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Champion sire O'Reilly will be
inducted into the New Zealand
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THE FACTS KARAKA 2018

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Another successful sale saw Waikato Stud claim their fifth consecutive leading vendor title at Karaka with a sale aggregate of \$12,845,000 and an average of \$183,500.



BELOW / The Savabeel
- Posy filly sold for
\$875,000 to Dean
Hawthorne

Daughters of champion sire Savabeel were in high demand and at the completion of Book One averaged a healthy sum of \$300,789 for the 19 lots sold. Buyers were happy to pay as much as \$900,000 to secure their bloodlines and top lots included Lot 290 Savabeel – Joy's Choice (\$900,000 sold to David Ellis), Lot 487 Savabeel – Posy filly (\$875,000 sold to Dean Hawthorne) and Lot 595 Savabeel – Sitting Pretty filly (\$625,000 sold to Yulong Investment).

Similarly, the international demand for colts by Savabeel was also evident and a new record for the highest priced yearling by Savabeel to be sold was achieved with Lot 301 (Savabeel – Katie Lee colt) fetching a cool \$1,025,000 to the bid of Te Akau principal David Ellis. The average sale price for Savabeel colts during the Book One session was just shy of \$250,000. At this stage in the New Zealand and Australian Sales series, there have been a total of 70 yearlings by Savabeel sold – of those 70, 69 have sold for more than \$100,000 for a total sales average of \$265,000.

Progeny of four time Group One winner Sacred Falls were extremely well received in the sale ring and during the Book One sale averaged over \$120,000 with the highest priced lot selling for exactly 10 times his service fee (Lot 572 Sacred Falls – Sheezababe colt sold for \$300,000 to Miss D Ho).

The progeny of prolific international



sire Pins were well received and the 16 lots sold during the Book One session averaged \$112,368 (nearly four times his service fee). Top lots by Pins were Lot 383 (Pins – Miracle Miss colt) who was purchased for \$420,000 by Mr Ricky Yiu and Lot 608 – a daughter of Group One winning Savabeel mare Soriano who was knocked down to Team Rogerson for \$420,000.

Off the back of an outstanding start to his career as a sire, the rousing interest in the progeny of Ocean Park was evident during the Book One session with yearlings averaging \$108,281. Yearlings by Ocean Park were seen to fetch up to \$280,000 (Lot 607 Ocean Park – Sorellina filly purchased by

Roger James) and Lot 456 (Ocean Park – Our Essence filly) was knocked down to Brendan and Jo Lindsay for \$260,000.

The progeny of young up and coming young sire Rock 'N' Pop were also sought after and Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young went to \$90,000 to secure a daughter of Rock 'N' Pop from a half-sister to Lion Tamer (Lot 391). Rock 'N' Pop concluded the Book One sale with an average of \$72,500 – more than 8 times his service fee.

Thank you for those who purchased from the Waikato Stud draft, we wish you all the best with your purchases and we look forward to following them through their careers!

THE FACTS KARAKA 2018 (CONT'D)

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Thank you to the following buyers:

Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock, Yulong Investment, Hong Kong Jockey Club, Mulcaster Bloodstock, Mr Ricky Yiu, Mr DC Ellis, De Burgh Equine, Shadwell, John Foote Bloodstock, Darren Weir Racing, Ibis Syndicate, Miss D Ho, Go Racing, Mr Peter KS So, Waikato Bloodstock, Mr A Ottobre, Mr BJ Lindsay & Mrs JE Lindsay, Mick Price Racing, First Light Racing, Mr PA Willetts, Busuttin Racing, Baker Racing, Team Rogerson, Mr GC Beemsterboer, Dynamic Syndications, Waterford Bloodstock, Prima Park, Ohukia Lodge, Ciaron Maher Bloodstock, Bruce Perry Bloodstock, Upper Bloodstock, Bjorn Baker Racing,

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BELOW / The Savabeel - Sitting Pretty filly was knocked down to Yulong Investment for \$625,000



HALL OF FAMER O'REILLY STANDS PROUDLY OVER SON'S KARAKA DEBUT

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The success of first season sire Sacred Falls at last week's National Yearling Sale was a timely reminder of the wide reach of champion stallion O'Reilly.

STORY BY DENNIS RYAN / THE INFORMANT



BELOW / O'Reilly

That influence is no better illustrated at Waikato Stud, where both O'Reilly and his son Sacred Falls were bred and reared. And with what could only be described as exquisite timing, O'Reilly's achievements as a racehorse and sire will be honoured tonight when he is inducted to the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame, joining fellow stallion greats Foxbridge, Sir Tristram and Zabeel.

After an all too brief racing career in which he won four of his six starts and claimed Horse of the Year honours in 1997, O'Reilly was retired to Waikato Stud and became a multiple champion sire. Sacred Falls was one of 16 Group One winners sired by O'Reilly and as his standout entire son with four Group One wins, he was O'Reilly's logical heir back where it all began.

Sacred Falls' first crop of yearlings went before buyers at Karaka last week and met outstanding demand to

put him at the top of the first season sires' table. In the final analysis his 46 individual lots aggregated \$5,239,000 at an average price of \$113,891 and a top price of \$300,000, exactly 10 times his service fee.

The full circle won't be completed until these and other first crop members are tested on the racetrack, but the future bodes well for this O'Reilly look-alike.

"His sale results were really satisfying after we had put so much faith in him to step into O'Reilly's shoes," says Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick. "They're great types with fantastic temperaments and pretty much sold themselves at Karaka; we just left it to the good judges and now we look forward to the next stage.

"The way the Sacred Falls have sold is just another reminder of how much O'Reilly means to us. His is a great story right back to the start when Garry and Mary bought the stud and now to see his influence still so obvious in what we are, that's huge.

"Being our own stallion, O'Reilly provided the means to grow the operation by investing heavily in land as well as what we believed to be the best stallions we could invest in – Savabeel, Ocean Park, Sacred Falls and Tivaci. Each of those horses represented a huge commitment and we could not have done it without the success that O'Reilly brought to the farm.

"Being inducted to the Hall of Fame is recognition by the whole industry of what a great horse O'Reilly was and it's definitely something that we can be proud of at Waikato."

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HALL OF FAMER O'REILLY STANDS PROUDLY OVER SON'S KARAKA DEBUT (CONT'D)

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O'Reilly was a Super Star Racehorse and a Super Star Sire.

O'Reilly is a brown horse foaled 1993, by Last Tycoon-Courtza. He was named after the Irish industrialist and famous rugby player Tony O'Reilly. His dam Courtza won the world's premier 2 year old race - the Group One Golden Slipper in 1989 when ridden by Hall of Fame jockey Shane Dye.

O'Reilly had a brief but spectacular race career, winning four of only six starts including Group Ones Bayer Classic and Telegraph Handicap before running 2nd in the Australian Guineas.

He was awarded Horse of Year & Champion Sprinter-Miler titles for the 1996-97 racing season.

O'Reilly retired to Waikato Stud in 1997. To date he has won four NZ General Sire Premierships and is third on all-time sire of stakes winners behind the Hall of Fame stallions Sir Tristram and Zabeel.

O'Reilly was owned and raced by the Chittick family of Waikato Stud. He was trained by Hall of Famer trainer Dave O'Sullivan and Paul O'Sullivan and was ridden in all his races by Hall of Fame jockey Lance O'Sullivan.



BELOW / Sacred Falls



PARIS ROCK SECURES THIRD CONSECUTIVE WIN

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Trainer Henry Dwyer is eyeing stakes company after Rock 'N' Pop filly Paris Rock maintained her unbeaten record with a strong win at Caulfield last weekend.

Graduating from victories at Geelong and Ballarat at her first two starts, Paris Rock took out the Ian Miller Handicap under a patient ride from Damien Thornton.

Paris Rock scored a three-quarter-length win from Earth Angel on Saturday, with Lucky Cat 1-3/4 lengths away third.

Dwyer said Paris Rock would head back to his beach property at St Leonards, near Geelong, with the view to running her in the Group Three Vanity Stakes (1400m) at Flemington on February 17.

"After today I think she deserves a shot at a stakes race," Dwyer said.

"She keeps improving all the time and they're the ones that make good horses."

Dwyer purchased the daughter of Rock 'N' Pop, a son of Fastnet Rock, for \$65,000 from the draft of Curraghmore at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock yearling sale.



ABOVE / Paris Rock

POTENTIAL DERBY TILT FOR SON OF ROCK 'N' POP

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The Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott-trained The Mayor could be set for a tilt at the Group One Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) after his victory in the Matamata Commercial Cleaners (1600m) at Matamata last Friday.

The three-year-old Rock 'N' Pop gelding jumped well, securing a trail behind early leader Rub It In before making his way to the front at the 150m mark and holding out the fast-finishing Flying Feet.

"He showed a turn of foot and it was aided by a good ride from Sam (Weatherley)," Scott said.

"Our horse is going to keep on improving I think because he is bred

to go a long way, which is encouraging with the staying three-year-old races coming up. Whether he quite has the strength to get up to those races only time will tell, but today was really encouraging.

"We will have to have a talk with Michael Hughes, who part-owns and manages the horse, I think we have come this far and it's only a few hand spans away to the Derby."



BELOW / The Mayor



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

SHILLELAGH GROUP 1 CF ORR STAKES



Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

Chris Waller trained Savabeel mare Shillelagh enjoyed an extremely successful spring campaign and was victorious in the Group One Kennedy Mile at her last race day outing in November.

Bred and raced by avid breeders Chris and Susanna Grace, Shillelagh has had two barrier trials to get her ready for Saturday's CF Orr Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield where she will take on a quality field including last year's winner Black Heart Bart.

COLDPLAY GROUP 1 HERBIE DYKE STAKES



Coldplay / By Savabeel from Forty Two Below

Baker/Forsman trained Savabeel mare Coldplay will represent Waikato Stud tomorrow when she lines up in the Group One Herbie Dyke Stakes. The four-time Group winner is having her 20th race start and it will be her 17th at Stakes level.

PACKING EAGLE GROUP 1 WAIKATO SPRINT



Packing Eagle / By Pins from Splashing Out

A possible trip to Dubai may be on the cards for Martin Cruz trained Pins gelding Packing Eagle and his run in tomorrow's Group One Waikato Sprint will help to determine whether the seasoned Stakes winning sprinter will receive an invite for the Al Quoz Sprint.

BLACK SAIL GROUP 2 AUTUMN STAKES



Black Sail / By Savabeel from Ennerdale

Lightly raced 3-year-old Savabeel colt Black Sail claimed a close third in his last outing at Sandown in the Group Two Sandown Guineas and tomorrow he will contest the Group Two Autumn Stakes at Caulfield. Trained by Aaron Purcell, the talented colt races in the First Light Racing colours and is owned by a large syndicate of owners.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

RONDINELLA

Ocean Park – Valpolicella
Group 2 Sir Tristram Fillies Classic, 2000m
Te Rapa, 2:05pm (NZT)

MARK TWO

Pins – Zephyr Song
Group 2 Sir Tristram Fillies Classic, 2000m
Te Rapa, 2:05pm (NZT)

MARCELLINA

Savabeel – Danex
Group 2 Sir Tristram Fillies Classic, 2000m
Te Rapa, 2:05pm (NZT)

COLDPLAY

Savabeel – Forty Two Below
Group 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes, 2000m
Te Rapa, 3:13pm (NZT)

NICOLETTA

Savabeel – Celtic Crown
Group 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes, 2000m
Te Rapa, 3:13pm (NZT)

SAVVY DREAMS

Savabeel – Elusive Dreams
Group 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes, 2000m
Te Rapa, 3:13pm (NZT)

PACKING PINS

Pins – Splashing Out
Group 1 Waikato Sprint, 1400m
Te Rapa, 4:25pm (NZT)

KAWI

Savabeel – Magic Time
Group 1 Waikato Sprint, 1400m
Te Rapa, 4:25pm (NZT)

BLACK SAIL

Savabeel – Ennerdale
Group 2 Autumn Stakes, 1400m
Caulfield, 6:05pm (NZT)

BONNY O'REILLY

O'Reilly – Pretty
Group 2 Breeders Classic, 1200m
Warwick Farm, 6:25pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH

Savabeel – Trocair
Group 1 CF Orr Stakes, 1400m
Caulfield, 6:45pm (NZT)

2018 INGLIS CLASSIC YEARLING DRAFT

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We are delighted to offer another top selection of yearlings to the market by champion resident sires Savabeel and Pins as well as freshman sire Sacred Falls. Consigned by Sledmere Stud on behalf of Waikato Stud, these yearlings are a must see for anyone visiting the outstanding new Inglis Riverside complex during it's opening week.



LOT 174
Savabeel – Tiara Colt

[Pedigree info](#)



LOT 387
Sacred Falls – Fabulist Filly

[Pedigree info](#)



LOT 446
Sacred Falls – Hooked Ona Feeling Colt

[Pedigree info](#)



LOT 553
Sacred Falls – Nigella Filly

[Pedigree info](#)



LOT 561
Pins – Oahu Colt

[Pedigree info](#)

MARK'S MAIL

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It's been a massive few weeks for the team and we couldn't be happier with the reception our yearlings received at Karaka.

We are absolutely thrilled to see them find homes in the very best stables throughout Australasia as well as Asia and the support from buyers has been unbelievable. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and we wish you the best with your WS bred purchases.

The team as a whole have done such an incredible job at preparing these horses for the next stage in their careers and a big thank you goes to everyone involved within our operation, the sale week was one we will remember very fondly.

We would also like to congratulate New Zealand Bloodstock for putting on yet another terrific sale - I have always been a supporter of the new sales format and I think the results speak for themselves.

We are really looking forward to attending the Racing Hall of Fame

dinner this evening to witness the induction of our champion sire O'Reilly into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame. O'Reilly has always been a champion to us and it's great that his contribution towards shaping the Thoroughbred industry is being formally recognised.

We've got five yearlings selling at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale next week under Sledmere Stud's consignment so if you're at the Riverside Complex in Sydney make sure you go and have a look, you won't be disappointed.

No rest for the wicked, weaning is well underway, we have finished all of the branding and it's really exciting to see the young horses growing and developing and the cycle has started again for our next crop of youngsters.

There is an exciting weekend of

racing ahead between Te Rapa, Caulfield and Warwick Farm – we sure hope the local weather doesn't cause too much trouble tomorrow at Te Rapa.

Have a great weekend,

Cheers,
Mark



GARRY'S CORNER

Where to start, what a week, to race then present and sell horses in the humid hot days that followed drains the energy of the ageing body and I don't have to lead and present yearlings...



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