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## *Blast from the Past – Splashing Out*

### Shopaholic Makes Big Splash on Debut

The WS bred and raced **Pins** filly **Shopaholic** made a big splash on debut in Australia on Wednesday.

The Danny O'Brien tutored 3YO was sent out the \$4.10 favourite, and duly rewarded this estimation with a gutsy inside rail performance.

*"She showed a beautiful turn of foot when I needed it at the top of the straight. She's not very big but she's got a lot of determination,"* said jockey Dwayne Dunn of the gritty short ½ head winner.

**Shopaholic** has won two from five and is out of Waikato's black-type racemare **Splashing Out** (pictured above), an O'Reilly mare known only too well by O'Brien.

O'Brien trained **Splashing Out** to G3 glory in the **Thoroughbred Club Stakes (1600m)** at Caulfield – a race that he now has in mind for **Shopaholic** in a fortnight's time.

*"She's a very genuine filly and you only get the one chance as a 3YO filly to run in these sorts of races,"* said O'Brien.

### Fact

**Pins x O'Reilly mare cross = 74.2%** Winners-to-Runners, **12.9%** Stakes Winners-to-Runners.

# Savabeel Notches 10<sup>th</sup> Stakes Winner

**Savabeel** notched **Stakes Winner # 10** thanks to the superb effort of the Bill and Jim Gartshore bred galloper **Strike The Stars** last weekend.

**Strike The Stars'** victory in the **G3 Gloaming Stakes (1800m)** not only propelled the **Zabeel** sire into double figure stakes winner standings, but took his overall winners tally to **100**.

What's more, **Strike The Stars** could potentially represent **G1** winner #2 for **Savabeel** should the **G1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)** mission assigned by trainer Anthony Cummings all run to plan.

## WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
<b>SOCIETY LADY</b> 08f O'Reilly x Logical Lady by Sound Reason	Listed Soliloquy Stakes (1400m)	ARC	7	3:26pm
<b>ROSIE'S REVENGE</b> 08f O'Reilly x Timamou by Deputy Governor	Listed Soliloquy Stakes (1400m)	ARC	7	3:26pm
<b>THE CLAWS ARE OUT</b> 08f Scaredee Cat x Spandex by Tights	Listed Soliloquy Stakes (1400m)	ARC	7	3:26pm

## Gr 1 Goal for Belle Vida

**No Excuse Needed's** highly regarded daughter **Belle Vida** is on a mission to avenge a **G1** defeat suffered by her mother during her racing days.

The last start winner is being set for the **New Zealand 1000 Guineas**, a Riccarton classic that her dam **Kainui Belle** finished second in to **Taatletail** in 2003.

"That's what we're aiming for so we'll be heading that way and fill in the gaps between," said Wayne Hillis who prepares the filly with wife Vanessa.

## Notes this Week

- *Shamrock Crowned Champion Australian 3YO Filly (click here for more)*
- *Strike The Stars in line for G1 honours (click here for more)*
- *Heels does Ungaro proud (click here for more)*
- *Gartshore brothers strike 1st stakes winner (click here for more)*
- *Winning return for Lady Kipling (click here for more)*
- *G1 goal for Belle Vida (click here for more)*
- *Trendy makes winning statement (click here for more)*

## Mark's Mail



Congratulations to Tauranga brothers Bill and Jim Gartshore this week. They've now bred their first Stakes Winner in the shape of the very smart galloper, **Strike The Stars**.

Not only do they have something to look forward to with him, but with the full brother going to the Yearling Sales in 2012 and with his **Pins** half-sister born Wednesday also.

Tip of the week: **Somepin Anypin** in the 5<sup>th</sup> at Rosehill (Sat, 5:20pm NZ time). If the gates open properly this time, he should have every chance of winning, just as his sister **Heels** did on debut earlier this week.

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