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Q&A with Alan Graham

This week Early Thoughts caught up with one of the great men of Brisbane, Suncorp Stadium General Manager, Alan Graham.

2023 will be a big year for Suncorp Stadium. Tell us about the Suncorp Stadium Memberships?

Our Suncorp Stadium Membership ensures that you have the same seat at the Stadium for every Broncos, Reds, Dolphins, Roar match plus NRL Magic Round and State of Origin for 2023.

All tiers of membership include exclusive access to Members only bars and facilities, plus added benefits such as pre-sale entitlements to concerts.

Whether someone is a diehard sports fan or looking for a corporate hospitality networking tool, Stadium Membership has all bases covered – Membership is fully transferable via digital ticketing, gives access to Guest Passes for additional invitees and also allows for pre-match dining bookings in our Members Only Bistro Restaurant.

How can an Early Thoughts reader become a Suncorp Stadium Member?

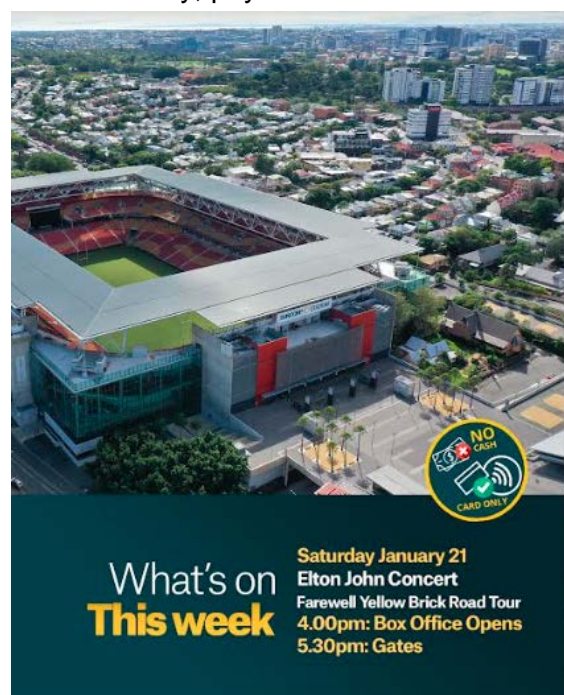
Starting at \$1,760 per seat per year we now have online purchasing available where customers can select their preferred Membership tier and then view available seating maps for 2023. In just a few clicks you can select your seats and become a Member instantly, pay online via credit card or purchase via invoice.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access our sales portal. Our team is also on hand to assist and answer any questions by calling 07 3331 5050 or emailing members@suncorpstadium.com.au.

We can also organise tours of our Members seating and facilities should anyone wish to visit on a non-event day.

What are some of the big sporting events we can look forward to this year?

This year will be massive with eight games of the Women's World Cup including a quarter final and the Bronze medal play-off. Plus we have the Dolphins kicking off as the new franchise in the NRL – what a fabulous rivalry that will set up against the Broncos especially with Wayne Bennett as the Redcliffe coach.



My son is already super excited about Magic Round. You were involved with this concept early so you must be pleased with the success.

It has been an amazing success and is definitely one of the highlights of the NRL calendar. Each year has been better than the last. It has truly brought the Rugby League fraternity together with supporters from all clubs showing passionate support in every game no matter who is playing. While I can certainly be accused of bias, I don't think the concept would work anywhere near as well at any other venue.

We have the passionate Queensland supporters, the unique precincts of Caxton St, Given Terrace and Park Road and the best Stadium to watch Rugby League in the country – a winning combination for the Clubs, the NRL and the people of Queensland.

How about concerts ... which mega-stars are you hosting this year?

We have five confirmed already with Elton John, Red Hot Chilli Peppers and Ed Sheeran doing three concerts. Amazingly, Ed will be performing before a capacity of 60k at each concert which will smash the old attendance record of 53k+ by a long way. The recent approval by the Queensland Government to increase our annual cap on concerts to 12 for the next 2 years has created the flexibility we need to take advantage of tours by international acts being planned for the latter part of this year

What are your top 4 moments you have witnessed at Suncorp Stadium?

- 1 Any Origin game won by Queensland
- 2 Our first concert featuring Robbie Williams
3. Home final wins by the Broncos
- 4 The Reds Super Rugby title in 2011

.... and all of the Roar Grand Finals some of which have been epic. I know that's more than 4 but I think I've done well to keep it that low.



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Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Skirt The Law
Buster Bash
King of Sparta
Valsassina
Shadow Fear
Banju
Alpine Edge
Sky Lab

The Pye Man, The Striker, Millions Preview
The Magician, Late Mail
Winno, The Brazilian Beauty, Millions Preview
Punters Pal
Super Man
Super Man
The GM
Millions Preview



Super Man's Place Bet multi won

Weekend Selections

Early Thoughts Selections

(updated on the Early Thoughts website Saturday morning)

Singles

Doomben

R1 Party For Two

Gawler

R3 Picargo

2-Bet Strategy (based on 10 units per race)

Randwick

R6 Nicolini Vito (5 units), Superium (5 units)

The Valley

R1 International (8 units), Amur (2 units)



Magic Millions 2 Year Old Classic Winner - Skirt The Law

Big thanks to Darren Winningham



Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Race</u> Carrington Stakes Randwick	<u>Best Bet</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Nicolini Vito	Doomben R1 Party For Two Gawler R3 Picargo	The Valley R8 Corner Pocket
The GM <i>Finding Feature Race winners is his life</i>	Titanium Power	Randwick R2 Crafty Eagle	The Valley R9 Hennessy Lad
Punters Pal <i>Racing's Radar</i>	Vreneli	Randwick R5 Passeggiata	Ascot R7 The Lady is a Vamp
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Vreneli	Doomben R5 King Kapa Ascot R8 The Velvet Queen	Ascot R3 Cable Boy
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	Nicolini Vito	Randwick R9 Bullfinch	Doomben R8 Ocean Treaty
The Shadow <i>Light in the Darkness</i>	Vreneli	Randwick R7 Tinnie Winnie	Randwick R5 Baroque Road
Winno's Winners	Vreneli	Doomben R7 West of Africa R8 Fleetwood Maca	Doomben R3 Toronomica R9 Stellar Magic
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 1 Winner The Magician The GM Gerard Daffy The Pye Man The Striker	<u>Best Bet</u> 2 Winners Punters Pal Winno 1 Winner Super Man The GM The Brazilian Beauty	<u>Value</u> 1 Winner The Magician Super Man



Super Man's Place All Up

- Doomben R3 Helluva Barty
- Randwick R10 Narito
- Ascot R7 Hammarmill



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