



*Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan*



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# NZ BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

BY **MICHELLE SABA**

In 2020 the prestigious Breeder of the Year Award will be renamed honouring New Zealand's most influential breeders over the last 30 years, Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan.

Previously both the Breeder of the Year Award and the Eight Carat Broodmare of the Year Award have been presented at the NZTR Horse of the Year Awards, but this year they will be among the awards presented at the NZTBA's own National Breeding Awards hosted by the Waikato Branch at the Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karapiro in Cambridge.

Held on the Saturday evening this event will be the highlight of the weekend planned by the Waikato Branch around their annual Stallion Parade on Saturday August 22nd and Sunday August 23rd.

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It is fitting that the bronze will be crafted by Cambridge artist Nicola Lewis, (Nicola Jain Collections) whose father Rick Lewis crafted a much sort after limited-edition bronze of Sir Tristram in 1984. One of which was presented to Her Majesty the Queen when she visited Cambridge Stud in 1990.

In 2015 Nicola Lewis crafted a limited-edition bronze of Sir Tristram's greatest son Zabeel, and Her Majesty has added one of these to her collection as well.

Based in Cambridge Lewis wasn't always an artist. After a successful career in the corporate world she decided to follow her passion for art in 2011, when she joined her father in Ireland while he was Artist in Residence at the famous Ashford Castle in County Mayo.

With 50 years experience in painting and sculpting he was the perfect mentor for any apprentice artist. After spending time in Ireland with her father Lewis returned to New Zealand and has made a real name for herself both as a sculptor

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>JULY 17</b>	Karaka 2021 entries close
<b>JULY 22</b>	Educational afternoon – Dry Mare Care Richill Stud 1-3pm
<b>JULY 29</b>	Educational afternoon – Pre and Post Foaling, Career opportunities Windsor Park 1-3pm
<b>JULY 31</b>	Pearl Series Final entries close
<b>AUGUST 6</b>	Wellington Branch AGM
<b>AUGUST 7</b>	Ready To Run entries close
<b>AUGUST 22 &amp; 23</b>	Weekend in the Waikato – NZTBA National Breeding Awards and Gavelhouse Stallion Parade

## NZTBA - NEW MEMBERS

Fiona Wallace .....	Auckland
Blake Buchanan .....	Auckland
Brian Andrews .....	Auckland
Maurice Hall .....	Auckland
Bruce & Raelyn Wallbank .....	Auckland
Andrea Coleman .....	Auckland
Laurel Boaz .....	Auckland
Shelley Tweedy .....	Waikato
Haylie Martin.....	Waikato
Lyall Ridge.....	Waikato
Graeme Petersen.....	Waikato
Alex & Danielle Oliveira.....	Waikato
Adrian Stanley & Hannah Kettlety .....	Waikato
Graeme Hughes.....	Waikato
Ian Pryor.....	Waikato
Vicki Wilson - VWNZ.....	Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay
Robert Lahman.....	Wellington
Andrew Froggatt.....	Wellington
Michelle Payne .....	Canterbury/Marlborough
Richard Woolford .....	Canterbury/Marlborough
Graeme Causer.....	Canterbury/Marlborough
Zoe Cook.....	Southland
Terry Reid .....	Australia



## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



It is encouraging to see our industry getting things back on track after a period of uncertainty for many of our members. We have our Saturday afternoon entertainment back on our television screens with capacity race fields, good betting turnovers and some exciting racing. Our online Gavelhouse plus weanling sale has been and gone with clearance, average and medium holding up well in comparison with previous sales held at Karaka.

The 2020 NZ Stallion register has been mailed out and you should have all received it by now. Once again I would like to stress that the horses being bred this season will be born in an entirely different set of economic circumstances than those that exist around the globe today. We have some exciting new additions to our stallion ranks this season and a number of young stallions who could be on the verge of long and successful careers. The challenge is trying to pick the right one to suit your mare.

The new racing season is only a matter of weeks away and with that comes a new breeding season. There are some exciting and informative industry events coming up over the next month or so which you should all put in your diary. The NZTBA are putting on a couple of very informative and practical education seminars which are free to all members. The Waikato Branch is hosting our inaugural National Group One Awards Dinner in conjunction with the Waikato Stallion parade weekend so read your bulletin thoroughly to ensure you don't miss out on these events.

Please feel free to call in and utilise our library or catch up for a coffee with Justine and Corrina at our Cambridge office while the winter weather is here. It won't be long before foals are on the ground and we will all be too busy to catch up so make the most of these opportunities while you can. We also appreciate any feedback from our members on how we can continue to assist you with any breeding related matters.

**John Thompson**

## OFFICE UPDATE

The past few months have been about negotiating our way through challenges – firstly the Covid-19 situation - understanding and being on the front foot as to how we as an industry could continue to operate under the Covid restrictions. I felt we successfully negotiated our way through this which was certainly uncharted territory for us all and I thank you all for your understanding and co-operation. We are now very proficient Zoom users and our Council now meets on a more regular basis via this platform.

Then we had to deal with our response to the positive piroplasmosis test returned on an imported mare being exported to Australia which halted all of our equine exports. This has been a giant learning curve for all of us involved and to date it looks like this was an isolated case and the focus now is to regain our Country Freedom status so all of exports can return without the extra costs incurred. I acknowledge everyone involved in this especially Cambridge Stud and the NZEHA.

We produced our Stallion Register after being unsure if we would be able to do so with the Covid restrictions that were imposed during this time, and with the changes to NZ Post regulations ensuring it was under 1kg or we would incur a massive postage increase. We hope that you have now all received your copy and are enjoying perusing potential suitors for your mares.

As expected, we have received resignations from members who are no longer in the breeding game and to those of you have paid your subscriptions we are so appreciative. This is your organisation and we continue to represent you as breeders. Over these last 12 months I hope you have come to understand the importance of a collective voice. On a weekly basis your subscription equals to \$3.75 so please encourage those who are not members and continue to be represented by us to consider paying a subscription.

Our Racing Bill has received Royal Assent thanks to so many of you who made submissions and the commitment from our Racing Minister and is now an Act, I look forward to the changes ahead and despite all the challenge's we have recently faced and will continue to do so we can look forward.

From our office we are now undertaking our Audit process and annual accounts (obviously we are a little behind schedule due to so many issues arising) then we will prepare our annual report and AGM date.

We are also excited to see our National Awards concept progress thanks to the Waikato Branch of the NZTBA, and I am looking forward to the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd August to celebrate our achievements and most importantly our thoroughbreds.

*Justine*

## RACEFORM BACK FOR NEW RACING SEASON

The wait for a weekly racing news and form publication will soon be over with confirmation that RaceForm is set to return in time for the new racing season. RaceForm, incorporating the TAB's Best Bets, quickly established its place in the form guide market when it was introduced late last year. Covid-19 lockdown forced it out of production, however ongoing work with fields and form data has been completed and RaceForm is scheduled to be back on sale Thursday July 30.

As well as full fields and form for New Zealand gallops and harness Friday through Sunday and feature Australian weekend gallops, RaceForm will provide expert form analysis and tips, trackwork and trial pointers from our nationwide network, latest news on the stud and stable scene and insight to the people and horses who make our great sport what it is.

"Like so much of the New Zealand way of life that we took for granted before Covid-19, racing has changed unlike we ever imagined, but the return of RaceForm means racing fans can again rely on one constant," said editor Dennis Ryan in announcing the relaunch.

"With industry-wide support, our team will bring punters everything they need in a single weekly volume to enable them to find winners."

RaceForm, which will return in its original A4 magazine style, will be available through an ever-widening retail network as well as to subscribers who will receive their weekly edition direct to home or office in time for weekend racing.

For further details contact RaceForm editor Dennis Ryan at +64 274 789520

## OAKS AND DERBY WINNER BOTH SIRED BY GALILEO

Galileo might be 22, but you would never know that looking at racetrack results this year with his progeny continuing their domination of major races winning both the Group 1 Epsom Derby (1m4f) and Oaks (1m4f) overnight in the UK.

Galileo became the first sire in history to produce five Epsom Derby winners with 25-1 shot Serpentine adding his name to the super sire's list of Derby heroes Anthony Van Dyck, Australia, Ruler of the World and New Approach.

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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS GRADUATE FROM IRISH NATIONAL STUD

The class of 2020 has graduated from the Irish National Stud with their Breeding Course Diploma.

This year, due to the generosity of Trelawney Stud, the New Zealand Breeders' Association were able to send two attendees on the world-renowned course under the Keith and Faith Taylor Equine Scholarship.

Hannah Airey and Laura Macnab were two of 27 students to graduate from the six-month diploma course.

Though it was an unusual few months for the students, who despite not getting many opportunities to go racing or take part in industry site tours due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, managed to gain in-depth knowledge of the thoroughbred industry through their

practical training and blended learning experience.

"In a strange time for everyone the students have excelled themselves throughout and faced the challenges head on," chief executive Cathal Beale said. "We wish them all every success for the future."

Airey and Macnab both graduated with Certificates of Distinction. Airey was also named as the winner of the Veterinary Award for excelling in the veterinary exams. She scored 100 percent in both tests.

Both graduates will return to New Zealand in the near future to work at Trelawney Stud for six months as part of the scholarship requirements.



*Hannah Airey*



*Laura Macnab*

## JULY NZTBA EDUCATIONAL AFTERNOONS – PRE BREEDING SEASON

We are hosting two afternoons this July to upskill and provide some useful information for our Breeding Course students, farm staff and our members. They will be held from 1-3pm.

### Wednesday 22nd July – Rich Hill Stud 1-3pm – Dry mare care

- Dry mare management
- Reproduction and the transitional mare
- Teasing mares
- Dentistry
- Nutrition

Important information to help you prepare your mare(s) for the breeding season to ensure they are cycling and covered early.

### Wednesday 29th July- Windsor Park Stud 1-3pm - pre and post foaling and Career pathways

- Pre and post foaling care
- Foaling presentations
- Procedures
- Important milestones in the first 48 hours of the foals life
- Career paths and industry opportunities

Registration is required and free to our NZTBA members – please email [nztba@nzthoroughbred.co.nz](mailto:nztba@nzthoroughbred.co.nz) or 07 827 7727

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CUPS LOCALS COULD STILL FACE INTERNATIONALS

The prospect of no international campaigners tackling the big Spring Cups in Victoria has probably had many local owners and trainers dreaming of possibilities, however it might be more complicated than that. According to [racenet.com.au](http://racenet.com.au), Racing Victoria has confirmed that at this

point no connections of international horses will be allowed into Australia even if their horses are. Although that might not be a game changer for overseas raiding parties intent on participating – albeit they'd have to watch the races from overseas – the sticking point is more likely to be around the travelling staff. Even if local trainers assume responsibility for international horses once they arrive in Australia (as is the case with some New Zealand raiders), there is a big question mark over

who will look after them at Werribee's mandatory quarantine facility. Racing officials have already made a preliminary approach to the Federal government in the hope that trainers and travelling staff will be exempt from existing laws and be allowed to undergo 14-day self isolation. All of the above could become a moot point if Victoria is unable to rein in a growing second wave of COVID-19 cases over the coming few months.



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## VICKI WILSON

BY AMIE BEST



Vicki Wilson

There is no denying Vicki Wilson is a world-class horsewoman and now the 32-year-old is turning her hand to developing a successful career with thoroughbreds.

Wilson, who has recently joined the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, is one of New Zealand's best performed showjump riders and has travelled the world competing, educating and entertaining.

Wilson, along with her sisters Kelly and Amanda, first hit mainstream media in 2015 with the popular tv show "Keeping up with the Kaimanawas" following their progress with recently mustered horses and their journey towards domestication.

Her introduction to the thoroughbred industry came working for Group One winning trainer Jeff McVean.

"I did track work 11 or 12 years ago for Jeff and absolutely loved it," Wilson said.

"We have also always had a lot of thoroughbreds in our showjumping team. Some of my top grand prix horses are thoroughbreds that haven't made it at the track.

"My foundation broodmare is one of those and she was probably one of the best showjumpers I have ever had.

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Wilson has spent the last year and a half developing her Hawke's Bay property and already it is the stuff equestrian dreams are made of. The impressive facilities include a 1000m training track, vet crush and walker, and also boast New Zealand's first full stable vibrating floor, a water walking pond and solarium.

It is a one-stop shop offering breaking and pre-training, as well as foaling down, agistment and rehabilitation.

"We still have a long way to go," said Wilson, who as well as being a talented rider is a skilled farrier and therapist using chiropractic and muscle work techniques. "We need to finish the stables and the arena. We just keep building and adding to it as we can."

Rehabilitation is an important part of Wilson's business model and the catalyst for taking out her trainer's license. She makes the 35-minute trip to

the Hastings track around once a week to gallop her racing team and has been impressed with the warm reception.

"We have always had a love for thoroughbreds and I started to rehab a couple for owners that came with body issues or problems," Wilson said. "I started to really enjoy that so I decided to get my trainers license.

"I really enjoy training them, I love track work and jumping them out, rehabbing them and getting them as strong as I can in their bodies and mentally happy as well.

"David Morison is a local guy that has given me a bit of support with rehabbing horses and sending them here. That kick started it and gave me contacts.

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"Everyone at the track, Guy Lowry, John Bary, are really supportive and friendly and happy to give ideas and help. I think that is pretty amazing.

"I don't know a lot about the racing industry, I'm learning as I go and coming from a completely different world but I love what we are doing.

"I keep learning and keep improving as we go."

Included in the racing team is five-year-old Rip Van Winkle mare Rippin who is gearing up for a raceday return.

"I bought her to become a broodmare and the plan was to put her in foal in the spring," Wilson said. "But we thought we

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# DUNSTAN FEEDS - UNDER THE RADAR



*Dr Trish Pearce*

**This is a short Q & A with an industry person to gain a little more insight into who they are....** This edition we felt it was timely to feature **NZEHA Executive Advisor Dr Trish Pearce** in light of the recent Piroplasmosis response.

### About the NZEHA

Formed in 1998 in response to changes in animal and biosecurity law laid out in the NZ Biosecurity Act 1993. The organisation represents all equine organisations in matters relating to equine health, equine welfare and equine disease incursion.

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

I have always had a horse, completed my veterinary degree in Equine Medicine, worked for MPI and then started with the NZEHA as the Equine Sports Rep, stood for the committee and then applied for my current role as Executive Advisor

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

HOUSEWORK

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

I am a Gore born and bred Southlander (even though I don't roll my R's) and I also represented NZ in a professional business people Show jumping competition in Japan

### What is something that amazes you?

New Zealand – the most fantastic place, our people, the countryside we are so very lucky

### Who has had the most impact on your life?

My husband Tim Pearce (especially his tolerance!) also NZEHA Chairman Ivan Bridges. He is good hearted, hardworking and so generous with his time.



*Cappadocia, Turkey*

### What is the most unusual place you have ever visited?

Turkey – its ancient history, culture and the caves in Cappadocia.

### What is the hardest part of your job?

Being on the other side of bureaucracy – it can be mind boggling but then it is a good price to pay for democracy.

### Name your first pet and what was it?

Nugget – pony (ex packhorse) then the puppy followed.

### Name one item you can't leave home without?

Phone, lippy and a scarf!

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

A Japanese 3-d art installation at Te Papa Museum

## ANDREW BAYLY MP SPEECH

During the presentation of the final reading of the Racing Bill, Andrew Bayly a member of the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee who oversaw the changes to the Bill following its presentation last year, gave a very emotional speech to the House.

Andrew is the son of the late Phil Bayly the owner and breeder of successful horses like Blue Denim, Eagle Eye, Harris Tweed and Lion Tamer, and as a Select Committee member showed a thorough knowledge of our industry. Andrew is the MP for Hunua and you can **watch**

### his speech to Parliament here.

The NZTBA acknowledge the efforts and input our Minister for Racing together with the other members of the Select Committee, they listened to us and brought the legislative changes to the Bill.

# BORDER SECURITY AND INTRODUCTION OF A LEVY



Following the latest threat to our borders by a positive piroplasmis, the New Zealand Equine Health Association (NZEHA) sees the introduction of an equine biosecurity levy as essential to provide funding to strengthen our borders and enable nimble and effective responses to any future incursions.

As well, according to NZEHA Chair Dr Ivan Bridge, they would like more data collected on animal health history, and stronger importing protocols imposed to match those of Australia.

Towards the end of May a mare preparing to be exported to Australia to foal down and be served was found to be positive to *Theileria equi* (piroplasmis) which subsequently immediately closed our borders to all exports.

Australian importing requirements include certification from the New Zealand government that the entire country is free of this disease. Prior to this New Zealand experienced 'country freedom' status as an approved exporter.

*Theileria Equi* is a protozoal parasite that can cause the blood condition Piroplasmis which causes anaemia and poor condition. It is spread from horse to horse by ticks and iatrogenically by shared equipment such as needles and dental equipment. The ticks that are commonly known to transmit the disease overseas are not present in

New Zealand. New Zealand however does have a tick called *Haemaphysalis longicornus* which can spread other *Theileria* species so extensive testing of all horses that shared the property with the infected mare is being undertaken to rule out the possibility of tick transmission and iatrogenic spread.

Piroplasmis is endemic in parts of Europe and can be treated with antiprotozoal agents, however, the treatment may manage the clinical manifestations of the disease but not clear *Theileria equi* from the horse.

New Zealand exports over 3000 horses each year and MPI (Ministry of Primary Industry) and the NZEHA had to work swiftly together to get exports up and running again.

Exports have resumed under interim arrangements that involves extra testing and MPI continues to work with Australian authorities with a goal of removing the onerous extra testing. Negotiations are also underway with other importing countries and good progress is being made.

Dr Ivan Bridge believes that for the sake of our exporters we need to do more.

"We, being MPI and the NZEHA, we are all in this together and we have learnt a lot. Horses entering New Zealand need to be eligible to travel to Australia without extra testing, so ideally our

import health standard should satisfy Australia. We wouldn't have identified that this mare was infected if she hadn't been going to Australia and hadn't met their health standards.

"We have worked through all the right processes to propose a levy to the Minister for Primary Industries, and now we need to get it ticked off. Along with the levy we would like to be able to have much better data on our horse population including individual identification of all horses and better

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availability of health records including previous vaccination history and treatments received by horses that are imported.

All horses and germplasm will pay a levy at the border as importing always carries some risks even with the most thorough testing and quarantine. Exporters have benefited from our country's disease free status so all parties need to contribute a modest amount.

"Right now, our biggest issue is getting those pregnant mares booked into studs in Australia away so they can travel and foal in Australia, and now we have to test the mares and sign a declaration that they are free of piroplasmis."

Pregnant mares cannot safely travel after 300 days gestation, so mares served in early September need to leave

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# LATEST FROM NZB



Danny Rolston

We are currently calling for entries for the National Yearling Sales in what is a far from usual season so it is timely that Justine has given me the opportunity to include a piece in your Bulletin.

As a company, we have had to adapt quickly to the challenges which the pandemic presented. We have been fortunate to have the technology and experience to move the South Island and National Weanling Sales seamlessly to our online platform Gavelhouse Plus.

*“One thing that stands out through the recent months is that our two most important export partners have continued to race uninterrupted.”*

Online sales may sound automated but I can assure you the team at NZB and Gavelhouse have worked as hard as ever on these two sales. Without the support of those of you that entered horses and the additional effort made to increase the media presentation and provide more details and reports than ever, we wouldn't have been able to obtain the results we did. A few interesting snippets below;

There were over twice the number of Registered Buyers in the online version of the South Island Sale than we had in

2019 under normal circumstances.

There were 7,913 active users during the South Island Sale and 9,705 during the Weanling Sale.

Breakdown of user's location as follows – NZ 67%, Aust 22%, HK 1%, China 1%, USA 2%, Singapore 1%, South Africa 1%, UK 1%, Macau 1% & Other 3%. Most of those countries were either purchasers or active bidders.

The Weanling Sale averaged \$17,251 and cleared 80%, last year at Karaka the clearance rate was 71% and a similar average.

We would love to sell every horse in every sale for you and will always strive for improvement. Some of the above points are clearly telling us that the mighty kiwi bred remains relevant internationally and that our company, marketing and technology is getting the desired cut through in our strongest markets. So again, thank you for your support and in particular with embracing this method of selling.

There are a number of positives that we must remain mindful of. The progress of the Racing Bill which you will all be following and has been well covered. But for me, one thing that stands out through the recent months is that our two most important export partners have continued to race uninterrupted. Hong Kong and Australian racing were riding the crest of the wave before the pandemic and both regions appear to have maintained their appetite for

Bloodstock, Racing and Wagering. This can't be underestimated and while the NZ bred was able to continue to hold the fort offshore, our brand has remained strong. Whilst we can't travel, we have representatives and very strong relationships with all the key players in our major markets and have already started to focus on building momentum leading into this year's RTR and Karaka 2021.

Entries are closing for Karaka 2021 next month, July 17th to be exact. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Bloodstock team if you are unsure about entering your yearlings. We would be only too happy to discuss it. One of the most common questions we are encountering at the moment relates to the opening of New Zealand's border and the possibility of the much talked about Trans-Tasman bubble. At this stage, like you, there's a lot we don't know but of course we are following the developments closely. We will not hold the sale in the usual time

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### NAMING COMPETITION

Following on from the successful Stepanova/Brazen Beau filly auction, CatWalk and Cambridge Stud have launched a competition to Name the Filly. This competition is open to everyone with the winner receiving a nights accommodation in Cambridge and a personal tour of Cambridge Stud courtesy of Jo and Brendan Lindsay. The winning name will be chosen by our judges panel consisting of Joanna Hickman of Valachi Downs, Jo Lindsay of Cambridge Stud and CatWalk founder Catriona Williams. The competition closes at 5pm on Friday 24th July and we would appreciate any sharing of this information with your connections.

**FULL DETAILS AND ENTRY FORM**



# OBITUARIES

## VALE CHARLES ROBERTS

***A celebration of Charlies life will be held on Thursday 16th July at 1pm at Ellerslie Racecourse in the Tote on Ascot room.***

The last surviving founder of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Charles Roberts, has passed away.

In January 1948 Roberts, at the time a young veterinarian, along with seven high-profile New Zealand breeders and businessmen joined together to canvas the establishment of a National Association for breeders. Two months later the first general meeting of the Association was held in Wellington and the first secretary appointed. Within six months they had 500 members.

Roberts was also instrumental in establishing the Auckland Branch of the Association and was active on their committee and in the Association executive right through until the 1980's. According to his good friend Ron Chitty



his last achievement on the executive was helping to persuade the moving of the National Yearling Sale to Auckland.

"It took about 10 years of persuasion to convince them to bring the sales to where the people were," Chitty said.

"He was a great ideas man, ahead of his time and he was instrumental

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## VALE CHRIS LUONI

A gentleman with a strong sense of fairness is how New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association President John Thompson described the late Chris Luoni.

"Chris was an active member of the Waikato Branch and served on the Council and it's executive for many years," Thompson said.

"He was very big on governance and ensuring that things were done correctly. With his knowledge of Bloodstock taxation and GST he was a great asset to the NZTBA and the wider industry framing many of the current rules.

"Another thing I admired about Chris was that he always liked to support people who were just starting out, and always encouraged young people to have a go."

Luoni was a driving force behind the establishment of the New Zealand Hall of Fame and served as Chairman for a time. That was just one of the councils or boards that he served on according to his elder daughter Michelle Brock



now the current Executive Officer of the Racing Hall of Fame.

"Dad served on many boards and councils, and like to be involved in the community," she recalled.

"He was a great contributor to many organisations and his opinions were always very considered. He loved his sport especially rugby and was a big fan of Sky Sport watching racing and rugby."

George Christopher Luoni (Chris) was

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# ON YOUR BEHALF

## WE HAVE

- ✓ Covid-19 - ensured the Breeding Industry was represented and named an essential service
- ✓ Covid-19 Industry Protocols
- ✓ Piroplasmosis Response with the NZEHA
- ✓ Completed 2020 Stallion Register
- ✓ Organised Member Pre-Season Educational afternoons

## REPRESENTED YOU

- ✓ IRD & Taxation
- ✓ Immigration
- ✓ Bio-security levy contingency fund

## MET WITH

- ✓ IRD
- ✓ Political parties and MP's
- ✓ Regional Council

## CURRENTLY WORK ON

- ✓ Annual Accounts
- ✓ Membership portal
- ✓ National Awards
- ✓ Pearl Series Promotion and Entries
- ✓ Welfare focus group

## WORKING WITH

- ✓ Racing Hall of Fame
- ✓ NZ Equine Health Association
- ✓ NZ Equine Research Foundation
- ✓ MPI

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THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS'  
**YOUR MEMBERSHIP**  
WORKING FOR YOU



## LEIGH WILLS

The thoroughbred industry is made up of many different sectors in specialised fields. Foal NZ are dedicated to improving the performance of race horses through foal education, behavioural research and farm consultancy. The team provides foals the very best start to their racing careers by using gentle, scientifically-proven training methods that are recognised as world-leading techniques in thoroughbred foal behaviour.

When working with thoroughbreds we can see, when placing the horse under some stress, what the horse's natural tendency is. A horse that tends toward flight will, under pressure, be more reactive and mobile. They will move their feet more readily and frequently and show more alarm behaviours (snorting/eyes widening etc)

Horses are prey animals and to survive in moments of threat they are compelled to either flee, freeze or fight (or a combination thereof) to ensure survival. These instincts have not altered in the six thousand years since domestication. When working with thoroughbreds we can see, when placing the horse under some stress, what the horse's natural tendency is. A horse that tends toward

flight will, under pressure, be more reactive and mobile. They will move their feet more readily and frequently and show more alarm behaviours (snorting/eyes widening etc).

A horse that tends toward freeze or fight will often initially appear to shut down, move less and seem less responsive. If the pressure continues to escalate, the horse will then be forced into a more obvious fight response (ears back/defensive behaviours).

When we arrived at Justine's to meet her weanlings Amie and Bruce, they were both quietly waiting in the box.

When we approached the boxes Amie had her rump towards the door and appeared to be ignoring us, whereas Bruce had his head over the door to greet us. He was curious, interactive and mobile whereas Amie's reactions were far more introspective and guarded.

As you will see in the videos of them having their first introduction to tying up, Amie is more inclined to freeze and Bruce to move toward flight.

Although our process of training will be similar with each horse, their process of learning and way of reacting will differ. It is endlessly fascinating to us just how unique every horse is in their perception of the world and their reaction to it.

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Video 1 with Amie  
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Video 2 with Bruce  
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### THEILERIA EQUI TESTING

As has been previously noted, Biosecurity New Zealand and the New Zealand Equine Health Association (NZEHA) have been working together to investigate the detection of *Theileria equi* (T. equi), in a single imported mare.

In seeking to confirm that T. equi has not spread to other horses, hundreds of test results from animals that had been in contact with the infected mare, have shared grazing with the mare or been resident on the same property have been negative for the organism. This strongly suggests that no spread of T. equi has occurred.

A further cohort of horses which had been on the affected properties for a time (if more than a day) will also be tested. NZTR has assisted NZEHA and Biosecurity NZ over the past week with Donna Cameron contacting owners to confirm the location of these mares, yearlings and weanlings; a process that will enable a more complete and cost effective testing programme. Marty Burns of NZTR says " We are very grateful for the cooperation of owners and those who are in charge of these horses".

The results of this further testing will help in confirming a timeframe for declaring country freedom of T. equi, an objective that racing and breeding participants eagerly await.

## BREEDERS REMINDED TO BE AWARE OF HENDRA

Breeders with mares in Australia or those intending to travel mares across the Tasman for the breeding season are being encouraged to vaccinate for Hendra Virus.

Authorities are warning that winter 2020 may provide suitable climatic conditions and subsequently a period of heightened risk for Hendra Virus cases in horses.

BatOneHealth ([batonehealth.org](http://batonehealth.org)) are a global team of experts who have been studying the complex interactions between climate, land use, flying fox ecology, Hendra virus dynamics and the concurrent risk to horses and humans.

"June through to October is considered a high-risk time for Hendra infection in horses, because flying foxes are under pressure to find

food in Winter," district veterinarian Kristi Arnot said.

"Actions now by vets and their clients can reduce this risk by ensuring horses are protected from infection."

Hendra virus is a virus carried by flying foxes (who are unaffected by the virus) and can be deadly to both humans and horses.

Hendra virus is transmitted from flying fox to horse, via the ingestion by the horse of flying fox bodily fluids most likely dropped from overhead trees contaminating pasture, feed, water troughs etc.

Hendra virus can then be spread from horse to horse, horse to dog and horse to human via close contact with respiratory secretions, blood or any other bodily fluid from an infected horse.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BREEDING COURSE

Development of our new Breeding training programmes are progressing well and will be ready for enrolment into both NZ Certificate in Equine Breeding Level 3 and the Level 4 apprenticeship programme in mid-September. The timing for enrolment aligns really well with the recent government announcement "Apprenticeship Boost", an initiative aimed at supporting employers financially to retain and take on new apprentices. This is exciting opportunity to support industry training and upskill those working on our farms.

For expressions of interest and further information please contact Sally Waters 0274942850  
[sallywaters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sallywaters@xtra.co.nz)

## WEEKEND IN THE WAIKATO

The Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Breeders' Association will host a weekend of celebration and entertainment next month.

The annual Gavelhouse Stallion Parade tour will take place on August 22 and 23. The tour will visit the stallion farms of the Waikato where studmasters will showcase their sires giving breeders the chance to inspect them in the flesh ahead of the breeding season.

Attendance is free and refreshments will be on offer at several of the farms.

The inaugural NZTBA National Breeding Awards will take place on the evening of Saturday August 22 at the Don Rowlands Centre at Lake Karapiro. This will honour breeders of Group One winners during the 2019/2020 racing season. The night will also celebrate the coveted Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan NZ Breeder of the Year, Arion Pedigrees Eight Carat Broodmare of the Year, Mary Lynne Ryan Young Achiever, NZ Bloodstock Filly of the Year and Personality of the Year awards.

The winner of the Cathay Pacific Horse of the Year will also be announced; the New Zealand bred or conceived horse who by their racing achievements has best promoted the New Zealand breeding industry.

With entertaining MC's, gourmet food, top shelf beverages and a band at the conclusion of the awards, the 'glitz and glam' event is one of the highlights of the industry's social calendar.

Ticket prices and further information will be available later this month.

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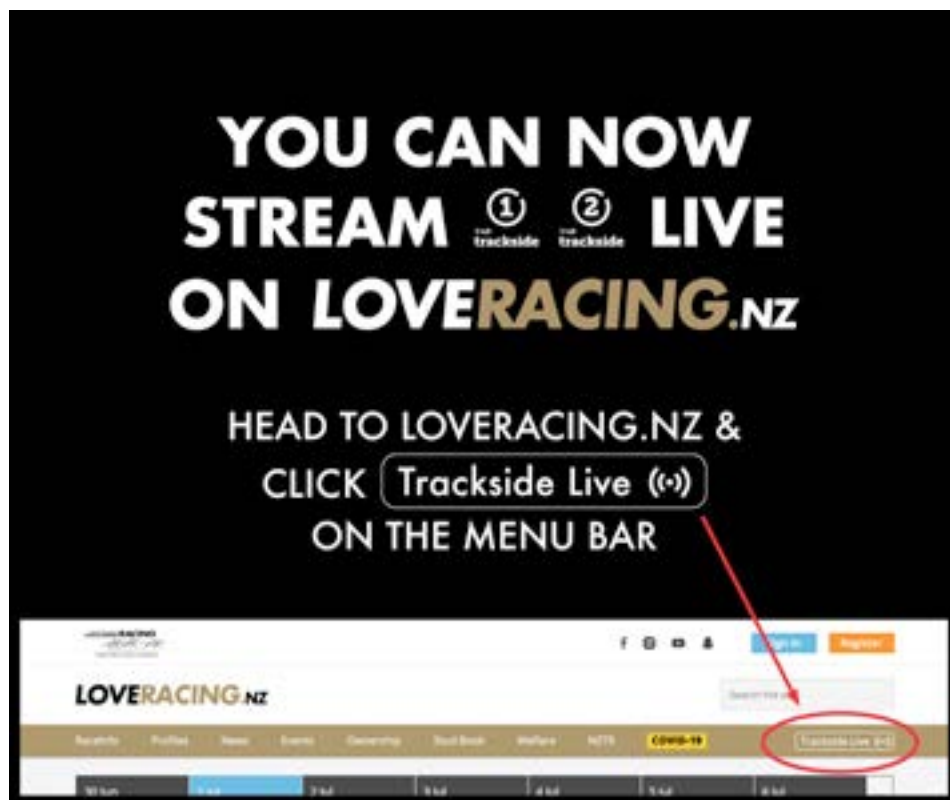
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## AROUND THE BRANCHES

### WAIKATO

The Waikato Branch recently held their Annual Quiz night at 5 Stags, Cambridge. The event was very well attended with over 200 people turning out to show support for Waikato identity Tim Welch. The winning team was The Blasters who won the bragging rights to the Teaser Trophy and collected the \$200 first prize and then generously donated this back to assist Tim. Second place to the Blandford Bitches and third to The Wentwood A Team who also donated their winnings to Tim.

The next event is the Gavelhouse Stallion Parade weekend over the weekend of the 22 and 23 August. The Waikato Branch will also host the inaugural NZTBA National Awards on the Saturday night at the Don Rowlands Centre at Karapiro Cambridge. All branches members are invited to attend and make a weekend of it in the Waikato.

Further information - [nztbawaikatob@gmail.com](mailto:nztbawaikatob@gmail.com)

### HAWKE'S BAY/POVERTY BAY

Hawke's Bay/Poverty Bay will not hold their annual weanling walk and lunch due to the impacts of Covid-19 – it will be back next year!

### CENTRAL DISTRICTS

The Wellington branch have their AGM next month. It will be held on Thursday 6th August at the Museum Hotel at 7pm. All members are welcome. For more information contact Jeff Drinkwater (Secretary) on 027 4884 253.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### VACCINATIONS:

#### IN FOAL MARES:

**Equine Herpes Virus:** Last stud season we were notified of reported cases of EHV-1 last season, therefore we must remain vigilant and *protect your mare and our national herd*. This vaccination is administered to pregnant mares to mitigate infectious abortion. Currently the vaccine available in New Zealand is called 'Pneumabort' and should be administered to pregnant mares in the 5th, 7th and 9th months of pregnancy.

#### ALL MARES:

**Strangles:** A primary course of 3 vaccinations should be given to your mare, or and booster vaccination should be administered annually.

**Tetanus:** This vaccine is not compulsory, but is advisable. It is often combined with Strangles as a 2-in-1, but is also available on its own as tetanus toxoid.

For more information on Vaccinations [HERE](#)

## WATCH & READ



**Racing this Time** and insightful pre and post race day live streaming content and **from the South**



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## COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT

Since late March, the Government has announced a number of measures to support small and medium-sized businesses get through the COVID-19 crises.

### WAGE SUBSIDY

Although applications have now closed, many businesses have applied for support through the wage subsidy. If you are one of them, keep in mind that the subsidy comes with specific conditions. It's worth a check to ensure that you meet the criteria and if not, that you take steps to repay the subsidy. Failure to do so may result in civil proceedings to recover any amount received that you are not entitled to and/or to prosecution for offences under the Crimes Act 1961.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

### WAGE SUBSIDY EXTENSION

If you're still significantly affected by COVID-19, you may be able to get the wage subsidy extension with the new eight-week scheme which was available from 10 June 2020. You can apply for the extension even if you didn't apply for the original wage subsidy. However, you can't receive more than one COVID-19 payment for the same employee at the same time.

Similar to the wage subsidy, there are specific criteria to meet to qualify for the wage subsidy extension. Firstly, your business must have experienced a 40% drop in revenue because of COVID-19 for a continuous 30-day period. This period needs to be in the 40 days before you apply (but no earlier than 10 May 2020) and must be compared to the closest period last year.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR THE WAGE SUBSIDY EXTENSION

### SMALL BUSINESS CASHFLOW LOAN SCHEME

From 12 May 2020, businesses employing up to 50 full-time staff may apply to the Inland Revenue Department for loans of \$10,000 plus \$1,800 per employee. The loans:

- accrue interest at the rate of 3% for a maximum term of five years



- will not be liable for interest if repaid within 12 months, and
- require no repayments for two years, although voluntary payments can be made at any time

Inland Revenue will administer the scheme. Applications opened on 12 May 2020 and can now be submitted up to and including 24 July 2020. To apply, select 'Apply for a Small Business loan' in the 'I want to' section of myIR.

These aside, there are a number of additional initiatives that the Government has put in place to support our businesses through these uncertain times. You can find **MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE** or check out **WWW.BUSINESS.GOV.TZ**. If you need more details or would like to discuss your situation, give us a call.

## SATONO ALADDIN UNABLE TO SHUTTLE

Breeders will be denied access to Deep Impact's Group One winning son Satono Aladdin, who will be unable to shuttle to Rich Hill Stud in New Zealand this season.

Strenuous efforts to secure passage for shuttling Japanese stallions to travel together to Australasia have been foiled due to the worldwide disruption to flights since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Rich Hill Stud's John Thompson was keen to see Satono Aladdin, the winner of the Gr.1 Yasuda Kinen (1600m), return to the Waikato for his third season at stud but always knew travel was going to be a major hurdle to clear in this unique year.

"It's down to the reduction in flights all around the world and air freight is at an absolute premium and they (Shadai) contacted all the major airlines that fly into Japan, but there are no freight space for two stallions and grooms," Thompson said.

"It's worldwide and that's just the way things are at the moment. All parties have been trying for some time to hopefully make it happen, but cost effectively it just can't be done."



*Satono Aladdin, the winner of the Gr.1 Yasuda Kinen (1600m).*

## WELFARE, TRACEABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY TEAM



Alice Riggins, Martin Burns & Donna Cameron

Those of us in racing are well aware of the high standards of care that Thoroughbreds receive, but there are concerns among some in the public about the welfare of racehorses. We are working on communicating the reality to the public, backed up with facts.

Some of those who are loudly and

highly critical of racing, include in their messages 'data' which is either mistakenly or intentionally incorrect. For instance, protesters recently publicly claimed *"that the standard practice is to slaughter horses when they are no longer profitable. Most are sent to the knackery with thousands of thoroughbreds in NZ being killed on a yearly basis."*

These claims are clearly wrong but NZTR currently lacks the data about the retirement of Thoroughbreds to accurately inform public, and to prove the critics are peddling 'fake news'.

To counter this problem, NZTR needs to ensure we have comprehensive traceability for each thoroughbred from foaling to its death or retirement from racing and/or breeding. In order to achieve this we will require the support of owners, breeders and trainers who are responsible for the horses in their care. Over the coming weeks we will be explaining further how you will be able to assist in helping us reach this goal.

In the meantime, if you do have any questions please contact: **martin.burns@nztr.co.nz**

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### MEET THE TEAM

**ALICE RIGGINS** - CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER, THOROUGHBRED WELFARE

**DONNA CAMERON** - TRACEABILITY/WELFARE

**MARTY BURNS** - GM WELFARE & SUSTAINABILITY

## HIRING OVERSEAS WORKERS DURING COVID-19

During COVID-19, employers who wish to hire overseas workers can request to bring 'other critical workers' (previously called 'essential workers') to New Zealand.

Employers need to request approval for 'other critical workers'. These requests are considered on a case-by-case basis by Immigration New Zealand. There are separate criteria for short term (less than six months) and long term (six months or longer) workers. Approved overseas workers may need to wait for space in managed isolation, which may delay arrival.

### TO FIND OUT MORE HERE

Or for assistance with visa applications

Karen Russell - **karen@lrnz.co.nz**

Licensed Immigration Advisor

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## NEW SEASON SIRE'S FEATURE

There are six new season stallions joining the New Zealand ranks this year including two top Kiwi racehorses who retired from the track this season.

We contacted each stud master with a new horse and asked them why they thought their stallion would appeal to New Zealand breeders and what type of mares, both physically and genetically would suit their stallions.



*Ferrando*

**FERRANDO** 2013 BAY (FAST'N FAMOUS(AUS)-RIO NUGGET) ROBSON ROAD AGISTMENT PROPERTY \$2500 PLUS GST

Trained by Team Rogerson Ferrando retires to stud to stand at Gary Rogerson's Robson Road Agistment Property in Ngahinapouri on the outskirts of Hamilton.

A winner of eight races from 27 starts he was best known for his sprinting ability and besides winning the Group Three Mongolian Khan (Mr Tiz) Trophy was twice placed in the Telegraph behind the super smart sprinter Enzo's Lad. In fact, on the second occasion the margin was so close it took the judge seven minutes to determine it wasn't a dead heat.

"He was one of the fastest horses New Zealand has had," according to his former trainer Graeme Rogerson who has formed a syndicate to stand the horse at stud.

"I trained Savabeel(AUS) and Not A Single Doubt(AUS) and they went on to be pretty good stallions and I think he's a chance of doing the same.

"He's a good type with a great temperament and he is a fast horse, he'll breed speed into the mares.

"With Redoute's Choice(AUS) and Zabeel in his pedigree through his sire he will mate with anything, and his female family is a well established New Zealand family with lots of group one winners and good horses."

Ferrando's best win was in the Group Three Mr Tiz Trophy at Ellerslie, as a three-year-old.

As a four-year-old he won the Listed Lightning Handicap at Trentham, breaking 1.08 in the process, and defeating the group one winner Heroic Valour in the process. As a five-year-old

he also finished third in that event. Besides his two Telegraph placings he was also placed twice in the Listed Legacy Lodge Sprint.

Ferrando is one of three winners out of his dam, the Captain Rio(GB) mare Rio Nugget. He descends from the family of Group One winners Golden Heights (WATC Railway Stakes), Cariere (Avondale Cup), Cronus (SAJC Adelaide Cup), Samantha Miss (VRC Oaks) and Envoy(Wellington Cup).

Fast 'N' Famous, a Group Three winning son of Redoute's Choice(AUS), has to date sired nine black type winners including Queensland Oaks winner Quintessential and Railway Stakes victor In Style. Exported to Australia in 2014, he only served three seasons there before being sold to stand in Turkey.



*Sneaking to Win*

**SNEAKING TO WIN** (AUS) 2016 CHESTNUT (SNITZEL[AUS]-DISGUISE[AUS]) TE AUTE STUD \$1000 PLUS GST

Jenni Tomlins and partner Steve Brougham of Te Aute Stud in Hastings are excited about offering the first son of Champion sire Snitzel(AUS) to stand in New Zealand.

Tomlins believes Sneaking to Win will appeal to breeders looking for a source of natural speed and a physical type.

"After all every breeder is trying to breed first and foremost a superior type," she stated, "first impressions are paramount."

"Sneaking to Win is a great sort which was reflected in his yearling sale price of \$A450,000 and the fact that he was purchased by astute judges Peter and Paul Snowden. We are sure that he will be able to leave horses in his own mould and type.

"That's really the first piece of the puzzle for me. New Zealand breeders often handle their own horses and if they aren't robust and trainable it makes life harder thereafter. All the pedigree in the world isn't worth much without type and temperament, not that we have compromised on his pedigree either.

"Steve and I also wanted a horse that represented the best value for money that we could possibly achieve. I know that breeders will respond favourably to that considering the ongoing uncertainty and current economic climate. We have worked really hard to ensure that the horse is well priced so that he gets the best possible start to his career and that breeders are given an opportunity to use a very nice horse for a great price.

"I think that Sneaking to Win's pedigree will also strike a chord with local breeders. He offers breeders the first opportunity

for us to have a son of Snitzel(AUS) in New Zealand, and we believe that Snitzel and his sons are set to take up the mantle of Redoute's Choice(AUS) in Australia.

"Sneaking to Win's dam line lacks nothing on the score of performance either. His half-sister Appearance was a top-class Sprinter/Miler and multiple Group One winner. While another stakes winning half-sister Marscareri won eight races including the Listed Silk Stocking."

In fact, Appearance was rated Leading Older Female Sprinter on the 2014 World Thoroughbred Rankings and won nine races including the Group One Myer Classic, Coolmore Classic, Canterbury Stakes and Queen of the Turf Stakes. He descends from the family of Group One winners Shadow Hero (AJC Spring Champion Stakes) and Victory Vein (AJC Champagne Stakes).

Sneaking to Win(AUS) was only lightly raced, he was seen out twice as a late two-year-old, finishing runner up in his first start at Canterbury behind subsequent Group Three winner Master Ash. Off the scene for almost 12 months his only other start resulted in a fifth-place finish at Warwick Farm.

Snitzel has headed the last three Australian General Sire tables and looks likely to add number four this season. He has to date sired 102 black type winners, 14 at Group 1 level. A top line sprinter on the racetrack, Snitzel(AUS) won the Group One Oakleigh Plate at three at Caulfield against older horses and finished runner up in the Group One Newmarket Handicap at Flemington. He had excellent statistics when crossed with mares by Elusive Quality, O'Reilly, Timber Country and French Deputy.

"Sneaking to Win(AUS) does display a lot of Snitzel's key characteristics; he is a great physical specimen with lots of natural muscle and correctness," Tomlins added.

"As you would expect from a Champion sire Snitzel(AUS) and his sons do suit a wide range of mares on pedigree. Duplications of key lines in Snitzel(AUS) appeal for New Zealand mares so mares with Snippets(AUS) (for example Pins or El Hermano), Best in Show (O'Reilly, Xaar(GB), Last Tycoon(IRE) etc), Danehill(USA) or Natalma(USA) female line (More than Ready(AUS)/Southern Halo(USA) for example Perfectly Ready(AUS), Mr Nancho(ARG)).

"Also, mares with lines of Zabeel/Savabeel line up beautifully with Sneaking to Win(AUS). Grand Lodge(USA) has been a grand sire of broodmares so those mares with lines of Secretariat(USA)/Sir Gaylord(USA) (such as Postponed[USA]) or lines going back to his female family (Tavistock is a great example of this) will suit. Steve and I are available to discuss individual mares and matings in more depth to any interested breeders.

"Sneaking to Win(AUS) is a strong, correct stallion, standing 16.1h, he has great depth of girth and a powerful hindquarter and great shoulder and forearm, so should provide good size and strength to mares that are lacking in this department. Being by Snitzel(AUS) and out of a strong Australian sprinting family, he will no doubt be a source for speed and this coupled with his outstanding temperament should see his progeny in demand with trainers."



*Super Seth*

### **SUPER SETH (AUS) BAY 2016 (DUNDEEL - SALUTATIONS[AUS]) WAIKATO STUD \$35,000 PLUS GST**

Super Seth arrives at Waikato Stud as the first son of his multiple Group One winning sire Dundee to stand at stud in New Zealand.

As well he is the first Caulfield Guineas winner to commence studies here in 30 years, and he ticks all the boxes of a successful stallion according to the formula adopted by Waikato Stud, these include brilliant talent, exceptional turn of foot, good looks and a quality pedigree.

Waikato Stud's proprietor Mark Chittick believe these are the attributes that underpin the making of a successful stallion.

"We purchased him for all the similar reasons that we have purchased our other stallions he fits into the same category," said Chittick.

"The main thing about this is, the investment that we make in these horses first and foremost, the most important thing is that it suits Waikato Stud's breeding programme, all jokes aside we breed a lot of mares, and we have to keep the new blood coming in.

"We have the biggest broodmare band in the country and if he is going to suit them, then he is going to suit most of the broodmares in New Zealand. I don't mean to sound arrogant, but you have to be comfortable yourself first with the stallion you bring in before you take it to the market, and we are more than happy with him.

"The main thing with him is that at 16.1 hands high he is a very masculine physical horse I am confident that he will suit most types of mare. Genetically he has a lovely pedigree, he's by a young horse that was an exceptional race horse, who is by High Chaparral(IRE) and who has made a great start to his stud career. Add to that he is out of a mare who is by a champion in Redoute's Choice."

A \$280,000 Easter Yearling purchase for Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock on behalf of Jonathan Munz, Super Seth won his first two starts at two before ending the season with a third placing in the Listed Anzac Day Stakes at Flemington.

He opened his three-year-old spring campaign with success in the Group Three HDF McNeil Stakes at Caulfield and closed it with a superior performance to run down Alligator Blood and Groundswell in the Group One Caulfield Guineas. Victory in the



Group Three Manfred Stakes in his autumn opener followed by a runner up finish in the Group One Futurity Stakes at Caulfield, he then travelled to Sydney where his campaign was dogged by wet tracks, bringing the curtain down on his career with a fourth place in the Group One All Aged Stakes.

One of 10 black type winners and four Group One winners by Dundee, Super Seth is a half-brother to multiple black type winner Wild Planet. Their grandam is the Group Two winning Rory's Jester(AUS) mare Toast of the Coast(AUS), their third dam the Group Two winner Solo Show and fourth dam the leading 2YO filly and Group Three winner and Group One placegetter Solo Performance(AUS).

Horse of the Year in New Zealand in 2013-14, Dundee won 10 of his 19 starts including six at Group One level. He is a son of High Chaparral(IRE), himself sire of 130 black type winners. High Chaparral(IRE) has crossed well with mares by Danehill(USA) (16 SW from 104 runners), Cape Cross (IRE) and Fastnet Rock (AUS) (both 25% SW to runners).



*Ten Sovereigns*

**TEN SOVEREIGNS (IRE) BAY 2016 (NO NAY NEVER[USA]-SEEKING SOLACE[GB]) VALACHI DOWNS \$20,000 PLUS GST**

Once again Valachi Downs have teamed up with Coolmore Stud to offer New Zealand breeders a quality international stallion.

Their General Manager Gareth Downey is excited about the prospect of standing Ten Sovereigns and believes he will be well sort after by New Zealand breeders.

"Last year, we stood U S Navy Flag for his first season in New Zealand and he met with wonderful demand from breeders, serving 150 mares," said Downey.

'This gave us a clear signal from breeders that they are keen to have access to stallions who provide the opportunity to inject some quality speed and earlier maturity into the general New Zealand broodmare band. This is consistent with the message we keep hearing from trainers and yearling buyers as well.

"Ten Sovereigns brings exceptional overall quality, including a wonderful race record. He is an extremely good-looking stallion and has been particularly popular in his first season at Coolmore. He also offers a very identifiable pedigree to Australasian breeders, as he is out of an Exceed And Excel(AUS) mare, and is from the family of the Oakleigh Plate winner Shamal Wind.

"He is a horse that is typical for a sprinter in that he has a lot of strength, but he also has good size, scope and quality. He also has a wonderful sprinter galloping action and we believe he will pretty much match physically with any type of mare, with his 16.1hh size along with the overall combination of strength, athleticism and quality.

"All of our middle-distance types of mares in New Zealand that need an addition of speed and strength will be suited perfectly to Ten Sovereigns. The New Zealand broodmare band is obviously most well-known for its overall middle-distance durability and class. The addition of brilliance and speed from a stallion such as Ten Sovereigns(IRE) could create an explosive combination.

"Genetically, this is a pedigree very well suited to such a wide range of broodmare sires in our part of the world. Scat Daddy(USA) and Danzig(USA) is an explosive cross. Even though Ten Sovereigns(IRE) is out of an Exceed And Excel(AUS) mare, other strains of Danzig(USA) could be potent, such as Green Desert(USA). No Nay Never(USA) has got off to a great start with Sadler's Wells(IRE) so this opens the door to all the mares carrying Tavistock, Montjeu(IRE), High Chaparral(IRE), Galileo(IRE) etc, or even Encosta De Lago(AUS).

"Looking at the female family of Ten Sovereigns(IRE), it has worked well with Dubawi(IRE) and Nureyev(IRE). This is a good sign especially for all the broodmare sires we have in New Zealand carrying Nureyev(USA), such as Zabeel, Savabeel, Thorn Park(AUS), Iffraaj(GB), Soviet Star(USA)etc.

The winner of four of his eight races, Ten Sovereigns(IRE) was rated the Leading 3YO Male Sprinter on the 2019 World Thoroughbred Rankings and the 2019 Champion Three-Year-Old Sprinter in Europe, Great Britain and Ireland. Unbeaten in three starts at two, he opened his account winning a maiden at the Curragh before following up that win on the same course in the Group Three Round Tower Stakes.

Travelling over the channel Ten Sovereigns(IRE) was a convincing winner of the Group One Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket. Opening his three-year-old campaign with a fifth placing in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket and a fourth in the Commonwealth Cup at Ascot, Ten Sovereigns(IRE) repeated his Group One Newmarket triumph, this time in the July Cup easily beating triple Group One winner Advertise and breaking 1 minute 10 seconds in the process.

One of 23 black type winners by No Nay Never(USA), Ten Sovereigns(IRE) is a son of French listed placegetter Seeking Solace(GB). His grandam Flamelet(USA), placed in the 1000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown, is a three-quarter-sister to Group Three winner Labirinto and a half-sister to French black type winner and successful sire Bezrin(USA) and to the dam of Group 1 winner Shamal Wind(USA). He is a direct descendant of USA Grade One winner My Darling One(USA).

No Nay Never(USA) was rated the best Two-Year-Old colt in France of his year, winning four of his six starts including the Prix Morny at Deauville and the Group Two Norfolk Stakes at the Royal Ascot meeting. He was leading first season sire in the United Kingdom in 2018. His sire Scat Daddy(USA) has to date left 129 black type winners and has crossed well with stallions more readily available in Australasia such as Street Cry(IRE) (22% SW to runners), Belong to Me(USA) and Thunder Gulch(USA).



Wyndspelle

**WYNDSPELLE** BAY 2013 (IFFRAAJ[GB]-WESTERN STAR) GRANGEWILLIAM STUD \$7,500 PLUS GST.

After his victory in the Group One Captain Cook Stakes last year, Wyndspelle has been retired to stand at Grangewilliam Stud on the outskirts of Whanganui.

Mark Corcoran the proprietor at Grangewilliam believes Wyndspelle will appeal to New Zealand breeders because he will leave the type of horses that the market currently wants; early runners that can go on to win Guineas and Derby races at three and with the soundness to race on as an older horse.

"As a two-year-old, Wyndspelle was a winner and group one performer finishing runner up in the Group One Ellerslie Diamond Stakes 1200m. He went on to be a Guineas winner at three, winning the Group Two 2000m Waikato Guineas. In his classic season Wyndspelle placed third in the Group Three Northland Breeders Stakes, was fifth in the Group Two Hawkes Bay Guineas, third in the Group Three Sarten Memorial, fifth in the Group One Two Thousand Guineas, and in the Group One Levin Classic, and after winning the Waikato Guineas finished midfield in the Group One New Zealand Derby.

"Consistency and soundness were the hallmarks of Wyndspelle's entire racing career. As a four year old, Wyndspelle ventured to Australia, where he gained that all important Australian form, finishing second in the Listed VRC Paris Lane Handicap, running third in the million dollar Group One VRC Cantala Stakes 1600m to Shillelagh and Tom Melbourne followed by a third placing in the listed MRC John Dillon Stakes 1400m.

"Over his race career Wyndspelle consistently performed at the elite Group One level, with Group One placings on eight occasions, capped with the winning of the Group One WRC Captain Cook Stakes 1600m."

Wyndspelle is one of 71 black type winners and 10 Group One winners by Iffraaj(GB), who has proven success with New Zealand mares, being the leading sire of two and three-year-olds in New Zealand on multiple occasions. He is out of a High Chaparral(IRE) mare, Western Star from a family littered with two-year-old stakes performers.

He is a half-brother to Selica, group three placed in this seasons Schweppervescence Stakes at Morphettville. Their dam, the once winning High Chaparral(IRE) mare Western Star is a half-sister to Group Three Eclipse Stakes winner Lady Alberton and

Listed Sydney winner Alberton Park. A grandson of Alberton Star, the second top filly on the 1999-2000 New Zealand 2YO Free Handicap, Wyndspelle is related to black type winners Brutal (ATC Doncaster Handicap), Sir Alberton, Te Akau Rose, Cavalry Rose, Magic Briar, Talaria and Strausbridge.

Iffraaj, the winner of seven of his 13 starts, won the Group 2 Park Stakes twice as well as the Group 2 Lennox Stakes at Goodwood. Retiring to stud in the northern Hemisphere in 2007 and New Zealand in 2008, he has to date been the Leading New Zealand Sire of 2Yos and Leading Sire of 3YOs twice. His sire sons include Wootton Bassett, sire of 10 black type winners including Cambridge Stud shuttler Almanzor.

Iffraaj has nicked well with mares by Danehill (17% SW to runners), Marju and Dalakhani.

Wyndspelle is also line bred on a 4x5 cross to the Blue Hen mare Special, the dam of Nureyev.

"Wyndspelle is a great fit for New Zealand mares being free of Danehill(USA) blood, and is line bred to Northern Dancer on a 4x4x5 cross and bears a striking resemblance to Northern Dancer as a type, with a very similar physique, head and markings," said Corcoran.

"These features of Wyndspelle's pedigree makes him very suitable for New Zealand broodmares and suggests he should work well with a wide variety of mares, particularly with damsires that have worked well with Iffraaj(GB) and High Chaparral(IRE) including: Danehill(USA), Zabeel, Fastnet Rock(AUS), Flying Spur(AUS), Cape Cross(IRE), O'Reilly, Generous(GB), Grosvenor, Montjeu(IRE), Pentire(GB), Stravinsky(USA), Elusive City(USA), Volksraad(IRE), etc."

Corcoran is confident that Wyndspelle will be attractive to breeders and Grangewilliam in association with Jen Campin Bloodstock have lifetime breeding rights available with a one-time payment entitling the broodmare owner to send two mares for the first three seasons and then one every year after that for life. And they are providing further encouragement to broodmare owners with an offer of free nationwide transport.



Ribchester

**RIBCHESTER** (IRE) BAY 2013 (IFFRAAJ[GB]-MUJARAH[IRE]) HAUNUI FARM \$15,000 PLUS GST

Ribchester(IRE) will be joining the local stallion ranks season, after two seasons at Darley in Australia, so isn't strictly a new

season sire, he will be filling the gap at Haunui Farm left by his sire Iffraaj(GB).

Haunui Farm followed Ribchester's racing career very closely as he was a flagbearer for Iffraaj(GB). He was a Group Two winner at two and his performance in the Group One Prix Jacques Le Marois as a three-year-old against the older horses where he beat Vadamos, a five-year-old at the time, saw him crowned Champion Miler of Europe. A title he earned in the following season as a four-year-old.

"The Iffraaj(GB) connection was obviously appealing but as a racehorse, he was outstanding – Champion Miler of Europe as a three-year-old and four-year-old, a four-time Group One winner and, rated 129 by Timeform," explained Haunui Farm's General Manager Mark Chitty.

"He represents a pedigree that we are very familiar with as there is not only the Iffraaj(GB) connection, but we also stood his dam sire, Marju(IRE), and also his sire, Last Tycoon(IRE). Both sides of his pedigree represent sire lines that have been very successful in the Southern Hemisphere which also gives us confidence.

"We tried hard to secure Ribchester(IRE) for New Zealand when he was initially retired to stud but given his status amongst Godolphin's elite racehorses, the decision was made to stand him at Darley in Australia.

"We saw an opportunity when Iffraaj(GB) was retired from Southern Hemisphere duties in March, and after speaking to the Godolphin team about it, we were lucky enough to secure Ribchester(IRE) for New Zealand. To replace Iffraaj(GB) with his best son certainly helped ease the loss of Iffraaj(GB) from Haunui.

"Ribchester(IRE) is by far the best credentialed racehorse that we have stood here at Haunui and whilst he is in his third season, one of the major benefits of him having stood in Australia is that he will have a good number of horses in the Godolphin system – one of the best in the world - and secondly, he will be the only New Zealand first crop sire with big numbers in our major export market when his first crop hits the track. If they run up to their looks, we will be in for a great ride."

After it was announced that Ribchester was coming to New Zealand the team at Haunui were hoping to have been able to get to Australia to see his weanlings however the current climate hasn't allowed for it.

"From what the team at Darley have told us, he suits a similar mare profile to Iffraaj(GB) which makes things relatively easy as he suited most mares on type," Chitty said.

"In terms of genetics, Danehill(USA) has been a massive cross for Iffraaj(GB) and this is a nick that Darley have chased so far. Like Iffraaj(GB), Ribchester(IRE) represents a great outcross for Danehill(USA) blood. Zabeel and his sons will be appealing as they are proving to work well for Iffraaj(GB) and have worked very well for Last Tycoon(IRE).

"Elusive City(USA) mares are proving a good cross for Iffraaj's son Wootton Bassett(GB) and he has also nicked well with Marju(IRE) so that is an excellent cross on paper and Elusive City(USA) mares will suit physically. Sons of Sadler's Wells(IRE), in particular High Chaparral(IRE) should nick well – again, that's a cross that has worked for Iffraaj and Wootton Bassett(GB).

"We have a broad genetic base of mares here in New Zealand from a variety of sire lines and the key influencers in Ribchester's pedigree, have worked well with both Mr Prospector(USA) and Northern Dancer(USA) which should serve him well going forward."

As a racehorse Ribchester(IRE) was a Group Two winner at Two and multiple Group One winner at three and four, Ribchester was rated the Equal Leading Three-Year-Old Male Miler on the 2016 World Thoroughbred Rankings, the Champion Older Male Miler in Europe in 2017 and the Joint Champion Three-Year-Old Male Miler in Europe in 2016.

Sold for 78,000 euro as a foal and later resold as a yearling for 105,000 euro, Ribchester(IRE) raced in the colours of David Armstrong for his first two starts, including a runner up finish in the Group Two Gimcrack Stakes at York before being purchased privately by Godolphin.

Staying in the stable of his original trainer Richard Fahey, Ribchester(IRE) ended his Two-Year-Old season with a victory in the Group Two Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury over seven furlongs. At three he won two of his six starts, taking out the Group One Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville and the Group Two Jersey Stakes at the Royal Ascot meeting plus adding Group One placings in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot (second), the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket (third behind Galileo Gold and Massaat) and the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood (third).

Ribchester(IRE) won a further three races at four, all Group One events over 1600m, starting with the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury followed by the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot and finishing with the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, run in that year at Chantilly. He again had minor placings in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot and Sussex Stakes at Goodwood as well as a third-place finish in the Dubai Turf at Meydan. Altogether he won six of his 16 starts with eight minor placings and stake money of 2,421,792 pounds.

One of 72 black type winners and 10 Group One winners by Iffraaj, Ribchester(IRE) is out of a half-sister to three Group winners including Matterhorn(IRE), a Group 1 winner in Dubai, Bangkok(IRE), the 2019 Sandown Classic Trial victor, Curragh Cup winner Tactic(GB) as well as Listed winner Yaazy(IRE). He is a grandson of Listed placed Tanaghum(GB) and his third dam is the champion Mehthaaf(USA), winner of the Irish 1000 Guineas and herself a half-sister to black type winners Elnadim(USA), Khulood(USA) and Ashraakat(USA).

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