



# LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## ORDER OF AUSTRALIA FOR TOOWOOMBA

Congratulations to Neville Stewart, Toowoomba Turf Club chairman, on the wonderful recognition of receiving an Order of Australia Medal for his commitment to the thoroughbred horse racing industry.

## PETER MOVES TO VICTORIA

There was sadness, pizzas and a long-awaited tasting of Nick's special home brewed beer in the Sydney office as LTG farewelled Peter Orinuella, our Victorian Operations Manager.

Peter's not gone far though – he's relocated to our new Melbourne office at the back of Flemington, where he'll be able to work more closely with our customers, drivers and our State Manager, Lachlan Ford.

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For transport options for this year's upcoming breeding season, please call Lachlan Ford on 0448 295 865.

## NEW STALLION STANDING AT DARLEY

Early indications are that Darley's new stallion Gonski, will be busy in the upcoming breeding season. With an imposing physique, Gonski will be a first season stallion standing at the picturesque Darley property in Victoria, leaving behind a race career that saw him win \$185,000 in just eight race starts.

Also news from Darley is that strong support continues for the undefeated son of Zabeel, Reset, whose progeny averaged \$134,000 at the 2007 Magic Millions Sale on the Gold Coast in January. With American Group 1 winner Consolidator and UK Group 1 winner Dubai Destination also in their ranks, it is exciting times ahead. Visit their website at [www.darley.com.au](http://www.darley.com.au)

## STAFF PROFILE

Graeme Walker



- *Role at LTG:*  
Driver/Horse Handler, Scone.
- *How long have you been working at LTG?*  
About 4 months.
- *What are your hobbies outside work?*  
Junior sport (rugby league), gardening, and studying.
- *What is your favourite holiday destination, and why?*  
Anywhere with amusement parks, because I like the adrenaline rush!

## EASTER EXCITEMENT

It all begins on March 31! There are a huge number of horses to be moved from around the state in and out of Sydney for the Easter Sales.

The Scone area has provided a large percentage of the yearling catalogue with the weanlings and mares coming from all States. Once again there are some beautifully bred yearlings, weanlings and mares on offer which should make for another record week. LTG will be well represented at both sales and will have a number of trucks on stand by to move the sold horses straight from the sales to their new homes. See you there!

## EMERALD THOROUGHBREDS

One of the racing and breeding industry's great contributors, Bill Benson, has built an excellent business and had a great time doing it!! Bill's company, Emerald Thoroughbreds, has ownership in over 150 horses and owns two beautiful properties – Haliburton (along the Hawkesbury River at Gunderman) and Emerald Hills (Mandalong).

The company is expertly managed by Steve Donnison (Stud Manager) and Derek 'Bluey' Patterson (Yearling Manager). They have helped to transform the properties into fantastic breeding grounds. Wonderful successes over the last 12 months include the sale of a Pure Theatre (Swiss Cotton) colt for \$225K and a Redoute's Choice (Russian Flair) colt for \$425K at the Magic Millions Yearling sale in January. They recently sold the dam of Danehill Smile – Sly Smile (which had been purchased at the 2006 Inglis Easter Broodmare sale for \$16K).

Bill has been one of LTG's greatest supporters and, over the years, we have safely moved hundreds of Emerald Thoroughbreds' mares – many of them going to Oaklands Stud in Toowoomba where Pure Theatre stands (of which Bill owns a significant share).

Keep your eye out for two sensational looking fillies that Emerald Thoroughbreds are preparing for the Inglis Easter Yearling sale next month – Lot 24 (Commands / Accept) and Lot 179 (Red Ransom / Euphoria).

