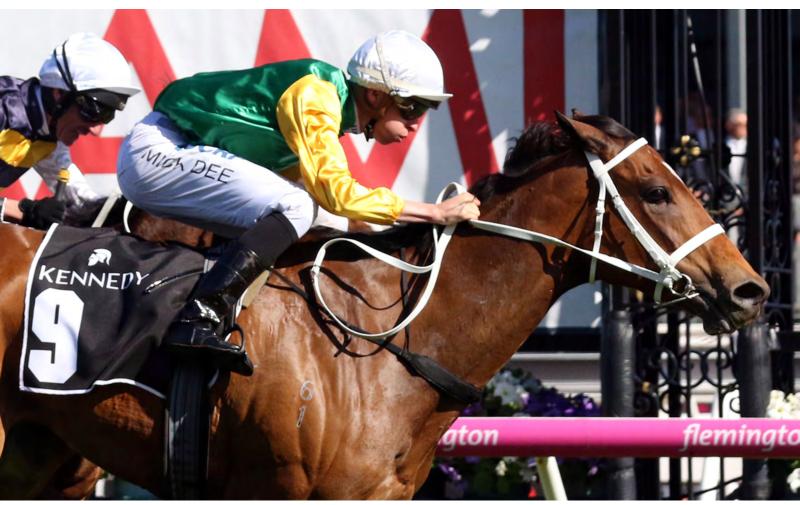
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SHILLELAGH SEEKING FURTHER VICTORIAN RICHES



Consistent mare Shillelagh will seek Group One glory at Caulfield tomorrow

onsistent mare **Shillelagh (NZ)** (Savabeel) will attempt to double her career Group One tally when she tackles the Toorak Handicap (1600m) at Caulfield tomorrow.

The Chris Waller trained seven-year-old finished an eye-catching fourth at her last run in the Gr.1 Epsom Handicap (1600m) at Randwick, motoring home in the closing stages to finish just over a length behind the eventual winner Hartnell (Authorized).

The performance convinced Waller that the mare, who has won seven of her 27 starts including the Gr.1 Cantala Stakes (1600m) during last year's spring carnival, was worth sending south from his Sydney base to contest some of the upcoming Melbourne features.

"We sent her down here (Melbourne) because of the wet weather in Sydney," he said.

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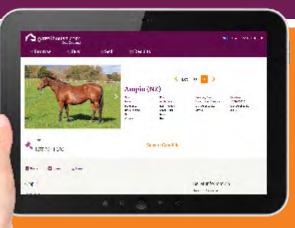
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"I was expecting to run her over 2000m but I feel the mile on a better track is going to give her a better chance to perform.

"She gets in pretty well at the weights considering her high rating, her two runs back from her spell have been very good and her run in the Epsom was as good as any in the race."

Waller is of the opinion that punters may have overlooked his mare's chances on Saturday.

"Everybody has spoken highly about the first three home (in the Epsom) but Shillelagh has been the forgotten horse," he said.

"She came from fifteenth at the 400m and was beaten only a length.

"In my opinion, she is a very worthy chance of putting another VIC (Victoria) Group One next to her name.

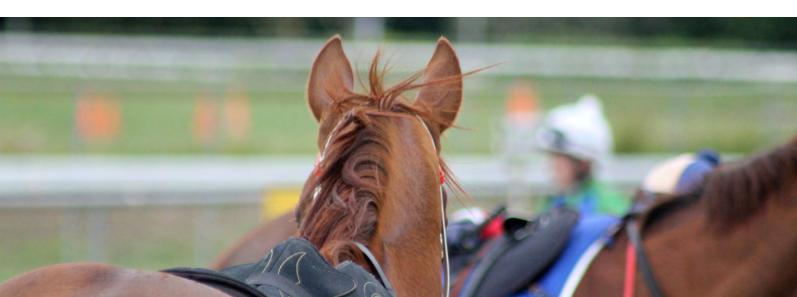
Shillelagh is raced by owners Christopher and Susanna Grace and was sent to Waller's Sydney stable after winning four of her first six starts from the powerful Te Akau Racing stable at Matamata.

Ex-pat kiwi Michael Walker will take the ride on the mare who has drawn barrier nine in the eighteen-horse field.

Shillelagh will be joined in the Toorak by another former kiwi galloper in Kingsguard (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle). The Rip Van Winkle six-year-old, who races for an ownership group that includes Windsor Park Stud and several staff members, comes into the race off the back of a gritty second placing over 1500m behind race-rival Noire (Foxwedge) at his last start.

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FORMER KIWIS LEAD WEIR'S CAULFIELD STAKES CHARGE

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Night's Watch (NZ)
(Redwood) and
Humidor (NZ) (Teofilo)
form two of a threepronged attack champion
trainer Darren Weir will
have on Saturday's Gr.1
Caulfield Stakes (2000m),
with Japanese import
Tosen Basil (Harbinger)
the other member of the
team.

Rising star Night's
Watch is likely to back
up in Saturday week's
Gr.1 Caulfield Cup
(2400m) if he performs
to trainer Darren Weir's
expectations in this
weekend's Gr.1 Caulfield
Stakes (2000m)

Night's Watch is in great shape," Weir said.

"I guess each time he has gone to the races he has taken the right steps. More importantly, he has taken the right steps at home, too.

"He looks a lot better at home after each run.

"I am looking forward to seeing where he fits in, as this will be the best opposition he has taken on.

"He should get a good run from the barrier (3) and, if he runs through the line strongly, he will definitely be



Impressive last start winner Night's Watch tackles the Gr.1 Caulfield Stakes tomorrow

backing up in the Caulfield Cup."

"I think he will run 2400m (of the Caulfield Cup) and he has had the ideal preparation.

"He hasn't been an easy horse to train but he has got a lot better and now he is very manageable and is even racing better."

Weir is also pleased with the progress of triple Group One winner Humidor, who was originally trained by Johno Benner and Hollie Wynyard in New Zealand.

"Humidor is going great and he's racing really well," Weir said.

"Everyone keeps saying his manners are better this preparation, but I'd have to say the barrier has probably had a bit to do with that.

"He has drawn barrier one in three of his last four starts, which means that he can just go to sleep on the fence and then not get on one rein and hang like he can often do.

"He has grown up a bit and he's going as well as he can."

Humidor, who has incredibly drawn the inside gate at five of his past seven starts, has drawn barrier seven in the field of 12 on Saturday.





LIVIN' ON A PRAYER POISED TO STRIKE AT HAWERA

trip to Riccarton awaits progressive Matamata mare Livin' On A Prayer (NZ) (Redwood) if she proves competitive in Saturday's Gr.3 Rich Hill Stud Taranaki

Breeders' Stakes (1400m) at Hawera.

Trainer and part-owner Wayne
Hillis has earmarked the impressive
last-start Avondale winner for a shot
at the Gr.2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile at
Riccarton on November 14 and wants
to see her measure up to her fellow
mares at weight-for-age this weekend.

Livin' On A Prayer finished fifth to Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) in the Gr.2 Westbury Classic (1400m) at Ellerslie in her only previous start in Group company but Hillis believes she is a better racehorse now.

"She raced well in her first Group race but this is another tough field so it won't be easy for her," Hillis said.

"It was a very good win at Avondale. She had improved from her first run back so we'd expected her to run well. She's thriving since that win too."

A winner of five of her 14 starts, Redwood five-year-old Livin' On A Prayer has drawn barrier seven for the Taranaki Breeders' Stakes, in which she will be ridden by Shaun McKay.

"This is the race that fitted in best ahead of her trip to Riccarton. She should go well," Hillis said.

TAB bookmakers opened Livin' On A Prayer as a \$4.60 favourite for the

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Livin' On A Prayer will continue her build-up to Riccarton with a run at Hawera on Saturday





LIVIN' ON A PRAYER POISED TO STRIKE AT HAWERA

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Hawera feature ahead of Darscape Princess at \$5 and Yearn at \$7.50.

Hillis has the Gr.3 Valachi Downs Canterbury Breeders' Stakes (1400m) as a backup race but favours the Coupland's Mile the same day.

He also has last-start Tauranga winner **Watch This Space (NZ)** (Elusive City) on track for the Coupland's Mile, with a start in the 1400m open handicap at Ellerslie on October 27 his leadup race.

Exciting three-year-old **Bit Lippy** (**NZ**) (Showcasing) will also be part of the Riccarton travelling team, the clinical last-start Avondale winner

resuming last month set to tackle the Gr.2 James and Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes (1400m) at Te Rapa on October 22 as his leadup to the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton on November 10.

"He's come through that race well and he'll improve a ton, just like Livin' On A Prayer did with her first run. He's in good condition but he'll improve even more going into the Sarten," Hillis said.

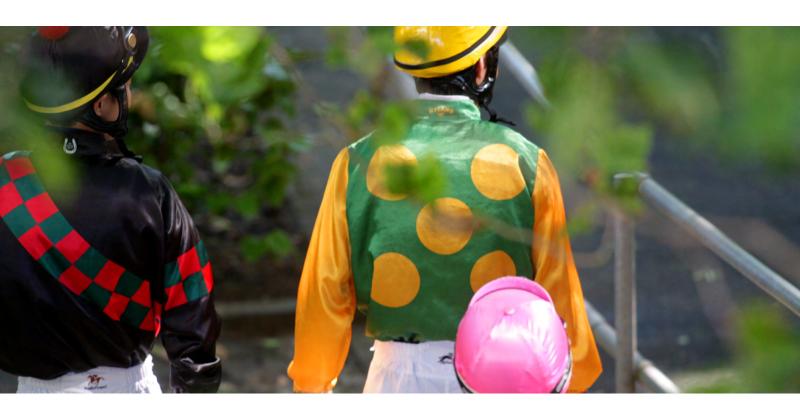
Another stable member in line for a trip south is **Imelda Mary (NZ)** (Felax), though Hillis is likely to bypass the three-year-old race she has been

accepted for at Matamata on Saturday in favour of a 1600m maiden race at Tauranga to further her claims for the Gr.1 gavelhouse.com 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton on November 17.

A wide draw for Alphastar (NZ) (Battle Paint) means Hillis won't have a runner at Matamata on Saturday but he will saddle Liquid Inspiration (NZ) (Iffraaj) in the Corzon Maize 1200 at Hawera.

"She should go all right. There's meant to be rain about and she likes a bit of give in the track," he said.

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Seabrook (NZ) (Hinchinbrook)

Dunn out to enhance top Caulfield record

Dwayne Dunn has an enviable list of big-race wins at Caulfield to his name and the jockey is striving to add to it on one of Victorian racing's feature spring days.

Dunn will partner **Seabrook (NZ)** (Hinchinbrook) in the Gr.1 Thousand Guineas (1600m) and as well as having a new jockey aboard, Seabrook will have blinkers on in a race for the first time.

With Damien Oliver riding Vega Magic (Lope De Vega) in Sydney in Saturday's The Everest (1200m), Dunn got the call-up to ride Seabrook who is a Group One winner over the Thousand Guineas distance as a two-year-old in the Champagne Stakes at Randwick.

Dunn got the chance to jump aboard Seabrook on Tuesday morning in trackwork at Caulfield when the filly wore blinkers and worked in company with her Caulfield Guineas-bound stablemate Tavisan (NZ) (Tavistock).

"She worked well and she seems to be in good order," Dunn said.

"The only chink in her armour is her last start in Sydney and she pulled up with the thumps. So if you take that out of the equation the rest of her form is really good."

Dunn believes the blinkers will also be a benefit for Seabrook who is set to jump from barrier nine in the field of 15.

Dunn also has in-form mare I Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible) in the Gr.1 Toorak Handicap (1600m).

Guineas gear change looms for Vassilator

A poor performance in a lead-up race has not deterred **Vassilator's (NZ)** (Zacinto) trainer Colin Little from pressing ahead to the Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) with the Zacinto colt.

The three-year-old finished last in the Caulfield Guineas Prelude on September



Vassilator (NZ) (Zacinto)

30 and after undergoing a veterinary inspection will take his place in the Group One feature on Saturday.

Little has experimented with blinkers and different headgear in the past week in a bid to get the colt to settle.

"He started over-racing last start and put his head in the air and lost all chance," Little said.

"He has had a little trait of flipping his head around before but not to that extent." Little first began thinking of the Caulfield Guineas after Vassilator strung together

The colt is a \$25,000 graduate of the New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale.

victories at Flemington in April and May.



Peaceful (NZ) (Savabeel)

Peaceful ready for Guineas test

New Zealand filly **Peaceful (NZ)** (Savabeel) steps up to Group One level on Saturday in the Thousand Guineas (1600m) at Caulfield.

Peaceful, who is trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, was an unlucky sixth over 1400m at Flemington last Saturday.

She didn't enjoy a clear run with Cross Legend (Sebring) clipping her heels near the 200m as Damian Lane was trying to weave a passage through the inside.

"It's fair to say if she got a decent run she would have been right in the finish last

Saturday," Baker said.

"It is hard to compare New Zealand form to Australian form but I was encouraged by what she did in her first run in Australia.

"Drawing barrier 12 in the Thousand Guineas is not ideal but one thing I will say is she will be strong late and will eat up the 1600m.



Luvaluva (NZ) (Mastercraftsman)

Luvaluva to relish wet Randwick

A rain-affected track is shaping as the pivotal factor for **Luvaluva (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) in her bid to return to the winners' circle in the Gr.3 Craven Plate (2000m) at Randwick.

Trainer John Sargent said the mare struggled to stretch out on the firm ground when fifth to Ace High (High Chaparral) in the Gr.2 Hill Stakes (2000m) two weeks ago.

With Randwick expected to at least be rated in the slow range on Saturday, Sargent anticipates an improved performance.

"Michael Walker just said when he challenged her the other day she didn't let down on the firm track so it should be perfect on Saturday," Sargent said.

"It's a nice race on Saturday on her home track."

It will be her final run in Sydney before she heads to Melbourne for a hit-and-run mission during the Melbourne Cup carnival.

"She'll be at peak fitness on Saturday and she'll go from there to the Matriarch at Flemington on the last day of the carnival, probably with a trial in between," Sargent said.

A daughter of Mastercraftsman, Luvaluva is a \$55,000 graduate of the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale of 2YOs.



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Flashy filly to make debut

Utzon (NZ) (Charm Spirit) will be hard to miss when she makes her race day debut in Saturday's Listed Debutant Stakes (1000m) at Caulfield.

The all-white daughter of Charm Spirit was impressive when winning her heat at the Cranbourne trials on Monday and James McDonald will partner the two-year-old filly from gate 11.

Purchased at the New Zealand Bloodstock Book 1 sale for \$120,000 out of the draft of Windsor Park Stud, Utzon is trained by Ciaron Maher and David Eustace for Yu Long Investments.



Rip Em Up (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

Guineas aspirations on the line at Matamata

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh will get a better guide to his Classic prospects following Saturday's Matamata meeting.

Marsh will saddle maiden filly Rip Em Up (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) in the Fairview Motors Matamata (1400m), while blue-blooded colt Vernanme (NZ) (O'Reilly) will take on older horses in the Stanley Group Maiden (1600m).

Rip Em Up produced an eye-catching performance when closing well for second on debut at Avondale behind Group Three winner Bit Lippy (NZ) (Showcasing) but will have to overcome a wide draw in barrier 12 on Saturday. Full story here

Guineas build-up continues for Avantage

Last season's champion two-year-old Avantage (Fastnet Rock) is likely to step out over 1400m at Matamata on Saturday as she continues her build-up towards the Gr.1 gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in November.

The daughter of Fastnet Rock returned to the racetrack in style last month when winning the Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders'



Avantage (Fastnet Rock)

Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) with trainer Jamie Richards aiming to have the Group One winner at her peak for the Guineas.

"She'll have two more races before Riccarton," Te Akau principal David Ellis said.

"If Jamie is happy with her she will run at Matamata on Saturday and then she will run in the Soliloguy Stakes (Gr.3, 1400m) so that the Guineas will be her fourth run this time in."



The Tailors Niece (NZ) (Showcasing)

Showcasing filly salutes on debut

A week after two-year-old Showcasing filly Last Sight (NZ) won on debut at Ruakaka, Valachi Downs principal Kevin Hickman struck again with another filly by the same sire, **The Tailors Niece (NZ**), on debut at Tauherenikau.

Trained by John Bary at Hastings, The Tailors Niece was last early in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2YO (1000m) but drew away late in the piece to prove too strong for her rivals.

The Tailors Niece is out of a half-sister to Valachi Down's stallion Savile Row, who is standing his first season at stud.

"We're over the moon," Valachi Downs stud manager Jonathan Scully said.

"We've had two two-year-old starters, both by Showcasing and both winners. It's a great start to the season for Kevin and nice

that she's from Savile Row's family.

"She was professional to the line and pulled away. It might have been a small field, but she came up against some promising horses.

"Last Sight and The Tailors Niece appear two promising fillies in the scale of things so far this season and they could both be capable of getting some black type."

Our Flying Ace continues Richards run

Jamie Richards has enjoyed a strong start to his solo training career and the head trainer for the powerful Te Akau Racing operation saddled a further two winners and three placegetters at Riccarton on Tuesday.

Richards, who until this season trained in partnership with Stephen Autridge, has sent out 22 winners already this term.

Our Flying Ace (NZ) (Darci Brahma) made it two wins from two starts when successful in the Inglewood Stud Guineas Trial (1400m) by a neck from Fire Show (NZ) (Showcasing), with Emily Margaret (NZ) (Pins) a length away in third in what was a sedately run race.

"I think he's an improving horse and he will come on again for that win," Richards said.

"He's probably a horse that's going to be better when ridden a bit further back. and chasing them, but from the wide gate today we wanted to take bad luck out of the equation and push forward. He kept up a good gallop and can only improve for the experience."

Richards said Our Flying Ace would have one more run before contesting the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) on November 10.

"He will either go to the Barneswood Farm at Ashburton, or the Zacinto back here at Riccarton."

Earlier on the program Richards saddled the first two past the post in the Nobby Bussell Memorial Two Year Old (800m), with Fastnet Rock filly Puysegur just edging stablemate Challa (Dissident).

Puysegur is a three-quarter sister to the stable's star three-year-old Avantage (Fastnet Rock), who also won the corresponding race on debut last year.

Puysegur is raced by her South Island breeders Willie and Karen Calder.

"She's very much like Avantage, but a slightly bigger version and hopefully she can be half as good," Willie Calder said.





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Madison County (NZ) (Pins)

Kiss of death mare proves a winner

A decision taken just on eighteen months ago to try and establish themselves in the competitive world of thoroughbred breeding is on the cusp of paying some serious dividends for Cambridge couple Craig and Steph Dunphy.

Originally from King Country, and both with a farming background, the Dunphys had spent fourteen years in the dairy industry on family owned properties in Southland before deciding to return north with their two children in 2015.

While still actively involved in the management of their farms in the South Island, the Dunphys purchased the Karapiro property formerly known as Darley Park, now rebranded Oakfield Farm. Set on fifty acres of fertile grassland the Dunphys run a beef fattening operation along with a thriving farm-stay accommodation business and now a boutique thoroughbred nursery. Full story here



Michael & Matthew Pitman

Pitman on the mend

Early indications are positive for Riccarton trainer Michael Pitman, who underwent surgery for bowel cancer on Monday.

The 63-year-old, who trains in partnership with his son Matthew, prepared Savvy Coup

(NZ) (Savabeel) to win last Saturday's Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m).

The daughter of Savabeel will now head to Melbourne for a clash with Winx (Street Cry) in the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) on October 27 and Pitman is hoping to recover in time to be trackside.

"We were anxiously waiting yesterday," Matthew Pitman said. Full story here



Mark Two (NZ) (Pins)

Marsh mares aiming for more Sydney prizemoney

The Stephen Marsh-trained mares **Campari (NZ)** (O'Reilly) and **Mark Two (NZ)** (Pins) both successfully broke their maidens at Gosford last week and the Cambridge conditioner is looking forward to their next starts and winning further Australian prizemoney.

"Mark Two runs at Randwick on October 27 in a Rating 78 over 2000m," Marsh said. "It is a A\$125,000 race and she is rated 76, so she has to go to a Saturday meeting now.

"Campari will run at Warwick Farm on October 24 in a BenchMark 70 over 1400m.

"The trip is paid for now, so whatever we can do now we will get a little bit of spending money."

Meanwhile, Marsh has reported stablemate Santa Catarina (NZ) (Savabeel) has arrived back in New Zealand following a disappointing two-start Sydney campaign.

"She will have a little break and we will just assess how long it takes her to bounce before she comes back into work, but I don't suspect it will be too long," he said.

Julius on track for Rotorua

Talented sprinter **Julius (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) prepared for a return to racing in the Gr.3 Sweynesse Stakes (1215m) at Rotorua on Saturday week with an exhibition gallop at Taupo on Wednesday under regular rider Jason Waddell.



Julius (NZ) (Swiss Ace)

"He feels good," Waddell said. "He is a bit of a big goof by himself and it is his first time at Taupo and it is pretty open and windy, but he ran home really well.

"It's a day out for him and that will bring him on nicely for next Saturday."

Waddell said he was looking forward to riding Julius in feature sprints over the summer and believed he would bounce back from his narrow defeat at the hands of Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m).

"Melody Belle has proven that she is probably the best horse in the country at the moment," Waddell said.

"I knew she was pretty special that day she beat us at Te Rapa as he is a hard horse to get past. She showed her fighting qualities and went on and franked the form.

"He is a tough competitor and the last time he got beaten by a nose he came out and won his next four straight.

A dual Group Three winner, Julius has won seven of his 12 starts and been placed in the other five.



Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky)

Stars freshened for more big missions

Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky) is set to continue along the Group One path after enjoying a well-earned brief let-up,



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while plans for the exciting stablemate Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) are still to be confirmed.

Our Abbadean contested all three legs of the Hawke's Bay Triple Crown and acquitted herself well on each occasion, following up a third to stablemate Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) and an unlucky fifth to the same stablemate in the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) with a creditable fifth in last Saturday's Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m).

Te Akau Shark created a huge impression when powering away with the Gr.3 Red Badge Spring Sprint (1400m), taking his record to four wins and a fourth (Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas) from just five starts.

Both horses are now enjoying some quiet time before again being tested in feature events. Full story here



Sir Charles Road (Myboycharlie)

Coongy next for Sir Charles Road Kiwi stayer Sir Charles Road

(Myboycharlie) spiked a temperature after finishing fourth in the Gr.3 MRC Foundation Cup (2000m) at Caulfield last month but is back on track according to co-trainer Lance O'Sullivan.

The David Archer-owned five-year-old was only an outside chance of making the field for the Gr.1 Caulfield Cup (2400m) for which he is 36th in order of entry and will now contest the Gr.3 Coongy Cup (2000m) on the undercard.

"His temperature has been fine for ten days," O'Sullivan said.

"We are looking to run him in the Coongy and depending on how he runs in that we will make a decision from there."

O'Sullivan, who trains in partnership with Andrew Scott, was delighted with the gelding's performance last start.

"It was his first run over ground and his first run for three weeks, so we knew there

was a lot of natural improvement in the horse.

"That is what we were excited about as much as anything was the improvement to come.

"We couldn't have been happier. I thought it was a great run.

"It was really good feedback from Dwayne Dunn and he gave the horse a good ride from the gate. He said he probably just peaked on his run, which is understandable."

O'Sullivan said he was hopeful Dunn would stick with the reigning New Zealand Stayer of the Year.



Big Mike (NZ) (Don Eduardo)

Mike may join Savvy at Valley

Dual Group One winner Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel) might not be the only Livamol Classic contestant to compete at Moonee Valley on October 27.

While the Michael and Matthew Pitmantrained Savvy Coup sealed her upcoming clash with the champion Winx (Street Cry) in the Gr.1 A\$5 million Ladbrokes Cox Plate (2040m) with an overwhelming win in the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings last Saturday, connections of the main placegetters are left finalising immediate plans for their charges.

Included in that group is Cambridge trainer Craig Phelan, who has now included the Gr.2 Moonee Valley Gold Cup (2500m) on Cox Plate day among the options for **Big Mike (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) following his creditable sixth in the Livamol Classic. Full story here

McKay to be patient with three-year-olds

Matamata trainer Peter McKay has taken a patient approach with a pair of progressive three-year-olds.

Langkawi (NZ) (Helmet), an impressive 1400m winner at Hastings last Saturday will be kept for targets in the summer and



Langkawi (NZ) (Helmet)

autumn, while multiple stakes performer **Cavallo Veloce (NZ)** (O'Reilly) will also be patiently handled.

"Langkawi has gone out to the paddock for a couple of weeks and he will start back in mid-November," McKay said.

"Towards the end of November there is a Group race at either Otaki or Ellerslie and then on to some of the staying races a bit later on.

Cavallo Veloce finished eighth in last Saturday's Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m) after racing prominently throughout, and McKay will now look to bypass the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m).

"I was still toying with the idea of giving him one more run to go down to Christchurch, but we just decided this morning we will wait and target the races coming into Christmas and go from there."

"We rode him upside down last time. We pushed him forward a little bit and it was a fast run race."



Embellish (NZ) (Savabeel)

Another trial for Embellish

Group One winner **Embellish (NZ)** (Savabeel) is on target to have a further



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trial this month as is stablemate **Chance To Dance** (Teofilo).

Winner of last year's Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m), Embellish hasn't raced since a two-start Melbourne autumn campaign which ended with his eighth in the Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m) behind Grunt.

The son of Savabeel was unplaced in a 935m trial at Cambridge last Tuesday and is likely to compete at the Waipa trials on October 18.

"He'd been off for a long time and needed that trial last week," trainer Jamie Richards said.

"He's also had his issues so we'll get a better line on him at the Waipa trials."

Chance To Dance, winner of the Listed Karaka Classic (1600m) and the Gr.3 OMF Stakes (2000m) last year, has also had one trial since he was unplaced in the Gr.3 Trentham Stakes (2100m) last January.

He finished third in an open 900m heat at the Te Rapa trials on August 21.

"He was almost ready to go but returned an ordinary blood (test) so we backed off him a bit," Richards said. "He'll trial at the end of the month."

Paulownia (Fastnet Rock), runner-up to Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar) in last March's Gr.2 Wellington Guineas (1400m), is also likely to trial later this month.

"She's coming to hand nicely and we'll make plans for her after the trial," Richards said.

Payment oversight means Ladies First will miss Cup

Allan Sharrock says he has nobody but himself to blame after missing the first acceptance payment for next month's A\$7 million Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m), rendering Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m) winner **Ladies First (NZ)** (Dylan Thomas) ineligible to start.

The New Plymouth trainer was alerted to his mistake when talking to co-owner Humphrey O'Leary, who noted that there were 85 horses remaining in contention after Tuesday's first acceptances.

Sharrock hurriedly made calls to Victoria Racing Club and Racing Victoria officials and took advice off racing administrators and fellow trainers in New Zealand but to no avail. Full story here

Shamexpress gelding tops 2YO Sale

A gelded son of **Shamexpress** topped Monday's Magic Millions Gold Coast 2YOs in Training Sale when selling to Thai interests for \$320,000.

Krit Chittaseni teamed up with Waterford Bloodstock to secure the day's top seller on what was a fruitful afternoon for leading New South Wales horsewoman and vendor Melanie O'Gorman.

The Shamexpress gelding is a half-brother to three winners including the Adelaide winner and stakes placegetter Coachella (NZ) (Mastercraftsman).

He is set to join the Kranji stable of leading

Singapore trainer Michael Clements.

Windsor Park Stud stallion Shamexpress has made a strong start to his stallion career, siring seven winners including the stakes performers Cyber Attack (NZ), London Express (NZ) and Qiji Express (NZ).

TAB backing homegrown heroes In Melbourne

Three of the heavyweights of New Zealand racing have gathered to plan their assault on the Melbourne Spring Racing carnival.

Sydney based trainer Chris Waller, Cambridge trainer Murray Baker and Waikato ex-pat Jockey James McDonald joined forces to help promote the 2018 TAB campaign 'Kiwi's for the Cup'.

The trio have won nearly 170 of Australasia's most prestigious races between them - but so far the greatest prize in racing - the Melbourne Cup - has eluded them. Full story here

Ready To Run Breeze Ups to get underway

Around 420 two-year-olds bound for the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run sale will be put through their paces early next week at Te Rapa racecourse.

Breeze Ups will be held on Monday and Tuesday with the first heat to get underway at 10am on both days.

Horses to be timed from the 200m mark to the winning post with video clips available by the end of the week.

To view the Breeze Up schedule click here



GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS **04/10/2018 - 10/10/2018**

AUSTRALIA

Bachelor Duke : Night Voyage (NZ) (Silver Skies by Stravinsky) 2012; 06/10/2018, 1st WATC Crown Perth H. 1000m

Darci Brahma: Drink the Rainbow (NZ) (Daphne Manners by One Cool Cat) 2014;

07/10/2018, 1st Northam RC Ladies in Racing Magazine Maiden P. 2200m

Echoes of Heaven: Bold Success (NZ) (La Luciole by Last Tycoon) 2013;

06/10/2018, 1st WATC Devil's Lair H. 1300m

Ferlax: Rare Episode (NZ) (Sister Phenomenon by Rock of Gibraltar) 2015;

04/10/2018, 1st Gosford RC Melbourne Cup at Teg Maiden P. 1100m Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Helmet: She's a Diplomat (NZ) (Bound to Impress by Galileo) 2014; 05/10/2018, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC KFNC Funday Session Oct Maiden P. 2000m

Highly Recommended : The Wild Cat (NZ) (Five Coats by Coats Choice) 2014;

05/10/2018, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Bet365 Maiden P. 1450m Sold by Berkley Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$18000

Mastercraftsman: Perun (NZ) (Thunderchine by Thunder Gulch) 2014:

10/10/2018, 1st TTC Bidfood Launceston H. 2100m Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

O'Reilly: Campari (NZ) (Lillet by Zabeel) 2014;

04/10/2018, 1st Gosford RC Legends of League Maiden H. 1100m Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Pentire: Penny to Sell (NZ) (Stretto by Dance Floor) 2011; 10/10/2018, 1st Bendigo JC Bet365 H. 1300m

Pins: Ivoryman (NZ) (Everyday by O'Reilly) 2013;

10/10/2018, 1st TTC Halloween Spooktakular H. 1400m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Pins: Mark Two (NZ) (Zephyr Song by Danasinga) 2014; 04/10/2018, 1st Gosford RC De Bortoli Maiden P. 1600m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000 **Pins : Fomo (NZ) (Misty by Howbaddouwantit) 2013;** 06/10/2018, 1st Toowoomba TC Wearing Memories H. 1000m Sold by Fairdale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Reliable Man: Leading Girl (NZ) (Chuckle by Danehill) 2015; 06/10/2018, 1st WATC David Grays Aglink P. 1400m Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Reliable Man: True Gent (NZ) (Zaria by Zabeel) 2014; 08/10/2018, 1st Kilmore TC Yea Probus Maiden P. 2100m Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$95000

Rip Van Winkle : Peak Hill (NZ) (Off and On by Cape Cross) 2014; 06/10/2018, 1st Toowoomba TC Hospital Foundation H. 1875m Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

Road to Rock: Jagger (NZ) (Rising High by Jetball) 2011; 09/10/2018, 1st Goulburn DRC Spring Merino Stayers H. 2800m Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$10000

Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Savabeel: Johnny Vinko (NZ) (Brazen by O'Reilly) 2014; 06/10/2018, 1st SAJC Metal-Link H. 2250m Sold by Kilmore Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$240000 Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

Sufficient: Adatto (NZ) (Brindillemousse by Last Tycoon) 2013; 06/10/2018, 1st SAJC Mypunter.com H. 1550m Sold by J. P. Wills at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000 Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$25000

Swiss Ace: Hingus Rose (NZ) (Rose o' War by Danehill) 2014; 06/10/2018, 1st BRC CJA International Division H. 1200m

Tavistock: Irish Shotgun (NZ) (Classic Fingers by Classic Fame) 2014; 06/10/2018, 1st Gunnedah JC TAB a Quaddie at Gunnedah Maiden P. 1600m

Sold by Kilmore Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$155000

Zacinto: Miss Mandito (NZ) (Mandy O'Reilly by O'Reilly) 2014; 05/10/2018, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Bet365 Maiden P. 1450m



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HONG KONG

Align: Ryan Jim - The Judge (H.K.) (NZ) (Annalee by Kingdom Bay) 2012;

10/10/2018, 1st HKJC Wistaria H. 1650m

High Chaparral : The Show (NZ) (The Quarewan by Supremo) 2010; 10/10/2018, 1st HKJC Cassia H. 1200m Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$320000

Rios : Regency Honey (NZ) (Bella Boyd by Star Way) 2013; 10/10/2018, 1st HKJC Cassia H. 1200m

Jimmy Choux: Blitzing (NZ) (Fast Fame by Fast 'n' Famous) 2014; 10/10/2018, 1st HKJC Osmanthus H. 1200m Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$46000

Per Incanto: Morethanlucky (NZ) (Viking Angel by Viking Ruler) 2013;

07/10/2018, 1st HKJC Yew H. 1400m Sold by Mana Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$210000 Sold by Westend Partnership at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

High Chaparral : The Show (NZ) (The Quarewan by Supremo) 2010; 10/10/2018, 1st HKJC Cassia H. 1200m Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$320000

Rios: Regency Honey (NZ) (Bella Boyd by Star Way) 2013; 10/10/2018, 1st HKJC Cassia H. 1200m

MACAU

Captain Rio: Infinite Treasure (NZ) (Red Mary by Faltaat) 2013; 06/10/2018, 1st Macau Reform H. 1200m Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$31000

MALAYSIA

Alamosa : Gold Mosa (NZ) (Pinot Grieve by Pins) 2012; 06/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1600m Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Bullbars : Energizer (NZ) (Montwest by Montjeu) 2013; 07/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC Rule of Law S. 1200m Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Elusive City: These Streets (NZ) (Conquering Beauty by I Conquer) 2009;

07/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC Macau Jockey Club Goodwill Cup 1200m Sold by Phoenix Park at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$18000

Mastercraftsman: Taramea (NZ) (Wildcat Woman by Forest Wildcat) 2011:

07/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC Sungai Besi Autoworld Cup 1200m Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$47500

MALAYSIA (CONT.)

Rip Van Winkle: Deadline Day (NZ) (Scarlet Runner by Kingdom Bay) 2013:

07/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC A New Malaysia S. 1200m Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

Roc de Cambes : French Vintage (NZ) (Marlena by Zabeel) 2011; 06/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC Melbourne Racing Club Trophy 1200m Sold by The Oaks Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Sakhee's Secret : Pete's Secret - Star Strike (Sing.) (NZ) (My Diva by Slavic) 2011;

07/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC Bouncing Back S. 1600m

Stravinsky: Happy Start (NZ) (Glamorous Girl by Thorn Park) 2013; 07/10/2018, 1st Selangor TC New Dawn S. 1200m Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$42500

SINGAPORE

Casino Prince: What's New (NZ) (Pussycat Dream by Oasis Dream) 2014;

07/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1600m

Coats Choice: Shoot Up High (NZ) (Endrita by End Sweep) 2013; 05/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m Sold by Berkley Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$42500

O'Reilly: Now You See (NZ) (Fabulist by Savabeel) 2014; 07/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji S. 1100m

Onceuponatime: Prince Alexander (NZ) (Market Leader by Marju) 2013;

07/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m

Savabeel: Molineux (NZ) (Peony by Pins) 2014; 07/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$125000

Sea the Stars: Sacred Sea (NZ) (Gipsy Countess by Sadler's Wells) 2013;

05/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1800m

Zed: Centurion (NZ) (Taupaki Flight by British Banker) 2014; 05/10/2018, 1st Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m

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Buffalo Man: Peach Cove (NZ) (Tennisciti Belle by Citidancer) 2012; 04/10/2018, 1st Santa Anita Claiming 1600m



