



NZ Clydesdale Horse Society Inc.

# Clydesdale NewZ

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# A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

December 2022



Greetings members,

Well, if nothing else the weather has made it a trying time, especially in the last few months. Lots of areas of the country have experienced four seasons in one day and it's been ongoing for quite some time now.

Apart from the weather, I do hope those of you who have had mares to foal are having a good run so far. I have already heard of a few deaths, which is very unfortunate but sadly, sometimes that's what the curve ball throws at us.

We as breeder's have to hold our heads high, and be thankful for the horses that we have already bred over the years and just soldier on. There are still a few mares in both islands to foal yet, so the very best of luck to all of you.

It's great to see things slowly get back to some form of normality, example A & P Shows, vintage machinery, Christmas Parades and other public events.

As I am still pretty crippled with my knees giving me hell, I have had the horses out a couple of times in public with the help of my older brother and some good friends.

The weekend just past which was Stratford A & P show, I supplied 3 horse's for the Farriers Hot shoeing competition so while they were getting shod, I judged the Clydesdale classes. I was able to hobble around like an old man as I forgot my walking stick but I got the job done in the end, LOL.

As I haven't been very mobile for quite a while, back in August two of my kids shouted me a trip to Perth for three weeks, which I totally enjoyed and was very thankful for. The grandkids loved pushing ole granddad round in a wheelchair having a bit of fun with it as well.

Well members I will leave you on this note, compliments of the season to each, and every one of you, have a great Christmas with family and friends and a hell of a great New Year.

Totally enjoy your horses. All the very best.

Your President,

**Steve Muggeridge**  
**Taungatara Clydesdales**

## FROM THE SECRETARY:

It was great to catch up with a lot of members at Canterbury show earlier this month. Fantastic to see such large crowds at the show with the Clydesdale area well-presented and a popular place for people to come and make new memories with our wonderful breed. Always a good turnout of quality horses and a credit to all those showing.

Volume 41 of the studbook has been printed and can be purchased through the secretary for \$60 including postage.

Next year's AGM is in Waikato on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, planning is underway and will include stud visits, plus more.

The Society will be looking at making changes to the constitution as required by the new Incorporated Societies Act. Proposed changes will include: who can be a councillor; disputes resolution process; new winding up intentions and changes to the rules around prefixes, including prefix disputes.

So please come to the AGM and have your say.

Reminder that annual subscription were due 30<sup>th</sup> September for those who have been sent a reminder and haven't paid yet.

One common issue that keep arising is uncompleted paperwork. Please ensure that photos of the near and offside, along with front and back, aspects of the horse are sent via email or post. Please make sure that hocks are visible along with the horse's blaze. Tails to the ground or horses with heads in feed bins, make it difficult to confirm markings. Microchip or brands are accepted by the society.

Remember that only the foaling breeder can register a horse, a stallion return or certificate of service must be completed and you must be a current financial member of the society.

### Key dates coming up:

Annual Membership due by: 30 September

Stallion Return due by: 30 April annually

AGM and Field day Waikato: 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Horse Registration due by: 31 July post foaling

If you have any agenda items for next year's AGM, please start sending them through to me.

The society has limited (3 copies left) stock of the History of Clydesdales in New Zealand book. Pricing is \$65 including P&P.

The society also has studbooks for sale, with now limited supply of some volumes. Volume 36 to 41 and some other older volumes are available.

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### Front cover photo

Kia Kaha Matilda and Secret Falls Mally

Please send me your, orders, local show entry forms, results, and photos.

I hope to see you all at some of our upcoming events and if I can be of any assistance feel free to contact me.

Hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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## The White Horse Monument

The White Horse monument is a commemoration of the work done by the Clydesdales in the agricultural development of Waimate.

The Horse was made from 1,220 concrete slabs with the head being over 2½ tonne.

The monument was the inspiration of Mr Norman Hayman and modelled on the Whitehorse of England.

The cairn erected above the concrete horse at Centrewood Park was unveiled on October 19th, 1968 by the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable B.E. Talboys.



## 2022 CLYDESDALE AGM & TOUR TIMARU

The Conference was held at the Grosvenor Hotel in Timaru – an interesting mixture of old and new in the hotel with some of the owner's somewhat eclectic art collection on display. The hotel would have been built in the 1920's or 30's and was currently undergoing exterior and interior refurbishment with scaffolding covering the front façade.

Inside, the foyer still had the high ceiling and beautiful ornate plaster work with very modern light fittings. Unfortunately, the breakfast room and the conference and dining rooms had been 'modernised' with lowered ceilings and no character. The bar was still fairly original, with more paintings. No doubt Health and Safety had had a role in the decision to upgrade in and out. The food was good and plentiful.

The Council Meeting and AGM did not seem to have any major discord.

The **AGM speakers** were Lara Welsh, Marketing and Promotions Officer, Waimate District Council and Michelle Jones, Project Manager, who gave a presentation about the Council's proposal to rebrand the Waimate District with the Clydesdale horse.

### Objectives

To transition away from "Wallaby Country" status by realigning the district with the Clydesdale horse. The horse theme is appropriate as Waimate has a strong equestrian scene. The South Canterbury A & P showgrounds are a hub for many high level equestrian events; the district has a rodeo club, pony club and hunt club, as well as the proposed White Horse Exhibition Centre

### Possible Projects

- district entrances Possibly a Drawing of horse pulling a log at each entrance.
- Clydie Clan trail
- Mega Horse
- Belle
- Sitting horse

The aim is to stimulate growth within the district with exciting, unique attractions for visitors.

Increase visitation to Waimate (boost local economy).  
Raise the profile of Waimate District (unique attractions).  
The White Horse Monument & Development: - The Clydesdale horse was instrumental in the development of farmland in Waimate district – monument erected in 1968 as tribute to working horse. Lately, the white horse monument has been resurfaced with viewing platforms, and extensively landscaped and also includes picnic areas

Waimate is hoping to draw from this to continue the Clydesdale theme in the district.

Dinner in the evening was a buffet held at the Grosvenor Hotel where we were staying. A very nice meal.

## Saturday Bus Trip

A fine start to the day as we boarded the bus for our drive to the Fairlie Heritage Museum. This has a good number of exhibits household and agricultural with lots of horse drawn equipment including a Cobb and Co coach which we were fortunate to see in action with a team from Erewhon Station driven by Erin.



The offside coach horses – wheel horse is Erewhon Lydia, and the lead is Erewhon Ben – both by Box Valley Scania



Patently waiting for the finish of the rides are Richie Smith and Maisie.



The man holding the pink book is Gary Kerr, from the original family that had the coach. The baby on his dad's lap in the front seat is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation.



Donnybrook Connor retired to riding with Susie Izard. He was very cross at not being a team horse still, when the wagon drove past.



The child on the horse being led by Susie Izard is Lucy Lewis. The gelding is Ashtencroft Raine a.k.a Billy. Known to be always a quiet horse.



Rebecca Stewart and Erewhon McKenzie also gave rides



Mares: Bay - Ashtencroft Winter Rose by Ashtencroft Trojan;  
Roan - Bencurren MacKenzie Bess by Erewhon Murphy



Background is mare Glen Lie Rebecca by Narioka Vagabond out of Glen Lie Kim, with her gelded foal Silverstream Basil by Duneske Regal Gift.



Old Aulsebrook's biscuit tin in the museum



One of John Cottles old team horses.



Mural on the Museum wall. Bloke on the right has a distinct likeness to Jim Cook!

Part of the Fairlie Museum was Joesph Binney's forge in 1887  
Now the French cafe



Alan Vliet Vleiland looks on while Duncan Cottle demonstrates using the power hammer.



"Desire" owned by Andrew Grant, Fairlie.  
Champion Hastings Royal Show, 1930.  
Photo in Museum



New dray saddle made by Duncan to match an existing saddle.

## Afternoon at Cottle's Farm and Forge

When we arrived the team horses were waiting in the stable. John said sadly that they had not been used as a team for about a year. The chaff cutter was in operation to give them a feed.

He had a horse set up in a swingletree with pulleys – a device to teach a horse to “drive into” its collar without it associating it with being a punishment. He quoted Bob McConachy as saying “a horse pulls with its head” You teach them to yield to pressure but may be confusing later on if you want it to go into its collar.



▲ John talking to Bruce Holden about the system.

We went out to see the shoeing stocks built by John and Duncan. They were very solid and engendered much interest by those present several of whom had not heard of stocks.



▲ “Stocks – horse can’t damage itself or you.” – John Cottle



▲ Cottle's pet foxy



▲ Some of the tools at the forge

Some facts about the Cottle property. The acreage has been increased to about 900 acres with the purchase of more land from a neighbour three years ago.

Son, Hamish, runs the farm. He has a Texel sheep stud and they also run 250 sows. The pigs are slaughtered at Harris Meats at Cheviot and the meat is sold by Neat Meats in Auckland. The pigs are all run in a free range situation.

Duncan does saddlery and makes furniture for harness in the forge.

Society President, Steve Muggeridge, thanked the Cottles for showing us their set up and the horses.

Back on the bus to return to the hotel. We passed a large reservoir on the right. As we drove through Beaconsfield there were lovely rolling hills with views of the sea in the distance.

Dinner was at a local bar and restaurant.

While some left that evening there was still a good crowd at breakfast at the hotel the next morning. A great few days.

**Note:** Photos all taken by Helen McKenzie / Warwick Potts.

# THE CHALLENGES OF RAISING A PREMATURE FOAL

By Dr Jacquie Lorenz (Pryce)

Early last September, without any warning signs, one of our mares delivered her foal at 304 days of gestation, nearly 6 weeks early. Miraculously, it survived birth, with the mare in a mob of horses and restricted on a “break” with electric fences, at the time.

According to literature foals born before 320 days gestation are deemed to be premature and if delivered before 300 days, the chances of survival are nil.

Premature foals, struggle to survive because of their immature respiratory, digestive and musculo-skeletal systems. Poorly developed lung function usually results in hypoxia (a lack of oxygen) and consequently some degree of brain damage; digestion of milk is compromised due to the immature digestive tract and then there is the inability to suckle due to the size and muscle weakness.

Our filly foal was very small, poorly muscled, with a short hair coat, less than 9hh and no more than 40kg live weight.

At birth, a normal foal should be about 10% of the mare’s body weight and 60% of her mature height.



## Day 1

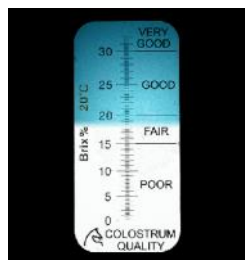
But despite all that, she was very bright and alert with pink mucous membranes and breathing effortlessly. However, with her poorly developed musculature, she was unable to get up despite numerous attempts. Once lifted onto her feet, she could support her own weight.

The early arrival of this foal presented a series of challenges and consequently several complications which I would like to share.

### ● Colostrum intake

Mares giving birth prematurely do not produce colostrum and may not lactate properly, if at all!

The absorption of maternal antibodies from the colostrum conveys passive immunity to the newborn for the first 2-3 months of its life. Absorption rate is highest in the first 6 hours, quickly declining to zero by 24 hrs after birth. The quality of the colostrum can easily be measured using a “Brix” refractometer, which can be purchased for around \$40.



Current vaccinations, adequate selenium levels and general good health of the mare are vital for good antibodies levels in colostrum.

Foals need 1-2l of good colostrum to get sufficient antibodies. A blood test in the first 24 hrs can determine whether the foal has received adequate colostrum.

Not surprisingly, our mare barely had an udder, only containing about 1/2 cup of watery liquid. Fortunately, we had several batches of colostrum in the freezer.

Because the foal couldn’t suckle properly, the risk of inhalation pneumonia and wasting this precious colostrum was too great, so she received it via stomach tube.

It's a good insurance policy to milk out and freeze surplus colostrum. It can be kept for up to 2 years although it's better to be used within 12 months. Carefully thawing colostrum in a tepid water bath is crucial to preserve the vital antibodies. Microwaving ruins colostrum.

Only equine colostrum contains the specific antibodies that can be absorbed and confer immunity.

### ● **Feeding and supplementing the foal.**

Not only is the texture and shape of mare's teats quite different from that of cows' or ewes', but also the way the foal suckles. So, it is not surprising that foals don't easily accept a calf, lamb or baby teat.

With a premature foal this is even more of a problem as they don't have a well-developed suckling reflex and getting it to drink is quite a challenge.

So, I came up with my own design, by cutting a piece of household sponge and sculpturing it into the shape of a mare's teat. A slit was made in the centre, just long enough to fit over a lamb teat, as well as a groove at the base, to fasten it to the teat using a rubber band.

This worked extremely well. The tip of the sponge soaked up the milk oozing from the lamb's teat and the foal suckled on it very willingly and efficiently, whilst reducing the risk of inhalation of the milk.



### ● **Getting the mare to lactate**

Adequate feeding is crucial to maximize milk production, especially with poor udder development. Clydesdale mares can produce up to 40 litres of milk. For optimal lactation they need about 2% of their body weight in feed. Good quality pasture ad lib, together with 1-2kg of concentrate and a mineral supplement will give the mare every opportunity to lactate to her full potential.

The transition from the pregnant brood mare diet to that of the lactating mare needs to be gradual over a week, to reduce the risk of laminitis and foal scours.

Offering our mare plenty of feed and stripping the udder every few hours, both the volume and quality of milk quickly increased over the next 36 hours, to the extent that she could nourish and raise the foal.

### ● **General care of the premature foal**

Premature foals have a sparse coat and little or no body fat.

In addition, the thermo-regulatory mechanisms (e.g. shivering and sweating) in all new born animals are poorly developed, which puts them at risk of hypothermia and overheating.

Our foal covers were far too big for this small creature, and so we used our Dobermans coats, which fitted her perfectly and kept her warm and dry.

But with her countless attempts to get up, the surcingles crossing over under the belly, rubbed the umbilical stump, opening up the urachus (connection between the foetal bladder and placenta). Consequently, she started urinating through the navel and developed a bladder infection.

After a course of penicillin and treating the inflamed stump with an iodine ointment twice daily for a week, it healed over, and she was able to urinate through the urethra again.

A well fitted foal cover with a broad belly band, offers good protection from the elements and allows the foal to conserve energy but it needs to be monitored daily for possible overheating, skin infections (dermatophilus) and friction rubs.

For the first two days we had to stand the foal up regularly throughout the day. But with each feed she gained strength and by day three she managed to get up on her own, reach the teat and feed off the mare. But unfortunately, her determination to get up on her own, caused friction rubs on all the points of her limbs and the brisket. These now needed dressing every day with an antibiotic cream

Otherwise, this little survivor, was thriving with good weight gain.

### ***Day 3 ➤***

Premature foals have a high incidence of musculo-skeletal problems, as a result of weak joints, tendons and a lack of muscle tone. This in conjunction with insufficient ossification, can lead to crush injuries of the carpal and tarsal bones and permanent damage to these joints.



Physical therapy to assist standing, restricting exercise, as well as cast and splints may be necessary to manage these potential complications.



And so, a week later the next problem appeared, varus deviation or outward bowing of both carpi.

### ***◀ 9 days old***

After a lot of research and speaking to my equine colleagues, we decided against splinting or casting the limbs, due to the risk of additional complications (e.g. pressure sores, infection, misadventure) and opted for conservative treatment.

We restricted the foal's movement and exercise by keeping the mare confined in 4m x 4m "breaks", shifting them multiple times a day and increasing her concentrate and silage. This worked extremely well and 12 days later the legs had strengthened up and straightened.

### ***3 weeks old ➤***



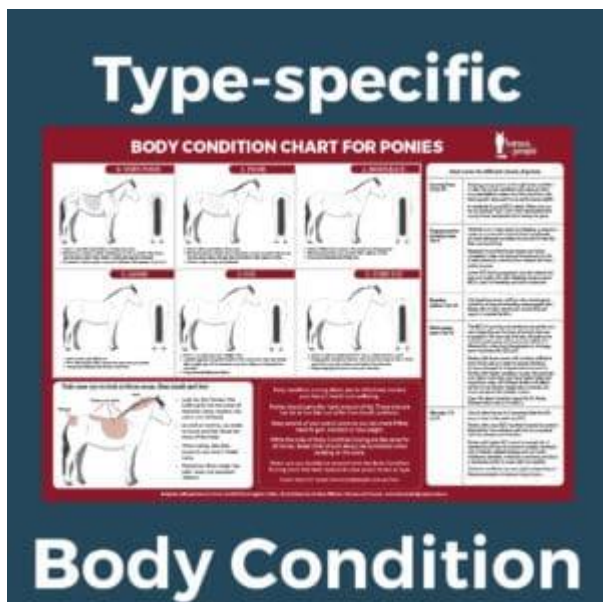
But during this time of forced rest, she also made significant weight gains. This, together with more freedom to move around, put increasing pressure on the immature carpal bones ultimately leading to trauma and painful inflammation of both joints. So, we started giving her glucosamine drenches, intermittent courses of anti-inflammatories, as well as weekly Pentosan injections to promote cartilage repair. To minimize the pain, she spent most of her time lying flat on her side and to get around, started swinging her legs from the shoulders. This resulted in the development of exaggerated pectoral and shoulder muscles, and she started to look like a bulldog!

The treatment was continued for 2 months. During this time the swelling gradually went down, and she became increasingly more mobile. However, it took several more weeks for the shoulder muscles to reduce and for her to regain a normal gait.

Astonishingly, she appears to have made a complete recovery, without any detectable abnormalities whatsoever! Well worth the stress, time, and effort.

### ***6 months old ➤***





## Body Condition Chart for Heavy Horses

**Body Condition Scoring is one of the most important skills for all horse owners. It is invaluable for monitoring the health and wellbeing of your horses.**

Although the way we score body condition is the same for all horses, certain breed traits should always be considered when deciding on the scores.

Heavy horse breeds have naturally crested necks, “apple bottoms” and well-sprung ribs that can deceive the eye and lead you to score your horse higher than you should.

This original chart, with text by Geraldine Chapman and illustrations by Cristina Wilkins, is based on the 5-point Carroll & Huntington scale (1988) and was approved by Peter Huntington before publishing.

<https://horsesandpeople.com.au/downloads/body-condition-chart-for-heavy-horses/>

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## Horse Health News:

Over the last few months, there have been concerns raised regarding equine infectious diseases within the Clydesdale community. In NZ, we have a couple of diseases which are endemic to NZ and many horses carry these diseases in their latent form. These include strangles, Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) and Leptospirosis. We have over 30 different exotic diseases, of which the NZ Equine Health Association (NZEHA) has mounted successful responses to, the most recent in 2020 when a case of Piroplasmiasis was found in NZ in an imported horse. Our veterinary team along with MPI work to monitor disease incidence around the world, and update import/export health standards appropriately. Part of being prepared for an equine disease threat is the identification and traceability of horses, as such NZEHA propose an Equine Identification and Traceability Database to allow us to be better prepared for a disease outbreak, where microchipping a horse, knowing the horses' habitual location and ownership details allows for a more efficient disease response.

The most important thing you can do as a horse owner is:

- Talk to your vet about vaccinations and preventative measures
- Keep up to date with disease information
- Monitor your horse for signs of illness
- Follow the steps outline in the “Code for the control of Equine Contagious Diseases” available on our website.
- Follow import procedures
- Contact your vet if you are concerned about a horse
- Phone the MPI hotline 0800 80 99 66

If you want more information please visit our website, Facebook page or email: [hillary@nzeha.org.nz](mailto:hillary@nzeha.org.nz)

# “Social License to Operate”, “Use vs Abuse”

These are just a few phrases you will hear being used in equine media topics these days. I can already hear you saying, “What on earth is Social License to Operate (SLO)?”

In terms of the equestrian world, having a Social License to Operate means that equestrian activities have society’s approval or acceptance to continue. (World Horse Welfare, 2022). To be able to maintain and strengthen our SLO, the equine industry needs to demonstrate optimal equine welfare, promoting both the physical and mental wellbeing of horses in whatever activity they participate in.

To promote optimal welfare everyone involved with horses needs to consider how they manage horses throughout their lifetime including: breeding, management, training, competition, retirement, and end of life care (World Horse Welfare, 2022).

Research undertaken by the FEI into the use of “Horses in sport” recently has shown that the equestrian community described horses as a partner, or family member, and very few people viewed them as livestock or working animals. Further, there was a strong belief that welfare standards need improving, and there were concerns regarding the welfare of horses used in sport. The top 3 concerns were:

- “the other 23 hours” (meaning the quality of a horse’s life when not working),
- “tack and equipment” (bits/bridles, spurs, noseband tightness, use of whips, draw reins etc.), and
- training and riding practices” (Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission, 2022)

Furthermore, the survey of public perception of horse use in sport, where nearly half the public had some experience with horses, showed that:

- 33% of people thought that horses either always or frequently liked being used for sport while 67% thought that they mostly did not enjoy this.
- 65% had concerns regarding the use of horses in sport, most concerns were around the horses’ welfare (wellbeing and how they are treated), and the horse’s safety (risk of injury)
- 52% believe that welfare standards need improving
- 47% believe that horses will continue to be used in sport but with modifications to welfare, while 11% thought it is not acceptable to involve horses in sport. (Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission, 2022).

Additional to this research, World Horse Welfare has just presented a conference focused on Use vs. Abuse, a concept which is thought to be very black and white, it is however blurry shades of grey in many circumstances. Click on the link below to view the Youtube video of this conference.

[World Horse Welfare Conference 2022 - When does use become abuse? - YouTube](#)

There is a useful presentation in there from Mark Wentin, chair of the European Horse Network, who presents on the working horse in Europe. While this focuses on light horses used in carriages for tourism, the care he details demonstrates the value placed on their working horses.

The challenge for us as a society, is to consider the use of our horses and promote the best welfare outcomes, in order to maintain our Social License to Operate!

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**Note:** the previous three articles were provided by Hillary Simmons

# Coldstream Jeannie – Broodmare Extraordinaire

*Photos thanks to Susan Butterick Kent, Fergus O'Connor and Helen McKenzie*

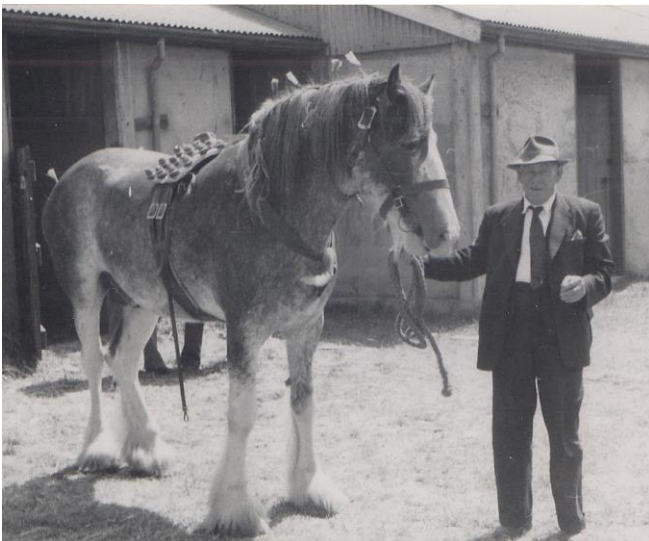


**Coldstream Jeannie** was bought by Russell Dalzell *in utero* at the dispersal of Charlie McCallum's Bath Farm stud in April 1972. She was born on 15 November, 1972. Jeannie went on to produce 12 registered foals for Russell & Joan, with many of them being successful broodmares and stallions.



◀ Jeannie's dam was [Bath Farm] **White Heather** (#10553) by Donnybrook Castle Island out of Duchess of Edinburgh

Jeannie's maternal Grandsire, **Donnybrook Castle Island** held by Mr D Gray ✓



Jeannie was by [Bath Farm] **Sandy Eirskine** (#4632) Sandy was about 16 this when photo taken. At age 19yrs, Sandy was exported to Australia in 1986. ✓



Jeannie's paternal grandsire was **Donside Hamish** (#4567) He was imported from Australia. Photo at age 13yrs. ✓



The first of Jeannie's foals was **Coldstream Craigie** by Craigie Ambassador, born in 1977. Craigie sired 2 registered fillies and 2 registered colts.

Her second foal was **Coldstream Fay** by Craigie Ambassador, born in 1978. Fay had 5 registered fillies & 3 colts ✓



Jeannie's third foal was **Coldstream Fiona** born in 1979 by Maxwellton Auchencraig. She was transferred in 1984 but not shown in the studbook after that.

The fourth foal was **Coldstream Bonnie Jean** by Maxwellton Auchencraig born in 1980. She was transferred in 1982. Not in studbook again.

Foal number five was **Coldstream White Heather** by Valmont Classic an Australian bred horse. Heather was born in 1981. Heather had 6 registered fillies and 1 colt.

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Jeannie's sixth foal was **Coldstream McGuinness** born in 1982. He was sold to Glen stud and went on to sire five registered fillies and one colt.

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**Photo:** Barbara Thomson

Foal number seven was **Coldstream McLeod** by Strathmore of Dumblayne, born in 1983. He was transferred in 1984 and there is no further record of him in the studbook.

There is no foal registered in 1984 so may have given Jeannie a break or something happened to any foal.

The eight foal was **Coldstream McAndrew** by Valmont Classic, born in 1985. He was transferred in 1986 and no further record of him in the stud book.

Foal number nine was **Coldstream McKenna** by Aarunga Duke, born in 1986. McKenna was exported to Australia in 1990. There is no progeny recorded in the NZ studbook. He sired 23 mares and 15 colts in Australia.▼



**Photo:** Barbara Thomson

Jeannie's tenth foal was **Coldstream Emma** by Valmont Classic, born in 1987. Emma was transferred in 1990. No progeny was ever recorded in the NZ studbook.

Foal number eleven was **Coldstream Jillie** by Valmont Craigie, born in 1989. She was transferred to Glen Lie stud in 1991; then to Millcreek stud and back to Glen Lie in 1999. Jillie had 6 registered fillies and 1 colt.▼



Foal number twelve was **Coldstream McCallum** by Aarunga Duke, born in 1991. He was sold to Mossdale Stud in 1992. He had 6 registered fillies and 6 colts.



## A Stroke of Luck

Two newly formed Tauranga studs' have come together in unlikely circumstances to produce a filly foal.

Bruce Polley of Secret Falls Stud and Brett Candy of Mountain Downs Stud are new Clydesdale breeders with their first foals being produced this season.

In 2019 I purchased Matilda from Paul Stroobant's Kia Kaha Stud. After being started in harness and a brief show career, she returned to Kia Kaha Stud to be served by the young sire Maungakura Lewis.

The following spring, Matilda duly produced a colt foal, while the prospect of her delivering a second foal the following season looked remote. Not only the covid 19 restrictions were in place, I was not willing to transport her new foal with her to a distant stallion. The only possibility was to use Brett Candy's stallion Aarunga Kuba who lived nearby at this Mountain Downs Stud. Due to off farm commitments and being very early in his stud establishment, Brett indicated to me he wasn't taking any outside mares in his first season.

A few weeks later after foaling, my partner Aly noticed Matilda was in season. This was the only time I have ever observed this. Aly insisted I contact Brett on the off chance he could have Matilda served by Kuba. So after a quick conversation with Brett over the phone, it was agreed to bring Matilda up to Mountain Downs. Brett informed me he had not been home for some time, and he only had two days available before he had to leave again for a lengthy period.

Not only that, but the stallion Kuba, who normally spent much of his time some distance from the service area, was currently in the yards. After having her foal separated from her, Matilda was begrudgingly put on the float, to be returned an hour later after a single serve.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October this year Matilda produced a good sized filly foal to be called Mally.

Sometimes things are just meant to be! Thanks Brett.

*Bruce Polley*



*Kia Kaha Matilda and Secret Falls Mally ▲*

*Bruce & Mally when a she's a bit older ▼*



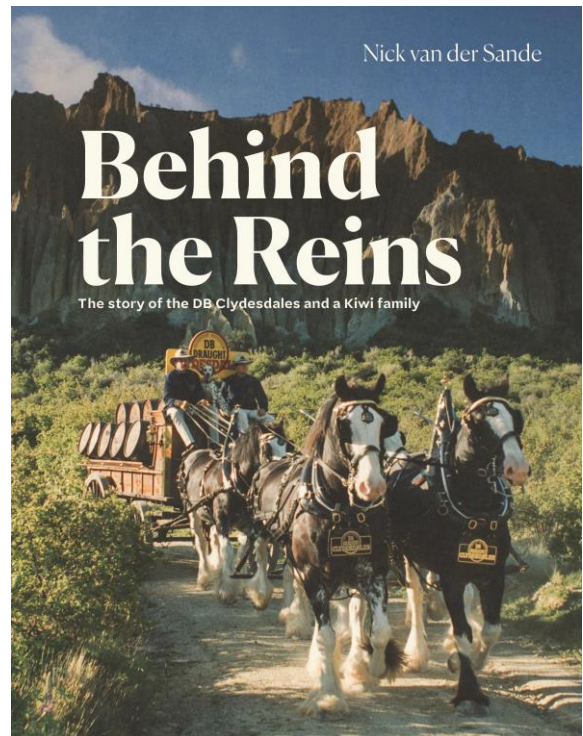
## A BIT OF HISTORY

### A Noted Clydesdale Sire Death of Baron Bold National Library Papers Past Otago Daily Times 2 August 2029

Clydesdale Breeders throughout Australia and New Zealand will not need to be told of the worth of the 26yr old sire, Baron bold, whose death occurred at the stud of Mr James Patrick, Waimate, this week. Baron Bold's stock is known almost wherever heavy horses are bred in New Zealand, and exhibitors of Clydesdales a decade ago will remember what a formidable opponent he was in past years in show rings from end to end of the South Island.

Baron Bold, who was by Baron's Pride out of a mare by MacGregor, was imported into Australia in utero, and was brought to New Zealand as a four-year-old by the late Mr J. R. MacKenzie, of Tapanui. Two years later he was purchased by Mr Patrick, who was then breeding on the Taieri Plains. Baron Bold stood on the plains until 1922, when his owner moved to Waimate. His death removes the last of the Baron's Pride strain in New Zealand.

The record of this horse as a breeder and a show animal has been such as to warrant particular mention. Mares by him are to be found in all parts of the country, and are renowned for their breeding qualities, while a great many of the best geldings in Dunedin today can be numbered among his progeny. In the show ring Baron Bold was beaten only once, the occasion being the Oamaru show when Baron Fyvie was placed first and Black Douglas second. Baron Bold's third award created such a stir that it was regarded as the best advertisement he ever had. At Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill he always secured the supreme awards, right up until 1917, which was the last year in which he was shown. His list of cups and medals is one that speaks eloquently of his outstanding quality. Old age was the cause of death, his teeth having gone completely, but he carried on the traditions of his equally noted sire, Baron's Pride who died at the age of 22. Last season Baron Bold served as many as 35 mares.



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