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Cover: APG Melbourne Sale



Nutrien Equine's Mark Barton

NEW NATIONAL YEARLING SALE

NUTRIEN EQUINE ENTERS MARKET

AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE A NEW NATIONAL yearling sale in 2021.

Nutrien Equine will mark its entry into the standardbred industry with its inaugural sale at the Inglis Oakland's Junction complex on April 8-11.

The venture will also be the launching pad for a futurity racing series from 2022 to be run parallel with the annual pacing and trotting sale, which Nutrien Equine plans to alternate between Melbourne and Sydney on a yearly basis.

Nutrien Equine's Mark Barton said bringing the vision to fruition had been "eight to nine" months in the making.

He said the decision to enter the standardbred market had followed an approach from breeders.

Barton said the process had featured discussions with a diverse range of harness racing interests.

He said he was also fortunate to have gained some insight into harness racing through family ties, with his wife Kristy being a member of the Harpley family, which won the 1972 Inter Dominion pacing championship with Welcome Advice.

"It's all been part of bringing this together," the Wagga Wagga-based Barton said.

While this is the first involvement with standardbreds in Australia for Nutrien Equine, the arm of the United States and Canada-based Nutrien Ag Solutions has been running horse sales and auctions for more than a decade as a core element of its business.

Having entered the equine market in 2008, Nutrien now caters for a range of performance horses with about eight sales a year in New South Wales and Queensland.

"Our current sales showcase the very highest quality performance horse genetics in Australia, with sales of around \$15 million annually."

Barton said since the outset the focus had been on finding better ways to deliver a total sales experience for buyers and sellers through innovation.

He said personally experiencing a deficiency in this area through a lifelong interest in performance horses had been a driving force behind getting Nutrien into the equine market, and linking sales with incentive programs via associated events.

"We will aim to work closely with everyone in the industry to help deliver a sales event that will capture the interest of all involved in the sport and also attract new people to harness racing."

This includes making it more appealing to a younger age bracket.

"We believe we can bring something to the table which improves breed and racing.

"We're a commercial entity.

"We rely on customer success. If customers are successful, we'll be successful," Barton said.

Nutrien Equine is looking to begin preparations for next year's sale mid-year.

Sale entries will open June 1 and close on July 17.

Barton said having the sale in April - later than the traditional timeslot - was in response to buyer feedback.

He said buyers spoken to had expressed a desire to be able to first see graduates from the previous year's yearling sales race, allowing for informed decisions on purchases.

OTHER DETAILS:

Sale entries will be fixed at \$660 (including GST), which will include all stabling, marketing and cataloging fees, with payment taken from sale proceeds, rather than an upfront payment.

- A \$110 travelling rebate will be offered for all

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- Commission will be 10 per cent, with three per cent quarantined, for a race series only open to sale horses.
- Nutrien will not charge any pass in fees on unsold horses.
- Nutrien standard trading terms will apply to the sale with settlement in 30 days from the date of sale.
- Trotters and pacers to be lotted in the catalogue in line with normal alphabetical lot procedures, with the draw for the letter done before entries opening.
- A pre-sale parade will be a condition of entry that will be delivered free online to help ensure maximum exposure to all sale lots.
- Online bidding will be available.
- Nutrien will provide a full-time onsite vet to be available throughout the entire event for the benefit of buyers and vendors as well as ensure the best possible care for all horses is available throughout the event.
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- Sponsorship opportunities and trade sites are being explored for our initial sale.

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GYRO CHAMPION ON TRACK

CHAMPION AS A SIRE

BY NOEL RIDGE

GYRO – WHAT A CAREER HE HAD AS A racehorse and sire.

The 1960 colt's impact, which was formally recognised with his induction to the Victorian Harness Racing Hall of Fame late last year, came quickly on the track.

He was a spectacular juvenile pacer and there is no doubt without injury would have risen to even greater heights than his 20 wins from 45 starts for \$25,212 in earnings.

Gyro race spasmodically from age two until eight, and then had a successful career at stud during and after his racing career of only 45 starts.

Bred and raced by hall of fame members Harry and Frank Abrahams, Gyro was trained by another hall of famer Jack McKay.

Gyro was by the imported Adios stallion Meadow Vance, which stood his first season at stud at Derby Lodge Epping for Edgar Tatlow. He was bred by the Abrahams at their Meadowbrook Stud at North Woodend.

Gyro's dam Argent was a daughter of the 1949 A.G. Hunter Cup winner Silver Peak from the unraced U Scott mare Scottish Maiden. <https://classicfamilies.net/HorseDetails.aspx?HorseID=10007904>

Scottish Maiden was one of the mares selected in New Zealand to establish Meadowbrook Stud stud master Ron Males.

Argent was a 1952 foal - trained by Jack McKay and driven in races by his brother Bill – and a remarkable filly, winning the Victorian and New South Wales Derbies and Oaks.

Her record of classic race wins, from www.classicfamilies.net is listed as:

- 1955 Victoria Breeders Plate (2yo)
- 1955 Victorian Sapling Stakes (2yo)
- 1956 Victoria Derby heat (3yo)
- 1956 NSW Derby heat (3yo)

- 1956 Victoria Derby final (3yo)
- 1956 NSW Derby final (3yo)
- 1956 NSW Oaks (3yo)
- 1956 Victoria Oaks (3yo)
- 1956-57 Victorian Free-For-All
- <https://www.classicfamilies.net/CF/History.aspx?HorseID=10000648>

She produced only four foals before her untimely death - Argoist 2:14.2, Gyro 2:04.0, Gyration 2:03.2 and Sperry 2:08.4.

Gyro was a champion juvenile

Press articles of the time included these quotes:

Hall of Fame member and legend George Gath, August, 1967: "Without doubt, the champion pacer of Australia."

Hall of Fame member Bruce Skeggs, Trotting Register, April, 1968: "One of the greatest classic winners ever in Australia."

Driven by Dal Fitzpatrick, George Gath, and Kevin Murray, Gyro started odds-on in 15 of his first 16 starts.

At 2yo in his first race-start at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Gyro was driven by a youthful Fitzpatrick, who at that time was employed as a stablehand by Jack McKay. He started odds-on, but was unplaced after striking trouble during the run.

Starting odds-on again at his next start at the Showgrounds on New Year's Day 1963, he was driven for the first time by master driver George Gath. Again Gyro struck trouble, colliding with another runner, with Gath tipped out of the sulky.

Later in the season Gyro won a heat and the final of the Victorian Sapling Stakes at the Showgrounds.

As a 3yo in 1964 he was placed at all 12 starts, winning the Victorian Sires' Produce Stakes, the SA Sires' Produce Stakes by a margin of 75 yards and NSW Derby

at Harold Park. Gyro finished second in the SA Derby and second in the NSW Sires' Produce Stakes after losing 50 yards at the start. Gyro was unable to contest the Victorian Derby due to injury.

Click here for Gyro's 1964 NSW Pacer's Derby win on YouTube

Gyro severely injured a tendon and was spelled for 17 months. He made a successful comeback as a 5yo, starting off 24 yards first-up with George Gath in the cart.. There were concerns reported in the press over the horse's old injury leading into the race. Racing at the tail of the field for most of the race, Gyro made a late run, but was beaten by Donald Doon (driven by Gath's stablehand David Gleeson). Following an ugly demonstration by the public, stewards - headed by - Wally Weight - launched an inquiry. Following a long enquiry that made front-page news, Gath was found guilty of incompetent driving and suspended for eight months. This penalty was later reduced to three months.

Kevin Murray, a former New Zealander who had experience driving champions including Cardigan Bay and Robin Dundee took over the driving duties.

From seven starts that season, Gyro won four, including the A.A. Laidlaw Cup at Stawell.

He again broke down, but made another comeback in 1968-69, starting 15 times for five wins to round out his racing career.

Gyro went onto to sire 164 winners from 457 notified foals, including the good race winners Arbed, Go Guy, Chief Guy and Flying Future.

He had foals in each of 18 seasons from 1967, with his last born in 1985 when he was aged 25. He had his largest crop of 50 in 1977. His progeny won a total of \$1,644,731.

Gyro's first ten seasons resulted in a good performer each season:

- 1967: Go Guy 1:59.8 \$167,116
- 1968: Unsaid 2:01.4
- 1969: Flirting Guy 1:59.6
- 1970: Quite Guy 2:02.2 \$34,640
- 1971: Missing Link 2:06.3
- 1972: Fiery Guy 2:05.0 \$21,134
- 1973: Summer Guy 2:05.9
- 1974: Gyro Prince 2:01.4 \$66,734
- 1975: Chief Guy 1:59.8 \$90,663
- 1976: Bay Time Tr2:06.8
- 1977: Arbed 1:56.0 \$185,970

Click here complete details of Gyro's winners

As a broodmare sire, Gyro mares left a total of 841 foals. Of these, 344 raced for 220 individual winners with their total prizemoney being \$3,510,681. Among them were the dams of dual derby winner Vanderport and seven-time cup winner Its Motor Power.

For complete details of his broodmares and their produce

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The 2019 Victorian Harness Racing Hall of Fame inducted six new members in 2019: Harry Holmfield, Alice Laidlaw, Dick Lee, Ken Pocock, Noble Scott and Gyro. In addition, 2009 inductee Edgar Tatlow was elevated to the status of legend.

Edgar Tatlow in the December edition of Trackbred and Noble in January.



Argent and Bill McKay



Haley Lang with the Andover Hall US-Shes An Image colt. Picture: Desiree Pettit-Keating

TOP BILLING SHARED

LANGS HEAD SALE AGAIN

CHRIS AND HALEY LANG HAVE FOR THE SECOND year in a row sold the top priced yearling at the APG Australasian Premier Trotting Sale in Melbourne.

And for the second time it was a foal of former smart racemare Shes An Image

This year they shared the honour with Michael and Neville Pangrazio, who sold a Muscle Hill US-Maori Sunshine colt.

Each attracted \$55,000.

Lang's offering was a colt by Andover Hall US.

Last year a filly by Father Patrick US and out of Shes An Image brought \$70,000.

Trained and driven by Chris Lang senior for a large part of her career after starting out in the stable of Paul Watson, Shes An Image was an outstanding trotter – winning 20 races for earnings of \$233,000, with a career best winning mile rate of 1:57.4.

She was a three-time group 1 winner, taking out the Vicbred Super Series as a 2y and Victorian and NSW Oaks.

Chris junior and Haley Lang from Clarendon near Ballarat have bred three foals out of the daughter of Last Sunset NZ, with Builder Bob the only one to the races to date.

The Pangrazios, who run Staffordshire Park at Rochester, have produced three winners out of Maori Sunshine, with the best being the group 1 Vicbred Super Series 2yo and 3yo champion filly Moonshine Linda (Majestics Son Ca) 12 wins and \$206,000.

She also the dam of Marvellous Max (Pegasus Spur Ca) 12

wins, \$78,000; and Trumpem Johnny (Tennotrump) 3 wins.

The Pangrazios acquired Maori Sunshine's Impeccably-bred dam Majestic Maori (Thor Hanover US-Maori MARA) late in her breeding career – producing Maori Sunshine (8 wins, \$45,000) and Our Aythreethreeeighty (Sundon US) 6 wins.

APTS TOP 10

\$55,000 – Muscle Hill US-Maori Sunshine colt (vendors Michael and Pangrazio)

\$55,000 – Andover Hall US-Shes An Image colt (Chris and Haley Lang)

\$52,500 – Love You Fra-The Sun Goddess NZ colt (Yabby Dams)

\$51,000 – Trixtan US-Sundons Babe NZ colt (Aldebaran Lodge)

\$50,000 – Muscle Hill US-Glenferrie Dash colt (Alabar Bloodstock)

\$50,000 – Orlando Vici Fra-Royal Treat colt (Yabby Dams)

\$45,000 – Father Patrick US- Our Sunny Rose NZ filly (DNR Properties)

\$42,500 - Creatine US-Swede Dreams Swe colt (Janice Bryants and Partners)

\$37,500 – Father Patrick US—Gypsy Flair filly (Rhiannon Park, Dean and Blanche Poole)

\$35,000 – Father Patrick US-Social Fireball filly (DNR Properties)



Always B Miki-Jazzam colt. Picture: Desiree Pettit-Keating

'CAPTAIN' MAKES MARK

ART MAJOR COLT NO.1

US-BRED CAPTAINREACHEROUS PROGENY TOOK

the Australian Pacing Gold yearling sale in Melbourne by storm.

With his sire Somebeachsomewhere US and grand sire Mach Three Ca each deceased, buyers pounced on his stock at Oaklands Junction on Sunday, February 2.

Four of the top four-priced youngsters were by Captaintreacherous.

Three were offered by Benstud Standardbreds, including a colt out of Western Ideal mare Eye Catching, which was knocked down for \$120,000.

An Art Major US colt out of Presidential Ball US mare Mint Julep topped the sale, with vendor Harshell Investments attracting \$160,000.

Mint Julep has already produced two winners - Pacifico Dream (Mach Three) and Sharing The Love (Mach Three).

She is a daughter of group 1-winning mare Jadah Ross, making Mint Julep a half-sister to multiple group 1 winner Guaranteed (Artsplace US) 24 wins, \$856,000, 1:50.4; and Jadahson (Falcon Seelster US) 26 wins, \$277,000.

A Courage Under Fire NZ-Crown Defender NZ colt went for the second highest price of \$122,500.

He was the only foal of Courage Under Fire go through the ring

The colt is a half-brother to group 1 New Zealand Cup winner Cruz Bromac (Falcon Seelster) 22 wins, \$992,000.

This is the second crop Australian yearlings by

Captaintreacherous, which also had four of the top 10 priced yearlings at last year's Melbourne APG sale. They included an \$82,500 for a colt out of Behappysam NZ – a brother to last season's champion two-year-old Be Happy Mach (Mach Three).

APG MELBOURNE TOP 10

\$160,000 – Art Major US-Mint Julep colt (vender Harshell Investments)

\$122,500 – Courage Under Fire NZ-Crown Defender NZ colt (Jake Stockton)

\$120,000 – Captaintreacherous US-Eye Catching colt (Benstud Standardbreds)

\$90,000 – Bettors Delight US-Beach Shack colt (BFJ Bloodstock Trust)

\$90,000 – Captaintreacherous US-Giveusachance NZ colt (Jessica Francis)

\$85,000 – Art Major US-Sugarland colt (Anne Anderson)

\$82,000 - Captaintreacherous US-Coppagoodone NZ colt (Benstud Standardbred/Peter and Zilla O'Shea)

\$80,000 – Captaintreacherous US-Beninjurd colt (Benstud Standardbreds)

\$80,000 – Sweet Lou US-Flair For Life colt (Harshell Investments)

\$72,000 – Somebeachsomewhere US-Art De Triomphe filly (Cahillio Pty Ltd)



VETERINARY CORNER

FEEDING AFTER WEANING

WEANING IS A STRESSFUL TIME FOR FOALS. WHILE mares are often ready to say good-bye to their rowdy charges, foals can be far more fretful and often enter a growth slump immediately following weaning. Therefore, proper nutrition is paramount.

Foals are typically weaned at four to six months of age. Before weaning, the foal should be accustomed to eating solid feed. This is usually not a problem if the mare is being hard fed, as many foals are dipping into their dam's feed bin by a few weeks of age. However, if the mare has maintained her condition on pasture and is not being hard fed, then the foal won't be exposed to grain or pellets until weaning.

Some foals are introduced to creep feeding by two to three months of age, a time when milk production begins to decrease and often no longer fulfils the nutritional needs of the foal. Creep feeding serves two purposes: to guarantee the weanlings' nutritional needs are being met, and to familiarize weanlings with eating grain so feeding time will be less stressful once separated from their dams.

How the foal is fed following weaning often depends greatly on what is expected of it in the following months. A weanling destined for the sale ring later in the year, for example, would be managed much more intensely than one being raised as a homebred performance prospect, where maximal growth and condition are not as imperative.

Regardless of their eventual use, the primary goal of

feeding all weanlings is the same - steady, even growth.

In order for the weanling to achieve optimal growth, sufficient dietary energy must be supplied. Weanlings generally cannot consume enough forage to satisfy energy requirements for steady growth at the rate needed by modern breeders. Therefore, grain must be fed. Approximately 0.5kg of grain per day per month of age is recommended for weanlings of light horse breeds such as Thoroughbreds or Standardbreds. This can also be expressed as up to one percent of body weight. Pony or warmblood weanlings would receive less, about 0.2-0.3 kg per day per month of age.

The hard feeds should provide the energy, protein, and minerals necessary to compensate for those not present in the forage. In addition, the grain should have sufficient levels of lysine, an amino acid essential for proper growth. Grain mixes made with soybean meal or canola meal are preferred because of their high lysine content, and these meals are usually mixed in a pellet to ensure intake.

The requirement for lysine has been reinforced by research over the years. In one study, weanlings fed a diet with sufficient protein but insufficient lysine in the form of cottonseed meal experienced slower growth rates than peers fed cottonseed meal with added lysine or soybean meal as the protein supplements in the diet. Of course, most New Zealand pastures will supply a large proportion of the protein and amino acid needs, so hard feeds for weanlings and yearlings are designed with lower protein levels than in other countries.

A grain concentrate appropriate for a weanling on pasture will generally contain 14-16 per cent crude protein.

Feeding mild excesses of protein does not cause bone problems, as many people think it does. Higher protein feed concentrates containing minerals and vitamins that are fed at lower rates (eg. 1 kg/day) can be used mixed with oats or other grains so the total grain mix supplies these levels of protein. In some breeds (eg. warmbloods) and situations (eg. high-quality pasture), a 1kg balancer pellet is all that is required.

Adequate forage should be offered to make up for energy deficiencies between the weanling's energy needs and that provided in the grain. The safest way to achieve this is by allowing the weanling access to all of the nonlegume forage it will consume. Feeding legume forage (clover or lucerne) is acceptable, but weanlings should not be allowed unrestricted access to it. Rather, they should be fed enough to provide sufficient digestible energy for moderate to rapid growth. Feeding too much legume forage is no different than feeding too much grain. Either way, excessive intake of dietary energy results.

Some researchers believe such feeding practices contribute to developmental orthopaedic disease. If a legume forage, a legume-grass forage, or a very high-quality pasture is used, the amount of grain fed may be reduced to limit energy intake. A weanling normally fed 0.5kg per month of age per day may be reduced to half that amount. In this case a more concentrated feed will

be necessary to supply the mineral and vitamin needs in a smaller amount of feed. Like many adult horses, some weanlings are easy keepers and likely to become overweight on even minimal amounts of grain. In these cases, weanlings can be fed a low-calorie, low-intake source of essential protein, vitamins, and minerals, without feeding excessive energy.

The same situation may apply to weanlings that develop bone and joint disturbances such as physitis or osteochondritis, where the extra energy from grain is undesirable.

Once a group of weanlings is established on a suitable feeding program, there is no automatic need to increase it during winter or as the weanlings gets older. Usually an increase in appetite and forage intake can fulfil extra needs and maintain growth rate. Regular observation of condition or growth rate will determine whether grain intakes need to be increased or decreased

As with all horses, weanlings should have unlimited access to water and salt.

Nutritional mistakes made early in the lives of horses can lead to structural problems that may limit performance potential. Therefore, proper nutrition of the post-weaning foal is critical.

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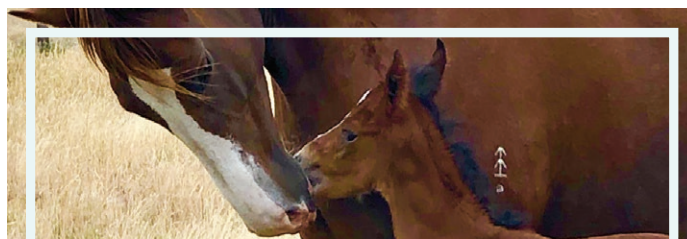
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BIT OF A STUD

DELIGHTFUL ACQUISITION

WHEN BIT OF A LEGEND CELEBRATED HIS OFFICIAL retirement ceremony at Yonkers Raceway on December 14 last year, the New York track lost a fan favourite pacer. However, Yonkers' loss was a gain for Midland Acres of Ohio, which landed the 10-year-old stallion as a breeding prospect.

Originally purchased for the late Harry Von Knoblauch for \$US103,000, the New Zealand-bred son of Bettors Delight qualified at Yonkers in January of 2016. Peter Tritton, who trained the stallion in the United States, was quoted at the time as saying: "He didn't go much (third, timed in 1:57.1), but the way he drove, the way he carried himself."

Seven years of age when he was imported, Bit Of A Legend lived up to his name in the 2016 George Morton Levy Memorial Pacing Series. He became the lone horse to capture all five legs and the final of the prestigious pacing series, dead-heating with US horse of the year Wiggle It Jiggle it in a 1:51.4h track record in one leg. He paced his winning Levy final in 1:51h flat. 2016 also marked his first of three consecutive half-million-dollar-earning seasons in North America.

Bit Of A Legend brought home the 2017 Molson Pace at The Raceway at Western Fair in Ontario, Canada in 1:51.6h, plus the \$260,000 Gerrity Memorial at Saratoga Harness in New York, timed in 1:50.6h, and the Quillen Memorial at Harrington Raceway in Delaware, clocked in 1:52.2f. Tritton said that the game little pacer had battled

back from adversity at moments of his lengthy racing career. "He's had some EPM (parasite) issues throughout his career. We've been able to stay on top of it, usually, but I think that, and the ship up to Canada (for a fifth-place effort in the 2018 Camluck Classic at Western Fair), was too much for him. His blood was no good, but he bounced back." Bit of a legend avenged his Camluck Classic defeat in Ohio, taking his lifetime mark of 1:49.2h in defeating the 2018 Camluck Classic champ Rockin Ron in Northfield Parks' \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie.

Quarter cracks affected Bit of a Legend in his final year of racing, as he was given time off to recuperate. When the time came to retire the classy pacer, word circulated among major players in the North American standardbred breeding business. Dr John Mossbarger, of family-owned Midland Acres, was notified by a friend that the 10-year-old was available as a prospective sire. The Van Knoblach family, who owned the horse in his racing days, did not stand stallions or own broodmares.

An Australian Breeders Crown 3yo and 4yo winner, Bit of a Legend raced as an aged horse in North America and hence did not gain the stature of the 2yo and 3yo grand circuit colts racing in the US and Canada. He did, however, arrive in Ohio with several testimonials and a solid record.

There are few Bettors Delight sons at stud and able to carry on that outstanding sire line. Along with Chris Ryder-trained and owned Bettors Wish, the reigning Dan Patch 3yo pacer of the year, Bit Of A Legend represents

a chance for mare owners to tap into what is an outcross sire line for Somebeachsomewhere mares.

Mossbarger has high hopes for the new stallion at Midland Acres. "We hope to get a hundred mares to him this year. We put him at \$2500, which I think is a great value. We might have made a mistake with charging too low (a stud fee)!" he said with a laugh. "I think we've got 47 mares booked to him so far (as of late January), and were just getting ready to send out some more letters, but there's a lot of competition," he said.

Bit Of A Legend has a kind and intelligent attitude and has come along at a point when owners and trainers had stopped gelding high-spirited Bettors Delight colts as frequently. "He was a great-gaited horse. He's not a real tall horse, but he's robust. He's got a nice chest and shoulder on him, a nice rump. Hes about 15 and a half hands." That small size only helped the gutsy Bit of a Legend through his 8-year racing career, and gives another point of similarity with his all-time-great sire." As Mossbarger put it: "They're only too big and they're only

too small if they don't go fast enough."

Midland Acres has never before owned a stallion, although it has stood many over the years for other owners. Bit of a Legend has changed that. Mossbarger said that he had not syndicated the stallion, which had much to offer broodmare owners. "He's very good-mannered. I haven't found any quirks to him yet. His fertility exam was good. We're anxious to get him started and give him an opportunity, because I think the horse really deserves it."

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Thank you to former committeeman Ash Haynes and family for running yet another fantastic barbecue and Margate from Inglis for working in with us to make sure the bar ran smoothly as well.

FOLLOW A FOAL FINALE

For the first time HBV, along with HERO, had a dedicated area at Oaklands to sign up new members, talk about our work, offer tours of the complex, and more particularly showcase the "Follow A Foal" project, which concluded at the sales after almost two years.

A more detailed look at the project will follow in a later edition of Trackbred, but another big thank you to project partners Aldebaran Park (and particularly Danny and Melinda), and Alabar (with special thanks to Dale) for their support of what has been a great way to connect with the public.

See pictures here

STALLION GIUDE

Studmasters and business owners, KEEP THE 2020-21 Australasian Standardbred Stallion Guide in mind when putting together your budgets for the next quarter.

Bookings for the breeders' bible, which reaches thousands of breeders, will open in May.

PRESIDENT'S SAY

I am pleased to advise that Dr Kath McIntosh (secretary) and Maurice Hanrahan (treasurer) have taken on key roles on the HBV committee. Kath will be well known to most of you as the principal of Northern Rivers Equine, while Maurice breeds from about half a dozen broodmares from his property at Bungaree.

Your committee representatives – myself and executive officer Desiree Pettit-Keating continue advocacy work with regular bi-monthly meetings with new Harness Racing Victoria chief executive officer Dayle Brown and his executive team. Terry Lewis attends industry advisory committee meeting. We have also opened a line of communication with the office of Racing Minister Martin Pakula and will be meeting with his senior advisor shortly to discuss breeding matters.

While HRV and government have significant roles to play in the feasibility of breeding our beloved standardbred, the need to get more active breeders starts with us. I am heartened by stories I hear via social media of new breeders coming on board introduced and encouraged by existing breeders.

While we all take a breather after the yearling sales and then turn our eyes to weaning, the new breeding season will be upon us before we know it. I ask every breeder to bring an inexperienced or first-time breeder into their operation. It might be a small percentage or perhaps a syndicate. Show them the ropes and 'hold their hand'!

I think this is the best way to expand our numbers.

#itallstartswithus



King of Swing. Picture: Stuart McCormick, HRV

RELATED YOUNG GUNS

A JESSIE PEPPER LEGACY

TWO OUTSTANDING YOUNG HORSES TO WIN GROUP features over the summer were King Of Swing from New Zealand and the Victorian-bred Mach Dan.

King Of Swing took out the \$500,000 AG Hunter Cup at Melton, while Mach Dan captured the South Australian Derby at Globe Derby Park.

Each belongs to the family founded by the American-bred mare Jessie Pepper (by Mambrino Chief) - a blind mare foaled in 1861 and whose descendants include pacers and trotters the calibre of Tar Heel, No Nukes, Greyhound, Scotland and more recently Rock N Roll Heaven, Father Patrick, Silk Stockings and Falcon Seelster.

King Of Swing, the winner of \$793,196 in stakes, has been a top performer in each of his four racing seasons. He won the Breeders Crown at two, the Western Australian Derby at three, seven races as a four-year-old and the Hunter Cup and Perc Hall Free-for-all at five.

His sire is the Western Ideal entire Rocknroll Hanover, a champion racehorse and a 1:50 sire in America and whose stock have now come into their own in Australia and NZ.

King Of Swing was out of a classic winner in Twist And Twirl (1:56), which won seven races for \$283,258,

including the NZ Sires Stakes 3yo Championship and Great Northern Oaks. Twist And Twirl was by Artsplace from Giveitawhirlgirl, by Jenna's Beach Boy from Impish, by Falcon Seelster from Smarty Pants, a prolific producer by El Patron from Smart Doll.

Besides King Of Swing, Twist And Twirl is also the dam of Extreme Stride (1:56.7), an Addington winner at two, the three-year-old Ballroom Beauty and the two-year-old Bettor Twist, both of whom have qualified.

Giveitawhirlgirl, the granddam of King Of Swing, was only lightly raced but she left six winners. They included Feels Like Magic 1:51 (\$261,728), a winner in NZ, NSW and America, Spandau Ballet (1:58.9), Flying Loose (1:59.5) and Bettor Give It 1:57.4 (\$138,061), whose 15 successes included the Blossom Lady and Jane Ellen at Melton.

At the stud Bettor Give It, one of the best daughters of a champion sire and broodmare sire in Bettor's Delight, left the SA Derby winner Mach Dan (by Mach Three) as her second issue.

Bought for \$100,000 at the APG Melbourne sale in 2018, Mach Dan has earned \$80,492 from five wins in eight starts. Among his successes have been the Group 2 NSW

Sapling Stakes (in 1:52.9), heats of the Australian Pacing Gold and Bathurst Gold Crown and now the \$30,000 SA Derby.

The gelding was bred by Shannon Nixon, a former president of Harness Breeders Victoria, and his wife Meaghan, who raced Bettor Give It during her Australian career.

Impish, the third dam of King Of Swing and Mach Dan, won six races at two and three and took a mile mark of 1:54.9 and at the stud left seven individual winners. The best of her produce was The Fascinator 1:53.9 (\$155,162), a Bettor's Delight mare who won 10 races including the NZ North Island Breeders Stakes. Others from Impish included Crackabella (1:56.7), I Know The Rules (1:57.7), Our Gold

Dust Woman (2:00.3) and the recent SA winner Simon (1:55.9).

A daughter of Impish was Imprint 1:58.4 (by Life Sign), who is the dam of the NZ Caduceus Club Classic winner Am Opulent 1:54.9 (\$269,515), the NZ Southland Oaks victor Dibaba 1:56 (\$127,759) and the Gloucester Park winner Idealindiamonds (1:56.2).

King Of Swing and Mach Dan promise to give this fine family further credit.

BY PETER WHARTON

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THE NEW GENERATION 2YOS ON THE BOARD

ULTIMATE EXCLUSIVE

Art Major US-Saved A Corka
(Armbro Operative US) colt
Bred by Pinaroo Park

SOHO LANIKAI

Somebeachsomewhere US-Obahma Joy
(American ideal US) colt
Bred by Eureka Standardbreds Unit Trust No.6

SHESHELL ROCK

A Rocknroll Dance US-Alashell
(McArdle US) filly
Bred by Harshell Investments

SOHO BOLLINGER

Bettors Delight US-Soho Champagne
(Artsplace US) colt
Bred by RJ Watson

SOHO ALMASI

Mach Three Ca-Fusui (Village Jasper US) filly
Bred by MJ Day

PANTALOON

Somebeachsomewhere US-The Final Frontier
(Sportswriter US) gelding
Bred by BO Barker

BLITZERN

Western Terror US-Blitzsuzy (Blissfull Hall US)
colt
Bred by JD Montesano, BA Madigan and
JJ Traunini

ALDEBARAN ZEUS

Muscle Hill US-Zoia Boko Swe (Vikings Kromos
Ita) trotting colt
Bred by Aldebaran Lodge

IDEAL DAN

American ideal US-Jodila (Jeremes Jet US) colt
Bred by D Zavitsano

DANGEROUS HAND

Captaintreacherous US-Mitzi Hanover US
(Camluck US) filly
Bred by HL Head

SAHARA STORM

Captaintreacherous US-Sahara Sunrise (Art
Major US) filly
Bred by RB Paul and P Watkinson

BAR ROOM BANTA

A Rocknroll Dance US-Jerada Ace (Christian
Cullen NZ) colt
Bred by RE Cahill

MOMENTSLIKETHESE

Art Major US-Mint Julep (Presidential Ball
US) filly
Bred by Harshell Investments

ILLAWONG MOONBEAM

Love You Fra-Illawong Moonshine (Yankee
Spider US) trotting filly
Bred by ML and KL Hartnett

JILLIBY RETOR

Bettors Delight US-Charlotte Church NZ
(Christian Cullen NZ) colt
Bred by JM and CM Kahledfedt

ROCKNROLL RUNA

Rock N Roll Heaven US-Shes A Runa (Jeremes
Jet US) gelding
Bred by DA Kennedy and GF Burns

IDEAL DAN

American Ideal US-Jodila (Jeremes Jet US) colt
Bred by D Zavitsanos

PATSBEACHSTORM

Somebeachsomewhere US-Charissa Tee
(Sportswriter US) gelding
Bred by PW and CA Judd, and PJ Walshe

KEAYANG XENA

Father Patrick US-Keayang Yankee (Muscles
Yankee US) trotting filly
Bred by Levarg Racing Group



Bar Boom Banta Picture: Stuart McCormick, HRV

WESTERN AUSTRALIA**STAR OF WILLOUGBY**

Follow The Stars-Lady Willoughby
(Allamericaningot US) colt
Bred by Allwood Stud Farm

BLACK JACK BABY

Follow The Stars-What A Card (McArdle US)
filly
Bred by SEJ Quadrio

MACHNIFICENT

Mach Three US-Honorable Daughter (Northern
Luck Ca) colt
Bred by Allwood Stud Farm

DOMINUS FACTUM

American Ideal US-Nikkis Delight (Bettors
Delight US) gelding
Bred by D, N and DK Tsimiklis

SQUEEZEME PLEASEME

Parsons Den US-Orange Pip (Orange Sensation
US) colt
Bred by CR and SJ Briant

SEERYANFLY

Heston Blue Chip US-Brush With Courage
(Courage Under Fire) gelding
Bred by KTC Bloodstock

LADY JADORE

Tintin In America NZ-Ima High Roll (Kinney
Hanover US) filly
Bred by Patrician Park

LADY BELLA ANNE

Alta Christiano NZ-Betta Than Mumma NZ
(Washington VC US) filly
Bred by RS Tomlinson and AG Cortopassi

ROBBIE ROCKET

Follow The Stars-Elite Angel (Safely Kept US)
colt
Bred by PC O'Boyle

ROCK ON THE BEACH

Somebeachsomewhere Us-Gabriella Rocks
(Four Starzzz Shark Ca) colt
Bred by SA Johnson

SECRET REACTION

Auckland Reactor NZ-Secret Operative
(Armbro Operative US) filly
Bred by MJ Howie

TALKS UP A STORM

Artspeak US-Typhoon Tan NZ (Live Or Die US)
Bred by C Baggetta, L Dean, DT Roberts, SL
Beven, AR Hall, J Wychowanko, GG Old, HA
Capararo, ME Armstrong, G and S Group

GIVE US A WAVE

Mach Three CA-Royal Tour (Safely Kept US)
Bred by KJF and AG Charles

CHEDDAR IS BETTER

Betterthancheddar US-American Gigl
(Allamerican Ingot US) colt
Bred by Royalstar

WATCH THE STARS

Follow The Stars-Nightwatch lady (Lombo
Pocket watch) colt
Bred by Allwood Stud Farm

THE GOOD LIFE

Mache Three CA-Artistic Copper (Artistic Fella
US) colt
Bred by MJ Howie

RUMOUR HAS IT

Roll With Joe US-Roustabout NZ (Christian
Cullen NZ) filly
Bred by DJ Lewis

ALWAYS AN ANGE

Art Major US-Angel Of Destiny NZ (Christian
Cullen NZ) filly
Bred by CH and TJ Barlow

LAVRA JOE

Roll With Joe US-Lavra Florence NZ (Live Of Die
US) colt
Bred by KJF and AG Charles

LETSDANCETONIGHT

A Rocknroll Dance US-San Sophia US (Artsplace
US) filly
Bred by KJF and AG Charles

MIGHTY RONALDO

Alta Christiano NZ-Millwoods Delight NZ
(Bettors Delight US) colt
Bred by TG Lindsay

BEAT THE BANK

Bettors Delight US-Robyns CC (Christian Cullen
NZ) gelding
Bred by Karnup Racing



Soho Lanikai Picture: Stuart McCormick, HRV

GABBYS REASON

For A Reason-Gabrielle Solis NZ (McArdle US) filly
Bred by PA Valentine, RE Boys, WR Barker, KG Hurst, BD Roux de Buisson

THE KEW LEGEND

Bettors Delight US-Sexy Lady (Panorama US) colt
Bred by Cahillio

IM LADY MADELEINE

A Rocknroll Dance US-Confetti (Jennas Beach Boy US) filly
Bred by CG and LA Duncan

ROCKNROLL RUNA

Rock N Roll Heaven US-Shes A Runa (Jeremes Jet US) gelding
Bred by DA Kennedy and GF Burns

CAPTAIN BRAVEHEART

Captaintreacherous US-Scottish Glamour NZ (Elsu) colt
Bred by Lauriston Bloodstock

TASTY DELIGHT

Bettors Delight US-Gently Audrey US (Artsplace US)
Bred Croon Bloodstock

BREIVIKA

Sommeveachsomewhere US-Our Santa Canalina NZ (Rocknroll Hanover US) filly
Bred by SC Robertson

BETA JEWEL

Captaintreacherous US-Betapic (Bettors Delight US)
Bred by Brooklyn Lodge Aberdeen

BLAZIN BEAUTY

Pet Rock US-Midnight Beauty (Jennas Beach Boy US)
Bred by RJ Walsh

ROCKINDOWNUNDER

Warrawee Needy Ca-Rockin Lu Lu (Rocknroll Hanover US) filly
Bred by JR and M Evans, LA Timmins, SM Hinkley and Yirribee Pacing Stud.

THE GROGFATHER

Warrawee Needy Ca-Satellite Star (Rustlet Hanover US) gelding
Bred by RF Reynolds

GIRL FROM OZ

Heston Blue Chip US-Girls Go Racing (Sportswriter US) filly
Bred by GJ Murphy and JA Pritchard

STRAVINSKY

Sunshine Beach US-Miss Toolern Vale (Bettors delight US) colt
Bred by SA, SA and CC McPherson

LA CABEZA GEM

Captaintreacherous US-Gemmia (Western Terror US) filly
Bred by GS Messenger

RICKOSHAY

Bettors Delight US-Pembrook Caesar NZ (Julius Caesar NZ) colt
Bred by DJ Martello

ICANBOLT

Village Jolt Ca-Jo An Rowa (Astreos Ca) colt
Bred by JG and KG Ridley

HE AINT FAKIN

Art Major US-She Aint Fakin (Fake Left US) colt
Bred by EL Basham

PATSBEACHSTORM

Somebeachsomewhere US-Charissa Tee (Sportswriter US) gelding
Bred by PW and CA Judd, and PJ Walshe

CAPTAIN CRUSADER

Captaintreacherous US-The Arch Nemesis (Jeremes Jet US) colt
Bred by Brooklyn Lodge Aberdeen and La Spina Tranucco & Co

KASHED UP

For A Reason-Laughing Lilly NZ (Mach Three Ca) gelding
Bred by GC Hewitt

ARMA RENEGADE

Captaintreacherous US-Arma The One NZ (Badlands Hanover US) filly
Bred by JG and KG Ridley

BILLIE DEE

Captaintreacherous US-Our Expressive Art NZ (Badlands Hanover US) filly
Bred by MV Lennox and R Aylward

MY BUZZ LIGHTNING NZ

Bettors Delight US-Nickys Delight NZ (Artsplace US) gelding
Bred by Woodlands Stud

SIoux RAINBOW

AMERICAN IDEAL US-Rainbow Sue US (Art Major US) filly
Bred by JDM Markham

ANNTONIA

Bettors Delight US-Perfect Penny (Christian Cullen NZ) filly
Bred by MJ Day

FEELS LIKA BOS

Mr Feelgood US-Shez Juslika (Modern Art US) gelding
Bred by PM and ZD O'Shea

JACKOMONDO

Somebeachsomewhere US-Tantallon (Time Stands Still Ca) gelding
Bred by MJ Panton

WATTS UP SUNSHINE

Sunshine Beach US-Cheeky Cheeky (Art Major US) colt
Bred by BJ Watts

JOANNA

Somebeachsomewhere US-Repelem (Dream Away US) filly
Bred by MJ Carey

ORCHID STRIDE

American Ideal US-Modern day (Modern Art US) filly
Bred by JA and NP Costello

DANGEROUS HAND

Captaintreacherous US-Mitzi M Hanover US (Camluck US) filly
Bred by HL Head

LOCHINVAR CHIEF

Captaintreacherous US-Always A Target (Always A Virgin US) gelding
Bred by FJ McGrath

IDYLLIC

Somebeachsomewhere US-Ideal Priority US (Western Ideal US) colt
Bred by BC and VA Edward

IDEAL DAN

American Ideal US-Jodila (Jeremes Jet US) colt
Bred by D Zavitsanos

REASON TO BE

For A Readdon-Getsumback (Western Grant) gelding
Bred by Yirribee Pacing Stud

LETS GET ROCKIN

Mach Three Ca-Ravishing Girl (Sportswriter US) gelding
Bred by Sloys Company

MELDRUM

Bettors Delight US-Sweet Molly Oshea NZ (Mach Three Ca) colt
Bred by PN and DE Thurston

RADAR STRIDE

Captaintreacherous US-Sweet As Reign (Presidential Ball US) gelding
Bred by JE Andersen and D Stevens

IMAJOYRIDE

Lincoln Royal NZ-Onajoyride (Grinfromeartoe US) filly
Bred by HJ Hotham, JT, BJ and CH Hewitt, JP Cleary and G Consadine

WARRAWEE CRUZIN

Warrawee Needy Ca-Boldandbeautiful (Albert Albert US) gelding
Bred by Yirribee Pacing Stud

EAGLE COMMANDER

Fly Like An Eagle-Supreme Command (River Khan) gelding
Bred by Yirribee Pacing Stud

SPEED OF SOUND

Mach Three Ca-Wall Of Silence (Die Laughing US) filly
Bred by Brooklyn Lodge Aberdeen

DAIMYO

Majestic Son Ca-Frozen Funds NZ (Pine Chip US) trotting colt
Bred by Allied Express Pacing



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA**SANUR BEACH**

Somebeachsomewhere US-One Night (Presidential Ball US) gelding
Bred by KR Clark

MISCHIEVOUS MAGGIE

Rock N Roll Heaven US-Our Mischievous Miss NZ (Bettors Delight US) filly
Bred by HM Stevens, DA Borrett and PA Ladyman

INDYANNA

Artspeak US-Aalyah Rose (Blissfull Hall US) filly
Bred by TJ Ryan

THE SNEAKY FOX

Art Major US-Cruiser Franco NZ (Falcon Seelster) filly
Bred by MB Sandbolm

NORTHERN TERROR

Western Terror US-Sunday Rose (Holmes Hanover US) gelding
Bred by HB Bourke

LITTLE NADEL

Union Guy US-Bel Vu Ayesha (Blissful Hall) filly
Bred by RD Wardlaw

MILLIONDOLLAR KISS

Milion Dollar Dam US-Kiss Me Monty (Safely Kept US) filly
Bred by J Panagiotou

TREACHERY

Captaintreacherous US-Lovelist (Always A Virgin US) filly
Bred by PS Gleeson and BJ and CW Cameron

DANCING FINN

A Rocknroll Dance US-Anna Finn NZ (Bettors Delight US) filly
Bred by KF Stanley

CHARGING BULL

PB Bullville US-Charged Energy (Bad Bert US) gelding
Bred by SM and AM Baker

QUEENSLAND**ONLYSBEST**

Cammibest US-Only Ours (Albert Albert US) colt
Bred by RA Patrick

OUTA THE BLUE

Heston Blue Chip US-Birds Of A Feather (Art Major US) filly
Bred by Brooklyn Lodge Aberdeen

THIS ONES FOR YOU

A Rocknroll Dance US-Onedins Pocketgirl NZ (In The Pocket US) filly
Bred by KJ and N Hayes

SHEZ BONNY SHEILA

Betterthancheddar US-ImA Bonnie Sheila (Blissfull Hall US) filly
Bred by GC Haggart

GLITTER STRIP

Sunshine Beach US-Red River Laine NZ (Red River Hanover US) gelding
Bred by Trump Bloodstock

TALENT TO SPARE

Hurrikane Kingcole US-Talented Tess (Grinfromeartear US) filly
Bred by Solid Earth

MY CHINA DOLL

Hurrikane Kingcole US-Jessica Dale (Live Or Die US) filly
Bred by DHA Belford

JASPER

Mach Three-Ca-Joy To Behold (Fake Left US) filly
Bred by Solid Earth

TASMANIA**YEAH MATE**

Western Terror-Mach Spider (Mach Three US) gelding
Bred by Maxfield Standardbreds Tasmania

AGOUDA RULER

Betterthancheddar US-High Flying Ruler (Jet Laag US) gelding
Bred by LJ and EJ Nichols

MY CHINA DOLL

Hurrikane Kingcole US-Jessica Dale (Live Of Die US) filly
Bred by DHA Belford

DEADLY TERROR

Captaintreacherous US-Forever After (Presidential Ball US) filly
Bred by Solid Earth

WRITTEN IN SILK

Sportswriter US-Mon Soie (Village Jasper US) filly
Bred by L E Dornauf, L A Dornauf, J M Dornauf, C J Dornauf

RESURGENT REBEL

Heston Blue Chip US-Resurgent Star (Resurgent Dragon US) filly
Bred by RC Whitmore



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