



PRIME MINISTER

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Gift Horse for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The Prime Minister said today that while The Queen was in Canberra the Australian-bred racehorse, which was the Australian people's gift to Her Majesty to commemorate the 25th anniversary of her reign and her Silver Jubilee visit to Australia, would be handed over.

In 1977, the year of the Silver Jubilee, it was announced that a racehorse would be bred here and, when ready for a racing career, would be sent to The Queen to race in Britain.

The Lindsay Park Stud in South Australia was given the task of breeding a number of highly credentialled foals to the sire "Without Fear" and with selecting a filly to be the Australian Silver Jubilee gift. As a result, a bay filly from the dam "Chulgin Princess" has been selected. It is aged two years and three months and has been bred to the northern hemisphere racing calendar so that it can race in Europe this year as a two year old. The filly will be flown to Britain later this month.

Her Majesty has expressed an interest in seeing the filly before it leaves for Britain and arrangements have been made for it to be formally handed over at Government House, Canberra on Monday 26 May.

The Prime Minister said also that the Government was greatly indebted to the Managing Director of Lindsay Park Stud Pty Ltd, Mr Colin Hayes, for the care and attention that he had given to this project. Colin Hayes is known in Australia as an outstanding breeder of racehorses. The filly selected, apart from its outstanding pedigree, is in first-class condition.

Background Note

The filly is a bay aged two years three months and has been bred to the northern hemisphere racing calendar, so that it can race in Europe this year as a two year old. Its sire is the leading sire "Without Fear" and its dam is "Chulgin Princess".

The pedigrees of both parents are quite outstanding and will be well known in European racing circles. The pedigrees include such notable horses as Baldric II, Round Table, Princequillo and Nasrullah on the sire's side, and on the dam's side, Ribot, Ruantallan, Star Kingdom and Wilkes.

Of the foals specially bred for this project, this particular filly proved to be the most outstanding athlete and the most likely to succeed as a racehorse. After her racing career is over she could become a highly rated brood mare.

It is expected the filly will be flown to Britain at the end of May. As yet, the filly is un-named but her pedigree has been given to The Queen who will choose a name for registration in the British Stud Book.
