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While the action will be keenly contested on the track, it's the glamour and luxury around the course that will leave their mark. The carnival has a reputation as one of the most memorable social occasions of the season and with a number of sought-after events, including a new precinct which is guaranteed to impress, this year will be no exception.

**KIRIN BIRDCAGE** Find yourself in a Japanese-inspired two-storey wonderland at Doomben's brand new KIRIN Birdcage. Brought to life by Brisbane's premier Asian fusion restaurant Madame Wu, guests at the exclusive event will be rewarded with a decadent menu and the chance to rub shoulders with Brisbane's elite.

The KIRIN Birdcage will be available exclusively at Treasury Brisbane Ladies Oaks Day and UBET Stradbroke Day.

**THE VILLAGE** New to the trackside line-up, The Village will house the QueensPlaza Fashion Precinct where Fashions on the Field will take place, as well as DJ entertainment sure to get the crowds jumping.

**PAMPER ALLEY** Making a blushing arrival in the anticipated Pamper Alley, guests can expect nothing but luxury all carnival long.

**A FEAST OF FINE FOOD** Expect a diverse and bespoke array of fine food and beverages at this year's carnival. Begin your journey in the new food precinct, The Food Fair, which will comprise of pop-up restaurants and bars serving delicious bites, champagne, wine and craft beer.

For more information visit [brc.com.au/carnival](http://brc.com.au/carnival)

Saturday, June 9 Doomben Racecourse Gates open: Members 9am–Public 9.30am Feature race: \$1.5 million G1 UBET Stradbroke Handicap

Stradbroke Queensland racing's most famous race, the \$1.5million Stradbroke, rounds out four magnificent days of Group 1 action.

After weight-for-age lead-ups, the Stradbroke levels the playing field under handicap conditions and presents punters with a salivating challenge, making it one of the great betting races of the year.

Last year's quinella Impending and In Her Time are set to return, along with a host of new challengers eager to have their name on a trophy won by some of the country's greatest sprinters.

The UBET Stradbroke headlines a program comprising two other Group 1 races, three Group 2 races and three Listed events.

The Group 1 Jaguar Land Rover J.J. Atkins, renamed in recent years to honour one of Queensland's greatest ever trainers, is renowned as the launching pad for superstardom.

In recent times, Chris Waller's crack colts Zoustar, Brazen Beau and Press Statement all contested the race, before later going on to spring Group 1 success and multimillion-dollar stud careers.

The Channel 7 Queensland Derby is the last chance for the classic generation to win a Group 1 over a staying trip.

In recent times, it has been a race that's proven a worthy reference for star careers in Hong Kong, with the likes of Werther and Eagle Way heading to that country with success. Last year's Derby winner Ruthven also went to Hong Kong.

Stradbroke day is now also home to the Group 2 Brisbane Cup, a race with a proud history. It was just 10 years ago that Viewed romped home in the Brisbane Cup before five months later giving iconic trainer Bart Cummings his 12th – and final – Melbourne Cup.

Who's going to be there?

Reality TV star Sam Frost will send the carnival off on a high as ambassador of UBET Stradbroke Day. Frost rose to prominence on season two of The Bachelor Australia, before lining up for The Bachelorette Australia in 2015, winning over the hearts of Australians. She has since gone on to co-host the 2Day FM breakfast show and has recently joined the cast of Home and Away.

Entertainment Brisbane based J-Funk will provide an energetic live band experience to close out the carnival. Drawing inspiration from decades of soul, motown, funk and R&B, they will perform a selection of covers and originals, providing racegoers with fun vibes after the conclusion of the live racing action.

Dress code: Black & white with a touch of red The final instalment of trackside glamour will see a classic dress code of black and white, adorned with a touch of red. Monochromatic ensembles with dramatic red accessories or headwear make for a timeless combination. The signature floral for Stradbroke Day is red rose.

Packages Nova will play host to an exclusive lawn party featuring Nova 106.9 FM hosts, Fashions on the Field and DJ entertainment. From \$180 per person you will get access to the private party, a buffet lunch and five-hour beverage package. Limited general admission tickets are also available at a pre-sale price of \$40 per person, so get in quick. To book your tickets visit [brc.com.au/carnival](http://brc.com.au/carnival)

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