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NZTR APPLAUDS MESSARA REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister For Racing, the Right-Honourable Winston Peters

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has welcomed the findings of the Messara Report into the state of thoroughbred racing in New Zealand.

"It's time for change. We believe this report will create a blueprint for a thriving thoroughbred industry," NZTR Chairman, Dr Alan Jackson, said.

"While our Board has yet to consider the report in detail, the major recommendations are in line with NZTR's views and it is reassuring to have those policies verified by an independent and expert voice.

"But implementing the report will still require a considerable amount of work and investment," Jackson said. "We need to work with the Government, the New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB) and the Racing Industry Transition Agency to ensure that this opportunity is not wasted.

"We are confident that racing has a bright future in New Zealand but real change and brave leadership will be required if we are to achieve the report's target of doubling prize money.

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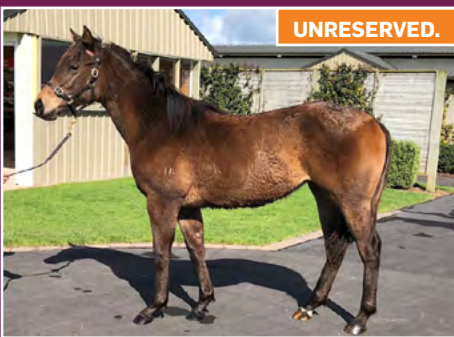
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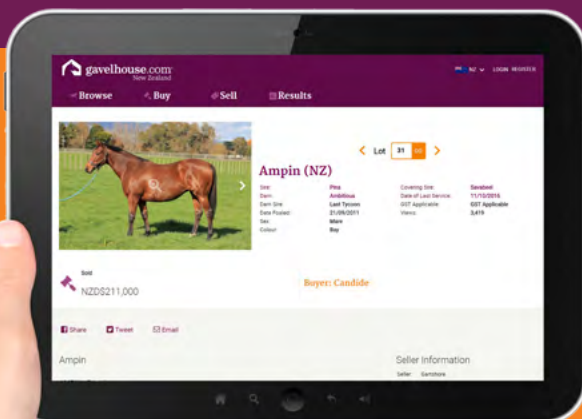
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“We are at the cross-roads in terms of sustainability and we need to move quickly. It’s a heavily regulated industry and it is vital that any recommended changes to the Racing Act are put in place as soon as practicable, to allow each Code to achieve their potential.

“The current wagering business model is under severe competitive pressure, and we need additional income streams and reduced costs if thoroughbred racing’s share is to grow.”

NZTR endorsed the Messara Report recommendation that the NZRB outsources much of the TAB’s commercial operations.

“This is something NZTR has been advocating for some time,” Jackson said. Multiple pieces of work, which NZTR had been involved with or undertaken, had shown that an outsourcing arrangement would provide significant financial gains.

“This is one way of overcoming a lack of scale, which has made it increasingly difficult for the NZ TAB to operate in what is now a highly competitive wagering market.”

The argument for outsourcing had also been strengthened by changes to the international regulatory environment, which had not been anticipated at the time of the NZRB’s current strategy.

NZTR also welcomed the recommendations in the Messara Report on synthetic tracks and racing venues. “NZTR has been undertaking its own venue review and has come to similar conclusions,” Jackson said.

“While there will always be a place for each club, it has been obvious for some time that the industry cannot sustain the current number of venues.

“Infrastructure spending needs to be lifted. Many of our strategic tracks require significant investment but if we attempt to retain the current number of venues, there is a risk that the infrastructure spending will be spread too thinly.

“Synthetic tracks will play a key role in providing consistent and reliable surfaces and will ease the pressure on the main turf tracks.

“The recommendations in the Messara report are a pathway to a major uplift in our sector’s economic performance and contribution to New Zealand,” Jackson said. “But there is a lot of detail to consider and we are pleased that the Government has pledged to consult further with the industry.

“Our sport has had a significant economic and social impact on New Zealand. It sustains more than 14,000 full-time equivalent jobs, has over 55,000 participants and generates more than \$1.6 billion in value-added contribution to the New Zealand economy.

“The thoroughbred code, alone, has 16,000 owners, 3700 breeders and 1000 trainers and generates more than 9000 FTE jobs, plus volunteers.”

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MAKYBE DIVA MAIN TARGET FOR GRUNT

Trainer Mick Price has elected to run O'Reilly entire **Grunt (NZ)** in Saturday's Gr.1 New Zealand Bloodstock Memsie Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield after he grew concerned with the four-week gap between runs.

The Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m) winner pleased his trainer with his fresh-up fifth-placing in the Gr.2 PB Lawrence Stakes (1400m), but Price said he needs the run heading into the Gr.1 Makybe Diva Stakes (1600m) next month.

"He's done too well and it was going to be four weeks between runs into

the Makybe Diva, which is probably the case for a lot of these horses I guess," Price said.

"He's a four-year-old entire, he had a bit of a blow, and the four weeks between runs wasn't going to be enough work for him.

"The Makybe Diva is a Group One, so he'll be there to win it if he can and the Memsie is part of that plan."

Price is pleased with Grunt's inside barrier draw and believes PB Lawrence Stakes winner Showtime (Snitzel) will once again set the early pace.

"There was good pace on (in the PB

Lawrence) and there should be good pace on again," he said. "I see Showtime has drawn two, we have drawn barrier one, so we'll get a trail up."

Jockey Luke Currie will be aboard on Saturday and he gave a glowing report after riding Grunt in track work earlier this week, however, Price said he'll be suited over more ground.

"Currie came and rode him on Tuesday, the horse is going great," Price said.

"He's going to be that 2000m-type horse. He might be a Caulfield Cup-

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Exciting four-year-old Grunt will step out for his second appearance of the season in Saturday's Gr.1 New Zealand Bloodstock Memsie Stakes





MAKYBE DIVA MAIN TARGET FOR GRUNT

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Melbourne Cup type of horse, he might run in the Cox Plate. I've just got to get a feel for him on the run through, but the horse is going great and will give plenty of cheek if he gets a run at the right time, albeit 1400m.

"It might be a bit sharp for him, but he'll be chasing up behind them.

"He has taken a lot of improvement from that first-up run and each run he has he'll get better and I'll be looking forward to the Makybe Diva."

Meanwhile, Price rates juvenile Group One winner **Seabrook (NZ)** (Hinchinbrook) as his best winning chance on Saturday when she contests the Gr.3 HDF McNeil Stakes (1200m) first-up at Caulfield.

The New Zealand-bred filly won

the Gr.1 Champagne Stakes (1600m) at Randwick in her last-start and Price believes the three-year-old has a strong Classic season ahead of her.

"She's flying," Price said. "She had a soft trial at Cranbourne and then she had another trial where she went really well. She's looking for a race now, she's going great and she's our best chance for the day."

The three-year-old filly's main target for the spring will either be the Gr.1 Thousand Guineas (1600m) or Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m), and Price has two programmes in-mind depending on how Seabrook runs on Saturday.

"We have two choices with her," he said. "If she wins on Saturday I'd be

tempted to go to the Golden Rose. She knows Rosehill, she knows Sydney, it's a \$1 million race and 1400m would suit.

"It would then be three weeks into the Thousand Guineas or Caulfield Guineas.

"Or she stays here (in Melbourne) and we would go to either the Danehill or the Exford in two weeks and then the Guineas Prelude and the Thousand Guineas or Caulfield Guineas.

"So they are two different programmes and we will make a decision after Saturday. But I think she will be a beautiful Thousand Guineas filly, a mile is great for her.

"But on Saturday, fresh-up over 1200m, she'll be motoring home and can win."

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HENNESSY HOPING HISTORY REPEATS



Two impressive trial wins have Ocean Emperor on track for a good performance in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy at Hastings

Matamata trainer Gary Hennessy sees a number of similarities in Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) hopeful **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** (Zabeel) and his five-time Group One winning galloper Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park).

It is six years since Hennessy prepared Ocean Park to win the Hastings Group One, then known as the Makfi Challenge Stakes, which was a pre-cursor to the entire winning three Group One races in Melbourne during the spring of 2012, including the Cox Plate (2040m).

A seven-year-old entire by Zabeel, Ocean Emperor missed much of his three and four-year-old seasons with a hoof injury, but the dual Group Two winner is making up for lost time.

Ocean Emperor prepared for Saturday's contest, for which

he is rated a \$12 chance, with two impressive trial victories at Te Teko and then Taupo, leaving a host of weight-for-age gallopers in his wake.

"He's right where we want him to be," Hennessy said.

"He's like where we were with Ocean Park when he won his trial by three-lengths going in to this race. This horse did it a lot easier and against a lot stronger opposition."

To be ridden by Shaun McKay, Ocean Emperor has lead in both trials, but Hennessy said the horse would not necessarily play pacemaker.

"The beauty of him is he's got good gate speed and he's able to take a posy and settle.

"If he gets a little bit of cover he's got a huge turn of foot,

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HENNESSY HOPING HISTORY REPEATS

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he could really explode onto the scene like he did in the two Group Two races that he has won.”

A 1400m Group One success would also go a long way to securing a future home at stud for the stallion, aiming to become the 47th individual Group One winner by his late sire Zabeel.

“That would be huge,” Hennessy said. “That was in the back of my mind from the day we bought him. He is the most gorgeous looking horse.

“We’ve had a few little set-backs with him but I think he’s come of age and the trip to Singapore earlier this year has probably been the making of him.”

Ocean Emperor could embark on further travel, with Hennessy keen to replicate Ocean Park’s successful Melbourne campaign.

“If he can run a really good race and run in the first three, I think we’ll go straight to the Underwood like we did with Ocean Park.

“The step up to 1800m from 1400m will suit. He’s always looked like he can get a trip.

“He’s easy to train. He’s very similar to Ocean Park, he’s like a clone really. It’s just unfortunate he missed his three-year-old

career and didn’t get that racing experience that Ocean Park did at the same age.

“But being a Zabeel, they just get better with age and he’s a lovely entire to work with.”

While Hennessy is hoping to enhance a stallion’s pedigree this weekend, he was savouring the stakes success of Caulfield Guineas favourite Brutal (NZ) (O’Reilly) in the Listed McKenzie Stakes (1200m) at Moonee Valley last Saturday, having acquired his dam Alberton Princess (NZ) (Golan) and another close relative just over two years ago.

“I bought both Alberton Princess and Lady Alberton at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock May Sale,” Hennessy said.

“I paid \$75,000 for Alberton Princess and she was in foal to Sacred Falls. The subsequent foal made \$170,000 as a yearling earlier in the year, so she owes us nothing and Brutal looks very exciting.”

Hennessy, who along with wife Jenny, operates Weowna Park in Matamata, has Ocean Park yearling colts out of both mares.

“We’ve just had New Zealand Bloodstock come and look at our yearlings this week and we’ve got 17 entered for the sales. We’ve got some really nice types with nice pedigrees.”

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PIKE LOOKS TO GO BACK-TO-BACK IN SIR COLIN MEADS

Cambridge-based trainer Tony Pike is well-armed to go back-to-back in Saturday's Listed El Roca – Sir Colin Meads Trophy (1200m) at Hastings, a race he won with Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) last year.

Pike prepares equal second and third favourites for the three-year-old race in **Stella Noire (NZ)** (Showcasing) and **Cyber Attack (NZ)** (Shamexpress), a pair that he finds difficult to split.

"They're pretty evenly matched," he said. "Cyber Attack will handle any rain that happens to fall before Saturday, while Stella Noire's probably looking for a reasonable track surface.

"Stella Noire might have more natural ability but she's going in fresh-up and he's going to be a fit racehorse going into Saturday's race."

That natural ability has shown in

Stella Noire's unbeaten record in three trials and one race day appearance over 1100m at Ellerslie on Boxing Day, and Pike is happy with how she has progressed since then.

"She's grown into a very big and impressive looking filly," he said.

"That's part of the reason that we spelled her after her Boxing Day win.

"She just continued to grow and she's grown into a big scopey type so we're really happy with the way that she has developed from two to three."

Stella Noire has made two public appearances since spelling, winning a trial at Cambridge in early May and more recently winning another at Te Teko.

"It was a pretty soft trial at Te Teko," Pike said. "It followed a nice hit out on the course proper at Cambridge the

week before that and she's going to be pretty forward going into Saturday's race.

"Her work on Tuesday morning was outstanding and she galloped again this morning. It was a lot quieter work on the pretty wet grass but I can't fault her work and I can't fault her condition."

The only concern Pike has with the promising filly is her barrier draw of 11, although he's leaving the race tactics in the capable hands of jockey Leith Innes who rode her on Boxing Day and in her most recent trial.

"Leith's got plenty of confidence in her and just depending on how she clears the barriers I'll leave it completely in his hands how he decides to ride her," Pike said.

Stella Noire's stablemate and race rival Cyber Attack fared much better in the barrier draw and he will jump from barrier three with Vinnie Colgan aboard.

"He's a very honest campaigner, he's going to be one of the fitter runners in the race," Pike said. "He's got a few runs under his belt and he's in good form.

"He was hampered in his last start at Te Rapa and he did a few things wrong after that but he finished the race off really well.

"I think 1400m would probably suit him better than 1200m but he's going to get a nice trip in transit and I'm sure he won't be too far away in the finish."

– NZ Racing Desk



Stella Noire provides trainer Tony Pike with a strong hand in Saturday's Listed El Roca – Sir Colin Meads Trophy



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Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar)

Scott Base thriving ahead of Group One tilt

Otaki trainers Johnno Benner and Hollie Wynyard will have a strong hand in Saturday's Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hawke's Bay, with high-class gallopers **Scott Base (NZ)** (Dalghar) and **Wyndspelle (NZ)** (Iffraaj) set to resume.

The talented duo had their final hit-out in preparation for Saturday's feature when working over 1200m in a gallop ahead of the trials at Foxton on Tuesday morning, with \$6 equal second-favourite Scott Base edging his stablemate.

"He worked over 1200m with Wyndspelle," Benner said. [Full story here](#)



Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands)

Rusof in line for Kiwi Group One

Malaysian-born rider Shafiq Rusof has an outstanding opportunity to notch his first New Zealand Group One win when he partners high-class mare **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) in Saturday's Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m).

Rusof has made a favourable impression since commencing his second stint in New Zealand in March this year.

The 31-year-old is a former champion apprentice jockey in Singapore but was not relicensed by the Singapore Turf Club at

the end of 2017, along with a host of other riders. [Full story here](#)



Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel)

Champion filly ready to resume

The Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained **Savvy Coup (NZ)** (Savabeel) was crowned New Zealand's Champion Three-Year-Old at Sunday's Horse of the Year Awards, and the daughter of Savabeel is pleasing her trainers ahead of her resumption in Saturday's Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m).

"She's working really well and she should be competitive, but I think the bookies have got it pretty right," Michael Pitman said of the \$31 chance.

"She is at good odds this week, she shortens in for the mile (Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate) and she's favourite for the 2000m (Gr.1 Livamol Classic).

"That's the path that we're taking and with the Livamol, I really believe that if we can get her right, it's a race that she will be capable of winning."

Savvy Coup has prepared for her first-up Group One assignment by working with race rival and stablemate Son Of Maher (Al Maher).

"We're not trial trainers. I hardly ever go to the trials.

"I am really relying on the work that Son Of Maher and Savvy Coup do together to get each other ready. Both horses are going really well."

Chris Johnson will ride Savvy Coup, while Sam Weatherly, who is back from Sydney for a week, will partner Group Two winner Son Of Maher.

Lanciato camp confident ahead of Tramway

Trainer Mark Newnham has plenty of confidence in **Lanciato (NZ)** (Per Incanto) heading into the Gr.2 Tramway Stakes (1400m) at Randwick on Saturday.

The stakes-winning Per Incanto six-year-



Lanciato (NZ) (Per Incanto)

old finished fourth in his last-start in the Gr.2 Missile Stakes (1200m) and his trainer expects the gelding to run well in his final hit-out before the Gr.1 Epsom Handicap (1600m) at Randwick on September 29.

"Lanciato is terrific. Everything is going to plan," Newnham said. "He loves Randwick, so I will be disappointed if he is not in the first three on Saturday.

"He likes to race fresh, so the four weeks (in-between the Tramway and Epsom Handicap) is ideal."

Lanciato was bred by Little Avondale Stud in partnership with Lib Petagna, under his JML Bloodstock banner, and went on to win two races in New Zealand before joining Newnham's Randwick barn.



Patrick Erin (NZ) (Gallant Guru)

Chelmsford start important for Patrick Erin

Former New Zealand galloper **Patrick Erin (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) is on the cusp of starting in the Gr.2 Chelmsford Stakes (1600m) on Saturday but needs one scratching to make the field.

Trainer Chris Waller was pleased with his first-up performance over 1400m at Rosehill earlier this month where he made up late ground to finish sixth.

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However, Waller thinks a start in Saturday's feature is important for the seven-year-old's spring campaign, which could include a tilt at the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m). [Full story here](#)



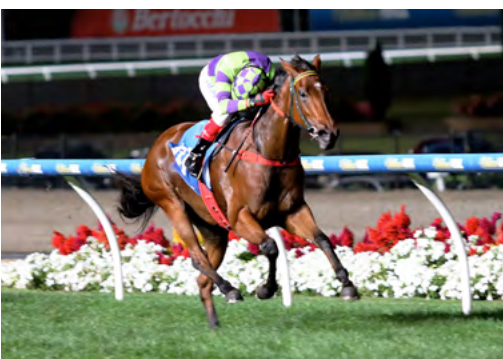
Vassilator (NZ) (Zacinto)

Guineas run ahead for Vassilator

Juvenile stakes winner **Vassilator (NZ)** (Zacinto) will kick-off his three-year-old season at Caulfield on Saturday when he tackles the Gr.3 McNeil Stakes (1200m).

The Zacinto colt won two of his four starts as a two-year-old last season, including the Listed Anzac Day Stakes (1400m) at Flemington.

Trainer Colin Little is aiming Vassilator at the Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) in October and believes his charge is on target despite a recent set-back. [Full story here](#)



I Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible)

Star mare on song

Group One winner **I Am A Star (NZ)** (I Am Invincible) is on target for Saturday's Gr.3 Ladbrokes Cockram Stakes (1200m) at Caulfield.

I Am A Star will face a handy field but has drawn wide and has barrier 17 against her.

Trainer Shane Nichols reported his mare has come through the Gr.3 Aurie's Star (1200m) earlier this month well enough to try and contend on Saturday.

"She really needed the run in the Aurie's

Star. She was just a bit new and blew out a bit because she hadn't run since the autumn. She's tightened up nice," Nichols said.

Damien Oliver has been booked for the ride.

Randwick start likely for Another Dollar

Leading Sydney trainer Chris Waller will likely bypass the Listed Mona Lisa Stakes (1350m) at Wyong today with **Another Dollar (NZ)** (Ocean Park) in favour of the Heineken 3 Handicap (1400m) at Randwick on Saturday.

The New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame inductee has cited the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks (2400m) runner-up's rating as the main reason.

"First-up at Randwick is a nice starting point," Waller said.

"I'm a bit concerned if she won the Mona Lisa, yes it would be great, but it would just send her rating sky-high and she is only the winner of two races and she already has a rating up around the 89 mark.

"She just deserves to win a few more races before she gets handicapped out of it. I'm leaning towards Saturday, but wherever she goes she is a winning chance."

The Ocean Park mare, who was bred by Waikato Stud, will be looking to keep her terrific strike-rate intact, having never run out of the money in her seven career starts.



(Our) Libretto (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Flemington challenge ahead for Our Libretto

Promising O'Reilly mare **Our Libretto (NZ)** has kept her undefeated Australian record intact after storming home late to win the Ladbrokes Multiverse Handicap (1600m) by a length at Sandown on Wednesday.

The five-year-old's trainer Grahame Begg has a lot of time for the mare, but said she is still learning her craft.

"She is still learning and she's very untapped, she doesn't know what it's all

about yet," he said. "But she loves these big tracks." [Full story here](#)



Swing Note (Encosta De Lago)

Comfortable Ashburton win for Swing Note

Stakes-placed four-year-old mare **Swing Note** (Encosta De Lago) kicked-off her spring campaign in style at Ashburton on Thursday, making light work of her rivals in the Barneswood Farm Stakes Day 20th October (1400m).

The Jamie Richards-trained runner jumped away well from her outside barrier, settling at the tail of the field for apprentice jockey Nik Bakar.

The pair improved three-wide at the top of the straight before Bakar pulled Swing Note towards the outside of the track where she showed a good turn of foot to comfortably win by four lengths.

"She's going to develop into a staying mare," stable representative Paul Richards said. "She just got back and got home, which you like to see.

"She placed in a couple of fillies races last year, so she's above average."

Liquid Inspiration at Matamata

The Wayne Hillis-trained **Liquid Inspiration (NZ)** (Iffraaj) took full advantage of the wet conditions at Matamata on Wednesday to win the ADM Feeds Ltd 1200 on the heavy11 track.

The Iffraaj mare jumped away well and was pushed forward to take the early lead under apprentice jockey Darren Danis.

The pair did not relinquish their advantage, with Liquid Inspiration distancing her rivals in the straight to score by two and a half lengths over Saint Croix (NZ) (Nadeem) with Icing on the Cake (NZ) (Captain Rio) a further two lengths back in third.

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Liquid Inspiration (NZ) (Ifraaj)

"I thought that with the rain she was going to be the one that liked it the most," Hillis said.
 "You still get the wet conditions on and off during the spring, so we'll just try and keep her fresh.
 "I'll give her three to four weeks before we run her again and hopefully find another wet track."



Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi)

Bonneval primed for Dato

Australian-bound gallopers **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) and **Rubira** (Lope de Vega) pleased co-trainer Andrew Forsman after their exhibition gallop in the heavy track conditions at Matamata on Wednesday and will head across the Tasman on Sunday in preparation for their spring campaigns.
 "We are rapt with both of them," said Forsman, who trains in partnership with Murray Baker.

"Obviously it is a very testing track out there so we weren't out there to knock them around or anything, it was more just a day out and to give them a good blow out before they head to Melbourne. [Full story here](#)

First trial winner for Charm Spirit

The first of the new seasons two-year-old trials were conducted at Te Teko on Tuesday



Charm Spirit

with an unnamed colt from Charm Spirit's first Southern Hemisphere crop leading his trial field home for Cambridge trainer Tony Pike and owners Frontier Bloodstock.

A triple Group One winning miler as a 3YO, Charm Spirit is Invincible Spirit's highest earning and highest rated son at stud in Australasia and he has made an outstanding start with his first Northern hemisphere 2YO crop this year, which has already produced 13 individual 2YO winners.

Charm Spirit has arrived at his southern hemisphere base, Windsor Park Stud, where he will commence his fourth breeding season next month.



Roger James & Robert Wellwood

Strong arsenal for new training partnership

Young trainer Robert Wellwood, who joined Roger James in partnership at the start of the season, scored his first training victory at Taupo last week and he hopes his first black-type win is not too far away either.

One of the horses that could provide Wellwood with a breakthrough stakes victory is Gr.3 Trentham Stakes (2100m) winner **Von Tunzelman (NZ)** (Zabeel). The

six-year-old gelding has won twice at stakes level and Wellwood believes he can add to that tally this season.

"He has come back in good fashion and is more mature now," he said. [Full story here](#)



Mark Blackie with La Castille

Family tragedy leads to lifelong involvement

Tauranga trainer Mark Blackie has had a lifelong involvement in the racing industry and could be in for one of his most exciting seasons, just three years after returning to the sport he loves.

"I was bred into racing," Blackie said.
 "My grandfather raced horses in the fifties and sixties. He bred a lot of horses with Trelawney Stud. My Dad carried that on and I started working with the horses right from when I was ten-years-old."

Blackie always had a love of horses, but when he lost his brother at a young age he sought solace in the animal which forged a path to his training career today. [Full story here](#)



Verry Flash (NZ) (Zed)

Summer targets for Verry Flash

Zed four-year-old **Verry Flash (NZ)** (Zed) will head to the spelling paddock after a disappointing unplaced finish in the

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Interprovincial Challenge (1600m) at New Plymouth on Saturday.

Trainer Nicholas Bishara said his gelding was never a chance in the race after getting worked up beforehand.

"He travelled down well, but we couldn't get him from the barn to the tie-ups, he really threw a paddy," he said.

"He broke into a sweat and it took four of us to saddle him. He had run his race before he had even got there. He couldn't wait to get on the float to go home afterwards."

Bishara said Verry Flash would now go to the spelling paddock before returning to the track for summer racing.

"He'll have six weeks and we'll probably bring him back around Christmas. We'll give him a couple of runs then and prove all those doubters wrong, that he can handle better ground."



Thornery (NZ) (Tavistock)

Potential Oaks path for Thornery

Tavistock three-year-old filly **Thornery (NZ)** has been earmarked as one to watch by co-trainer Robert Wellwood after her 840m trial win at Te Teko earlier this month.

Wellwood, who trains the filly in partnership with Roger James, has been pleased with her progress and said she could be heading down an Oaks path later this season.

"She is a really nice classic type of filly and her trial win at Te Teko was massive," he said.

"She's definitely going to be a horse who is better with time. She is tagged for the later three-year-old filly's races, including the Oaks.

"We were pleased with her at home, but she probably needed the trial to develop her ringcraft. We were pleasantly surprised with just how well she did for a first outing."

Michael Martin honoured by NZTBA

Former long-time New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association chief executive Michael Martin has been

honoured at a dinner at Cambridge on Wednesday night where he was awarded a life membership to the association.

Martin had a long tenure at NZTBA, working for the association for 23 years, 21 of those as chief executive.

"It is the first time they have awarded the lifetime membership to a former employee," Martin said. "I feel particularly honoured and I am joining a list of very eminent people in the thoroughbred breeding industry in New Zealand."

Martin, together with his wife Susan Archer, also experienced success as breeders, having bred 13-time Group One winner Sunline.

"That was our personal breeding highlight," Martin said. "In 1999, Susan and I were named breeders of the year. We also bred So You Think's mother as well."

Martin said he has taken particular enjoyment in mentoring younger generations in the industry, with the Sunline Trust scholarship being a pinnacle part of that.

"One of the most enjoyable parts of my role has been the mentoring of young people and the formation of the Sunline Trust, which is an educational trust that was formed after Sunline retired in 2002," he said.

"It has sent a lot of young people overseas to further their careers. I have had a lot of satisfaction in watching people grow into significant industry roles as a result."

Strappers to be rewarded at Hastings

Strappers preparing horses for the Tarzino Trophy Daffodil Raceday at Hastings on



Malih Al Basti

Saturday will have an added incentive, with Al Basti Equiworld Dubai announcing the sponsorship of Best Turned Out prizes at the course for the next two years.

Already a successful concept at Riccarton and Trentham, where it is in its second season, the Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Best Turned Out prize rewards dedicated strappers for their efforts with cash prizes.

For each race run at all three venues prizes of \$50 per race on Premier and Feature racedays and \$25 per race on Industry and Tier 2 days are given to the best presented strapper and horse combination.

In addition to this, on Saturday Al Basti Equiworld Dubai is committing an extra \$50 per race to the New Zealand Cancer Society on behalf of each winning strapper.

"Hawke's Bay Racing is delighted to partner with Al Basti Equiworld Dubai to recognise those people behind the scenes who are such an important aspect of racedays," said Hawke's Bay Racing's CEO Andrew (Butch) Castles.



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AUSTRALIA

Dalghar : Gauguin (NZ) (Macavelli Miss by Vettori) 2013;
29/08/2018, 1st ATC Ribchester New to Darley H. 1550m
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$60000
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$85000

Darci Brahma : Moondancer (NZ) (Alabama Rose by Cape Cross) 2014;
25/08/2018, 1st Newcastle JC MGA Insurance H. 1400m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Darci Brahma : Victory Anthem (NZ) (Battocchi by Success Express) 2013;
26/08/2018, 1st Shoalhaven City TC Bridges Finance Nowra H. 1600m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Duelled : (Our) Malambo (NZ) (Dancing Song by Senor Pete) 2014;
25/08/2018, 1st MVRC Dr Sheahan H. 1200m

Handsome Ransom : Hunboshi (NZ) (Golden Honey by Promontory Gold) 2014;
26/08/2018, 1st Cranbourne TC Procon Developments H. 1600m

Highly Recommended : Whangamata (NZ) (O'Tryst by O'Reilly) 2014;
25/08/2018, 1st Newcastle JC Minco Tech Australia P. 2350m

Jakkalberry : Pressure (NZ) (Presslist by Librettist) 2015;
26/08/2018, 1st Cranbourne TC Debortoli Wines Maiden P. 2080m

Keeper : Keeper Girl (NZ) (Estermate by Octagonal) 2013;
24/08/2018, 1st Canberra RC Endeavour Joinery H. 1900m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$11000
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$44000

Makfi : Lady Makfi (NZ) (Potions by Encosta de Lago) 2014;
26/08/2018, 1st Cranbourne TC Highview Accounting Maiden P. 1300m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$170000
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$47500

More Than Ready : More Than Exceed (NZ) (Exceedingly Regal by Exceed and Excel) 2015;
25/08/2018, 1st SAJC Thirsty Camel Cup H. 1050m

O'Reilly : Brutal (NZ) (Alberton Princess by Golan) 2015;
25/08/2018, 1st MVRC Mitchell McKenzie S. L 1200m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

MACAU

Choirs : River Control (NZ) (Glam Girl by Galileo) 2012;
26/08/2018, 1st Macau Macau Gold Cup L 1800m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Faltaat : Nothing to Say (NZ) (Mount Albert Lions by Almutawakel) 2009;
25/08/2018, 1st Macau Queensland H. 1510m

O'Reilly : Madame Markievicz (NZ) (Line of Sight by Elusive Quality) 2014;
26/08/2018, 1st Wyong RC Produce & Farm Supplies Maiden P. 1600m

O'Reilly : (Our) Libretto (NZ) (Etoile du Nord by Zabeel) 2013;
29/08/2018, 1st MRC Ladbroke's Multiverse H. 1600m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$400000

O'Reilly : Bonville (NZ) (Ruby Lass by Volksraad) 2013;
27/08/2018, 1st Echuca RC Bet365 H. 1600m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$95000

Pentire : Penthouse Playboy (NZ) (Foxy Cougar by Zabeel) 2013;
24/08/2018, 1st Bendigo JC JL King & Co H. 2400m

Per Incanto : Mohaka River (NZ) (Rivertaine by Centaine) 2013;
25/08/2018, 1st Roma TC Space & Storage H. 1640m
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Power : Come Along (NZ) (Game Duchess by Montjeu) 2015;
26/08/2018, 1st Wyong RC Remembering Murray Doyle Maiden P. 1350m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$230000

Roc de Cambes : Dubaiistyle (NZ) (Likeyourstyle by Zabeel) 2012;
26/08/2018, 1st Wyong RC Wyong Cup Prelude H. 2100m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$57500

Savabeel : Grand Bouquet (NZ) (Daffodil by No Excuse Needed) 2015;
23/08/2018, 1st Hawkesbury RC Windsor RSL Club Maiden H. 1300m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$600000

Savabeel : Savvy Oak (NZ) (Fairy Oak by High Chaparral) 2015;
27/08/2018, 1st Echuca RC Leveson Nth Melbourne Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$95000

Tavistock : Encavage (NZ) (Cellaring by Keeper) 2013;
23/08/2018, 1st Warrnambool RC C Kavanagh House R&R H. 2000m

Tavistock : Tavirun (NZ) (Alleyrun by Volksraad) 2015;
25/08/2018, 1st Donald DRC Weir's IGA Maiden P. 1354m
Sold by Ohukia Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$300000

Snitzel : Luen on Dance Kid (NZ) (Dance My Dance by Sadler's Wells) 2014;
26/08/2018, 1st Macau Macau Race Horse Owners Association Bowl 1500m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000



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MALAYSIA

Align : D'Great Ares (NZ) (En Garde by Duelled) 2014;
25/08/2018, 1st Perak TC Jade H. 1600m
Sold by Dormello Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$10000

Captain Rio : Captain Classique (NZ) (Lady Classique by Stravinsky) 2012;
26/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

Edenwold : D'Great Hawk (NZ) (Maggie Piper by Bluebird) 2012;
26/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m

Iffraaj : Empire Bay (NZ) (Lekker Ding by Honour and Glory) 2009;
25/08/2018, 1st Perak TC Dwarf Laurentii H. 1400m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

Thorn Park : Mississippi - Meizu (Mal.) (NZ) (Hasta la Ciao Ciao by Unbridled's Song) 2013;
26/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m

SINGAPORE

Fully Fledged : Key Success (NZ) (Our Final Call by Howbaddouwantit) 2013;
24/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m

Keeper : Rich Fortune (NZ) (Blackrock College by Volksraad) 2012;
24/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji D S. 1100m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Red Giant : Gloria Eclipse (NZ) (Conferencia by More Than Ready) 2014;
24/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji D S. 1100m
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$15000



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