

# Haunui Update



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## News Briefs

### Stallions Serving Well

Both Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel) and Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) continue to be kept busy in the breeding barn as we enter the second month of serving mares.

Stallion Manager Wayne Miliken reports, "Both of the stallions definitely know what time of year it is and now they are into the serving routine, they know exactly when there is a mare in the barn waiting for them," he said. "In saying that, both horses are great to handle in the breeding shed."

The results are starting to come through as well with a number of mares already scanned in foal for both stallions.

September has seen a great influx in the foal population at Haunui. Here is a run down of some of the new arrivals.

### Lily Evelyn Geddes

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Yearling Manager Luke Geddes and his partner Victoria Hamilton on the arrival of their first child, Lily, on the 13th of September. In our last update, Lily was only a few days away and we are pleased to say that she arrived safe and sound although she definitely took her time!

### Redoute's Choice—Coogee Walk colt

Born in the last week of September, this colt is a half brother to Group Three-winner and the now Group One-placed Activation (NZ) (Zabeel). Bred and owned by Marie Leicester,

he is one of four of Marie's foals to have been born in the space of 10 days, others being a Don Eduardo colt out of Jinsky Rose, a strapping Stravinsky Colt out of Empress Belle and a More Than Ready colt in Australia out of Liberty Walk.

### Zabeel foals

The last three weeks have seen the arrival of two Zabeel fillies and a Zabeel colt at Haunui. The first born was a filly out of Riesling (NZ) (Last Tycoon), a half sister to Group Two-winner and Group One performer Octapussy (NZ) (Octagonal). At the beginning of last week, Granita (NZ) (Bigstone) produced a very smart Zabeel filly and just this morning, Waihora's Lass (NZ) (Tights) produced a Zabeel colt for her new owner David Reid.

### Other foals of note

Midnight Madam (NZ) (Kaaestad) foaled a full sister to dual Group One-winner Perlin (NZ) (Carnegie) earlier in September. She was bred by Haunui Farm and Bill Hurlstone.

We have had four One Cool Cat foals born at Haunui so far in 2006. The first to arrive was out of the Star Way mare Strawberry Affair, owned by client Vicki Van Dorp. The next to arrive is out of the imported mare American Cash and he was bred by Don and Rochelle McLaren. The McLaren's also have a Hussonet filly out of the Zabeel-mare Fiber Magee. The third foal to arrive by the son of Storm Cat was a colt out of Zafonique (NZ) (Bigstone). Owned by Keryn and Brenda Corrigan, earlier this year his half sister by Tale Of

The Cat sold for A\$160,000 at the Sydney Easter Sale. The sole One Cool Cat filly on the farm is a smart type out of Major Force—a half sister to multiple Group One performer Homewrecker—and was bred in partnership with long-term client Dennis Clout.

### In Australia

This season we have 11 mares based in Australia for ourselves and clients and all the in-foal mares have now foaled.

Luna Scene, a mare owned in partnership by Haunui and Don and Rochelle McLaren, foaled a chestnut filly by Stravinsky on the 9th of September. Also in Australia is a half sister to Group One-winner Calveen by Rock Of Gibraltar, a Galileo colt out of Exotic Stranger and a Zabeel colt out of Blue Quail—a full sister to Flitter.

The last of the mares to foal in Australia was Liberty Walk who produced a chestnut colt by More Than Ready late last week.

"I am very pleased with the foals that we have on the ground so far this season," said Mark Chitty. "It's fantastic to be able to ring clients with the good news that their mare has foaled and while there are always a few hiccups along the way, it's always an exciting time of the year," says Mark.

"We are very lucky that we have a good team here who take care of the foaling of the mares and it is always handy that I am on the farm and if there are any difficulties I can be right there in a matter of minutes," he said. "We still have a long way to go before foaling is over but like I said, we have made a good start," said Mark.

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## Elusive City 1/2 Sister a Stakes Winner

ELUSIVE CITY'S HALF SISTER, PARISIAN AFFAIR (USA) (MR GREELEY) CLAIMED THE PHOENIX STAKES (5F) AT MEADOWLANDS ON OCTOBER 6TH. SHE IS NOW THE SECOND STAKES WINNER FOR DAM, STAR OF PARIS.

Following on from the announcement last month that Elusive City will be relocated to stand the northern hemisphere season at the Irish National Stud, comes the news that last week, his half sister, Parisian Affair (USA) (Mr Greeley) won a stakes race at Meadowlands.

Star Of Paris (USA) (Dayjur) has produced five foals, four of them named—Elusive City was her first foal, Parisian Affair was her second.

"Elusive City was a Group One winner at two on the turf and

this mare has come out and won a stakes race in the USA over 1000m on the turf," said



Mark Chitty. "We are very excited about the prospects of Elusive City as a sire—he has

the pedigree and race performance behind him and he has an outstanding first crop of yearlings that will enter the sale ring for the first time in 2007," he said.

"From an early stage, the Elusive City foals have impressed and they continue to do so as they grow out," said Mark. "With the quality of mares that he has covered, and the quality of individuals that he has left, we are looking forward to the sales series of 2007," he said.

Elusive City stands at Haunui Farm this season for a fee of \$8,000 + GST.

## Yearlings in full Swing

Yearling preparation is now well underway for a majority of our yearlings heading to the 2007 sales.

We will be taking six horses to the Magic Millions Sale at the Gold Coast in January and they have settled into their preparation nicely.

Making the trip across the Tasman will be five colts and one filly by the likes of Elusive City, Flying Spur, Pins, Red Ransom, Stravinsky and Van Nistelrooy.

Our Premier yearlings and colts for the Select Session of Karaka are also beginning to make their way into the early stages of preparation.

This year, Haunui will offer just over 50 yearlings throughout New Zealand and Australia at the Magic Millions in January, Karaka at the end of January, the Melbourne Premier Sale in

March and the Sydney Easter Sale in April.

Among the stallions represented in the Haunui yearling drafts of 2007 will be:

Catbird, Danzero, Dubai Destination, Exceed And Excel, Flying Spur, Green Desert, Johannesburg, Pins, , Redoute's Choice, Red Ransom, Reset, Stravinsky and our very own Don Eduardo, Elusive City and Van Nistelrooy.

Our yearling draft for the Magic Millions Sale will be up on the Haunui website shortly with pedigree information whilst photographs and video footage of each of the yearlings will be added at a later date.

### NEWS FLASH!

Don Eduardo 2YO Impresses Freedman

Andrew Baddock of Gooree Park Stud reported last week that Najib (ex Up The Hill by Danehill) will be lining up at the official two-year-old trials to be held at Cranbourne this coming week.

From the family of Prawn Cocktail, this colt is trained in Melbourne by Lee Freedman and the Freedman camp have developed a high opinion of the two-year-old.

From the stable: "Najib ran in a jump out trial at Markdel last week and showed good gate speed, he traveled smoothly throughout showing a nice turn of foot. We will proceed to the trials at Cranbourne on the 16th of October."

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## Staff Profile—Margaret Grantham



Margaret Grantham joined the Haunui team just before the breeding season began last year and in her own words "It was a baptism of fire."

For many of you, Margaret will be a familiar voice at the end of the phone at Haunui. The Administration Manager, Margaret came to Haunui after owning and operating her own business in partnership with her husband Mark.

"I had virtually zero knowledge in regard to horses before coming to Haunui," said Margaret. "The last twelve months have certainly been a steep learning curve but I have enjoyed the challenge and I am now a lot more adept with all of the terminology although there are still a

few things that get me," she laughs.

Margaret is in charge of all Administration at Haunui including accounts payable and receivable, invoicing and the like. She is also involved in ensuring the farm is up to date with Occupational Health & Safety policy and procedures and handles a lot of the Human Resource Management side of things as well.

This season has seen the introduction of a new software system at Haunui which incorporates not only all the horse records but our accounting system as well. Hopefully, many of you will have already noted the improved invoicing procedures

and communications that have been coming from the office in regard to mares foaling, being covered etc. "Like any new software programme, it takes time to learn the ins and outs and what it can actually do for you but already, we are noticing a big difference and things will only continue to improve further," says Margaret.

"I really enjoy my work at Haunui, it's nice to work in a family owned and operated business, I enjoy the contact that I have with the clients and also, the rural environment is lovely to work in," she said.

## More News Breifs ...

**"WE JUST MISSED OUT ON TWO METROPOLITANS BUT WE'LL TAKE TWO CAULFIELD CUPS INSTEAD," MARK CHITTY ON ACTIAVTIAON'S CLOSE 2ND AT RANDWICK ON SATURDAY.**

Activation (NZ) (Zabeel—Coogee Walk) came within a half length on Saturday of making it a Metropolitan Handicap (2400m) double for Haunui Farm graduates after the victory of Railings (Aus) (Zabeel—La Suffragette) in the same event last season.

In a barnstorming run from the rear of the field, Activation just failed to reign in the David Hayes-trained Tawqeet (USA) (Kingmambo) in the shadows of the post.

Owner Lloyd Williams confirmed on Monday that Activation will contest the Caulfield Cup (2400m) after some consideration had been given to a possible tilt at the Cox Plate (2000m) as well.

"We just missed out on winning the Metropolitan two years in a row with a Haunui graduate but we'd definitely settle for the Caulfield Cup double if Activation can follow in the footsteps of Railings," said Mark Chitty.

Bred by Marie Leicester, Activation has a half brother on the ground this season by Redoute's Choice with Coogee Walk set to return to Zabeel this spring.

Haunui will offer a Flying Spur colt out of Cassovia—a full sister to Activation—at Karaka in 2007 while another member of this lucrative family will be offered at the Sydney Easter Sale — a filly out of Liberty Walk (half sister to Coogee Walk) also by Flying Spur.

Haunui Receive Awards

The Auckland Branch of the NZTBA held their annual awards dinner at Ellerslie at the beginning of October. With guest speaker John Messara from Arrowfield Stud, the evening attracted a crowd of just over 170 people.

Haunui received a number of awards throughout the evening, the first as the co-breeder of

dual Group One-winner Railings (Aus) (Zabeel—La Suffragette). Bred in partnership with Noel Robinson, Railings cemented himself as one of the top stayers in Australia with his performances last spring and appears to be on track for even greater spoils in the coming weeks.

La Suffragette was also named broodmare of the year as the dam of Railings and also Brampton Legs (NZ) (Zabeel) - a winner and placegetter last season from the Moroney stable.

The stallion awards were also claimed by Haunui Farm with Soviet Star (USA) (Nureyev) winning the Auckland Based stallion award for combined International and Domestic Earnings with the award for Domestic Earnings taken out by the Derby sire, Almutawakel (GB) (Machiavellian), sire of Mercedes Derby-winner Wahid.

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## Meet Some of the Class of 2006



Above: b f Carnegie—  
Midnight Madam (this filly  
is a full sister to dual G1-  
winner Perlin)

Above right: br f Dehere—  
Eire Hostess (from the fam-  
ily of Vianetta, Butterscotch  
& Headturner)

Middle: b c Don Eduardo—  
Surprise Belle (from the  
family of Tri Belle)



Below left: b f Zabeel—  
Granita

Below right: b c Redoute's  
Choice—Coogee Walk (a  
half brother to Activation)

