ISSUE #373 21 SEPTEMBER, 2018 Weekend @Waikato **SPRING RACING** There is plenty to look forward to this weekend with Group 1 racing on both sides of the Tasman. WAIKATO FOCUSSED KARAKA entire draft at Karaka in PAGE 3 O'REILLY'S SONS **DOMINATE AT** PAGE 8 **FLEMINGTON** A trip down memory lane Grunt added the Group 1 Makybe Diva Stakes to his growing resume and Brutal remains unbeaten PAGE 7 Staff Profile Mike Rennie 0 Pins - Miss Bling colt



WAIKATO STUD FOCUSSED ON KARAKA 2019

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Waikato Stud have announced that their entire 2019 yearling draft will be sold at New Zealand Bloodstock's annual National Yearling Sale at Karaka in 2019.

BELOW / Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick

While the Stud, who have captured the leading vendor title at the event for the past five years, have predominantly sold their yearlings at Karaka each year they have also sent a select number to various Australian sales as well.

Next year their 108 strong draft will be one hundred per cent Karaka bound, a decision that stud principal Mark Chittick believes is recognition of the vital importance of the sale to the local breeding industry.

"We all need our national sale to be strong each year and hopefully this decision will help play its part as a cornerstone of that success," he said.

"We have enjoyed some wonderful moments in the past and last year we produced our biggest draft with 85 individuals at the sale.

"This year we will start with 108 although a few may drop away before the sale starts but I expect we will have around the 100 mark. Included amongst the draft are a number of fillies from our most successful families so we expect the demand to be there for those individuals.

"I guess there is some nervousness with all of your eggs in one basket but we have real confidence that the product we have to offer will suit the needs of the wide array of buyers that come to the sale each year." – NZ Racing Desk





O'REILLY'S SONS DOMINANT AT FLEMINGTON

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The late O'Reilly gained further posthumous honours at Flemington on Saturday when his sons Grunt and Brutal played starring roles.

The former put away a top-class lineup in the Gr.1 Makybe Diva Stakes while Brutal remained unbeaten after the Listed Antler Luggage Plate.

The Mick Price-trained Grunt now promises to be the star of the Melbourne spring carnival with an array of options open to him.

"He's in everything. He can go three weeks into the Turnbull and then the Caulfield Cup or the Underwood, Caulfield Stakes and go to the Cox Plate," Price said.

"I am a bit concerned how well he would get around Moonee Valley though."

"He's a beautiful staying horse and he's got 54kg in the Melbourne Cup," he said. "It didn't hurt Rekindled so there's that option as well."

Grunt travelled in fifth spot to the turn and when rider Damien Oliver asked him to lengthen stride in into the straight he did so in fine style.

"Today was D-Day and he does enjoy the big, open spaces here," Oliver

"It was a truly run race and when I popped out he chimed in perfectly and you saw the real Grunt." Plans for Brutal are also yet to be confirmed after winning his third successive start.

Options include backing up next Saturday in the Golden Rose at Rosehill, pressing on toward the Caulfield Guineas or freshening for the Coolmore Stud Stakes.

Hawkes even indicated the stable could send the colt for a spell.

"Those races are there and they're very tempting, but we're going to let him tell us what he wants to do," Hawkes said.

"It's his first prep and he's going to be a hell of a horse in the autumn."

Hawkes said Brutal had to do it the tough way on Saturday by leading and racing into a fierce headwind.

"You don't make excuses when they win and that is what he is, a winner," Hawkes said.

"He's not the fully furnished racehorse but he's had three starts for three wins.

"He's won a stakes race over 1400 metres at Flemington, so for where he is at this stage of his career, it doesn't get any better."

BELOW / Grunt
Photo Credit: Darryl Sherer





WINGS AIRBORNE AT RUAKAKA

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A bright future lies ahead of the Rock 'n' Pop three-year-old Wings, who impressively shed his maiden tag on Saturday afternoon.

The gelding was in or near the lead all the way at Ruakaka before he scooted clear 200 metres from to score in style.

Wings was making just his second appearance for Cambridge trainer Anne Herbert, who rates him highly.

"He was green last time after he missed the jump," she said. "We decided to ride him aggressively today.

"Once he got out and got going he showed a good bit of speed.

"I can see him getting a Guineas distance, 1400 metres to a mile will suit him."

Wings is out of O'Dare, an unraced O'Reilly mare who is a three-quarter sister to the Group One performer Dare To Win.

It is also the family of the stakeswinning brothers by Pins Undisclosed and Pin Up Boy.

Rock 'n' Pop later completed a winning double for the meeting when Los Angeles continued her fine run of form.

Trained by Chris Gibbs and Michelle Bradley, she put away her Rating 65 rivals with ease.

She sat in second spot to the turn and shot clear in the straight for a hollow victory and second from her last four starts.

Los Angeles is raced by a Kylie Baxmanaged syndicate and is from the family of the dual Group One winner Mission Critical.







TIVACI FOAL PHOTO COMPETITION

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Waikato Stud are giving breeders with foals of Group One-winning stallion Tivaci a chance to win a prize pack worth more than \$23,000.

All owners are eligible to enter their youngsters through Waikato Stud's website **HERE** from September 14 through to November 30 and voting will open on December 1.

Fill in the entry form and upload a foal photo and, once it has been processed by Waikato Stud, it will appear on the competition page.

The foal which has received the highest number of votes when the competition closes at 5pm (NZT) on December 21 will be crowned as the winner and the owner of that foal will

win a nomination to Tivaci to use in the 2019 breeding season and a limited-edition Stoney Creek Tivaci jacket.

"Tivaci has left an outstanding group of foals so far and we're really impressed with their quality, size and physiques," Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"We want to give breeders a chance to show off their Tivaci foals so came up with the idea of running a foal photo competition where the winner will be rewarded with a nomination to Tivaci."

Regarded as the fastest son of High Chaparral, Tivaci retired to Waikato Stud in 2017 off the back of a decorated career for trainer Michael Moroney.

He was the dual Group Three winner of the CS Hayes Stakes and the Sunshine Coast Guineas and Group One placed in the Cantala Stakes before his career-defining victory in the Gr.1 All Aged Stakes at Randwick.

He was subsequently secured by Waikato Stud, where he stands at \$20,000 + GST, and has received a royal welcome from breeders with an outstanding first season book and that has continued with a top-quality list of mares confirmed for 2018.



LEFT / The prize pack includes a nomination to Tivaci and a limited edition Tivaci jacket



TIVACI FOAL PHOTO COMPETITION

Does your Tivaci foal have what it takes to be the cutest, cuddliest, most striking and athletic out of his first crop of foals?

Get your camera, iPhone or polaroid poised and take your best shot for a chance to win a Tivaci prize pack valued at over \$23,000.

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STAFF PROFILE MIKE RENNIE

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He is a familiar face within the thoroughbred industry and joined the Waikato Stud team on Tuesday. He has enjoyed an action packed career and reckons he has a knack for DIY. Meet Mike Rennie, Waikato Stud's new Business Manager.

Q Tell us a bit about your previous roles and what they involved?

A I have just come from Waterford Bloodstock where I spent 3yrs working with Michael and Nicky Wallace as a bloodstock consultant. In essence, this included attending all the Australasian based sales, managing pre-trainers in preparation for Singapore and Hong Kong and private sales. Before this I was at Rich Hill Stud for 4yrs as Communications Manager. This role encompassed, selling noms, doing progress reports for on farm stock, mating analysis and hands up in the breeding shed and with the yearlings when needed.

Q What are you most excited about doing over the next six months?

A Becoming an integral member of the Waikato Stud team.

Q What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

A Love going bush and fishing (although haven't done a lot of that lately).

Q What would you say has been your biggest accomplishment?

A Getting a degree was pretty big as I wasn't overly academic, but I think the best is yet to come.

Q Do you have a special talent? **A** Don't mind a bit of DIY.

Q What is something not many people know about you?

A I lived in Ireland for a year (out of high school).

Q What is your favourite food? **A** Fresh seafood.

Q What are you watching on Netflix at the moment?

Q If you could give one piece of advice to someone looking to work in the thoroughbred industry, what would it be?

A Come and get involved for a few weeks, whether it be a stud or stable and see it all for yourself.







A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

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Story by Jeremy Rogers

With the running of the \$200,000 Group 1 Windsor Park Plate at Hastings on Saturday, we are reminded of two outstanding horses to come off the farm – International Group 1 winner Starcraft and our very own Daffodil. The Starcraft story begins back in 1999 when Garry Chittick had a service to Haunui Farm shuttle stallion Soviet Star. Not knowing what mare to send, he eventually settled on the very big Pompeii Court mare Flying Floozie. Although she was only placed on the racetrack, she came from one of Waikato's best families and was a half sister to Group 2 (now Group 1) Te Aroha Breeders Stakes winner Zephyr Magic and South African Group 2 winner Happy Heiress.

He was quite a big yearling and immediately took the attention of Auckland Bloodstock agent Robt Dawe who purchased him on behalf of Paul Makin for \$80,000 at the 2002 Premier Yearling Sale at Karaka. He joined the stable of Gold Coast trainer Gary Newham where he was placed in two of his three starts as a two-year-old, breaking his Maiden at start number five.

After winning three in a row in Queensland, he was sent to Melbourne and we saw a glimpse of what was to come when he came from last to win the Group 3 Debonair Stakes at Flemington. He ran the unbeaten Reset to half a length in the Group 1 Australian Guineas before beating the older horses at Weight-For-Age in the Group 1 Chipping Norton Stakes. Starcraft then won the Group 2 Tulloch Stakes a week before saluting in the AJC Derby.

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE (CONT'D)

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Regarded as one of the best horses in Australasia, he was set for the Cox Plate. Paul Makin who wasn't adversed to doing things 'differently' decided to return him to his birth land to compete in the three Group 1's at Hastings. He was brilliant winning the Mudgeway Stakes (now Tarzino Trophy) over 1400m and went into the Stoney Bridge Stakes (Windsor Park Plate) a very short price favourite. Although not as impressive as the start before, he still proved too strong for Group 1 winner Miss Potential. After this run he was beaten into second place in the \$1 million Kelt Capital Stakes (Livamol Classic).

He returned to Australia and after being placed in both the Yalumba Stakes and Cox Plate (to Champion Sire Savabeel) Makin decided to send him to England and joined Luca Cumani's stable at Newmarket. He was placed first up in the Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes at York and became the first New Zealand bred European Group 1 winner when winning the Group 1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp in Paris. He then defeated the Champion Sire Dubawi in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes over 1600m before being set for the Breeders Cup Classic in America.

After seemingly not handling the dirt, he was retired to stud, originally standing at Arrowfield Stud before being transferred to Rosemont Stud a few years ago. He has sired two Group 1 winners – Blue Diamond Stakes winner Star Witness and the

Paul Makin owned We Can Say It

If is wasn't for some very quick thinking by Mark Chittick, then Daffodil would never have existed. Her dam Spring had broken down badly when favourite for the Group 1 Bayer Classic and was about to be euthanised when Mark stepped in. It was decided that they would support her leg and get her to the vet clinic. She had her fetlock joint screwed which she broke and had to undergo another operation.

She spent many months confined to a box and almost 12 months later was able to be served, going to Danasinga. The resultant foal Spring Dancer won five races. Next she went to No Excuse Needed with the resultant foal Rotorua bringing

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE (CONT'D)

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\$210,000. A real standout, it was decided to send Spring back to No Excuse Needed with Daffodil the resultant.

With the stud deciding to keep her, she was sent down to the stables of Kevin Gray, who had enjoyed Group 1 success with the Waikato Stud owned/bred Legs. Having three runs as a two-year-old, she was able to win at Trentham in April. Given a spell to prepare for the Spring, she resumed with a second placing at Listed level at Wanganui before another second placing in the Group 3 Gold Trail Stakes (also run on Saturday). She was then set for the Group 1 One Thousand Guineas at Riccarton which she won very impressively.

She was kept in work and aimed

at the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks where she would start a well backed favourite. After being slow away, she hit the line strongly for fourth and as she pulled up so well, it was decided to carry on for the AJC Australian Oaks at Randwick. Ridden by an up and coming Hugh Bowman, she proved a class above, winning by over two lengths.

Given a spell, she returned to the track and was given a couple of lead up runs before the Windsor Park Plate on the middle day of the Hawkes Bay Carnival. Ridden by Hayden Tinsley, she settled back in the race but once she was able to get to the outside in the straight, she powered home to win with conviction. She rounded out the preparation with a fourth placing

in both the Kelt Capital Stakes and Caulfield Cup before an unlucky 11th in the Melbourne Cup.

Returning in the Autumn, she returned with a win over 1100m at New Plymouth before placing at Group 1 level. Another Australian trip beckoned but after a fourth placing in Group 1 Ranvet Stakes and fifth placing in The BMW, she was retired to stud. She has left the Stakes placed Pins mare Snowdrop and the exciting three-year-old filly Grand Bouquet.



BELOW / Grand Bouquet, a three year old daughter of Daffodil and Savabeel





WS SIRED & SOLD STAKES RUNNERS

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After a very good day last Saturday with O'Reilly entire Grunt winning the Group 1 Makybe Diva Stakes and fellow O'Reilly colt Brutal remaining unbeaten, we head to Hastings this weekend.

It sees the running of the Group 1 Windsor Park Plate along with the Group 3 Gold Trail Stakes for the three-year-old fillies. Then on Sunday, Singapore takes centre stage with the running of the Group 1 Raffles Cup, a race which Waikato Stud has a rich history.

SEPTEMBER 22

MISS MAXIPARK

Ocean Park - Miss Maximuss **Gr.3** Gold Trail Stakes, 1200m Hawke's Bay, 2:42 pm (NZT)

EMILY MARGARET

Pins - Seven Schillings **Listed** Canterbury Belle Stakes, 1200m Riccarton, 4:09 pm (NZT)

TAREE

Pins - Blush **Listed** Canterbury Belle Stakes, 1200m Riccarton, 4:09 pm (NZT)

DEVIL'S STAIRCASE

Pins - Lolanda **Listed** Canterbury Belle Stakes, 1200m Riccarton, 4:09 pm (NZT)

SAVVY COUP

Savabeel - Eudora **Gr.1** Windsor Park Plate, 1600m Hawke's Bay, 4:28 pm (NZT)

OCEAN EMPEROR

Zabeel - Tootsie **Gr.1** Windsor Park Plate, 1600m Hawke's Bay, 4:28 pm (NZT)

SEPTEMBER 23

BLUE SWEDE

O'Reilly - Hooked Ona Feeling **Sgp-3** El Dorado Classic, 2000m Singapore, 7:50 pm (NZT)

SONG TO THE MOON

Savabeel - White Mouse Sgp-3 El Dorado Classic, 2000m Singapore, 7:50 pm (NZT)

PREDITOR

Savabeel - Bird **Sgp - 1** Raffles Cup, 1600m Singapore, 9:00 pm (NZT)



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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SAVVY COUP

GROUP 1 WINDSOR PARK PLATE



Savvy Coup / By Savabeel, from Eudora

It was hard not to be pleased with her first up run here three weeks ago over 1400m when finishing off the race very strongly. The New Zealand Oaks winner will appreciate the step up to 1600m here in the Group 1 Windsor Park Plate and profiles similar to fellow WS bred Daffodil (who won this race as a four-year-old mare in 2009). Drawn towards the outside. Chris Johnson won't bustle the daughter of Savabeel in the early stages, settling back in the field. Hopefully she can track into the race coming to the turn and be finishing strongly down the outside again - a top three finish wouldn't surprise here.

OCEAN EMPEROR

GROUP 1 WINDSOR PARK PLATE



Ocean Emperor / By Zabeel, from

Ocean Emperor takes his place in the Group 1 Windsor Park Stakes at Hastings on Saturday. The seven-year-old entire will be fitter for his first up run here three weeks ago where he went straight to the lead and battled on well when tackled in the straight. Mark Hills who has previously won a Group 2 on him goes back aboard and from the wide barrier, he will look to be positive in the early stages, rolling forward. Hopefully he can have a nice run in transit and be in the finish. Trainer Gary Hennessy is sure to have the WS bred entire primed for a strong performance here.

MISS MAXIPARK

GROUP 3 GOLD TRAIL STAKES



Miss Maxipark / By Ocean Park, from Miss Maximuss (photo is of Ocean Park)

The three-year-old daughter of Ocean Park lines up against the best fillies in the country in the Group 3 Gold Trail Stakes. Although she is yet to break her Maiden, she has been placed in four of her five starts and has a fitness edge over her more favoured opponents. From the strong Michael and Matthew Pitman stable she should get a nice run from the barrier and it will be interesting to see her race on a 'good' track for the first time. It is a little difficult to see her beating the likes of Avantage, especially at level weights but it would be good if she could earn some black type for her owner/breeder Stephen Blair-Edie – anything better is a bonus.

PREDITOR

SGP - 1 RAFFLES CUP



Preditor / By Savabeel, from Bird

The WS bred son of Savabeel and Stakes winning Danasinga mare Bird takes his place in the Group 1 Raffles Cup at Kranji on Sunday night. Waikato has previously bred the winner with Horse Of The Year Big Easy while O'Reilly has enjoyed success with Lim's Objective and War Affair. Trainer Shane Baertschiger has Preditor racing in career best form, winning the Group 3 Jumbo Jet Trophy two starts ago before finishing second at the same level last time. Drawn wide he will be allowed to find his feet in the early stages, settling back in the field. Once in the straight, John Powell will look to have him finishing off strongly down the outside. He looks to be among the leading contenders.



AT THE FARM

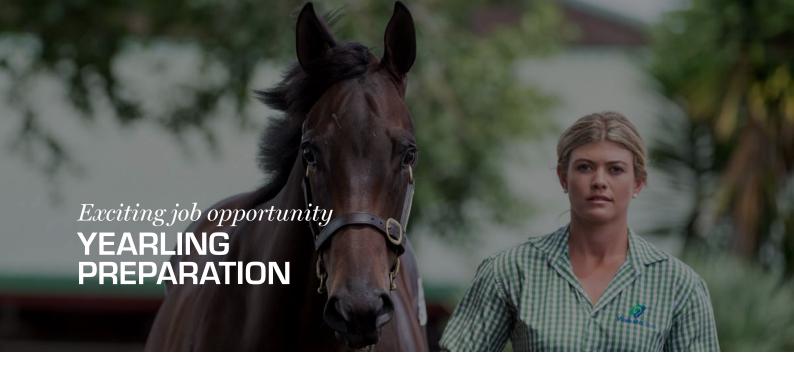
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ABOVE / Daniel
Gangi and Mark
Chittick at the
Wairere Falls (just
a few km's from
Waikato Stud)

LEFT / From left to right) Ash Hardwick, Sam Curwood and Daniel Gangi at the Wairere Falls



Leading Thoroughbred Stud, Waikato Stud is seeking Yearling Preparation staff to join the team. Waikato Stud 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.

Our brand carries decades of success and an undeniable association with quality and performance. We are seeking Yearling Preparation staff to assist with preparing our draft for the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale in January. Recently awarded with a sixth Breeder of the Year title, Waikato Stud have been the leading vendor at the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale for the past five years.

At Waikato Stud you will be working with some of Australasia's best-bred bloodstock and this is an excellent opportunity to work with and learn from the best in the business. Ideally you will have an avid interest in horses and prior experience working with them. You must work well within a team and enjoy working with horses in the outdoors.

This position will commence in November 2018 and will finish at the completion of the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale on January 30, 2019.

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MARK'S MAIL / THE INQUIRY

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This week Mark is joined by Daniel Gangi, Sam Curwood and Ash Hardwick for some Q & A at Waikato Stud's iconic entertainment area Game Gully.

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GARRY'S CORNER

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By the time you get to read this Joe Walls and I will be in Melbourne having a quiet red in memory of one of the characters of the turf Nick Columb.





RACING THOUGHTS

Former racing journalist Mary Burgess shares her thoughts on the current issues faced by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Industry.

What first drew you to racing? Two very different horses led me to this place!

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