

R E L E A S E

In support of what has been a most exciting thoroughbred racing season, the Wellington Racing Club and RACE Incorporated will pay tribute to some of these great gallopers with the inaugural "Salute to the Stars" raceday at Trentham on Saturday April 17.

"Great horses deserve to be championed and we are delighted and thrilled to have 10 races at Trentham named in honour of horses that have thrilled race-goers not just at Trentham but throughout New Zealand over the past 12 months or so," said Matt Reid, Chief Executive of RACE Inc. Mr Reid adds "This fantastic initiative was the product of passionate Wellington Racing Club committeeman Des Coppins, he came up with the concept approached the connections all of whom are happy to be involved".

Every race will be a Cup race and named after the stars Katie Lee, Zarzuela, Vosne Romanee, Wall Street, Keep the Peace, Military Move, Coup Align, Red Ruler, Mufasa and Tavistock.

Katie Lee, owned by Sir Patrick Hogan who just recently announced multiple group one winner Tavistock will stand at Cambridge Stud when the horse finishes racing, said he was pleased to see Trentham working hard on sound ideas and innovations to help build the excitement of a raceday.

Ian and Alana Smart of Alana Estate who race the triple group one winner Vosne Romanee thought the day was one that could be built on each year and hope to make it to Trentham for the day if they are not in Australia cheering their star on.

As part of the day the club will show most of the highlights on a big screen for Members and Public to enjoy, the registered colours of all the stars will be painted on shields surrounding the birdcage fence, coloured posters will feature on walls at Trentham and the winning connections of each cup race will be presented with an engraved Cup and a framed picture of their horse winning the event in the same frame as the star who the race is named for.

"It will give the owners a chance to dream that one day their horse may be as good as the horse sharing the picture of the Cup race their horse has just won," said Des Coppins.

Punters will not be left out either, with RACE Inc and the TAB offering some special prizes to some lucky patrons.

To further celebrate the occasion the Club has announced that the "Salute to the Stars" raceday will be free entry.

Salute to the Stars at Trentham, Saturday 17 April 2010

First race 11.20am

Strictly no BYO beverages

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