

Weekend @ Waikato

FIRST RUNNER FOR OCEAN PARK



This Saturday marks the exciting debut of **Ocean Park's** very first runner.

The landmark first runner **Beachwood** (pictured right) represented **Ocean Park's** first trial runner in perfect fashion recently, enabling trainer Brendon Hawtin a good deal of confidence heading into Saturday's contest at Wanganui.

"I'm really happy with him and wouldn't swap him for any other runner in the race," said Hawtin.

"He's a chip off the old block and is as tough as nails. He's done all this in his first prep. He hasn't been put under any pressure at any stage, but he has just kept taking the next step.

In addition to his trainer's favourable regard, **Beachwood** also gets conditions to suit on Saturday.

"He's drawn the bullet, which helps in these two-year-old races and will be able to follow the paint."



WS POINTS OF INTEREST

O'REILLY



BULLRUSH

- Points to exciting season with easy trial win [\[click here\]](#)

PINS



PACKING PINS

- Makes Hong Kong season debut Sat

OCEAN PARK



BEACHWOOD

- First runner Saturday for Ocean Park

SAVABEEL



KAWI

- Staged back-to-back Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes success upon season resume
- It was trainer Allan Sharrock's 3rd consecutive win in the race
- Savabeel took lead on all 3 major NZ Sire awards

ONLINE BROCHURE



BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY

	QUEEN OF ZEALAND 13f Savabeel x Queen of Pop	Listed O'Leary Stakes 1200m	Wang.	2:43pm
	BIT DUSTY 13g O'Reilly x Lightly Dusted	Gr.3 Ming Dynasty 1400m	NSW	3:20pm
	BELLADITA 13f Savabeel x Dita Von Teese	Listed Wanganui Guineas 1340m	Wang.	3:53pm
	CALLIDORA 13f Pins x Rockelle	Listed Wanganui Guineas 1340m	Wang.	3:53pm

OPINION PIECE

- WITH GARRY CHITTICK -

I need to be careful not to make this corner one that is difficult to dig out of.

Our market is Australia. We are exporting horses, trainers, jockeys and administrators.

What we are left with is a Racing Board whose first concern is their own well-being.

If you doubt me, go to their Annual Reports ([click here](#)).

From 2010 to 2015, the cost of personnel has increased by \$25 million.

The payout to the codes during the same period increased only 6 million.

Saturday stakes at Randwick - not even a major meeting I should add - averaged \$125,000 for a 9 race card. In contrast, at New Plymouth the average stake money for a 7 race card is \$28,000.

It's not me that needs digging out of a corner!



STALLIONS ON PARADE



Rios



Ocean Park



Rock n Pop



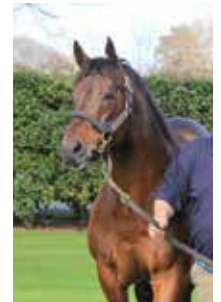
Pins



Savabeel



Sacred Falls



DAVO'S -TIP OF THE WEEK-

BEACHWOOD

- Saturday
- Race 1
- Wanganui
- Vespa Standing at Wellfield Lodge 2YO Juvenile Plate 790m
- 12:22pm

"One trial for one win and wasn't even geared up for it. Drawn the ace. He should be a huge chance of being Ocean Park's first winner!."

"In fact, whilst you're at it, get on the \$3.20 First Season Sire odds with NZ TAB before Beachwood slashes this price."





60 SECONDS

WITH MEDIA PERSONALITY
-MICHAEL GUERIN-

OCCUPATION	Media stuff, Racing Editor NZ Herald, Trackside, Newstalk ZB Radio and a few others.
FAVOURITE FOOD:	Japanese.
DO YOU HAVE ANY NICK-NAMES AND HOW DID YOU COME TO GET THEM:	Everybody in racing calls me Mick but my rugby mates call me Madness. Both pretty self explanatory.
BEST HORSE(S) INVOLVED WITH	Had small share in Ballarat Cup winner My Bentley, and three different harness horses who have won 10 races each. Had about 75 wins all together.
BOOK ON THE BEDSIDE TABLE:	Europe, A History. By Norman Davies.
IF YOU WEREN'T DOING MEDIA STUFF YOU'D BE:	A professional punter or possibly a sports agent.
WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX:	Gym, play rugby and read about things I know nothing about.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW:	Game Of Thrones and Ballers.
WHO WOULD YOU LOVE TO MEET:	Maximilian Kolbe (look him up, remarkable man)
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:	Thailand/Argentina
FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD:	Always loved O'Reilly, as a racehorse with the superstar number 23 on his shoulder and as a stallion. I bought one of his sons at Karaka this year.
HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY:	My parents loved it so when I decided I wanted to be in racing media I worked in stables and for a vet to learn from the inside. That has been a big help.
FAVOURITE MOVIE:	Chariots Of Fire
CHILDHOOD HEROES:	John Kirwan, James Bond, Jon Bon Jovi.
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:	Strangely, how I reacted to getting fired by Trackside. It was my fault so rather than making excuses I worked harder, grew my business, getting more into sports broadcasting and MC work. Turned a negative into a positive.
BEST PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE:	Never, ever panic.
NAME 3 PEOPLE YOU'D LOVE TO INVITE TO DINNER?	My father, mother and brother Lyndon before they all got sick.
IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE, YOU'D LIKE IT TO BE...	Christian Bale.
NOT MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW THAT I...	am one of 11 children. I'm the quiet one.



Rock n Pop - Pinata filly



FOAL WATCH



Ocean Park - Isla Canela filly



Sacred Falls - Fru Ju filly



Savabeel - Midnight Reigns colt



PEDIGREE POINTERS

-WITH GARETH DOWNEY-

Stacking The Odds

In what some consider to be a game of chance, the whole horse breeding exercise is one of trying to do all you can to stack the odds of success in your favour. Stallions like **Savabeel** are the rare gems of the breed who really do help us maximise our chances of striking gold. Just looking at last season alone provides plenty of proof of that; with him siring three individual **Gr.1** winners, **11** stakes winners, **28** black type horses, and total progeny earnings of over **\$15** million – this is a stallion who seriously stacks the odds of success in our favour! In terms of his career to date, he has produced **50** individual stakes winners at the rate of over **9%** SW/Rnrs – so if you compare that against all other stallions throughout Australasia, you will see just how rare a production record such as this is.

The 2016/17 season has kicked off in the usual manner for Savabeel, with his wonderful son Kawi taking out the **Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes**. In winning three **Gr.1** races last season, the title of NZ Horse Of The Year somehow managed to elude **Kawi**, so maybe this season will be even better for him and he will secure this much-deserved title – he has certainly kicked off in the right manner.

Looking at the pedigree of Kawi, we can again see an example of stacking the odds of success in our favour. **Kawi** is by **Savabeel** out of Magic Time; who is in turn out of the **Last Tycoon** mare **Super Wench**. This pattern of sending mares carrying **Last Tycoon** to **Savabeel** has been amazingly successful. From **73** runners bred on this pattern, the results have so far been **16.4% SW/Rnrs** and a **Gr.1** winner for every 18.3 runners – talk about stacking the odds of success in your favour! Apart from **Kawi**, the other Group winners carrying this pattern have been **Costume, Diademe, Savaria, Chintz, Coldplay** and **Strike The Stars**.

So, if you have a mare carrying **Last Tycoon** – or if you don't but just want to tap into the overall success rate that makes **Savabeel** the rare gem that he is – then sending your mare to **Savabeel** will certainly help optimise your chances of success. If you would like to discuss sending your mare to him on one of the few remaining available nominations, please do get in contact via either 021 433 073 or gareth@waikatostud.co.nz



THE MAIL

-WITH MARK CHITTICK-



IT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

I had the honour of taking the first stallion to the barn, 6 am 1st Sept!

Sacred Falls, and what an honour it was taking in this multiple Group 1 winning, dual Doncaster Champion, who was rated the best mil-er colt in the world for his age. If you saw him last year, or while he raced, come and have a look now! As I was holding him, waiting for the ready, I really felt so many similarities to standing, waiting in the same position with his legendary father.

Next to the barn was **Ocean Park** – 5 times group one winner, who has his very first runner this weekend. It was pretty cool – the mare was a lovely mare walking-in from his own breeders, Brent and Cherry Taylor's Trelawney Stud.

Then came **Rock n Pop** – 2000 Guineas winner, who covered one of our own mares. We are so taken by what he has left, that he will receive a considerable amount of our own mares again this year. We felt deservedly rewarded with receiving over \$200k for two of his progeny at his first year at Karaka.

It has been a great week. **Kawi** was so impressive in the first Group one of the year. We were so excited for Allan Sharrock – 3 years in a row. Good on you Red! And for Steak and Christine Goodin, so so well deserved, and what have they got to look forward to in the future!!!

August presented with over **50** individual foals, which I think may be a record for Waikato Stud. All going well, you have your ups and downs, but we have had some beauties and are all so impressed with the **Sacred Falls** foals.

Bullrush is looking to resume on Sept 10. He trialed again mid-week, a nice and very easy win. I'm pretty sure his lifetime career is 6 trial wins and 5 race wins from as many starts! Very very positive comments from Team Hawkes.

Hard not to get excited here in the smoko room and all over the farm at Waikato Stud's prospects ahead.

It's a great game, this horse game! This is what it's all about!!! The season in full swing, Group 1 racing, so much to look forward to, like there always is.

Mark.

