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MCKEE HOPING SYDNEY WEATHER FORECASTERS HAVE IT RIGHT FOR THE WEEKEND



What's The Story is ready to tackle the big time in Sydney this weekend as he bids for top spot in the Gr. 1 BMW Australian Derby at Randwick

While a number of his kiwi counterparts are hoping for some rain to hit Sydney over the next two weeks local trainer Stephen McKee has his fingers crossed that the Australian forecasters have it spot on with their predictions for this Saturday.

McKee will head to Australia on Wednesday with New Zealand Derby runner-up **What's The Story (NZ)** (Savabeel) who will tackle the rich Gr. 1 BMW Australian Derby (2400m) on the first day of The Championships carnival that kicks off at Randwick on Saturday.

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TARZINO (NZ) (Tavistock) wins the **Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas** 19-3-16



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It will be the first time in four years that McKee has ventured across the Tasman to tackle racings best although he is no stranger to success in Sydney through the deeds of champion galloper Sunline (NZ) (Desert Sun) and redoubtable sprinter/miler Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire).

"It's good to be heading over again as it's a few years since I've gone over to tackle one of their big races," he noted.

"We've enjoyed some success there so it would be nice to think we could do it again although I'm acutely aware of the big task we have on Saturday as there are some very classy customers we're taking on.

"Tarzino is the form horse and Tally looks like a potential star as well but we're not going to be scared off by them."

Despite the challenge McKee is confident of the chances of the three-year-old Savabeel gelding he prepares in partnership with Eddie Chippendale, after What's The Story

went within a whisker of snaring the New Zealand Derby at his last start.

"He went a super race in the Derby and has pleased us since," he said.

"We gave him a couple of days off as he had had two very big runs in a row and he freshened up nicely.

"You would think on what he has done to date that 2400 metres on the big Randwick track is tailor made for him.

"The main thing now will be striking a good track as we know he doesn't really cop it when it gets wet. I've been watching the forecasts and they all seem to say there will be some rain early in the week but fining up from Thursday onwards.

"If that's the case then the track should be spot on and we are hoping can replicate his New Zealand Derby form."

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VALLEY GIRL READY FOR OAKS CHALLENGE

The smile that kiwi trainer Donna Logan sported after racing at Rosehill on the weekend suggests she knows another prestigious Australian Group One prize is within her grasp again in less than a fortnight.

Logan was reacting to the performance of Mastercraftsman filly **Valley Girl (NZ)** who provided the perfect Australian Oaks lead-up performance when she powered home for second in Saturday's Gr. 1 Vinery Stud Stakes.



Saturday's Gr. 1 Vinery Stud Stakes runner-up Valley Girl

"She went a superb race on Saturday and with the natural improvement she will take from the run I couldn't be happier leading into the Oaks," she said.

"We had given her an easy time after her New Zealand Derby effort and although I expected her to be competitive I did know she would take plenty of benefit from Saturday.

"She raced a little handier than I expected as I had said to Brett (Prebble) to see if he could settle her three or four back and off the fence. He said she bounded out of the gates and crossed over easily so he let her nestle into the trail and she trucked along beautifully after that.

"He said she really extended in the last 100 metres and if she could have had a good sight of the eventual winner instead of being blinded a little by the filly on her outside it might have even been closer at the line."

As pleased as she was with Valley Girl's performance Logan also admitted her superstitions around winning the Oaks were also appeased by the run.

"It may sound a little funny but each time we have done

well in the Oaks our filly has run in the first four in this race," she laughed.

"Habibi finished third then fourth in the Oaks while Rising Romance was fourth to Lucia Valentina before she came out and won.

"Hopefully we can keep that trend going with this filly."

Logan will now turn her attention to Saturday's \$3m Gr. 1 Doncaster Handicap where multiple Group One winner Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock) will tackle a line-up of superstars including the darling of Australian racing, Winx (Street Cry).

"He couldn't be better leading into the race but it will be a very big ask, especially with the likes of Winx in the race," she said.

"I doubt whether he will ever get to carry 52.5kgs in a race ever again so we've got take our chances as you don't get a prize for sitting at home."

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NAHEMA BOUNCES BACK IN STYLE AT TAURANGA

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh was quick to admit that relief was his first emotion before delight set in after watching enigmatic three-year-old filly **Nahema (NZ)** (Per Incanto) destroy her rivals over 1200 metres at Tauranga on Saturday.

Marsh has endured a frustrating run with the Per Incanto filly who stamped herself as a potential top performer when she finished an unlucky second in the Gr. 2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes just over twelve months ago. Since then Marsh has battled to get the best from his charge with a series of disappointing performances in her three-year-old campaign having him searching for explanations after every run.

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| Race | BOP RC Triton Pacific Owens P. 1300m. |
| Winner | Nahema (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | Homebush Partnership No.5 Syndicate (Mgr: B Perry) |
| Trainer | Stephen Marsh (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Per Incanto (USA) out of Our Prized Rose by Prized (USA) |
| Breeder | Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd; Central; NZ |
| Sales | 2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Little Avondale Stud \$10000 P: Bruce Perry B/stock |



Promising filly Nahema returns to winning form in style at Tauranga on the weekend

"We just haven't been able to work out what has been going on with her during this preparation," he admitted 24 hours after her Tauranga victory.

"She would work the tracks down during the week and then come raceday she just wouldn't put in. We would go over her with a fine tooth comb but couldn't find anything and she would be bright and bubbly as if nothing had happened.

"We changed a few little things around and gave her a quiet trial during the week to see if that would get her focussed which seems to have worked. I think the rain also played a part as she seemed to relish the conditions and won like the horse we think she is."

Marsh will now turn his attention to the Sydney autumn carnival as he heads across the Tasman later this week to put the finishing touches on high class gallopers No More Tears (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Sofia Rosa (NZ) (Makfi) who will be in action on consecutive Saturday's.

"Both of my filly's are heading over this week with No More Tears contesting the PJ Bell Stakes at Randwick on Saturday and then Sofia Rosa will tackle the Australian Oaks the following week," he said.

"No More Tears has thrived since her win at Ellerslie on Derby Day and is ready to go a big race. We've got Zac Purton booked to ride so she will have the very best to assist her in what will be a tough task.

"We're also delighted with how Sofia Rosa has come through her Trentham run as well. We were prepared to give her a week before we made the final decision to go to Sydney but she has been bouncing around so much it was an easy decision to make.

"We're going over this week to give her plenty of time to settle in although she is a good traveller and did well last time we went there.

"Given the fickle Sydney weather we wouldn't mind a little rain before each of their races but, no matter what, I do think they can be very competitive if they race up to their best."

– NZ Racing Desk





GALLANT BOY LOOKS TOP RIVERTON PROSPECT



Brian and Shane Anderton produced Saturday's Riverton winner Coulee

Despite copping a decent penalty for his first open class success at his most recent run, the Brian and Shane Anderton trained **Gallant Boy (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) looks well placed to record another victory at Riverton today.

Gallant Boy will take his place against eight rivals in the day's open 1400 metre event, the main race on the second day of the traditional two day Easter festival at Riverton.

"He's been a model of consistency in this campaign and deserved his win at home last time," noted co-trainer Shane Anderton, who prepares the five-year-old gelding with father Brian.

"Dad and I aren't sure he deserved the eight rating point penalty he got though as it jumps him up in the weights a fair bit but we still think he can be pretty competitive again.

"He's pretty adaptable and seems to go on most tracks but if the track races like it did on Saturday then it should suit him nicely."

Although the first day of the two-day carnival was dominated by locally trained runners the Anderton team did enjoy some success with progressive mare Coulee (NZ) (Gallant Guru) taking out one of the day's feature events, the \$40,000 Bupa Care Services Francolin Stakes (1400m).

"It was a nice win by Coulee as she got a little way off the speed in the early stages but powered home and was running away from them in the last bit," said Anderton.

"She's done a good job and won four races in this prep so we might lift our sights a little with her now.

"Depending on how she pulls up we might tackle the Valachi Downs at Riccarton this weekend."

The Gr. 3 Valachi Downs South Island Breeders' Stakes (1600m) is the feature event at Riccarton this Saturday, the first of four major meetings raced at the South Island premier venue over the next six weeks. – NZ Racing Desk





BURRIDGE RALLIES UP **WIN NO 600**

Jockey Danny Beasley's decision to let **Lim's Rally (NZ)** (O'Reilly) have it his way paid handsome dividends on Sunday.

The Australian rider's original plan was to drop the O'Reilly four-year-old back in the field of the \$80,000 Gingerbread Man 2011 Stakes (Class 3 Division 2) race over 1400m but had to fall back on Plan B after the first 300m did not pan out the way he wanted.

Lim's Rally would not agree being held up and with the pace not being frantic upfront, he took over and Beasley had no other choice to let him roll. In the blink of an eye, the four-time winner slid up to sit on the girth of race-leader Solaris Spectrum (Time Thief) to set the stage for a two-horse war in the home straight.

Solaris Spectrum tried to punch his way again, but that first test over 1400m soon started to look a bridge too far. Lim's Rally collared him at the 200m before drawing clear to score by 1 ¾ lengths from the fast-finishing Gold Peregrine (Intikhab) who just edged Solaris Spectrum into third place by a head.

The winning time was 1 min 22.66secs for the 1400m on the Short Course.

"It wasn't the plan to be handy. He just didn't want to be where I wanted him to be - ridden at the back," said Beasley.

"We were drawn wide and I didn't want to be caught wide. If he had drawn good with cover, I would have sat in sixth or seventh spot.

"He was able to get into a good spot and travelled for me. I was confident he would give me a very good run as he can quicken really well.

"He went really quick in the last 200m and really impressed me today. He's better than that Class for sure."

Winning trainer Steve Burridge was a happy man as he was not only celebrating his 600th success at Kranji but it was also a fitting win for the connections, the Lim's Stable, who were having a big day out with their entourage on the occasion of the sponsorship of the Group 3 Dester Singapore Three-Year-Old (1200m).

Lim's Rally has now brought his record to five wins and six placings for stakes earnings past the \$290,000 mark for the Lim's Stable.

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| Race | Singapore TC Gingerbread Man S. 1400m. |
| Winner | Lim's Rally (NZ) 2011 |
| Owners | Lim's Stable |
| Trainer | Steve Burridge (Kranji) |
| Breeding | by O'Reilly out of Bella Valentina by Pins (AUS) |
| Breeder | JML Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ |
| Sales | 2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Little Avondale Stud \$15000 P: New Zealand BStk Ltd |



Lim's Rally strolls home at Kranji on Sunday



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THE CENTAINE AWARD

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| SAVABEEL | \$8,241,668 |
| PENTIRE | \$7,168,319 |
| TAVISTOCK | \$6,664,763 |
| O'REILLY | \$5,674,354 |
| ZABEEL | \$5,340,085 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$4,811,210 |
| PINS | \$4,772,649 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$4,452,326 |
| ELUSIVE CITY | \$3,719,469 |
| KEEPER | \$3,139,583 |

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PENTIRE | \$6,105,638 |
| ZABEEL | \$4,645,639 |
| SAVABEEL | \$4,372,201 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$3,027,295 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$2,952,709 |
| TAVISTOCK | \$2,950,661 |
| PINS | \$2,550,434 |
| O'REILLY | \$2,372,478 |
| MASTERCRAFTSMAN | \$1,652,382 |
| THORN PARK | \$1,625,887 |

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS | BEST PERFORMERS | EARNINGS |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| SAVABEEL | \$2,029,435 | KAWI | \$498,000 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$1,835,165 | JULINSKY PRINCE | \$307,500 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$1,407,225 | XIONG FENG | \$579,685 |
| PINS | \$1,084,934 | DECORAH | \$141,400 |
| TAVISTOCK | \$1,056,880 | VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL | \$238,750 |
| MASTERCRAFTSMAN | \$986,750 | VALLEY GIRL | \$254,625 |
| PENTIRE | \$950,426 | XTRAVAGANT | \$417,500 |
| ALAMOSA | \$888,701 | STOLEN DANCE | \$267,725 |
| THORN PARK | \$846,408 | RYAN MARK | \$217,400 |
| COLOMBIA | \$817,300 | ADDICTIVE HABIT | \$376,750 |

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

MARCH 23

| HORSE & BREEDING | BREEDER | RACE | SALES DETAILS |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|
| GO-GETTER (NZ) 2010 by Pentire (GB) out of Vel Canto by Danasinga (AUS) | Emm Four Ltd & Mrs D L McDonald; Auckland; | HKJC Holly H. 1650m. | 2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: J & I BStk Ltd; \$105,000 |
| Burnt Orange – HAPPY JOURNEY (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Mossman (AUS) out of Oh So Royal (AUS) by Danzero (AUS) | G Harvey; Waikato; NZ | HKJC Holly H. 1650m. | |
| MASTER VIKING (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Code Black by O'Reilly | D T O'Brien & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ | HKJC Hawthorn H. 1200m. | 2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: New Zealand BStk-ag; \$80,000 |

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MARCH 25

| HORSE & BREEDING | BREEDER | RACE | SALES DETAILS |
|--|--|--|--|
| PALTROW (NZ) 2011 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Tessica (AUS) by Johannesburg (USA) | C K Phua; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Maiden S. 1400m. | |
| VRAAD (NZ) 2012 by Volksraad (GB) out of Down View (USA) by Gone West (USA) | Jamieson Park; Auckland; NZ | Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m. | |
| FITZROY (NZ) 2012 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Avec Joie (AUS) by General Nediym (AUS) | G Harvey; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m. | 2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: Cliff Brown Racing; \$130,000 |
| NOVA WARRIOR (NZ) 2011 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Muppy (AUS) by Snaadee (USA) | Mrs B L & Dr P V Rattray; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m. | 2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Makaraka Horse Company; \$11,000 |
| RUSTY BROWN (NZ) 2010 by Darci Brahma out of Lacango (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS) | Miss K Fawcett & E S Wright; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m. | 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Oxford Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: Michael Freedman/ Michael Wallace B/S; \$175,000 |
| ASPEN (NZ) 2010 by Alamosa out of Kirin Belle by McGinty | P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m. | 2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: DC Ellis; \$170,000 |



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MARCH 27

| HORSE & BREEDING | BREEDER | RACE | SALES DETAILS |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| AUREUS (NZ) 2010 by Guillotine out of Kristabeba (Gb) by Kris (GB) | Curraghmore Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC War Affair S. 1700m. | 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Mr Dean Wiles; \$26,000 |
| LIM'S RALLY (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Bella Valentina by Pins (AUS) | JML Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ | Singapore TC Gingerbread Man S. 1400m. | 2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$15,000 |
| THESE STREETS (NZ) 2009 by Elusive City (USA) out of Conquering Beauty by I Conquer | D J & Mrs V Day; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Mooring S. 1400m. | 2010 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Phoenix Park, P: Hallmark Stud Ltd; \$18,000 |
| SUPER VELOX (NZ) 2008 by Bahhare (USA) out of Existent (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS) | A R Galbraith; Auckland; NZ | Singapore TC Big Maverick S. 1200m. | 2009 National Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: Mr L Good; \$7,500 2010 Ready to Run Sale; V: Anna Scott Racing Stables, P: Mr L Khoo Peng Ann; \$35,000 |
| MIGHTY MAN (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Sentura by Volksraad (GB) | Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Lim's Objective S. 1100m. | 2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Lyndhurst Farm; \$125,000 2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Michael Freedman; \$150,000 |
| KEVIN ELEVEN (NZ) 2009 by Danroad (AUS) out of Country Road (AUS) by Success Express (USA) | Mrs P A Dunell; Auckland; NZ | Singapore TC Why Be S. 1200m. | |

