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New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales at Karaka

For the 31st year in a row Sir Patrick Hogan's Cambridge Stud becomes the leading vendor by aggregate at the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Premier sale. Cambridge Stud sold 43 yearlings for \$10,820,000 at an average of \$251,628.

Over the two days of the Premier Sale 350 lots changed hands, grossing \$54,137,000, down just over 20% on last year's \$65,574,000 from 375 lots sold.

Te Akau Stud's David Ellis was the leading buyer of the Premier Sale with 27 yearlings bought for \$6,262,500 at an average of \$231,944. The leading New Zealand buyer at Karaka for the last seven years, Ellis increased his spend significantly on last year where he bought 25 Premier Sale yearlings for \$4,433,500.

"I think it has been a very successful Sale with terrific competition on the real athletes. We found it difficult to buy the good horses and think it has been a very successful two days," commented Ellis.

"To achieve that in a recession reflects very highly on the New Zealand industry. New Zealand Bloodstock, in my opinion, can take great heart that even in very difficult economic times horses have still sold well to a huge international buying bench."

The Hong Kong Jockey Club - represented at Karaka by Mark Richards - was once again very active, buying 12 yearlings for \$2,655,000 to become the second leading buyer of the Sale.

The Premier Sale average finished at \$154,677, down 11% on last year's \$174,864 with the median at \$120,000.

Mark and Shelley Treweek's Lyndhurst Farm, with 12 entries in the Premier Sale, was the leading vendor by average with nine sold for \$2,385,000 at an average of \$265,000. That included a top price of \$650,000 paid by Willie Leung for Lot 130 the High Chaparral colt out of the Group One winner Creil (Frenchpark).

Fastnet Rock (Danehill) topped the sires table for the Premier Sale with eight sold for an average of \$422,500 headed by the \$1.75 million sale topper.

The leading New Zealand-based sire was Zabeel with 21 sold for an average of \$233,810 and a top price of \$600,000 for the filly from La Quinta Gold (Encosta De Lago), Lot 281.

2012 Karaka Premier Yearling Sale Statistics

	2012	2011
Aggregate	\$54,137,000	\$65,574,000
Average	\$154,677	\$174,864
Median	\$120,000	\$140,000
Lots Catalogued	516	503
Lots Sold	350	375

Clearance Rate	74%	79%
Top Price	\$1,750,000	\$875,000
2012 Top Price - Fastnet Rock x Nureyev's Girl (Lot 353) \$1,750,000		

Leading Purchasers by Aggregate

Purchaser	Location	Bought	Aggregate	Average	Top Price
Mr DC Ellis	Te Akau	27	\$6,262,500	\$231,944	\$1,750,000 (Lot 353)
The Hong Kong Jockey Club	Hong Kong	12	\$2,655,000	\$221,250	\$350,000 (Lot 432, 66)
New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd	Auckland	19	\$2,510,000	\$132,105	\$240,000 (Lot 372)
Gai Waterhouse/Harron Bloodstock	New South Wales	7	\$2,125,000	\$303,571	\$650,000 (Lot 159)
John Chalmers Bloodstock Services Pty Ltd	Western Australia	10	\$1,967,500	\$196,750	\$400,000 (Lot 69)
Mr JB Cummings	New South Wales	7	\$1,395,000	\$199,286	\$360,000 (Lot 119)
DGR Thoroughbred Services	New South Wales	8	\$1,392,500	\$174,063	\$320,000 (Lot 420)
Mulcaster Bloodstock	New South Wales	4	\$1,380,000	\$345,000	\$550,000 (Lot 374)

Leading Vendors by Aggregate

Vendor	Sold	Aggregate	Average	Top Price
Cambridge Stud	43	\$10,820,000	\$251,628	\$1,750,000 (Lot 353)
Windsor Park Stud	28	\$4,490,000	\$160,357	\$800,000 (Lot 284)
Curraghmore Stud	22	\$4,321,000	\$196,409	\$570,000 (Lot 475)
Waikato Stud Ltd	30	\$3,292,500	\$109,750	\$310,000 (Lot 512)
Pencarrow Stud	20	\$3,085,000	\$154,250	\$460,000 (Lot 279)
Trelawney Stud Ltd	15	\$2,480,000	\$165,333	\$550,000 (Lot 374)
Westbury Stud	20	\$2,432,500	\$121,625	\$250,000 (Lot 450, 496)
Lyndhurst Farm	9	\$2,385,000	\$265,000	\$650,000 (Lot 130)
Little Avondale Stud	13	\$2,015,000	\$155,000	\$350,000 (Lot 432)
Haunui Farm	16	\$1,880,000	\$117,500	\$230,000 (Lot 462)

Bart Cummings Honorary Hall of Fame Inductee

Bart Cummings, a regular buyer of New Zealand-bred horses since his first visit to the sales at Trentham back in 1958, became an honorary inductee to the New Zealand Racing Hall Of Fame (NZRHOF) with the presentation being made to the legendary Australian trainer before the start of the National Yearling Sale.

It's the first time a special honorary inductee to the New Zealand Racing Hall Of Fame has been officially recognised before the March induction dinner.

James Bartholomew "Bart" Cummings has never raced a horse in New Zealand, but no overseas trainer has done more to promote the New Zealand horse through the success he has achieved with the breed in Australia.

Cummings has won an astonishing 12 Melbourne Cups (the next most successful Cups trainer was Etienne le Mestre back in the 19th Century) and eight of these, including the first seven, were New Zealand-bred horses.

He has been a major buyer at New Zealand's National Yearling Sales and his big-race success with New Zealand-bred purchases goes back to his second trip in 1959 when his three purchases all won and they included the Sydney Metropolitan Handicap winner The Dip.

Two years later Cummings bought Light Fingers, who credited him with his first Melbourne Cup success in 1965 when beating stablemate Ziema. Cummings other New Zealand-bred Melbourne Cup winners are Galilee (1966), Red Handed (1967), Think Big (1974 and 1975), Gold And Black (1977), Hyperno (1979) and Let's Elope (1991).

Cummings has provided the quinella in the Melbourne Cup on five occasions and each time both horses have been New Zealand-breds. In 1966 Light Fingers was runner-up to Galilee, Leilani and Holiday Waggon were second to Think Big in his Melbourne Cup wins and Shiva's Revenge chased home Let's Elope, who had been bought as a tried horse from New Zealand.

Cummings was an inaugural inductee to the Australian Hall of Fame (2001).

NZ Racing Hall of Fame Induction Event

The next Racing Hall Of Fame inductee gala dinner will be held in Auckland on 2 March 2012 on the eve of the New Zealand Derby meeting coinciding with Auckland Cup Carnival week.

Inductees will be chosen from right across New Zealand thoroughbred history, in two categories - Horses and People – by an independent Selection Committee.

Inductees, together with their individual sponsors, will be announced on the night - adding to the anticipation and excitement of the event which will include guest speakers and entertainment.

Date: Friday 2 Mar 2012
Venue: Ellerslie Convention Centre, Ellerslie Racecourse, Auckland
Price: \$180.00.

For further details and to purchase tickets, go to www.racinghalloffame.co.nz or

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Foxton RC Meetings Shifted

Extensive fire damage to the main stand and stabling at the Foxton racecourse late last year has resulted in the venue not being able to be used to conduct any racemeetings at this time which has resulted in the Club's March and May midweek licences being reassigned by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

The racemeeting programmed at Foxton on Monday 26 March will now be conducted by the Wairarapa Racing Club at Tauherenikau.

Foxton's Tuesday 8 May 2012 meeting will be conducted by the Waverley Racing Club at Waverley. Foxton Racing Club officials will be meeting with NZTR in a few weeks time, once the Club has received a detailed building report on the damage to the main stand, to determine if the Club's two June racedays can proceed.

Due to the venue change the distance for the two 1200m races have been amended for the Wairarapa RC meeting at Tauherenikau on Monday 26 March as follows:

- \$7,000 Rating 65 1200m changed to 1000m
- \$7,000 Maiden 3YO 1200m changed to 1000m (*not 1400m as shown in the February TRM*).

NZTR National Venue Inspector Garry Foskett has confirmed that the Rating 65 2200m and Maiden 2200m races that were programmed can be accommodated at Tauherenikau, without these distances being reduced to the 2050m trip which is generally used there. The 2200m start point has been used in the past at Tauherenikau. The starting limit is 16 horses.

All of the remaining Foxton races for the meeting at Tauherenikau will be run as advertised in the Regional Programming booklet. There are no changes required to the Foxton 8 May meeting programme with all distances able to be accommodated at Waverley.

A (Fiber) Fresh Chapter for Iconic Kiwi Race

NZ's richest weight-for-age race for Fillies & Mares, the Group 1 'New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes' celebrates its 41st Anniversary in April, and in doing so welcomes a new major sponsor for the occasion.

The New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes was first won in 1971 by *Breathalyzer* and in the years since has become one of New Zealand's iconic races, staged at the picturesque Te Aroha Racecourse. The venue is a favourite course for trainers, jockeys and owners nationwide, and is considered by many as one of the finest racing surfaces in New Zealand, where all horses are given an opportunity to perform with one of the longest home straights in the country.

In its 40-year history the race has seen many of the industry's great champions claim victory. This includes *Orchidra* who won the event 3 times (1978, 1979 & 1981). *Ballroom Babe* (1997) and *Tall Poppy* (2000) were multiple Group 1 race winners, while 1992 winner *Danjiki* went on to further success in Australia. The greatest success in Australia came from the 1982 winner *Gold Hope* who made it a Group 1 double at the Sydney Autumn Carnival taking out both the All Aged Stakes and the Doncaster Handicap. The New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes in Te Aroha has even had the odd Aussie raider cross the ditch to try and wrest the winning purse from one of our own, including the Lee Freedman trained *Dane Julia* who succeeded in 2009.

TRAC Sponsorship Manager Don Paterson says that "TRAC is looking forward to hosting this fabulous Group 1 event once again, and we are thrilled to welcome a new sponsor from within the industry to share in the excitement."

Fiber Fresh Feeds, the world's leading producer of advanced fibre nutrition for horses, has been confirmed as the new naming rights sponsor for TRAC's flagship race.

"It is a great association between an iconic race, and a company whose history goes back about the same length of time as the race itself. Fiber Fresh is a very forward thinking company, and we look forward to building a long lasting partnership with them", says Mr. Paterson.

Ian Pryor, General Manager-Equine Division at Fiber Fresh says the company is excited to be involved with the TRAC Group, and its flagship race. "Fiber Fresh believes in the future of NZ thoroughbred racing and feels sponsorship of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes, the country's most prestigious race

for fillies and mares, is an appropriate way to support breeders, owners, and trainers and assist the industry.”

Fiber Fresh Feeds, based in the Central North Island, has developed high energy HNF Fiber®, a unique fibre feed solution for horses using Controlled Fermentation technology and special vacuum sealed packaging. The company currently exports to a growing number of countries, including USA, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau, Korea and Japan, and has enjoyed significant success in Asia feeding, amongst many other champions, the superstars *Silent Witness* and *Deep Impact*. In the New Zealand thoroughbred racing market Fiber Fresh aims to increase brand awareness and recognition of its unique products and fibre feeding philosophy.

Fiber Fresh has embarked on a major programme of scientific research that can only further benefit the NZ breeding and racing industry. Ian says that “in recent decades there has been a good level of research into improved techniques to produce better cereal-based concentrate feeds but hard feeds are only half of the feed equation. Fiber Fresh is alone in developing innovative new forage-fibre processing techniques and conducting research into the significant benefits to be gained from feeding high energy forage-fibre to performance horses”.

The ‘Fiber Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes Day’ for 2012 will be staged on Saturday 7 April, which this year falls as part of Easter Weekend. This major event for the greater Waikato/Coromandel region should once again attract an outstanding field, and a large on-course patronage as part of the popular holiday weekend.

Learn How to Start Your Own Colts – Paul Williamson

Paul Williamson is an Australian trainer bringing "hybrid horsemanship" to New Zealand for the first time next month.

He will be conducting three clinics showcasing his unique style.

Japan-based Williamson describes Hybrid Horsemanship as a common-sense approach to horse riding, "a delicate blend of the best from Natural Horsemanship with a blast from the past in the form of the most gentle and effective old-school methods of horse training".

He has developed his own style of training when it comes to starting youngsters over more than 20 years of working with horses.

"Hybrid Horsemanship is a completely non-aggressive and cleverly simplified approach to horses. There are no fancy gimmicks, no levels to complete, no must-haves, and no maps or charts. It's entirely religion-free and based solely on the love of horses and horse riding with great emphasis on safety for both horse and rider," Williamson says.

Williamson has developed the "Temporary Attitude Persuader" - known as "The Tap", which is basically laying a horse down to achieve an improvement in communication between horse and handler.

Williamson's three clinics are being organised by Angelique Hyde, of Greenacres Stud in Canterbury, who can be contacted on (03) 314 9949 or 021224 4095.

Tickets are \$50 (GST incl).

The first clinic is being held in the **Christchurch region on Wednesday 29 February** at the Selwyn Indoor Arena; an **Auckland region clinic is being held on Thursday 1 March** at the Showfields Equestrian Centre at Te Kauwhata; a **Waikato region clinic is being held on Friday 2 March** at the Little Valley Farm, Ohaupo. Both the latter two venues are also indoor arenas.

Waikato RC, 28 March – Maiden 3YO 1400m Stake Increase

The Maiden 3YO 1400m on the 28 March programme has been increased by \$1,000 sponsorship from BrokerWeb Insurance Broking. Consequently this race will now be run for a stake of \$8,000.

Otaki Trials – Wednesday 8 February, not Tuesday 16 February

The latest Central Region Programming Booklet (covering the period Feb to May 2012) inadvertently shows the next trials in the Central Region as being programmed for Tuesday 16 February at Otaki. The correct date for these trials is Wednesday 8 February. Nominations close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 7 February.

Feature Race Nominations and Withdrawals Information

Auckland RC

Second withdrawals for the Telecom New Zealand Derby close with the National Racing Bureau at 11 am on Tuesday 7 February.

Final late nominations for the Stella Artois Auckland Cup close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 7 February.

Second withdrawals for the Stella Artois Auckland Cup close with the National Racing Bureau at 11 am on Tuesday 14 February.

Wellington RC

Second withdrawals for the Wellfield New Zealand Oaks close with the National Racing Bureau at 11 am on Wednesday 8 February.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 15 January 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
23/1	Wellington (1)	159,621	115.7%	969,177	120.7%	197,237	36.1%	114	123.5%
25/1	Hawke's Bay	42,944	20.1%	574,599	16.9%	177,226	76.5%	83	27.7%
26/1	Gore (2)	12,917		216,200		48,169		45	
27/1	Rotorua (3)	28,006	42.6%	574,465	3.1%	166,451	48.8%	67	8.2%
28/1	Canterbury	121,430	2.3%	1,040,692	3.9%	215,646	31.3%	119	0.8%
28/1	Wellington	1,027,331	6.7%	3,098,566	10.3%	550,073	5.5%	136	3.5%
29/1	Auckland	378,387	7.4%	1,343,937	15.6%	328,425	70.4%	88	6.4%

- (1) Wellington RC (2nd day); last year's meeting was detrimentally affected by Heavy 10 track conditions.
- (2) Gore RC; meeting was abandoned after 4 races due to unsafe conditions brought about by gale force winds.
- (3) Racing Rotorua; meeting was detrimentally affected by adverse weather and deteriorating track conditions, with 12 horses being late scratchings due to downgrade of track conditions.

Domestic thoroughbreds were down 2.1% (-\$211k) with the same number of meetings, but with six less races (with Gore's abandonment after four races) and horse starts down 6.5%. The Group 2 Pacific Jewellers Wellington Cup at Trentham was the largest betting race for the week with turnover (tote and fob) of \$948k, which was down 11.8% on last year (\$1.08m). However this year's edition had two less starters than last year (-11.1%). The other feature at Trentham, the Group 1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile, turned over

\$639k which was down 5.8% on last year (\$679k). The Karaka Million at Ellerslie on Sunday turned over \$470k, which was up 11.1% on last year (\$423k).

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	1,577	1,603	(26)	(1.62%)
Starters	16,670	17,144	(474)	(2.76%)
Avg Field Size	10.57	10.69	(0.12)	(1.16%)
Off-Course Turnover	174,127,935	186,624,231	(12,496,296)	(6.70%)
On-Course Turnover	21,611,727	24,428,686	(2,816,959)	(11.53%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	195,739,662	211,052,917	(15,313,255)	(7.26%)
Fixed Odds	34,270,404	31,771,135	+2,499,269	+7.87%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	230,010,066	242,824,052	(12,813,986)	(5.28%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	145,853	151,481	(5,628)	(3.72%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,798	14,164	(366)	(2.58%)
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	707,666,039	713,232,790	(5,566,750)	(0.78%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	120,803,597	85,949,216	+34,854,381	+40.55%
Total NZRB Turnover	828,469,636	799,182,005	+29,287,631	+3.66%

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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