



IT'S MORE THAN RACING

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VALE DANNY FRAWLEY



The Ballarat & District Trotting Club is saddened by the death of Danny Frawley.

Danny had a lifelong association with the club and the greater harness racing industry, with the Frawley family name synonymous with the sport.

His father Brian was BDTC President from 1981 to 1986, a committee member for 35 years and past life member. Brian was also a breeder, owner and trainer at his Bungaree property, where Danny and the rest of the family were immersed in harness racing.

It was to be this ingrained love for standardbreds that saw Danny become involved in the governance of the industry. Danny followed his father's footsteps into administration of the sport when appointed to the Board of Harness Racing Victoria in 2016.

HRV Chairman Dale Monteith paid tribute to Danny's infectious passion for the sport and the people involved. As a board member Danny was instrumental in securing the 2018 Interdominion series back to Victoria and gaining free to air coverage for Grand Final night.

Danny was a close friend of the BDTC and the thoughts of everyone at the club, past and present, are with his wife Anita, daughters Chelsea, Danielle and Keeley, and mother Shirley and family.

BDTC PRESIDENT (David Young)

The Frawley family have been an integral part of our Club over many years and have shared the same values our Club has been built on with an unwavering willingness to help others.

Danny was always willing to use his profile and extensive contacts to support our Club whenever called upon. He was an invaluable promoter of not only our Club but the sport of harness racing in general.

On a personal note Danny was great support to our CEO Paul Rowse and myself as President.

TROTS CLUBS VICTORIA CHAIRMAN

(BDTC Life Member and past president Paul James)

Having been involved with both the Frawley and James families for many years the death of someone such as Danny affects so many people. Having known Danny all his life I was able to watch him develop as part of the Frawley family to his junior sport and then senior sport and then his marriage to Anita and the development of his own family and a successful media career.

There are others more qualified than I to talk about his sporting career but my thoughts and those of my wife Anne are with both the Frawley and James families in particular his mother Shirley and wife Anita and the three girls.

Danny always retained the common touch and was always a country boy at heart and always from my point of view found time to meet and greet me. A loss to many across many areas of the communities of Victoria as has been highlighted by the out-pouring of grief from everyone that knew him and had come in touch with him.

BDTC LIFE MEMBER & FORMER LONG SERVING TREASURER (Dennis Foley)

Danny's loss will be felt far and wide and he will be missed by many. He was a person full of vitality always wanting to contribute his utmost in whatever he chose to take on.

Danny loved his involvement in harness racing and was very positive about his role with the HRV Board. Danny's love of all things racing extended through to the thoroughbreds with his wife Anita recently taking over Sylvan Lodge.