses.

To be eligible to compete in the Final:

- A horse must have earned points in a minimum of one (1) of the heats.
- A horse must have competed in a minimum of three (3) races at country races* (TAB/non-Tab) in Queensland in the period 19/6/25 to 18/6/26.

SERIES BALLOTING CONDITIONS

Heats: Racing Queensland balloting conditions for Ratings Based Handicap Races will apply in all heats of this Series.

SERIES FINAL RACE:

Excess horses, if any, shall be balloted at acceptance time in the following order:

- Horses that have earned points in the Series - with horses with the least number of points first
- In the event of two or more horses having an equal number of points, preference will be given to the horse with the highest Racing Queensland official rating
- Horses on equal points and the same Racing Queensland official rating will be eliminated by lot

Any horse that wins a heat in the Series, as long as otherwise eligible, shall be exempt from the ballot in the Final.

It is a requirement to nominate for the Final i.e. horses will not be automatically nominated, irrespective of the number of points accrued in the heats.

**Country race meetings includes all non-Tab race meetings conducted in Queensland and TAB race meetings conducted by the following race clubs, and others as allocated from time to time by RQ: Barcaldine, Barcoo, Birdsville, Bowen, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Central Warrego, Chinchilla, Cloncurry, Emerald, Ewan, Gympie, Innisfail, Longreach, Mount Isa, Nanango, Roma, Thangool, Yeppoon*

RQ reserves the right to add, amend, delete any conditions relating to this Series, if deemed necessary.