



THE WAIKATO WEEKLY

**Waikato**Stud

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# Welcome back



In this week's edition we look at the weekend that was for Ocean Park and what to expect next with a class step up for two of his up and coming stars, an update on the farm's foals – we've had some exciting babies born this week, staff news snippets and of course the Black Type Spotlight for ones to watch in this weeks racing. We hope you enjoy the read.

**Mark and the Waikato Stud team**

# Ocean Park

## *—riding the crest of a wave*

**OCEAN PARK HAD A WHALE OF A WEEKEND WITH SIX WINNERS ACROSS THREE COUNTRIES AND ONE OF THEM NOW LOOMS A TOP EPSOM HANDICAP PROSPECT TO GIVE OUR STALLION HIS FIRST VICTORY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.**

The Chris Waller-trained Kolding, winner of last season's Gr.2 Queensland Guineas, earned his boarding pass for the Group One feature with an impressive victory in the Gr.2 Bill Ritchie Handicap at Randwick.

"He's in with a winnable weight (50.5kg) and there's a sense of timing, it's the race he's been set for after winning the race at Eagle Farm, the Queensland Guineas," Waller said.

"He's a really nice horse, he showed that at the end of the autumn with the three races in a row that he won."

Our colours were also carried to victory at Caulfield by Fabric, trained by our long-time friend and supporter Danny O'Brien.

"It's a relationship we've had for a long, long time with Waikato Stud and they're in the top three studs in Australasia," O'Brien said. "They're a sensational operation and any horse you get from them, there's a fair chance it will be a good horse".

O'Brien said "Fabric would now get her chance to step up to stakes level in the Gr.2 Blazer Stakes (1400m) at Flemington on October 5".

"She's a filly that showed good promise as a three-year-old, but she's come back a bit bigger and stronger."

Fabric is a daughter of Haberdashery, is a half-sister to Hope So and her son by Ocean Park is King Opie, who posted his fifth career success in the Centenary Cup at Sha Tin for trainer Frankie Lor.

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**—DANNY O'BRIEN**



Right: Fabric





# Fabulous filly welcomed

**A SPECIAL FILLY HAS ARRIVED ON THE FARM WITH THE OUTSTANDING MARE BONNEVAL PRODUCING A CRACKING FOAL BY CHAMPION STALLION I AM INVINCIBLE.**

A multiple Group 1 winner, the former New Zealand Horse of the Year was purchased by Garry Chittick who was determined she remained on our shores at the end of her decorated racing career.

"Garry was committed to stopping the flow of quality bloodstock out of New Zealand and obviously bred her to one

of Australia's best stallions. He's been well rewarded with a beautiful filly, a great result," Mark Chittick said.

The filly will be retained by Garry and Bonneval will be served this season by resident champion stallion Savabeel.

Two other beautifully-related fillies are also among the latest flurry of foals to have been welcomed to the farm.

Group One winner Daffodil has produced a stunning daughter by Savabeel while a half-sister by Almanzor to the two-time Group 1 winner Bostonian also a quality foal.

The dam Keepa Cheval is a half-sister to the former dual New Zealand Horse of the Year Mufhasa, successful 10 times at Group One level.

Daffodil is a real favourite of ours and she was a super mare, winning the Australian Oaks, New Zealand 1000 Guineas and the Windsor Park Plate at the elite level.

"It's such a busy and exciting time of the year and the team on the farm is doing a great job with all the new arrivals," Chittick said.



# Welcoming back Joanna Smythe

Breeding season is off to a cracking start out on the farm and it's all hands on deck. We're lucky enough to welcome back Assistant Veterinarian, Joanna Smythe, who has recently returned to the farm after taking a few months off since working her first breeding season in New Zealand at Waikato Stud last year.

## What is your background and how did you get involved in horses?

I grew up on a farm in England and always had horses, so I spent my holidays galloping around stubble fields, eventing and hunting.

## What is your role at Waikato Stud and what does it involve?

I am the Assistant Vet, which can involve everything from routine checks on new-born foals, bandaging yearlings, treating sick foals, to mare reproductive work and foaling's.

## How long have you worked as a vet?

I graduated in 2013 and worked in farm and equine practice for 3 years, before moving to Newmarket and working at Rosssdales Equine Hospital, working with a mix of thoroughbreds and sport horses.

## How did your appointment to Waikato Stud come about?

I've always been keen to work at a stud during a Southern Hemisphere season and decided I wanted to come to New Zealand rather than Australia. Waikato Stud were advertising for an Assistant Vet and Chris Phillips (Head Veterinarian) and I both worked at the same practice in England.

## This is your second stint at Waikato Stud, what made you want to return for a second season?

My first season gave me great experience from a work perspective. The size of the stud gave me opportunities I wouldn't have had at home to expand my skill set - so I am keen to build on that with a second season. On a personal level, I loved New Zealand and the people I worked with on the stud, so I am very happy to return!

## What have you been doing since finishing up your first stint at Waikato Stud in February?

After the Karaka Sales, I had some time off to explore the South Island and Australia for a few weeks. I then headed back to the UK for the stud season, returning to Rosssdales and working at three Thoroughbred studs, whilst also doing sports horse AI (Artificial Insemination) work with mainly eventing and show jumping mares.

## What are you most looking forward to about this season?

I love doing the foal work, which despite the occasional frustration can be hugely rewarding. Being able to see last year's crop of foals develop all the way through to the sales ring is very exciting. A huge amount of work from the whole team goes into the whole process from conception to sales yearling and it is great to be a part of that.

# ON THE FARM

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## WORKOUT @ WAIKATO STUD

It's not just the horses we're getting fit this spring!

The Waikato Stud team have been taking advantage of the spring weather and gearing up their training recently. Lunch time fitness training at the farm has seen a variety of road running, group PT sessions and cross country training up the nearby Wairere Falls. This lot will be ready to run in no time!



Left: Some of the WS team stopping for a group snap at the top of Wairere Falls.

## Bon appétit

We enjoyed hosting Ruth and Paul Pretty out to the farm this week. After the fantastic job they did catering for our hospitality tent at the Karaka 2019 sales it was lovely to have the opportunity to cater for them for an evening at Waikato Stud.

Being tasked with cooking for the owner/operators of one of New Zealand's most highly regarded catering companies wasn't enough to phase WS chef Steve Carson. Over a delicious dinner, we discussed ideas for our Karaka 2020 menu. You will certainly want to visit the Waikato Stud hospitality tent at Karaka 2020 post buying your Waikato Stud yearling, where these guys will be working their magic!

Right: Ruth and Paul Pretty meeting Savabeel





# MIKE RENNIE'S HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

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## WINNER OF THE WEEK

Fabric (2015 Ocean Park/Haberdashery). Slightly headstrong but tough as teak in winning at Caulfield on Saturday. Goes black type next start.

## FOALING OF THE WEEK

Of course, Bonneval and her I Am Invincible filly. She's done an unbelievable job and taken to being a Mum like a pro.

## MATING OF THE WEEK

Miss Selby (O'Reilly/ Singing Star) to Tivaci. She is a grouse mare and a top racehorse (won the Lowland and ran 2nd in the NZ Oaks)

## TIP OF THE WEEKEND

Acting (Savabeel ex Hollywood) with Bussuttin Racing. She's still in her first prep but looks special and hopefully gets a start in the Thousand Guineas Prelude on Sunday.



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# WS Sired Stakes Runners

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## FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

### Top Of The Range

(Savabeel x Spiriting)

Moonee Valley Race 6 JRA Cup - 2040m Open Gr3

**Trainer:** Michael Moroney

**Rider:** Michael Dee

### Rondinella

(Ocean Park x Valpolicella)

Moonee Valley Race 3 Stocks Stakes - 1600m Open Gr2

**Trainer:** R & R James & Wellwood

**Rider:** Nash Rawiller

### Oceanex

(Ocean Park x Danex)

Moonee Valley Race 3 Stocks Stakes - 1600m Open Gr2

**Trainer:** M G & M Price & Kent

**Rider:** James Mc Donald

## SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

### Mr Clarify

(Savabeel x Clareta)

Mornington Race 7 R.M. Ansett Classic- 2400m Open LR

**Trainer:** Wayne Walters

**Rider:** Kate Walters

## SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

### Acting

(Savabeel x Hollywood)

Caulfield Race 6 Thousand Guineas Prelude - 1400m Open Gr2

**Trainer:** Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young

**Rider:** Tommy Berry

### The Chosen One

(Savabeel x The Glitzy One)

Caulfield Race 7 Underwood Stakes - 1800m Open Gr1

**Trainer:** Murray Baker And Andrew Forsman

**Rider:** Damian Lane



# Black Type Spotlight

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## Rondinella (Ocean Park ex Valpolicella) Group 2 Four 'N Twenty Stocks Stakes

She's Group One placed on both sides of the Tasman and resumed well on an unsuitable wet track three weeks back. She's a class act and one to follow this Spring.



## Acting (Savabeel x Hollywood) Group 2 Thousand Guineas Prelude

Trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young are confident in her ability. She's drawn to suit her racing pattern and has been working well.



## The Chosen One (Savabeel x The Glitzy One) Group 1 Underwood Stakes

Returning after a tough first up run three weeks ago the Murry Baker and Andrew Forsman trained colt lines up in a strong field but won't be out of place.



# RESIDENT STALLIONS

WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY OFFERS YOU AN  
INTERNATIONALLY CELEBRATED STALLION LINE-UP.



## Savabeel

10.8% Stakes winners to runners

**SERVICE FEE:**

\$125,000 + GST LFG (BOOK FULL)



## Sacred Falls

Leading young sire

**SERVICE FEE:**

\$20,000 + GST LFG



## Tivaci

Group One winning sprinter/miler

**SERVICE FEE:**

\$20,000 + GST LFG



## Ocean Park

The sire of 102 winners and  
13 stakes horses

**SERVICE FEE:**

\$15,000 + GST LFG



## Ardrossan

Group winning sprinter

**SERVICE FEE:**

\$8,000 + GST LFG



## Rock 'n' Pop

Multiple stakes producer

**SERVICE FEE:**

\$7,000 + GST LFG

# Mark's Mail

CHECK IN WITH MARK AS HE TALKS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT AT WAIKATO STUD IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF MARK'S MAIL.



## Garry's Corner

Hastings last Saturday was my port of call. Mary and I love our days at the Hawkes Bay Races, I have three cousins in the Bay who are regular attendees. In fact, we for some time raced a number of horses together - a great way to retain our relationship. Wayne, the youngest of the mob trained most of them, we nicknamed him Bart despite his results...

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to read Garry's Corner