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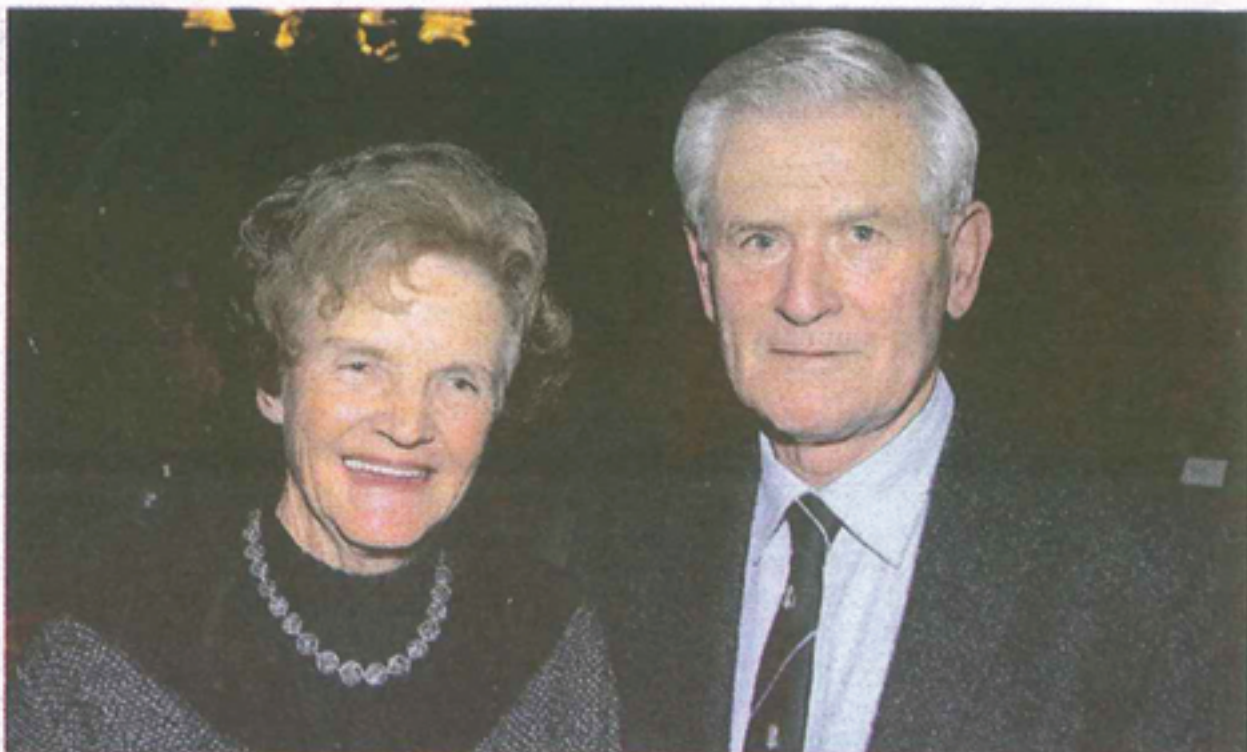
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Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan were the guests of honour at Lake Karapiro Lodge at the official opening of the Sir Tristram Room on July 17.

Sir Patrick opens Sir Tristram room

By KATRINA LINTONBON

The stars of the local equine world were out at Lake Karapiro Lodge on July 17.

The evening was organised by Jardine Bloodstock Insurance to recognise the commencement of the horse breeding season.

What will be formally known as the Sir Tristram Room at the luxury resort was also officially opened on the night.

Guests of honour included Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan, Matamata-Piako District Mayor Hugh Vercoe, Waipa District Mayor Alan Livingston and National MP for Hamilton West Tim Macindoe.

They were joined by more than 100 other guests who were there to mark the occasion.

Sir Patrick gifted a framed portrait of his beloved Sir Tristram to Lake Karapiro Lodge.

The portrait will take pride of place in the Sir Tristram Room alongside a golden Sir Tristram horseshoe which was also given to the lodge.

Sir Patrick shared his story about having faith in a horse that nobody else wanted.

That horse, Sir Tristram, became the multiple champion sire of Australasia with a record of 45 Group One winners.

"Sir Tristram was a horse that no one wanted to buy. He was an icon. His name was Paddy and it always will be," Sir Patrick said.

"I'm proud and honoured to have a room named after him."

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Mayors and MPs: Matamata-Piako District Mayor Hugh Vercoe, Waipa District Mayor Alan Livingstone and National MP for Hamilton West Tim Macindoe.



All smiles: Margot Calder, Helen Moran and Andrea Ward.

Photos: ANN HUSTON

Melbourne Cup celebration details revealed

The Cambridge Village Green will be transformed into the lush world which is the Melbourne Cup.

The next best thing to actually being there; this beautiful site is to feature an enormous screen displaying live Melbourne Cup races, on-site TAB for punters to test their luck, Fashions in the Field (supporting the CatWalk Trust), local celebrities, family entertainment, live music and of course corporate and public raceday nibbles and drinks, alongside popular picnic areas.

"We want this to be an event where anyone can join in and celebrate Cambridge and its connections to the Melbourne Cup," said First Tuesday Trust chairman Noel Power.

"From racing enthusiasts to families and tourists; this is a true regional event. We're extremely excited about the potential for

it to grow into a full week of activities and events in the future and hope it will encourage other equestrian groups to become involved, perhaps making this a national event."

Among the activities planned, the Cambridge Town Hall will undergo a transformation, becoming a Melbourne Cup Museum for

the week - with original Melbourne Cups and associated memorabilia on display, kindly loaned from local and national collections.

Cambridge is the proven breeding ground of more Melbourne Cup winners than any other area of Australia and New Zealand. Trelawney Stud has bred seven winners and Mayor Alan Livingstone hopes the community will rally behind the event and celebrate this unique facet of Cambridge.

More exciting announcements regarding Cambridge Melbourne Cup Event will be made closer to the official event.

The First Tuesday Trust (www.firsttuesday.co.nz) has chosen The Catwalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust as its designated charity for the Cambridge Melbourne Cup Event.

"The CatWalk Trust is delighted to have been invited to join forces with the First Tuesday Charitable Trust for its inaugural Melbourne Cup Celebration," said Trust manager Meg Speirs.

"Sport related accidents account for the second highest percentage of new spinal cord injuries in New Zealand each year (second only to motor vehicle accidents). Of this group, horse riding consistently rates as one of the highest offenders.

"The Cambridge festivity promises to be to be a day full of entertainment, colour, glamour and most importantly, racing! Not only will the day provide punters with the chance to experience Melbourne Cup fever at its very best, it will also allow CatWalk the opportunity to spread the word about the need to find a cure for spinal cord injury and our goal to make wheelchairs a thing of the past... it's not a matter of if, but when."

Mr Quay said this was the start of an iconic event.

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