

Hidden Treasure

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In early October, the New Zealand showing community was shocked and saddened to hear that top show horse 'Hidden Treasure' (Turtle Bay x TB mare) had passed away suddenly.

This superstar and multi supreme park hack was originally owned by show rider, Dale Plumb, in Australia before being purchased as a 7 year old by the Duncan family and imported into New Zealand. The picture perfect bay gelding had an impeccable competition record, claiming countless championships and titles. He was initially campaigned by Shona Duncan, with much success, then daughter Kelsey took over the reins when she had outgrown the pony ring. It took only two seasons for her and Treasure to claim the 2009 Park Hack title at Horse of the Year, testament to the very close bond between rider and horse. The Duncans would like to thank all those

who have so kindly supported the family and especially Kelsey through this incredibly difficult time. "The messages and flowers received were very overwhelming and much appreciated"

Treasure was looking amazing and well into his training for the season and Werribee. We had only recently said that as a horse to manage in 7 years he had been so easy with never being unsound or unwell. So when something internal goes wrong suddenly like this, it is such an unbelievable shock. Kelsey had planned to retire Treasure after Horse of the Year this season but that was not meant to be.

The passing of this wonderful horse has left a massive hole not only for Kelsey and her family but also for the entire New Zealand show scene.

Rest in peace Treasure.