



Broome Race Round by Doug Milner

The race course is in an excellent location, surrounded by the Indian Ocean and benefits from cool breezes which are most welcome on race days in the warm climate of the Kimberley. The beach is a major attraction for trainers and horses relocating from southern areas for the Pearl Coast Racing season. Club committees have strongly resisted numerous attempts to have the land resumed for other major tourism development and will continue to do so.

The Broome Turf Club was recently described by The West Australian Magazine as "one of the most progressive clubs in Australia". Whilst the club management is proud of this title it also boasts that it still retains the much loved picnic atmosphere of country racing.

A day at the Broome Races is a unique experience, where world-wide travellers mix with multicultural locals from all walks of life. Additional on course activities throughout the afternoon and evening are as entertaining as the horse racing is competitive. The post race party extends into the evening and patrons are reluctant to leave as 'two-up' provides further entertainment. The 'never fail' weather of the Kimberley 'dry season' adds to the ambience of this truly unique location. At Gantheaume Point the track/weather report is always 'fine and good'.

For race dates in Broome and membership information visit www.broometurfclub.com.au