



Three of the JG Goldner Volvos make a handsome addition to the Royal Randwick gates

The wheels behind the races

THE VOLVO GLOBETROTTER ENTERS THE STARTING GATE WITH AUSTRALIA'S LEADING RACEHORSE TRANSPORTER, JG GOLDNER

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JG Goldner is a family business that has been transporting racehorses in Australia since 1945. The company takes horses to and from racecourses,

stables and stud farms across South Australia, NSW and Victoria.

Carrying any kind of live animals is difficult, but when they're extremely valuable and sensitive racehorses, it's a real challenge. JG Goldner has a reputation for being the most reliable and cleanest horse transporters around, so we asked Managing Director Mark Ker how they do it.

"It's all about trip planning really, because you can't keep horses in the truck for a whole journey. After about ten hours on the road you need to get them off the truck for about the same length of time."

So how do they manage the logistics of this? "We've got depots in Balranald and West Wyalong and arrangements with stables along our routes," says Mark. "As you can imagine, breakdowns are simply not an option in the horse transport business, which is why we use Volvos, their reliability is excellent."

The JG Goldner fleet has six Volvos in operation, including a recently-purchased Globetrotter XXL 500. So what made JG Goldner choose Volvo?

"Our drivers love the I-Shift; they won't go back once they've tried it," says Mark, "And we love the reliability and the fuel economy. We've got a great future ahead of us with Volvo." ■

Mark Ker is the Managing Director of JG Goldner