OUT & ABOUT AT POLO IN THE VALLEY

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Melissa Karlson, Rhonda Wyllie, Tia Ellison &

Polo society hot to trot

rom people watching to networking, there was just as much action happening off the field as on it at the annual Polo in the Valley. Held at Duncraig Stud, Peter and Debra Prendiville's private estate in Middle Swan, Polo in the Valley continues to assert itself as one of the highlights of the WA annual social calendar.

Despite hot weather, numbers were up on last year with a fashionable crowd dressing to impress and raising much-needed funds for charities Youth Focus and Telethon.

Guests mixed with visiting media personalities Tom Williams, of Seven's The Daily Edition, and House Rules judge Joe Snell, who arrived in style — driven in what is currently Australia's only Bentley Bentayga SUV, which was flown direct to Perth for the event after its launch at the Australian F1 Grand Prix.

Snell is no stranger to Perth with his many visits for House Rules. He said fans could expect the fourth season of the Seven renovation series, returning soon, to be even cheekier than ever.

High-profile couples filled the VIP marquee, with the likes of Chris and Tia Ellison, Rhonda Wyllie and Jeff Browne and Kim and Ines Ledger indulging in a stunning three-course meal prepared by celebrity chef Guy Grossi in a serenely decorated space courtesy of Claremont's Hire Society.

This year was a battle for the best marquee, with new naming-rights sponsor 101 Residential upping the ante with a lavish two-storey space while the inaugural Mumm Maison marquee was also a popular place for the likes of Wildcats captain Damian Martin and wife Brittany — who were celebrating their first wedding anniversary - to watch some of the State's best polo.

Charity queen Emily Parish was a standout in straight-off-the runway Zimmermann dress at her Telethon Adventurers marquee, which also played host to popular My Kitchen Rules contestants Nev Groves and Kell Griffiths and Anna Bruno, who was flying solo without son Jordan.

Half-time entertainment came courtesy of Daryl Braithwaite singing, of course, The Horses which encouraged some unexpected backing vocals.

'It was good but it was so hot over here in WA. Wow," Braithwaite told AAA. "It was the long version of Horses today because we had a couple of singers get up usually they are invited.









Charlie Bertram, Bhrianna &



Polo in the Valley

Damian & Brittany Martin



Sam Prendiville, Joolz Nasir & Greg Johnson



Luke Wyllie, Peta & Neale Fong

YOUR STARS

JOANNE M. MOORE

** AVERAGE *** GOOD **** EXCELLENT



Be clear about what you're doing, otherwise power struggles or angry exchanges are likely. Creative collaboration is much better than fiery confrontation.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21 ** There's frantic energy around as family or friends try to hurry you and rush your responses. Aim to be patient and practical, not stubborn and slow moving.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21 Love and work are a complicated mix, so pace yourself. And avoid spreading or blurting out things that you'll later regret. Check the facts

JUNE 22-JULY 23 You're on an emotional rollercoaster as you cope with oscillating moods. Creative networking will take you far, as you connect with like-minded

thoroughly first.

souls.

Q LEO JULY 24-AUG 23 Travel, adventure and education are all favoured as you expand your knowledge in exciting ways. Just make sure creative ideas are backed up with productive projects.

*** AUG 24-SEP 23 The focus is off you and on those around you. So it's the perfect time to do something special for someone you admire.

*** LIBRA SEP 24-OCT 23 There's a lot on your mind, so don't skip over important details in the process especially when communicating via social media. Think before

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22 If you come on too strongly with

a friend or family member, you'll just drive them away. Focus on the things you have in common and build the relationship through shared interests.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21 Mars in your sign increases your independent nature and boosts your impulsive streak. So

combine being spontaneous

with being smart.

a sensitive situation.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20 Expect some challenges involving a complicated matter from the past. Use a flexible, diplomatic approach to manage

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 19 ** Being creative and sensitive will take you far. And don't be hasty about a half-baked money matter - it could result in a

PISCES FEB 20-MARCH 20 Channel your energy into helping others. Otherwise you'll just feel restless and confused.

confusing financial situation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY You love being the protagonist. July/August are best for falling in love, getting married or renewing vows.



Summer Baxter