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A VERY WARM WELCOME

to the new season from all of the team at Ballymore Stables. We are very excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to you being part of the fun, excitement and success of Ballymore this season.

We have kicked off the new season in great style with black-type success in Australia courtesy of Octavia in the Cockram Stakes at Caulfield. It was fantastic to see this very promising filly frank her black-type form again from last season and we anticipate many of her trans-tasman stablemates providing their owners with the opportunity to toast stakes success in the months ahead. Spring racing is finally here and as the racing action heats up in Melbourne and in New Zealand, so will Ballymore Stables' representation on the track.

"I am delighted with the team around me this year" said Mike. "We've got a smaller team but we have good cross-section of talent and good depth too. I think Octavia's win in the Cockram is just the start. I think we've got the fire-power to be winning some big races, and I'm predicting a really rewarding season for our owners." Chad shares Mike's sentiments and is equally as keen to get things rolling at Ballymore New Zealand this season.

"I'm really excited about this season" said Chad. "We've got a nice young team who are already showing well above average potential, and I'm confident Ballymore will be celebrating stakes success throughout the year."

Last season Ballymore collectively trained over 100 winners including three at stakes level, and our stakes earnings tipped over \$3.1 million. It was a creditable result for the new training partnership and it laid the perfect foundation for a successful season this term. Chad and Aliesha made many exciting and positive changes as the new management team at Ballymore New Zealand.

"From a business perspective we have been quite focused on improving our communication with our owners and looking at new ways that we can make racing fun. We have also been looking into ways that we can cut costs for our owners and our recently formed relationship with Elite Equine, is evidence of this. There is still so much to do and we are excited about what we can achieve."

In this first newsletter for the new season we have profiled a few Ballymore team members, both human and equine and we really hope you enjoy meeting the team behind our success. We have some exceptional talent within our stable ranks and we will focus on introducing these people and horses to you over the next 12 months. As we look toward to the fantastic racing ahead, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Ballymore. We look forward to sharing the successes of the new season with you. Best of luck for the 2013/2014 racing season.

FROM THE TEAM AT BALLYMORE.



Chad, Mike and Paul at Royal Ascot earlier this year

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ALIESHA JOINS THE NZTR PROJECT TEAM

Aliesha certainly has a busy spring ahead! Aliesha has recently taken up a six month Project Management contract with NZTR and will be helping them to implement a number of initiatives over this time.

"I am pleased to be able to continue to apply what I have learnt from my time at Deloitte, helping to manage Ballymore and being on the Central Trust Board for St John to help NZTR to make positive progress for the industry. Many of the issues our industry is currently facing are not new and have been faced by other industries who have made positive progress. I think things are on the improve and we have an exciting but challenging time ahead of us".

BALLYMORE AND ELITE EQUINE

Ballymore Stables New Zealand is excited to announce that Elite Equine and High Performance Nutrition will be supporting our team this season. We have been using Elite Equine and Finish Line's products for the past few months and have seen results that have really impressed us. The new partnership will ensure that we have access to some of the best supplements on the market to assist our horses recover from their races and support those that have ulcers, respiratory problems, tie-up, are bleeders or struggle to maintain/build muscle.

"This partnership will ensure that any extra supplements that the our owners pay for to meet their horse specific needs, from the Elite Equine or Finish Line range, will be significantly discounted below retail price" Aliesha explains.



NEW ZEALAND NEWS

It is Chad's second full season as co-trainer of the New Zealand arm of the Ballymore operation, and we are anticipating an exciting few months ahead. Last season the new training partnership of Moroney – Ormsby claimed two stakes successes courtesy of Mae Jinx and Savvy Dancer, and came very close to a dream Group One result with Le Choix finishing a close second in the Levin Classic. Le Choix is currently in pre-training and we look forward to his return to the stable in the not too distant future. Another strong performer from last season Kidwelly, was recently welcomed back to the stable and Chad anticipates an exciting spring/summer campaign ahead for her. Kidwelly, a Group Two performer in her three-year-old season is loving being back in the team and continues to please Chad with her progress.

"Kidwelly has been in work again for six weeks and is in great order" said Chad of the daughter of Dylan Thomas. *"She's 100 percent and I really think she'll be right back at the top of the New Zealand fillies and mares features this season"* he added.

With Chad at the helm, our New Zealand stable continues to provide great support for our Australian arm of the business and this proven formula once again worked well with the former New Zealand stable runners Rhythm To Spare, About Square, and Milkwood (to name just a few) all going on to score on the track soon after touching down in Australia. It is a great asset for our owners to have the Trans-Tasman training operations working so closely together. Horses are given the opportunity to kick-off their racing careers in New Zealand and then go on to chase racetrack spoils in Australia. Let's hope the spring weather improves in the not too distant future and we can all enjoy the exciting spring and summer racing ahead!

We have an exciting stable of horses coming together with a good mix of young horses, proven performers and horses moving through the grades. We will look to build on our achievements from last season and continue to grow and celebrate the success of the Ballymore brand.



MEET MILOU SAMUELSSON

We are delighted to welcome Milou to our Matamata team as Assistant Trainer. *"Milou has stepped up to the Assistant Trainer role really well"* said Chad. *"She's enthusiastic, and as one of our main trackwork riders I'm really glad to have her as part of the team"*. Milou, who is originally from Sweden, has worked for some of the biggest trainers in Scandinavia and ridden in around 20 amateur races. Talked into moving "down under" by a friend who was working for Ballymore Australia, she initially went there in 2011 but now across the Tasman she says *"I've always wanted to come to New Zealand, and now I'm here I love it!"*



MEET DARRYL ANDERSON

Darryl has joined Ballymore New Zealand in a part-time communications role, assisting Aliesha and Chad with owner communications. Darryl liaises with Chad on a daily basis and will focus on keeping you updated with the progress and movements of your horse, including pre/post-race, and trial reports, and your fortnightly progress email updates. *"I pride myself in communication, so I'm excited about the new challenge, and to be part of the Ballymore team"* said Darryl. Darryl, a regular presenter on Trackside, has a strong background in broadcasting, PR and marketing, and is passionate about the racing industry in New Zealand.



LUCKY LADIES FIND A GEM WITH RUBY

Exciting times ahead for a group of lucky ladies and their beloved filly 'Ruby'. We invited a group of ladies to form a syndicate at our Owners Long Weekend, which was held in conjunction with the Matamata Breeders Stakes Day in February... and they now race the recent trial winning filly by Iffraaj out of Grosvenor mare Beautiful Sea who we know as Ruby. *"I thought she had a lot of ability leading into her trial, but was surprised how effortlessly she won, and she may well have the x-factor this filly"* said Chad Ormsby following her recent trial win. Selected and purchased by Mike and Paul at Karaka 2013, Ruby is a beautifully athletic filly with an exciting future ahead. She is also a half-sister to five race winners including the Group One winner Booming. Ruby, who is very much treated like royalty around the stable has great pedigree credentials being from the family of the top rated Australasian filly of 1995-96, Electronic.

A FAMILY AFFAIR - LE CHOIX, ESTELLE AND GENEHEL

With a strong family history in our stable and experience to call on, half-siblings Le Choix and Estelle are destined for bright futures at Ballymore. Le Choix, a four-year-old gelding by Choisir, and Estelle, a three-year-old filly by Tale Of The Cat, are progeny of the former Moroney trained multiple winning racemare Genebel. Genebel raced in the well-recognised yellow and red colours of Auckland breeders Don and Rochelle McLaren. The McLarens raced Genebel in New Zealand and Australia with the daughter of Generous saluting the judge on five occasions. Now successfully flying the flag for the Ballymore and McLaren owner and trainer partnership, Le Choix came agonisingly close to Group One glory in the Levin Classic at Otaki last season. Chad rates Le Choix as one of the most exciting horses in the stable, meanwhile his younger sibling Estelle is learning the ropes with a raceday debut planned for the not too distant future.

TWO-YEAR-OLD WITH TALENT - CAPTAIN RIO X ATTAQUE

On the lookout for get-up-and-run prospects for the 2014 Karaka Millions for Ballymore New Zealand was not an easy task at Karaka this year as our selection team found the "early" two-year-old types thin on the ground. That was until Paul came across this colt at the Festival sale as a stand-out juvenile candidate, identifying him as a natural "get up and run two-year-old". A mirror image of his sire Captain Rio, this precocious colt has a compelling two-year-old pedigree with six of nine black-type performers on dams side all juvenile winners. Placed third at his first trial, he continues to impress Chad with his progress and attitude around the stable. He's ready to go! Shares available - Contact Aliesha.



GARETH REES - FROM GLASS TO SUNLINE TO BALLYMORE!

Racing first grabbed Gareth's attention when the mighty Sunline won her first Cox Plate and having friends working in the industry, he thought he too would try his hand.



A qualified Glazier, Gareth has now been with Ballymore just over three years, starting out as a stable-hand and progressing to Foreman. Along with John, he assists Matt in the day to day running of the stable.

AUSTRALIA NEWS

There were many highpoints of the 2012/13 racing season for Ballymore Australia. The toughness and consistency of bonny filly Octavia was a definite highlight for all concerned. Successful at just her second outing, Octavia raced 10 times over the course of the season – quickly rising through the classes winning four races including the Listed Kevin Hayes Stakes.

"She has been so honest," Michael Moroney said – *"you know that every time she steps out onto the track she is going to give her very best. She has been a delight to train and has given everyone at the stable a great deal of pleasure over the year."*

Whilst he did not win a race during his final season of racing, popular grey Glass Harmonium – a real favourite around the stables due to his great attitude to his work and racing – also provided us with a couple of highlights. Free-wheeling in front as was his usual style, the entire only just run down late by Alcopop in the Group One Mackinnon Stakes. Earlier that campaign he has run a gallant second to All Too Hard in the Group One Futurity Stakes in February.

"Glass Harmonium was a much loved member of the Flemington Stable," Moroney said, *"and we hope he goes on to prove as successful at stud as he was on the track."*

Metropolitan victories for Spitfire Lady (whose dam Galroof and half-brother Sabrage, also members of the Ballymore team), Zabisco (also winner of the Wodonga Cup), African Pulse, Bishops Castle, Major Coup, Chilean Plume, Girls On Film and Zazparella were also highlights – as was a Group One placing in the Australasian Oaks for La Zuma and a Group Three Grand Prix Stakes second for Rhythm To Spare. Over the course of the season we also cheered on six doubles and a couple of quinellas and in May we announced opening of stables at Royal Randwick with Robbie Hewetson in charge.

And we enjoyed overseas success with our first UK runner Extra Noble saluting at Kempton Park in late June – and in late August Kelvingrove impressed winning by no less than 16 lengths at Yarmouth. Hopefully the new season will be an even better one, Moroney confident that a number of promising young horses in the stable can measure up in good company during the spring and autumn carnivals.

"We have a stronger team than last year," he said, *"with the likes of Marwood, Rhythm To Spare, Bishops Castle, About Square and exciting stable newcomer Surpass showing genuine black type ability – and we are looking forward to seeing how import Araldo progresses as he steps up in distance."*

SHARES AVAILABLE IN TOP MELBOURNE PROSPECT

STARCRAFT X GARDEN ISLAND

Given he stretched out to win the Australian Derby over 2400m, top racehorse and successful sire Starcraft has surprised many with the amount of speed his progeny have inherited, no doubt via his champion race horse sire Soviet Star, himself a son of the great Northern Dancer sprinter/miler Nureyev. And we will be least surprised if this Starcraft colt puts his hand up at two this season as he struck us as a natural running type and very much in the mold of his sire-line at 2013 Inglis Easter.

In fact this colt has a double up of Nureyev in his pedigree as his four-time winning sprinting dam is by Nureyev's fastest son, Fasliyev while the second dam won 10 races up to 1100m - five of them at two. We saw few better yearlings last year and believe this colt can be a serious contender for major honours after the New Year. Shares available - Contact Anthony.

JONATHAN PISANI - GOING PLACES AT BALLYMORE

John started with Ballymore in 2006 as a stable-hand, aged 20. After two and a half years he decided



to gain more experience with the Hawkes Stable but in January this year he returned as Senior Foreman.

John assists with all aspects of running our large team including helping our vets as he has a keen interest in equine health and medicine. He has also stepped up as Assistant Trainer when required and spent the winter in Queensland this year as our Travelling Foreman.

John's love of horses extends to the harness industry where he was a licenced Harness Trainer and Driver and also holds a Diploma in Equine Studies.



MARWOOD – THE REAL DEAL!

One of the great pleasures to be derived from a long time involvement in racing is watching the progeny of previous favourites embark on their careers and in recent times we have thoroughly enjoyed cheering on the progeny of mares trained at Ballymore.

One such horse is the highly exciting Marwood – impressive winner of his first two starts this season. Successful at debut by 4¾ lengths, he won with such authority that he was sent out odds-on against the older horses next time out – that time proving 4½ lengths too strong.

Described by Michael Moroney as “a really nice horse, one of whom we have a high opinion of,” Marwood is a son of a Ballymore favourite – the wonderful mare Pernod.

The winner of eight of her 19 starts including the Group One Dubai Racing Club Cup, the Group Three Tristarc Stakes and the Listed Cockram Stakes, Pernod has proven as effective off the track as she was on.

The New Zealand based dual Group Three winner Martini Red was Pernod’s first foal and she is also the dam of the multiple city winner Zippa The Rippa. Marwood – who hopefully will be the best of her progeny – arrived in 2010 after her date with outstanding Waikato Stud stallion O’Reilly.

Catching Paul Moroney’s eye at the 2012 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, Marwood was secured for a bid of \$210,000. He is raced by a large and happy group who are looking forward to the spring carnival with a crack at the big time in the Group One Caulfield Guineas.

Bred on the same O’Reilly/Centine cross as the Group One winners Alamosa, Sacred Falls, Guyno, Gionally and Mac O’Reilly, Marwood is held in high esteem by jockey Nicholas Hall who was aboard all three outings.

“He is the real deal,” he said and – when asked how Marwood compares to other classy youngsters he has ridden he said “he is definitely up there.”



OCTAVIA – HITTING THE HIGH NOTES

Marwood’s dam Pernod won the Cockram Stakes for Ballymore back in 2002 and 11 years on it was lovely to win the same race with another tough and classy mare in the shape of Octavia.

A mare who just does not know how to run a bad race, Octavia was runner-up at her first two runs at her latest preparation – subsequently showing plenty of heart to lead throughout at her next two.

On July 27 at Caulfield, as an odds-on favourite, Octavia raced away to a soft 3½ length victory. Already a stakes winner of the Listed Kevin Hayes Stakes in February, Octavia proved her worth in black type company and she did so again in the Cockram.

“She tries very hard,” McEvoy said after the Cockram.

Somewhat of a Caulfield 1200m specialist – three of her five wins coming over that trip at that track, Octavia has won over \$340,000 for her large and enthusiastic group of owners – a number of whom purchased their share in Octavia after she was paraded at our popular annual Melbourne Cup Eve stable open day.

Our open day gets more popular every year and it is certainly worth attending – both Marwood and Octavia paraded to potential owners last year! The day provides an opportunity not only to meet the staff and fellow owners but also to secure a share in your next champion.

This year’s open day, as always, will be held on Melbourne Cup Eve at our Flemington stable on Monday, November 4.

A bargain \$42,000 purchase for Paul Moroney by Danehill’s outstanding son Holy Roman Emperor, Octavia is cleverly named after the sister of the first Roman Emperor. She is a daughter of the multiple city winning Brocco mare Filming whose dam is the Group One Karrakatta Plate winner and Golden Slipper Stakes placegetter Paklani.

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