

## APG Yearlings v NZ Yearlings – How They Compare

For many years, there has been an incorrect perception amongst some buyers that NZ bred horses are somehow inherently superior to Australian bred horses.

The reality is that both countries produce some outstanding horses each year. In fact, when you look at some of the top pacers that have raced in Australia and New Zealand since 2000, you'll quickly see that the Australian horses are every bit the equal of their New Zealand counterparts.

Australian Bred		New Zealand Bred	
Name	Earnings	Name	Earnings
Blacks A Fake	\$3,084,431	Elsu	\$2,030,796
Shakamaker	\$2,229,634	Holmes D G	\$1,943,029
Flashing Red	\$2,000,502	Changeover	\$1,911,070
Be Good Johnny	\$1,480,984	Sokyola	\$1,890,990
Smooth Satin	\$1,428,490	Yulestar	\$1,859,227
Lombo Pocket Watch	\$1,401,568	Courage Under Fire	\$1,485,629
Tailamade Lombo	\$1,354,978	Christian Cullen	\$1,249,150
Double Identity	\$1,255,647	The Falcon Strike	\$1,224,094
Divisive	\$1,160,097	Baileys Dream	\$1,098,972
Slipnslide	\$1,132,346	Just An Excuse	\$1,035,068
Jofess	\$1,118,715	Young Rufus	\$1,032,264
Sting Lika Bee	\$1,038,631		

## APG v PGG - Same performance at a fraction of the price

While the Australian horses may perform just as well on the track as their New Zealand counterparts, this has not necessarily been reflected in yearling sale prices. In fact, year after year, New Zealand horses sell at a considerable premium to the Australian horses.

A detailed table comparing the prices and performances of the top 25 horses sold through both the APG sales and the PGG Wrightson sales in 2006 and 2007 is included below. In summary, the table shows:

	APG (\$AUD)	PGG (\$NZD)
<b>2007 Yearling Sales</b>		
Top 25 performers - Average Earnings*	\$77,000	\$70,000
Top 25 performers - Average Sales Price*	\$17,000	\$52,000
<b>2006 Yearling Sales</b>		
Top 25 performers - Average Earnings*	\$144,000	\$144,000
Top 25 performers - Average Sales Price*	\$18,000	\$37,000

\*Earnings as at the end of the 2007/8 season. All figures rounded to the nearest \$'000

Of course, the statistics are far worse for Australian buyers hoping to purchase a yearling at the New Zealand sales and then bring it back to Australia to race, because the earning potential of the New Zealand bred yearling is likely to be only a fraction of the Australian bred equivalent.

The New Zealand bred yearling will definitely not be eligible for the \$1.6 million APG race series, is almost certainly ineligible for any Australian Sires Stakes racing or Statebred bonus scheme and is also unlikely to be eligible to compete in the Bathurst Gold Crown.

To lend weight to the above argument, **there was not one single New Zealand bred horse amongst the richest forty two year olds in Australia last season.**

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## Comparison of APG & PGG Graduates from 2006 & 2007 Sales

APG - Leading 2007 Sales Graduates		
Name	Sales Price	Earnings
Keppel Bay	\$42,500	\$356,025
Bus To Harland	\$36,000	\$174,125
Shez Ryleymak	\$5,500	\$104,139
Fidelius Charm	\$10,000	\$103,983
Emjayem Grand	\$30,000	\$101,481
Karalta Crown	\$16,000	\$99,682
Garnet River	\$8,500	\$99,375
Super Falcon	\$5,000	\$98,765
Hilton Fly High	\$10,000	\$93,394
Runaway Red	\$27,000	\$85,825
Cody Maverick	\$16,500	\$78,762
Ghadasbest	\$13,000	\$70,100
Watch The Aces	\$37,000	\$66,715
Jennaleigh	\$26,000	\$62,495
Ball Dancer	\$37,000	\$58,744
Retained (TR)	\$19,000	\$45,031
Sandler	\$4,000	\$34,509
Sterita	\$15,000	\$31,160
Jilliby Kate	\$5,500	\$26,400
Royal Surprise	\$4,500	\$24,935
Hanginwiththestars (TR)	\$5,000	\$23,120
Arbit Candy	\$22,000	\$19,250
As It Is In Heaven	\$18,000	\$18,825
Davros Dream	\$4,000	\$18,513
Intimate Moments	\$4,000	\$18,190
<b>Averages (nearest \$'000)</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>

PGG - Leading 2007 Sales Graduates		
Name	Sales Price	Earnings
Highview Tommy	\$40,000	\$249,529
Tintin In America	\$42,500	\$182,619
Arden's Darlin	\$22,500	\$142,241
Stunnin Cullen	\$65,000	\$136,370
Laurella	\$75,000	\$121,627
Sir Clive	\$200,000	\$108,185
Arden Banner	\$55,000	\$101,052
Rona Lorraine	\$130,000	\$95,263
Twist N Shout	\$5,500	\$71,532
Rum Ball	\$26,000	\$66,601
Muscle And Power (TR)	\$60,000	\$62,800
Kobe Bryant	\$35,000	\$53,878
Beaudiene Bad Babe	\$20,000	\$50,465
Antares	\$74,000	\$45,789
Castletonian (TR)	\$6,000	\$38,463
He's My Hero	\$50,000	\$32,064
Soncerre	\$18,000	\$26,117
Delight Me	\$50,000	\$25,430
Hone Heke	\$50,000	\$24,323
Eye For An Eye	\$92,000	\$23,806
Myouri	\$20,000	\$22,340
Zenthura	\$47,000	\$19,602
Yankee Del	\$46,000	\$19,325
Hezanoperator	\$15,000	\$19,083
Mighty Creation	\$43,000	\$16,782
<b>Averages (nearest \$'000)</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>

APG - Leading 2006 Sales Graduates		
Name	Sales Price	Earnings
Kept For Pleasure	\$22,000	\$434,530
Maffioso	\$60,000	\$385,832
Staccato	\$38,000	\$356,070
Standelle	\$3,500	\$226,575
Magic Operative	\$13,000	\$215,765
Muscle Beach	\$28,000	\$186,000
Armida	\$20,000	\$159,285
Rohan Home	\$22,000	\$153,200
Misscilla	\$3,000	\$148,513
Heezgotattitude	\$25,000	\$122,680
Conrod Black	\$27,000	\$101,965
Dazed And Confused	\$9,000	\$101,144
Tipsy Tollgater	\$7,000	\$94,240
Watchmefella	\$11,000	\$93,195
Our Maid Marianne	\$30,000	\$81,913
Cat Bay	\$11,000	\$82,992
Smarty Jones	\$15,500	\$80,194
Same Action	\$5,000	\$80,654
Ima Miss Molly	\$15,000	\$77,828
Lady Lexus	\$17,000	\$77,375
Topnotch Dan	\$12,500	\$74,963
Left To Luck	\$3,500	\$68,791
Lombo Air Express	\$21,000	\$66,605
Sledging	\$25,000	\$64,119
Hirli Birli Lombo	\$9,000	\$63,866
<b>Averages (nearest \$'000)</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$144,000</b>

PGG - Leading 2006 Sales Graduates		
Name	Sales Price	Earnings
Fiery Falcon	\$5,500	\$533,786
Lizzie Maguire	\$60,000	\$420,772
Susie Maguire	\$21,000	\$290,784
Georgetown	\$16,000	\$256,499
Sovereignty (TR)	\$7,000	\$202,527
Steve McQueen	\$41,000	\$177,065
Justa Tiger	\$50,000	\$160,630
The Cavalier	\$53,000	\$135,180
Absolute Magic	\$100,000	\$121,056
Mattnamaras Band	\$36,000	\$112,944
Exotic Lover	\$62,000	\$110,336
Fight Fire With Fire	\$50,000	\$104,256
Cullen's Legacy	\$30,000	\$101,547
Natal Franco	\$26,000	\$92,734
Benny Mac	\$26,000	\$86,831
Strike Up The Band	\$50,000	\$86,185
Roman Conqueror	\$42,500	\$82,506
Franco Tetris	\$15,000	\$71,500
Lethal Rocket	\$28,000	\$70,938
De Gaulle (TR)	\$20,000	\$69,458
Cody Banks	\$26,000	\$68,926
Bettor's Strike	\$70,000	\$68,201
Roburascal	\$40,000	\$64,884
The Ultimate Galleon (TR)	\$40,000	\$63,573
Running On Time (TR)	\$9,500	\$58,166
<b>Averages (nearest \$'000)</b>	<b>\$37,000</b>	<b>\$144,000</b>