

Graham (Richie) has always had a love of horses, even as a young boy, he knew what he was destined to do, and over the last 20 years, he has trained over 500+ winners in New Zealand and Australia, with many of them being Group 1 to listed placings.



In 1978 Graham commenced his stable career working for Jim Gibbs (Shannon Lodge) where he worked 2 years gaining valuable work experience. He then worked for Laurie Laxon for 1 year in 1980. Graham decided then to travel overseas to gain experience in other businesses, only to return to his passion in 1983 where he worked for Mike Moroney for 12 years with the last 2 years being in partnership. During that time with Mike, "we had 186 winners before putting my own sign out on the gate, Richardson Racing Stables".

In 1989 Graham moved his stable to Shannon Lodge, formerly owned by trainer Jim Gibbs. The stable consisted of 40 boxes, 20 large paddocks, all post and rail fenced, a 10 horse walker machine, established trees and a relaxed atmosphere for the horses. The stables were also in close proximity to the Matamata racecourse where the horses were floated everyday. Since moving to the new complex on to the Matamata racecourse a year ago, we continue to utilise both properties to suit the individual needs of every horse.

An integral part of Grahams career was training in Australia, where he owned a satellite stable and property at Mornington in Melbourne, Australia. Based in New Zealand, the Australian stable operated for 5 years, "I believe that it was a very rewarding and successful experience". After 5 years of travelling back and forward across the Tasman, Graham decided to concentrate on building up his New Zealand stable. Having a young family with his wife Rochelle was a big factor in his decision to concentrate on his New Zealand stable, "home is home and where the heart is". "Training in Australia gave me the opportunity to see how the racing industry works over there and has given me a lot of contacts and great friends". His most memorable winners were It's Platonic (Summonds Cup), Masai (Pakenham Cup), Tobruk (Doomben Classic), British Ensign - just to name a few.

The stable in New Zealand has had many successes with horses such as: Kailey (G.1 Railway Hcp); Tobruk (G.1 Bayer Classic and Doomben Classic); Platonic (32 starts, 10-4-4, \$506,703.00 in prizemoney in Group and listed races; Masai (G.1 & G.2 placed); Fiorenza (won a G.2 and was placed in G.3 and Listed races; Rodrigo Rose (won a G.2, placed in G.1 and Listed races; Sista (won G.2 and Listed races) - and recently Italian Princess.

"I'm always on the look out for new owners, we are always finding new ways of advertising. We know how tough the game is and we want our owners to enjoy it. We are not a big stable and we are able to give the individual attention to each horse that it needs".

I look forward to developing a long standing relationship with my clients and pride myself on providing a professional service.

"Our goal is to keep both horse and owners happy and to hope that we can achieve the best result possible".