

Gr.1 NZ Thoroughbred
Breeders Stakes
winner Nicoletta



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MEMBERS DAY OUT

BY **MICHELLE SABA**

The Waikato Branch of the NZTBA hosted a marquee at Te Aroha to witness the running of the Gr.1 Fibre Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes.

Around 120 members from throughout the country enjoyed the trackside location, the camaraderie and witnessed some fabulous racing including the all the way win by the Savabeel (AUS) mare Nicoletta in the group one event.

Waikato Branch President Keith Lunn was very pleased with the turn out and how the day played out.

"I thought it was a good day with a very happy crowd," he said.

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Adding to the event Highview Stud kindly donated a nomination to their

High Chaparral(IRE) stallion Wrote(IRE), which was won by Auckland branch member Steve Cole. Several other spot prizes from the generously donated Mills Reef Winery were also won by various members.

The feature race winner Nicoletta (ex Celtic Crown[USA]) was one of six Savabeel(AUS) mares in the classy 11 horse field, and went to the line a long head in front of Supera making it a Savabeel (AUS) quinella. She became Savabeel's 18th individual group one winner, and the following day Rattan (ex) won the Gr.2 The Sprint Cup in Hong Kong becoming his sire's 19th stakes winner this season.

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OFFICE UPDATE

On behalf of the NZTBA I feel saddened at the loss of one of our industry's true gentleman Trevor McKee. To me Trevor was always the person who gave me the time of day no matter when or where - a wink, encouragement and an infectious smile when I needed it. He will be missed by so many of us across the board and his achievements are some we could all aspire to. My thoughts are with the McKee family.

The Waikato Branch of the NZTBA hosted a fantastic day at Te Aroha last Saturday and being unable to attend I had to watch begrudgingly from the sofa. Auckland member Steve Cole winning the Wrote service kindly donated by Highview Stud and to round off NZTBA councilor Vicki Pascoe receiving the NZTR Volunteer Award. On behalf of members of the NZTBA I wish to express our thanks to the Waikato committee and Te Aroha Jockey Club for hosting the event which is a great social occasion.

Brutal's win in the Gr.1 Doncaster was also a highlight congratulations to the Storey and Kerr-Taylor families.

Last Thursday also presented our office with many dazed and confused members who came to town to collect their Informant to find it was no more. We sincerely hope a solution to this can be found.

The NZTBA and other equine parties will appear before the Hearing Panel on 24th June to submit evidence that Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1 effects on our industry. I have outlined some GMP for recycling in this edition which I hope you will take heed of as we as an industry have to prove our footprint. Sustainability is an important issue for us moving forward both for the environment and animal welfare.

The NZTBA council for some time wanted to sponsor a thoroughbred who has achieved in another discipline. After much thought we decided to sponsor an Award in honor of our Olympic Gold medal winning thoroughbred Ready Teddy - this award is dedicated to the Best Overall Thoroughbred Performance at the Matamata 3 star event this Easter. We feel privileged that Olympian Blyth



Tait felt this was a worthy award to honor his champion thoroughbred.

Moving forward we have completed our 2019 Early Bird Pearl Entry's and are pleased with an increase in numbers from the two previous seasons. Many recognizing that it is worthwhile for those who race fillies and mares in New Zealand to be eligible for the additional bonus money. A personal thanks to Corrina for all her efforts on this.

The next few months is a busy times for us - our Cambridge office is humming along with plenty of visitors and an increase in membership.

I look forward to catching up with the Canterbury and Southland Branch members at the South Island pre -Sale function at the end of this month.

Justine

NZTR VENUE PLAN FINAL REPORT

*After much consultation NZTR has released its Venue Plan Final report in which they have reduced the number of racing venues to close, they have also stated their commitment to the review process and implementation - you can read the **NZTR PHASE 1 VENUE PLAN HERE***

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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29TH APRIL	South Island Sale
17TH MAY	Karaka May Sale
24TH JUNE	Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1 NZTBA Hearing
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NZTBA - NEW MEMBERS

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Mr Ronald Brewer	Taranaki/Wanganui
Graeme Dally	Waikato
Orla Roan	Waikato
Cameron Ring	Waikato
Philip Smyth	Waikato
John Anderson	Wellington
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Jon Orr	Canterbury/Marlborough/Westland
Jenny McAlpine	Overseas - Australia
Wade Thomas	Overseas -Australia
Roy Miguel	Overseas -New Caledonia
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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



It has been a busy and exciting time for the New Zealand Thoroughbred industry since our last Breeders' Bulletin. The Karaka Yearling Sales have been and gone and been well analysed and discussed but it again highlighted the decreased spend from our buying bench. The excitement and quality of our racing industry was on display at the Te Aroha Jockey Club last Saturday when Nicoletta scored a courageous win in the Gr.1 Fibre Fresh NZTBA Stakes. Congratulations to all connections especially owner Lib Petagna who has had tremendous success all over Australasia with his New Zealand bred horses which have been expertly selected by his bloodstock advisor Bruce Perry. A special mention also to William Fell and Goodwood Stud for breeding another quality racehorse. We have had some exciting recent Stallion announcements and it is great to see Cambridge Stud secure champion English 3 year old Roaring Lion and Novara Park's son of Deep Impact Staphanos to stand next season. These Gr.1 racehorses are further additions to an exciting group of young Gr. 1 sires that have been made available to New Zealand breeders over the last few seasons.

I have spent the last few days at the William Inglis Sydney Easter Yearling Sale. A diverse international buying bench gathered to purchase some of Australia's best bloodstock. The figures achieved were incredible. There were 19 yearlings sold for over \$1 million and 56 yearlings sold between \$500 000 - \$1 million. Most of this money will be invested back into the Australian racing and breeding industry creating more jobs, tourist dollars which has huge benefits for the Australian economy. It seems a distant memory since Karaka Book 1 and Sydney Easter had similar averages, mediums and international investment. It is an example of how a supportive Government, enterprising administration and confident investors have combined to put the Australian Industry to the forefront of world racing and breeding. It also highlights how much our industry needs some leadership and decision making to keep it relevant on the international stage. We all look forward with huge anticipation to see what will transpire with Winston's Industry announcements later this month.

John Thompson



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PARADOX AND PLANNING COME TOGETHER IN A VERRY ELLEEGANT RESULT

BY DENNIS RYAN

In thoroughbred racing and breeding it's never hard to find examples of the paradox that makes both pursuits so intriguing and unpredictable.

The latest telling example came in the Gr. 1 Vinery Stud Stakes at Rosehill last week when NZ-bred Verry Elleegant led home Frankly Awesome, a filly conceived in the United Kingdom and born in Australia. The origins of both are not the only stark contrast; the other is that Verry Elleegant was sired by Zed, a

"That's why I bought Opulence; mating her with Zed would be double-up to Danehill as well as to Eight Carat through her daughter Cotehele House."

stallion who at the time stood at a fee of just \$500, whereas Frankly Awesome resulted from a service fee at the other end of the global scale – £125,000 for the privilege of a mating with champion galloper Frankel.

On Saturday the talented pair will again go head-to-head in pursuit of the premier prize for staying fillies in this part of the world, the A\$1 million Australian Oaks. In the same field will be another filly, Imelda Mary, who exemplifies the bargain basement theory.

That Ferlax filly cost her owners just \$3,500 as a yearling in the 2017 Karaka Festival Sale catalogue. Her domestic season ended by sharing the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year title with Queen Of Diamonds, a daughter of champion stallion Savabeel who



Mark Carter (centre) leads Verry Elleegant and James McDonald back to the winner's stall after the Vinery Stud Stakes.

changed hands when the China Horse Club's Michael Wallace bid \$640,000 for her at the same National Yearling Sale that produced Imelda Mary.

The back story to Verry Elleegant is one of putting faith in your own judgement and backing it all the way to the ultimate result. The key player is Auckland octogenarian Don Goodwin, who bred Verry Elleegant, formed a syndicate that placed her with South Auckland trainer Nick Bishara and has since seen her scale the heights to Group One glory.

Anyone privileged to reach 80 years of age has more than one or two interesting aspects to their lives, and Goodwin is no exception. He was born in the South Waikato farming district of Okoroire but grew up in west Auckland, in a state housing area of Waterview and on the same street as the Carter family.

"John Carter senior and I have been mates since we were kids – we were in the same Suburbs midjets' rugby team in 1948," Carter reflected in the days

after Verry Elleegant's Vinery Stud Stakes win. "As we grew up we were both keen on racing and John and I had the odd horse together, so it's all gone from there."

The name Carter was to become a household name in New Zealand rugby, via John Carter's sons Mark and John junior. Both represented Auckland at senior level and Mark gained fame as a hard-hitting All Black open-side flanker in the 1990s.

Later that decade the Carter brothers joined forces with their sister Rachael to form Jomara Bloodstock and made a life-changing investment when they bought the well-bred young racemare Emerald Dream. By Danehill from the Cotehele House branch of the famous Eight Carat line, Emerald Dream hit the jackpot for her new owners by winning the Gr. 1 Whakanui Stud International Stakes at Te Rapa in 2002.

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DUNSTAN FEEDS - UNDER THE RADAR



This is a short Q & A with an Industry person to gain a little more insight into who they are in this Bulletin we feature Keeper of the Stud Book – Julie Walker

What is your industry involvement and how did you become involved?

My Dad was an apprentice in his day and I had an idyllic childhood growing up in the Wairarapa on Tauherenikau Racecourse where my father was the course manager therefore a life of animals, ponies and racehorses. Upon returning from my O.E Alan Fenwick offered me a job at the Racing Conference. I have also dabbled in

breeding - bred the Coral Steeplechase winner Roodyvoo and I now indulge my passion with shares in several racehorses.

What is the one thing you would rather pay someone than do yourself?

Housework – need a cleaner!

What is something most people don't know about you?

That I am the proud owner of "Paddington Boozer Brown" (Boozer) an exotic shorthair retired Persian champion show cat. He has an 8 generation pedigree.

What is something that amazes you?

Planet Earth and her resilience – we continue to abuse and take her for granted.

What has had the most impact on your life?

Travelling overseas – leaving New Zealand as a naïve Wairarapa girl and



Paddington Boozer Brown

having to stand on my own two feet and fend for myself for 4 years.

What is the most unusual place you have ever visited?

Petra – Jordan. Known as the "Rose City" a honeycomb of hand-hewn caves, temples, and tombs carved from blushing pink sandstone.

What is the hardest part of your job?

Dealing with people who think you do not care about our industry – I do care and I have skin in the game as well

Name your first pet and what was it?

An Australian Terrier called Cindy my childhood friend from the age of 1 until I was 16y years old

Name one item you can't leave home without?

Phone – I have everything on it feel naked without it

The strangest thing you believed as a child?

I believed there were little people inside the radio that made the music

What piece of art have you seen that you have never forgotten?

The Nightwatch by Rembrandt – dark, depressing the visual stayed with me



Julie Walker Keeper of the Stud Book

LATEST FROM NZB

New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sales Series heads south to showcase the South Island Session on Monday 29 April.

The success of our Southern breeders and vendors continues on the domestic and international stage, with the durability and soundness of the Southern thoroughbred continuing to attract many astute buyers.

Graduates of the South Island Sale have left impressions not only in the South Island racing scene, but further north in New Zealand and across the Tasman.

Headed by the Group One Thorndon Mile winning graduate **Shadows Cast (NZ)** (Per Incanto), there have been a total of six individual stakes winners this season alone, with graduates filling the winners circle on 72 occasions worldwide to date.

Yogi (NZ) (Raise the Flag), a \$1,000 purchase who claimed the Listed Sandown Cup, **Boots 'n' All (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) who was victorious in the Listed Timaru Cup, his half-brother **Air Max (NZ)** (Nadeem) a back-to-back winner in the Listed Gore Guineas and Listed Dunedin Guineas.

Together, these four graduates of the South Island Sale have won \$2,107,993 in prizemoney – an impressive return of 59 times that of their combined original price in the sale ring.

Other stakes winner to have been produced from the Sale include Group One Telegraph Handicap winner **Signify (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready), Listed Tasmanian Oaks victor **Parthesia (NZ)** (Raise the Flag) and six-time stakes winner **Natuzzi (NZ)** (Coats Choice) to name just a few.

These graduates highlight how successful and affordable the yearlings offered at the South Island Sale can be, and as an added bonus, all yearling are eligible to be nominated for the Karaka Million Series with two \$1 million races to be contested.

Regan Donnison



Cam Bray – Christchurch-based Bloodstock Representative and Regan

Donnison – Bloodstock Representative



Danny Rolston

With the dust settled on the National Yearling Sales and the major yearling sales in Australia all but complete it would be remiss of me not to focus on results both here and abroad. Firstly, the local spend at Karaka was phenomenal holding consistent with last year at over 37 Million. Yes, the majority of that was spent in Book 1 and largely thanks to David Ellis, Go Racing, Cambridge Stud and leading trainers like Roger James and Graeme Rogerson among others, but what it does signal is that there is confidence by these incredibly important New Zealanders in the mid to long term future of New Zealand Racing and Breeding. Sales turnover was down over 17 Million on last year and when looked at over a 5 year period, 2018 now appears to have been a watershed year. Taking those results out, 2019 posted very similar figures to those achieved in 2015, 16 & 17. That money doesn't appear to have been spent at any other Australasian yearling sale. In fact, other than Magic Millions with an extended catalogue, this year turnover has decreased at Melbourne, Classic, Adelaide and Perth with Easter due to start at the time of writing. Personally, I don't see a worrying trend, more so an indication that 2018 might just have been a boomer all round.

Part of our post sale review when talking to a large number of buyers and vendors has focussed on the sale format adopted for the first time in 2018. We were originally cautious of our start time on the

Sunday being a full day earlier than what had been tradition at Karaka. However given the feedback we are confident of an earlier start of 1pm being appropriate for both vendors and buyers. We are conscious of preventing a tail in Book 1 so we will tighten up numbers slightly and with the earlier start time on the Sunday, be completed selling Book 1 on Tuesday. In an ideal world, Book 2 & 3 would fit into that Wednesday to Friday slot to complete the week of selling but we need to consider the impact of transition, stabling and giving every vendor the right amount of opportunity to expose their horse to the market. The final acceptance numbers will dictate how the Book 2 & 3 days look. We are aware of the clash on the final day of selling with an industry race meeting for the last 2 years and that is something we, in conjunction with the TBA and the Matamata Racing Club have been in discussion about. Finally, thank you for your ongoing support, whether it be Verry Elegant, Beauty Generation or Brutal, we consistently show the world just what a great place New Zealand is to find your next G1 champion. These successes, in conjunction with stallion performance are the biggest driver to sales results and our ability to entice international buyers to our shores.

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Danny

TEDDY STILL THE GOLD STANDARD

BY AMIE BEST



Ready Teddy

It has been more than 20 years since Ready Teddy and Blyth Tait set the benchmark of what can be achieved with an Off the Track Thoroughbred.

Tait and the chestnut son of Brilliant Invader were at the top of their game in the 1990s winning Olympic Gold

Matamata Equestrian Group's two day event on April 19 and 20.

"Our council has discussed how to recognise a thoroughbred performance outside of racing for some time," New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association CEO Justine

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at Athens in 1996, and after success at the 1998 World Equestrian Games Ready Teddy became the first horse in the world to win eventing gold at both pinnacle events. This year the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association will honour 'Ted' with a trophy and \$500 cash prize for the best performed thoroughbred at the

Sclater said. "Initiating the 'Ready Teddy Trophy' concept seemed the right fit. We are all focused on welfare for our thoroughbreds and this is a way to recognise and support the post-racing careers of thoroughbreds for years to come."

The pedigree of the winning horse will be engraved on the trophy to be returned each

year, with the winner also receiving a dress rug to mark the occasion.

Tait was more than happy to add his support to the concept and was thrilled to have a horse still so close to his heart honoured years after his heyday.

"Absolutely, it is great that people still think of him," Tait said. "He was the horse that certainly elevated my career and he was a standout of his era."

"If he was still around today he would be very competitive in the modern version of the sport."

"He had speed and agility for the cross country, he was careful for the show jumping and had the movement for the dressage."

These are traits Tait notes are typical of the thoroughbred and what lends them so well to the sport.

"I love the attitudes of the thoroughbreds," he said. "Their brains and willingness are suited to eventing especially, though there are some very good show jumpers."

"They can really gallop. In my day cross-country speed was really important and that did change a bit so that the dressage held more weight which doused their opportunity to shine a bit."

Ready Teddy was bred by T J Russell and was purchased by trainer Mr Kevin Cullen for \$3,000 at the 1989 New Zealand Bloodstock Autumn Sale.

Registered as 'Striking Back', he was unraced and Tait said that this did not surprise him.

"One quirk he did have was that he was scared of other horses," Tait said. "When we

were in the warm up area he would whip around as he was very field shy. I suppose that is one reason he didn't race."

Ready Teddy was spotted at a pony club one day event by Tait's father Bob, who obviously had a good eye for talent.

"I think we will see the rise of the thoroughbred and they will become very popular again,"

"My father went up to the girl and asked if she would sell him. She did as she was wanting to fund her OE," Tait said.

"He rang me to say the horse might not make the grade but he certainly looks the part and he was put on a boat and came over to England."

The ability to jump is a family trait. Double Summer, the dam of Ready Teddy, only had two living foals. The other was Light Hand who was trained by John Wheeler to win two Great Eastern Steeplechases and the Von Doussa.

Brilliant Invader, an eight-time winner in Australia, was a son of Vain and Australian Oaks winner Persian Bronze. He sired 69 winners including Gr.1 Brisbane Cup winner Barbut Delcia, but it was as a performance horse stallion that he really hit his straps. He became known as an exceptional sire and broodmare-sire of performance horses.

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Watch Blyth Tait and Ready Teddy winning Olympic Gold in Atlanta [CLICK HERE](#)

HORSE AMBULANCE UPDATE



The New Zealand Horse Ambulance Trust is a collaboration between New Zealand Equine Veterinary Association, the Racing Integrity Unit, NZ Thoroughbred Racing and Harness Racing New Zealand.

It was formed with the objective of funding, procuring, maintaining and ensuring the operation of a fleet of equine ambulances that will contribute to the health and welfare of horses across New Zealand.

It is pleasing to report that the ambulances are now in use two in the Northern region, one in Central Districts and Canterbury's will be delivered in June. Central Districts Ambulance has been used twice on racedays to date, including at the 4 April Wanganui JC meeting floating a horse off the track due to it having suffered a mid-race tendon injury.

The horse ambulances feature the latest technology in equine first aid tools and capability, and are constructed in Dunedin by TL MacLean, with design and construction guided closely by Dr Peter Gillespie.

The ambulances include a full hydraulic suspension system, which allows the ambulance to be completely lowered to the ground, full limb supports and stow away crush which allows minimal distress upon loading and transportation.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of Dr Bill Bishop, generous donations from the following groups have been gratefully pledged: Racing Minister's Safety Development Fund, New Zealand Equine Veterinary Association, Bendigo Valley Sports Trust, Salient Trust, Charlie Roberts, NZRB Animal Welfare Fund, Rodmor Trust, Kevin & Jo Hickman/ Valachi Racing, NZ Bloodstock and Cambridge Equine Hospital. The NZ Ambulance is a registered charity therefore individual donors can claim tax credits.

Further information contact Dr Bill Bishop on 021 495 253 or our [WEBSITE](#).

Watch [HERE](#) and learn how the ambulance operates

NEWS IN BRIEF

FOALS AND FARRIERY - NZ FARRIERS ASS CLINIC 6TH AUGUST 2019

The Northern Branch of the NZ Farriers Ass are running a Clinic in association with Windsor Park Stud. A presentation will be given by Dr. Simon Curtis (UK) FWCF, BSc (hons), PhD, HonAssocRCVS on Tuesday 6th August. The presentation will cover the following topics – PhD study findings, Assessment and farriery treatment of mediolateral deviations and flexural deformities in foals.

Note: Time permitting, an assessment of a foal or horse may be possible.

Cost: \$230.00 per person (incl. GST).

Morning Tea and Lunch is included. Limited spaces.

Register: via email to [JULIANNE BRYANT](#).

RACING TOUR TO NEW CALEDONIA

NZ Thoroughbred Owners Association offer a fully escorted tour to New Caledonia – this is a tailor-made unique Escorted Tour to New Caledonia with a horse racing focus. A varied itinerary is offered but the highlight will be an evening of horses racing at the Hippodrome Henri Milliard the final "Nocturne" race meeting of the year taking place on Saturday the 19th October 2019. For further information [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Tour Leader Sally Blyth on 021 480 323.

RIDE LIKE A GIRL TRAILER RELEASED

The trailer for the movie **Ride Like a Girl**, based on the Melbourne Cup victory of Michelle Payne and the 100-1 longshot Prince of Penzance (Pentire-Royal Successor, by Mr. Prospector), has been released. Directed by Rachel Griffiths, the cast includes Teresa Palmer, Sam Neill, and Stevie Payne (as himself). Prince of Penzance now resides at Living Legends in Victoria. Watch it [HERE](#)

OBITUARY

TREVOR MCKEE

The racing industry lost one of its most respected and admired characters with the passing of Trevor John McKee ONZM last week.

Born in 1937 Trevor entered the industry as an apprentice jockey, and progressed to be a champion trainer, becoming a successful, owner, breeder and businessman along the way. He started his training career in Pukekohe after a compulsory stint in the army at the end of his jockey apprenticeship in the 1950's.

During his service he worked as a cook, and working with food led to a weight gain that saw the end of his riding days. While training at Pukekohe he married Noeline, and with an expanding family, they were blessed with three children, Suzanne, Stephen and Donna they moved to Takanini, where they had a family home until the training track closed there.

McKee was an exceptional horseman and wasn't afraid to travel his horses, he had his own truck and he would frequently travel a team of horses to Wellington or Taranaki to win races. He maintained that HT license right to the end and when he relinquished his training license in 2006 he was still at the races with the team as the truck driver!

He told me he enjoyed driving and he appreciated nice cars as well and would often be seen arriving at the races in a late model Jaguar or BMW. Another of his passions was ballroom dancing and Trevor was definitely light on his feet when it came to that caper.

McKee's first headline horse was Proud Chief in the late 1960's, a gallant galloper who loved a wet track, amongst his wins were the Great Northern St Leger, the St Leger and the Avondale Cup. In the early years of his training career, McKee owned and trained a good deal of young horses that he then on sold overseas, enabling him to improve his stables and properties and to invest in better bloodstock.

During the 70's more winners came his way and he started to feature in the list of top 30 trainers, and in the 80's he began an association up with Richard Moore Senior and Junior and trained the Champion filly Solveig and her half-sisters Soltanto and Solstice and for the next couple of decades a whole host of other stakes performers from that family.

It was during the late 80's that son Stephen joined his father in a training partnership, and in the 1989/90 season won over a million dollars in stakes and trained 67 winners, the following year they trained 87 winners and finished second on the Trainer's Premiership behind the powerful stable of Dave and Paul O'Sullivan. From that time on until Trevor's retirement they were frequently in the top tier on that premiership table.

That once in a lifetime champion horse Sunline was to come McKee's way in the late 90's and her remarkable record of 32 wins, 13 at Group One level, in three different countries and over \$14 million in stakes, made him a household name in both New Zealand and Australia. And a recognised horseman internationally.



Trevor McKee with his champion mare Sunline.

McKee became a member of the Auckland branch of the NZTBA in 1990 and regularly supported our awards evenings and other branch functions. During the glory days of Sunline he generously gave us memorabilia to auction at fundraisers and supported our inaugural Sunline Scholarship fundraising dinner giving freely of his time retelling tales of the mighty mare's exploits.

In the 40 odd years that I have known McKee, he was always the same unassuming genuine nice guy, he would always say hello and he never forgot a face. He was quick to share advice or a good joke and was well respected by all in the industry. He will be sadly missed.

McKee is survived by his wife Noeline, three children Stephen, Suzanne and Donna, five grandchildren and a great granddaughter. A memorial service to celebrate Trevor's life was held in the Guineas Room at the Ellerslie Race Course on Thursday the 11th of April.



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RYAN STACEY BLOG



Myself and Hurricane Fly below

As the 1st of March rolled around, we were greeted with a descent dumping of snow overnight. Causing to bring the inner child out of everyone, with snowballs flying everywhere across the yards and hostel. Weather wise its slowly getting warmer, though I still find myself needing a few layers on most days. This month's rotation with work around the farm yards have kept me busy which included

Not really a race meeting I had heard of a lot as I never really followed the National hunt scene, but boy have I embraced it and sharpened up a lot on my knowledge of it.

Minoru (Mares in foal down) Blandford (Mares and Foals) both with Leona who loves to keep you on your toes with a good laugh, another round doing night foal watch, Maddenstown (Dry and/or maiden mares) With Eimear and Sun Chariot (Mares waiting to be foaled down) which happens to be run by Joe O'Connor who did the course with a fellow mate in Benji King back in 2013. I could only imagine



Nicola Joyce (Foaling Manager), David Skelly (IRE) and Niall Kelly (IRE) after a long shift

how much fun they had back then. Absolute trouble makers haha.

Staff have kept us students working frantically around the farm, especially when the Cheltenham Racing Festival came around. It is held in England and is the second largest jumps meeting of the year in terms of prize money, to none other than the Grand National.

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Homer the felabella

and English Lads really get fired up about it with banter flying across the room whilst watching it. Compared to NZ/AUS jumps racing it's on a whole different level but you can't help but be interested in it and adds a whole new dimension to the racing industry here. The whole stud ran a sweepstake over the 4 -day carnival which I'd rather not talk about on a personal note as I did horrendously. Our "man in the know" Niall Kelly (IRE) finished a nose ahead in the sweepstake between staff and students. Niall is no stranger to a Cheltenham winner as he used to ride one of the INS's Living Legends HURRICANE FLY during his 5 years spent working for Willie Mullins (could explain winning sweepstake/Champion Trainer). It seems fitting that the two-time Champion Hurdle winner now gets to spend his retirement at the Irish National Stud as it was literally where the dream came alive, Hurricane Fly was foaled in the Sun Chariot yard at the Irish National Stud.

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SAM BERGERSON BLOG



Sam with champion - Frankel

The second half of my Shadwell journey began with a two week stint at Snarehill Farm - the rehabilitation yard for all the Sheikh's horses in work. There were two yards comprising a total of 40 boxes which were all pretty much in use whilst I was there. As all the horses were nursing some sort of issue you can imagine the attention to detail and quality of care for these horses had to be nothing short of the best. No expense was spared for the wellbeing and care of these horses.

Someone in the yard also told me that Per Incanto had also spent some time here at Snarehill Farm. He is just down the road in Masterton with Little Avondale Stud now. Such a small world.

The facilities at Snarehill farm include a four furlong (800m) round track, which has a soft rubbery all weather type of surface, schooling areas, walkers, a treadmill and water treadmill (which both were pretty much in use all day), an equine spa, an undercover pool (which wasn't in use due to the cold weather), an equine salt chamber (used to aid horses with respiratory issues), and a equine vibrating stall unit. As you can see they have it all.

My day began at 7.30am, where horses were put on the walkers, treadmills, and the first ridden lot head out. This is then followed by mucking out, whilst getting horses on and off walkers, and helping riders wash their previous lots and tack up for their next lots. Vet work was going on all the time and farrier work is juggled in between all of this during the morning. In the afternoon each horse is groomed and their boxes are skipped out as well as general tidying of the yard.

There may be more ridden lots in the afternoon also. The head lad checks all of the legs over and a lot of clay and stay sound bandaging is completed. The majority of horses had tendon or knee issues.

The people at Snarehill were so helpful and made sure I got to experience everything whilst I was there for my short time. I spent time on both the treadmill and water treadmill, and got to watch the horses work on multiple occasions. They made sure I was with the vets as often as possible and also spent time holding for the chiropractor and checking legs, where



Horse shoes memorialising winners over 100 years ago.

they would explain the different injuries that had occurred to each horse and what they were doing to remedy it. They sent me on a float trip to take one of the horses back to Sir Michael Stoute's training yard and pick another up from William Haggas' yard. It was great having a quick look around the stables of two of the top trainers in Newmarket. I can't thank the staff there enough for the amazing two weeks I had there. I learnt so much in such a short space of time.

Battaash was the highest profile horse at Snarehill whilst I was there. He is a multiple group winner in the UK and group one winner in France over 1000m. He has also been clocked running a sub 10 second furlong. Despite having a second wind operation there is still high hopes for him this season. He was a definite character. He certainly walked around the yard with a bit of authority and had to go out in the first lot in the morning otherwise he would spit the dummy. He didn't particularly enjoy being groomed either. He left mid March to return to Charlie Hills so hopefully he should be seen back on the track shortly.

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GARRY HENNESSY AND BRUTAL

BY MICHELLE SABA

Last week the O'Reilly three-year-old Brutal (ex Alberton Princess) became the 32nd three-year-old to win the time honoured Gr.1 Doncaster Handicap at Royal Randwick an event that was first run in 1866.

He became the ninth three-year-old in the last 20 years, and gave Glen Boss his seventh win in the race and he is the sixth individual New Zealand bred group one winner in Australia this season.

Meanwhile back in Matamata Garry and Jenny Hennessy of Weowna Park fame were celebrating the win as they are now the proud owners of Brutal's dam Alberton Princess and her close relation Lady Alberton.

"I bought Alberton Princess and her three-quarter sister Lady Alberton at the Broodmare sale in 2016 to send to Ocean Park," recalled Hennessy.

"Dad, Bruce and Faye (Fletcher) put a lot of thought into the purchase of that filly and together over the years it really kept them together as a family and Alberton Lass and her progeny have provided a lot of enjoyment for them,"

"It's a great old family, it's the same family as Hi Jinx. It's a brilliant result and we have a lot to look forward to with these two lovely mares."

Brutal was bred by Anne Storey and her mother Ruth Kerr-Taylor and was sold by Mapperley Stud in 2017 at Karaka for \$220,000 to Hawkes Racing. He is from the last crop of O'Reilly and is the fifth foal from Alberton Princess, a stakes placed winning mare bred by Anne Storey and her late father Evan Kerr-Taylor who was also a fan of this old family when he bought into it in the 1980's.



Brutal winning the Gr.1 Doncaster Handicap at Royal Randwick Bradley Photography

In an earlier interview with this writer Storey outlined the background behind the family that has over the years produced numerous stakes performers. Evan Kerr-Taylor along with his brother Bruce and their sister Faye (Fletcher) purchased a filly in the early eighties for an interest to keep the family together. That filly was Alberton Lass by Adios II out of Magic Riverton a daughter of Riverton and the smart two-year-old of her year Marchere (Copenhagen II - Erin's Bridge). Marchere's dam Erin's Bridge was a half-sister to the Centennial Melbourne Cup winner Hi Jinx.

"Dad, Bruce and Faye (Fletcher) put a lot of thought into the purchase of that filly and together over the years it really kept them together as a family and Alberton Lass and her progeny have provided a lot of enjoyment for them," she said.

The three siblings Evan, Bruce and Faye were grandchildren of Allan Kerr-Taylor, who arrived in New Zealand from Scotland in 1849 and purchased a farm on the outskirts of Auckland on the lower slopes of Mount Albert. Some years later he built a beautiful colonial mansion "Alberton" an Auckland landmark which is now a popular reception venue owned by the Historic Places Trust. So the family filly was named Alberton Lass carrying on the

legacy of the original family farm name.

She was placed as a race horse and retired to stud where her first foal by Red Tempo was Sir Alberton, who won seven races for the family. He won two races at two and went on to win the Group Two Wellington Guineas at three, and the Taumaranui Cup as an older horse. Around the early nineties Alberton Lass visited Straussbrook. She produced a filly named Straussbridge, who as a two-year-old won two races including the Listed Counties Challenge Stakes.

Alberton Lass produced 11 foals, 10 to race, seven winners, three stakes winners and the family continued to breed from her descendants including the two daughters Alberton Star and Straussbridge.

Straussbridge is the dam of nine foals, six of whom were winners including the Gr.2 Matamata Breeders Stakes winner Te Akau Rose, and the stakes placed winner Alberton Princess who is the dam of Brutal and his full sister Talaria who won the Listed Murdoch Newell Stakes at Pukekohe. Dancing Bridges a stakes placed winner at two, is the dam of the Listed winner Testarhythm, and Alberton Rose is the dam of the group three winner Cavalry Rose.

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NZERF

The NZTBA is represented on the New Zealand Equine Research Foundation – As members you are welcome to give feedback on any future funding projects you feel may be of interest.

The aims of the NZERF are to support and promote the study of the welfare, breeding, feeding, management, health and performance of horses of all types by funding research projects and people, and making the results of such study available to all involved in the equine industry in NZ. The NZERF also works in collaboration with the New Zealand Equine Trust in both funding equine research and providing critical review of research proposals through a Joint Technical Sub-committee.

The NZERF was established in 1976 and incorporated as a board in 1981 under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

The NZERF Board consists of members representing the equine associations in New Zealand. These representatives are from: Harness Racing New Zealand, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, the New Zealand Standardbred Breeders' Association, Massey University, the Equine Branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association, the New Zealand Racing Board, Equestrian Sport New Zealand, the New Zealand Pony Club Association, New Zealand Equine Researchers.

In terms of determining future priorities, the NZERF is always interested in seeking feedback from the thoroughbred breeding fraternity as to what projects would be of interest/importance for further research.

For further information refer to the NZERF website

[HTTP://WWW.NZERF.CO.NZ/CONTACT](http://www.nz erf.co.nz/contact)

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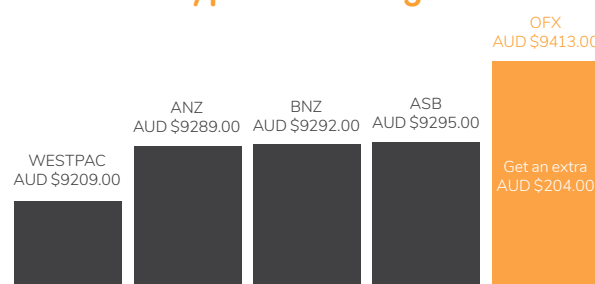
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VICKI PASCOE SERVICE AWARD.

BY **TIM BARTON**

Vicki Pascoe's significant contribution to racing was celebrated on Breeders' Stakes day at Te Aroha.

Pascoe is the latest recipient of a New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) Service Award.

"Vicki's passion and enthusiasm for the industry stands out and we are delighted to acknowledge her work through our Service Awards," NZTR Chief Executive, Bernard Saundry, said.

The awards were introduced by NZTR this season, with the aim of acknowledging people who have made valuable contributions to thoroughbred racing, usually but not necessarily in voluntary roles, and often with limited

formal recognition.

Pascoe has had a lifelong interest in horses and the thoroughbred industry and joined the NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (NZTBA) – and became a broodmare owner – as a teenager.

She has given lengthy and significant service to the NZTBA, at both a district and national level, with the education and training of young people in the racing industry being a real passion.

She joined the Waikato TBA branch when she and her husband Terry moved to Taupiri, more than 30 years ago, and set up an agistment business under the Club Med Lodge banner.

Vicki became a committee member of the Waikato TBA branch in the early 1990s and in 2003 became the branch's first female president. She has been a NZTBA councillor since 2008 – when she became just the second woman to join the council – and is now a member of the council executive committee.

She has been an energetic and resolute advocate for the equine education and



Vicki Pascoe with her Service Award

training sector and is on the Board of the NZ Equine Education Trust and the NZTBA rep on the Equine and Racing Industry Participation Group (IPG).

Vicki and Terry raced and bred the Group 1 winner Honor Bound, who was trained at Te Aroha and ran fourth in the 2002 NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes, before winning the Easter Handicap at Ellerslie at her next start.

"Vicki's passion and enthusiasm for the industry stands out and we are delighted to acknowledge her work through our Service Awards," NZTR Chief Executive, Bernard Saundry, said.

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HEALTHY RIVERS PLAN CHANGE 1 HEARINGS



NZTBA, NZ Trainers Association and other equestrian submitters are currently preparing for Hearings in Block 2. Block 2 covers the key parts of the Plan Change that affects equine properties. This includes the use of Overseer a nutrient modelling programme that is used to calculate nutrient loss primarily nitrogen from properties. While it is a useful tool on dairy and dry stock properties, work that has been done by Dr Chris Rogers at Massey University shows it is not a suitable model for equine properties. There is also a requirement to have a Farm Management Plan showing that the property is using environmental Good Management Practices (GMP's). For equine properties there has yet to be an assessment of what is an environmental GMP on an equine property.

The submissions and evidence for the equine submitters will be asking that equine properties are not included in this current Plan Change. However we realise to get this concession our submissions will provide the Hearing Panel with evidence that the equine sector is ensuring work is being done to get a better understanding of nutrient cycling in horses and what losses of nutrients are occurring from an equine property. Also that we will be working to develop a suite of environmental GMP's relevant to the equine sector.

Submissions and evidence are due May 3rd and NZTBA and other equine parties will be appearing before the Hearings Panel on June 24th. More information on the hearings can be found [HERE](#).



WASTE MANAGEMENT – GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

Recycling, collection and safe disposal services are a responsible way to deal with farm waste – reducing the negative effects on the environment and health risks for both people and animals.

It is now easier to take care of farm waste with the available collection and recycling options. Some farm waste can be repurposed or reused replacing harmful burning, burying or bulk storing waste. Find out waste management options for your farm and help look after the environment.

PLASTICS

Many plastics can be reused or recycled. Commonly used plastics include silage wrap, feed bags, bailing twine, plastic containers and drums.

SILAGE WRAP

Recycling company Plasback sells liners for silage wrap online; once full, you can get the liners collected.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

It is free to recycle containers for more than 3,000 commonly used products.

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Visit the [Agrecovery](#) website or phone 0800 AGRECOVERY (0800 247 326)

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FEEDBAGS

Feedbags can be recycled through the Plasback recycling scheme.

Place empty feed bags in a liner bought from Plasback and arrange collection when the liner is full.

Visit the [Plasback](#) website or free phone 0508 338 240.

Reuse tip: Feedbags can be reused for storage or temporary weed matting around plants.

BAILING TWINE

Bailing twine can also be recycled through the Plasback recycling scheme.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

NZEHA – NZ EQUINE HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Consultation with the New Zealand Equine industry has begun on the proposal for a Biosecurity Levy to allow the sector to meet the response costs of an equine disease incursion under the Government Industry Agreement (GIA). The New Zealand Equine Health Association is preparing an application for a levy under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to meet obligations under the Equine GIA for Biosecurity Readiness and Response. Over the next few months equine industry bodies and horse owners can give their view on the details covering the composition, administration and management of an Equine Biosecurity Levy. A summary of these views will be presented to the industry for feedback.

The greatest threat to the equine sector is a biosecurity incursion which could affect all horses and owners. An incursion does not respect paddock boundaries, ownership or size. Effective management requires government equine sector collaboration.

Any equine industry GIA response will be initially funded by any contingency fund accumulated from the levy and borrowings from commercial entities (bank loan), with the levy mechanism acting as collateral and subsequently being reviewed to service any loan. In applying to the Minister to set a levy the industry only needs to state a maximum value that the levy could be. The levy rate can be varied below this maximum

amount and could be set at zero until an incursion is responded to under the GIA protocols. NZEHA do not prefer this option as during and after any response the industry ability to pay a levy will be compromised and will seek to set a levy that will cover costs of the equine industry minimum commitments and baseline readiness costs and enable a contingency fund to start to accumulate to an agreed amount.

For further information view [HTTPS:// NZEHA.COM](https://nzeha.com) or contact: Trish Pearce
New Zealand Equine Health Association on 0275062091



How the Speed Gene Test from Irish Equine Genetics company Plusvital can assist breeders in making more informed mating decisions

The Speed Gene Test was discovered by Plusvital CSO Prof Emmeline Hill in 2009 and since then has grown to become the most firmly established genetic test for Thoroughbred horses around the globe. The test examines changes in the DNA within the "Myostatin" gene, which is responsible for muscle development and muscle fibre type.

The Speed Gene Test has only three possible result combinations: C:C horses are more suited to shorter races, C:T horses to middle distance races and T:T horses to longer distance races. This test result is based on the combination of "C" and "T" genetic variants, one inherited from the sire

and one inherited from the dam. The mare and stallion each pass on one copy of their genetic marker (i.e. 'C' or 'T') to the foal, with a C:T horse being equally likely to pass on a 'C' or 'T'. The table below clearly shows how to tilt the breeding odds in your favour.

Pedigree effectively tries to infer which traits are passed on through the generations, so it is essentially a crude attempt at genetics. However, genetics determines what specific gene types have been passed on, and therefore, is a better predictor than pedigree. As genes are inherited in pairs, one from the dam and one from the sire, it is very common for full siblings to inherit different combinations of gene variants, and thus, they can be completely different types

of racehorses. This is the reason why genetic testing is more accurate than pedigree alone.

The Speed Gene test is also very useful for horses in training to assist owners and trainers to determine optimum race distance with over 90% accuracy. Knowing this information early in a two year old's career and increase strike rates and earnings through optimised training and race decisions.

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		SIRE 		
		C:C	C:T	T:T
 DAM	C:C	100% C:C	50% C:C 50% C:T	100% C:T
	C:T	50% C:C 50% C:T	25% C:C 50% C:T 25% T:T	50% C:T 50% T:T
	T:T	100% C:T	50% C:T 50% T:T	100% T:T

LET THERE BE LIGHT

It is common knowledge that exposing dry mares to artificial lights advances the breeding season, but how does this work and are the gains worthwhile?

Mares are long day, seasonal breeders. Meaning their regular oestrous cycle occurs in response to increasing day length.

Over the winter (increased periods of darkness) the pineal gland in the brain releases the hormone melatonin. At the same time the mare secretes less gonadotrophin-releasing hormone (GnRH) and luteinising hormone (LH). The change in these hormones results in a period of anoestrus (stops cycling). As days lengthen, melatonin production decreases and GnRH secretion increases causing the anterior pituitary gland to release LH. These changes allow the mare to transition back to normal cyclicity.

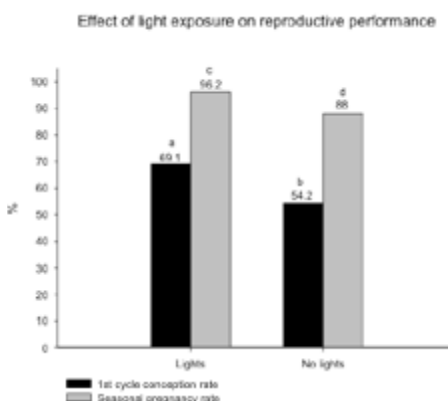
The transitional period (between winter anoestrus and oestrus) can last 60-80 days. It is characterized by multiple waves of follicular growth and regression and can be associated with erratic oestrus behaviour. These transitional heats are not fertile and can be frustrating for broodmare managers and vets.

Factors other than day length, that affect duration of anestrus and onset of spring transition include; latitude, climate, age, body condition and nutrition. Mares in good body condition begin cycling on average a month earlier than mares in poor condition. Similarly, an increasing plane of nutrition or grazing green pasture is associated with earlier returns to cycling. Younger mares cycle earlier than older mares. Ambient temperature is also a factor.

A New Zealand study looking at reproductive performance of Thoroughbred mares in the Waikato region, showed light exposure significantly increased the odds of dry mares conceiving by the end of the season. This occurred due to a combination of an increased first cycle pregnancy rate and increased number of service opportunities in a season. The start of mating to conception interval was also shorter in dry mares under lights.

	Lights ^a	No lights ^a
Number	209	393
Mares served in Sept. (%)	98.6	39.5
Mean days to 1 st service	8.8	38.5
Median days to conception	19	51
PR to 1 st service (%)	69.1	54.2
Twins at 15 days (%)	14.6	9.6
Seasonal pregnancy rate (%)	96.2	88.0

^a All values within the same row are significantly different P<0.05



Hanlon DW, Stevenson M, Evans MJ, Firth EC. Reproductive performance of Thoroughbred mares in the Waikato region of New Zealand: 2. Multivariable analyses and sources of variation at the mare, stallion and stud farm level. New Zealand Veterinary Journal 60(6), 335-343, 2012.

LIGHT PROTOCOL

An artificial light protocol should begin 60 days prior to the start of the breeding season as mares still need to transition. It is generally agreed that a minimum of 14.5 hours of continuous light, at an intensity of 107 lux (the equivalent of a 100-watt bulb in a 3x3m stable) is required.

A common regime is to extend light exposure at the end of the day giving 15-16 hours of light followed by 8-9 hours of dark. This is easily implemented by housing or yarding mares in the evening with lights coming on before dusk and with a timer to turn them off a few hours later.

Providing artificial light to simulate increased day length before the start of breeding in dry mares is relatively easy and can significantly improve reproductive performance.

A filly that starts her breeding career under lights and is placed under lights when dry (not in foal) has on average 3 more foals over the span of her breeding career.

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SUN APRIL 28TH 2019

NZTBA Cambridge Office - meeting point
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Brighthill Farm, Tauwhare
10.20am - 10.50am - Preferment
Rich Hill Stud, Walton
11.30am - 12.00pm - Vadamos
Waikato Stud, Matamata
12.20pm - 1.20pm - Tivaci (lunch provided)

Westbury Stud, Matamata
1.45pm - 2.15pm - Tarzino & Telperion
Mapperley Stud, Matamata
2.30pm - 3.00pm - Puccini
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There are now 44 shows throughout the country running the class which is generously supported by Kerrin Beatson of International Animal Health Products, hence the title as the Livamol Series.

The series winner for 2019 was 9 year old Lady's Honour (Duelled - Eternal Lee) bred by Denise Howell and Graeme Rogerson. Ridden by Vanessa Everton from Pirongia.

Kerrin presented the sash and prizes and Melissa Jepson presented the RAS Medal of Excellence on behalf of the Executive.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

AUCKLAND

The Auckland Branch AGM was held on 10th April, where plans for some new initiatives for the coming winter months were discussed. Keep you posted!

WAIKATO

Waikato Branch hosted a successful afternoon for members at the TeAroha on Breeders Stakes day, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Also on the calendar is the Weanling Walk planned for Sunday 28th April. Bus leaving NZTBA Office (9 Anzac Street) at 10am. Contact Derek Mayne to secure your seat (027) 466-6687 - Free to all NZTBA Members

CENTRAL DISTRICTS

Proud to continue to produce recent Group winners Beauty Generation and Nicoletta

WELLINGTON

It appears that if you want to race a Group 1 Winner in NZ you almost need to belong to the Wellington Branch of the NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Association!

So far this year the following magnificent successes' have been achieved from less than 90 members!

Danzdanzdance, Captain Cook Stakes G1, Zabeel Classic G1, 50% owned by Laurie Wotton

Shadows Cast, WRC Thorndon Mile G1, owned by Ron Cunningham

Yourdeel, Systema Stakes G1, part owned by Chris Rutten

Crown Prosecutor, NZ Derby G1, part owned by Lib Petagna

Sentimental Miss, NZ Oaks G1 part owned by Mark Freeman

Nicoletta, NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes, owned by JML Bloodstock (Lib Petanga)

CANTERBURY

The South Island Sale will be held on Monday the 29th April. On the Sunday night before the sale begins Canterbury Westland, Marlborough and Otago host their drinks and nibbles in the RDA building, Canterbury Agricultural Park commencing from 11 am. Everyone is welcome.



WROTE

Highview Stud generously donated a nomination to their High Chaparral(IRE) stallion Wrote(IRE) for the sweepstake run for members who attended the Waikato Branch's race day at Te Aroha.

The lucky member who won the service was Auckland branch member Steve Cole who drew Nicoletta in the race.

"I didn't really give Nicoletta a chance she was after all paying nearly forty dollars," Cole said, "however when she jumped to the lead my wife Michelle said to me she can win from there.

"All the way down the straight she was saying she is going to win, and I was replying but I have backed Supera, so I was still cheering for that horse. I must admit though that winning the nomination did add to the excitement of what I thought was a great day and the Waikato branch should be congratulated."

Wrote commenced stud duties at Highview in 2017 and his first foals arrived this season. He was a precocious racehorse and won the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile on the turf, as well as two races in Ireland. By High Chaparral (IRE) he carries the pre-potent Sadler's Wells line, and also traces back to that fabulous blue hen mare Special through his dam Desert Classic as well.

"We had a chat to Brent (Gillovic) about the horse and what he thought would suit him, and we will probably send our Keeper (AUS) mare there, and go for that proven Danehill (USA) cross with Sadler's Wells(IRE). Hopefully we can breed a nice horse to race."

MINIMUM WAGE RISES

THERE IS A NEW MINIMUM WAGE FROM MONDAY, 1 APRIL 2019.

The new minimum wage rates, before tax, are:

- Adult — \$17.70 an hour
- Starting-out — \$14.16 an hour (up from \$13.20)
- Training — \$14.16 an hour (up from \$13.20)

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has some useful information on the topic.

For example, you can read about minimum pay rules, including a summary of who can earn different rates, [here](#).

The Government must by law review the minimum wage rates every year.

What you'll need to do: You and your staff can agree to any wage above the minimum rates. If your payroll and employment agreements are a few years old, you can use this as a chance to update them using MBIE's easy-to-use tool, the Employment Agreement Builder. If any workers are on starting-out or training wages, now is a good time to check when they'll be eligible to move onto the adult rate.

Note that it is a legal requirement to have a written employment agreement with your staff. [Find out more](#).

You can read the MBIE's page on checking the cost of an employee to get an idea of how much the increase will cost your business and use the online calculator to estimate costs of hiring a new employee. [Go here](#).

CAMBRIDGE STUD SEEKING OLD FOOTAGE

A museum is being built at Cambridge Stud to celebrate the industry shaping achievements of Sir Tristram, Zabeel and Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan.

To bring these achievement to life, they are currently seeking old racing footage of Sir Tristram and Zabeel's Gr.1 winners. This footage might take the form of a DVD or a VHS tape.

If you have any of this old racing footage, or footage relating to the sires or the stud itself, the stud would love to hear from you. Please contact Cambridge Stud's Kirsty McGuire on 027 218 9422 or email kirsty@cambridgestud.co.nz if you are able to help.



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