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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**TWENTY TWENTY has a ring to it and will hopefully be a year which will see change for the betterment of the Racing Industry!**

This change must be driven from all sectors within the industry and not by bureaucratic government officials who are hell bent on derailing the intent of the Messara Report if the current wording and intent of the second Bill now before Parliament remains. We as Owners need to be vigilant in getting our message across as this will be the only opportunity to persuade the Select Committee and stop some of the draconian aspects of this Bill otherwise racing will be no further ahead than one year ago.

The Minister of Racing wants to control the industry (why I don't know) rather than allowing the TAB and Codes to manage their own business affairs as was the intent of the Messara Report. Without going into detail and in depth, the clauses around 'Intellectual Property Rights', 'TAB Board Appointments' and 'Industry Governance' gives far too much power to the Racing Minister whose portfolio can change like the wind and no doubt will next year.

I believe RITA and the Codes have been treated with contempt since the Messara Report and I encourage you all to get along to one of a number of public forums that are being held during January to voice your views. These forums and dates are in the RITA message that follows. As previously pointed out we won't have another opportunity beyond this Bill to get the reform the industry desperately needs. Submissions on the Bill close Tuesday 11 February 2020.

On a more pleasing note I congratulate all those owners who had success over the Christmas New Year period and may we all have a prosperous year ahead. Catch you at the races and do approach me and give me your views!

**Happy Racing, Bernard Hickey**

**Passing of Former Federation President CHARLES SIMPSON**

**Former Federation President Charles Simpson passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 16 December, 2019. Charles' involvement in racing administration was significant, and he derived a lot of pleasure from it.**

Charles became a member of the Committee of the Wanganui Association having been taken along by brother John to a meeting one night in 1968. Others on the Committee around that time included Ernie Banner, Brownie Blunden, Hughie Glasgow and Jim Skou followed later by Peter O'Shanassy, Janice Webster, Rosie & Ian Hackett and Neil Oldfield and of course others.

In the 1980's Charles continued to take an active part in the affairs of the Wanganui Association and became a member of the Committee of the Marton Jockey Club. He dabbled in racehorse breeding and ownership and raced many horses with mixed results.

By the early 1990's Charles was heavily involved in racing administration both locally and nationally. He took an interest in the way the industry was run and helped and made submissions on rule changes and other matters. He became Vice President and then President of the NZ Racehorse Owners Federation and became a Vice President of the Marton Jockey Club.

In 1994 the New Zealand Racing Conference amended its Rules to allow sector representation on its Executive Committee from representatives of both the Racehorse Owners Federation and the Trainers Association. As the national president of the Owners Federation Charles became its representative on the Racing Conference and made a very significant contribution during the 3 years he was there as their nominee. During this time Charles made several trips both nationally and internationally to race meetings and Conferences. He represented the Owners Federation at the Asian Racing Conference in South African in 1997 and also attended the Conference hosted by New Zealand in 2003. Charles twice represented New Zealand at meetings in Japan, each time taking in the Japan Cup as well. Charles funded all these trips and related events himself.

Charles was President of the Marton Jockey Club from 1999 until 2001 and subsequently was made a life member. At the 2002 Regional Awards Function he received the Contribution to Racing Award, which was justly deserved and one of which he was very proud.

Charles also supported many racing related events – NZTR Annual Racing Awards, Racing Hall of Fame Induction Dinners and Apprentice School Prizegivings

Charles spent all his working life farming, mostly in the Rangitikei. He was a keen gardener and also a Justice of the Peace.

**RACING INDUSTRY BILL**

**I wanted to write to you and your members about the Racing Industry Bill introduced into Parliament earlier this month. Submissions are now being called for with the closing date being Tuesday, 11 February. Information on the Bill and how to make a submission can be found on the Parliament website.**

This Bill, the second of two pieces of legislation, is a significant milestone for racing which will help transition the racing industry into a financially sustainable future. It's also a very comprehensive Bill, so much so that it proposes the repeal of the current Racing Act 2003 and the creation of a new Racing Act.

The Bill proposes some fundamental changes for the industry, with three key policy areas in the Bill i.e. Governance of the Racing Industry, Betting and Property of Racing Clubs.

It establishes the TAB NZ as the sole betting provider for racing and sports in New Zealand, with a focus on maximising profits for the benefit of the New Zealand racing industry whilst having a strong regard for gambling harm minimisation. The Bill introduces a new mechanism that will allow the TAB to offer a broader range of betting products to increase revenue for the industry and requires the TAB NZ to apply to an independent body when changing or creating betting rules, requiring harm minimisation to be prioritised in any application.

It also proposes bringing the Racing Integrity Unit (RIU) and Judicial Control Authority (JCA) under one combined Board structure (the Racing Integrity Board) to ensure a more effective delivery of integrity services. The governance arrangements are based on recommendations from a report by Mr Malcom Burgess MZNM which emphasised the need for an independent integrity body.

Giving the three codes greater responsibility for the administration of racing and governance of their industries is also captured.

The Bill proposes TAB NZ has exclusive rights within New Zealand and Australia to all intellectual property associated with all racing betting information, racing betting system (or systems), and any audio or visual content derived from a New Zealand race. It also requires TAB NZ to establish a committee to manage the racing dates calendar and allocate betting licences.

Another critical area of reform identified in the Messara Review related to the consolidation of venues. The Bill introduces a suite of changes to resolve historic property issues and fairly address the current venue footprint and future industry requirements.

The intent behind the venue provisions in the Bill is that industry assets should continue to provide long term benefit for racing. Ultimately the industry will decide if a venue is surplus for racing, and this will be done under a yet to be finalised, transparent, evaluation process. This will provide protection to clubs to ensure venue reviews are conducted in a transparent process based on the principles

# EDITORIAL

Neil Miller

**How did Santa treat you? A Rolex or a Calvin Klein? Gifting is tricky but perhaps the key thing is originality.**



Our loyal contributors bring you news from the regions each issue and I'm sure you appreciate that gift to you.

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> edition in the economical 16 page issue we have produced and many of the 'troops' have been with us all the way. I'm proud to call them friends! And we have had newer personnel who turn out great work.

This is our Karaka Sales issue and New Zealand Bloodstock once again support us. We are the people that buy the horse and pay the bills so racing survives in NZ. We can't maintain print media without support as the costs entailed stresses our balance sheet. We need a bit more advertising support. Come and help us and we will really look after your business.

Little Avondale Stud is a great supporter of ours and since they have been with us we have seen their fortunes rise sale by sale. I tell Cat and Sam Williams its karma and I'm not entirely joking.

There are two yearlings on the front cover. One is from Little Avondale Stud Lot 403 Per Incanto – Xanadu and the other is the gift – filly from Valachi Downs Stud, Brazen Beau – Stepanova Lot 313.

I was at the Catwalk Trust Auction at Kawarau Bridge where Kevin Hickman bid up large to secure the service of Brazen Beau gifted by Godolphin to Catwalk Trust. Kevin is a member with us and I have followed the story of the filly with great interest. Page 10 sees the story Filly – Anthrophy

We are proud to have such an association with good and caring people.

Sally Blyth writes up a storm about Racing solo, but never friendless.

Each year we look forward to the Boxing Day races at Ellerslie. It is a massive day! I got a media pass from Chloe at Mango (who do the PR for the event), so I could wander around and take some casual shots to make a photo essay. A facing page to the professionals 'Fashions in the Field.' We all can agree there is some seriously good form here and a lot of originality among the 'fashionistas'.

Near the end of this issue there is a delightful story and photos of an event for re-homed horses at the Cambridge December A & P Show, supplied by Waikato Owners' President Karen Remetis. There were 34 gleaming entrants. A notable one was the loved Mufhasa with carer Amy Doran.



## OUR COVER

TOP **Per Incanto – Xanadu**

BOTTOM **Brazen Beau – Stepanova**  
See story page 10

Oh, and Lauren Brennan took Magnum along for an outing – perchance to see what lies ahead for a 'life after Racing.' I bet old Magnum was thinking, "Boy all that spit and polish – and no racing. This is original!"

**May you and your horse/s go well in 2020.**

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of natural justice. Only if the code and the club can't reach agreement do the fall-back provisions of the Bill come into play. These provisions will enable the industry to address an issue that has proved impossible to resolve for generations.

Fundamentally, the process lays down a framework to ensure everyone will have the right to be treated fairly, and have their voice genuinely heard and considered. While the codes have been given broader powers in the Bill, there's important checks and balances proposed to ensure the interests of clubs are adequately considered. This includes two new requirements that codes must follow when carrying out their functions. Codes will be required to comply with the rules of natural justice (this has a specific legal meaning covering the rule against bias and the right to a fair hearing) and exhibit a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which they operate. The other venue proposals in the Bill are intended to be used as a last resort, should the industry not be able to agree.

## NEXT STEPS

The Board strongly believes that we won't have another opportunity beyond this Bill to get the reform the industry desperately needs. However, your views are important, and we will be listening.

We encourage you all to take the time to consider the Bill carefully and make a submission to the Select Committee. We will be getting around the industry next month to hear your thoughts on the Bill, while also taking the opportunity to update you on the performance of the TAB.

The Board will be at a number of race meetings and events next month and we'll also hold a number of public forums and conference calls which we welcome your attendance at. These include:

**21 January @ 5pm – Awapuni Racing Centre, Palmerston North**

**22 January @ 6pm – Ascot Park Racecourse, Invercargill**

**23 January @ 12pm – Cambridge Jockey Club**

**23 January @ 6pm – Pukekohe Park**

**24 January @ 12pm – Addington Raceway & Events Centre, Christchurch**

**31 January – Regional Conference Calls (tbc)**

We'll provide further details of these events on [rita.org.nz](http://rita.org.nz). In the interim, if you have any feedback on the proposed reforms, please send me your comments or questions to RITA News.

**Dean McKenzie, Executive Chair, Racing Industry Transition Authority**  
(abridged)

# REGIONAL ROUNDUP

## AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND *Mike Gething & Sally Blyth*

**Great to see the wonderful racing on Boxing Day – congratulations to all the owners of the winning horses – there were some outstanding performances. We now look forward to 2020 with anticipation.**

This new year will hopefully bring resolution to the proposed changes to the racing industry.

Prior to the Christmas break Parliament passed the first reading of the second major piece of legislation designed to change our racing industry environment for the better. All involved are now invited to make submissions.

I was fortunate to hear John Messara speak to NZTBA members in Cambridge in November. Inspirational stuff, but his bottom line was that without the two central changes within this legislation the future of racing here is tenuous! These two changes are, that all of us need to support with written submissions the out-sourcing of TAB wagering to an experienced international company and the rationalisation of tracks throughout New Zealand. This is your time to have your say – please make sure you take advantage of it.

The Auckland Association plans for 2020 include, among other things, further supporting Sally Blyth in her ongoing development of the NZTROF website, providing information to owners and responding to members' enquiries and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact me about anything you feel we could do to enhance your racehorse ownership experience.

We again plan to have a social event in the spring. In spring 2019 we enjoyed a great day at Ellerslie. The support and encouragement of members was wonderful. In 2020 we will return to Counties for their Haunui Farm Karaka Classic Day in September and in the future will alternate annually between the two venues.

**I wish everyone well and may your horses win. Mike**

**After the New Caledonia trip, I put together a master list of various horses we all have a share in, and we all aim to alert each other when one is running.**

There are quite a few horses in the mix, up and down the country, including horses who have won a few times as well as yearlings yet to run, and everything in between. There have been quite a number running at trials and jumpouts over recent months, doing pretty well and providing hope of good runs to come. There have also been some hard luck stories of injuries and racing careers ending before they have begun which is never good to hear.

We're all sharing in the anticipation and excitement of upcoming runs – in fact, it's a bit of a full-time job keeping up with them all! There is plenty of jubilation and commiseration as we follow each other's ownership journeys. Mostly it's by email but occasionally on course as some of the group have connected at race meetings – sometimes making arrangements in advance, and other times bumping into each other unexpectedly.

I've enjoyed connecting with Auckland members when I can, including being with Brenda and Barry Gerard at Ellerslie recently to watch their horse Quick Preview back up from a very good win. We had a happy pre-race drink together and yelled and cheered as the horse came strongly. He ran a great race, closing gamely from out wide. I've been liaising with Auckland members Lyn Salvidge and Bruce Amies about their horse Contessa Vanessa who has gone a couple of great races lately. Also owned by Graeme Rogerson. I'll be watching her next start with interest.

Son of Sasanof, a 4YO gelding owned by Frances Crimmins, Elliot Wilton, Raewyn McKenzie and Emily & Thomas Wilton, ran a beauty at his second start at Tauranga. He absolutely flew late, and got very close, with the quickest last 600m of the race.

Frances and Raewyn are both on the Auckland Committee – good luck for Sonny's next run, I have a feeling that his maiden win isn't far away! Frances and Elliot also own Sasanof's Hero who had an unlucky run last time out at Te Rapa. A horse with ability, we'll be watching next up. Both horses were bred by Frances, out of Angel's Honour.

Along with shares in two horses, and a yearling in the wings, I also have a genuine and avid interest in dozens more owned by others. It's pretty tricky to keep up with the play, with my eye on so many horses, but I try to keep track as I just love it when a horse whose owners I know comes in for a win – even if I missed being on them!

**Good luck to all over the summer racing period! Sally Blyth**

## WAIKATO/ BAY OF PLENTY

*Karen Remetis*

**Waikato/Bay of Plenty TB Owners Assn had a planning session recently to take us through to our next AGM in October. Two focuses came from this: 1: Owners and 2: Horse Welfare.**

### 1: Owners

**1.1** An event will be held at Cambridge Jockey Club to give owners insight to the high labour cost of horses. For example, an underrun. Underruns can be common, the writer has a horse with very thin soles and as the weather and ground dries and clumps of earth become hard, he gets the equivalent of a stone bruise inside his hoof which can run and spread. These are extremely painful as pressure builds inside the hoof, the work involved around dealing with this is labour intensive with poulticing and soaking/tubbing the foot to draw out the underrun.

Let's talk about care of our horses and why we pay the dollars per day we do. Syndication – big or small stable? What is the difference between them? Owners will be able to ask questions of trainers who will attend and we should get insight to the difference between being in a big and also a small stable.

**1.2** Focusing on financial return to owners, we are also sponsoring a race to \$5,000 where the first five horses across the line will get \$1,000 each paid on the day to their account. No ticket clipping. The race will likely be at Te Aroha in April or May, details to be worked up but RITA has elected to not raise ROI this season.

The Waikato/BOP Owners Assn has funds and we think this event can send something back to owners in the way of money.

In line with ROI, the structure of race sponsorship is another discussion which needs to be had. The idea of sponsorship one would think, is money going to enhance an existing

## HAWKES BAY

*Tony Lyndon*

**The locals were to the fore when they saddled up 5 of the 8 winners at their home meeting on Sunday 10 November.**

It has been a long time between drinks for former jumps jockey Fred Pratt who saddled up Magic Incanto to win the 1400m maiden. The 61-year-old trainer hasn't had a winner since Golan Express in 2014.

James Bridge who races Resolution in partnership with his parents John and Jackie Bridge won the 2100m maiden. A gelding who is bred to stay, by Nom de Jeu out of the American bred Alleged mare Miss Vita and is a half-brother to 2010 Auckland Cup winner Zavite.

The famous Okawa Stud reopens for business with the leasing of the Fastnet Rock stallion Rock 'n' Pop. Okawa formerly stood the



Quick Preview wins at Whangarei

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stake which owners get when their horse wins. Apparently this is not so, rather most times the sponsorship is really naming rights of a race and the money is another income stream for the racing club in its hospitality section. The "sponsorship" is to purchase a day's hospitality and enjoy racing. Owners often get none of that "sponsorship".

Perhaps the race stake should show any sponsorship or funds which clubs contribute, a little more transparency would enable owners to understand which organisations are contributing to us and as owners we can decide to support those who support owners. Racing clubs can seek sponsorship to enhance their hospitality income stream however that needs to be seen as what it is. More clarity is required here.

## 2: Horse Welfare

The Waikato/BOP OA supports NZTR policy on Horse Welfare. However we also recognise there is a role for owners. For example, when looking to get into a syndicate – what do the syndicate documents say about what will happen to this horse after racing? Not all racehorses retire sound, not all are suitable physically for other work (polo or show jumping). Trainers are not responsible for finding homes for owners horses, however, if trainers are professionally syndicating, it is their responsibility. Those going into syndicates could and should ask exactly what the stable policy is. "We find a good home" isn't good enough, there needs to be more specificity and examples. We will discuss this difficult topic at Cambridge at the event in March.

We are also strengthening the Waikato/BOP Assn. We have taken Bay of Plenty on board as it seems that branch has dissolved so we are engaging by email with owners there. A focus of NZTROF is to improve our database nationally. We need to reduce postage costs but also and most importantly, we need to have your correct contact details. Our national secretary is Jim Keyte, please contact Jim at keytejb@gmail.com to ensure your email is accurate if you haven't heard from your regional Association. We really need to be able to communicate with you.

Waikato/BOP have two additional people come onto the committee, Robin Chin and Ann Browne. Both attended the planning session with the committee consisting of Stephen Lindsay, Jim and Barbara Keyte, Jenny Cowan, Robin Chin, Ann Browne, Key Hogan, Monique Brocx, Secretary/Treasurer and Karen Remetis, Chair.

We also have an informal Horse Welfare subcommittee of Chris Wilson who is based at Titahi Bay, Monique Brocx and Karen Remetis. The Horse Welfare subcommittee had a planning meeting in December and Chris has some great ideas which he is writing up for the next *Bulletin* for discussion. Chris has racehorse interests in Matamata and will comment on these in our next Waikato Notes. 🔄

champion stallions Bobricroft, Faux Tirage and Three Legs as well as Reindeer, Bourbon Prince and Shy Rambler.

Rock 'n' Pop was bred by local owner/breeder Sam Kelt out of his Group 1 winning Sir Tristram mare Popsy who won the Group 1, New Zealand Derby, Group 1 Grosvenor Championship Stakes and ran second in the Group 1 Auckland Cup.

Rock 'n' Pop won the Group 1 N.Z. 2000 Guineas and ran 2nd in the Group 1 N.Z. Derby. Tom Lowry will stand him at only \$2000 plus GST.

John and Colleen Duncan could have another promising galloper in Yossarian who they bred from their Kaapstad mare Kapsjoy. Yossarian, by Rip Van Winkle won his second race from 11 starts at Hastings. The horse has been racing from the back in his races but at Hastings was allowed to run from the front and kept up a good gallop to win by one and a half lengths. He is a half-brother to Group 1 Railway Handicap winner Fleur de Lune and four – time winner Stradivarius.

Hawkes Bay Racing Inc. was saddened with the passing of two of their most valued stalwarts, Chris King and Sholto Mathews. Chris has been Course Caretaker for many years and Sholto a Raceday Steward assisted in the winners' circle. 🔄

## Rosie's big boy Seaaprince flies home

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## WANGANUI & TARANAKI

Brian O'Dea

**Just prior to Xmas the Wanganui Association lost a life member, Charles Simpson and our sympathies go to his family. He was a member since 1968. His good friend Allan Fenwick of Marton will write a eulogy for this magazine.**

Continued success for Rosie, Ian and son Bryce Hackett and Francis Hill when their present stable star Seaaprince won on the home track in May and followed up with a gritty front running win in November. Not only has Rosie trained her own horses but until recently virtually ridden all of her own trackwork. Unfortunately in early November Seaaprince dropped her, damaging her pelvis and hip so she was at the track, on a zimmer frame, to celebrate the success. The hip operation is early in the New Year.

Rosie's first training success was as a twenty one year old, with Prince Mardon, a winner of two.

With father Joe Garrity and brother John the mare Addavisor was bought, won a maiden and was then bred to produce Addaprince who was to become the stable star for the family, winning eleven from 52 starts over seven calendar years from 1991. Three of his early wins were for apprentice Damon Smith and latterly he became a favourite of Brian Hibberd who won five on him. They included the Wanganui and Egmont Cups.

Known as Cotton Wool Joey by commentators, and living on the family farm, Joeys Place, Rosie and son Bryce, (born the same year as Addaprince) would regularly have picnics in Joeys paddock which he loved and would lie down and sleep alongside their picnic blanket.

Addaprince's dam Addavisor went on to produce another two winners including Addalady, the dam of Addastar by Al Akbar, winner of five.

In 2000 Ian and Rosie purchased the Jetball mare Beyond The Waves who has produced six winners for them including two presently racing, Sea Star 3 wins and Seaaprince.

With Rosie, Ian and Bryce in the Seaaprince ownership is Francis Hill. This gives them real pleasure as one of their early successes was with Little Bottler, by Francis' stallion Bottler. Francis and his late wife Laraine were in the Little Bottler racing syndicate. One of the family thrills was when dropping the mare off to foal at Cambridge Stud, Sir Patrick Hogan greeted them, paraded the stallions and then gave Rosie and Ian a chance to snuggle up to Zabeel -something Rosie will never forget. It was then suggested that Tavistock would be a good cross with Beyond the Waves and two years later the mating produced Seaaprince.

One of the jobs done for the industry by Rosie was as a very good contributor of local news to the Owners Magazine. She also worked with swabbing in the central districts on race days. Ian (Banjo) is still going full time as a farrier, does that job at the races and has a long history with the Racehorse Owners Federation. He has served two terms as the Wanganui President and for two years was Vice President of NZ Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Federation.

With virtually all the winners of the 34 plus races so far won being bred by the family there is an extra thrill. In addition to the two racing, there are two yearlings and a foal coming through so the funs not over yet.

For Taranaki breeders Mr PJ and Mrs SJ Cowley, to have the first foal to the races from their mare Steel Rose, win her first start as a two year old in a syndicate they share in, must be giving them big thrills and much anticipation.

Keep it up American Princess. 🔄



Guillada Too Good at Wanganui

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## MANAWATU/WELLINGTON *Allan Fenwick*

**Guillada, part-owned by Ian and Fay McSweeney has continued her good form this season with a win in a Rating 82 race at Wanganui and then a very good second in the Group 2 Cal Izuzu Stakes at Te Rapa. She is trained by their son in law Bryce Newman and has now earned in excess of \$90k.**

Also, from the Bryce Newman stable is Gorbachev who completed his preparation for the upcoming Wellington Cup with a hard-fought win in the Taupo Cup. There is precedence with the Taupo Cup winner going on to win the Wellington Cup. Miss Bailey did it in 1999, but whereas she was at outside odds Gorbachev, with his consistent form, will be one of the favourites. He is raced by his Palmerston North breeder Kevin O'Donnell along with Wanganui Association stalwarts Paul Bardell, Joe Huwlyer and Brian O'Dea.

Hartley continues to be a model of consistency for Neil and Erin Connors, having run 3rd at his last 3 starts. His 6th win must be very near.

Windsor, raced by our sponsors Kamada Park, has won his last 2 starts at Ashburton and Waikouaiti. He is trained by Terri Rae at Riccarton Park

Christopher and Susannah Grace have enjoyed some success lately with Beefeater winning the Manawatu Standard Summer Cup on Boxing Day. Other recent winners have included Motivation, Rangitata and Shenanigans, the latter, by Ocean Park, is a half-sister to big winner Shillelagh.

Association members Mark and Fay Fearon, John Roache and Bob Wiltshire are part of the syndicate which race Just Fabulous who capped off good form with a win at Awapuni in December.

Desert Magic fought well when recording her 3rd win at Tauherenikau on 2 January. She is raced by Peter and Tim Gillespie in partnership with trainer Mike Breslin. Peter and Mike also share in the ownership along with Peter Didham, Bill Gleeson and I Middleton of impressive Tauherenikau winner Den Bosch. Peter Didham trains Den Bosch who had shown promise at his first 3 starts and backed it up with a smart victory.

Congratulations to Lisa Latta on winning the Sky City, City of Auckland Cup with Platinum Invador for owners Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Limited and Neville McAlister. The lightly raced Redwood gelding was placed in last season's NZ Derby and has now won 4 races and in excess of \$267k.

### ASSOCIATION AGM

The Association AGM was held on 3 December. Michael Collinson was re-elected President and Kevin Tod was re-elected Vice President. The following were elected to the Committee – Stan Alexander, Cam Arnott, John Creaven, Mark Fearon, Trevor Latimer, Danny Madden, Peter Tennant and Mark Verran.

As was the case in 2018 the Central Districts Thoroughbred Breeders Association also held their AGM at the conclusion of the Owners Association AGM.

The combined meeting was then addressed by Justine Sclater, Chief Executive of the NZTBA and Bernard Hickey, President of the NZ Racehorse Owners Federation.

### KAMADA PARK 2019/2020 POINTS SERIES LEADER BOARD

AS AT 21 DECEMBER, 2019

Racing over Christmas and New Year is likely to result in changes in the Leader Board but just prior to Christmas Torre Del Greco held a slender lead over Hartley and Guillada.

Leader .....	Torre Del Greco nominated by Allan Fenwick.....	24 points
Second .....	Hartley nominated by Erin Connors.....	23.5 points
Third.....	Guillada nominated by Ian McSweeney.....	22 points
Fourth .....	Codecracker nominated by John Gilbert.....	16 points
Fifth.....	Bad Boy Brown nominated by Liz & John Hancock.....	15 points

### REMINDER

**Remember it is not too late to enter your horse in the 2019/2020 competition,** although points only accrue from the date of receipt of your entry. If you have already nominated one or two runners, you may also make further entries up to a total of three horses.

Entry is free.



## CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

Peter Faulkner

**We now move into the busy Christmas/New Year circuit with race meetings spanning the South Island. No doubt there will be plenty of horses owned by members running during this period.**

One notable winner at Riccarton in early December was that of Don Carlo. The handy open sprinter won over 1200m, after almost a whole year off, due to an injury. That is a fantastic training effort from Michael Daly to get this horse back to his best.

Another members' horse to taste success is part owned by RL Johnstone and I J Nichol from Outram who are in the 4yo gelding aptly named Outram. Mr Johnstone also bred the horse. He won well at Wingatui when he charged home wide out to win the rating 65 1200.

Trainer Danny Crozier of Riccarton also found the winners circle at Wingatui with the 4yo gelding by Zed called Hillersden. He was game leading from the 400m to stave them off. It was only his fifth start to break maidens.

Durable 10yo duelled gelding Shakti scored for the 11th time at Riverton in early December. He was back, out at the 400m and came with a strong finish to win the rating 82 1600m. Shakti is part owned by JS Mee of Invercargill who I'm sure enjoyed yet another success with trainer Jo Gordon.

VALE

## JIM WATSON

**PAST PRESIDENT, LIFE MEMBER AND CURRENT PATRON OF THE MANAWATU ASSOCIATION JIM WATSON PASSED AWAY IN LEVIN ON 31 OCTOBER.**

He was 85. To say Jim was a stalwart of our Association and racing in general is an understatement. He served on the Committee for 40 years, including 10 years as President and was elected Patron in 2016. Jim was still attending Committee meetings up until a couple of months ago. He also was a member of the Owners Federation Executive for some years, served for many years on the committee of the Levin Racing Club and also on the Wellington District Committee. Our Association used to run the trials in this area and did so for a long period. It was very rare for Jim to be absent on a trials day.

He was born in Ireland, the eldest of 14 and came to New Zealand as a young man. Eventually his parents and many of his siblings followed. Initially he lived in Wellington but then moved to Levin where he was involved in market gardening but later moved into the hosiery industry.

His first venture as an owner in racing was most successful. Together with Neil Young they raced Fairassan, winner of the 1961 Winter Cup at Riccarton and also the Woodville Pahiatua Gold Cup. Fairassan was trained by Fred Pratt of Levin and was often ridden by Bill Skelton. Later, Jim trained his own horses and enjoyed success, in particular with Avonova. His last winner was the Jack Scott trained Bang. He was however very hopeful for his latest horse, Captain Brentford, which had run 5th and 2nd in his only 2 starts just a few weeks ago.

Jim was enthusiastic in everything he did, but especially racing. He was always prepared to give a new idea a go whether it be in racing or business. The Association is indebted to Jim for the huge contribution he made to our affairs.

## NEW ZEALAND RACING HALL OF FAME 2020 INDUCTION DINNER



**The next NZ Racing Hall of Fame induction dinner is to be held at Sky City Hamilton on Sunday, 3 May, 2019. It is expected that there will be a further 9 inductees making a total of 84 Champions of the New Zealand racing industry having now been appropriately recognised.**

Already it has been recently announced that now Sydney based Jockey James McDonald will be one of this year's inductees. Just 12 years after riding his first winner James will be the youngest person to be inducted into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame. From the time he first donned silks as a 15-year-old James McDonald has been a headline maker. Apprentice Championships were followed by a premiership record of 207 wins in the 2010/11 season. He won his first Sydney premiership in the 2013/14 season

**Details of the event including how to order tickets are available on the website [www.racinghalloffame.co.nz](http://www.racinghalloffame.co.nz).**

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## THE OWNERS' FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owners' Federation from November to December 2019. We really appreciate your membership support and look forward to a long and enjoyable association with you.

### AUCKLAND

Wayne J Clothier ..... Auckland  
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# ACTION-PACKED SALES FORMAT FOR KARAKA 2020

## AS THE DUST SETTLES ON THE READY TO RUN SALE, ATTENTION QUICKLY SHIFTS TO NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK'S EAGERLY-ANTICIPATED SHOWPIECE - THE NATIONAL YEARLING SALES SERIES.

An outstanding Karaka 2020 catalogue of 1,265 yearlings is now available to view online and hardcopy, with catalogues delivered to letterboxes in early December.

The thrilling week will kick off at Ellerslie Racecourse on Saturday 25 January with an action-packed twilight race meeting, featuring the \$1m Karaka Million 2YO (1200m), the \$1m Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m), the CollinsonForex Karaka Cup (2200m) and three Group races.

Starting on that spectacular Saturday evening and carrying on through six days of superb selling action, New Zealand will capture the attention of the thoroughbred world.

Karaka 2020 marks the third year of the refreshed Book 1, 2 and 3 format. The opening session of Book 1 will start at the earlier time this year of 11am on Sunday 26 January, in line with other days through the week, and Book 1 will conclude on Tuesday 28 January.

In another change introduced this year Book 3 will take place on the afternoon of Friday 31 January. 115 yearlings will go under the hammer immediately after the conclusion of the Book 2 Sale, rounding off a terrific week of selling.

This year's Book 1 catalogue features 677 blue-blooded yearlings who have ample credentials to follow in the footsteps of the eight graduates of this session who have won at Group One level in the last 12 months.

They include **Kolding** (NZ) (Ocean Park), who was one of Sydney's spring stars and won the Group One Epsom Handicap (1600m) and the A\$7.5 million Golden Eagle (1500m).

Other elite graduates from this session include the Group One Doncaster Handicap (1600m) hero **Brutal** (NZ) (O'Reilly), Group One Hong Kong Sprint (1200m) star **Mr Stunning** (Exceed and Excel), Group One VRC Oaks (2500m) winner **Miami Bound** (NZ) (Reliable Man) and the remarkable 10-time Group One winner **Melody Belle** (NZ) (Commands).

There are 473 yearlings in this year's catalogue for Book 2, which is widely regarded as the value sale of the world. Hong Kong's two-time Horse of the Year and the Longines World's Best

Turf Miler **Beauty Generation** (NZ) (Road to Rock) was purchased for just \$60,000 out of this session.

In recent years, Book 3 has produced top performers such as Singapore stakes winner **Gilt Complex** (NZ) (Gold Centre) and Group One winner **Gaultier** (NZ) (Rios).

Karaka 2020 will showcase a quality line-up of 125 stallions, including local and international stars.

There are 73 sons or daughters of New Zealand's dominant stallion **Savabeel**, who has been the most sought-after sire at the National Yearling Sales Series in recent seasons. His progeny amassed more than \$14 million at Karaka 2019, including the Sale-topping \$1.4 million colt.

There are 20 yearlings by this season's New Zealand premiership-leading sire **Darci Brahma**, who has been brilliantly represented during the spring by his Group One New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner **Catalyst** (NZ). He sired the quinella in that prestigious classic, with **Harlech** (NZ) finishing strongly for second.

Second-ranked sire **Per Incanto** has 35 yearlings in the Karaka 2020 catalogue, while there are 78 yearlings by Cambridge Stud star **Tavistock**, and 56 sons or daughters of high-class Haunui Farm shuttle stallion **Iffraaj**.

Notably, there are also 24 yearlings from the final New Zealand crop of former shuttle stallion **Showcasing**, who sired a record number of two-year-old winners in New Zealand last season.

An exciting group of first season New Zealand sires are also represented, including **Belardo**, **Preferment**, **Rageese**, **Tarzino**, **Telperion**, **Tivaci**, **Turn Me Loose** and **Vadamos**.

The star-studded group of Australian-based stallions in the catalogue includes eight yearlings from the first southern hemisphere crop of American Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah**, plus big names such as **Dundeel**, **Exceed and Excel**, **Fastnet Rock**, **Medaglia d'Oro**, **Not a Single Doubt**, **Sebring**, **Snitzel**, **So You Think** and **Zoustar**.

The Karaka 2020 catalogue features siblings to 31 Group One winners, and the progeny of 18 Group One-winning mares.

Lot 86 is a half-brother to New Zealand's reigning Horse of the Year **Melody Belle** (NZ) (Commands). Lot 150 is a full-brother to the Group One Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) and Australian Oaks (2400m) winner **Verry Ellelegant** (NZ) (Zed).

Lot 250 is a full-sister to Group One Australian Derby (2400m) winner **Tavago** (NZ) (Tavistock).

Lot 241 is a half-brother to multiple Group One winner **Grunt** (NZ) (O'Reilly), while Lot 336 is a half-brother to both the Group One **Thorndon Mile** (1600m) winner **A Touch Of Ruby** (NZ) (Pins) and this season's Group One gavelhouse. com New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner **Loire** (NZ) (Redoute's Choice).

Lot 556 is a full-sister to triple Group One winner **Gingernuts** (NZ) (Iffraaj), while Lot 605 is a three-quarter-brother to Group One Coolmore Stud Stakes (1200m) winner and young sire **Flying Artie** (Artie Schiller).

Lot 658 is a full-brother to the multiple Group One winner and young sire **Kermadec** (NZ) (Teofilo).

Group One-winning mares with progeny in the catalogue include **Katie Lee** (Pins), **Rollout The Carpet** (Holy Roman Emperor) and **Shez Sinsational** (NZ) (Ekraar).

Adding further appeal to the bloodstock that will be on offer, all yearlings offered at Karaka 2020 are eligible for the lucrative Karaka Million Series. They will have the opportunity to race for \$2 million with the \$1 million Karaka Million 2YO in 2021 and the \$1 million Karaka Million 3YO Classic in 2022.

## KARAKA 2020 SCHEDULE

### KARAKA MILLION TWILIGHT MEETING: SATURDAY 25 JANUARY

**BOOK 1:**  
SUNDAY 26 JANUARY –  
TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

**BOOK 2:**  
WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY –  
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

**BOOK 3:**  
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

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# STUD CHAT WITH SAM

JANUARY 2020

Festive season greetings everyone! **Per Incanto** had a bumper lead up to Xmas with 12 individual winners in 11 days. He's got a wonderful sense of timing with the Karaka Yearling Sales this month.

**Per Incanto's** popularity with Hong Kong buyers was again evident at the recent RTR Sale. He's second leading NZ-based sire on their premiership and the likes of Paul O'Sullivan's sprinter Duke Wai, unbeaten in his last three starts, continue to lift his profile.

Roger James and Robert Wellwood have an exciting pair of 3YO **Per Incanto** fillies in the unbeaten **Madam Hass** and last season's Group 3 placed juvenile **Hastobegood**, who ran third in the Listed Uncle Remus Stakes on Boxing Day.

A rare ability to upgrade his mares has been key to **Per Incanto's** meteoric rise through the stallion ranks. Many of his progeny also improve with age as a pair of 7YO's form his inaugural crop, **Cutting Up Rough** and **Money Trail**, have shown this year. **Shadows Cast** has always been a high-class sort but he's gone to a new level this season too.

Competition for the best **Time Test** foal was intense with entries from around the country. Hawkes Bay vet and breeder Richard McKenzie took the winning prize for a stunning colt from his Iffraaj mare **Affrettando**.

Sticking with the new boy, the quality of his pedigree was evident at last month's Tattersalls Mares Sale in England with the Australian based Aquis and leading international agency Blandford Bloodstock paying a combined NZ \$2 Million for two fillies from **Time Test's** immediate family.

New Plymouth trainer Janelle Millar has done a wonderful job with **Tinkalicious**. The Nadeem mare is thriving and she deserves that elusive black-type win following another stakes placing last month.

Finally I couldn't go with a word of support for the team at Cambridge Stud. It's been a p... of a year guys, yet true to your foundations you get up and go again. Endearingly too, your love of these fine animals shines through.

## Karaka Yearling Sale 2020



With the likes of 2018/19 2YO of the Year **Yourdeel**, this season's stakes placed Melbourne juvenile and Blue Diamond-earmarked **Baaqyah**, a VRC Derby runner in **Craftsmanship** and a host of other promising types from LA's last two Karaka drafts, there's a real sense of confidence that amongst LA's 2020 Book 1 and 2 draft of 36 yearlings, there's a horse to suit every brief.

Even putting the famous LA hospitality to one side, with a line-up of yearlings by Written Tycoon, Savabeel, Per Incanto, Pierro, Tavistock, Hinchinbrook, Pins, Astern, Real Impact, Turn Me Loose, Tivaci and others, Barn D at Karaka is definitely the place to be.

Young **Gr.1** winning mares Xanadu and Pasadena Girl are represented by Per Incanto and Written Tycoon yearlings respectively. Beautifully balanced and with real presence, Xanadu's Per Incanto colt, the first of her progeny to be sold publicly, will generate a lot of interest.

The only yearling catalogued by leading Australian stallion Written Tycoon, the filly

and second foal of a **Gr.1** Champagne Stakes winning 2YO Pasadena Girl is a typical type by her sire, quality from head to toe.

Six Savabeel Book 1 yearlings will keep any farm flat out with inspections. Always such a consistent producer on type it's never easy to single a Savabeel yearling but **LOT 557**, a brown colt from one of Waikato Studs best families is the complete package.

Per Incanto's line-up reflects his ascent through the sire ranks with his best pedigreed yearlings yet.

**LOT 332**, a full sister to the dual Australian stakes winning Lanciato, has the same swagger as her brother while anyone looking for a classic filly should look no further than **LOT 633**, from a More Than Ready mare who in turn is out of a stakes winner by Galileo, this girl also walks exceptionally well. He has three outstanding physicals in Book 2: **LOT 715** a quality filly with a bombproof temperament; **LOT 719**,

Cutting Up Rough's full brother, and **LOT 726**, a powerful 2YO type of colt from a stakes winning mare.

We couldn't go without mentioning the wonderful gesture by Kevin Hickman to donate the proceeds from the sale of **LOT 313**, the Brazen Beau filly, to CatWalk. Brazen Beau is really starting to fire and the word from the Valachi Downs team is that this filly from High Chaparral's family has been extremely popular at their parades.



**Lot 403**  
**Per Incanto - Xanadu**

# FILLY – ANTHROPY



## REGALLY BRED FILLY GIFTED TO CATWALK TRUST – LOT 313 BOOK 1 KARAKA YEARLING SALES 2020

In an act of generosity, Valachi Downs principals Kevin and Jo Hickman have gifted a regally bred filly to the CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Research Trust.

The weanling filly is by Darley stallion Brazen Beau, who will stand at a fee of A\$49,500 this coming season. She is out of Stepanova, a Danehill Dancer mare whose dam, Dance On By, is a full-sister to six-time Group One winner and champion sire High Chaparral.

"It's a beautiful, strong family," Valachi Downs Stud Manager Jonathan Scully said.

"Hopefully Kevin gets another filly (out of the mare) because he loves to keep his fillies and sell his colts.

"Not only is it a massive gesture giving her away, but how Kevin operates, to give this one away is pretty substantial."

In a double dose of generosity towards the charity, the Hickman's also purchased the Brazen Beau service at a CatWalk Trust charity event a few of years ago.

The service fee was donated by Godolphin's Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who has been a great supporter of the CatWalk Trust for more than a decade.

"Godolphin have had a reasonably long association with the CatWalk Trust. It is a foundation that we have taken seriously and appreciate the work they do," Godolphin Head of Sales Alastair Pulford said.

"Sheikh Mohammed and Godolphin have always provided something worthwhile to help with their fundraising, because we obviously feel it is very important.

"We were very happy to donate a nomination to Brazen Beau back in 2017. I was there for the auction and witnessed a very spirited bidding duel between Kevin Hickman, whose generosity is unbelievable, and Tony Rider, who was the underbidder.

"Brazen Beau, at the time, had an advertised service fee of A\$40,000, so it was a tremendous act of generosity both Kevin and Tony showed towards the CatWalk Trust. Godolphin are very grateful to them as well."

Hickman selected Stepanova for the mating and at New Zealand Bloodstock's Yearling Sales earlier this year he decided to gift the resulting filly back to the CatWalk Trust.

"Kevin has always wanted to do something for CatWalk and for Catriona with all the work she has done," Scully said.

"Kevin came to me at Karaka this year and said he had come up with a cunning plan.

"We went around to see Catriona. I left Kevin to it to tell her (that he was gifting her charity the filly) and when I went back she was crying, she couldn't believe what he was doing."

The filly is earmarked to go through Valachi Downs' draft at Karaka next January and Scully is over the moon with the amount of support this incentive is receiving from a number of people.

"We are hoping to put her through Karaka next year in Book 1," Scully said.

"New Zealand Bloodstock have confirmed that they will waive the entry and commission fees, which is great, so all proceeds will go directly to the CatWalk Trust.

"Hopefully we might get someone prepared to stump up and pay top dollar for a quality horse and hopefully we can get them to go a bit further because it's all going to a charity.

"Our vets and farriers are all coming onboard and everything they do for the horse is going to be at no charge, as a donation from them. We have got the full support across the board, so that is a great asset."

Scully said Hickman has had a long-time interest in the CatWalk Trust and his close friendship with Snow Reardon was a driving factor for his support for the charity.

"One of Kevin's great mates, Snow Reardon, has been in a wheelchair since he was 18 or 19 when he was injured in a car accident. Kevin has always been a great supporter of Snow his entire life," Scully said.

"That's probably given him that close affinity with the CatWalk Trust and Catriona. Snow is actually the one who came up with the name Valachi for the farm."

Williams has been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by the Hickman's, which she said would help the Charity's cause tremendously.

"CatWalk cannot thank Valachi Downs enough for their incredible generosity of gifting their stunning Brazen Beau filly to CatWalk.

"I've been fortunate to spend time with a number of former jockeys who have spinal injuries, most recently Sophie Grant and Sophia Malthus.

"Like me, they would give anything to be back on their feet again.

"Research is CatWalk's focus and that's exactly where the proceeds from the auction of this filly will go.

"CatWalk's aim is to get Sophie, Sophia and anyone who dreams of walking back on their feet again."

*Valachi Downs have kept folk up to date on the fillies progress with Monthly Advice. Read on!*

## Brazen Beau Filly Continues to Impress

*As reported in the Valachi Downs  
May newsletter:*

The filly and her dam returned to the Valachi farm from Sledmere Stud in the Hunter Valley in mid-December and in early March began the foal handling process followed by weaning. She is a confident, curious and intelligent filly with a correct, well-balanced and strong frame. She will come into the barn every 4-6 weeks for assessment and further education leading up to her final sale preparation which will commence in November. We are very excited to watch her grow and develop over the coming months and look forward to giving a monthly update.

We're not doing this alone, we have the backing of some excellent sponsors who have jumped at the chance to be a part of this special cause.

We would like to give thanks to #MatamataVeterinaryServices (MVS) – Equine. The team at MVS are highly professional and provide a level of service that is unrivalled. MVS have donated a full veterinary care and sales screening package for our charity filly including physical assessments, sales X-rays and video endoscope. Thank you!

Also we would like to thank WHITEHALL FARRIERS for their generous support to the cause, in which they have offered to cover all the farriery needs for our charity filly from weaning until she sells through the ring. That's a whole lot of vigilant trimmings and no doubt some very shiny sale shoes!

And then there is NRM Feeds and BetaVet Supplements. To make up the full suite of care add in Savvy Touch Chiropractic and Physio.

The final icing on the cake is New Zealand Bloodstock have waived their entry fee and resultant commission for the sale of this wonderful gift – filly



# Going SOLO

Words by  
Sally Blyth

## A LIGHT-HEARTED LOOK AT THE LIFE OF A RACING ENTHUSIAST WHO INHERITED THE RACING BUG – BUT THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS DID NOT!

Over many years, I've met a lot of people involved in the racing industry, from all walks of life, in all sorts of places, with all manner of involvement – and I enjoy engaging with all of them. Conversation flows easily and I always pick up an interesting snippet of information (or ten) that enlightens me.

I love being surrounded by racing folk – with racing as a common connection, there is never a dull moment, and always plenty of empathy and emotion on tap. We've all experienced how it feels when everything goes wrong.

This is not to infer that those not into racing are emotionless lesser mortals, but if you have family who aren't keen, it can pose issues!

### When your other half doesn't have the passion

There are many couples and families who love the sport equally (lucky you!), and others where one person is keen and the others would be happier doing something else but get involved in a "take it or leave it" sort of way, possibly because it's preferable to sitting at home alone or missing out. This isn't ideal and can engender resentment, but it means company on raceday and a solidarity of sorts.

And then there are those people whose other half has no passion for the game at all. Alas, I'm one of them!

So, what to do when you're caught in this dilemma? Go racing of course!

As intimated, my husband is not a racing man; even though some of our first dates were at the races (my choice), many moons ago, he's just not keen and I was quick to realise that his attendance at those early race meetings was purely to woo me, rather than a sign of racing zeal or prowess. It worked! He accompanies me occasionally these days, but it's not with the gusto and enthusiasm that I can't help but show! He much prefers to go surfing or golfing, and that's fine. I've never expected him to engage in my pursuit, nor resented that he hasn't.

### It's in the genes

As far back as I can remember, there was never a time when racing wasn't a part of my life. My mother and uncle were both seriously keen racing people, as well as my nanna, and her parents too. Racing was very much ingrained in my matriarchal family history and seemed to be as important as breathing! My mum was brought up opposite Forbury Park in St Clair, Dunedin, so enjoying the harness code was easy

– but following the gallops was their true love. They never owned any horses and it was only after my mum and uncle died that I got involved in ownership myself, in a rather serendipitous way. Oh, how they would have loved everything it adds to the ups and downs of the racing experience.

My dad wasn't into racing at all. Like my husband, he tolerated it and would get involved, at arm's length, in sweepstakes for the big races that mum and I organised. But racing just wasn't dad's thing; he would much rather be boating and fishing for his pleasure. And that's fine.

During family holidays at the beach over summer, horseracing was always present, with trips to the nearest town for a copy of the *Best Bets* and a visit to the TAB. There would be horse-talk galore, race-form analysis, top picks, black-bookers, along with banter about jockeys and the track and every other element that makes up racing. Mum and Uncle John would be at the ready with transistor radio, pens and *Best Bets* to note scratchings, track conditions and results at the appointed times; morning, noon and night. I would have an eye over their shoulders, and an ear on that radio at all times. Always listening eagerly, I learnt the lingo and took as much delight in it all as they did. I could navigate the *Best Bets* form from an early age and it's fair to say that the racing bug had bitten me well and truly; I was still at primary school. My two sisters, on the other hand, used to moan and groan about the endless boring commentary and people having noses in newspapers! One sister has absolutely no time for racing whatsoever, the other enjoys it to some extent, following my ownership journey with interest.

Dad may have given racing the cold shoulder but over a cold beer at the end of the day, he'd be as pleased as anyone if the broadcast race results mentioned winners. And we'd all be thrilled if there was fresh fish for dinner!

As a kid, there were family outings to the Thames races at Christmas time, as well as carnival days at Ellerslie. I had an innate natural interest in all facets of racing early on (I even used to create my own races, and commentate them into a tape recorder!), but things stepped up a notch when I experienced the punting side of the game. I remember having my first proper on-course bet – a joint 50 cents each-way bet with my uncle at Ellerslie. The horse had Pierre in its name – and it won! It paid well too and the thrill of it all took me by surprise. I still recall the moment of stunned disbelief when I realised that I'd turned \$1 into a healthy profit with such ease and fun. Like one of dad's fish, I was hooked. Oh, if only winning was always so simple!

Due to my racing obsession, our two sons spent quite a lot of time at Ellerslie as babies, toddlers and young boys, along with my mum. Alas, despite this early induction, they didn't get bitten by the racing bug. It seems they got their dad's and my dad's non-racing genes. What a shame! Over the years, I've tried my best to encourage them all to get more involved, but they have other interests and that's fair enough ... so I got on and pursued my love of the sport all by myself.

Heading to the racecourse alone may have started as a solo endeavour but I have never been either alone or lonely on a racecourse. I'm fortunate in that I live near Ellerslie racecourse and I can't count the number of new friends I've made, old connections that have been revitalised and wonderful experiences I've enjoyed on account of stepping out and embracing racing in a solo capacity, near or far. Suppressing my inherent love for racing because my husband and kids didn't much like it was never an option!

### Fond memories

When I was a teenager, I remember my mother following a horse called Saltash, a grey gelding who took 30 starts to get his maiden win. His first race was in November 1979 and that first win came on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1981 at Ellerslie. We were there, shouting and cheering. Lance O'Sullivan rode him to victory; it must have been one of his early wins as an apprentice. From 81 starts, Saltash had five wins, nine seconds and quite a few minor placings. After a subsequent string of no-go's, he was retired in July 1985, having earned approx. \$30k in stakes. His owners sure had perseverance – as did my mum backing him. There would have been many ups and downs for his owners. I can imagine what fun they had racing him over those six years almost 40 years ago!

### Going it alone

Perhaps your spouse is ill or has passed away, your friends are unavailable, your kids otherwise occupied and the only way to attend a race meeting is alone. That can seem a bit daunting. Going racing with friends and family is great fun, but it's a pursuit that, with a bit of courage and confidence, you can easily do as a solo player – and it's pretty much guaranteed that the solo status won't last long! Wandering around a racecourse by yourself is perfectly normal and acceptable; there is always a mission to be undertaken, whether it's studying form, putting on a bet, watching a horse or just looking at the scenery. These activities don't require anyone by your side, and you can never look like a friendless sad-sack on a racecourse – there are far too many distractions and plenty of other solos to blend in with. Strike up a conversation with one of them – you might get a hot tip, or even a new racing friend!

I used to go to the races by myself even when I was a teenager. It wasn't quite the norm for a young city girl in the 1970s, and I certainly don't recall any of my schoolmates knowing anything about racing, but I absolutely loved watching the horses and seeing everything unfold. I couldn't help myself, I just wanted to be part of the game I'd grown up with as much as I could.

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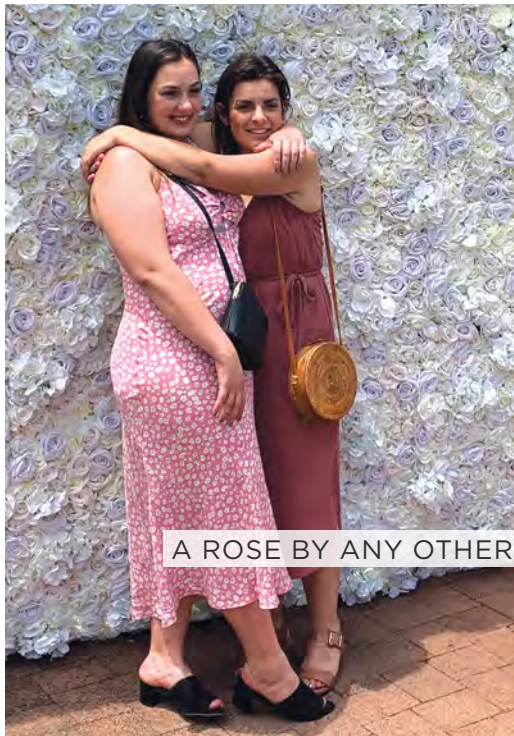
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# FASHIONS IN THE FIELD

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE FESTIVE SEASON, ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE HOSTED OVER 9,000 GUESTS FOR THE SKYCITY BOXING DAY RACES.

One of the most popular racedays on the calendar, the SkyCity Boxing Day Races saw racegoers decked in colourful fashion and fascinators while they enjoyed high-octane thoroughbred racing, refined hospitality as well as fun, free family entertainment.

The most colourful fashions in the field event in the country, the Hawaiian Airlines Fashions in the Field competition, also took place today. The Best Dressed Woman and Man were Ciara Britton and Ryan Dodson respectively, each winning 100,000 Hawaiian Airlines air miles, plus a selection of other fantastic prizes. Please find more information about this below.

Paul Wilcox, CEO of Auckland Racing Club, was glad to see the sunshine come out for this wonderful family occasion. He said, "The SkyCity Boxing Day Races at Ellerslie are always a huge tradition for Aucklanders and kiwis in general. It was great to see the sunshine stay put for this beloved day of racing, and wonderful to witness racegoers really enjoying themselves at this festive time of year. My congratulations go out to Ciara and Ryan, the male and female winners of this year's Hawaiian Airlines Fashions in the Field competition. As always it was a stiff competition with people really pulling out the stops on the catwalk, so they both did extremely well."

## FACTS AND FIGURES:

The lucky winners of this year's Hawaiian Airlines Fashions in the Field Best Dressed Woman and Man were Ciara Britton and Ryan Dodson, each winning 100,000 Hawaiian Airlines air miles, plus other fantastic prizes. First-time fashion competition entrant Ciara wore a Zimmerman skirt, Bec + Bridge top, Cult Gaia handbag, vintage Celine earrings and a Velvet and Tonic headpiece. Ryan wore a full custom-made suit from Deconché, where he works as a suit maker. The lucky ladies who placed 1st (Britton) and 2nd (Soraya Gurney, who also won Best Millinery) also earned a coveted spot in the regional final of the national fashions in the field competition on Vodafone Derby Day, The Ned Prix de Fashion. For the first time this year, there was also an award for Best Accessories (won by Gabrielle Cashmore).

Both of this year's fashion winners were first time competitors. Ciara Britton has recently purchased an ex-racehorse, Ho Ho Brother, from Hong Kong to retrain as a sports horse and she has a small lease share in a racehorse too. Ryan Dodson has been in the suit game for five years and has a huge passion for fashion, while he also rebuilds vintage cars as a hobby in his down time.

This year's fashion judges were ARC ambassadors Carena West & Hannah Marinkovich, celebrity stylist Sarah Stuart, New Zealand's national racewear titleholder & two-time Boxing Day Races Fashions in the Field winner, Aleisha Mitchell and Director of Working Style Ponsonby, Maxum Alexander

With racewear competitions being all about finding the person wearing the best – and not necessarily the newest or most expensive – outfit; this year two 'hire' brands supplied the prizes for the competition – My Designer Handbag (luxury handbag hire), Friday.Candy (luxury jewellery). Competition judge, Friday.Candy founder and Auckland Racing Club ambassador, Carena West, knows this only too well after transforming a \$60 ethnic dress into a look that took out Australia's top racewear award in Melbourne earlier last month



ABOVE: (L-R) Ryan Dodson, Ciara Britton

TOP: (L-R) Sarah Stuart, Hannah Marinkovich, Carena West, Charlotte Moor, Soraya Gurney, Ciara Britton, Ryan Dodson, Dev Soni, Nick Burley, Maxum Alexander, Aleisha Mitchell.



EVENT

# LIFE AFTER RACING

By Karen Remetis

MORE THAN THIRTY OF OUR LOVELY THOROUGHBREDS ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE CAMBRIDGE A&P SHOW ON 1 DECEMBER. THE PRIZE MONEY SUPPLIED BY LOVE RACING WAS GOOD - THIS IS SOMETHING OUR WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH COULD CONSIDER TAKING UP IN FUTURE?

My apologies for not having the winner and place getters, but that wasn't the reason for being there, I went to see what we the NZ Thoroughbred Owners Federation could do, to support our lovely horses' welfare after racing.

It was so enjoyable seeing all these beautifully looked after and turned out ex racehorses in one arena.

One photo is of horses' backsides but it shows how many there had white socks - The photo shows a row of lovely big backsides and shiny coats.

The event method was a bit different. Firstly, an inspection of each horse under saddle, then each horse separately undertook a series of maneuvers which included walk, trot and canter on both leads and also a gallop which the horses really did enjoy. Bred to run, our 450kg and plus thoroughbreds must combine the desire to race and run with the discipline of acquiescing to a perhaps 70kg rider. That ability of discipline with fierce competitiveness was apparent in many horses on the day and reflects the giving nature of our lovely thoroughbreds.




Cartel was really let go by rider Donna Liddington and both enjoyed a fast run around the double arena.

Horses were then unsaddled and lined up in two rows and inspected. There was an additional prize for the 'Peoples' Choice' that was won by Mr Kanton, a jumper by Ishiguru who has won 9 races.

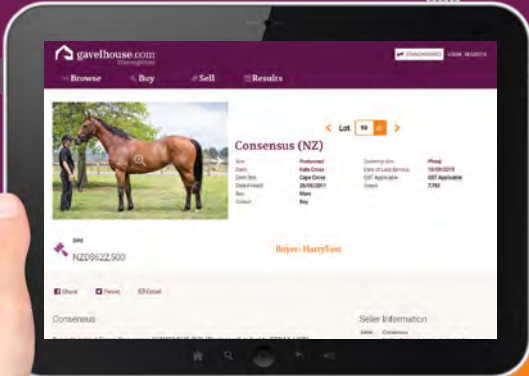
When entries close for this event in 2020, Waikato/Bay of Plenty branch will notify members of those entered.

Then come along and we will enjoy our lovely ex racehorses together in early December 2020.



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I was so enamoured with it all that one day, back in 1980, I snuck away from work (my first job) to watch a few races at Ellerslie. It was a really quiet afternoon at work, I worked nearby, and my boss was away so I seized the moment. I'd never waggged a day of school in my life, so this was a really big deal for me. Imagine my surprise and horror when I bumped into a colleague there! Turned out he was doing a sneaky too, and we both laughed and agreed that no one back at work would ever know about our little outing. Good harmless fun, no ball got dropped and a new racing connection was made.

Having work colleagues who are into racing is a great thing - there will never be a dull moment around the water cooler and always someone to share tales of glee and woe about how the weekend punting went. I was fortunate, when I worked in London in the 1980s, that my boss was a keen racing man. He'd been a talented point-to-point rider but, tragically, he'd had an accident diving into shallow water in his early 20s and was a tetraplegic as a result. It didn't stop him becoming a successful businessman. We used to talk about racing a lot, exchanging information about the racing scene in the UK and NZ. Kiwi's Melbourne Cup win was a

hot topic at the time, and Cheltenham was the venue for a big client function. Work was a pleasure when I got to talk about racing every day in and around work tasks!

### Go solo, be happy!

The thing with racing is that, even when you're pursuing it by yourself, you are simply not alone, especially as an owner. Racing is a community, and the owner-community is a wonderful resource of knowledge and friendship.

The bottom line is, we don't need partners or family members to validate our love of racing or to accompany us on our racing missions; being around fellow racegoers, kindred-spirit owners and industry stalwarts means we'll always get the most out of it, if we just jump in. Obviously, there's scope for compromise but let's say, in my family, it works well when everyone pursues their own particular passion!

Having a significant other who, at best, is neutral or, at worst, cynical about your love for the game, surely only makes you even more keen to get out there and enjoy it to the max!

To this day, I thank Mum, Uncle John and Nanna for gifting me the love of racing - and no amount of disinterest or disdain from those close to me can ever take that special legacy away!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

We continue to track winning horses owned by Owner's Federation members. As we only have visibility of owner's named in the race book, we know we will have missed members involved in winning syndicates and may have inadvertently missed others. We apologise to any member we have missed and extend our congratulations to all members who have recently experienced the thrill of winning.

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