



Tuesday 7 November

Melbourne Cup Day

Did you know??

**No horse has ever won the Melbourne Cup from barrier 18
Since 1924 no one has ever been successful in the Melbourne Cup
from barrier 18. No one is quite sure why and the mystery remains.
Surely, one day the jinx must be broken!**

**Numbers 4 and 12 share the record for most wins, with 11
each.**

**On Melbourne Cup day, Australians drink the equivalent of 25 mil-
lion swimming pools of alcohol.**

**The youngest jockey to ever win a Melbourne Cup was Peter St. Al-
bans riding 'Briseis' in 1876 at only eleven years of age. The legiti-
mate age of entry was 13, but Peter was just 8 days shy of his
twelfth birthday.**

**New South Wales are the biggest punters
The average bet by punters in New South Wales is \$1200. That is a
stunning 22% above the national average.**

**Seventeen horses raced in the first *Melbourne Cup* in 1861. The
prize was a gold watch and 170 pounds cash.**

First prize for the Melbourne Cup in 2023 is \$4,400,000.