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# NZTBA GROUP ONE AWARD WINNERS BRED BY WS

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Waikato Stud will pick up three Group One Awards at tonights NZTBA Waikato Branch Group One Awards for breeding Group One Classic winners Savvy Coup, Hasahalo and Embellish.

#### SAVVY COUP GROUP 1 NZ OAKS



**Savvy Coup** / By Savabeel, from Eudora (by Pins)

1st Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks 1st Gr.3 Hawkes Bay Lowland Stakes 1st Gr.3 Manawatu RC Eulogy Stakes 3rd Gr.1 WRC Levin Classic 3rd Listed ARC Karaka Million 3YO Classic (R)

**Trainers:** Michael & Matthew Pitman **Owners:** Mrs A M, A R, C J, F H & J F Bruford, Mrs J D, L R & R A Coupland

Waikato Stud sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2016 for \$65,000 to Jim Bruford.

## HASAHALO GROUP 1 ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS



**Hasahalo /** By Savabeel, from Halloween (by Encosta De Lago)

**1st Gr.1** New Zealand 1000 Guineas

Trainer: Stephen McKee

**Owners:** Go Racing Fright Night Breeding Partnership (Mgr Albert Bosma)

Waikato Stud sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2016 for \$110,000 to Go Racing

#### **EMBELLISH**

GROUP 1 TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS



Embellish / By Savabeel, from Bling (by O'Reilly)

**1st Gr.1** New Zealand 2000 Guineas **2nd Listed** ARC Karaka Million 3YO Classic (R)

**Trainer:** Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards **Owners:** Te Akau 2016 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: K W Fenton-Ellis MNZM), B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay

Waikato Stud sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2016 for \$775,000 to Mr DC Ellis



#### KAONIC ON GROUP ONE PATH

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#### Chris Waller will follow a similar path followed by multiple Group One winner Boban with his impressive Randwick winner Kaonic.

Waller said the talented son of Savabeel headed into his autumn three-year-old campaign as one of the stable's leading Randwick Guineas contenders, but the trainer feels it "might have all come too quickly" for the colt which went some way to redeeming his reputation on Saturday.

"Go back to a horse like Boban who won a similar race to this and went on and won five in a row including an Epsom and an Emirates," Waller said. "I'll look to go on a similar path with Kaonic and we'll see how far he gets."

Kaonic was successful under leading New Zealand apprentice Sam Weatherley, who showed patience beyond his years waiting for a rails run, before diving into the smallest of gaps and pouncing.

The victory gave the young Kiwi jockey his first Sydney metropolitan double.

"You might be hearing more about

him mightn't we," Waller said. "That was a 10 out of 10 ride there."

A \$425,000 yearling at Karaka, Kaonic is out of the Fastnet Rock mare Fast Love and the family of the multiple European Group One winner Midway Lady.







# TOP MARE NEARING RACEDAY RETURN IN AUSTRALIA

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Well performed mare Coldplay is coming to hand nicely in her new Sydney environment as she prepares for her last campaign on the track before commencing a breeding career.

The four-time stakes winner, including twice at Group Two level, has been transferred to the powerful Chris Waller operation by owner Gary Wallace, who races the Savabeel mare in conjunction with Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick.

Wallace had entered the mare in the recent Gold Coast National Broodmare sale but after failing to reach her reserve, he took the decision to send her to Waller for one more campaign before visiting Australian sire, Snitzel.

"Gary put her in at the Gold Coast with the plan of selling her if he could get the right price for her," said Chittick.

"When she didn't meet expectations we had a chat about it and he settled on sending her to Snitzel.

"There weren't any options with us given she is by Savabeel out of an O'Reilly mare so the thought was to give her a campaign in Sydney before mating her in September and racing her on for the appropriate period if she justifies that.

"It all really depends on how she performs but I certainly think she is up to group quality over there if Chris can get her up to her best.

Chittick also has high hopes for Coldplay's younger sister, Eleanor Rigby, who he co-owns with Wallace.

"We've got Eleanor Rigby with Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman and she is progressing nicely," he said.

"She is rising three and has been to the trials for educational purposes a couple of times. She has pleased the stable, who think quite a bit of her, so I'm looking forward to seeing how she goes when she gets to the races.

"She is nearly ready to trial again so a race start shouldn't be too far off which I would think will depend on what sort of tracks we get over the next couple of months." – NZ Racing Desk







# ROCK 'N' POP'S ROLL CONTINUES

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The quaintly-named Horsey Horse Horse has continued an excellent season for the regally-bred Rock 'n' Pop.

Horsey Horse Horse credited the Waikato Stud-based stallion with his 15th individual winner when she struck at Matamata on Wednesday. Trained by Linda Laing, Horsey Horse Horse was successful over 2000m at her sixth appearance.

The three-year-old is out of the Zabeel mare Lady Whinfell, who is a daughter of the Gr.1 WATC Derby winner Capricious Lass.

By Fastnet Rock out of the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby winner Popsy, Rock 'n' Pop lived up to his illustrious pedigree during his racing career when winning the Group One Two Thousand Guineas.

BELOW / Horsey Horse Horse Photo Credit: Kenton Wright





#### GOLD AMBITION BACK TO WINNING FORM

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Rejuvenated
Savabeel gelding
Gold Ambition has
bounced back to
something like his
old Group One form
with a last-to-first
win at Doomben on
Wednesday.

BELOW / Gold Ambition

On a day when horses in the lead were suited, Gold Ambition (\$5) charged down the outside for jockey Scott Galloway to score an easy win in Wednesday's Class Five Handicap (1660m).

As a three-year-old Gold Ambition ran third to Le Romain and Press Statement in the 2016 Group One Randwick Guineas (1600m).

But he lost form and had not won a race since taking a Bathurst Class One race in January 2017.

Warwick Farm trainer Bjorn Baker recommended Gold Ambition be sent north to Gold Coast trainer Michael Costa who has now had him for four runs.

"I spoke to Bjorn at length about him and he said the horse had lost confidence to be racing against Sydney class. He said he would be better placed here," Costa said.

"Gold Ambition got out to a distance to suit him and we can now think about heading to Saturday metropolitan racing."

Galloway said he believed the now five-year-old would develop into a good Saturday middle distance horse. - AAP





# STAFF PROFILE EMMA DENCH

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The WS foaling unit will be bustling with activity in no time so this week we caught up with Day Foaling Unit Manager Emma Dench to find out how she got involved in the Thoroughbred Industry and why she loves working in the foaling unit.

Q How did you get involved in the thoroughbred industry? A Through riding trackwork for David Haworth, he's good friends with Mark and I came to Waikato Stud for a yearling prep and never left.

## **Q** What attracted you to working in the foaling unit?

**A** If I'm really honest, it was the cute foals.

## **Q** Do you have a favourite broodmare on the farm?

A Eudora. The reason being is she's an overall sweetheart and easy to do anything with. She might only have one eye but she sure does keep a firm one on her foals and is such a good mother.

## **Q** What is your favourite part of what you do?

**A** Bringing life into the world and being a huge part of a promising and bright future.

Q If you could give one piece of advice to someone looking to get involved in the thoroughbred breeding industry what would it be?
A Experience all parts/departments of the industry. You may find a hidden passion you never knew was there.

## Q What are you watching on Netflix at the moment?

**A** I just finished watching Orphan Black and would highly recommend. Q What's your secret talent that no one knows about?

**A** I can backflip.

## **Q** What's the craziest thing you have ever done?

**A** I wouldn't say crazy but shooting my first stag was certainly an adrenaline rush and spiked a new hobby for me.







# STAFF PROFILE EMMA DENCH (CONT'D)

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ABOVE / Emma with WS mare Brampton Loco

**LEFT /** Emma checking mares in the foaling unit. Pictured is Trocair, the dam of Gr.1 VRC Cantala Stakes winner Shillelagh (by Savabeel) and Listed CJC Spring Classic winner Grazia (by Savabeel). Owned by Christopher & Susanna Grace, she is in foal to Savabeel.

# The *anatomy* of ONE OF AUSTRALASIA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED

# Stallion Rosters



13 GROUP 1 RACE WINS



Savabeel SERVICE FEE Private







Sacred Falls
SERVICE FEE
\$30,000+gst LFG



Ocean Park

SERVICE FEE

\$30,000+gst LFG





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Rock 'n' Pop



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# FEATURED STALLION SACRED FALLS

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#### Four-time Group One winner Leading First Season Sire at Karaka

#### Service fee \$30,000+gst LFG

Unbeaten at two years and Champion New Zealand threeyear-old of his year, Sacred Falls raced successfully against the best company over four seasons, winning nine races including four Group Ones.

His stellar performances at three were highlighted by an impressive win in the Doncaster Handicap Gr.1, New Zealand 2000 Guineas Gr.1, Hawkes Bay Guineas, Gr.2 and the James and Annie Sarten Memorial, Gr.3.

In Sydney with Chris Waller at three and four years he won the prestigious Doncaster Handicap Gr.1 and was the first colt in 50 years to win back to back Doncasters. He also showed his undoubted class by winning the weight-for-age George Main Stakes Gr.1.

Sacred Falls' quality as a racehorse is measured by being the only horse ever to defeat Pierro in Sydney, defeating no fewer than 25 Group One winners during his seven stakes-race wins and, when retired, was the highest stakes winning NZ-bred stallion ever to go to stud in New Zealand with earnings of \$4.7 million.

A 100 per cent homebred being by the Waikato Stud homebred Champion Sire O'Reilly, Sacred Falls boasts an impressive maternal pedigree being a daughter of the winning Redoute's Choice mare Iguazu's Girl from a family laden with group winning names such as Splashing Out, Shopaholic, Splurge, Omnicorp, Crimson, Pharostan and



By O'Reilly, from Iguazu's Girl (by Redoute's Choice) 15.3 hh | 2009 | Brown

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Leaving youngsters that don't look like they're going to take long to get up and running, Sacred Falls' first crop of yearlings exuded a quality that attracted many of the biggest buyers. Sacred Falls was the leading First Season Sire at the 2018 Karaka Yearling sale and across all Australasian yearling sales, his 55 individual lots grossed \$6,109,780, sold for an average price of \$111,086 and sold for up to \$300,000, with six lots fetching more than \$200,000.

#### Speak to our Breeding Consultants



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## AT THE FARM

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ABOVE / This week NZB Agents Danny Rolston & Regan Donnison started the process of inspecting our 100 plus yearlings heading to Karaka in 2019. Pictured is the Ocean Park -Shopaholic filly.



LEFT / Danny Rolston



## MARK'S MAIL

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This week Mark joins us from Waikato Stud's foaling unit to discuss the exciting season ahead.





#### **GARRY'S CORNER**

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Hi you two, I have decided not to spend time on a Corner today. Why? Well, the Messara Report is apparently tabled so rather than continuing to cover the same old issues I shall reserve my energy until we are able to digest his efforts.

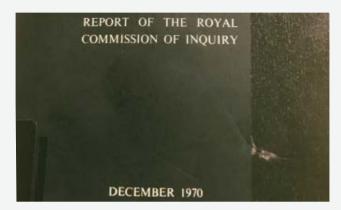
Cheers

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#### **RACING THOUGHTS**

Due to The Informant no longer allowing us to use Brian de Lore's articles, we would like to welcome Mary Burgess to the W@W to share her thoughts on the current issues faced by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Industry.



TIME TO LEARN FROM THE PAST AND FORGET THE PIECEMEAL APPROACH

