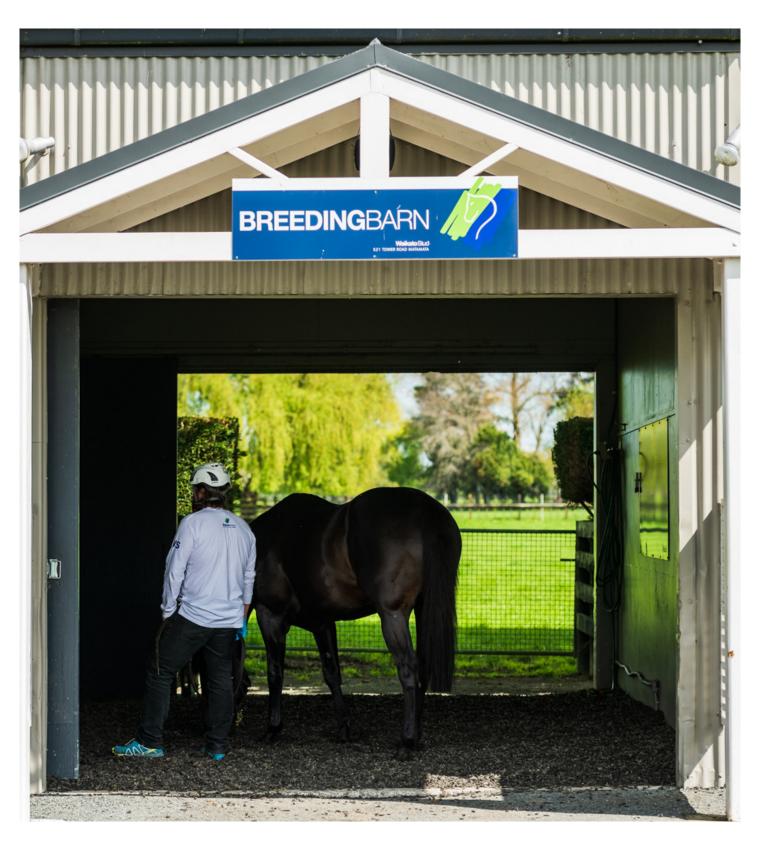


THE WAIKATO WEEKLY





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We've had the pleasure of hosting a few visitors this week, which we always enjoy!

Keep scrolling to catch up on all the news from on the stud and this weekends racing forecast. Make sure to tune in for Mark's Mail this week for something a little different.

Mark and the Waikato Stud team



A pleasant wind blowing our way

WEST WIND HAS MADE THE PERFECT START TO HER RACING CAREER IN VICTORIA AND WHILE WE'RE DELIGHTED, WE HAVE TO ADMIT IT HASN'T BEEN WHAT WE WERE EXPECTING.

Her success is a testament to the patience of trainers Ciaron Maher and David Eustace and our daughter of the late Pins is now rewarding all for the waiting tactics needed to get the best out of the four-year-old.

West Wind has been a late bloomer and something of a surprise packet as she has taken plenty of time to show she's got what it takes.

She finally got to the races at Wangaratta last month and made an instant impact with a winning debut over 1400 metres.

West Wind then repeated over 1600 metres at Tatura and kept her unbeaten record intact last time out at Horsham where she strolled home over 1800 metres.

"She definitely has surprised us and she's taken a long, long time to come to hand," Eustace said.

"She was pretty backward and didn't hold a lot of condition so she's taken some time. She's holding her condition a lot better now and the warmer weather has helped.

"Probably the Ballarat winter slowed her up a bit and we didn't really envisage her to be doing what she is. It's certainly great that she is and hopefully it continues."

West Wind is a daughter of the Danasinga mare Zephyr Song, who is an



unraced half-sister to the Gr.2 Surround Stakes and Gr.1 Show Day Cup runnerup Glenview, who produced the Gr.1 Turffontein South African Derby winner, Timber Trader.

It's also the family of the Gr.2 Queen Elizabeth Stakes winner Zazzman, who also finished third in the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup.

A half-sister to the Gr.3 Eulogy Stakes winner, Whistling Dixie and the Group 2 performers, Mark Two and Atmosphere, West Wind's second dam is the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks winner Zepherin so the mare certainly boasts a decent staying pedigree.

"She'll run at Sandown in a Benchmark 70 or a 78 for fillies and mares over 2100 metres, which is a possibility," Eustace said. "She's doing well and it's great to get winners for Waikato Stud and hopefully it can continue."

Above: West Wind Photo: Racing Photos



In brief...



THE COUNTDOWN TO KARAKA

Things are kicking up a gear in the yearling yard with Jaimee Gowler preparing her team for the fast approaching start of yearling prep!

The official start of prep is the first week of November, but Jaimee and her super team have already had all the yearlings through the barn for their first baths and to get their rugs fitted. When asked what she was most looking forward to about commencing prep, Jaimee said, she loves it all, but she was especially excited to start working with the first crop of Tivaci yearlings.

It's a three-year plan to rear these young horses and get them through to yearling sales. Starting with planning the mating's, through to foaling, weaning, letting them grow into themselves and then the final phase with the prep before the sales. We give every horse born on our farm the best chance to grow and develop into the best athlete they can be, and we take immense pride in presenting our draft every year.

Part of the family

We always love hearing about the endeavors of our Waikato Stud bred horses after their racing careers have finished, but even more so after the recent disturbing revelations in the Australian media. We were delighted to receive these photos from Chantel Galwey earlier this week, of her Pins x Ungaro gelding, SomePin Anypin, who is affectionately known as Copper by her family. Inspiring the next generation, Copper is adored by a lovely 5-year-old girl and Chantel says this will be his forever home.







On the farm





Above: Ash Hardwick, Sam Curwood, Daniel Gangi came to visit their stock. Pictured above with Bewitching and her Savabeel colt.

Right: We enjoyed hosting Tania Gough who came to visit from Outward Bound and check in with the team who have completed the Outward Bound course.



On the farm





Above: It's not just horses we rear out here at Waikato Stud! The youngest of the Chittick children has a new addition to add to the list of family pets. After falling out of a tree at just a few days old, Charlie Chittick headed the rescue team for this young magpie and has been caring for and raising Maggie May for the past four weeks.

The WS Draft are ready to run! Blustery conditions created an air of nervousness at the breeze-ups earlier in the week, but the horses showed only poise and focus thanks to a great job done in preparing them by Jamie and Chanel from Ohukia Lodge.

Right: Mark and Mike warming up after attending day one.

All reports were positive and times were certainly within our range of expectation with the fastest breeze going to the Sacred Falls ex Flutter colt and Savabeel ex Ahna colt running 10.69.





Richard was up in the Waikato to watch his Sacred Falls colt breeze up so he stopped by the farm to visit his mares, including the lovely Emily Monk and her Savabeel foal who he is pictured with above.

1.	Melbourne Cup / Caulfield Cup	11.	Surprise Me / Tell Me
2.	Kiwi bred / Aussie bred	12.	Early night / Sleep in
3.	WFA / Handicap	13.	Talk / Listen
4.	Phar Lap / Sunline	14.	Jandals / Trainers
5.	1200m / 2400m	15.	Sports Car / SUV
6.	Private sale / Public auction	16.	Early morning / Late night
7.	Stallion / Mare	17.	Lake / Beach
8.	Ellerslie Riccarton	18.	Theatre / Movie
9.	Dine in / Dine out	19.	Beer / Wine
10.	Travel / Home		



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



WS Sired Stakes Runners

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

Sorrentina

(Savabeel x Rush)

Ellerslie Race 8 Barneswood Farm Soliloquy Stks - 1400m Open Gr3

Trainer: Stephen Marsh **Rider**: Craig Grylls

Craftmanship

(Savabeel x Aspinal)

Moonee Valley Race 6 Moonee Valley Vase - 2040m Open Gr2

Trainer: M G & M Price & Kent

Rider: Hugh Bowman

Top Of The Range

(Savabeel x Spiriting)

Moonee Valley Race 7 Moonee Valley Gold Cup - 2500m Open Gr2

Trainer: Michael Moroney **Rider**: Dwayne Dunn

Aotea Lad

(Savabeel x Corsage)

Riccarton Park Race 7 War Decree Stakes - 1600m Open Gr3

Trainer: Jamie Richards **Rider**: Jason Laking

Savapak

(Savabeel x Queen Of Lions)

Riccarton Park Race 9 C'church Casino Spring Classic - 2000m Open LR

Trainer: L & R Didham **Rider**: Kavish Chowdhoory

Cool Aza Beel

(Savabeel x Cool 'n' Sassy)

Trentham Race 4 Hanley Formula Wellesley Stks - 1000m Open LR

Trainer: Jamie Richards **Rider**: Johnathan Parkes

Madison County

(Pins x Red Delicious)

Moonee Valley Race 8 Crystal Mile - 1600m Open Gr2

Trainer: Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman

Rider: Damian Lane



Black Type Spotlight



Cool Aza Beel (Savabeel x Cool 'n' Sassy) Listed Hanley Formula Wellesley Stks

The Jaime Richards trained Savabeel colt lines up a good field after winning well on debut. Johnathon Parkes takes up the reins on Saturday.

A tough race to judge the strength of. He's yet to see a tail in three trials and one race day start to date so deserves the even money price tag.



Aotea Lad (Savabeel x Corsage) Group 3 War Decree Stakes

The son of Savabeel starts in the Gr3 under Jason Laking. Ran well last start. Good chance.

Both runs this time in have be creditable in strong company. He looks well placed here albeit drawn awkwardly.



Madison County (Pins x Red Delicious) Group 3 Crystal Mile

Damien Lane is booked to ride the NZ 3-YO Horse of the Year. Trainers Baker and Fosman will be hoping for an easier run than last.

Third start this prep and will strip fitter after a tough run in the Toorak. Drawn out but good speed in the race should help him get a sit before a final crack at them.





Great friends of the stud and clients Christine and Steak Goodin have organised their annual charity evening for Life Education Trust in Taranaki, something they have been doing for over 20 years now with Steak even being awarded a Queens Service Medal for his efforts. We'd like to share the details as we think it sounds like a great evening so get in quick and book your tickets to help support a great cause.



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

As a result of solving the jigsaw puzzles last week, I think it's time to move on. The important role RITA has to play in the near future requires all of our support, after all, RITA cannot be held accountable for our current situation. They are a part of the Minister's plan to address what I see as the previous Board and Executive failings: and failures they must have been or they would not have been removed.

Since last week, we have tabled the interim Annual Accounts, these accounts have confirmed what Brian DeLores exposed of recent months...

CLICK HERE to read Garry's Corner