



Nagambie celebrates the magic of the Lexus Melbourne Cup

Residents of Nagambie experienced the magic of the People's Cup yesterday when the coveted trophy visited the town as part of the 16th annual Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour.

The iconic trophy started the day with a visit to Nagambie Healthcare, where residents shared their racing stories and got up close with the 18-carat gold trophy.

The People's Cup then headed to the Royal Mail Hotel for an afternoon of family fun, with 1992 Melbourne Cup winner Subzero stopping by to join the celebrations.

The Flemington favourite, who recently celebrated his 30th birthday, was even treated to a cheeky drink inside the iconic Nagambie establishment.

In the evening the \$200,000 trophy attended a Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour event at Mitchelton Winery to support Nagambie Healthcare.

The night included pre-dinner drinks in the newly opened Mitchelton Gallery of Aboriginal Art and dinner in the Montage Room. Guests were also treated to a phantom race call from Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Ambassador and legendary race caller Bryan Martin, who wowed the crowd with his impressive call.

Nagambie Lakes Tourism and Commerce Executive Officer Sissy Hoskin said the entire community was honoured to be a part of this year's Tour.

"The Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour raced into Nagambie for the fourth time, creating more memories and a total admiration for the race that stops a nation," Mrs Hoskin said.

"Bryan Martin's calling of 'The Go Nagambie Melbourne Cup that was never run' was a battle to the end with local identity Subzero being first past the post."

The next stop on the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour is visiting the small country town of Louth in New South Wales, which is situated almost 100 kilometres south west of Bourke. During the visit to Louth, the People's Cup will attend the iconic Louth Races.

Since its inaugural year in 2003, the Tour has travelled more than half a million kilometres and visited more than 400 regional, rural and metropolitan destinations, providing communities with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the magic of the Lexus Melbourne Cup.

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