

Laguna De Bay

MOVES TO ROSELEE

Laguna De Bay (NZ) has joined the Roselee Park roster following the winning run of his 3yo gelding Fiery Bay in WA.

Fiery Bay is trained by Brian Kersley for a partnership that includes Jim Sheridan, John Kostanic, Trevor Finerty, Allan Omacini and Hayden Reynolds. They also raced his sire and, after a third win at Pinjarra in April, they decided to bring him across to stand at Roselee Park in Serpentine.

Laguna De Bay (High Chaparral) had been covering a handful of mares with Harry Barclay at Castlebar Stud in NSW after an injury-interrupted career with Robbie Laing. The highlight was a brilliant Mornington victory at his second start over 1000m.

"He's a beautiful, well-natured horse," Barclay said.

"Jim rang up recently and we agreed he deserved a chance at a commercial stud.

"He has another good one over here we bred named Castlebar Road. He's won his last two and our trainer Dar Lunn really rates him."

Laguna De Bay is named after the largest lake in The Philippines and is by rising influence High Chaparral (Ire). His sons include Group 1 sires Dundeel (Ire), Toronado (Ire) and So You Think (NZ).

Roselee Park will stand Laguna De Bay for a \$2,200 (inc GST) service fee alongside Spiritjim (Fr) and Jimmy Choux (NZ).



Photo: LAGUNA DE BAY: Brilliant winner at Mornington

Kersley's Dancer

DOUBLE AT BELMONT

Boallia Farm sires Thorn Dancer (NZ) and Rogano have been in winning form leading up to the covering season that starts in September.

Lightly-raced 3yo stablemates Stylax and Sketta completed a profitable double for Fred Kersley and Thorn Dancer (NZ) at Belmont last month.

The Hall Of Famer trains Stylax for Boallia Farm owner-breeder Tracey Bannister and he was backed from \$5.50 into \$2.20 to win the Amelia Park Maiden (1200m). The writing was on the wall after a never-nearer fifth first-up at Pinjarra

Stylax sat behind the leader and took advantage of the cut-away rail to finish the race off like a horse going places. His dam Biscay Bonny (Stormy's Son) is a three-quarter sister to Kalatiara (G2 WA Guineas) and Kentiara (LR Detonator Stakes).

"I like the Thorn Dancers. He's by Thorn Park and they go alright," Kersley said as Stylax returned to scale. An hour later, he welcomed Sketta back to the enclosure and quipped; "I like the stallion a little bit more now!"

Sketta went out a short-priced \$2.25 favourite and also took a short-cut along the fence in the Quayclean Hcp (1300m). She's a homebred for Fred's wife Judy and her dam Misshelenus (Helenus) is out of a sister to True Roman (G2 Karrakatta Plate).

Thorn Dancer was trained by Frank Maynard to win at Pinjarra, Belmont and Ascot and he was also runner-up, beaten a head by Clueless Angel, in a G2 WA Guineas. From limited opportunities, he has a 92% winners-to-runners strike-rate.

Rogano, a Redoute's Choice brother to Not A Single Doubt, helped Caspar Fownes secure the Hong Kong trainers' premiership when his son Joy Master won the Tourmaline Hcp (1600m) last month. He settled well off the pace after being bumped on jumping before powering home for a one-length victory over Jimmu (Ger) and Lucky Missile (NZ) at Sha Tin.

Bred by Ben Duncan of Forest View Farm, Joy Master is from a half-sister to Randwick Group winners Heather and Peat Bog. He sold for \$18,000 at the 2016 Perth Magic Millions to Gold Front Thoroughbreds and, racing as Riasec, won at Ascot and was runner-up in the 2017 LR Perth Stakes.

Rogano will cover a limited book at a \$2,750 (inc GST) service fee at Boallia Farm alongside Thorn Dancer (NZ) and Our Boy Leo who are available at a \$1,100 (inc GST) fee.

Our Boy Leo is by Lonhro from G1 Victorian Oaks winner Magical Miss (Danahill) who was trained by Bart Cummings for Bill and Rhonda Wyllie. His first 2yo starter Lucifer finished fourth on debut at Bunbury in March for trainer Adam Durrant.

Fred Kersley prepares Our Boy Leo's Pinjarra trial winner Mahaleo for Rhonda Wyllie. His dam Miss Mahal (Canny Lad) descends from the Cummings-trained Australian Horse of the Year Maybe Mahal.



CALLAN THE CATALYST FOR *I'm a Single Man*

Yarradale Stud-bred sprinter Ima Single Man finished his first season in Hong Kong with a flourish for trainer Tony Cruz.

Last year's G2 Karrakatta Plate winner hadn't been in the call since arriving from Perth until Neil Callan jumped aboard. The Gingerbread Man 3yo had been a luckless fourth at his previous outing and Callan left nothing to chance in the Mount Cameron Hcp (1200m) at Sha Tin last month.

Ima Single Man was roused out of the ruck approaching the furlong to give When You Believe (Fighting Son) a four-length start and a beating. Callan was clearly pleased as they stopped the clock in 1.08.54s.

Ima Single Man was raced by Yarradale owner Ron Sayers after failing to reach a \$60,000 reserve at the 2019 Perth Magic Millions. Trained by Chris Gangemi, he won an Ascot midweek juvenile on debut and a fortnight later flew under the radar to beat Watch Me Dance, Dark Assault and Gemma's Son in the Karrakatta.

That formline has stacked up in Perth this season and there's more to come in Hong Kong.

"He's a work in progress," Callan said.

"He's still got improvement mentally and should be able to go on. It was a good win today and there's more if he's switched on."

Ima Single Man had been seen sold to Hong Kong within weeks of his win in the Karrakatta. An undisclosed offer had been accepted from agent Apollo Ng who was acting on behalf of owner Fion Luk Sin Fong.

Gingerbread Man (Shamardal) sired him from Single Spice (Not A Single Doubt) who won a LR Supremacy Stakes at Ascot in 2011. She has been a wonderful producer for Yarradale delivering seven foals in a row before a season off 2019.

Single Spice's first foal Wild Ava (High Chaparral) won at Doomben and her first foal for Aquis Farm is a yearling colt by Merchant Navy. Her 5yo mare Ahyoka Frost (Frost Giant) won at Ascot in February for trainer Stefan Vahala and a syndicate that includes Yarradale.

The first mating with Gingerbread Man produced Double Spice who won a Belmont maiden this time last year and added a Bunbury Class 1 on Australia Day. Sayers stayed in after selling him to Oliver Kiddie and Mark Wilson for \$50,000 at the 2018 Perth Magic Millions.

After I'm A Single Man, Single Spice produced Mr Metrics (City Place) and he's with Richard & Chantelle Jolly at Morphettville. An unraced 2yo, he's owned by Hong Kong-based agent David Price.

Her latest foal is a Gingerbread Man yearling filly and following that season off, she travelled to Victoria for a cover by Godolphin's Royal Ascot Group 1 winning sprinter Blue Point (Shamardal).

Yarradale Stud stands War Chant (\$11,000), Gingerbread Man (\$5,500) and Bradbury's Luck (\$3,300) this year. All fees (inc GST).

Hoofnote: Connections will have to find a replacement rider for Ima Single Man after Callan's 10-year stint in Hong Kong finishes next month. The British Group 1 jockey has been off-side with authorities following a controversial careless riding charge that erupted into a slanging match with stewards at Happy Valley on February 3.



Yarradale

ON THE ROAD TO RAILWAY

Yarradale Stud would have to check the record books going way back to see if any of its graduates have matched Valour Road for consistency and longevity in Stakes company.

Valour Road (Class of 2017) served notice he would be a force to be reckoned with from Day 1. He was thrown it at the deep end on February 10th, 2018 and responded with an all-the-way victory in the RL Magic Millions 2YO Classic at Pinjarra.

"He's very good," trainer Simon Miller said.

"I don't know how good but definitely good enough to go East!"

The chestnut son of former Yarradale shuttler Frost Giant (USA) maintained an unbeaten record in the G2 Karakatta Plate and did cross the Nullabor as a 3yo to win the G2 Euclase Stakes at Morphettville.

Valour Road returned as a 4yo to claim the LR Miss Andretti and he's doubled up at Group 3 level as a 5yo winning the Prince Of Wales in October and Hyperion Stakes last month.

That's a half-dozen black-type strikes in four consecutive seasons earning over \$1.24 million including Westspeed payments of \$93,600.

The Hyperion was his first win over 1600m and his first for Brad Rawiller after letting down powerfully to overhaul stablemate Dance Music (War Chant).

"We were very confident and Simon is a great trainer," Rawiller said.

"His last 20 metres was outstanding and he really powered to the line without blinkers."

Now that's he's won over 1600m, connections will consider the G1 Railway Stakes at Ascot on November 20. By then, as a spring 6yo, he will be giving age and weight away but Rawiller is keen to win the Big Mile after placings on Black Heart Bart and Niconero.

"Why not the Railway?" he said on Saturday.

"The Hyperion is a top-class race and he's been the best horse in it."

Valour Road was bred and sold by Yarradale for \$60,000 at the 2017 Perth Magic Millions and owner Ron Sayers kept a share in a big syndicate managed by Des Carvell.

His dam Melba Avenue (Street Sense) was purchased by Sayers as a weanling from Darley and he's sitting on a goldmine with the mare's latest two foals – a weanling colt and yearling colt by Exceed And Excel.

