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The Cup is Coming to Cunnamulla

780km west of Brisbane. On the banks of the Warrego River.

This is where you will find the Queensland outback town of Cunnamulla.

On the third Tuesday in September (19th September to be exact!) the 2023 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour will visit the outback town for the very first time.

To say Cunnamulla is super excited is an understatement.

The festivities will include a street parade and live entertainment, fashion and garden displays, gallery exhibition, shop window displays, hobby horse competition, a walk through the Cunnamulla Hospital and a Sportsman's Dinner.



The Melbourne Cup is going to have such a good time.

Outback Queensland Tourism Association CEO and Early Thoughts Crew Member, Denise Brown said the visit would give locals and visitors a once in a lifetime opportunity to get up close to the coveted trophy and experience the magic of the Lexus Melbourne Cup.

"The Melbourne Cup holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Australians and we are thrilled the tour is visiting Cunnamulla," Ms Brown said.



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"Locals and visitors alike will have the opportunity to view the iconic three-handled, 18 carat gold trophy in person while celebrating the spirit of racing at a range of fun, community events.

"There will be some fantastic photographic opportunities as the Cup takes a tour of some of Cunnamulla's best-known attractions, including the All Aboard 3D Sound and Light Spectacular, the famous Cunnamulla Fella statue and alongside the banks of the picturesque Warrego River and Cunnamulla Hot Springs.

Early Thoughts has a great passion for supporting Country racing.

We all know how much racing is integral to the outback tourism experience and this special visit will raise funds for the Cunnamulla & District Diggers Race Club and the Noorama Picnic Race Club.



Cunnamulla is also known for its hospitality. So if you can make it to Cunnamulla, Denise assures me there will be a cold beer waiting!

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Feature Race Preview

The Rosebud is a Listed Race at Rosehill over 1100m for three year olds.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Zoukerino SP \$6.50	1 st 2yr \$4.40
2021	Paulele SP \$8.50	First Up (1st Kindgarten \$6)
2020	Anders SP \$2.40	1 st 2yr \$2.90
2019	Dawn Passage SP \$4	First Up (3 rd Millennium \$2.70)
2018	Sandbar SP \$6.50	First Up (8th Golden Slipper \$14)
2017	Menari SP \$3.70	First Up (10th Sires Produce \$12)

Leading trainers target this race. Cummings, Waterhouse/Bott, Maher/Eustace have all won this race in recent years.

Concentrate on the first three in the market. The Waterhouse/Bott runners have both trailed well and should lead.

Will lean to The Instructor who has only been beaten once and that was in the Blue Diamond after leading right up to the 400m marker.

Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

I Am Me Benedetta The Magician, Winno, The GM, Super Man Super Man, Best Around Australia



NRL

- Dragons +17.5
- Roosters v Dolphins under 47.5 pts
- Raiders +12.5

AFL

- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Western Bulldogs

Early Thoughts Edge

No selections this week

Selections	Winners	Return	P/L
2	1	2.8	.8 profit

2-Bet Strategy

Morph R8 See You in Heaven, Calypso Reign

Super Man's Place All Up

Rosehill R7 Wategos Belmont R4 Currimundi Eagle Farm R4 Carbonetti





Super Man's and The GM's Best Around Australia

Rosehill R3 Wineglass Bay; R10 Garza Blanca The Valley R3 Lievore; R9 Omni Man Eagle Farm R1 Vodka Martini; R8 Shot of Whiskey Belmont R7 Duchess of Gossip; R8 Phanta Morph R1 Jewel Bay; R4 Merchant Boss





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Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Races</u> Rosebud Rosehill	<u>Best Bets</u>	Beat Value
The Magician @earlythoughts	The Instructor	The Valley R3 Lievore R7 Flash Flood	The Valley R1 Title Fighter R9 Starry Legend
Gerard Daffy The Patron Saint	Tiz Invincible	AFL GWS to beat Port Adelaide	
Winno's Winners	Intoducing	Eagle Farm R2 Bettcha The Crown R7 The Bopper	Eagle Farm R3 Gaius R8 The Player R9 Desert Mist
The GM Loves the Punt	Tiz Invincible	Rosehill R10 Garza Blanca Eagle Farm R2 Kanazawa	Rosehill R2 Dimaggio The Valley R3 Lievore
Punters Pal Reporting in from Chinchilla	The Instructor	Belmont R7 Duchess of Gossip Eagle Farm R1 Vodka Martini	Eagle Farm R5 Fast Talking Belmont R4 Advanced
Super Man Beating the market	The Instructor	The Valley R9 Omni Man Belmont R8 Phanta	Rosehill R7 Wategos Morph R8 Ironclad
2023 Tipping Leaders	Feature Race 14 Winners Winno 12 Winners Super Man 11 Winners The GM The Magician 9 Winners Gerard Daffy	Best Bet 22 Winners The Magician 21 Winners Super Man 20 Winners The GM Winno 14 Winners Punters Pal	Value 8 Winners The GM Super Man 5 Winners The Magician Winno



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