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### **Frank Green Returns to Where It All Begun: NCHA Futurity**

*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009:* Day one of the NCHA Futurity and Australia's grandest equine event was off to a busy start yesterday with the first rounds of the Go Round Snaffle Bit. The 11 day program is jammed packed with equine action with competitors and horses from throughout Australia competing.

The NCHA Futurity is the richest horse event in the Southern hemisphere attracting superstars, movie makers and money makers from all corners of the country. John Farnham is a regular at the event and after announcing his comeback tour yesterday is set to have all eyes on him whilst Mrs Myer of the Myer famous name retailer and Frank Green, horse extraordinaire will all be present.

The NCHA Futurity is held at Tamworth's new AELEC (Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre) and on parallel to the supreme quality of the structure; a line up of first class action, entertainment, livestock and competitions will be on show.

Returning to Tamworth in 2009 is Frank Green who in 1993 competed in his first Cutting; the Tamworth Cutting Futurity. He took two horses, Lenas Freckles Oak and Docs Kurragong, and he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ground on Lenas Freckles Oak, then went on to win 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Goondiwindi Futurity that same year.

Mr Green has many accolades to his career to date due to his amazing horsemanship that commenced when he started showing hacks and jumping horses around at the age of ten. Since then his career span with horses has included being a jockey, race horse trainer and a stockman.

From 1984 to 1989 Mr Green won the title for the Bareback, Bronc ride, Calf Roping, Bullgogging and All Round each year for the NRA. In 1987 he won the Australian All Round Title and the Australian Bareback Title setting a record as the most money that had ever been won by any cowboy in Australia.

Frank Green is one of the many special guests, riders and equine enthusiasts attending this spectacular Tamworth event. The next 11 days will see private jets in use, 5 star dining and the best of the best of every element as all cowboys and cowgirls converge for their love of horses and horsemanship.

He has trained many winning horses but his highest achievement in this Futurity field so far was winning the 2004 NCHA Futurity on EW Rooster, DDCC Futurity on Sonitas Raven and Victorian Futurity on Colour Me Roan making him the only person in Australia to win 3 Futurities in the same year on different horses.

More recently, in 2007 he won the Open and the Classic on Cause & Effect and reached the finals in the Futurity and the Derby at Goondiwindi before retiring from the show pen.

At this time Mr Green took 12 months out to take on the role of Assistant Horse Master to Craig Emerton in Baz Luhrmann's epic film *Australia*.



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Last year saw the return of Mr Green to the Cutting Pen ridding Stripperella and together they reached the finals in two of three Futurities and have returned for the Derby this year.

This year will see the largest ever entries competing for honours in a range of events with Mr Green entering two horses in the 2009 NCHA Futurity. The Farrier's Championships, the Australian Stockman's Challenge, Bull Riding and a huge array of trade stalls and displays will be apart of this massive event.

Come and be apart of this prestigious event here in the heart of the Country Music Capital.

2009 NCHA Futurity Tickets can be purchased from Tourism Tamworth over the counter (corner of Murray and Peel Streets), over the phone, 67675300, or via the internet [www.visittamworth.com](http://www.visittamworth.com)

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