

# Sir Tristram at Lake Karapiro

By Philip Quay, Photo by Jenny Kain

A who's who of the Waikato racing fraternity as well as the Cambridge and Matamata communities and media were present for the launch of the Sir Tristram Room at Lake Karapiro Lodge recently. The luxurious room at the five-star Lake Karapiro Lodge was befittingly named in honour of the great champion sire Sir Tristram who created a benchmark of success for all thoroughbred sires in the southern hemisphere. During the height of his stud career Sir Tristram sired a long list of major race winners around the world. Sir Tristram is the sire of over 140 individual stakes winners, including the Melbourne Cup winners Gurner's Lane (1982), Empire Rose (1988), and Brew (2000). He is also the broodmare sire of over 200 stakes winners, including Melbourne Cup winners Saintly, and Ethereal, and has earned himself a reputation as a sire of sires. His sire sons include Zabeel (Champion Sire of horses such as Octagonal and Might And Power, Marauding, Dr Grace and Grosvenor.

Lake Karapiro Lodge joined forces with Cambridge-based Jardine Bloodstock Limited for the launch of the room which was officially opened by Sir Patrick Hogan of Cambridge Stud - the home of Sir Tristram throughout his illustrious stud career. Sir Patrick Hogan has kindly loaned one of his favourite pictures of Sir Tristram for display in the room and he also donated one of the last shoes used by Sir Tristram to Lake Karapiro Lodge to be on show to guests in the room. Sir Patrick said he was honoured by the decision of Lake Karapiro Lodge to name one of their elite rooms after Sir Tristram, who he affectionately called "Paddy". "Lake Karapiro Lodge is well situated between Matamata and Cambridge which are right in the heart of the New Zealand thoroughbred industry and both are towns which benefitted immensely through the success of Sir Tristram," Sir Patrick Hogan. "There is no doubt Lake Karapiro Lodge is a beautiful place in a picturesque part of the Waikato and



I will be recommending people to stay here," Sir Patrick said. Michael Head, marketing manager at Lake Karapiro Lodge, said the function was a huge success. "Lake Karapiro Lodge is committed to supporting the New Zealand racing industry," said Head. Sally Copeland, manager of Jardine Bloodstock Insurance, agreed the cocktail party was a successful promotion. At the function Jardine Bloodstock, a division of Jardine

Lloyd New Zealand Limited, launched a new foal promotion in conjunction with Pacific Blue and Mari Court Resort in Surfers Paradise. Anyone who insures their horse foal with Jardine Bloodstock between 24 hours of age to 7 days old will go into the draw to win two return tickets to Brisbane and five nights at the Mari Court Resort on the beautiful Gold Coast. The promotion starts now and runs until 31 January 2010.

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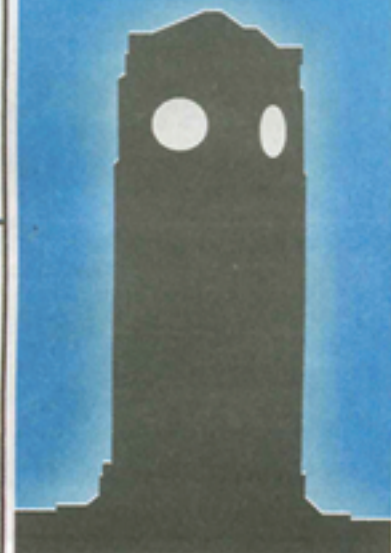


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