

Weekend @ Waikato

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Silent Achiever to Target Caulfield & Melbourne Cups

Kevin Hickman's Gr.1 winning O'Reilly mare **Silent Achiever** will target the **Caulfield** and **Melbourne Cups** this spring.

"It's a rarity for a New Zealand horse to meet all the qualifying criteria for these races at this early stage, but she already has," said trainer Roger James.

According to James, **Silent Achiever** is only just reaching maturity and should be ideally set for these Spring Carnival features.

"In my opinion, the early indication of her possible handicap sees her in at a favourable weight."

"There is no doubt her best runs were in the New Zealand Derby and in the BMW - which she missed by the barest of margins in but was attacking the line strongly. These were both mile and a half races."

"She is a lot stronger now than when she won the Derby and her dam is by Zabeel, so I see no reason why can't she run out two miles."

Waikato Stud Open Day

We'd like to welcome all breeders to our **Open Day** to be held on **Sunday, July 28th**, from **10am to 2pm**.

Come see the exciting new stallions **Ocean Park** and **Rock N Pop**, along with proven Group one sires **O'Reilly**, **Pins**, **Savabeel**, **No Excuse Needed**, **Fast'N'Famous** and young up-and-comer **Rios**.

All welcome!

Dates for the Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT	Location
7 July	-	HKJC Champion Awards	Sha Tin
20 July	-	Waikato Stud Opunake Cup	Taranaki
26 July	6:15	Waikato TBA G1 Dinner	SkyCity Hamilton
28 July	10am-2pm	Waikato Stud Open Day	Waikato Stud
2 Aug	-	Mixed Bloodstock Sale	Karaka, Auckland
15 Aug	6:00pm	NZ Racing Awards	Claudelands, Hamilton
19/20 Nov	-	NZB Ready To Run Sale	Karaka, Auckland

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SATURDAY			
RUNNER	RACE	LOCATION	TIME (NZ)
PIAZZA SAN PIETRO 07g Pins x Ascona by Grosvenor	Listed Winter Cup (2400m)	ATC	4:05pm
SUNDAY			
SPEEDY CAT 08g Scaredee Cat x Lane Cove by Magic of Sydney	Sgp-1 Patron's Bowl (1600m)	Kranji	7:55pm
MY PONY 06g O'Reilly x Golden Sparkle by Gold Brose	Listed Director's Cup (1500m)	Macau	9:45pm



Tweet of the Week



Andrew Bensley @AndrewBensley

22 Jun

Kiwi trainer Roger James has Silent Achiever back in work. After just failing in BMW, the mare will be aimed at Caulfield Cup. 2400 perfect.

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Sixty Seconds with... Roger James

It seemed only fitting that **Roger James** should be the first subject for our new 'Sixty Seconds With' section.

James trained the Gr.1 winning racemare **Sixty Seconds**, who as it happens was by Waikato's great sire **Centaine**.

Roger James	
Favourite Comfort Food:	<i>Pasta</i>
Favourite Thoroughbred:	<i>Silent Achiever at this stage, as I think she is only just reaching maturity and has a lot ahead of her.</i>
Book on the bedside table	<i>Sleepers (I normally try to stay with non-fiction)</i>
Currently looking forward to:	<i>Next season. I think I have as good - if not the best team, that I have ever had.</i>
Favourite TV Show:	<i>International Show Jumping – it all gets 'My Skyed' and watched.</i>
Concert you'd like to go to:	<i>Boyzone...when they were together.</i>
Person you admire:	<i>Every owner in NZ Racing at present for obvious reasons.</i>
What might you be doing if not racing:	<i>Pastry Chef.</i>
Defining Moment in Racing:	<i>In New Zealand, it was when I trained my first Gr.1 winner (Carson's Cash, Gr.1 Easter Hcp). It proved I could be competitive with the best. In Australia, it was when Cronus won the Adelaide Cup for the same reasons.</i>
What do you do to relax:	<i>Watching Show Jumping. I'm actually planning a trip to Aachen in Germany to go see the Show Jumping at the Festival of the Horse next June.</i>
Favourite Holiday Destination:	<i>Dream of going to the South of France. This is going to happen in the two weeks after Aachen next June.</i>

The Week in Polaroids



Mark Chittick on Trackside Show "Off The Track"



Pins poised for a second title as Champion Hong Kong Sire



PORTRAIT OF PINS
By Liam Costello-McVeigh (4 years)



WS mare Singasong realises 3rd winner with son Singing To Win



Ocean Park's dam Sayyida registers another winner with Lady Sayyida



WS co-bred galloper Speedy Cat shooting for Sgp-1 on Sunday.

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whats going on



Hope you like the new look **Weekend @ Waikato**. We will be fine-tuning it in the weeks ahead, so please feel free to give us your feedback.

As you saw above, the stud is having its **Open Day** on the **28th of July**. Plans are also in place for **Rock 'n' Pop** and **Ocean Park Open Days**. The dates for these are yet to be finalised. In the meantime, anyone wanting to come out and see stallions are more than welcome. We're very proud of what we can show off to you.

Right tip this week... **Iggi Pop**. It was a good run last start. Trainer John O'Shea has a high regard for the horse and it's a good omen that John and Isabelle are coming to the farm sometime next week.

Tip of the Week: Iggi Pop – ATC–Race 3 – 2:55pm–Saturday





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