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Picked a stallion?! Let's go breeding!

Western Australia continues to offer exceptional opportunities for breeders, with a range of outstanding WA based stallions now available. Progeny from these sires are eligible for the lucrative double Westbred win bonus for every 2YO or 3YO WA win in races with stakes under \$22,000. The bonuses for Westsired are significant: \$5,100 for races under \$6,500, \$6,800 for races \$6,500 to \$14,999, and \$10,200 for races up to \$22,000. Place bonuses are also available for Westbreds finishing 2nd to 4th in these events.

A diverse selection of highly credentialled stallions is accessible via chilled semen, including [Captain Ahab USA](#) (by Captaintreacherous USA), [Ultimate Sniper NZ](#) (by Bettors Delight USA), [Fly Like An Eagle](#) and [Shockwave](#) (sons of Mach Three CA), and [Renaissance Man](#) (by Art Major USA). The newest stallion to stand in WA is champion [Copy That NZ](#) (American Ideal USA) 1:52.0 NZ\$2,019,937. The dual New Zealand Cup winner and 6 times Group 1 winner – plus the inaugural Group 1 level \$1 million Race by Grins winner - will stand in WA for his first ever stud season. With the demise and considerable success of My Hard Copy NZ, also be American Ideal USA, Copy That is a phenomenal replacement.



Both Copy That and Captain Ahab are available from Murray Vets in Coolup WA – you need to book with the respective studs/providers. Ultimate Sniper and Fly Like An Eagle are available from Allwood Stud who will also arrange for your mares to be served by any other stallion of your choosing. Shockwave can be booked through Bells Pacing Stable. Other



successful WA based stallions are available via hand/paddock service or frozen semen. You can check the [Breeding News](#) or [Links](#) page on the WASBA website www.wasba.com.au for the contact information or check the HRA breeding pages.

For outside stallions we have arranged with Cobbitty Equine NSW for financial members of WASBA a 10% discount on service fee for all their stallions except Confederate - a great saving and a great range of stallions. You may also be able to obtain good discounts for multiple mares at both Cobbitty and Alabar.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	Standard races only scheduled over the next 3 months
3YO	\$50,000 Western Gateway on 17 October \$200,000 WA Derby 31 October Council Derbies (Westbred) 4 (Northam), 11 (Narrogin) and 25 (Bunbury) October
Mares	\$30,000 Mares Restricted Feature 10 October (0W/30K) \$50,000 The Schrader (Fillies and Mares) on 17 October A new approach – 31 October a Heat for the \$75,000 Norms Daughter Classic
Westbreds Collie meeting 5 October preferenced to Westbreds. Watch for these and other Westbred races across all tracks	



2025 \$150,000 WA Oaks another Westbred Winner!

Stepping out in only her 5th career start and finishing second to **Its Maa Time** in the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic, then winning a golden ticket in both an Oaks prelude and the \$50,000 Group 3 Daintys Daughter Classic in consecutive races, cemented the place in the \$150,000 WA Oaks for **Fakenit (American Ideal USA)**. Driven aggressively by Maddison Brown to breeze for much of the race, Fakenit proved to be the best filly in the race despite a strong field, running 1:57 for the 2536m Oaks distance with better than even time throughout.

Fakenit is bred and owned by a partnership that pays good money for New Zealand bred horses, but as can happen, Westbred Fakenit proved she is up to their measure at a fraction of the cost. Bred by the late Beth Richardson and Garry Ralston and Karen Hall, Fakenit is from the very good race mare **Fake News (Alta Christiano NZ)** who was bred and raced by the same ownership as was her dam **Is She Talking NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.2 11 wins \$81,615. It's very much a Gary Hall Snr team as Alta Christiano NZ was also raced in partnership by the same team.



Both Fake News and her dam Is She Talking NZ have King Of Swing NZ foals, another connection to Gary Hall Snr – and the third generation bred by his owners - who at this stage is doing very well with breeding from his Westbred and other mares.

Fake News was a very successful race mare winning 14 races and \$177,412 including the Group 3 WA Country Derby and multiple open races as a 4yo including a Heat of the Nights of Thunder in her lifetime best 1:52.7. Is She Talking NZ also won at metropolitan level. The maternal family includes **Mister Ardee (Jeremes Jet USA)** 1:56.2 32 wins \$371,834, Breeders Crown 4yo Mares winner **Lilac Stride (Art Major USA)** 1:54.4 17 wins \$276,140 the dam of Group 1 winner **Wolf Stride (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:49.1 \$558,650, Westbred Classic winner **To Fast To Serious (Shadow Play USA)** 1:52.4 \$308,826 and half brother **Sorridere (Sunshine Beach USA)** 1:55.3 \$201,557.

From the WASBA Country Oaks to the \$150,000 WA Oaks

Originally designed with a golden ticket through to the WA Oaks, the WASBA Country Oaks was intended to provide country based fillies with a step through to the WA Oaks. While we are requesting that golden ticket be reinstated after what we believe was a short sighted decision to remove it, it was not required this year as the WASBA Country Oaks winner **Its Maa Time (Captain Crunch USA)** trained and driven by Aiden de Campo, proved she is not a one hit pony by winning a golden ticket via a win in the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic, taking her stakes to \$167,000 from 7 wins (including the 2025 \$100,000 3YO Fillies APG Sales Classic Final) and 3 places from just 13 starts. Fortunately for others, Its Maa Time was turned out after her win in the Westbred Classic and was not nominated for the WA Oaks.

As mentioned last month Its Maa Time is a daughter of



Group 3 winner **Maastricht (Blissfull Hall USA)** 1:55.3 15 wins \$89,989, who has produced 5 foals of racing age for 5 winners. Maastricht is a half-sister to top racemare **Nolarama (Panorama USA)** 1:56.8 \$221,500 while their dam **Forest Glory (Armbro Aussie USA)** won 8 of her 10 lifetime starts and produced 8 winners of over \$1 million in stakes.

This is the family of a mare familiar to WA in **Mozambique** (granddam of Forest Glory) - part of the Forest Lodge/Kevin Newbound legacy commencing with the dam of Mozambique and her full sister **Gay Acres (Gay Reveler USA)**, the dam of champion Australian racehorse and sire **Classic Garry (Garry Rowan)**. This maternal family has produced innumerable winners including Group 1 Queen Elizabeth winner **Aardies Express (Always B Miki USA)** 1:48.9 \$498,134, sister **Aardie B Miki NZ** 1:50.5 \$707,000, Group 1 full sisters **Tandias Courage (Stonebridge Scooter)** 1:53.6 \$305,236 and **Mother Courage** 1:56.9 \$462,520 and Inter Dominion winner **Lennytheshark (Four Starzzz Shark USA)** 1:49.2 \$3,007,585.

How good was Westbred night? A night just for Westbreds

A whole night of racing for Westbreds.

Plenty on show for the 2yos, 3yo, 4yos and older horses as well.

The Howlett family bred and owned **Caberneigh (Bettors Delight USA)** took his season stakes to over



\$100,000 in winning the 4YO Westbred Classic for the males. Its only his second season of racing after missing his 2yo season, and he is the first living Australian bred foal from his imported dam **Nivea Franco NZ (Live Or Die USA)**. Caberneigh is a half brother to 7 winners including the 2012 \$125,000 McInerney Ford 4YO Classic, Group 2 Melton Plate and Group 2 2013 Kilmore Cup winner **Chancellor Cullen NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:52.8 \$411,851.

A half sister to Nivea Franco NZ is the dam of **Glenferrie Hood NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:51.9 \$538,110 who raced successfully across 4 states of Australia.

The \$100,000 4YO Westbred Mares Classic went to the Bill Hayes bred **Copy Cat Queen (My Hard Copy NZ)** who had a good 3yo season but is having a super 4yo season with 4 consecutive wins and 6 wins from 9 starts for over \$127,000 for the season. Purchased for just \$10,000 as a yearling she is one of 7 winners from her non winning dam **Luvya Maddy Lombo (Jet Laag USA)** who is a half sister to 9 winners

including Cordina Sprint and multiple Group 1 winner **Suave Stuey Lombo (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:49.6 \$587,032 with his times set more than 10 years ago. Other siblings include **Miss Trickin Lombo (Blissfull Hall USA)** 1:53.3 \$230,312, and **Benjor Maddy Lombo (Perfect Art USA)** 2:01.8 \$21,510 who produced the winners of over \$1.7



million in stakes including multiple Group 1 winner **Handsandwheels (Mach Three CA)** 1:53.2 \$707,393 and **Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:53.8 \$498,692. Australian 3YO Filly of the Year and twice Australian Broodmare of the Year **Misty Maiden** is the granddam of Luvya Maddy Lombo and the

family includes champion **Lombo Pocket Watch (Jet Laag USA)** 1:53.6 \$1,522,638 Australian 2YO Colt of the Year and first 2YO to be named Australian Horse of the Year. You do think the cream will always rise to the top with this family.

A very competitive race for the \$100,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic with a lot of form shown and a lot depending on the barrier draw. The lucky lad to draw 1 – although he still had to be good enough to hold his position – was the Tiffany Sharpe- Paula Davis bred and part owned **Lazi Dais (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**. The lightly raced Lazi Dais was 2nd in his Heat and did one better in the final to take his season stakes to \$83,000. He is the first foal from his two win dam **Moon Goddess (Sunshine Beach USA)** who belongs to a very prominent family from the early 2000s that has produced horses of the calibre of **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:53.5 \$351,417, Group 1 winner **Rocknroll Whitby (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:55.6 \$257,191 and Group 1 placed **Flametree (Huntsville USA)**.



Trainer driver Ryan Bell with Lazi Dais

The 2YO \$215,000 2YO Classics were both won by horses that came through the APG Yearling Sale and have established their class throughout the season. They had very different luck in the barrier draw with 2yo colt **Ideal Beach (American Ideal USA)** drawing 1 and almost impossible to beat from there – especially with 28.2 and 27.9 final quarters from the front. Bred by Karnup Racing and Steve Johnson, Ideal Beach is a beautifully bred colt by the now deceased American Ideal from the unraced **Coopers Beach NZ (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**. A \$130,000 2024 APG WA Yearling Sale purchase, he is the 4th foal and 4th winner from his dam who is a half sister to Breeders Crown winner **The Devils Own (Art Major USA)** 1:48.0 \$592,846 and **Devil Dodger NZ (Mach Three CA)** \$724,666. Their granddam is **Atomic Lass NZ (Sokys Atom USA)**, the dam of 7 winners including **Taihape Tickler NZ (New York Motoring USA)** 1:57.1 \$183,919 and champion **Auckland Reactor (Mach Three CA)** 1:51.4 \$1,759,374. Atomic Lass is also the granddam of multiple Group winner **The Parade NZ (Real Desire USA)** 1:53.2 \$425,999 so it's a great, forward moving family.

Also coming through to the final via a Heat win was winner of the \$215,000 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic winner **Wishing Belle (Bettors Wish USA)** who has been almost unbeatable this season with her only loss from 9 starts being a placing in the 2YO Fillies APG Final earlier in the season. After starting in 2 on the back line and moving up to the breeze with 2 laps to go, she bullocked her way past the race leader in the straight to win the premier 2yo fillies race, following feature race victories in the Fillies Diamond Classic, Champagne Classic and Fillies Gold Bracelet. A \$55,000 purchase she has won \$257,000.



Trainer driver Aiden de Campo with Wishing Belle

Her dam **Libertybelle Midfrew (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:53.9 \$640,497 was an exceptional race filly and mare, with wins in the Group 1 \$150,000 WA Oaks and the Group 1 \$200,000 4YO Golden Nugget. She now has 6 winners from 7 foals including **Keayang Kamikaze (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:52.4 \$99,985 and **Libby Lou (Sweet Lou USA)** 1:52.8 \$143,844.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ Currently leading the 2yo pacing sires list in the US is **Downbytheseaside**, whose progeny took three of the four pacing divisions in the 2025 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championships at Dayton Raceway, including both 2yo legs. He has 3 in the top 10 by earnings, with his fastest **Brandon Blvd** 1:49.1 being equal fast with top earner **Beau Jangles (Cattlewash)**, as well as 2nd highest earner **Frantic Hanover (Stay Hungry)** and 5th highest earner, filly **Topville Lucky (Sweet Lou)**. The 3rd highest earner **Loua Dipa (Sweet Lou)**, who ran a record breaking performance to win the Grade 1 \$470,000 Shes A Great Lady at Canada's 7/8ths Mohawk Park in 1:49.1, did even better in running 1:48 in a division of the \$214,000 International Stallion Stakes at the Red Mile. The time beat that of her



Brandon Blvd wins his International Stallion Stakes division with Dexter Dunn from post 9

full sister **Looksgoodinloulou** who ran 1:48.3 in a division of the 2024 International Stallion Stakes, a time that equalled the record of champion **Warrawee Ubeaut (Sweet Lou)** which was then the fastest by a 2yo pacing filly. The Ron Burke trainee **Al Papi (Papi Rob Hanover)** established a world record for 2-year-old pacing colts (as opposed to males) with a 1:48.1 win in his division of the International Stallion Stakes. Al Papi is another Ron Burke homebred, with the trainer and partners not only buying yearlings, but making sure they have the right horses by buying mares and breeding to their stallions.

While most of the times have been set on a mile track, Beau Jangles time was set on a 7/8ths track and Frantic Hanover's time was on a 5/8ths track - the fastest mile recorded by a 2yo on a track of that size.

The world record for a 2yo over the mile, previously held by colt **Sippinonsearoc (Downbytheseaside)** of 1:48.2 on the mile track, has just been broken by gelding **Odds On Mr Mamba (Odds On Equuleus)** on the 7/8ths Harrahs Hoosier Park track in Indiana running 1:47.4, making him the fastest 2yo pacer in history. **Odds On Equuleus (Art Major)** 1:47.3 \$935,816 was no slouch on the track and also won the above mentioned International Stallion Stakes as a 2yo. He descends from a highly successful maternal line, and his granddam is a full sister to champion filly **Shes A Great Lady (Dexter Nukes)**, an O'Brien Award winner and world champion with a record of 1:50.4 and \$973,382 in earnings. Fittingly, the winner of the 2025 Shes A Great Lady, Loua Dipa, is now the record holder for a 2yo filly.

☑ Third on the 2yo pacing sires list (earnings), fractionally behind Sweet Lou, is **Cattlewash (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:46.8 whose top earner **Beau Jangles** remains unbeaten with 9 from 9, including a super 1:49.1 win in the Grade 1 \$1 million Metro Pace at Mohawk Park - a stallion making race. In winning the Metro, the \$90,000 yearling Beau Jangles defeated the previously undefeated Frantic Hanover who now has 7 wins from 9 starts, with both colts winning their Metro Eliminations. Beau Jangles is 4th on the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Poll. Cattlewash is available by frozen semen from Yirribee Stud.



Beau Jangles wins the Metro Pace

☑ Mixing it with the big boys is first season sire and Breeders Crown winner **Summa Cum Laude (Somebeachsomewhere)** whose dam **Western Graduate (Western Hanover)** 1:51 \$1,305,172 was a World Champion herself. Summa Cum Laude is 6th on the 2yo list for earnings - at this stage just \$60,000 less than Captaintreacherous which is pretty incredible given the likely difference in the broodmare pool for each stallion. Summa Cum Laude is available by frozen semen from Tourello Stud, Tasmania.

☑ Downbytheseaside also has 3 in the top 10 earners for 3yos and sits third behind **Huntsville** and **Captaintreacherous** and just ahead of **Sweet Lou**, with all stallions having a similar number of foals. The fastest time belongs to Sweet Lou's leading 3yo Louprint 1:47.1, and on a 7/8th track. The leading progeny by Huntsville is Meadowlands Pace winner **Madden Oaks** with \$641,000 while the leading 3yo by Captaintreacherous is **Prince Hal Hanover** with \$720,000.

☑ **Louprint (Sweet Lou)** has returned in spectacular fashion and is again on top of the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown after returning to racing following surgery, taking over from 3yo filly **Miki And Minnie (Always B Miki)** who sits just behind Louprint for season earnings with \$810,000. Louprint is unbeaten in 9 starts this season as a 3yo including the Heat and Second Heat (Final) of the Triple Crown 3rd leg \$500,000 Little Brown Jug at Delaware in 1:49.3. Louprint is a home bred, bred and co-owned by Burke Racing Stable, with Ron Burke stating *"He's moved into maybe the greatest horse that I have ever trained. He has no holes in his game,"* - Burke also trained Sweet Lou. Lifetime Louprint is 16 from 19 with earnings of \$1.6 million. The dam of Louprint was purchased online in 2020 specifically to breed to Sweet Lou because the ownership group of Sweet Lou had a few unused breedings. She missed the first year, with Louprint her first foal in 2021. That's breeding for you – perseverance and belief.



☑ Plenty for the mares - 2024 US Horse of the Year **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** was victorious over arch rival and 2023 O'Brien Horse of the Year **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** in the Grade 2 \$250,000 Dayton Distaff (Mares) Derby, in a track record 1:48.4 on the 5/8ths track. The win by Twin B Joe Fresh followed her previous victory over Sylvia Hanover in winning the Grade 2 Milton Stakes earlier in the month after two consecutive losses to Sylvia. Twin B Joe Fresh has 5 wins 3 places from 8 this season for nearly \$500,000 while Sylvia Hanover has 6 wins from 11 (and 5 places) for \$417,000 but a faster season mile of 1:47.2. The 5yo mares have clashed 7 times this season for 4 wins to Twin B Joe Fresh.

☑ The fastest mile at the Dayton track on Dayton Derby night was 1:47.2 by 5yo stallion **Ervin Hanover (Captaintreacherous)** in defeating 2023 Dan Patch 2YO and 2024 Dan Patch 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year **Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous)** in the 2025 Dayton Derby. The only loss by Ervin Hanover in his last 6 starts was in the \$690,000 Canadian Pacing Derby – again, not for 3yos. Earlier in the month Captain Albano won the Grade 2 Aria \$200,000 Invitational over the longer 1 ¼ mile journey for a mile rate of 1:52.9 after a loss to Ervin Hanover in a torrid Grade 2 \$250,000 Jim Ewart at Eldorado Scioto Downs in 1:47.2.

☑ Another setting a track and national record was **Emoticon Legacy (Walner)** in winning the Grade 1 \$615,000 Canadian Trotting Classic at Mohawk and becoming the first 3yo trotter to break 1:50 in Canada in running 1:49.4 to defeat last seasons 2YO of the Year Maryland. He joins record setting 7yo gelding **Lexus Kody (Archangel)** who holds the fastest Canadian trotting mile in 1:49.1 in winning the 2025 Grade 1 \$630,000 Maple Leaf Trot at Mohawk. Lexus Kody has gone on to win the \$1 million International Trot for Canada, over the 1 ¼ mile in 1:55.5 at the half mile Yonkers track, after being one of the last two invitations.

☑ In the big time as well was 2yo colt **Apex (Walner)** who leads the 2YO trotters earning list from **Endurance (Captain Corey)** with the colts finishing 1-2 in the \$1 million Mohawk Million (2YO Trotters Slot race with ten \$50,000 Slots). Apex was a US\$525,000 purchase from the Harrisburg Yearling Sale and was making his first appearance in Canada. His previous win was earlier in the month in the Grade 1 \$512,431 Peter Haughton Memorial at Harrah's Hoosier Park Indiana, and has now topped US\$800,000 in earnings. He is a son of World Champion trotting mare **Mission Brief**. In comparison, the winner of the 2yo fillies Grade 1 \$645,000 Jim Doherty Memorial, **Atlantic Summer (Captain Corey)**, was a US\$50,000 purchase and has won over US\$300,000.

☑ Eleven wins in a row, it doesn't matter where. Plenty of opportunities at the lower end and **Massive Speed (Dudes The Man)** now has 11 consecutive wins at Cumberland, and 21 lifetime for \$213,000 in stakes. The mile rate of 2:01.2 was pretty exceptional under the quagmire conditions. Another with an impressive win record is **Rock Shines Again (Rockin Image)** with a 12 from 12 season and \$197,000. **Rockin Image (Rockroll Hanover)** is the sire of the dam of Louprint.



☑ The National Standardbred Horse Show has completed for another year with 140 events just for standardbreds. Events covered all ages of competitors in dressage, saddle, western pleasure and a multitude of categories. Featuring amongst the winners was 20yo champion Golden Receiver, the winner of over \$2.2 million and 1:48 back in 2012, who won multiple events including the Dressage Walk/Trot competition. Other winners included the unraced full brother to champion trotting mare Atlanta and the fastest trotter in history, Homicide Hunter 1:48.4. The events are sponsored by a wide range of supporters including breeders, clubs, the US Harness Drivers Club and the USTA. Everyone knows there is a responsibility to support these horses in their lives after racing, even if they don't race.

☑ A record mile rate to NZ bred **Helium (Sky Major NZ by Art Major)** of 1:46.4 on a day of records at Scotia Downs. It wasn't a low class field with Women Layer finishing second – Women Layer is 8th on the list of earnings by aged pacers in 2025 with over \$355,000 in earnings and a 1:47.3, and he finished 3rd in the Grade 2 Jim Ewart Memorial to Ervin Hanover and Captain Albano.

☑ Also a winner again was **Typhoon Banner NZ (Bettors Delight)** for his 4th win of the season and 2024 WA Derby winner **Christopher Dance NZ (Sweet Lou)** with 3 on end while **Aardie B Miki (Always B Miki)** has earnings of \$380,000 for her first northern hemisphere season.

☑ While 3yo filly **Rodeo Drive Deo (Captaintreacherous)** was winning the two Heat (=2 wins) 2025 \$280,000 Grade 1 Jugette in 1:50.1 on the half mile Delaware track, another Jugette winner, the 2018 winner **Alexas Power (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:50 \$760,000 was in New Zealand with her Tall Dark Stranger colt, having been imported by the Price family (of Chicago Bull fame). Alexas Power is out of champion and 2007 O'Brien 3YO Filly of the Year **Michelles Power (Camluck)** 1:50.1 \$1,287,400, who is out of Dan Patch 2YO Filly of the Year **Michelles Jackpot (Artplace)** \$695,439 who is a half sister to 1994 Dan Patch Horse of the Year **Cams Card Shark**, sire of Bettors Delight. No wonder the New Zealanders are hard to beat.

And elsewhere....

☑ The field for the 2025 New Zealand Cup is firming, with guaranteed runners through golden tickets being 2024 NZ Cup winner **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, 2024 Auckland Cup winner **Republican Party (Bettors Delight USA)**, 2025 Inter Dominion winner **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)**, Maurice Holmes Vase winner **Mo'unga (Art Major USA)**, 2025 New Brighton Cup winner **Alta Meteor (Art Major USA)**, and the most recent runner **Sooner The Bettor (Bettors Delight USA)** who won his way through with a win in the Holmes D G, his third consecutive win. Two of those wins were against stablemate and champion Merlin (Art Major USA) who conceded Sooner Than Bettor 20m in the standing start events over 2200m (Spring Cup) and 2700m Holmes D G. Both horses are returning after spells. Sooner The Bettor was 2nd to Leap To Fame in the 2024 Miracle Mile. Alta Meteor is a son of the WA raced **Famous**

Alchemist NZ (Mach Three CA) 1:53.0 \$322,869 who did the majority of her racing in WA before returning to New Zealand. She is also the dam of the promising **Justcallmemiki NZ (Always B Miki USA)** 1:55 \$186,899 who has won 6 of his 8 WA starts.

Leap To Fame returned from a spell to lead and win at Albion Park by 6.5m in 1:53.9, while Swayzee returned with a loss after being caught wide early, led from **Kingman NZ (Always B Miki USA)** before being run down by the much improved Kingman in 1:53.4, with a 26.6 last qtr over 2300m at Menangle.

The Australian prospects will likely all meet in the \$250,000 Group 1 Victoria Cup at Melton on 18 October before heading to NZ.

☑ Not progressing to New Zealand is **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)** who won the Casey Classic at Melton in 1:53.9, with last qtrs 26.9 and 27.3. It was his second win in 3 starts since resuming. While he will go to the Victoria Cup, his target will be the revamped NSW Carnival of Cups which is again offering a \$1 million bonus if a horse can win all 5 legs, with a minimum of 3 wins required for any bonus payout. The first 3 legs are at Wagga (14 Nov), Newcastle (5 Dec) and Bathurst (30 Jan).

☑ Two Australian 3yo trotting fillies are heading to New Zealand for the \$500,000 The Ascent. Jess Tubbs will take **Tracy The Jet (Love You FRA)** for her Australian Slot owner, while **Gatesys Gem (Aldebaran Eagle USA)** will run for her Slot owners Duncan McPherson and Pat Driscoll. Gatesys Gem beat Tracy The Jet in the NSW Oaks and then won the Group 1 NSW Trotters Derby. She returned to racing in October with a win against older horses, giving her 9 wins from 13 starts. Tracy The Jet has won 7 from 8 starts this season including the recent Group 1 Princess Final.

☑ Resuming in September after his brilliant 3rd in the 2025 Inter Dominion Trot, **Oscar Bonavena NZ (Majestic Son CA)** has produced two top wins – including one off the 30m mark at the grass track at Mot – to go with his first foals starting to arrive. The 2025 New Zealand TAB Trot and 2025 Inter Dominion



Oscar Bonavena NZ winning at Mot with Mark Purdon

winner **Arcee Phoenix (Trixtion USA)** has also resumed, with two unsuccessful starts but has plenty of time to get to the Group 1 Dominion Trot at Addington in November. Fourth and 5th place in the Inter Dominion **Gus NZ (Majestic Son CA)** and **Parisian Artiste (Love You FRA)** have had more success since resuming with the latter winning at Menangle. All three are heading to New Zealand for a rematch.

☑ On Eureka night the Group 1 \$150,000 Len Smith Mile produced a surprise result with emergency runner **Cya Art (Art Major USA)** upstaging his more favoured runners to win in a sensational 1:47.5 after **Kingman NZ (Always B Miki USA)** set a torrid pace out front. In the beaten brigade were champions Swayzee and Max Delight. It was Kingman's first step up in class and a little too much to ask, but he has since proved his worth with two top wins including his latest against Swayzee.

☑ And the winner was ... Chariots of Fire winning 4yo **Bay Of Biscay (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** who took his stakes to \$1,838,830 following the win in the 2025 Eureka, having run 3rd the year before. His lifetime best of 1:49.1 was set in winning the 2025 Chariots of Fire in March.

Bay Of Biscay was bred by Alabar Bloodstock who purchased his champion dam **Nike Franco NZ (McArdle USA)** 1:48.0 \$913,870 after she retired from racing in the US. Bay of Biscay is her first foal and



Bay Of Biscay wins the 2025 TAB Eureka

one of only two of racing age. Nike Franco NZ won 12 of her first 14 Australian starts as well as the Group 1 Mares Classic and Group 1 Queen of the Pacific. She is one of the 3 highest earners of McArdle – the others being **McWicked USA** 1:46.4 and **Tintin In America NZ**. The fastest progeny and highest earner from Tintin In

America NZ is World Champion **Shartin NZ** 1:46.8. Speed begets speed.

Bay Of Biscay and all other Eureka runners were born before the HRA stallion levy was introduced. Its problematic if Nike Franco would have returned to Australia if the stallion tax was introduced earlier, given the negative impact it has had on Australian breeding since its introduction.

☑ Harness Racing Victoria will be releasing a 3 year Strategic Plan in weeks that will include reference to negotiations with the Victorian Government over the land surrounding Melton, purchased two decades ago and intended to “future proof” harness racing in Victoria and in HRV’s words, is owned by the “industry”. HRV Chief Executive Matt Isaacs reported the need to work with the government to realise the fixed asset of Melton and work with the right joint venture partners to develop the land so that value can be released back to the industry. HRV has openly stated their opposition to the continuation of the stallion levy in its current form and for its current purpose.

☑ On the breeding front – the unraced full sister to **Always B Miki USA** has been purchased by the New Zealand breeders who previously purchased **Rodeo Beach USA**, a full sister to **Huntsville USA**, who was carrying a Tall Dark Stranger USA foal. The new purchase **Virginontherocks USA** has produced a New Zealand born colt by Huntsville, with the New Zealand breeding rules meaning that both foals will be registered as New Zealand bred. Always B Miki is a Dan Patch Horse of the Year, Dan Patch Pacer of the Year, Dan Patch Older Horse of the Year and World Champion and has been inducted into the Hall Of Fame. His dam **Artstopper USA (Artsplace USA)** was named 2016 USTA Broodmare of the Year. Huntsville USA leads the US 3YO sires list on earnings. His only crop of racing age in Australia are 5yos.

☑ Harness Racing New Zealand have introduced two incredible new breeding incentives to stimulate their breeding program, and it’s clearly helping to provide a positive outlook for participants. Listening to the industry is an important part of sustainability and growth, a lesson yet to be learnt by some.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Some very happy winners at some very long odds!.
- ♣ A few new faces in open company with Captain Ravishing returning permanently to WA (winning 2nd up) and \$1.3 million earner Better Eclipse coming across to WA as well. Should make for some exciting racing.
- ♣ A good effort by Ideal Beach after being shadowed for the full final lap and not able to get clear.
- ♣ The Eligible Bodies have nominated Trent Cooper to be the replacement Harness Code Director following the resignation of Bob Fowler, who has done a tremendous amount of work to get the best results out of RWWA for the harness code. Bob will take on the much less taxing role of Alternate Director on the few occasions when the Director is unable to attend vital meetings etc.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – August 2025

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

This month had some exceptional performances to look through for our breeder of the month, but the decision goes to a mare that was available for sale prior to her winning a race that would have covered the cost of her purchase. *Congratulations* to our *Breeder of the Month* for **August 2025, Karnup Racing**, as the Breeder of Westbred mare **Princess Katie** (Vincent out of Rocknroll Dreams by Rock N Roll Heaven USA).

Princess Katie won 2 races in each of her 2yo and 3yo seasons but with \$68,000 for 2025 she has more than doubled her stake earnings in her 4yo season. She won 3 races early in the season including a metropolitan level race and the 2025 WASBA King-Lethbridge in April, before a 3 month absence and then a first up win in the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Classic after scooting to the lead from 2 and holding out until the end in an exciting finish - especially with a protest - to win by a nose in 1:57.4.

Princess Katie is the first foal out of her two win dam **Rocknroll Dreams** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and she is a half sister to Champagne Classic and 2024 3YO Westbred Classic winner **Bet The House** (Betting Line USA) 1:52.8 \$178,983. Their one win dam **Katesplace NZ** (Artsplace USA) is a daughter of NZ 3YO Filly of the Year and NZ 4YO Pacer of the Year **Kates First NZ** (Holmes Hanover USA) 1:57.2 \$624,023, winner of the Auckland Cup as a 4yo. Kates First NZ is a half sister to **Christian Cullen NZ** (In The Pocket USA) 1:54.1 \$1,249,151, and to the dam of **Chevrons Champion NZ** (Bettors Delight USA) 1:55.9 \$1,471,957. Kates First is also a full sister to the dam of **Heez Orl Black** (In The Pocket USA) 1:51.0 \$665,699 and a half sister to the dam of **Real Lucky** (Real Desire USA) 1:51.4 \$470,955, and full brothers **The More The Better NZ** (Bettors Delight USA) 1:49.0 \$851,689 (who has sired winners in the US) and Chariots of Fire and Miracle Mile second placed **Sooner The Bettor** 1:53.5 \$569,504.



Princess Katie with Emily Suvaljko and trainer Michael Young

The NSW bred granddam of Kates First NZ, was also the dam of champion trotter True Roman (True Duane USA) 2:02.2 \$532,177, the winner of all 3 Heats and the Final of the 1988 Inter Dominion Trotters Championship.

Congratulations to Karnup Racing, and the connections of **Princess Katie** and a great training effort on a first up win.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES AUGUST 2025

Twelve WA based sires produced winners in August 2025 with the underrated **Fly Like An Eagle** leading with 8 winners of 12 races. The overall total was 27 individual Westsired winners of 33 races. For the 2025 season, Fly Like An Eagle leads the Westsired list with 34 winners of 63 races

First time starters included two Westsired progeny – Indomitable Will (Indomitable Saab) and Luck From Above (My Hard Copy NZ). Unfortunately, both of these sires are deceased. The passing of WA champion My Hard Copy NZ (sired by American Ideal USA) was a significant loss for breeders, who missed a crucial chance to utilise his exceptional genetics in their breeding programs. Breeders now have renewed opportunity with the arrival of champion Copy That NZ, who shares the same sire as

My Hard Copy NZ. This development offers breeders another valuable chance to access the quality associated with Westsired stallions and become eligible for the double Westbred win Bonus, which is available in all standard 2yo and 3yo races.

Five Westsired progeny won multiple races – Del Bocavista Bay (**Bonavista Bay**) and Rockstar Quality (**Rock N Roll World USA**) each won 2 races, while 3 winners of multiple races were sired by **Fly Like An Eagle** - dual winners were Elegant Eagle and Into The Future, while By Royal Command won 3 times.

Two of the dual winners were also First Time winners – 4yos Elegant Eagle and Rockstar Quality, who earned an additional \$13,650 on top of stakes earnings.

There were 50 races run at Gloucester Park premium meetings in August, with Westsired progeny winning 7 of these races. Excluding the 2 wins by fillies/mares covered later, the remaining winners were:

- ♠ 9yo **Cams Boulder - Cams Fool USA** o/o **Beautiful Night (Western Terror USA)** breeder Botsky Pty Ltd. Has struck a purple patch late in life. Led and won in June. Over \$65,000 for the season after starting at 15/2 from 6 with Ryan Warwick on board, persevered 3 wide to take the lead with 2 laps to go, fast 36.1 lead before easing, solid 28.9 3rd qtr to lead into the straight and solid effort down the straight to win the \$23,000 0-2W/19K by 1.3m in 1:57.5;
- ♠ 4yo **Del Bocavista Bay - Bonavista Bay** o/o **Lorinda Hall (Blissfull Hall)** owner breeder Ashleigh Reeves, trained by Hayden Reeves. Won at Northam from 40m then started at 91/1 from 6, settled one out two back in running by Trent Wheeler, led up the 3 wide line with a quick move at the 400m, 4 wide off the back and scooted down the straight to win the \$21,000 4YO+ 0-1W/18K stake by 1.6m in 1:58.2;



- ♠ 5yo entire **Heez Good As Gold - Rich And Spoilt** o/o **Front Paige Adda (Art Major USA)** breeder the late Harry Capararo, started favourite from 1 for regular driver Shannon Suvaljko, sprinted out fast for the 1730m journey to hold the lead, early pressure but held up well, held back to the field until the straight then held on from a flying challenger to take the \$23,000 4YO+ NR 60-80 by a head in 1:55.8, the 28.1 first qtr the fastest;
- ♠ 7yo **Make It Quick - Follow The Stars** o/o **Quick Remark (Jeremes Jet USA)** owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, resumed in July, 3rd start back brought up his 13th career win after starting at 17/1 from 7 with Callan Suvaljko, restrained and raced midfield on the pegs before following a forward move coming off the back, 5 wide into the straight and absolutely flew from the 100m to win the \$21,000 0W/18K by a head in 2:00.3; and
- ♠ 5yo entire **Travelban - Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **World Peace (Blissfull Hall USA)** owner breeder Bob Fowler. First metro win. Started 2nd favourite from 1 with Shannon Suvaljko, started fast to hold the lead, kept the pace solid throughout, held them at bay for the duration to win the \$27,000 NR 70-90 by 1.1m in 1:57.9.

Stakes won by Westsired progeny in August 2025 were \$376,000, with stakes of \$3.3 million over the season to end of August - the highest result for the last 6 years. Bonus payments for the month were \$85,000, and \$703,000 for the 8 month period.

WESTBRED WINNERS – AUGUST 2025

August 2025 was another good month for Westbred progeny, with 105 winners of 120 (66.7% of the available 180) races. This is in the top 5 results in percentage terms for the last 10 years.

Bonus payments for the month at \$289,000 were low for August, with the bonus payments for the season \$2,145,000 lagging behind comparable periods over recent years.

Stakes payments for August (\$2.5 million) are the highest on record with Westbreds receiving nearly 70% of that amount. For the season \$19.5 million has been paid in stakes (Westbreds receiving \$11.4 million).

During August, 45 sires were represented by winning Westbred progeny. **Fly Like An Eagle** was the top sire, with 8 winners of 12 races. He was followed by Sweet Lou USA (9 winners, 11 races) and American Ideal USA (6 winners of 8 races).

After eight months of the season, **Fly Like An Eagle** remains the leader among sires of Westbred progeny, with 35 winners of 65 races. He is followed by Rock N Roll World USA (27 winners, 51 wins), Sweet Lou USA (20 winners, 48 wins), and American Ideal USA (24 winners of 46 races).

In August 2025, there were 11 first time starters. This brought the season total to 169 first time starters to end of August. August also saw 10 first time winners, including two Westsired horses. The other eight first time winners were:

- ❖ 2yos **Bettor Behave** (Bettors Wish USA) and **Du Savon** (Lather Up USA); and
- ❖ 3yos **Always Changin** (Always B Miki USA), **Little Miss Molly** (American Ideal USA), **Lillie Queen** (Lazarus NZ), **Icanplay** (Rock N Roll World), **Miss Vincenza** (Vincent), **Monterio** (Sportswriter USA).

In addition to the five Westsired, 9 Westbred progeny claimed at least 2 victories in August 2025. These were **Mighty Ronaldo** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Ideal Beach** and first time winner **Little Miss Molly** (American Ideal USA), **Star Lilly** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Wishing Belle** (Bettors Wish USA) repeated her success of last month, **Dream Control** (Control The Moment USA), **Sunshine Swift** (Sunshine Beach USA), and **Dame Valour** and **Maddy Lou**, both Sweet Lou USA.

Westbreds won 12 of the 13 2yo races run in August 2025, and accounted for 59 of the 67 2yo starters, a similar result to the previous month.

Westbred 3yos won 24 of the 30 3yo races provided, while all 3yos collectively won 31 races. There were another 12 country races available for the age group as well as metropolitan races open to 3yos and over. Westbreds provided 107 of the 123 3yo starters, with 3yos averaged a win every 9.1 starts.

Apart from the peak in August 2024 (465) the number of 4yo and over starters in August 2025 (456) is the highest August figure for the last 6 years and it has produced the highest number of Westbred starters (306) for the month.

There were 95 races restricted to 4yo and over, with 137 races available for the age group. Westbreds recorded 84 wins in these races and starters aged 4yo and over averaged a win every 9.6 starts.

At Gloucester Park premium meetings in August 2025, there were 50 races, with 29 won by Westbred progeny. Excluding victories by Westsired horses and fillies/mares, the remaining 13 races were won by:

- ◆ 4yo **Blaze Away** - **Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Maggie Pearl** (**Rock N Roll Heaven USA**) breeder Steve Johnson. Changed stables in August last year and has won \$81,000 since. Started favourite from 9 over the 2536m stayers journey with a claim for junior Abbey Vidovich, forged to the lead after half a lap, started to move away at the 400m and went on to an easing win in the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-70 by 12.5m in 1:59.6, last qtrs 28.5 and 27.5;
- ◆ 5yo **Cold Hard Cash** - **Betting Line USA** o/o **Cool Adda** (**Chill Factor USA**) breeder the late Harry Capararo. Started favourite from 1 with trainer driver Aiden de Campo, not quick enough to hold the lead so settled behind the leader, off the pegs into the one-one with a lap to go, 3 wide into the home turn to chase the leaders and did the best towards the finish to win the \$21,000 0W/18K by a half head in 1:57.3;

- ◆ **9yo Cordero Western Terror USA o/o Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept USA)** breeder Tarsao Investments Pty Ltd. An inglorious first career start as a 2yo followed by a 2nd start 2 years later at Busselton, now on the way to 200 starts and over \$310,000 in stakes including \$50,000 this season. Started 2nd favourite from outside the backline, neatly settled one out two back for Deni Roberts then one by one, moved 3 wide and raced up quickly off the back, swept to the lead coming to the turn and an impressive winner in the \$21,000 4YO+ NR <68 by 7.2m in 1:57.8
- ◆ **2yo Colt Ideal Beach - American Ideal USA o/o Coopers Beach NZ (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, Steve Johnson. Terrific Westbred 2yo. Was beaten in his Pearl Heat before drawing 2 in the final to start a short priced favourite with Gary Hall Jnr. Began brilliantly to lead with the only horse to beat him, El Mystro, in the breeze for the duration. Looked the winner down the back in a solid 28 qtr before going to an easy win by 7m in the \$100,000 Pearl Classic in 1:57.3, last half 56 flat;
- ◆ **5yo Insta Gator - Huntsville USA o/o Topless Beach Girl (Art Major USA)** breeder Mike, Sharron and the late Ian Howie, \$40,000 for the season so far. Resumed in August after a win in March, first up with Kyle Symington, started 2nd favourite from 6 after a scratching, showed strength to race in the breeze over the 2536m duration, levelled up with the leader coming into the straight and went on to win the \$23,000 0-2W/18K Pace by a half head in 1:58.6, last qtr 28.8;
- ◆ **4yo Menemsha - Sunshine Beach USA o/o Falcons Gem NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Had a brilliant 2yo season, less successful as a 3yo but still won over \$90,000, having a good 4yo season but still started at over 90/1 from 3 with trainer Aiden de Campo on another runner? and junior Joe Suvaljko on board instead. Settled 2nd last on the pegs while the shenanigans were going on up front, last with a lap to go, moved 4 deep from around the 500 with a very quick burst to be widest in a line of 4 coming to the home turn, 3 wide down the straight and a brilliant drive deserved the win in the \$50,000 August Cup by 1.7m in 1:57.3;
- ◆ **7yo Mighty Ronaldo - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Millwoods Delight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Trevor Lindsay. The previous Golden Slipper, Derby, Bunbury Cup and Fremantle Cup winner. Started 2nd favourite from 8 over the shortcourse 1730m trip, pressed forward to be race leader after half a lap, kept the favourite in the breeze for the rest of the journey and went on to his second win for the season in the \$31,000 FFA by 2.4m in 1:52:6, final qtrs 27.7 and 27.8. A fortnight later lined up for his 3rd win in 4 starts starting favourite from 7 after 2 scratchings, restrained from the barrier to be 2nd last in the moving line, led up the 3 wide line with a lap to go, gradually edged forward and 3rd into the straight, just got there on the line to win the \$31,000 NR 80+ by a neck then a nose in 1:55.4, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.6;
- ◆ **4yo Petes Honour - Sweet Lou USA o/o Arousing (Western Terror USA)** breeder part owner and trainer Jemma Hayman. Won with Chris Lewis in July as favourite then 3 starts later the same combination started at 10/1 from 6 after a scratching, four deep early and pushed forward to be outside the leader with 2 laps to go before getting cover after another half lap, moved 3 wide coming to the turn, sprinted hard down the straight to get to the lead at the 50m and win the \$25,000 1-3W/19K stake. by 3.5m in 1:57.26, last qtr 28.3;
- ◆ **5yo Rockability - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Adaptability (Mach Three CA)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. Third and best win for the season after starting at 26/1 from 4 with Shannon Suvaljko, quickest from the barrier to go to the lead before surrendering to his stablemate after half a lap over the 2536m journey, deftly manoeuvred off the pegs coming off the back to tackle the leader in a dad-daughter tussle, proved the stronger over the final stages to win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-70 by a head in 1:59.0;





- ◆ **6yo Rockandrollartist - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Artists Impression (Perfect Art USA)** owner breeder Adrian Shanks. Topped \$150,000 in stakes with his second win and over \$50,000 for the second successive season. Started at over 60/1 from 3 with junior Joe Suvaljko taking the drive for trainer Aiden de Campo over the 1730m sprint. Beaten for speed but handily placed one out one back once the field settled, moved 3 wide off the back and plenty of work to do after entering the straight but found another gear over the final 50m to win the \$31,000 Members Sprint by a half head in 1:55.1, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.5;



- ◆ **7yo Sound Wave - Mach Three CA o/o Terra Into The West NZ (Western Terror USA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock. New trainer this year and has done very well. Three places from previous 4 starts then started at 15/1 from 7 with junior Tom Nally, settled 2nd last in the moving line before following a 3 wide move with a lap to go, moved 4 wide at the 400 with a good run but still midfield, finished with a strong run from the 100m to win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-70 by a half head in 1:59.0; and



- ◆ **4yo Thenu Came Along - Bettors Delight USA o/o Arconite NZ (Art Major USA)** breeder the late Harry Capararo. Two wins early in the season before a 4 month absence resuming in July and 3rd run back started favourite from 2 with Deni Roberts, driven out to lead, controlled the quarters early before picking up the pace down the back, clear leader into the straight and despite a late challenge won the \$27,000 2-4W/19K by 2.7m in 1:57.6, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.3.

Overall, Westbreds provided over 73.1% of starters for August, earning 66.9% of stakes plus another 11.5% of stakes in the form of bonuses.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (August 2025)

Fillies and mares won 68 of the 180 races run in August 2025 for 60 individual winners. Not quite as good as the great results over the recent months but still a top ten result for any month over the last 13 years, and takes the season average to 36.6% races won by fillies and mares.

We have two world best stallions leading as sires for fillies and mares – **Sweet Lou USA** with 8 winners of 10 races, and **American Ideal USA** 4 winners of 5 races, and they lead the season totals with 37 and 33 wins respectively. Considering the number of crops, **Vincent** is a very respectable third with 29 wins.

Total stakes won by fillies and mares in August 2025 were \$873,000 along with \$114,000 in Westbred bonuses and just under \$50,000 in Epona credits. Westbred fillies/mares won 53 of the 68 races, earning \$711,000 in stakes – all good results.

To the end of August 90 fillies and mares had their first career start and 54 have had their first career win including 4 in August – all 3yos; Little Miss Molly (**American Ideal USA**), Lillie Queen (**Lazarus NZ**) Icanplay (**Rock N Roll World USA**) and Miss Vincenza (**Vincent**).

Dual winners included first time winner Little Miss Molly, Star Lilly (**Betterthancheddar USA**), Wishing Belle (**Bettors Wish USA**), Dream Control (**Control The Moment USA**), Sunshine Swift (**Sunshine Beach USA**), Dame Valour and Maddy Lou (**Sweet Lou USA**).

Of the 13 2yo races, fillies won the 4 programmed for them, and provided 32 of the 67 2yo starters.

There were 7 3yo fillies races programmed, with the fillies winning 13 (12 Westbred) of the 30 3yo races as well as an open age race. Fillies provided 64 of the 123 3yo starters, so more than half the 3yos again were fillies.

In August 2025, mares won 50 of the 137 races won by the age group, including 37 wins by Westbred mares. For the month mares provided 146 out of the 456 starters in the age group, and fillies and mares provided 242 individual starters, the highest number of starters for the year and the highest August figure for the last 6 years.

Fillies and mares won 15 (30%) of the 50 races run at Gloucester Park at premium meetings, as well as the \$14,000 WASBA Country Oaks at Bunbury and the WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares at Northam.

Winners included imported mares 5yo **Candy Apple NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** who won a \$23,000 4YO+ NR 60-80 with PBD NR and sex, 6yo **Reblin (Betting Line USA)** won a \$21,000 Mares, 7yo **Luvafair (Love You FRA)** won a \$21,000 Trot and 8yo **Sundancer Rainbow (Western Terror USA)** won a \$21,000 NR <60 with PBD NR and sex.

Candy Apple NZ has now won in 3 successive months.

The remaining 10 WA bred filly/mare winners of 11 races at premium meetings, were:

- ♥ 3yo **Copper Head Lady - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Artistic Copper (Artistic Fella USA)** breeder Mike

Howie. Winner of the 2024 2YO Fillies Sales Classic and 2nd in the 2YO Westbred Classic. Had 11 months away returning in August for a first up win for trainer driver Ryan Bell after starting favourite from 5 after a scratching, showed a clean pair of heels from the barrier to lead, very slick down the back with urging to move away coming off the back and a clear lead into the straight, winning the \$21,000 3YO Fillies by 10.4m in 1:56.8 last qtrs 27.8 and 28.8;



- ♥ 4yo **Copy Cat Queen - My Hard Copy NZ** o/o **Luvya Maddy Lombo (Jet Laag USA)** breeder Bill Hayes. Followed 3 metropolitan wins last month to make it 4 in a row after starting favourite from 8 in a \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, one out 3 back on settling, moved forward at the 600m to be 3 wide and in the lead coming into the straight, kept the momentum going for trainer driver Aiden de Campo to be a winner by 5.7m in 1:55.7, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.7;

- ♥ 6yo **Dame Valour - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Brush With Courage (Courage Under Fire NZ)** breeder KTC Bloodstock. Won the WASBA Tribute to Color Glo first up for new trainer driver Aiden de Campo in June, 3 seconds from next 4 starts then started favourite from 7, settled one out 3 back in running, followed a 3 wide move down the back and 4 wide into the turn, sprinting fast down the straight to level up and grab the lead at the 50m and win the \$21,000 0W/18K by 2.6m in 1:58.3. Four weeks later started 3rd favourite, settled one-one early before being left in the breeze midfield, hit the front coming off the back and held on well to win the \$21,000 4YO+ 0-1W/18K by 1.7m in 1:58.6, last qtr 28.3;

- ♥ 5yo **Ekara Navajo - Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **Lil Miss Lisl (Mister Big USA)** breeder part owner Ken Davies, Won a "R" class in July before a good 4th to Copy Cat Queen, then started 2nd favourite from 3 with Gary Hall Jnr on board, had no trouble getting to the lead, faster down the back and no trouble holding her lead in a 28.8 3rd qtr, had their measure to the finish to win the \$21,000 Mares NR 40-75 by 3.7m in 1:59.8,

- ♥ 4yo **Lion Queen - Control The Moment USA** o/o **Lilianna Beauty USA (Walton Hanover USA)** breeder Kevin Charles. American bred mare got her 3rd win for the season after starting favourite from 8 with stable driver Shannon Suvaljko, settled last in the moving line, a lot to do with a lap to go, moved up quickly at the 600 to be 3rd but 4 wide at the 400m, hit the front entering the straight to pull away and win the \$23,000 NR 65-85 by 5.6m in 1:58.0;

- ♥ 4yo **Nase Vira - Alta Christiano NZ** o/o **Sovereign Faith NZ (Live Or Die USA)** owner breeder Oz-West Pacing, Morris, Eaton, Richards. Won 2 in December, resumed in July after 6 months away and 3rd start back started as favourite at generous odds from 6 with trainer driver Dylan Egerton-Green, settled 2nd last in the moving line before being first to move 3 wide with a lap to go, running second at the 400m, led into the straight and broke right away to win the \$25,000 Mares NR 62-90 by 10m in 1:57.1;

- ♥ **4yo Princess Katie - Vincent o/o Rocknroll Dreams (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Started the season with a win at Albany, won the WASBA King Lethbridge in April and now has two metropolitan wins and over \$63,000 for the season. Started 2nd favourite from 2 with Emily Suvaljko, persevered in fast time to take the lead with 2 laps to go, sprinted down the back and a length clear at the top of the straight before a late challenge almost succeeded, then withstood a protest to win the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares by a nose in 1:57.4;
- ♥ **6yo Recover Lover - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Bettor Cover Lover NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Tough mare with \$45,000 for the season. Started 10/1 from 2 with Stewie McDonald, settled behind the race leader over the 1730m sprint, got clear coming off the back to race up to the leader in the straight and win the \$21,000 4YO+ by 1.8m in 1:57.7;
- ♥ **7yo Star Lilly (Betterthancheddar USA o/o Awesome Desire NZ (Real Desire USA)** breeders Rick, Frank and Alison Nafranec, Mills, Walters, Newman and Deane. Placed early in the month then won midweek before starting favourite from 1 with junior Toby Lynn on board, fast out to lead before slowing a lot, quicker over the latter half and very poised drive to win the \$21,000 NR 40 to 60 by a half neck in 2:00.9;
- ♥ **2yo Wishing Belle - Bettors Wish USA o/o Libertybelle Midfrew NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** foaled by KTC Bloodstock, very nice filly, has only lost one race and that was in February in the APG Sales Classic Final. Won her Heat then lined up for her 5th win in a row in the \$100,000 Diamond Classic Final, started favourite from 6 and fast out for trainer driver Aiden De Campo to lead, too good on the night and moved away down the straight to win by 5.2m in 1:57.6, final qtrs 28.4 and 28 flat. Followed that with a 17m win in a Heat of the 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic.

Record Stakes Earnings

The stakes won by fillies and mares during the first 8 months of the 2025 season have reached a record high of \$6.15 million. This figure marks the highest ever recorded for the category. Additionally, Westbred fillies and mares have achieved unprecedented success, securing \$4.4 million in stakes—also a record. These achievements represent a crucial improvement, playing an essential role in supporting the industry's health and sustainability over the long term.

Westbred Fillies and Mares: Population Share and Contribution

Fillies and mares comprised 37.5% of the overall racing population in August 2025, with Westbreds making up a significant portion of the female racing population, accounting for 84%. Among these, Westbred 2-year-old fillies contributed an impressive 94%, while 3yo fillies contributed 87%. These numbers highlight the strong presence and competitive performance of Westbred fillies and mares across age groups.

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The 2025 AGM will be in November 2025

The NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING has been scheduled for **1 October 2025**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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