



LCT Quarterly: Edition One



# HERE WE ARE

"How're you liking Australia so far?" Peter Heagney asked us with a cheeky wink from the Newmarket rostrum after knocking down our first offered yearling in Australia for \$620,000.

The truth is, eight months in, we are LOVING IT. We could wax lyrical about the property and the huge level of investment pouring into the Australian bloodstock industry, but the long and the short of it is, that it really does feel like "The Lucky Country".

It's been a huge, non-stop time, from January at Karaka to the farm today but we're 110% certain it was a great move. The family are happy, the stock are thriving and the grass is growing strong in our part of NSW.

We are blessed to be based in the Southern Highlands, an area that has a higher rainfall and a slightly cooler climate, than many other areas of the state. Fortuitously for us the property is only an hour from the new state-of-the art Inglis Riverside Stables complex at Warwick Farm which kicks-off with the Classic Sale in February.

For now though, our full focus is on wrapping up the last 19 mares to foal, getting the rest of the broodmare band under cover and putting together our first Magic Millions draft for January. After the stellar results from the May/June sale on the Gold Coast we can't wait.

Bring on 2018!

8

MONTHS  
LATER

1

NEW  
LOGO

100<sup>+</sup>

VISITORS

4

SUCCESSFUL  
SALES

68K

KM'S  
TRAVELLED

1

GREAT  
DECISION

# BREEDING NEWS



Exosphere ex Shemakhan colt

The breeding season has got off to a roaring start for the Lime Country / Retford Equine Clinic / Silvio partnership. Thus far stats are sitting on a very healthy 88% conception rate for 1st covers. Walking-out our resident mares to the Hunter means the mares have to be at their utmost ready for conception. It is essential that everything is spot-on, especially when covering space for some stallions is harder to get than a slot in The Everest :)

46

MARES TO COVER

25

COVERED BY 23 SEPT

17

FIRST SCANS BY 1 OCT

88%

POSITIVE 1ST COVERS

At Lime Country we're on track to build up a strong line of commercial boarding mares that is under-pinned with our own stock. We're all aware that quality mares provide us with good sales stock.

The table below is a reflection of some of the mares that we're walking-out from the farm this season for new clients and old friends. Ideally, we'll be able to provide some great results in the sales ring over the coming years for clients who are joining us here in Australia.

MARE	NOTES	COVERING SIRE
<b>Lightning Streak</b>	¾ sister to dual Gr.1 winner SIRMIONE	Star Turn
<b>Silver Tiara</b>	½ sister to SHOOTOUT & dam of stakes winner SILVERA	I Am Invincible
<b>Laylia</b>	Dam of stakes winner SHAMALIA	Flying Artie
<b>Gogo Reilly</b>	½ sister to ANTONIO LOMBARDO & MASTER OF ARTS	Not A Single Doubt
<b>Irish Pipedream</b>	½ sister to RAIN DRUM & SNITZEL SPIRIT	Sebring
<b>Cassandra Shadow</b>	Gr.1 winner and ½ sister to SHOOTOUT	Capitalist
<b>Eyes of Love</b>	Tavistock daughter of LOVETRISTA	Exceed & Excel
<b>Midnight Moment</b>	Sister to SUNRISEONTHEOASIS & ½ sister to TEJANO'S OASIS	Pierro
<b>Different To</b>	½ sister to Gr. 1 winner DORABELLA & CRUSOE	I Am Invincible
<b>Ella Supero</b>	¾ sister to REDOUTE'S DANCER & ½ to dam of YANKEE ROSE	Flying Artie
<b>Norzita</b>	2012-13 Champion Australian 3YO Filly & dual Gr.1 winner	To be decided!

4<sup>TH</sup>

AUGUST  
- FIRST FOAL -

# RECENT FOALINGS

- Kermadec ex Donna Madeira c.
- Makfi ex Sarong c.
- Medaglia d'Oro ex Compulsion c.
- Tavistock ex Laylia c.

- Vancouver ex Ella Supero c.
- Adelaide ex Kim Heaven c.
- Sebring ex Queensgate c.



Adelaide - So Sydney c.



Sepoy - Alert Princess c.



Foxwedge - Gogo Reilly c.



Exosphere - Shemakhan c.



Pendragon - Cool & Chic c.



Lucas Cranach - Cassandra Shadow c.



Eurozone - I Love Friday f.



Hallowed Crown - Jipali Bike c.



Eurozone - Carlina f.



Bull Point- Supper f.



Medaglia d'Oro - Compulsion c.



Pride of Dubai - Irish Pipedream c.



Roman Emperer - Garryurra f.

# COME VISIT

Linda Huddy with her Dundee ex Shoot Fer Love yearling filly.

## WE LOVE HAVING PEOPLE TO THE FARM

Being only an hour and a half from Sydney makes us very accessible for people to visit. The farm have extensive guest accommodation available for clients and friends of Lime Country and is suitable for couples or larger groups.

The Southern Highlands region is renowned for its vineyards, antique shops and its great range of restaurants & cafes. "The View" is the perfect spot to spend a night, taking a look around the farm and enjoying some down-time in the region. Get in touch, we'd love to host you at Lime Country.

## RECENT GUESTS

Angelique Bridson  
Arthur & Charlotte Inglis  
Barry Bowditch  
Brigid Kennedy & Kevin Nott  
Bryce Bevan  
Caroline Searcy  
Costa Zou crew  
David & Stephen Hall  
Duncan Ramage  
Gordon Calder  
Graham & Linda Huddy  
Greg Jones  
James Bester & Bridget Roberts  
James Mitchell  
Joh Bailey  
Livia Wang

Michael Kneebone  
Mitch & Morgan McBride  
Mr Ding  
Mudge  
Patrick Galloway & Kara Hinesley  
Paul & Karen Shadbolt  
Remy Skerl  
Sebastian Hutch  
Stu Aikman  
Tunku Ahmad Yahaya  
Vin Cox  
Wilf & Rosemary Mula  
Phillip Pollicina  
Bob McFadyen  
David & Libby Cleary  
Mark & Helenka O'Connell

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# NEW LOOK LOGO

## LIME COUNTRY THOROUGHBREDS

Hence Lime Country Through-  
breds has taken on a new look  
logo.

enough to have beautiful pas-  
ture here with this being a part  
of it.

THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW  
SURPRISES ALONG THE WAY.  
WHEN WE ARRIVED IT WAS  
BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION  
THAT OUR BESPOKE LOGO  
WAS TOO SIMILAR TO THAT OF  
ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN FARM.

The new logo is used in two for-  
mats and is in part, a tip of the  
hat both to our new base and  
to "Okawa", the farm we were  
previously at.

We added in the extra leaf for  
a bit of luck and a nod to the  
Griffin Irish heritage to keep the  
old boy happy.

We've incorporated an acorn  
in the logo, as Oak-lined drive-  
ways is a shared feature of both  
properties.

The snaffle was added to the  
middle of the round logo, as  
we also run the breaking and  
pre-training barn at Lime Coun-  
try.

Finally, the clover – it is a feature  
of Okawa and we are lucky



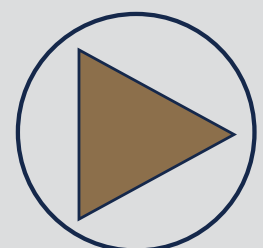
# BRED TO WIN



**CAROLINE SEARCY'S  
BRED TO WIN CREW CAME TO  
THE FARM IN AUGUST.**

Those of you who know us,  
know a stiff drink is required  
at the mere mention of being  
in front of a camera, but we  
were pretty happy with how  
the segment on Lime Country  
came together.

Check it out for yourself, by  
clicking here...



PLAY

# SALES HIGHLIGHTS

## INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE

Lot 22, Sold for \$620,000

- Savabeel ex A Real Princess
- Angus Gold, Shadwell Stud

"He's a **beautiful, big, strong** Savabeel colt, bred on a very successful cross. Both **David Hayes** & **Mike De Kock** loved the horse.

- **ANGUS GOLD**

"It feels like I've won the **Cox Plate!** I'm absolutely rapt. I could have used one of the big established farms but I thought '**blow it!**' these guys are professional, I like them as people and they've done a **magnificent** job preparing the horse."

- **JOHN BROMLEY**



## OVERALL SALES STATISTICS

4

SALES

22

OFFERED

19

SOLD

2

LOTS EXCEEDED  
\$600K

11

LOTS EXCEEDED  
\$150K

## INGLIS CHAIRMAN'S SALE

Lot 9, Sold for \$600,000

- Yattarna
- China Horse Club

"Easter and the Chairmans was a **fantastic** start for the brand. To get results like these for new clients is hugely rewarding and a credit to our staff and the sales company,"

- **GREG GRIFFIN**



# MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST NATIONAL BROODMARE SALE

**\$228<sub>k</sub>**

BROODMARE  
AVERAGE

**\$1.125<sub>MIL</sub>**

BROODMARE  
AGGREGATE

**100%**

CLEARANCE  
RATE

The appetite for broodmares this year has been sensational and we were chuffed to make it onto the top ten broodmare vendors at Magic Millions in June this year.

Broodmare sales are an area in which we will be growing our draft numbers going forward.

The farm is in great heart with good fertility, excellent quarantine controls and light stocking numbers on our 300 acres.

We are perfectly positioned to be taking on mares from NZ and other parts of Australia to prepare them for all the major sales in 2018.

Please get in touch with Jo if you are interested in joining our 2018 broodmare drafts.

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PRICE	MARE	BUYER
<b>\$310,000</b>	Thinking Of You	Boomer Bloodstock P/L
<b>\$290,000</b>	Clear Ripples	Belmont Bloodstock Agency
<b>\$265,000</b>	Marechal	Aquis Farm/Blue Sky Bloodstock
<b>\$200,000</b>	Teardrop Rock	Newstar Bloodstock
<b>\$60,000</b>	Sotela	Rothwell Park Thoroughbreds



Clear Ripples



Marechal



Sotela

## THANK YOU 2017 BUYERS

Shadwell Stud Australasia  
Belmont Bloodstock Agency  
Aquis Farm/Blue Sky Bloodstock

Newstar Bloodstock  
Rothwell Park Thoroughbreds  
W Keong HK  
Sun Bloodstock Pty Ltd HK  
Little Hung / Bahen Bloodstock  
HK  
Michael Otto Bloodstock NZ  
Grahame Begg VIC  
Boomer Bloodstock

China Horse Club  
Macleay Thoroughbred Stud  
G Charny NSW  
John Chalmers WA  
Cornerstone Stud Farm SA  
Clearwater Farm QLD  
KRD Racing VIC  
R Leonard NSW

# THE FARM



Lime Country is 300 acres of fertile horse heaven.

With 2.4km of direct frontage to the Wingecarribee River, our big lush paddocks are fully irrigated year-round as required, to provide a consistent pasture quality for young stock. The extensive planting of hundreds of now large and established deciduous and evergreen trees and hedge rows has ensured ample natural shelter during the summer heat and winter months.

Fencing is of the highest standard with 27 main paddocks and approximately 80 day yards all linked via a central laneway and road system supported by our three main barns: Breaking-In & Pre-Training Barn, Broodmare Barn and Yearling Barn.

The property has separate wet and dry mare state of the art crushes along with an additional satellite crush to the rear of the property which requires less movement of stock.

## FACILITIES

- Eight horse walker
- Computerised treadmill
- Tie Up stalls for horses-in-work
- Set of new Sterline barrier stalls
- Newly completed surgery barn
- All-weather dressage arena
- 1200m turf track & running rail
- Covered breaking-in yard



## IN APPRECIATION OF...

We have two important thank you's to make.

Firstly, to the Tan family for entrusting us with their beautiful property.

We know racing is still one of Dato Tan Chin Nam's great joy's in life and we look forward to

raising and developing more champions for him, the likes of Faint Perfume, So You Think, Viewed, Norzita, that have worn his now famous silks on tracks near and far.

We are indeed lucky to be able to do so from his much beloved Australian home.

Secondly, to Duncan Ramage.

He has managed to be utterly professional and gentlemanly at all times.

His attention to detail has made the transition from NZ to Australia as seamless as possible.



# THE TEAM

OUR STAFF ARE OUR CORNERSTONES. WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO HAVE GREAT PEOPLE, WITH TOP SKILLS, THAT WE WANT TO GET UP AND WORK ALONGSIDE EACH AND EVERY DAY. MEET SOME OF THE FOLK WHO ARE WORKING WITH US TO CONTINUE TO KEEP ON DEVELOPING OUR BUSINESS, OUR SERVICE AND OUR BRAND.



HEAD OF SALES  
-Leila Cross-

Leila's made the leap and come with us from after being involved with our NZ operation for around two years.

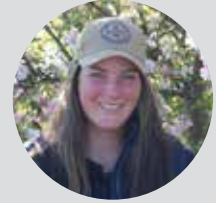
Her focus is on yearlings, sales weanlings and broodmares heading to sales around the country. Leila's an avid sport horse rider and spent the winter of 2016 working with showjumpers in the States. No doubt she'll be getting a new project horse to bring on here in Australia.



HEAD OF BREAKING IN &  
PRE-TRAINING  
-Todd Willan-

Making use of his youth and light-weight, Todd initially gained his amateur jockeys licence which led him to ride track work for then co-trainers Peter Snowden and John Hawkes at Crown Lodge for six years.

After starting a family, Todd contracted for three years to Vantage Hill breaking-in young stock, before starting up his own training and breaking-in business in Muswellbrook.



HEAD OF BROODMARES  
-Justine Kyrke-Smith-

Justine holds a Bachelor of Agri-Science majoring in Equine and used her uni holiday time to hone skills on foal watch at Wellfield Stud and Highden Park in Palmerston North before expanding her knowledge base at Studs in Australia and moving into yearling sales work throughout NZ and Australia. Justine also spends her free time re-schooling "Arkwright" her off the track gelding by Excellent Art.



ACCOUNTS & ADMINISTRATION  
-Celeste Whitmore-

South African born Celeste moved with her family to Australia from Qatar in 2011. Married to an ex-jockey and previously having worked in the broadcasting side of racing before taking up an admin role for trainer Garry Moore in Sydney.

Celeste's now manages the administration at Lime Country with a great understanding of the bloodstock industry both locally and internationally.



TEASER  
-Silvio-

Silvio takes his work very seriously. He's on the job morning, noon and night.

He's loud, proud and ready for action at the slightest rattle of his gate. Strutting around the place like a rooster he loves nothing more than going for a walk through the mares with Greg looking for some action. Thank god there are no horsey night-clubs in Burradoo for the little hooligan.



VETERINARIAN  
-Karim Kooros B.Vet.Med-

Karim has over 20 years veterinary experience. Originally from England, he completed his veterinary degree at the University of London, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

His special interest in equine care and reproduction has provided opportunities worldwide, including veterinary care to the Sultan of Brunei, Emergency Registrar at the University Of Sydney Veterinary Centre, and sole owner of Refford Equine Veterinary Clinic.

# PIC GALLERY

1. Dato & Datin Tan Chin Nam with Jo & Greg Griffin in Malaysia.



2. Buyers of Yatama, Teo Ah Khing & Michael Wallace with Arthur Inglis & Jo.



3. Narelle Stocker signing Angus Gold up for the Savabeel - A Real Princess colt.

4. Buyers of the So You Think - Reglisse colt Justin Bahen & Little K H Hung.



5. Brett Howard inspecting the Savabeel - A Real Princess colt.

6. Te Akau's Gr.1 Sydney Cup runner Chance to Dance agisting post race.

7. Georgia Griffin taking her first mare through the ring at Newmarket.



8. Duncan Ramage tutoring young Jamie Griffin on how to best parade a mare.

9. The Griffin clan: Greg, Georgia, Jamie, Mike & Jo.

10. Mark Webster, Jo & Jonathan D'Arcy at the new Inglis Riverside Stables complex.



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