

# Weekend @ Waikato

11 August 2017



**8 HOUR OLD COLT BY OCEAN PARK OUT OF LEGO – THE DAUGHTER OF DUAL G1 WINNER LEGS**



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# Career Opportunity

## MARKETING/BRAND & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Waikato Stud, New Zealand is a world renowned Thoroughbred nursery dedicated to the breeding, rearing and development of elite racehorses. We believe in sustainable growth through producing the highest quality product, innovative practices and simply being the best in our business.

An opportunity has arisen for an innovative Marketing / Brand and Communications Manager to join our senior management team.

Our brand carries decades of success and history and an undeniable association with quality and performance. The successful candidate will deliver strategic input and direction for our brand, and fit into our fun yet professional and rewarding environment.

This role will have a strong focus on the Waikato Stud Brand and Communication strategy and execution.

You will bring to the table innovative and contemporary thinking, think digital, think growth;

Be free to make this role your own; we are embarking on big projects that require big thinking;

Design and implement marketing initiatives that have a global reach;

Exceptional internal and external communication skills;

Demonstrated event management experience;

You will have a roll your sleeves up attitude (this is where the magic happens!)

These opportunities are few and far between, so if you have the personality, energy, stamina, passion and proven success with your Marketing career, don't delay apply today.

Only people with the right to work in NZ can apply, please send your resume and covering letter (highlighting your greatest career achievements to date) to:

**[careers@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:careers@waikatostud.co.nz)**



PINS

# RHYTHM TO SPARE

Trainer Mike Moroney is hopeful Rhythm To Spare (NZ) (Pins) will strike early during the Melbourne spring carnival, following the money spinner's impressive 2.5 length win at Flemington last Saturday.

Bred by Peter and Philip Vela, Rhythm to Spare was offered by Pencarrow Stud at the 2011 Premier Yearling Sale, selling on this occasion to Paul Moroney for \$100,000.

The 8yo gelding has now won 10 of his 42 career starts and has returned to A\$649,672 to owners R & C Legh Racing Pty Ltd, G G Ltd, Mr J O'neill, Carty Racing, Mr A Dunne, Mr M Pejic, Mrs J Pejic, Mr G Devonport, Mr B D Nettlefold, Mr G H K Murray, Miss K R Murray.

"We lost him a bit last preparation but he's back now and we'll go further into the spring," Mike Moroney said.



SAVABEEL

## BOBO SO CUTE

Listed Macau Gold Cup winner is back in action this weekend for trainer MC Tam.



O'REILLY

## CAMPARI

Stephen Marsh's highly regarded 3YO has the G1 NZ Guineas on the radar this season.



SAVABEEL

## SAMOVARE

G3 winner from WA steps out at Flemington for the Hayes/Dabernig camp on Saturday.



SAVABEEL

## SAFEER

Ricardo Le Grange-trained 3YO has made a promising start in Singapore, winning at just his second start there.



O'REILLY

## TAHI

Exciting youngster out of G1 racemare Glamour Puss will head to the races this week for Danny O'Brien.



SAVABEEL

## HASAHALO

Stephen McKee-trained stakes winner will resume in the Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders' Gold Trail Stakes.

FOAL  
GALLERY



8 hour old Ocean Park - Lego colt



7 day old Sacred Falls - Pinata filly



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# PEDIGREE POINTERS

## WITH GARETH DOWNEY



### The Special Connection

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Since the last edition of this column, Bobo So Cute has won the Macau Gold Cup. Scoring his 10th career victory and his 3rd at stakes level, this became the 27th stakes win for the progeny of Savabeel – from his 19 individual stakes winners – for the 2016/17 season. With his progeny achieving over \$11.6 Million in earnings, this was another stellar season for Savabeel.

In terms of a key factor to be found in the pedigree of Bobo So Cute, this was another example of the well-proven pedigree pattern achieved when duplicating the mare Special in a pedigree. Zabeel is out of a Nureyev mare, whilst the dam of Bobo So Cute is by Shinko King; whose own sire is Fairy King, the ¾ brother to Nureyev.

In order to highlight just how prolifically successful this pattern of duplicating Special has been, there have now been at least 25 multiple Gr.1 winners to carry this duplication. This collection of “Special” horses includes It’s A Dundee, Divine Proportions, Dancer’s



Daughter, Werther, Camelot, Campanologist, Whipper, Henrythenavigator, Serenade Rose, Lucia Valentina, Turn Me Loose, Happy Trails, El Condor Pasa, Debt Collector, Rip Van Winkle, Suavito, Immortal Verse, Global Glamour, Solzhenitsyn, Laverock, Oscar Performance, Workforce, Gabby’s Golden Gal, Wigmore Hall and Tarzino.

So, if you are wanting to design matings that achieve this high class pattern, you can do so by sending mares carrying Special to any of our stallions carrying that same wonderful mare. We have three stallions on our roster this year who carry Special – being Savabeel, Ocean Park and Tivaci. So, if you have a mare carrying Special anywhere in her pedigree, it would pay to give strong consideration to one of these stallions as your choice for her this season. Special has actually been such a prolific influence that she has so far had at least 11 stallion descendants who have sired at least one Gr.1 winner. These stallions are therefore the main ones to be looking for in the pedigree of your mare – being Nureyev, Sadler’s Wells, Fairy

King, Perugino, Tate Gallery, Jade Robbery, Numerous, Mellifont, Archipenko, Lizard Island and Blame.

If you have a mare carrying any of these stallions in her pedigree, and would like to discuss special mating options for this season, please do get in contact via either [gareth@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:gareth@waikatostud.co.nz) or 021 433 073. I look forward to discussing options with you.

## FREE MATING ANALYSIS TOOLS

CLICK ON THE ICON BUTTONS TO THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE HOW WELL YOUR MARE MIGHT SUIT ONE OF WAIKATO STUD’S RESIDENT STALLIONS...





My brief sojourn in the Hunter Valley caused me to pause and reflect on the current competition when attempting to secure a colt off the track to breed our precious band of broodmares to. I say precious not because of whatever their value may be, but because they are precious to us. They are the result of long term planning, significant culling, to arrive at the number we now breed. Culling is an ongoing challenge which we address as objectively as we can, but emotion plays a part. Many years ago when we arrived at Waikato Stud and merged our two broodmare bands, we decided on a number, resulting in around 20 mares being disposed of. The lesson learnt was always retain one of a family just in case. A reasonably young mare who was part of our going concern purchase left an Oaks winner and three others of those we culled left black print performers. So one of a family is often harder to replace than retain.



So you can imagine our concern when we mate our new stallion with our long established families. Our exposure requires us to try to secure a horse of our choice, not that we have any more divine intervention than others, but a belief is a good start.

So, where am I leading you to, just a reflection on how difficult this can be. The current value placed on sire prospects means you need to be very diligent with a touch of luck to find and secure at a price that enables a stallion owner to stay in business the horse who will have such a dramatic effect on one's broodmare band. You would think at current prices you would have time to reflect, not so, the market is so hot it really is not sensible, good luck to those selling, a buyer knows the initial excitement lasts only until the next announcement of the next infallible prospect is marketed.

Let's reflect on the last couple of seasons, it's a fair guess the 2016/17 second season sires cost around 160 million, now there is a couple of guesses involving horses retained by breeders, if you think I am exaggerating imagine had Sepoy been marketed. Apart from using him to whet your imagination no others will be named, that's not necessary; I am not a believer in the so called 1st and 2nd season sire results, seriously every year we have a new crop accordingly results should be measured against the whole spectrum of runners in that age group. Using these results the 160 million has 9 of the top 50 three year old sires with 3 in

the top 25 the leader being 9th. Am I stepping into deep water in raising these results of course not, it's there for all to see. In this game there is nowhere to hide, it is the ultimate in breeding you win or you don't.

I suppose it's all relative, when Agricola was syndicated at 1500 pounds for 40 shares Te Parae were the bravest breeders in Australasia, to follow that courageous purchase with Oncidium at 3000 dollars once again for 40 shares, they were the icons of the Southern Hemisphere. Oncidium won the Coronation Cup, a benchmark that Tom Williams said would be a minimum requirement for his replacement, well regretfully Oncidium passed away at 14 if my memory is correct, that year Bustino won the said Cup and was syndicated for 1.5 million pounds. I have always said ours is the only livestock breeding that truly reflects the depreciation in the value of the dollar. We have selected the horse we believe will take us forward; our criteria will be different to others, we had better be right as Tivaci will serve 50 of those precious mares bred over 40 years. It's not for the faint-hearted, but it is fun.

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# MARK'S MAIL

A social week on and off the farm with people from the industry internationally.

Caught up with all sorts in the Hawke's Bay, where we had a great time. Wishing everyone all the best for the Breeder of the Year, but did catch up with Goodwood Stud's Will Fell and what a wonderful year they have had as the breeders of the G1 NZ Derby and Rosehill Guineas winner Gingernuts, the G3 Desert Gold Stakes winner Nicoletta and the G3 Grand Prix Stakes winner Order Again.

We were paid a visit by Mitho, Doc. Lawler and Mick Price. Good to catch up with news from an Australian point of view.

Then onto a visit from New Zealand's Paul Lally and Australia's Ed Sadler, who are both involved with Hong Kong's Betting and Media Production. They are very positive about the results the New Zealand horses are having in Hong Kong.

Staff BBQ rained out this week but hopefully will get some good weather next week for this and for the foals arriving.

Angelique is looking into things outside of Waikato Stud. Therefore an advertisement for her job has been run this week. Ange has put in a massive effort in all aspects of Waikato Stud. This does create a space for what we consider to be a wonderful career opportunity.

As we are hopefully coming out of winter, the racing for spring and onwards starts to come into view. A few nice young fillies sent across the Tasman during the week, giving us plenty to look forward to.

Have a good weekend!

Mark.

