

MEDIA RELEASE

Weir Brings the Cup Home to Berriwillock

Buloke Shire Council and the Berriwillock community will hold a Civic Reception on Wednesday 11 November to honour 2015 Melbourne Cup winning trainer Darren Weir at the Berriwillock Community Centre commencing at midday.

Weir, a Berriwillock native and proud “Mallee Boy” claimed Tuesday’s Melbourne Cup with six year old Prince of Penzance ridden by the Michelle Payne. Weir, who currently trains out of Ballarat and Warrnambool stables, leads both the Victorian Country and Metropolitan Trainers premierships. A long time dominant force in country Victorian racing, Weir still supports local meetings and saddled up the runner up (Honourable Aussie) in last Saturday’s Mt. Wycheproof Cup .

Weir, like his home town, shows what hard work and innovation can ultimately lead to. Berriwillock is home to a Mallee farming community that has responded to the ever changing environment and stringencies of agriculture. The community has had to frequently adjust and innovate in the face of great challenges. It demonstrates a community that looks forward to develop and change to ensure its prosperous future.

A barbeque lunch and some refreshments will be provided and the community can come and celebrate the amazing achievement of Darren Weir and his team and recount his journey from Berriwillock to Stawell to Ballarat to Flemington on that first Tuesday in November.



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