

# BRADBURY PARK

## Experienced team's Premier prospects

Bradbury Park has made it to the big time at Karaka with its first Premier Sale draft in just its second year of operation.

CASEY and Michelle Dando's Matamata farm will offer three top tier youngsters at the National Yearling Sale and will be backed up by a quality Select Sale line up.

While 2011 marked their debut as vendors at the National Yearling Sales, the couple has a wealth of experience in the thoroughbred industry. Casey, whose late father Ron was a trainer, has previously worked for John Sadler in Australia, enjoyed five seasons at Cambridge Stud, a spell as broodmare manager at Trelawney Stud, and was also Blandford Lodge's farm manager for four years.

A daughter of successful jockey John Messent, Michelle was formerly Sir Patrick Hogan's personal assistant and her grandfather Ian Bradbury was also a well known and respected Central Districts trainer, hence the name of

their farm. "We've always wanted to branch out on our own and we really are living the dream now," Michelle said.

Bradbury Park covers 32ha (80 acres) with weaning and handling and agistment services offered as well as sales preparation. Casey and Michelle will present a trio of yearlings during the Premier session in 2012 and one of them has close family ties with the property.

"We've got a filly by Don Eduardo who is a half-sister to Sworn to Secrecy," Casey said. "They're pretty similar types and this one's got a great constitution." A homebred by Keeper, Sworn to Secrecy was sold through Poplar Lodge's Ready to Run Sale consignment two years ago for \$NZ52,000 and won two of her four starts from Andrew Scott's Matamata stable. Out of the Casual Lies mare Heartache, who has had five runners for four black-type performers



**Sworn to Secrecy**  
winning the Gr.2  
2011 Emancipation  
Stakes



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and is a three-quarter sister to the Wellington Guineas-Gr.2 winner Marrok, she then transferred to John O'Shea's Randwick yard and earlier this year won the Emancipation Stakes-Gr.2.

"We've also got a Stravinsky filly out of Perfect Evening and she's a cracking individual. She's a real professional in everything she does." Her Irish-bred dam is by the mighty Sadler's Wells out of a mare by the great Sir Ivor. A daughter of Keeper, out of well-related Ismailia, completes Bradbury Park's Premier Sale team. "She's a nice, leggy filly who is going to make a lovely autumn three year-old." By Zabeel, Ismailia won five races and is a sister to Able Master (Auckland Cup-Gr.1), Exaggerate (Singapore Barker Trophy-Gr.2, Queen Elizabeth Cup-Gr.2) and Accumulate (VRC St Leger-Gr.3).

Featured among the Select draft is a son of Show A Heart out of Lady Danzero, who is a half-sister to the multiple stakes winner Zoometric. "He's a really good type and a really sensible colt," Casey said. His two year-old sister Discreet recently finished second on debut in Brisbane. Another filly from the Sworn to Secrecy family is the daughter of Any Suggestion. "She's a big girl with a laid back nature." She is out of a half-sister (ex Heartache by Cape Cross) to the Emancipation Stakes winner.

"The Thorn Park filly out of River Chant is a really tidy individual and she's hard to fault." The dam is by Danasinga and won six races, including the Tauranga Classic-LR and is from the family of Dandy Andy (Australian Cup-Gr.1, Doomben Cup-Gr.1), Ballroom Babe (Captain Cook Stakes-Gr.1, Ellerslie Sires' Produce Stakes-Gr.1, Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes-Gr.1) and Just Dancing (Furious Stakes-Gr.2). Bradbury Park will also present a

Stravinsky filly out of the Zabeel mare Dawn Rhapsody. The dam is a half-sister to Alacrity (New Zealand Oaks-Gr.1) who is in turn the mother of Pendragon (Norman Robinson Stakes-Gr.3, Gloaming Stakes-Gr.3), who has made an encouraging start to his stud career. This also represents the family of the Golden Slipper Stakes winner and influential sire Marscay. ■

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**KARAKA 2012 DRAFT**

**PREMIER DRAFT**

234	Bay Filly	Don Eduardo x Heartache
253	Bay Filly	Keeper (AUS) x Ismailia
369	Bay Filly	Stravinsky (USA) x Perfect Evening (IRE)

**SELECT DRAFT**

554	Grey Filly	Any Suggestion (AUS) x Accidentallyinlove
675	Bay Colt	Postponed (USA) x Danvers (AUS)
678	Bay or Brown Filly	Stravinsky (USA) x Dawn Rhapsody
841	Bay Colt	Show a Heart (AUS) x Lady Danzero (AUS)
1003	Bay Filly	Thorn Park (AUS) x River Chant