

State-of-the-art horse complex for local trainer

Alan Biddick has been training horses for many years at the Takanini Training Centre, trucking his horses every day from East Tamaki, 10 kilometres away.

When the centre was closed to make way for the new Addison Subdivision, Alan then took his horses to Pukekohe Park Raceway, adding another 30 kilometres to his daily journey.

Travelling every day was hard work for him so he decided not only to minimise this, he also thought it was time to make a substantial investment, so he purchased a 12.5 acre property in Sydney Owen

Road, Karaka.

This was a good move as he was able to access Kim and Shaun Clotworthy's Byerly Park training track a few minutes away, 500 metres across the paddocks.

In August last year, Alan began building two American-style Kiwished stables, both of which hold 20 horses. One of the stables was completed by Christmas, with two bedroom accommodation included to house a young trainer, Steve Pinfold, who has come north from Central Districts to further his career.

"I have leased him half of the property, which includes the stables," says Alan who adds with a smile that Steve has "produced a few winners since the complex opened."

Alan is currently working on the interior of the second stable block. When this has been completed he will utilise part of the building for training his

own six horses, then leasing the remaining 14.

Both stables are 48 metres long by 12 metres wide with high centres and are lined with Colorsteel cladding. Wind extracting ventilators operate in the ceilings and there are also ventilators along the sides that provide an ideal environment for the horses.

Alan says he has been very happy with the overall result and pleased with Kiwisheds in what has been quite a difficult project.

"Kiwisheds' service has been very good and they were quick to remedy any problems that arose. Overall, I'm pretty pleased."

Spokesperson for Kiwisheds, Monique Gauld, says the state-of-the-art complex is just another example of Kiwisheds' flexibility of producing a facility that is a "little bit outside of the square."

"We enjoy the challenge of building something as different as Alan's stables complex," says Monique. For more information see details below.



The interior of the 20-horse stable showing the high centre.



Left: Alan Biddick (left) and Steve Pinfold in front of the first completed stable at Alan's complex in Karaka.



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