

BROO WOMENS 400 SERIES

The new Broo Women's 400 Series kicks off at the Peninsula meeting next Sunday Dec 4th. The series comprises of 5 races throughout the season with the top ten points earners from the series going through to the \$1,000 final at the Burramine meeting.

Points for each round will be awarded as follows:

- Winner – 10 points
- Second – 8 points
- Third – 7 points
- Fourth – 6 points
- Fifth – 5 points
- Sixth – 4 points
- Seventh – 3 points
- Eighth through to Tenth – 2 points
- All other finishers – 1 point

The series will be handicapped on a discretionary basis and handicaps will not necessarily be the athlete's normal women's 400 mark. Handicaps within the series for those that compete will be reviewed after each start with the aim to provide all that take part with a competitive mark within a few races.

Winners within the series will receive a handicap penalty **for the series only** and not for their normal women's 400 handicap (apart from the Burramine final). In other words round wins in the series are non penalty for normal womens 400s. The handicaps for the Final will be completely reassessed to give all a chance.

Please also note that satisfactory runs within the series will receive a credit towards an athlete's normal women's 400 handicap. So by competing in the series you are also helping your mark for meetings such as Maryborough, Keilor, Bendigo and Stawell.

I would very much encourage all our women athletes to be a part of this great initiative by Broo and the VAL. Please check the handbook for all race details.

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