

John Messara
Owner and Chairman
Arrowfield Stud

John Messara founded Arrowfield Stud in New South Wales, Australia, in 1985. He has been integral in establishing the careers of top stallions including Danehill, Redoute's Choice, and Snitzel. Arrowfield has also bred more than 50 Group 1 winners and is a perennial leading seller at the major Australian yearling auctions.

Messara has played a key role in the Australian racing and breeding industries, having served as the chairman of Racing New South Wales, the Australian Racing Board, Racing Australia, and Aushorse Marketing. He has also served as president of Thoroughbred Breeders Australia, vice chairman of the Asian Racing Conference, and a member of the Australian Pattern Committee.

While chairman of Racing New South Wales, Messara led the rejuvenation of New South Wales racing through increasing and securing long-term revenue and distributing it to prizemoney, infrastructure, and integrity functions. While chairman of the Australian Racing Board, he initiated and led efforts to make the organization more effective, which culminated in the merger of the Australian Racing Board, Racing Information Service Australia, and the Australian Stud Book to create Racing Australia.

For his achievements, Messara has been recognized with numerous awards, including Member of the Order of Australia, the Thoroughbred Breeders NSW inaugural Heroic Award, life membership of the Australian Turf Club, and the Longines and International Federation of Horseracing Authorities International Award of Merit.

Before founding Arrowfield, Messara worked as a stock broker and was elected a member of the Sydney Stock Exchange. He graduated from the University of New South Wales and Saint Ignatius' College.