

# HAUNUI FARM UPDATE

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## Sydney Easter Yearling Sale a Boomer

Once again, the William Inglis & Son Sydney Easter Yearling Sale surpassed all records to remain Australasia's premier yearling sale.

With a catalogue of 500 of the best yearlings in Australasia available for sale, there is no doubting that the Australian market continues to be "bullish" at the top end and for vendors, long may this continue.

The first session of the Easter Sale saw a record sales gross of over A\$143 million. Haunui offered three yearlings in this session, and all proved to be very popular leading into the sale.

"It was remarkable the number of buyers that came back for second and third inspections that had all three yearlings on their list," said Mark Chitty. "So, while we might have had a small draft in this section of the sale, they were very popular and it was just a matter of trying to figure out to what level," said Mark.

The first lot to be offered was the Redoute's Choice (Aus)

(Danehill) colt out of Group One -winner Coogee Walk (NZ) (Success Express). He got proceedings underway nicely, finally knocked down to the bid of Anthony Cummings for A\$550,000.

"We thought he may have made a little bit more but to be honest, buyers were a bit weary of the Redoute's Choice colts," said Mark. "But at the end of the day, the colt has gone to a very good stable and will have every opportunity to add to the pedigree," he said.

The second lot offered by Haunui was the first foal out of two-year-old stakes winner Eire Hostess (NZ) (O'Reilly). The filly, by Dehere (USA) (Deputy Minister) was purchased for A\$370,000 by Dean Hawthorne as agent and will come under the ownership of Jonathan Munz.

"You can't ask for a better result than to sell a first foal for that sort of money," said Mark. "It was well above the reserve and was a great result for Haunui and our partners in the

mare, Garry Cranny and Dennis and Maureen Nicol," he said.

The last of Haunui's yearlings in the first session of the sale was the Stravinsky (USA) (Nureyev) filly out of Luna Scene (NZ) (Langfuhr). A filly that just got better and better each and every day, she provided the biggest surprise when fetching A\$450,000 to the bid of BBA agent Adrian Nicol.

"When Shannon picked me up from the airport on the Wednesday she said that she thought this filly might be the smokey of the yearling season and she turned out to be spot on," said Mark. "The trip and the pressure of the sale just did that filly the world of good and each time buyers came back to inspect her, she just walked out, stood up and did the job," said Mark. "I think that's what a lot of people like to see, especially with fillies," he said.

The second session of the sale was held on Thursday the 24th of April after a days break between sessions and needless to say, it was flat in comparison to the first.

Three of the four lots offered by Haunui were sold with the Pins (Aus) (Snippets) filly out of Trebuchet (NZ) (Bigstone) topping the draft at A\$90,000 to the bid of Anthony Cummings. The Danzero (Aus) (Danehill) filly out of Diva Belle (NZ) (Carnegie) was purchased by Vin Cox Bloodstock for A\$85,000 whilst the other filly in the draft, the Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill) filly out of Fleet Marguerite (USA) (Gulch) was knocked down for A\$70,000, once again to the bid of Anthony Cummings.

"That session was certainly a little tougher than we expected it to be, given that the first session was so strong and there would have been people who had been missing out on yearlings left, right and centre," said Mark. "Overall, we had a great sale at both Karaka and Sydney so now we're back home, it's on to the next yearling crop," he said.



LEFT: The Stravinsky-Luna Scene filly purchased by Adrian Nicol of BBA Ireland for A\$450,000.

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## Iffraaj On The Way in 2008

After a false start in 2007, Haunui is pleased to confirm that Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic) will be joining the Haunui stallion roster in 2008.

"We received a fantastic response from breeders when we announced Iffraaj last year and it was certainly very disappointing not to have been able to get him to New Zealand due to the outbreak of EI in Australia where he was quarantined," said Mark. "He is on his way to Haunui in 2008 and is an exciting stallion to have on our roster being such a highly credentialed race horse and, a close relation to Cape Cross who has been such a great success in the Southern Hemisphere," said Mark.

By the ill-fated Zafonic (USA) (Gone West), one of the most highly acclaimed colts of the last half century, Iffraaj is out of Pastorale (GB) (Nureyev), a half sister to Cape Cross (GB) (Green Desert) and to the dam of Group One-winner and successful sire Diktat (GB) (Warning) and, is herself a daughter of Champion two-year-old Park Appeal (GB) (Ahonoora).

A multiple Group Two-winner including the Park Stakes two years running and, the Lennox Stakes, Iffraaj was beaten just a whisker in the time honoured Group One Darley July Cup over 6f. An outstanding sprinter on turf, Iffraaj was a race horse held in the highest regard in the Northern Hemisphere and earned this reputation as a four and five-year-old after injury curtailed his entire three-year-old season. "He was obviously highly thought of by his connections being such a well-bred colt and being allowed to race on at four and five," says Mark. "It also says a lot for the horse's



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aptitude and temperament to race at the highest level as an older horse," he said.

With a Timeform rating of 127 and an International Classification of 128 upon retirement, Iffraaj was rated above numerous international performers including Electrocutonist – three-time Group One-winner including the Dubai World Cup - Takeover Target – four-time Group One-winner and Champion Australian Sprinter - Les Arcs – two-time Group One-winner including the July Cup - Ad Valorem – two-time Group One-winner including the Middle Park Stakes and Queen Anne Stakes - and Ouija Board – seven-time Group One winner and Champion European Mare.

Standing his first season at stud in 2007 at Kildangan in Ireland,

Iffraaj served a full book of mares and is on his way to covering another full book in 2008. His first foals have created a strong impression among breeders in the Northern Hemisphere with Michael Dalton stating his colt out of Dance Clear (Ire) (Marju) "is the nicest we have on the farm this year. He has lots of scope and is very well put together," he said.

"The foal reports we have received are very encouraging and Iffraaj seems to be stamping his progeny," said Mark. "They are all bays with very little white, are correct, have good bone, natural muscle and a good hip and I look forward to seeing a number of them when I visit Kildangan in a fortnights time," he said.

Iffraaj will stand at Haunui Farm in 2008 for a service fee of NZ\$12,000 + GST and with the support of partners Ardsley Stud, Chequers Stud, Fairdale Stud, Millfield Stud, Monovale Farm, Soliloquy Lodge, Trelawney Stud and, Paul and Mary Kenny and Jen Campin will be given a great opportunity. "Given that Cape Cross is resting from shuttle duties this year, Iffraaj represents a great opportunity for breeders to utilise a stallion who most importantly proved himself on the racetrack, represents a pedigree that has been so successful in the Southern Hemisphere and, is from the proven Mr Prospector sire line which has been so successful" says Mark.

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## Metropolitan—Elusive City's first stakes performer

Talented filly Metropolitan (NZ) (Elusive City) put in a bold performance at Avondale on ANZAC Day to notch up her first stakes performance and importantly, the first stakes performance for her sire Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) when finishing third in the New Zealand Bloodstock 2YO Fillies Stakes (1200m).

Trained by Keith and Brendon Hawtin and, Stephen Autridge, Metropolitan ran third in her first start at the end of March and went one better in her next attempt over 1100m in April. Stepping up in class on ANZAC day, the filly didn't disappoint and looks to have a promising future ahead as she gets over a little more ground.

Elusive City made a flying start to his stallion career in the Northern Hemisphere with his



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first starter Man River (Ire) winning on debut in France.

Elusive City is currently standing his fourth season in Ireland, and his book was closed at the end of February after once again receiving enormous support from Irish breeders. "He is immensely popular in Ireland serving full books with 130 covered

so far this season and 83 already in foal. "It would be great if we could get those results in New Zealand and I think they will come as more and more of his progeny step out on to the track," says Mark. "He served 91 mares here last season and we're looking forward to another good book in 2009," he

said.

"I've just returned from Sydney where I caught up with Mark Pilkington. They have four Elusive City's in the David Hayes stable – three two-year-olds and a yearling – and they rate them all highly," said Mark. "They have labelled Aqaleem a stakes horse which is very exciting and there looks to be a number of exciting prospects in New Zealand based on recent trials performances that have all been put aside for the Autumn," said Mark. "So, we're already looking forward to the end of winter!"

## Another Stakes Performer for "The Don"

Talented three-year-old filly Vিকেzzchardonnay (NZ) (Don Eduardo) became her sire's third stakes performer with a hard fought second in the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock War-step Stakes (2000m).

Vিকেzzchardonnay jumped well and was settled in mid-field by jockey Hayden Tinsley making up some good ground down the back straight to sit in just behind the leader coming to the home turn. A race run in testing conditions, a number of runners made their runs wider out on the track however Tinsley and Vিকেzzchardonnay remained closer to the inside and looked the winners until Belmont Cat (NZ) (Felix The Cat) emerged

from the pack, relishing the very wet conditions.

Trained by Murray Baker, Vিকেzzchardonnay has been a consistent filly this campaign coming close on a number of occasions. She ran an impressive third in the Ellerslie Oaks (2100m) as a lead up into the New Zealand Oaks where she finished a close fifth and in her three starts since, she has finished second.

Saturday also saw another winner for Don Eduardo across the Tasman with Gooree Park Stud's homebred Tio Juan (NZ) (Don Eduardo) scoring impressively over a mile at Newcastle. Trained by Gai Waterhouse, Tio

Juan has started on only four occasions with two seconds, a fifth and now a win to his credit. "Hopefully with this win under his belt, we can move him into the city for a few nice races," said Andrew Baddock of Gooree Park Stud.

"There are plenty of people keeping an eye on the Don Eduardo's and one to watch out for in the coming weeks is Swift Alliance from the Gai Waterhouse stable," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm. "He has left some very smart types and buyers have certainly been more than happy to pay good money for them," said Mark. "He has sold multiple six-figure yearlings from three yearling crops so far

and at a \$10,000 service fee, that represents very good value," says Mark. "There are not many stallions in that service fee bracket that can leave those types of yearlings," he said.

Don Eduardo has six weanlings in the upcoming New Zealand Bloodstock National Weanling and Broodmare Sale. He stands at Haunui Farm in 2008 for a service fee of \$10,000 + GST.

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## Success Continues to Flow for Van Nistelrooy

The success of the progeny of Van Nistelrooy (USA) (Storm Cat) continues to roll on with the win of Vandalo (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) in the \$60,000 JAYCO Cup (1400m) at Moonee Valley in April and, the outstanding second of New Zealand Oaks-winner Boundless (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) in the AJC Oaks.

"It was great to see Boundless head to Australia and put up a performance like that," said Mark Chitty.

"Not only is it good for New Zealand racing but it also franks our and our partners' opinion in Van Nistelrooy and the reasons we brought him to New Zealand in the first place," said Mark Chitty.

Another of Van Nistelrooy's outstanding performers from his first southern hemisphere crop has been Onceuponatime (NZ) who looks destined to claim Champion three-year-old status in Singapore after nabbing the two-year-old title

last season. Never finishing out of the first three in only twelve starts, the big, strong chestnut will once again be having a crack at the older horses when he lines up on the 18th of May in the Singapore Airlines International Cup (2000m).

From his first Southern Hemisphere crop of 86 foals, Van Nistelrooy has so far had 38 individual winners including the stakes winners Boundless,

Vandalo and Onceuponatime as well as the stakes performers Princess Annaliese, Pit Lane and Vanny Fair.

## Haunui Active in Broodmare Market

Once again, Haunui has been active in the broodmare market purchasing Raining Monarch (Aus) (Royal Academy) out of the recent Inglis Broodmare Sale in Sydney and at the end of last year also secured On The Board (Aus) (Spectrum).

"There are certain families that we have been looking to get into and there were a number of mares in the catalogue that we had our eye on, it was just a matter of whether we were going to be able to secure them," said Mark Chitty.

"These two mares are from two of the best families in the Australian stud book," said Mark.

On The Board is a daughter of the Group One-winner Miss Danehill (Aus) (Danehill), a daughter of stakes winner Miss Manden (Aus) (Bellotto) and half sister to stakes winners Pentastic (Aus) (Pentire) and Point Made (Aus) (Redansom).

Raining Monarch is a daughter of Rainscene (Aus) (Scenic), a half sister to Procrastinate (Aus) (Jade Hunter), Galapagos Girl (Aus) (Dehere) and Kampaign (Aus) (Kampala) and obviously represents the family of the outstanding race mare Laisser-faire (Aus) (Danehill).

These two mares, along with Little Tempest (Aus)

(Thunder Gulch) and Queen's Move (Aus) (King of Kings) who were both purchased at the June Magic Millions Sale, will remain in Australia for the current season to be foaled down and served before returning to New Zealand.

"We obviously haven't been able to get Little Tempest and Queen's Move home as we initially decided to leave them in Australia to be foaled down before returning to New Zealand," said Mark. "The outbreak of EI stalled them coming home and in fact, we will be selling both of their foals at the upcoming Magic Millions Sale," he said.

Little Tempest produced a colt by Anabaa (USA) (Danzig) whilst Queen's Move produced a filly by Stratum (Aus) (Redoute's Choice). Both weanlings will be offered through the draft of Kitchwin Hills.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Haunui clients Don and Rochelle McLaren on the win of Kosi Bay (NZ) (Spinning World) in the Group Two Emancipation Stakes

(1600m) at Randwick on the 3rd of May. A daughter of Calvinia (Aus) (Varick) she was bred by the McLaren's and sold through Haunui's 2003 Easter Yearling

Draft for A\$130,000 to the bid of Bart Cummings.

Further success also came on Saturday for the McLaren's with the third placing of Anzali (NZ)

(Zabeel) in the Listed Warstep Stakes (2000m). Anzali is a daughter of stakes winner Danasia (Aus) (Danehill).