



Miss Chierro enjoying the Warrnambool/beach environment

From the Stable

The last few months have indeed been exciting times as this is the time when our two year olds commence their initial introductions to Caulfield and where your breath is constantly on hold as they take their first steps out onto the track. **BELLA AMORE** our gorgeous Snitzel/Loveyamadly homebred has been the very first 2yo to make it to the races and was far from disgraced running 3rd at Bendigo on Sunday 16th December. This is a really nice filly of the future and went to Bendigo very much with her L Plates on but far from disappointed. She had trialled nicely in 2 trials subsequent to this run, however was far from bomb proof and had good looks around during each of those trials. She went to the races basically on her outstanding demeanour and had completed her education to the satisfaction of Mick who accordingly gave her the green light to run. She jumped well, although had no idea from that point what to really do and never travelled sweetly (through inexperience) however toughed it out very well in the straight to go down a tick over 2 lengths. She pulled up super from the run, however has been put away for the Autumn to mature up and will come back a 5 length better horse naturally, so there is plenty of upside for this girl! **SCORPIUS** (OUR Deep Field Colt) is back for his second prep and looks to have spelled super throughout the Spring. This fella got to the trial stage last prep however disappointed due to shin soreness and immediately spelled. Showed nice ability out on the track in his work and Mick feels that as he matures and his shins

toughen that ability will translate through to trials/ races so we have plenty of optimism with **SCORPIUS** moving forward and will be one of our big improvers in 2019!

ZENDE (x Brazen Beau) and **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** (x Not A Single Doubt) will both take quantum leaps as well when they indeed return to Caulfield after nice initial preps there when not quite ready. Both horses got to the trial stages which is a testament to their individual characters and were immediately spelled. Both **ZENDE** and **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** look three year old types to us and have a little way to go to fully furnish but are well on the way. **ZENDE** needs to fill those knees (which will come) whilst **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** is as tough as a rock and only fell away physically late in her prep. Being such a late November foal she did an enormous job to have gone so far this time around and has great upside particularly when she can get this next spell under her belt. They are both lovely horses with great attitudes which is one of the main reasons that they went as far as they did and are little sleepers for the future!

Our two Zoustar babies **ZOUPURSTAR** and **FROM THE STARS** are not as advanced as our other two year olds due to immaturity issues however they are about to commence their next respective preps early next month.



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Fighting Harada who is set to return to Caulfield early in the New Year!

ZOUPURSTAR is a big strong 3YO type as most of the Zoustars seem to be and he has really excelled as a stallion in his 3YO year highlighted by filling ALL three places in this years Coolmore Stud Stakes. **ZOUPURSTAR** has been given plenty of time to get over immature sesamoids whilst **FROME THE STARS** suffered from shin soreness early on when she first arrived into Caulfield and Mick felt that a conservative approach to her training would be the right way to go. Both horses have spelled terrific under the watchful eye of Kaz Morphett and Jane Smith of Cloverdale and have blossomed during their most recent spells. Look out for our babies next year as there are some nice horses amongst them!

Two horses that are currently down at Mick's Warrnambool stables under the excellent care of Matthew Williams are **MISS DAMITA** and **MISS CHIERRO** and both are thriving at the beach environment. A great addition to Mick's training capabilities is Warrnambool where he has around 20 boxes, and the ability for horses who have issues OR struggle with the hustle and bustle of Caulfield are ideally suited to this type of facility. **MISS DAMITA** ran an excellent 4th at Werribee on Cup day over an unsuitable trip and has pulled up well from the run. She heads to her now home track of Warrnambool for her next run over 1700 metres at the end of this month and is a horse to follow now that she is thriving, which was something that she hadn't really done at Caulfield with an inability to hold her weight due to no doubt stress related issues. Our Pierro mare **MISS CHIERRO** who is on the recovery from knee chip surgery is another who is loving the beach and will be trialling early January. Very similar to **MISS DAMITA** is **MISS CHIERRO** who never thrived at Caulfield and constantly let little things detract from her overall demeanour resulting in a bleed

first up at Pakenham back in January, however there are no excuses for that now as she hasn't missed a beat since arriving at the beach which suits her knee issues and has calmed her mentally.

Our NZ Tavistock filly **SATIN STOCKING** will be heading up to Wangaratta in the next couple of weeks after given time to mature. Being a Tavistock, and a very late Tavistock foal at that have been to her disadvantage as far as getting to the races. She has a lovely demeanour and attitude to it all, but her physicality has been her enemy so she has been given plenty of time to catch up in that department. She has really done well at Cloverdale over the Spring and looking forward to her getting back down to Caulfield this prep to see how she can shape up this time around. Another 3YO that we are looking to getting down to Caulfield is the currently enigmatic galloper **FIGHTING HARADA**. Well documented that **FIGHTING HARADA** raced with absolutely NO luck last time around when on a Caulfield Guineas path and even suffered a trip to Adelaide and was withdrawn at the barrier when he became unsettled and slightly injured himself whilst playing up. Subsequently gelded, the new and improved model has come back in super order and looks set to improve on his current record (which should arguably read better) of 8 starts for 2 wins, 2 seconds and a third for \$114,840 in stakes - fingers crossed this time around for this highly talented product of Fighting Sun!

EXFLYTATIONS, who had an outstanding prep last time around has rolled into Caulfield in outstanding order this month and is progressing along very well. Spelled super at Cloverdale as all of our horses do, however this mare just blossomed and



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does look set for a great prep ahead. She is a few weeks away from trialling but does look as though she has come up well and 2000 metres plus will be her aim again this time around. This will most likely be her last prep before she heads off to stud next year and is well placed to improve on her current record of 22 starts for 4 wins, 3 seconds and 4 thirds for \$101,250 in stakes. The same could be said for **FRONT PAGE NEWS** who is starting to take steps in the right direction regarding his racing career. Improving at each of his 3 career runs to date **FRONT PAGE NEWS** was very good at his latest start running 2nd at Seymour recently and looks a big improver heading into 2019 as he learns his craft over the staying trips!



Gorgeous mare Exflytations looks set for another good campaign in 2019!

Sales 2019

It is with great anticipation that we head into 2019 focused on the uncertainties of just what lays ahead at these sales trying in the main to focus on what stallions will be making the grade against those that perhaps may not. Next year sees wonderful first crop stallions that include **CRITERION**, **EXOSPHERE**, **HEADWATER**, **KERMADEC**, the exciting **NO NAY NEVER**, **NOSTRADAMUS**, **PRESS STATEMENT**, **REAL IMPACT**, **RICH ENUFF**, **SCISSOR KICK**, **SUPER ONE** and the Champion 2YO colt of his generation in 2014-15 in **VANCOUVER**. This is on top of what I felt was a terrific first crop of stallions this year which included **DEEP FIELD**, **BRAZEN BEAU**, **DISSIDENT**, **RUBICK** and **SHOOTING TO WIN** with the best of their progeny certainly yet to come and 2 genuine emerging stallions in **SO YOU THINK** and **DUNDEEL**. The Magic Millions and Sydney Classic Sales are without doubt at the top of their game as far as quality is concerned and Mick and I will be doing our very best yet again to buy emerging stallions at quality prices. **ZOUSTAR** will obviously be a difficult stallion to buy into at these sales and I am not sure it is going to be easy buying at the \$70k and 100k bracket as we did this year. For those members looking to buy into a 2YO next year may I suggest you look at doing some research on **NO NAY NEVER** (standing at Coolmore) and **VANCOUVER** (also at Coolmore). **NO NAY NEVER** has kicked off in amazing style overseas and is currently the leading European first cop stallion with now 30 winners and no fewer than 13 Stakeswinners in his first crop - an amazing achievement, whilst **VANCOUVER** is sure to produce early types being a Golden Slipper winner himself and a stallion that I am very keen to buy into. Both **NO NAY NEVER** and **VANCOUVER** are a terrific outcross for mares by Danehill and we look forward to inspecting the progeny by these 2 stallions in particular - watch this space!



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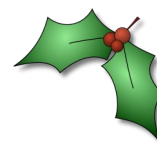
Miss Chierro clearly loving Mick's new Warrnambool beach facility



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Christmas Wishes



With Christmas now upon us I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members and respective families a very Merry Xmas and safe New Year and a big thanks for all of the support throughout the year. We cannot provide the service or gain the success without the support of people making up the numbers to form syndicates and Lauren and I truly value the support and the loyalty of our members who continue to support us. I am committed to working as hard as ever, as is Mick, who has committed himself, to continue his quest to winning future GROUP 1 races and at having just turned 60 is as hungry as ever. A special thanks must be made to our cameraman in Rohan Goodwin from TCS who has been one of our loyal contributors all throughout the year providing all of the trackwork action for everyone to enjoy and has braved many a wet morning at Caulfield through Winter. I appreciate Rohan's contribution very much and on his ongoing commitment moving forward into 2019 is very much appreciated. Whilst some of the action will obviously stop whilst we are away at the sales everyone will be pleased to know that Rohan's quality productions for us on Tuesday's and Saturday will be featuring again next year - so bring on 2019 and **MERRY CHRISTMAS** to all!



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