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INTRODUCTION

The collection consists chiefly of programs for northern Tasmania pacing clubs. They cover the years 1943 to 2000 (plus two earlier ones for the Northern Tasmanian Trotting Club) and provide a good overview of pacing in the north of the state. These years saw the amalgamation of several clubs: the Carrick Trotting Club and Westbury Trotting Club combined in 1976 to form the Carrick Park Trotting Club and the Danbury Park Trotting Club and the Northern Tasmanian Trotting Club merged in 1978 to form the Launceston Pacing Club. The period also saw the word 'trotting' replaced by 'pacing' in the name of some clubs.

The racing club programs are not as comprehensive as those for the pacing clubs, but several for the Newnham Racing Club and the Tasmanian Turf Club date back to the early years of the 20th century.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in June 2005. The collection belonged to Thomas Owen Storay, who was born in Launceston on 27 November 1912. He was a successful harness racing owner, breeder, trainer and driver who began his career as a 14-year-old saddle jockey and followed his father into harness racing. He competed locally and in Melbourne and Sydney and drove some of the best horses in Tasmania, including five winners at the St Mary's New Year's Day meetings, and trained numerous winners. He served on the committee of the now defunct Danbury Park Trotting Club and was also involved in the Northern Tasmanian Light Harness Association. From 1981 he was listed as an honorary member of the Launceston Pacing Club in the club's programs. Tom Storay, one of Tasmania's best and most respected harness racing drivers, died in Launceston on 14 September 2005, aged 92. (References: *Examiner* 2 January 2004, 15 September 2005).

1.Pacing Club Programs

1/1	Avoca Hack and Trotting Club, program, 26/12/1946	1946
1/2	Beaconsfield Trotting Club, programs, 14/9/1946, 3/11/1947	1946, 1947
1/3	Burnie Trotting Club, programs (some years missing)	1952-1994
1/4	Carrick Trotting Club, programs (some years missing; 13/3/1948 centenary meeting program includes a history of the club, as does 1/2/1964 golden jubilee meeting program)	1944-1976
1/5	Carrick Park Trotting Club, programs	1976-1982
1/6	Carrick Park Trotting/Pacing Club, programs	1982-1990
1/7	Carrick Park Pacing Club, programs	1991-1999
1/8	Combined Racing Clubs, programs, 7/7/1945, 6/7/1957, 4/7/1970	1945, 1957, 1970
1/9	Danbury Park Trotting Club, programs (some years missing)	1944-1954
1/10	Danbury Park Trotting Club, programs	1955-1959
1/11	Programs	1960-1965
1/12	Programs	1969-1975
1/13	Programs	1976-1978
1/14	Devonport Trotting Club, programs (some years missing)	1948-1966
1/15	Devonport Trotting/Pacing Club, programs (some years missing)	1969-1986
1/16	Devonport Pacing Club, programs (some years missing)	1987-1999
1/17	Launceston Pacing Club, programs (includes inaugural meeting)	1978-1979
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1/34	North-Eastern Trotting/Pacing Club, programs (some years missing)	1946-1997
1/35	Northern Tasmanian Trotting Club, programs (some years missing)	1914, 1922, 1943-1952
1/36	Programs	1953-1957
1/37	Programs	1958-1961
1/38	Programs, 1962-1967, 1969-1972	1962-1972
1/39	Programs	1973-1978
1/40	St Marys Hack and Trotting/Trotting/Pacing Club, programs (some years missing)	1957-2000
1/41	Sheffield Hack and Trotting Club, programs, 26/12/1958, 26/12/1960, 26/12/1963	1958-1963

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| 1/42 | Ulverstone Trotting/Pacing Club, programs (some years missing) | 1947-1990 |
| 1/43 | Westbury Trotting Club, programs (some years missing) | 1944-1976 |

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| 2/1 | Danbury Park Trotting Club, rules and regulations, 1952, annual meeting, 1976; annual report, 1976-77 | 1952,1976-1977 |
| 2/2 | Westbury Trotting Club, constitution | 1954 |
| 2/3 | Northern Tasmanian Light Harness Association, annual reports, 1956, 1957-58, 1963-64, 1973-74, 1975, 1976, 1979-80, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90; several miscellaneous items (includes NTLHA Christmas card for 1949-50) | 1956-1990 |
| 2/4 | Carrick Trotting Club, annual report 1975-1976; agenda for meeting, 9/9/1976; Carrick Park Trotting Club, annual report, 1977-1978; constitution and rules of Carrick Park Trotting Club, nd | 1975-1978 |
| 2/5 | Northern Tasmanian Trotting Association, annual report, 1975-76, 1976-77 | 1975-1977 |
| 2/6 | Correspondence etc re amalgamation of Danbury Park Trotting Club and Northern Tasmanian Trotting Association | 1976, 1978 |
| 2/7 | Launceston Pacing Club, annual reports, lacking 1985/1986; members newsletters, 21/7/1987, 31/1/1990, 17/9/1991; several items of ephemera | 1980-1999 |
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3/1 Tom Storay, photocopy of *Examiner* photograph, 29 July 1959 1959

3/2 Tasmanian Trotting Association driver's licence, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1972, 1971, 1973; Southern Tasmanian Trotting Association driver's licence, 1961 1961-1981

3/3 Member's and ladies' tickets for various Tasmanian trotting clubs 1967-1990, nd

3/4 Tasmanian Trotting Association trainer's licence, 1972, Tasmanian Trotting Control Board trainer's licence, 1981 (includes date of birth and photograph) 1972, 1981

3/5 Tasmanian Trotting Control Board certificate of merit 1982

3/6 Merit invitee Interdominion Championship 1998 badge 1998

3/7 Transcript of interview by Jai Paterson, 6, 7 December 2004 2004

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4/1 Deloraine Turf Club, program, 4/11/1946 1946

4/2 King Island Racing Club, programs, 26/12/1974, 18/1/1975, 25/1/1992, 23/1/1993, 30/1/1993, 29/1/1994 1974-1994

4/3 Longford Racing Club, programs, 19/5/1945, 25/5/1946, 1/11/1958 1945-1958

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