

FAIRDALE STUD

NZ WINNING THE WORLD OVER

Karaka 2009

HISTORY

Generational change has refreshed the faces under several vendor banners at Karaka over the past decade and now it's Fairdale Stud's turn to introduce a new studmaster. After a working lifetime in partnership, brothers Gerald and Rex Fell divided their interests in 2007, to allow their sons to take over management of the family's breeding operations. Gerald and Robyn Fell's son Duncan brings experience at Glenlogan Park and Widden Studs in Australia, Kildangan in Ireland and Waikato Stud in New Zealand to his new role at Fairdale. True to the solid farming traditions of his father and late grandfather Arthur, he has also worked on New Zealand high country and Western Australian cattle stations.

The Fells of Fairdale have been a fixture at New Zealand yearling sales for sixty years, and proudly hold the record for the longest continuous participation by a vendor in one family's ownership. Gerald is almost certainly the only living New Zealand breeder who can claim attendance at 52 consecutive sales, beginning in 1956 when he was sixteen years old. In 2008 he

became a Member of the Order of New Zealand in recognition of his lifetime of service to breeding and racing. Based on the fertile Manawatu plains in New Zealand's North Island, Fairdale was founded in 1949 on a property that has been farmed by the Fell family for a century. The 190 Group and Listed Stakes races won so far by horses bred and raised at Fairdale is an ambitious owner's wish-list, including the Melbourne, Caulfield, Australian, Brisbane,

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Adelaide, Wellington & Auckland Cups, One Thousand Guineas at Caulfield and Riccarton, AJC Doncaster Handicap and All Aged Stakes, and MVRC W.S. Cox Plate. Fairdale's extraordinary and tragically short-lived champion sire Pakistan II features in many of the stud's most successful pedigrees. In nine crops averaging 42 foals, the son of Palestine left 43 (11%)

stakeswinners, among them Australian sprinter-milers Rajah Sahib, Wood Court Inn, Zambari, Triton, Purple Patch, Samist and O'Reilly's grand-dam Hunza. Pakistan II can also be found in the pedigree of Tell A Tale (2008 Hawke's Bay Guineas G2 and CJC Canterbury S. LR)

The stud is now home to Howbaddouwantit (six SW to date) and continues a long-standing policy of holding shares in other New Zealand-based stallions. These currently include Zabeel, Pins, Keeper, Elusive City and Savabeel.

The wisdom of using a wide range of stallions is evident in Fairdale's most recent success as breeder or co-breeder of stakeswinners Zavite (Zabeel) and Metropolitan (Elusive City), as well as past stars Hyperno (Rangong; 1981 Australian Horse of the Year) and Petrava (by Imposing; 1985 champion South African three-year-old filly).

Fairdale Stud has also enjoyed recent success in Singapore with Itmaybeyou (2nd 2008 Queen Elizabeth II Cup Sing-2, 3rd 2007 Raffles International Cup Sing-1), and in Hong Kong with Our Jet ().

FAIRDALE STUD THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA!



Arthur Fell



Gerald Fell



Duncan Fell

FAIRDALE STUD • GROUP ONE

Roll of Honour

Bred the winners of 190 Group and Listed races to date

VRC Melbourne Cup	STC Tancred Stakes
VATC Caulfield Cup	VATC Caulfield Stakes
ARC Auckland Cup	STC Rawson Stakes
WRC Wellington Cup	NZ One Thousand Guineas
QTC Brisbane Cup	VRC Blarney Stakes
SAJC Adelaide Cup	AJC Queen Elizabeth Handicap
VRC Australian Cup	STC BMW Stakes
MVRC Cox Plate	ARC Ampol Stakes
WRC NZ Oaks	AJC All-Aged Stakes
VRC One Thousand Guineas	South African Fillies Classic
AJC Epsom Handicap	South African Fillies Guineas
STC Rosehill Guineas	AJC Warwick Stakes
ARC Railway Handicap	WRC Thorndon Mile
ARC NZ Derby	WRC Waikato Draught Stakes
WRC Telegraph Handicap	WRC George Adams Mile
AJC Doncaster Handicap	

HIGHLIGHTS

■ **BIGGEST KARAKA BUZZ:** "Selling Petrava's full sister for \$550,000 at the first National Yearling Sale held at Karaka in 1988, and getting \$275,000 for a full brother to Victoria Derby winner Omnicorp - purchased as a weanling for \$50,000."

■ **BEST-EVER BUYER:** Gerald Fell nominates the late Geoff Murphy as "the best judge by far. He was very, very astute and could make an instant, accurate judgment of a yearling." His purchases from Fairdale included the champion Hyperno (20 wins, six at Group One level) and STC Rosehill Guineas G1 winner Fashion Beau.

FAIRDALE STUD'S KARAKA GRADUATES include recent performers:

- **METROPOLITAN** - 2008 CJC Canterbury Belle S. LR
- **Itmaybeyou** - 2nd 2008 Queen Elizabeth II Cup Sing-2, 2007 Singapore Gold Cup Sing-1, 3rd 2007 Raffles International Cup Sing-1
- **Our Jet** - 2nd 2007 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy HK-3



The future of Fairdale is in safe hands.
**SEE THE RESULTS OF OUR PLANNING
KARAKA 2009**

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