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**Flying Jess going past Global Glamour the NSW 3 YO of the 2016/17 Season
Winning the \$2 Million Magic Millions Guineas**

I have just returned from the jump outs at Caulfield Racecourse. There is a real buzz in the air with some very good gallopers engaged in this morning's heats. Flying Jess had her final jump out before resuming in the Group 3 Cockram Stakes at Caulfield on Saturday week. Jordan Childs rode the mare this morning and will partner her for her return to the track.

The depth of her win at the Gold Coast was highlighted this week with the filly she beat being named the NSW 3YO of the 2016/17 Season. Flying Jess had a good break after her run in Sydney during the very wet Autumn Carnival and really benefitted from it. The plan going forward is to run her in the VRC Let's Elope Stakes and the MVRC Stocks Stakes. A decision will be made after the Stocks Stakes regarding whether to head to the Flemington Carnival or prepare her for a crack at the Magic Millions Carnival.

This is a great time of the year with some terrific racing coming up in both Sydney and Melbourne. It is great to be a part of it.

Winx's win on Saturday was very special and the mare is a true champion. It is amazing that everyone I talk with wants to talk about Winx and why not. She has put racing on the front and back pages of our newspapers for the right reasons. Personally I hope she doesn't get beaten through this preparation, she's as good a horse as I have seen race.

The new RVL board is set to be announced shortly and again this is a very positive step forward. Martin Pakula the Victorian Racing Minister has done a very good job and taken his time to make sure he gets the board he wants. As I understand it final interviews for the positions on the board and the appointment of the new chairman are imminent.

The outgoing board chaired by Mike Hurst has steered the industry through some tough times but now it is time to move on. Hopefully we can avoid the serious issues that have plagued the industry over the past couple of years. And concentrate on racing.

FLEMINGTON COMMITTEE ROOM LUNCH 20 JANUARY 2018

The cost for the day in the Committee Room is \$225 per head. This is great value and it should be a day to remember. The VRC Committee Room overlooks saddling enclosure and is the prime position at the great course.

I'm expecting the function to be very popular given the number of replies I have already had for the day. This is a superb venue and Shawn Cosgrove will be our host for the day. Obviously clients of Prime Thoroughbreds will have priority for the function. We are restricted to 150 guests.

- racecourse admission
- dining package – sit down four course lunch
- beverage package
- car parking
- race books
- exclusive tote facilities

To book this function email: primefunctions@outlook.com

On Sunday 21 January we will be visiting Fulmen Park on the Mornington Peninsular for a bbq lunch. This will also give you the opportunity to inspect the facilities available at the property where we spell many of our horses.

IT IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN A RACECLUB

If you are considering joining one of the Melbourne Racing Clubs now is the time. I saw a report recently that the Melbourne Racing Club may be about to cap membership.

The VRC's new member's stand will be complete by the start of the 2018 Spring Carnival. It will be a major attraction for any racing person visiting not only Victoria but Australia. Membership of the VRC is currently open but I'm certain once people start to get a sniff of just how good the facilities will be in the new stand the club will get a rush on membership.

The VRC are doing their bit to attract the younger generation to the races with a really good function on 16 September. The younger race enthusiasts like my two daughters look to a day at the races as a social event and the work being done by the bigger clubs in both Melbourne and Sydney is to be highly commended.

Ash McGregor from the ATC is always on the look out to improve the experience for everyone attending a day at one of the Sydney Club's four racecourses. I still think the model of having just the one club with multiple venues at its disposal is the best one but it would be difficult to see how the three Melbourne Clubs could combine. The one downside to being a member of a racing club in Melbourne is the cost if you decide or need to be a member of the three clubs, it is expensive.

AT THE TRACK

This Saturday sees Annaman head to Adelaide where he will have another 2000m race. He deserves a decent barrier draw and soft track would also help.

Invincible Amici will either run on Sunday at Cranbourne or next Wednesday at Sandown.

We are going through a quieter period at present with a number of our horses either spelling or in the early stages of their preparations.

YEARLINGS – NOW TWO YEAR OLDS!!!

And then there was one!!! I am almost certain the only shares I have remaining are in the Sizzling colt out of Dedication. If there are any others available I will advise next week in the dispatch. The interest we have had in our yearlings this year has been unprecedented with the overall spend on our yearlings up over 300% on five years ago.



Sizzling /Dedication colt – Tony Gollan
10% shares \$8,500 5% shares \$4,250

This is a cracking colt and he certainly attracted my attention at the sales where he was one of only two colts I had vetted. He is well grown and a very athletic horse. He has a wonderful attitude and is nice walking horse. He handled the breaking in process without any issues.

I love his pedigree and more than that I was instantly attracted to him when I inspected him. If you don't like a horse when you first inspect it you should never buy it.

In my opinion this colt was as good an individual as I inspected in the sale and a colt I really wanted to secure. I only usually purchase two colts a year with this being the second.

The colts and geldings we currently have in our system to have raced and won include Husson Eagle, Invincible Al, Reneged, Annaman, Lomazzo, Banachek, Great Southern and Makeadane.

We have three geldings that have raced but are yet to win including the highly promising three year old Chalmers as well as Montana Pines and Quirion.

I really liked what I saw in a number of the progeny of **Sizzling** at this year's sales. To me it is a no brainer that he will be a success at stud. He was a terrific racehorse and precocious two year old from the most dominant sire line in Australia for the past 20 years out of a 'black type' mare by one of the greatest sprinters of the modern generation in General Nediym. General Nediym has done a remarkable job through his daughters at stud with him currently sitting in 5th spot on the Australian broodmare list. This isn't surprising. The 'General' had good depth to his pedigree on his dam's side with his daughters residing at the very best studs in Australia.

Sizzling's pedigree page is very strong with a host of very good horses down the page. In fact it couldn't be any stronger with both the 2nd and 3rd dams being superior producers.

I love the General Nediym (1st dam), Alzao stakes winner (2nd Dam) and Without Fear stakes producer (3rd dam) down the page. Estate Label, the 3rd dam was a very high class producer also throwing the outstanding two year old filly Loving Cup.

I must say I had a bit to do with both sides of this pedigree with Sizzling's sire Snitzel being out of Snippet's Lass. Both General Nediym and Snippet's Lass were trained by Bill Mitchell when I was his Racing Manager. They were both high class racehorses with Snippet's Lass being one of the toughest mares I have had anything to do with.

Dedication

Dedication is a young well related mare by a sire that has had a great impact in Australia through his daughters at stud and provides a perfect outcross to the many Danehill line sires we have standing in Australia. A close look at this female line displays plenty to be enthusiastic about.

Firstly, Singspiel has crossed beautifully with the sons of Danehill with the high class Australian Group 1 winners Helmet and Epaulette being amongst the thirty two Group winners his daughters have thrown.

Secondly, there are several examples of Danehill working in this pedigree headed by Alverta, the Group 1 winning daughter of Flying Spur, Group 3 winner Aerobics and stakes performers Violet Lane and Star Mystic.

On the strength of my opinion of this colt and the Sizzling filly I purchased at the Gold Coast Magic Millions I have recommended to our owners that we send three of the mares I manage to Sizzling. I rate him a huge chance at being a success at stud.

I am getting very positive feedback on the progeny of Sizzling. He has to be a good chance at stud. He is by Snitzel out of a General Nediym mare. Speed on speed.



Hijack Hussy winning at Flemington trained by Tony Gollan Melbourne Cup Day



Kate and Gabby are still having a great time in Europe