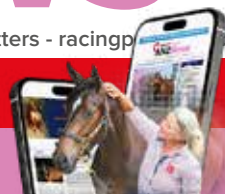


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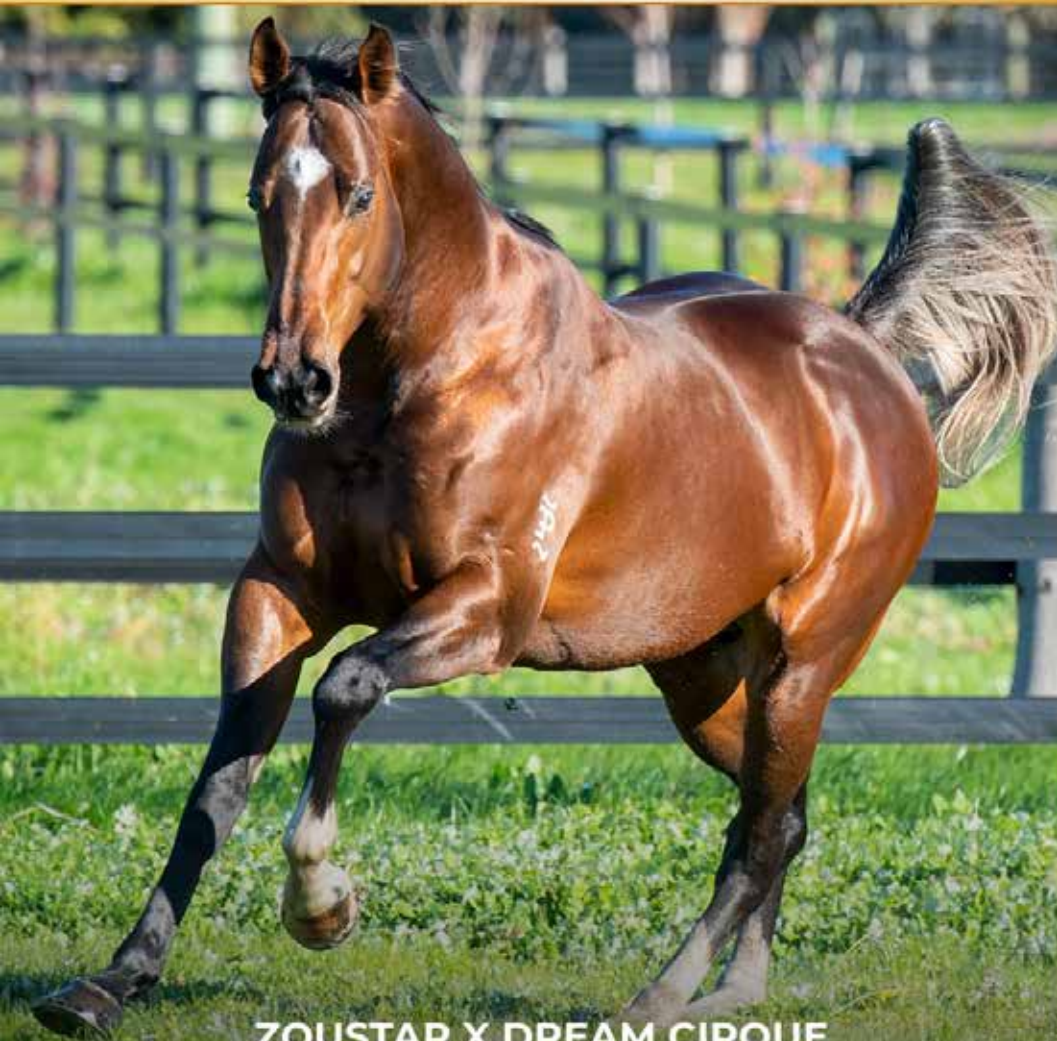
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Stablemates set to clash as Price eyes another Blue Diamond quinella

By Trevor Marshallsea

Two headstrong, ultra competitive colts, out to seal a stud future, filling the top two spots in the market and drawing barriers three and five.

And they also happen to come from the same stable.

Trainer Mick Price must be feeling confident as he eyes off the 56th Blue Diamond Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) with \$4 favourite Big Sky (Bivouac) and \$5 shot Guest House (Home Affairs).

"I am feeling confident - confident that they've had pretty good training preparations, which is what we need to have from them," Price told ANZ News.

"Unfortunately training is not raceday level, and raceday brings out all your mistakes, but if I've made a mistake, I can't see it at this point.

"I feel like I've been able to get my timing right on both of them, and both horses go in pretty spot on, I believe."

Price has won Victoria's two-year-old showpiece twice previously, before Michael Kent Jnr joined him as co-trainer. **Cont. on page 3**

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Continued from page 2 He did it with Extreme Choice (Not A Single Doubt) in 2016, and that horse has duly gone on to become not just a sire but a super one, at Newgate Farm.

Price also did it with the filly Samaready (More Than Ready) four years earlier, and she's blossomed into an outstanding broodmare, leaving Golden Slipper (Gr 1, 1200m) winner and current Coolmore stallion Shinzo (Snitzel) and his four-time stakes-winning sister Exhilarates.

Such storylines underscore the enduring significance to the breeding scene of the Blue Diamond.

In the ten editions starting with Extreme Choice's, the race has been won by seven colts. All six who are old enough - not counting last year's winner Devil Night (Extreme Choice) - have gone on to stand at stud.

Written By (Written Tycoon) and Tagaloo (Lord Kanaloa) have made decent starts, while Artorius (Flying Artie) and Daumier's

(Epaulette) first yearlings are hitting the sales rings this year.

Among the two still living female winners from our sample period, 2017 winner Catchy (Fastnet Rock) has thrown dual stakes winner Floozie (Zoustar).

"There's no doubt that it's still a good stallion maker," Price said of the Blue Diamond. "It certainly worked for Extreme Choice, though admittedly he won a second Group 1 as a three-year-old."

And so, if not quite as pronounced as on Golden Slipper day, the fizzing cocktail of pressure and hope will be acute at Caulfield on Saturday, with so much riding on the result.

Saturday's edition rings remarkably similar for Price as 2016. Extreme Choice started \$2.70 favourite and won clearly, by 1.75 lengths. Price also had the \$5 second elect Flying Artie (Artie Schiller), and he ran second.

For more on stallion-making, Flying Artie is now kicking goals as a sire at Blue Gum Farm, with triple elite winner Asfoora being Europe's

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reigning Champion Sprinter, and the stallion's dual stakes winning son Sixties seemingly bearing down on a Group 1 title to match his brother, to Artorius.

Yet price can't have gone into 2016 feeling like he was holding as strong a hand as he has for this edition a neat decade later.

For one thing, Extreme Choice had gate 11 and Flying Artie 15. If Saturday's emergencies come out, Big Sky will **Continued on page 5**

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Big Sky, a \$140,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast yearling buy for Price bred by Queensland's Eureka Stud, has had a flawless preparation. After two jump outs, he debuted with an effortless 2.75-length win in a 1000 metres two-year-old handicap, taking to the Flemington straight like so many young horses don't.

Held back to the same trip, he strolled home arrogantly with a three-length victory, again in a seven horse field, in Caulfield's Chairman's Stakes (Gr 3, 1000m) on January 31.

That's given him three weeks between runs into Saturday, and it's the same as the path as the muscular Extreme Choice took into his Blue Diamond.

Guest House is on a two-week lead-in, the same as Samaready. A \$270,000 Gold Coast buy for Price, Rogers Bloodstock and the Roll The Dice Racing concern whose colours he bears, the first crop son of Coolmore's Home Affairs (I Am Invincible) debuted with a 0.75-length win in a field of ten over 1000-metres at Cranbourne's metro meeting on December 27.

But it was in defeat at his subsequent start in the Blue Diamond Prelude (Gr 3, 1100m), when he gave Saturday's rider Jamie Melham quite the torrid time, that he shone most impressively.

He may have run a one-length second to Saturday's \$6 third-favourite, the Danny O'Brien trained Closer To Free (Street Boss), but it was the obstacles he crashed through in getting there that pleased Price.

"I was very surprised when Guest House duffed the start in the Prelude and then charged into the bridle," the trainer said. "He was still game enough to run second, which I thought



Guest House

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was a pretty good effort, because horses who miss the start, and then pull, and they're deep, and they've got no cover, and they're working - they don't usually run second.

"I thought in the run that he would run seventh, so I thought it was an indication of his capacity, and I'm very happy with that colt."

Guest House is striving to go in at the top level as a first Australian stakes winner for Home Affairs, who covered 205 mares at \$82,500 (inc GST) at Coolmore last year, and who's made an eye-catching start at stud. From only his first 18 runners, the seven-year-old has seven stakes horses and four winners, including one black-type victor in New Zealand Group 2-winning colt Kinnaird.

Melham rode Guest House in some "very strong work" on Tuesday morning, Price said, while race rider Jordan Childs steered Big Sky.

"They're both going very well," Price said. "They don't work together, they don't need to work together. The last time we worked Guest House in company he overworked. He's very, very competitive. He's still got a fair bit to learn, that colt."

While Guest House may have worked too hard to win his last start, Price sees no attraction in trying to hold him back.

"I don't think the horse will allow himself to be ridden in that fashion," he said. "Jamie knows him well, he's not an easy horse to ride, but I think she's got to ride her horse first and the race second."

"I actually wouldn't mind if Guest House did explode from the gates, found the fence and

crossed the horse in barrier one. If they left him be, to a point, that would be good.

"It's difficult to say that in a 16-horse field in a Blue Diamond, because everything goes up a notch as far as race tempo goes, but if he was to lead, I don't think it'd be a bad thing."

Big Sky is one of four stakes winners from 83 runners for Darley's Bivouac (Exceed And Excel), who served 104 mares at \$55,000 (inc GST) last spring. The colt will race on the pace, Price said, as he strives to become his sire's second elite victor after Golden Rose (Gr 1, 1400m) hero Beiwacht.

While he hasn't blotted his copy book behaviourally like Guest House, Big Sky is no angel either, but in a way a trainer - or a stud master - likes to see.

"Big Sky doesn't exactly come out and rest on the bridle. He gets a bit cranky if you're going too slow," Price said.

"Jordan came and rode him this [Tuesday] morning. Jordan got him pretty well right when he did win on him at his first start, so both my riders have a good understanding of their colts."

Childs, who won the Blue Diamond on Written By in 2018, goes back into the saddle after Ben Melham, Big Sky's rider in the Chairman's, interestingly opts for Clinton McDonald's filly Streisand (Magnus), an \$11 shot who's drawn gate 12.

Ben Melham has ridden Streisand only in defeat - two seconds and a fifth in the Blue Diamond Preview (Gr 3, 1000m) - while his wife Jamie was aboard for her last start win in the Prelude (Gr 2, 1100m). **Continued on page 6**

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"Ben's got a better relationship with Clinton professionally than he has with me, so I get that, I've got no problem with that," Price said of Melham's decision.

"Jordan's one for one on Big Sky. When he goes past him [Melham], that'll be OK," he said with a smile.

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"I like the preparation Big Sky has had. He's a horse with enough condition on him, he's not a big, fat, robust colt that needs to do too much.

"The Chairman's is well suited for a two-year-old if you want to keep them fresh and looking for something to do into the Blue Diamond. It's well positioned in that race, and it worked for Extreme Choice."

As is usually the case with the Blue Diamond, sitting early on the two-year-old calendar as it does, one gnawing question concerns distance.

Big Sky hasn't been past 1000 metres, while Guest House steps up past 1100 metres for the first time.

"You never really know but I'd be confident Big Sky will handle the trip," Price said. "He's not a small barrel little pony. He's a good lengthy colt, with a good stride and a good set of lungs, and I think 1200 metres will be no trouble.

"Guest House is a bit of a different horse. He's a big, strong brute, a very forward type

of horse, and if you see him in the mounting yard, you'd see how mature and what a lovely specimen he is.

"He's a different horse to Big Sky. He's got a good temperament in the barn, but come raceday he tends to get a bit sparky in the brain, which is what a lot of good horses do.

"Like any two-year-old in the Blue Diamond, they just have to get it right. But I think Guest House is no worries at the trip."

And so to the main question: Which way is Price leaning?

"Guest House runs quicker time in trackwork, but they are different horses and raceday is different to trackwork," he said.

"Whilst I don't know for sure which one's the better horse, I still think Guest House has great capacity about him, and if I have to split them - people ask me to have a pick - then that's my pick.

"But I could be wrong."

Ten years on, perhaps he'd settle for another quinella.

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By Paul Symes

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Mick Dee, who was aboard Closer To Free when the pair lowered the colours of the short-priced Prelude favourite Guest House (Home Affairs), will aim to continue their fruitful partnership at Caulfield on Saturday and extend his recent dominance of the Blue Diamond, having previously piloted Devil Night (Extreme Choice) and Little Brose (Per Incanto) to victory in 2025 and 2023 respectively.

Perhaps surprisingly, given both the relative comfort of his win that day and his superior raceday manners, Closer To Free still sits just



Closer To Free

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behind Guest House in the early Blue Diamond betting markets, which are led by unbeaten colt Big Sky (Bivouac).

However, given the high esteem in which he clearly holds Closer To Free, you get the distinct impression that O'Brien - who won the Blue Diamond with globetrotting sprinter Star Witness (Starcraft) back in 2010 - wouldn't swap his young charge with any other runner in the race.

"He's a really straightforward colt to train, and the way he handled the occasion on debut was very impressive," O'Brien told ANZ News.

"That day at Caulfield he behaved like a gelding having his 20th start, rather than a juvenile colt making his first. Everything went right, and thankfully it's been the same ever since. He'll have his final gallop at Flemington on Tuesday morning with Mick Dee in the saddle, which should top him off nicely.

"As impressive as he was on debut, we do think he'll improve from his first start and he'll obviously have to in order to win a race like the Blue Diamond. He's a big, burly colt so he'll definitely be fitter for the run, and he couldn't be in any better shape.

"He's very adaptable so he doesn't have to

be ridden up on speed if we don't draw a good gate, and he's got a really good brain on him for a two-year-old. He does have good gate speed so we wouldn't intentionally drag him back, but it wouldn't be a problem if he needed to sit two or three pairs back in the run if that's how the race panned out.

"He's got a serious amount of race craft for a horse with only one start to his name, so he's been easy to manage and I'm sure he won't be overawed by the occasion."

O'Brien's swift move to seal a private deal with his fellow trainer Adrian Corboy following Closer To Free's impressive Caulfield jumpout at the start of the year was motivated in part by a renewed focus on quality over quantity, with that strategy having seen him move on around 40 of his more moderate performers.

With fewer runners and more time to devote to horses capable of competing in city and stakes races, O'Brien has gradually improved his strike-rate and he currently sits inside the top seven in both Victoria's metropolitan and statewide trainers' premiership.

"We made a conscious decision at the end of last year to scale back our operation," O'Brien told ANZ News.



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“Previously we’d had between 120 and 130 horses in the stable, and we were finding that some of the lower-rated horses were placing a big burden on our staff. We were having to travel them far and wide just to try to get a win, so the reward for effort probably wasn’t worth it.

“It was placing a lot of strain on the business, so we’ve cut back our numbers to around 80 horses in work and it seems to be working well. We wanted to build on our quality and improve our strike rate by focusing more time and effort on our city grade horses, and the easiest way to do that was to move on some of our horses who maybe weren’t able to perform to that level.”

One horse who is undoubtedly capable of competing at an elevated level is Sass Appeal, who treated her Desirable rivals with a degree of disdain to make it three wins on the spin for her large ownership group.

The Kewney Stakes (Gr 2, 1600m) at Flemington on Saturday, March 7 will bring the curtain down on the filly’s first racing prep, with O’Brien keen to test her out in the Group 1 arena in the spring - potentially in a race like the Empire Rose Stakes (Gr 1, 1600m) over the Flemington mile.

Sass Appeal boasts considerable pedigree depth on mum’s side - her third dam Bollinger (Dehere) won three consecutive stakes races, including the Coolmore Classic (Gr 1, 1500m) in the autumn of 2003, while her fourth dam Bint Marscay (Marscay) claimed the Golden Slipper (Gr 1, 1200m) ten years prior.

Allied to the filly’s natural athleticism, that premium lineage held plenty of appeal for O’Brien and persuaded him to pay \$120,000 for Lot 188 from the Vinery Stud draft at the 2024 Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale.

Despite some slightly unruly barrier manners which required correction, that investment has proved particularly sound and, should Sass Appeal extend her winning streak to four in the Kewney, the VRC might need to restock the champagne fridge in the winning owners’ bar given the size of her 45-strong syndicate.

“She’s still lightly-raced and we think there’s a lot to come with this filly,” O’Brien told ANZ News.

“She’s always looked very promising but



Sass Appeal

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we just had to hold her back a little, she’s a big framed filly and she also had some early issues in the barriers. So we didn’t get her to the races in the spring as we had initially intended, but that might have been the making of her. She’s gone through her grades really nicely over the summer months, and it was great to see her take the step up to stakes company last Saturday.

“We’re nowhere near finding out what she might be capable of, and hopefully she can continue to go on with it in the Kewney. We think sticking to her own sex is a much more sensible option than taking her to a race like the Australian Guineas, which is likely to attract some talented colts who are much more seasoned than her at the highest level.

“That will be her grand final, five runs is a decent enough preparation for a filly having her first campaign. If we can send her to the paddock with another stakes win under her belt, that will top off what’s already been a great prep.

“There’s plenty to look forward to with her as a four-year-old in the spring and next autumn. From our experience with So You Think progeny you don’t often see the best of them until they turn four, so we’re hoping that’s the case with her.”

On the same day as the Kewney, Sea What I See (Sea The Stars) is set to contest the Matron Stakes (Gr 3, 1600m), a race O’Brien won in

2021 with Sovereign Award (Shamus Award). Sea What I See, who previously spent 12 months on the sidelines due to a pelvic stress fracture, made a rousing return to action at the weekend when the grey mare finished runner-up in the Frances Tressady Stakes (Gr 3, 1400m).

With his high-class filly Getta Good Feeling (So You Think) also eyeing a return to the races one week later, there would appear to be plenty of firepower at O’Brien’s disposal this autumn.

“I thought Sea What I See was terrific at the weekend,” said O’Brien.

“She went into the spring after having a year off between runs, and considering that she performed very well. She had that residual fitness already, and that clearly benefitted her on Saturday. It looks like she’s in for a really good autumn prep so we’ll take her to the Matron Stakes at Flemington in three weeks’ time, and then look to step her up in trip after that.

“Get A Good Feeling had a busy spring campaign so we gave her a decent break, and she’ll have her first run in the Inglis race for three-year-olds on Australian Guineas Day.

“She’ll have a couple of runs in Melbourne and then we’ll look to take her to Adelaide for the Australasian Oaks, so hopefully we can knock off a Group 1 with her this prep. It’s a busy time of the year and there’s a lot to look forward to in the near future, hopefully we can keep the momentum going for a while yet.”

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Eight supplementaries added to Inglis Premier catalogue



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Eight supplementary entries have been added to next month's Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, taking the final catalogue to 814 lots. The additions include progeny of Ghaiyyath (Dubawi) - whose son topped last week's Classic Yearling Sale - alongside Written Tycoon (Iglesia), Stay Inside (Extreme Choice), Tagaloa (Lord Kanaloa), Home Affairs (I Am Invincible), Alabama Express (Redoute's Choice), Farnan (Not A Single Doubt) and St Mark's Basilica (Siyouni). Yulong and Twin Hills Stud will each offer two of the supplementaries, with the remaining entries consigned by Newgate Farm, Coolmore Stud, Balius Farm and Blue Gum Farm respectively. The lots will be offered in catalogue alphabetical order, with

lot 807 to go through the ring on Day 1 and lots 808-814 on Day 2. Inglis Victorian bloodstock manager James Price said the supplementary concept had proven effective at Classic and was expected to add further depth at Premier. "The addition of supplementary lots to our select yearling sales is a new move for us, but it worked well at Classic and our expectation is that these horses will be well received at Premier," Price said. "Graduate success from the sale over the past 12 months has been excellent and the momentum behind the sale continues to build." The three-day sale will be held at Oaklands Junction from March 1-3, with inspections commencing on February 24. To view the catalogue, [click here](#).

Derby-bound Autumn Mystery resumes at Caulfield

Rory Hunter will resist the temptation of stakes grade first-up with Autumn Mystery (The Autumn Sun) and has instead chosen to start the Group 3 winner in Saturday's Benchmark 84 (1400m) at Caulfield. The Mornington-based trainer has May's South Australian Derby (Gr 1, 2500m) as the long-term target and believes the softer option is the right starting point for his returning three-year-old. "It should be a good field, and there'll probably be good speed, so it looks like a nice first-up assignment for

him," Hunter told Racing.com. "We could've thrown him in the deep end with a Group race first-up, but we thought we'd take the softer option, get him down in the weights a bit and see how he goes." A winner of the VRC Derby Preview (1800m) and the Sportsbet Classic (Gr 3, 2000m) before a luckless Victoria Derby (Gr 1, 2500m) effort, Autumn Mystery will be aimed at the Alister Clark Stakes (Gr 2, 2040m) and potentially the Easter Cup (Gr 3, 2000m) on his path to Adelaide. "We'll try and get him there fourth or fifth-up," Hunter said. Autumn Mystery closed well in a recent Mornington jump-out and Hunter was encouraged by the colt's improved getaway. "He jumped really well in his trial and put himself up there for a bit, which we were rapt with," he said. Michael Dee takes the ride, with Hunter hopeful of drawing a kinder gate than in previous campaigns. "It's just exciting to have a horse of his calibre back in the stable, he's going great," he added.

Bates trimming down for Pride Of Jenni return

Declan Bates partnered Pride Of Jenni (Pride Of Dubai) in a Caulfield gallop on Tuesday as both rider and mare build towards next month's All-Star Mile (Gr 1, 1600m) at Flemington.

Trainer Ciaran Maher took a select team to the course proper, with the multiple Group 1-winning mare preparing to resume on

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March 7. Bates, sidelined since December 6 after suffering a fractured pelvis and sacrum in a barrier incident at Ballarat jump-outs, continues his recovery and is targeting a race return, potentially at Terang on Friday. "It's a frustrating injury because you can't give it any relief," Bates said. "Sitting down you're putting pressure on it and even lying in bed you're putting pressure on it. That's why in the first month you don't feel like you're healing at all... but once it started coming good, in the last month especially, there has been rapid improvement and luckily, I'll be back ahead of schedule." The Irish jockey has been back riding trackwork for just over a week and is focused on regaining peak fitness ahead of the All-Star Mile. "My fitness needs to tighten up a bit, but that's going to come as I go along," he said. "Like me, she's got a bit of fitness to come on, but she feels her usual self, enthusiastic in her work, and that's what I wanted to see." Bates has partnered Pride Of Jenni in 19 starts, including four Group 1 victories headed by her 2024 Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Gr 1, 2000m) win.

Snowden seeking repeat from Nazwah at Warwick Farm

Peter Snowden is hoping Nazwah (Capitalist) can replicate her first-up performance at Warwick Farm on Wednesday as she presses her claims for a tilt at stakes company. The filly impressed on Australia Day when settling off the speed before sustaining a long run to score, a marked shift from her early racing pattern. "When she won her maiden she walked in front and sprinted away, her next start at Randwick she went warp speed and capitulated the last 100 metres," Snowden told Racing NSW. "We're riding her more conservatively, she's settling better and no doubt she will finish better." Nazwah resumes in the Ole Kirk @ Vinery Stud Handicap (1000m) and is likely to again chase Straand Beauty (Exceed And Excel) who she defeated last start, albeit this time

she has a 1.5-kilogram swing against her. After Wednesday, Snowden has black-type ambitions for the daughter of Capitalist (Written Tycoon). "If she runs as well as we hope she'll have a little freshen and there's some nice races for her in Brisbane. We might look at the Denise's Joy at Scone as well." Elsewhere, Extra Heights (Extreme Choice) steps to 1400 metres in the Kia Bloodlines To Headlines Handicap after closing strongly from well back at Canterbury. "The way the track raced that night was a really on pace bias and he got a mile back, he made up a lot of ground late and his sectionals were great in the last 400 metres," Snowden said.

Long Legs eyes Kembla fork in the road

Gary Portelli concedes Long Legs (Russian Revolution) may be vulnerable first-up at Warwick Farm on Wednesday, but the trainer said her performance will shape her autumn campaign. The filly resumes in the TAB Handicap (1400m) with next month's Kembla Grange Classic (Gr 3, 1600m) identified as a key target. Portelli won the race last year with Verona Rose (Castelvecchio), who used it as a springboard to an Australian Oaks (Gr 1, 2400m) campaign. "At this stage the Kembla Grange Classic is the fork in the road for us regarding what distance we go to next," Portelli told Racing NSW. "I definitely want to see her do something that warrants going that way. She might be just one run short of her best, she's only had the one trial, against some handy race fit mares." Long Legs, a \$4 chance with TAB on Tuesday, has been nominated for the Australian Oaks but Portelli remains open-minded about her staying credentials. "She won a maiden pretty convincingly on a wet track first-up last preparation over 1400 metres and was able to run them along at fast sectionals," he said. "She jumps and she makes her own luck. I'm hoping to see her do that again but this is a lot stronger than that maiden." Anna Roper reunites with the filly and takes 2 kilograms off.

Stakes aim drives Oui Oui Oui's Championships path



Oui Oui Oui

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Trainer Jason Attard says securing black type remains the primary objective for progressive mare Oui Oui Oui (Yes Yes Yes) who will look to book her place in the \$1 million Provincial-Midway Championships Final (1400m) in Thursday's Hawkesbury qualifier over 1400 metres. Success in the opening heat would provide Attard with options ahead of the April 11 Final, including a potential tilt at Group or Listed level. "The biggest goal for her and for Kate [Nivison], the owner, will be to try and get black type for the horse," Attard told Racing NSW. "The Championships is a nice notch to have on her belt but black type will be the bigger goal. It's whether or not we try to do that in between now and the Final or if we save it for afterwards." With five wins to her name, Oui Oui Oui was an early \$6 favourite for the Final and Attard said qualifying early offers flexibility. "It's a back-up to run now because if she doesn't qualify then there's plenty of room to go again in another qualifying race," he said. "Her trial was exceptional, there's been no knocks to her whatsoever." Meanwhile, stablemate Cryptonic (Encryption) will look to rebound in Saturday's Midway Handicap (1500m) at Rosehill as Attard eyes the same Championships series. "We've got to put a line through that last run...he definitely would have been a lot closer."

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Well-bred Waerea breaks through at Kembla Grange

Prolific producer Meerlust (Johannesburg) added another winner to her remarkable record when her son, Bivouac (Exceed And Excel) colt Waerea, broke through at Kembla Grange on Tuesday. The mare, who died last year, is already the dam of triple Group 1 winner Duais (Shamus Award) and Group winners Baccarat Baby (Casino Prince) and Philia (All Too Hard). The Brad Widdup-trained Waerea, who became his dam's sixth winner from seven foals to race, was resuming from a spell after two placings in the spring. Sent out a firm favourite in the 1400-metre contest, the three-year-old settled back from a wide gate under Tyler Schiller before sweeping around the field approaching the turn and holding on to score by 0.2 lengths over Coco Dior (Trapeze Artist). Waerea was foaled and raised at Widden Stud and is raced by the Irwin and Harris families, who also campaigned his high-class siblings. Meerlust, a \$22,000 Inglis Scone Yearling Sale purchase, won over 1000 metres and is a half-sister to five winners. After two modest early foals, her third produced was Baccarat Baby, followed by Duais – a \$4 million earner – and Philia. Duais is now owned by Yulong and produced a Pierata (Pierro) colt last spring, while Baccarat Baby was bought by Gilgai Farm for \$900,000 in 2022 and has two Toronado (High Chaparral) colts on the ground, the first of which was the \$900,000 sale-topper at last October's Inglis Ready2Race Sale, now named Troy Bolt. Meerlust's final foal is a yearling colt by Hellbent (I Am Invincible).

RV and CRV bolster regional track support

Racing Victoria (RV) and Country Racing Victoria (CRV) have expanded their support of country clubs with the creation of a new full-time country tracks and facilities coordinator role. The position will report to RV's tracks and facilities manager and work closely with CRV officials. Fully funded by CRV, the role will

provide hands-on support across all country venues, with flexibility to dedicate additional resources to clubs requiring further assistance. The appointment forms part of a broader enhancement of RV's regional track manager program, with three additional appointments increasing the number of RV-funded regional track managers to ten statewide. The network comprises experienced club-based track managers who inspect racetracks in the lead-up to meetings and liaise with local clubs, regional stewards and RV's racing operations department to ensure preparation decisions are made well in advance of race day. With expanded coverage, RV stewards will also increase their availability to attend inspections where possible. RV CEO Aaron Morrison said the initiative was focused on proactive improvement. "Victorian track managers do an exceptional job...but as always we are continually striving to improve our product. No one wants to see race meetings impacted due to track issues...these investments are about providing additional support for track managers while helping them identify and remedy potential problems."

Final call for Industry Employee Awards nominations

Nominations for the 2026 Australian Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards close at midnight on Wednesday, with participants across breeding and racing urged to recognise outstanding staff. Formerly known as the Stud and Stable Staff Awards, the initiative acknowledges those working behind the scenes across studs, stables and administration who contribute to horse welfare and industry standards. Following strong interest and requests for additional time, the nomination deadline has been extended. Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) is overseeing the awards this year with support from Godolphin. TBA chief Andrew Hore-Lacy said the program

relies on industry participants putting forward their peers. "These awards only happen because someone decides to put another person forward," Hore-Lacy said. "Often the best people in our industry don't get the recognition they deserve, so this is about making sure their contribution is seen and celebrated." Awards will be presented across eight categories, including Dedication to Racing, Dedication to Breeding, Horsemanship, Leadership and Thoroughbred Care and Welfare, as well as a Newcomer Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. Industry participants are encouraged to submit nominations via www.atiea.com.au before Wednesday's deadline.

New Zealand

Wexford loaded with talent for Ellerslie



Ohope Wins

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Major targets and key lead-ups combine for a busy afternoon at Ellerslie on Saturday for Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott's Wexford Stables. The Matamata partnership will be represented by three fillies in the New Zealand Oaks (Gr 1, 2400m), headed by hot favourite Ohope Wins (Ocean Park). Stablemates Clara Bow (Ocean Park) and Acer (Savabeel) also take their place in the classic. Ohope Wins has dominated her past two starts in the Sir Patrick Hogan Stakes (Gr 2, 2000m) and David & Karyn Ellis Classic (Gr 2, 2100m) and now carries the colours of Yulong Investments. "As always we're treating it as one race at a time," O'Sullivan said. "Any consideration for a Derby start will only come after we've discussed that with her

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connections and not until after Saturday." The stable's weight-for-age performer Waitak (Proisir) resumes in the WFA Classic (Gr 1, 1600m) after being freshened since Boxing Day. "We made the decision to back off and freshen him up. We're very happy with him heading into the mile race," O'Sullivan said. Satono Aladdin (Deep Impact) pair Yamato Satona and Genki contest the Avondale Guineas (Gr 2, 2100m), while L'Aigle Noir (Ribchester) and Panther (Ace High) line up in the Uncle Remus Stakes (Gr 3, 1400m) as a final lead-in to the NZB Kiwi (Listed, 1500m) on March 7. "That was some run by Panther when he ran second at Ellerslie with nothing going his way [in Rating 65 company on January 31]," O'Sullivan said. "They worked well together this morning and will go into Saturday sound and happy."

Carston hoping Miss Twinkle can sparkle again at Riccarton

Andrew Carston is hoping Miss Twinkle (Zoustar) can back up her maiden breakthrough when she returns to Riccarton on Wednesday. The Zoustar (Northern Meteor) filly showed early promise when runner-up on debut to

subsequent Group 3 performer Out Of The Blue (Tivaci) before failing to fire at her next two starts. She bounced back fresh with an 800-metre maiden win last month and has pleased her trainer since. "It was really good to get her maiden win, she has always shown plenty," Carston said. "She hasn't helped herself, she has taken a little while to work it out, but she was impressive last start and has trained on well." Miss Twinkle steps out in the Riccarton Park Tanks Gold Members Two-Year-Old (1000m). Carston will also saddle Taimate Staar (Eminent) and Baggio (War Decree) in the NZB Mega Maiden Series (2000m), with the former dropping back from rating 60 grade. "Taimate Staar was really good in Rating 60 grade last week. She drops back into a maiden so she should be very competitive," he said. Elsewhere, Say Satono (Satonoo Aladdin), who placed in the Hazlett Stakes (Listed, 1400m), could head to Ashburton on Friday, while promising juvenile I Am Belle (I Am Invincible) and Group 3 performer Miss Ziggy (Brazen Beau) have returned from northern campaigns. "At this stage we will aim her for the two Listed races at Riccarton in April and May," Carston said of I Am Belle.

International

FR: Leading sire Zarak to miss start of covering season after stable accident

Leading young sire Zarak (Dubawi) will miss the start of the covering season due to an accident in his stable, the Aga Khan Studs revealed on Tuesday. A regally bred son of Dubawi (Dubai Millennium) and the Aga Khan's unbeaten champion Zarkava (Zamindar), Zarak was due to stand his second consecutive covering season at a fee of €80,000. A statement released by the operation said: "The Aga Khan Studs have announced that leading sire Zarak will unfortunately miss the start of the 2026 covering season following an accident in his stable. He will require several weeks to recuperate, and his condition will be reassessed in two months' time." Zarak has gone from strength to strength since retiring to Haras de Bonneval in 2018, siring top-level winners Metropolitan, Haya Zark and Zagrey from 22 individual Group or Graded winners to date. He is currently operating at a 10.7 per cent strike-rate of stakes winners to runners and 72 per cent winners to runners.

First Season Sire Runners

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

HOME AFFAIRS (AUS)

Hearts Affair (AUS)(b f ex Savapinski (NZ) by Savabeel (AUS))

R2 (2:55pm): Warwick Farm, 2yo Racing and Sports Mdn Plate, 1100m

PALACE PIER (GB)

Wolf Gap (AUS)(b c ex Bandol (AUS) by Snitzel (AUS))

R2 (2:55pm): Warwick Farm, 2yo Racing and Sports Mdn Plate, 1100m

ST MARK'S BASILICA (FR)

Venetian Queen (AUS)(ch f ex Blue Valley (IRE) by Lope de Vega (IRE))

R2 (2:55pm): Warwick Farm, 2yo Racing and Sports Mdn Plate, 1100m

SWORD OF STATE (AUS)

Elysienne (NZ)(b f ex Sternland (NZ) by Astern (AUS))

R4 (3:20pm): Riccarton Park, 2yo Riccarton Park Thanks Gold Club Members 2yo, 1000m

WILD RULER (AUS)

The Wildling (AUS)(b f ex Tarabai (AUS) by Sepoy (AUS))

R2 (2:55pm): Warwick Farm, 2yo Racing and Sports Mdn Plate, 1100m



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Day one								
Lot	Colour	Type	Sire	Dam	Vendor	Sale	Sale info	Price
7	Bay or Brown	filly	Nicconi	Hot Goods	Einoncliff Park	2025 WI Inglis Digital October Sale	Withdrawn by Marielle Park	
20	Bay	colt	Brave Smash	Lady Macan	Forest View Farm	2025 WI Sydney Weanling Sale	Sold by Yarraman Park Stud to Trives B/stock / Forestview Farm	\$30,000
28	Bay	filly	Shamus Award	Makrooma	Ruby Racing & Breeding	2025 WI Great Southern Sale	Sold by Erinvale Thoroughbreds to Ruby Racing & Breeding	\$15,000
40	Bay	colt	Ghaiyyath	Noble Born	Yarradale Stud	2025 WI Inglis Digital June Sale	Sold by Springmount to D Hanratty	\$16,000
49	Bay	filly	Ole Kirk	Pink Petals	Ridgeport Holdings	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Baramul Stud to Ridgeport Holdings	\$150,000
58	Chestnut	colt	Toronado	Queen of the World	Ridgeport Holdings	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds to Ridgeport Holdings	\$150,000
82	Chestnut	filly	Written By	Social Smile	Westbury Park	2025 WI Great Southern Sale	Sold by Bucklee Farm to LJ & PA Ibbotson	\$52,500
96	Brown	filly	Tassort	Sweet Strawberry	Willow Dale Farm	2025 WI Sydney Weanling Sale	Sold by Kingstar Farm to Two Fillies Stud	\$25,000
107	Bay	filly	Ole Kirk	Viva la Romance	Forest View Farm	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Baramul Stud to Trives Racing/Forestview Farm	\$60,000
119	Bay	filly	Hellbent	Aitchdeetee	Ridgeport Holdings	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Attunga Stud to Ridgeport Holdings	\$130,000
130	Bay	filly	Home Affairs	Batemans Bay	Forest View Farm	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Eureka Stud to Justin Warwick/Trives B/stock	\$50,000
161	Bay or Brown	colt	Home Affairs	Damodice	Balmoral Park Stud	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Vinery Stud to Rapid Equine	\$30,000
180	Brown	filly	Bivouac	Full Sun	Yarradale Stud	2025 WI Great Southern Sale	Sold by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds to D Hanratty	\$40,000
181	Bay	filly	Lightsaber	Galahs Do Roar	Willow Dale Farm	2025 MM Perth Winter Thoroughbred Sale	Sold by Darling View Thoroughbreds to BL B/stock	\$14,000
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199	Bay	filly	Paulele	Koonunga	Ruby Racing & Breeding	2025 WI Sydney Weanling Sale	Sold by Fairview Park Stud to Ruby Racing & Breeding	\$6,000
204	Chestnut	filly	Star Turn	Lady Ell	Ridgeport Holdings	2025 WI Sydney Weanling Sale	Sold by Vinery Stud to Ridgeport Holdings	\$15,000
217	Bay	filly	Tassort	Malakiya	J Farms	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Tamac Stud Farm to Janey Napoli/J Farms	\$16,000
238	Bay	filly	Gingerbread Man	Nordic Gem	Willow Dale Farm	2025 MM Perth Winter Thoroughbred Sale	Sold by Yarradale Stud to BL B/stock	\$3,500
253	Bay	filly	Fierce Impact	Princeton Miss	Willow Dale Farm	2025 MM National Weanling Sale	Sold by Cornerstone Stud to Lovatsville	\$10,000
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263	Bay	filly	Lightsaber	Rokeby's Witch	Willow Dale Farm	2025 MM Perth Winter Thoroughbred Sale	Sold by Yarradale Stud to BL B/stock	\$18,000
283	Bay or Brown	colt	Lightsaber	Strike for Victory	Kingsgrove Stud	2025 MM Perth Winter Thoroughbred Sale	Sold by Darling View Thoroughbreds to Kingsgrove Stud	\$12,000
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Chris Waller Racing

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It was a real honour to have Chispa salute today in the @PencarrowStud colours for Sir Peter Vela and his family. I've grown up watching these famous silks and have the utmost respect for the Vela family and everything they contribute to breeding and racing, particularly in Australia and New Zealand. This filly was very impressive in victory and looks to have a bright future ahead. [Video Below >>](#)



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It's been a beautiful day in the Swan Valley as the build up to this week's Perth Yearling Sale continues. So much quality, so many opportunities! #WestIsBest #MMWA2026 [Pictured Below >>](#)



Mitchellbeer

@beermitchell

Recent addition to the stable MAGICAL MOMENTS bounces back into the winners stall in terrific fashion @kemblaraces today. Big thanks to @Darby_Racing for sending her our way @Bradley_Photos [Pictured Below >>](#)



Tjgollanracing

Debbie Garcia strapped her favourite horse Millane on Saturday at Eagle Farm. And it happened to be Valentines Day @finalfurlongmedia [Video Below >>](#)



racingvictoria

Celebrating the Year of the Horse in Chinatown with Silent Witness [Video Below >>](#)



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Afternoons in the stables #munceracing [Video Below >>](#)



Race Results

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

TAB MEETINGS

Kembla Grange NSW Good(4)

R1: Welcome ITC Director Morgan Bryant Mdn Plate, \$42,000, 1000m

1. **Zing To Me (AUS)** (b/br M 4 **Capitalist (AUS)** - Zingaling (AUS))
T: Peter Snowden **J:** C Schofield

2. **Bedda Mia (AUS)** (ch M 4 Pariah (AUS) - Perfect Lyric (GB))

3. **My Proclama (NZ)** (br M 5 Telperion (AUS) - Promosso (NZ))

Margins: 1.3 lens, 2 lens. Time: 0:57.43 (last 600m 33.28)

R2: Flicket Ticketing Provincial Mdn Plate, \$45,000, 1400m

1. **Waerea (AUS)** (b C 3 **Bivouac (AUS)** - Meerlust (AUS))

T: Brad Widdup **J:** Tyler Schiller

2. **Coco Dior (AUS)** (b F 3 Trapeze Artist (AUS) - Sharapova (AUS))

3. **Barrengarry (AUS)** (b G 3 Ghaiyyath (IRE) - Bella Amante (AUS))

Margins: 0.2 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 1:24.08 (last 600m 35.35)

R3: The Man Walk Australia Mdn Plate, \$42,000, 1300m

1. **Chispa (NZ)** (b F 3 **Savabeel (AUS)** - Scintillula (IRE))

T: C J Waller **J:** C Schofield

2. **Think Itz You (AUS)** (b G 3 So You Think (NZ) - Itz Lily (AUS))

3. **Nothing Finer (AUS)** (b G 3 King's Legacy (AUS) - Elisa Carolina (NZ))

Margins: 0.5 lens, 1.8 lens. Time: 1:17.54 (last 600m 34.69)

ANOTHER NZ BRED WINNER



R4: Cactus Imaging (Bm64), \$42,000, 1500m

1. **Tavolo (AUS)** (br M 7 **Zariz (AUS)** - Tabletop (NZ))

T: Rob Potter **J:** Siena Grima

2. **Exceed Perfection (AUS)** (b G 5 Exceed and Excel (AUS) - Perfect Rhyme (AUS))

3. **Blow In (AUS)** (b G 7 Fighting Sun (AUS) - Rose of Falvelon (AUS))

Margins: 0.2 lens, 0.1 lens. Time: 1:30.51 (last 600m 34.84)

R5: TLE Electrical Wollongong (Bm64), \$42,000, 1200m

1. **Starinion (AUS)** (b G 5 **Stratum Star (AUS)** - Mischief N Mayhem (GB))

T: S Sampson **J:** Rebecca Bronett Prag

2. **The New Sinatra (AUS)** (b G 5 Russian Revolution (AUS) - Ruby Soho (AUS))

3. **Allapercanto (AUS)** (b M 5 Per Incanto (USA) - Allawara (AUS))

Margins: 0.2 lens, 1 lens. Time: 1:9.950 (last 600m 34.10)

R6: Henry Clive Bar Conditional (Bm68), \$42,000, 1400m

1. **Satness (NZ)** (b G 7 **Sweynesse (AUS)** - Satanya (NZ))

T: R & L Price **J:** A Hyeronimus

2. **Commanding Artist (AUS)** (br G 4 Trapeze Artist (AUS) - Love Commands (AUS))

3. **Titanium Miss (AUS)** (br M 4 All Too Hard (AUS) - Larenco (AUS))

Margins: 0.8 lens, 1.5 lens. Time: 1:24.04 (last 600m 33.87)

ANOTHER NZ BRED WINNER



R7: Kennards Hire Midway Hcp (C1), \$45,000, 1400m

1. **Magical Moments (AUS)** (b M 4 **Winning Rupert (AUS)** - Magical Charge (AUS))

T: Mitchell Beer & George Carpenter **J:** Tom Sherry

2. **Bianca Mia (AUS)** (b F 3 Too Darn Hot (GB) - Bianca Jewel (AUS))

3. **Damascus Calling (AUS)** (b/br G 4 Brutal (NZ) - White Sage (AUS))

Margins: 3.3 lens, 1 lens. Time: 1:23.04 (last 600m 35.50)

Queanbeyan NSW Good(4)

R1: Racing Membership Mdn Plate, \$27,000, 1460m

1. **Common Goal (AUS)** (b G 4 **Unite And Conquer (AUS)** - Prevalence (AUS))

T: Joseph Ible **J:** Billy Owen

2. **Stock Road (AUS)** (br G 4 Royal Meeting (IRE) - Nahema (NZ))

3. **Extremely Exciting (AUS)** (ch M 4 Extreme Choice (AUS) - Sweet Chimes (AUS))

Margins: 0.7 lens, 1.8 lens. Time: 1:26.26 (last 600m 37.21)

R2: Dale & Hitchcock Plate (C1), \$27,000, 2000m

1. **I Doubt It (AUS)** (b/br M 4 **Dubious (AUS)** - Azyaan (AUS))

T: G Backhouse **J:** Amy Mc Lucas

2. **Take The Chance (AUS)** (b M 5 Shalaa (IRE) - Kirahvi (AUS))

3. **Solar Orbit (AUS)** (b G 5 The Autumn Sun (AUS) - Desert Fight (CHI))

Margins: 2.3 lens, 1.1 lens. Time: 2:03.23 (last 600m 38.42)

R3: Carbirds Country Boosted Mdn Hcp, \$30,000, 1200m

1. **Jimmy's Ready (AUS)** (b/br G 2 **Better Than Ready (AUS)** - The Nickster (AUS)
T: J M Cleary **J:** Ms J Taylor
2. **Zippy Argento (AUS)** (b G 3 D'argento (AUS) - Tamerett (AUS))
3. **Raining Violets (AUS)** (b/br F 3 Casino Prince (AUS) - Ambition's Reward (AUS))

Margins: 1.5 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 1:9.340 (last 600m 35.83)

R4: Queanbeyan Leagues Hcp (C1), \$27,000, 1460m

1. **London Star (AUS)** (b M 5 **Star Turn (AUS)** - Londinium (AUS)
T: Ms T Bateup **J:** Amy Mc Lucas
2. **Annoint (AUS)** (b G 5 The Autumn Sun (AUS) - Bishop's Pond (USA))
3. **Feedback (AUS)** (ch G 5 Kermadec (NZ) - Communicating (AUS))

Margins: 0.6 lens, 0.3 lens. Time: 1:25.89 (last 600m 36.45)

R5: Sheridan Garage Doors (Bm50), \$27,000, 1600m

1. **Incantata (AUS)** (b M 7 **Per Incanto (USA)** - Rhiannon (NZ)
T: N J Olive **J:** Ms C Keatings
2. **Kisses for Jody (AUS)** (ch M 6 Winning Rupert (AUS) - Great Gal (AUS))
3. **Geostorm (AUS)** (b G 8 Epaulette (AUS) - Jessica's Hope (AUS))

Margins: 2.1 lens, 0.7 lens. Time: 1:36.06 (last 600m 36.98)

R6: TAB Race Saver (Bm50), \$27,000, 1200m

1. **Bon Elton (AUS)** (b M 4 **Bon Aurum (AUS)** - Like A Candle (AUS)
T: G M Brown **J:** J Pracey-Holmes
2. **Zeema (AUS)** (b M 5 Pierro (AUS) - Chrisellaine (IRE))
3. **Bulla Vinaka (AUS)** (br G 6 No Nay Never (USA) - Bulla Baby (AUS))

Margins: 0.4 lens, 1.5 lens. Time: 1:08.68 (last 600m 35.43)

R7: TAB Quaddie Boost Country Boosted (Bm58), \$30,000, 1000m

1. **Marine Girl (AUS)** (b M 4 **Headwater (AUS)** - Favourite Sister (AUS)
T: N J Olive **J:** Ms C Keatings
2. **Oakeys Choice (AUS)** (b G 6 Headwater (AUS) - Ms Wicked Wanda (AUS))
3. **Falcon Gold (AUS)** (b G 3 Unite and Conquer (AUS) - Falqueen (AUS))

Margins: 1.1 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 0:56.74 (last 600m 34.70)

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R1: Great Northern (Bm60), \$21,000, 1817m

1. **Bold Blaze (AUS)** (b G 4 **Under the Louvre (AUS)** - Bold Chloe (AUS)
T: G K Taylor **J:** R Wiggins

2. **Kayleen's Profit (NZ)** (b/br M 5 Tazino (NZ) - Kayleen (NZ))
 3. **General Wolffe (AUS)** (br G 7 Wolf Cry (AUS) - Hypernova (NZ))
- Margins: 1 lens, 3 lens. Time: 1:51.72 (last 600m 35.70)

R2: TAB (Bm65), \$21,000, 1400m

1. **Retainer (AUS)** (b M 4 **Fastnet Rock (AUS)** - Veneers (NZ)
T: S W Kendrick **J:** Ms S Tierney
 2. **Grey Impact (AUS)** (gr M 5 Spill the Beans (AUS) - Gala Affair (AUS))
 3. **Maikrow (AUS)** (b G 4 Microphone (AUS) - Wake (AUS))
- Margins: 2.6 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 1:23.37 (last 600m 35.08)

R3: Milner Constructions (Bm60), \$21,000, 1050m

1. **Electric Brae (AUS)** (ch M 4 **Rothsay (AUS)** - Decali (AUS)
T: J T Wigginton **J:** Tom Orr
2. **Cobbo (AUS)** (b G 5 Carrara (AUS) - Madame President (AUS))
3. **Determination (AUS)** (ch G 5 Churchill (IRE) - Forget the Weather (USA))

Margins: 0.2 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 1:00.35 (last 600m 33.86)

R4: Red Lion Hotel Mdn Hcp, \$23,000, 1200m

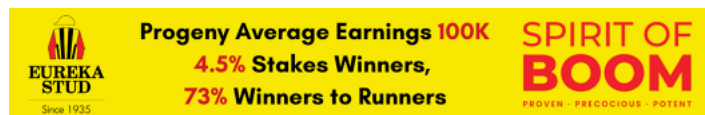
1. **Badlifedecision (AUS)** (br M 4 **Heroic Valour (AUS)** - Ultrazonal (AUS)
T: Ms Z Hohn **J:** W G Satherley
2. **Bold Change (AUS)** (b/br G 4 Whittington (AUS) - Bold Gypsy (AUS))
3. **Autumn Gale (AUS)** (b G 3 Perast (AUS) - Sing For Violet (AUS))

Margins: 1.4 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 1:10.37 (last 600m 34.48)

R5: Masot Plate (C4), \$21,000, 1200m

1. **King Spirit (AUS)** (b G 4 **Spirit of Boom (AUS)** - Kakakakatie (AUS)
T: S W Kendrick **J:** Ms S Tierney
2. **Henry's Blade (NZ)** (br G 5 Harry Angel (IRE) - Miss Scarlatti (NZ))
3. **Lease (AUS)** (b G 7 Choisir (AUS) - Ume (NZ))

Margins: 1.3 lens, 2 lens. Time: 1:9.540 (last 600m 34.00)



R6: ARC (Bm55), \$21,000, 1400m

1. **The Last Saga (AUS)** (br G 6 **Real Saga (AUS)** - Charcoal Melody (AUS)
T: A R Jenkinson **J:** Amy Graham
2. **Our Heart Throb (AUS)** (b G 6 Spirit of Boom (AUS) - Red Hearts (AUS))
3. **Victory's Ghost (AUS)** (b G 7 Bel Esprit (AUS) - Satin Dream (AUS))

Margins: 0.6 lens, 0.7 lens. Time: 1:24.54 (last 600m 34.17)

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R1: Scotchmans Hill Mdn Plate, \$32,000, 2720m

1. **High Heeled (AUS)** (b M 4 **Highland Reel (IRE)** - Third Day (AUS)
T: Joanne Mugavin **J:** Tom Madden
2. **Phoenician (AUS)** (ch G 4 Toronado (IRE) - Bird of Fire (NZ))
3. **St Dominic (AUS)** (ch G 6 Palentino (AUS) - She's A Knockout (AUS))

Margins: 3.3 lens, 1.7 lens. Time: 2:58.69 (last 600m)

R2: Evergreen Turf Mdn Plate, \$32,000, 1600m

1. **So Long Ago (AUS)** (b M 4 **So You Think (NZ)** - La Belle Epoue (AUS)
T: P A Banks **J:** Lachlan King
2. **Koyuga Rip (AUS)** (b G 3 Trust In A Gust (AUS) - Istrani (AUS))
3. **Kaddari (AUS)** (ch M 4 Heroic Valour (AUS) - Sandrelli (AUS))

Margins: 6.8 lens, 1.5 lens. Time: 1:37.26 (last 600m)

R3: Just Energy - We Take Care Of All Your Solar Needs Mdn Plate, \$32,000, 1400m

1. **It's Gnarly (AUS)** (b G 3 **Tassort (AUS)** - Mash'hoodah (AUS)
T: Logan McGill **J:** Ryan Houston
2. **Pol Rogeur (AUS)** (b G 3 Highland Reel (IRE) - Miss Polanski (AUS))
3. **Zoudeady (AUS)** (b G 3 Zoustar (AUS) - La Tigeresa (AUS))

Margins: 1 lens, 0.8 lens. Time: 1:26.25 (last 600m)

R4: All Green Nursery Mdn Plate, \$32,000, 1100m

1. **Purple Streak (AUS)** (b G 3 **Zousain (AUS)** - Something Violet (AUS)
T: L & T Corstens & W Larkin **J:** Ben Allen
2. **Watten Assett (AUS)** (b C 3 Wootton Bassett (GB) - Santuzza (NZ))
3. **She's Loaded (AUS)** (ch F 3 Capitalist (AUS) - Royal Missile (AUS))

Margins: 5.3 lens, 0.3 lens. Time: 1:04.56 (last 600m)



R5: RMBL Investments Rising Stars Race (Bm56), \$22,000, 1100m

1. **Alaa Plenty (AUS)** (b G 4 **Shalaa (IRE)** - Miss Adequate (AUS)
T: P G Moody & Katherine Coleman **J:** Bree Temple
2. **Zetalyn (AUS)** (b M 4 Trapeze Artist (AUS) - Jaclyn (AUS))
3. **Ellsworth (AUS)** (b G 3 Tassort (AUS) - Raahiyah (AUS))

Margins: 0.2 lens, 0.7 lens. Time: 1:05.87 (last 600m)



R6: Tobin Brothers Hcp (56), \$22,000, 1000m

1. **Magnardo (AUS)** (ch M 4 **Toronado (IRE)** - Miss Maggiebeel (AUS)
T: Reece Goodwin **J:** Luke Cartwright
2. **Raging Monkey (AUS)** (br/bl G 10 Atomic (AUS) - Tambul Dancer (AUS))
3. **Redemption Time (AUS)** (b M 5 Redente (AUS) - Time for Tiffany (AUS))

Margins: 4.3 lens, 0.5 lens. Time: 0:58.52 (last 600m)

R7: Picklebet's Pickle Perks (Bm56), \$22,000, 1400m

1. **La Belle Grande (AUS)** (b M 4 **Highland Reel (IRE)** - Testanova (AUS)
T: G Eurell **J:** Lachlan Neindorf
2. **Jenni of Avalon (AUS)** (b M 8 Dundee (NZ) - Mists of Avalon (AUS))
3. **Snappy Pierro (AUS)** (b M 6 Pierro (AUS) - Cerebellum (AUS))

Margins: 0.1 lens, 2.2 lens. Time: 1:26 (last 600m)

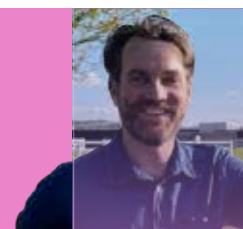
R8: Corio Waste Management (Bm56), \$22,000, 1600m

1. **Proshow (NZ)** (b G 5 **Proisir (AUS)** - Our Showgirl (NZ)
T: Jason Warren **J:** D W Stackhouse
2. **Il Cielo (AUS)** (ch G 4 Toronado (IRE) - Cielo Stellato (NZ))
3. **Divine Turf (AUS)** (br M 5 Turffontein (AUS) - Divine Rubi (AUS))

Margins: 0.8 lens, 0.7 lens. Time: 1:38.16 (last 600m)



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1	Supido (AUS) 2011 - 2018	Sebring - Lady Succeed	3	1	2	1(1)	\$1,895,230	Unit Five - 1,881,600
2	Snitzel (AUS) 2002 - 2006	Redoute's Choice - Snippets' Lass	12	1	2	1(1)	\$1,360,675	Fireball - 1,290,000
3	Too Darn Hot (GB) 2016 - 2020	Dubawi - Dar Re Mi	7	2	3	2(2)	\$1,088,195	Tornado Valley - 769,145
4	Street Boss (USA) 2004 - 2009	Street Cry - Blushing Ogygian	8	2	2	2(2)	\$949,974	Ghana's Akan - 418,250
5	Hellbent (AUS) 2012 - 2018	I Am Invincible - Volkaspray	7	2	3	1(1)	\$899,760	Revengeance - 603,400
6	Trapeze Artist (AUS) 2014 - 2019	Snitzel - Treppes	9	2	2	2(2)	\$615,475	Where's the Circus - 231,000
7	Tassort (AUS) 2016 - 2020	Brazen Beau - Essaouira	7	2	2	1(1)	\$533,420	Toorak Jewel - 351,950
8	Home Affairs (AUS) 2018 - 2022	I Am Invincible - Miss Interiors	13	2	2	0(0)	\$505,375	Guest House - 145,500
9	Written By (AUS) 2015 - 2019	Written Tycoon - Yau Chin	3	1	1	0(0)	\$501,000	By Choice - 378,000
10	Spirit of Boom (AUS) 2007 - 2014	Sequalo - Temple Spirit	17	4	4	0(0)	\$477,130	Scartoon - 114,700
11	Tiger of Malay (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Extreme Choice - Sambar	9	0	0	0(0)	\$472,654	Tigrone - 420,034
12	Alabama Express (AUS) 2016 - 2020	Redoute's Choice - Lago Ovation	3	2	2	1(1)	\$415,580	Alibaba - 369,500
13	Bivouac (AUS) 2016 - 2021	Exceed and Excel - Dazzler	8	2	3	1(1)	\$385,130	Big Sky - 204,100
14	I Am Invincible (AUS) 2004 - 2010	Invincible Spirit - Cannarelle	9	2	2	0(0)	\$362,375	Ciaron's Star - 119,000
15	Cool Aza Beel (NZ) 2017 - 2021	Savabeel - Cool 'n' Sassy	5	0	0	0(0)	\$352,983	Leaves of Lorient - 174,283
16	Rommel (AUS) 2011 - 2017	Commands - I'mtoogoodtobetrue	4	2	3	1(1)	\$352,510	Maria Lucia - 221,540
17	Farnan (AUS) 2017 - 2021	Not a Single Doubt - Tallow	13	1	1	0(0)	\$340,270	Knightsbridge - 184,375
18	Magnus (AUS) 2002 - 2008	Flying Spur - Scandinavia	1	1	1	1(1)	\$331,500	Streisand - 331,500
19	Stay Inside (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Extreme Choice - Nothin Leica Storm	6	2	2	1(1)	\$323,408	Incognito - 147,100
20	Russian Revolution (AUS) 2013 - 2018	Snitzel - Ballet d'Amour	7	2	2	0(0)	\$315,765	Lumbini - 172,475

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2	Spirit of Boom (AUS) 2007 - 2014	Sequalo - Temple Spirit	17	4	4	0(0)	\$477,130	Scartoon - 114,700
3	All Too Hard (AUS) 2009 - 2013	Casino Prince - Helsing	8	3	3	1(1)	\$200,050	Hard Kick - 106,200
4	Too Darn Hot (GB) 2016 - 2020	Dubawi - Dar Re Mi	7	2	3	2(2)	\$1,088,195	Tornado Valley - 769,145
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16	Sword of State (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Snitzel - In the Vanguard	3	2	3	1(1)	\$277,000	Warwoven - 143,500
17	Extreme Choice (AUS) 2013 - 2017	Not a Single Doubt - Extremely	2	2	2	2(2)	\$263,200	Hidrix - 141,000
18	Extreme Warrior (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Extreme Choice - Heart of Thrills	6	2	2	1(1)	\$251,005	Eternal Warrior - 145,250
19	Ole Kirk (AUS) 2017 - 2021	Written Tycoon - Naturale	6	2	2	0(0)	\$248,020	Thrill Hunter - 113,000
20	King's Legacy (AUS) 2017 - 2021	Redoute's Choice - Breakfast in Bed	12	2	2	0(0)	\$226,875	Audit - 105,000



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1	El Roca (AUS) 2010 - 2015	Fastnet Rock - Rubimill	2	1	1	1(1)	\$553,100	Dream Roca - 550,500
2	Home Affairs (AUS) 2018 - 2022	I Am Invincible - Miss Interiors	5	2	3	1(1)	\$293,700	Kinnaird - 166,375
3	Russian Revolution (AUS) 2013 - 2018	Snitzel - Ballet d'Amour	1	1	3	1(2)	\$240,360	Lara Antipova - 240,360
4	Ardrossan (AUS) 2014 - 2019	Redoute's Choice - Miss Argyle	2	1	2	1(1)	\$192,225	De Armas - 126,250
5	Farnan (AUS) 2017 - 2021	Not a Single Doubt - Tallow	1	1	1	0(0)	\$183,985	Magill - 183,985
6	Sword of State (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Snitzel - In the Vanguard	8	1	1	0(0)	\$137,810	Torture - 75,000
7	Banquo (AUS) 2016 - 2021	Written Tycoon - Noondie	1	1	2	1(1)	\$108,025	Justin Case - 108,025
8	Tivaci (AUS) 2012 - 2017	High Chaparral - Breccia	4	1	2	0(0)	\$101,130	Out of the Blue - 90,625
9	Frankel (GB) 2008 - 2013	Galileo - Kind	1	1	1	0(0)	\$87,625	Te Encuentro - 87,625
10	Stay Inside (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Extreme Choice - Nothin Leica Storm	1	1	2	1(1)	\$76,610	Lassified - 76,610
11	Snitzel (AUS) 2002 - 2006	Redoute's Choice - Snippets' Lass	1	1	1	1(1)	\$73,000	Liguria - 73,000
12	Hello Youmzain (FR) 2016 - 2021	Kodiak - Spasha	7	0	0	0(0)	\$65,595	Ka Ron - 30,700
13	Per Incanto (USA) 2004 - 2011	Street Cry - Pappa Reale	3	1	1	0(0)	\$59,050	Incandescent - 28,500
14	Alabama Express (AUS) 2016 - 2020	Redoute's Choice - Lago Ovation	1	1	1	0(0)	\$49,875	Dashing Dixie - 49,875
15	Almanzor (FR) 2013 - 2018	Wootton Bassett - Darkova	3	1	1	0(0)	\$45,325	Stromlinien - 42,125
16	Derryn (AUS) 2013 - 2018	Hinchinbrook - Munhro	3	1	1	0(0)	\$43,265	Midnight Dart - 32,500
17	Anders (AUS) 2017 - 2021	Not a Single Doubt - Madame Andree	2	0	0	0(0)	\$42,470	Parfait Dimanche - 40,600
18	Super Seth (AUS) 2016 - 2020	Dundeel - Salutations	4	0	0	0(0)	\$41,665	Zaharias - 33,875
19	I Am Invincible (AUS) 2004 - 2010	Invincible Spirit - Cannarelle	1	1	1	0(0)	\$40,000	I Am Belle - 40,000
20	Zoustar (AUS) 2010 - 2014	Northern Meteor - Zouzou	1	1	1	0(0)	\$32,625	Miss Twinkle - 32,625

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16	I Am Invincible (AUS) 2004 - 2010	Invincible Spirit - Cannarelle	1	1	1	0(0)	\$40,000	I Am Belle - 40,000
17	Zoustar (AUS) 2010 - 2014	Northern Meteor - Zouzou	1	1	1	0(0)	\$32,625	Miss Twinkle - 32,625
18	Acrobat (AUS) 2018 - 2022	Fastnet Rock - Hips Don't Lie	1	1	1	0(0)	\$27,875	King of the Air - 27,875
19	Yes Yes Yes (AUS) 2016 - 2020	Rubick - Sin Sin Sin	1	1	1	0(0)	\$26,900	Speed Demon - 26,900
20	Armory (IRE) 2017 - 2022	Galileo - After	3	1	1	0(0)	\$26,240	Silhouette - 25,500



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