

# Haunui Update

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## Breeding Season Winds Down

With the last few weeks of the breeding season ahead of us, you could be forgiven for thinking that things are beginning to wind down a little—they're not!

We still have one mare left to foal and there are still a number of mares to have their final scans and once that is out of the way, weaning will get underway.

We couldn't be happier with the support that we have received for both Don Eduardo and Elusive City this season not only from our very loyal clients but also, from outside our usual client base. To have people sending their mares back—some for the third or fourth time gives us great confidence as it is true testament to the quality of the foals that are being produced.

By the time the end of the season comes about, Don Eduardo will have covered just on 90 mares which is a great result for a sire's fourth season at stud. On the other hand, Elusive City will have covered between 60 and 70 mares which shows that the transfer from Trelawney Stud to Haunui in 2006 has been a successful move.



This season, we foaled down over 100 mares at Haunui and a big thank you goes out to our broodmare team and foal watch team for another successful season. Although there are always mishaps and sometimes we don't get the results that we are after, there is still a lot of hard work and effort that is put in behind the scenes and as long as every effort is made, we can't ask for more.

We have seen many of you at the farm over the last few months to see your mares and foals and we hope that you have been pleased with your new foals.

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## Success for Elusive City at Goffs

The Goffs November sale took place last month with a number of first season sires well represented in the catalogue. With 16 weanlings sold, Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) made an immediate impression topping the second day of the sale with a €55,000 filly. He then rounded things out in style with a colt selling for €120,000 on the last day.

The filly, out of the two-year-old winning mare Fabuco (Ire) (Mujadil), she was offered by Milltown Park Stud and purchased by Patrick Doyle who has also signed for two Elusive City colts – one out of stakes producer Foresta Verde (USA) (Green Forest) and another out

of another stakes producer, Sabayik (Ire) (Unfuwain).

"I've bought her for a client and



she will be for resale next year – hopefully she will be back here for the million sale," commented Patrick Doyle to Racing Post journalist Ryan McElligot. "She's a very nice, racy filly and the dam won at two which

would be a help," he said. "I am a big fan of the sire, he was a top class, Group One-winning two-year-old," said Doyle.

Elusive City (USA) stood his first two seasons in the Northern Hemisphere at Huma Park Stud for a fee of €8,000 and stands every chance of producing highly precocious juveniles given his own Gr.1 two-year-old success and large number of two-year-old winners and two-year-old producers covered.

Having commenced stud duties in New Zealand in 2004, the first crop of *Elusive City's* (USA) southern hemisphere yearlings will go under the hammer in January of 2007.

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### Magic Millions Yearlings On Track

Our draft of yearlings for the Magic Millions Sale will board the plane for the Gold Coast on the 4th of January.

With yearlings by Flying Spur, Stravinsky, Red Ransom, Pins, Van Nistelrooy and Elusive City, it will be a great way to kick off the yearling sales season.

Once again, the Magic Millions Raceday is building up to be an outstanding event adding to the atmosphere of an already buoyant sale.

Photographs and video footage of the Magic Millions yearlings will be uploaded to the Haunui website next week. You can view them by visiting [www.haunuifarm.co.nz](http://www.haunuifarm.co.nz) and going to the Sales page.

### Congratulations to Michelle

Michelle Foster, a member of the broodmare team for two years here at Haunui has been awarded a scholarship to the Irish National Stud.

Michelle is the recipient of the Keith Taylor Equine Scholarship and will head to Ireland in February to begin her six month course.



### 2006 Stakes Successes

2006 proved yet another successful year for Haunui Graduates. Art Success was added to the Group One Honours Board while Octapussy was Group One placed and has joined the Haunui broodmare band.

Activation added more black type to his race record with a Listed win and a very close second in the G1 The Metropolitan this spring while Gallic notched up his second Bendigo Cup and Mikki Street broke through for his first Group win in the G3 Winter Cup.

May the winning continue and we look forward to keeping you up-to-date with the success of Haunui graduates in 2007.

## Yearling Promotions

Over the past two years you will have noticed that we have taken a direct approach to our marketing of not only our stallions, but also our yearlings and when it comes to yearling promotion, 2007 will be no different.

A yearlings biggest advertisement is its pedigree page and, its physical characteristics and this year more than ever, we have focused our efforts on attracting more key people to the farm prior to the yearling sales.

Haunui has always participated in the Australian Trainers Tour, and at the end of November, a group of 25 trainers and owners were hosted by a number of New Zealand's leading stud farms to preview the 2007 Karaka catalogue.

With the likes of Peter Moody, Danny O'Brien, Tim Martin, Kris Lees, and Dale Sutton on the tour, it is undoubtedly one of

the most important aspects of yearling promotion that we undertake each year.

It is on the back of this that we introduced a similar tour for Central Districts and South Island Trainers' that just took place this past week.

Driven by Haunui, the initiative included the five other major Auckland-based yearling vendors and once again, provided the opportunity for a select group of trainers and owners to view yearlings to be offered at Karaka 2007.

With the likes of Alan Sharrock, John Wheeler, Michael Pitman, Shane Kennedy, Lisa Latta and Stephen Marsh among the 25 strong group, the inaugural Auckland Yearling Parade was deemed an outstanding success. "It is a fantastic initiative," said Alan Sharrock. "Normally we wouldn't get a chance to see these yearlings until Karaka and I've already

seen over a hundred and I will definitely be back to see a number of them at the sales," he said.

We used the parade as a prime opportunity to showcase the first crop of Elusive City yearlings and they made quite an impression. "I received comments from the likes of Alan Sharrock and John Wheeler in regard to the Elusive City yearlings and I'm just looking forward to these guys seeing the other yearlings that are about by this horse because they are very impressive," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm. "On the day of the parade, I had just flown back in from Australia where I spent five days on a promotional tour in NSW and Queensland and in the new year, we will be looking to arrange some on-farm parades for the Northern-based trainers as well," he said.

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## Karaka 2007

We have already had a number of on farm parades for our Karaka yearlings and they are heading into the final stages of their preparation as we are only just over six weeks out from the sale.

This year Haunui will offer a draft of just under 35 yearlings throughout the Premier and Select Sales at Karaka with 23 different sires represented. "Each year we mate our mares with stallions which we believe they are best suited to on both pedigree and type," said Mark Chitty. "So, in the last two or three years our yearling draft has seen a wide representation of proven and new sires," he said.

Lot 267, a Redoute's Choice colt out of Mascara Magic will be one of the most sought after

colts having grown into an athletic individual. "This colt will obviously attract his share of attention but like every year, we have a group of yearlings that will suit all tastes and all budgets," said Mark.



Lot 267—Redoute's Choice—  
Mascara Magic

Proven sires such as Flying Spur, Danzero, Stravinsky, Black Minnaloushe, Zabeel,

O'Reilly, Pins, Danasinga and Pentire are all represented along with exciting young stallion prospects Exceed and Excel, Reset, Johannesburg, Dubai Destination not to mention our very own Don Eduardo, Elusive City and Van Nistelrooy.

"The catalogue for the yearling sale has been launched a lot earlier this year which is a positive move by NZB," said Mark, "and they have also introduced further buyer incentives and assistance," he said. "Also, the introduction of the Karaka Million—a \$1 million race for 2YO graduates of the sale—is a fantastic new initiative and hopefully something

that can be built on in the future," said Mark.

## Christmas Wishes

There are less than 20 sleeps to go until Santa visits to fill up those Christmas stockings!

On behalf of the team at Haunui, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past year.

To those of you who have had success on the racetrack this season, we wish you the best of luck for racing in the New Year and look forward to sharing in further successes in 2007.

For those of you with a little less luck on the track in 2006, another year is just around the corner with many more opportunities to add to the trophy

cabinet—your success is our success.

As always, we welcome visits at anytime so please just feel free to contact the office should you wish to come and see any of your bloodstock.

Finally, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Safe and Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2007.

*The team at Haunui*

