



Phar Lap, born at Seadown near Timaru in 1926, became one of Australasia's most famous racehorses, winning 37 of 51 starts. 'Big Red', as he was known, was ridden by jockey Jim Pike.

WATCH: *Big Red Wins Again.*
Archive footage of Timaru-born Phar Lap thundering home to win the Melbourne Cup on 4 Nov 1930.

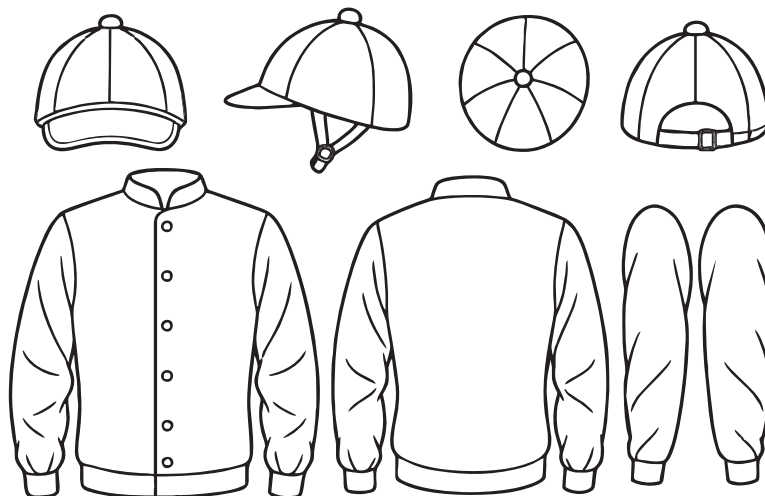


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Jockey colours are designed to be spotted fast. Bright colours and bold patterns help owners, officials and crowds tell horses apart as they race past.

The colours belong to the horse's owner, not the jockey. Once racing colours are designed, they are registered so the design becomes the owner's official set of colours.

Your challenge: design a set that would be easy to recognise at full gallop.



CAN YOU FIND ALL THE PHAR LAP WORDS?

P U G P J W M D N B Z K E Y W G X Z
H H W X B B R Y F O P X A M B J V F
C A R M K O R N V P I W L Y L M M C
A Q T X F J J I W G E T W R A M D E
O K N F Y H Z S D C Z B A W C A R T
C H A M P I O N A L J O U T K F S E
O T H W P A J R A C E H O R S E E G
S T C G Y U L Z S X G S X U M L A L
X S R S R E D R E E A V Z E I M N V
F B E A D L K P A D S F B G T D Q U
K S M N I N E C D H U H H X H M H B
D I H M R N P L O J P T O W T F U X
T M Y W Z A E V W J N V C E Y O U M
I U U O L L H R N I A D D C D P U V
Q H A S B S S P N I W X D Z S F M P
U W N A J S E G D K C W Z R F M W A
M R T R Z Z Q P C Q S R W Z U D Y Y
G S V D F T W F A R O Z K D B E S G

PHAR LAP	RACEHORSE	BRIDLE	CART
SEADOWN	JOCKEY	HORSESHOE	COACH
TIMARU	TRAINER	BLACKSMITH	STATION
LIGHTNING	RACEWAY	STABLE	STAFFORD
CHAMPION	SADDLE	HARNESS	MERCHANT

The world's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, appeared in Britain in 1840. New Zealand followed in 1855.
A stamp showed you had paid to send a letter or parcel: moisten the gummed back, stick it on, and off it went.

Timaru's first post office operated from John Beswick's store in lower George Street, and from 1858 mail travelled between Timaru and Christchurch on horseback. Later, special stamps marked famous people, events and anniversaries.

Some stamps were saved rather than posted, and rare ones became valuable collector's items.



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Horse-drawn coaches carried letters, news and business correspondence between towns when there were few other fast ways to communicate. In 1959, people re-enacted how mail was carried through South Canterbury by horse-drawn coach 100 years earlier, in 1859.

Now design your own Phar Lap centenary stamp. Make it bold, easy to recognise and worth keeping.