

SUPERIOR FILLY FROM DARLING VIEW

Darling View Thoroughbreds led Western Australian vendors at the Gold Coast Magic Millions in January.

The Mundijong nursery sold a Not A Single Doubt filly through the Attunga Stud draft to Astute Bloodstock (FBAA) agent Louis Le Metayer for \$600,000. She will be trained by Peter and Paul Snowden for owners Lustre Lodge and Greenhaven Park.

“That price doesn’t surprise me – that’s what I thought she would make,” Le Metayer said. “I identified her as a really superior athlete in an extremely competitive market. We are only interested in horses that can compete at the top level. She’s among the Top 3 fillies that we rated in the Sale.

“She looks a bomb-proof filly. She’s an effortless mover with a great action and a great attitude.”

Darling View owners Clive & Brent Atwell bought her dam Scenes (Scenic) from Widden Stud for \$47,500 at the 2013 Magic Millions National Mare Sale. She’s a sister to Melbourne mare Visual Displays (VRC Desirable Stakes & Lord Stakes).

Attunga Stud owner Brian Nutt also prepped a Choisir colt for Darling View that was purchased by Hong Kong agent George Moore for \$260,000. His dam Dalkeith (Encosta de Lago) is an unraced relative of Group 1 winners Assertive Lad, Assertive Lass and Reset.

Dalkeith was another bargain out of the Hunter Valley. Coolmore Stud sold her to Darling View for \$60,000 at the 2014 Magic Millions National Mare Sale.

Gold Front Thoroughbreds graduate Secret Lady was far from disgraced behind Sunlight in the \$2 million Magic Millions 2YO Classic. Sold for \$150,000 at last year’s Perth Magic Millions, the Choisir filly had won the Golden Gift (1100m) at Rosehill in November.

“It was a bit rough out there,” jockey Ben Melham reported after finishing fifth on Secret Lady. “But she ran an excellent race.”

Earlier on the week, Gold Front owners Alan and Sue Olive received a combined \$520,000 for two first-crop yearlings by Dissident on the Gold Coast. Their filly from Mafia Miss (Mossman) was purchased by Joe O’Neill of Prime Thoroughbreds.

The Dissident colt from Rocksan (Fastnet Rock) was bought by Tony McEvoy who trains Sunlight.

Amelia Park owner Peter Walsh, along with partners Brian Bradley and John Ciprian, sold a Snitzel colt for \$300,000 to Sunlight’s owners Aquis Farms. His dam New Light (Galileo) is a half-sister to Special Harmony (G1 VRC Oaks), Redwoldt (G2 Karrakatta Plate) and King Canute (G2 Perth Cup).

Darling View, Gold Front and Amelia Park have all entered big drafts for the Perth Magic Millions starting on February 19.



LYNWARD PARK CLASSIC

Lynward Park manager Troy van Heemst could be forgiven for claiming his new stallion Mahuta had already sired a stakes winner after I’m Feeling Lucky claimed the G3 La Trice Classic (1800m) on New Year’s Day.

I’m Feeling Lucky (Bletchley Park) led home a quinella for Lynward Park when she defeated Fontainebleau (Alfred Nobel) in the fourth-leg feature for mares during the summer carnival at Ascot.

“We sent her to Darren Weir in Victoria but she didn’t fire over there,” van Heemst said in the euphoria following the La Trice Classic. “We brought her back and put her in foal to Mahuta before giving her one last prep with Lindsey Smith.”

I’m Feeling Lucky is the 30th stakes winner by Bletchley Park (Ire) who finished his stud career at Lynward Park after making his name as a Sunspeed champion at Dawson Stud. Her Irish-bred dam Twinkle Toes (Danehill) was bred by Coolmore Stud’s Susan Magnier and is from a half-sister to leading sires Dr Devious, Archway, Royal Court and Shinko King.

Lynward Park’s red and green silks are well known in Western Australia. Troy’s father Ted van Heemst was Perth Racing Chairman for 20 years and his contribution was recognised when the Group 2 C B Cox Stakes was renamed in his honour in 2016.

Mahuta (Flying Spur) covered his first mares at Lynward Park’s

Bullsbrook nursery this season at a \$4,400 (inc gst) fee.

He had broken through at black-type level in the LR Gothic Stakes (1400m) during the 2015 Melbourne spring carnival and then reeled off further feature wins in the G3 Carbine Club Stakes, G2 Sandown Guineas, Magic Millions Guineas and G2 Autumn Stakes.

Mahuta returned to training last season and was Group 1 placed in the Memsie Stakes behind Black Heart Bart before a pelvic injury curtailed his career to 6 wins in 16 starts for over \$1.75 million in prizemoney.



I’m Feeling Lucky

MCROSTIES CONNECT ON GOLD COAST

Prominent owners Barry & Jan McRostie have topped the Western Australian spend at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Yearling Sale.

Over five sessions, the WA connection bought stock worth more than \$1.70 million during the highest-grossing, southern-hemisphere yearling sale on record.

The Perth couple paid \$200,000 for a first-crop filly by Shooting To Win from NZ stakes winner Raid (Pins) on Wednesday. She is related to Stratum Star (G1 Kingston Town Classic). They were back on Sunday with \$185,000 for a Written Tycoon filly out of French Move (Montjeu), another NZ-bred mare, who is a winning daughter of Scarlet Runner (G2 Sir Tristram Classic).

The McRosties have raced numerous stakes winners with the standout being Miss Rose de Lago. She won a G3 Champion Fillies at Ascot before moving east to add the G2 Sunline Stakes at Moonee Valley. A valuable breeding prospect by Encosta de Lago, she had a maiden cover to Sebring this season.

Merriest (Denman) won a LR Atlantic Jewel Stakes at Moonee Valley carrying their cerise and dark blue colours and she wasn't far away when fifth in the \$600,000 Magic Millions Fillies & Mares on Saturday. Later in the afternoon, Caipirinha (Nicconi) claimed her third black-type victory in the LR Miss Andretti Stakes at Ascot. She had won the LR Belgravia and Placid Ark Stakes last season.

Rapid Equine owner Neil Irvine was also active at the Magic Millions purchasing fillies by Written Tycoon and Shooting to Win plus a first-crop colt by English Group 1 star Toronado.

Irvine operates Balmoral Park at Bedforddale which offers top-class agistment facilities as well Breaking-In and Pre-Training services. Shares are also available in Rapid Equine racehorses and stud manager Brian Collison can be contacted for further information on 0411 055 164.

WA TOP 10 – MAGIC MILLIONS		
\$210,000	F	Fastnet Rock – Goody Two Shoes Simon Miller
\$210,000	C	Shooting to Win – Fairchild Yenrise P/L
\$200,000	F	Shooting to Win – Raid (NZ) Barry & Jan McRostie
\$185,000	F	Written Tycoon – French Move (NZ) Barry & Jan McRostie
\$180,000	F	Dundeel – Statuette Boomer Bloodstock
\$150,000	F	Written Tycoon – Gibraltar Storm Rapid Equine
\$130,000	F	Shooting to Win – Jacinta Rapid Equine
\$130,000	F	Sebring – Bewitchment Dan Morton
\$100,000	C	Snippetson – Fiorentina Neville Parnham
\$80,000	C	Time for War – Little Black Fish Yenrise P/L



Caipirinha

SCENIC LODGE FAREWELLS BLACKFRIARS

The WA breeding industry lost an icon when Blackfriars died at Scenic Lodge last month. The 21 year-old son of Danehill shattered a shoulder after colic surgery.

Blackfriars has been a dominant force in Western Australia winning the last 7 sires' premierships. He has sired over 400 individual winners and they have won over 1300 races. Among them are a WA-record 36 stakes winners headed by current-day star Black Heart Bart.

A Swettenham Stud homebred, Blackfriars won a top-class renewal of the G1 Victoria Derby in 1999 defeating Shogun Lodge and Diatribe. And in a deal that proved to be a massive coup for the local industry, Scenic Lodge bought him from Robert Sangster to join former Swettenham sire Scenic (Ire) in Muchea.

"He was in such good health and was never an ounce of trouble," Scenic Lodge general manager Jeremy Smith said. "And, apart from being a champion, he was also just a lovely horse."

Blackfriars was buried alongside Scenic. He covered over 90 mares at Scenic Lodge this season and there are 62 foals on the ground from his penultimate book. He has 24 yearlings catalogued for

the 2018 Perth Magic Millions and his young sire-sons Playing God (Mungrup Stud) and God Has Spoken (Rivercrest Park) are also represented at the February Sale.



Blackfriars