

Weekend @ Waikato

Savabeel registered his second stakes winner in Australia this season with **Lucia Valentina's** brilliant **Gr.2 Tramway Stakes** win last Saturday



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LUCIA VALENTINA MAKES SIZZLING RETURN

Lib Petagna's **Gr.1** winning **Savabeel** mare **Lucia Valentina** left onlookers stunned with a breathtaking performance in last Saturday's **Gr.2 Tramway Stakes**.

Trained by Kris Lees and ridden by Kerrin McEvoy, **Lucia Valentina** could see them all with 300m to run, but sprouted wings to fly in for a comfortable 1.5 length win.

As a consequence, bookmakers have installed the talented Graham and Helen-Gaye Bax-bred mare as one of the new **Gr.1 Caulfield Cup** favourites.

[Click here to see how she did it]



What they had to say after the Gr.2 Tramway...



She was brilliant — it was certainly good to see her back. She just keeps raising the bar.

Most likely we'll head to the George Main and then the Turnbull with her and then from there we'll decide what Spring Carnival path she takes.

-Kris Lees, trainer



I don't want this to sound ridiculous, but Lucia Valentina's incredible last-to-first finish to win the Tramway at Randwick on Saturday reminded me of Might And Power.

-Ken Callander, The Daily Telegraph



All you can say is wow!

-Ron Dufficy, Racing Retro



This race had depth and there were plenty of live chances in this race. Look at her rocket home on a heavy track. Tye [England] rode in the race and he said he's never seen one get home like that on a heavy track - just jump out of the ground like that. So it was an enormous return to the track.

-Richard Freedman, Racing Retro



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LUCIA VALENTINA

Sizzles in Gr.2 Tramway

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29 individual G1 stars

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60 Seconds with...

KRIS LEES



This week we put **60** seconds of curious questions to successful NSW trainer, **Kris Lees**...

Favourite comfort food:	Chinese
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	Fred - its what Dad called me and it seems to have stuck.
Best Horse involved with:	Samantha Miss with Lucia Valentina snapping at her heels.
Book on the bedside table:	Michael Jordan's Biography
If you weren't a trainer, you'd be:	Very had to place but most likely in some type of sports management.
What do you do to relax:	*Run - probably do about 30 km a week *Lie in front of the TV
Favourite TV show:	Ray Donovan HBO Series
Who would you love to meet:	Michael Jordan
Favourite holiday destination:	Took the family to New York - its pretty hard to beat
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	It would have to be Savabeel at the moment.
How did you get involved with racing:	Born into it - Father was a trainer. The stables were in the backyard
Favourite Movie:	Anchorman - The Legend of Ron Burgundy
Career Highlights:	Any Gr.1 is special and there's been 7 of these.
Best piece of good advice:	Surround yourself with good people.
If someone was going to play you in a movie:	I'd like to say Brad Pitt, but people say Richard Roxburgh [the guy from Rake]
Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party:	Will Ferrell, Andrew Johns and Jennifer Hawkins.
Not many people would know that I...	have a bird phobia. Cant stand them.



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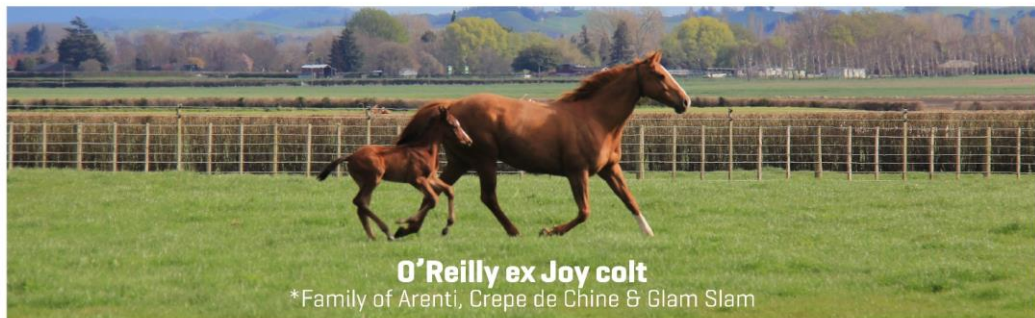
Celebrity FOALS



O'Reilly ex Miss Opera filly
*1/2 sister to Puccini & Sir Slick



O'Reilly ex Do Ra Mi colt
*Gr.2 winning dam from Gr.1 family



O'Reilly ex Joy colt
*Family of Arenti, Crepe de Chine & Glam Slam



O'Reilly ex Miss Opera filly
*1/2 sister to Puccini & Sir Slick



O'Reilly ex Honolulu colt
*3/4 brother to Alamosa

WS Phone for Walk On Mares

021 433 251

Waikato Stud has put in place a new Breeding phone for people with walk on mares.

By calling **021 433 251**, you will be put in direct contact with the person coordinating the **Breeding barn** schedule.



WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY			
DREAM RUN 11f Pins x Run Brony Run by Redoute's Choice	Listed Westbury Stud Challenge [1200m]	Whang.	3:07pm
MERION 11g O'Reilly x Sapphire Belle by Danske	Listed Living Legend Stakes [1400m]	VRC	4:10pm
KARLA BRUNI 07f Pins x Cantante by Centaine	Gr.3 Metric Mile [1600m]	Marton	4:33pm
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	Gr.3 Metric Mile [1600m]	Marton	4:33pm
FRANKLY 09f Pins x O'Really by Centaine	Gr.3 Metric Mile [1600m]	Marton	4:33pm
MISS SELBY 10f O'Reilly x Singing Star by Danasinga	Gr.3 Metric Mile [1600m]	Marton	4:33pm
IGGI POP 08g Savabeel x Freequence by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes [2000m]	ATC	5:05pm
CELTIC PRINCE 09g O'Reilly x Centa Belt by Centaine	Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes [2000m]	ATC	5:05pm
LAIDBACK LARRY 09g O'Reilly x Larrinka by Volksraad	Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes [2000m]	ATC	5:05pm
MY SABEEL 07f Savabeel x Wailing Countess by Entrepreneur	Gr.3 Sheraco Stakes [1200m]	ATC	5:45pm
CHINTZ 09f Savabeel x Charmed by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Sheraco Stakes [1200m]	ATC	5:45pm
YOU'RE SO GOOD 09f Savabeel x Lightning Spur by Flying Spur	Gr.3 Bobbie Lewis Hcp [1200m]	VRC	6:40pm
RHYTHM TO SPARE 09g Pins x Stanica by Zabeel	Listed Sofitel Hcp [1400m]	VRC	7:15pm
SUNDAY			
NOBLE PARK 07g Pins x Sheza Gem by Danehill	Listed Boulder Cup [2100m]	Kalg.	8:30pm

Pedigree Pointers with...

GARETH DOWNEY



ANOTHER STAR SHOWS THE WAY

What an amazing performance it was by **Lucia Valentina** in the **Gr. 2 Tramway** in Sydney last weekend! To come from last at the 300m, show a dazzling turn of foot and win easing down by 1.5 lengths ahead of **Tiger Tees**, with **Toydini** back in 3rd. Based on that performance, it looks like another very exciting season ahead for this now 4yo daughter of **Savabeel**.

In this column last week, the focus was on the results to date when **Savabeel** has been combined with mares carrying **Sadler's Wells** – so **Lucia Valentina** gave another very timely follow up to those comments. Her pedigree also highlights another pedigree pattern that has worked well to date; which is when **Savabeel** has been mated with mares carrying **Star Way**.

Star Way and **Sir Tristram** both descend directly from the same wonderful foundation mare in **Selene** – so this pedigree pattern is another that has powerful female reinforcement as its foundation. From 20 runners to date by **Savabeel** out of mares carrying **Star Way**, there have been the two high class multiple Group winners in **Lucia Valentina** and **Soriano**. So, whether you have a mare carrying **Sadler's Wells** or **Star Way**, **Savabeel** looks to be an excellent option for you if you are trying to breed a horse the calibre of **Lucia Valentina**. And who wouldn't want that?!

If you would like to discuss this, or any other mating options, please feel free to call me on **021 433 073** or e-mail me at gareth@waikatostud.co.nz



The Mail with...

MARK CHITTICK

Well done to Lib Petagna, Bruce Perry and the team who struck two good wins in Australia last Saturday. You'd go a long way to see a more impressive win than **Lucia Valentina's Gr.2 Tramway Stakes** performance.

The new farm is coming along nicely, with the new grass really starting to come away.

Looking forward to scanning the mares at their 16 day mark next week and to the commencement of Hong Kong racing this weekend.

Hopefully Trackside will play the entire racecard on the one channel.

Tip of the week: Far Fetched to win again. She's in race 8 at Marton at 3:57pm and is paying \$5 for the win.

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