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# WAIKATO STUD NEWSLETTER





# KARAKA

## SUCCESS FOR WS



Waikato Stud enjoyed strong trade during the Book 1 catalogue at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale with resident sire Savabeel again a major influence.

He ended the week as the leading sire by average with 29 youngsters sold for \$6,285,000 at an average of \$216,724 and a highest price of \$720,000.

The Matamata farm sold reduced numbers at Karaka and still finished as the second leading vendor by aggregate with 24 lots sold for \$4,330,000 at an average of \$180,417. Its top

lots, both by Almanzor, were each knocked down for \$420,000.

"Savabeel is just a class act and continuing to get top-class results on the track and in the sale ring. The Tivacis have sold well, very pleased with him, and Ocean Park and Sacred Falls have had great results," Mark Chittick said.

Waikato Stud offered around a third less horses during Book 1 than previous years due to a number of factors under the current COVID-19 circumstances.

The necessity to push the farm's brand in Australia saw Waikato Stud sell at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and will have presences at other upcoming sales across the Tasman.

Bruce Perry went to the top end of his budget to secure Waikato Stud's handsome Almanzor colt to beat off trainer Stephen Marsh and the powerful Te Akau operation to land Lot 416 on behalf of prominent owner Lib Petagna.

"I saw him a while ago in the paddock at Waikato Stud and he'll be staying in New Zealand, but we haven't got a trainer yet," Perry said. "He's a beautiful horse with a lovely temperament and thought he would sell around the \$400,000 mark."

The colt is out of the Savabeel mare Genius, a four-time winner, and her only foal to race is the Hong Kong winner Breeze Of Spring.

"There is a lot of Savabeel about this colt and the best of Almanzor's traits. I'm thrilled to have got him," Perry said.

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Lot 416

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike also went to \$420,000 on behalf of The Oaks Stud for an Almanzor filly, a half-sister to his multiple Group 1 winner The Bostonian.

"She is very similar to her half-brother on type and is a lovely-walking filly with a great temperament," he said.

The filly is out of Keepa Cheval and she is a half-sister to the 10-time Group 1 winner and two-time New Zealand Horse of the Year, Mufhasa.



# QUINELLA GLORY IN KARAKA MILLION

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Waikato Stud also celebrated racetrack success on the eve of the Sale when its graduates Aegon and Amarelinha provided the quinella in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic

Sacred Falls' son Aegon remains unbeaten while the Savabeel filly Amarelinha was gallant in defeat and the G2 Eight Carat Classic winner lost no admirers with her performance.

Aegon hadn't been sighted since he won the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas at Riccarton in November, but trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman were more than happy with the Sacred Falls gelding's condition.

"We've been very patient with this horse, and the staff at home have done a great job with him. It's also a big achievement for my training partner Andrew, who selected him at the yearling sales," Baker said.

Aegon is raced by Forsman with the Zame Partnership with the former making the Karaka purchase for \$150,000.

"He had a good way about him and moved well. He's a

neat, well put together horse," he recalled.

Aegon is a son of the Zabeel mare Toss Up, whose four foals to race have all been successful, and she is out of a half-sister to the G1 Ellerslie Sires' Produce S. winner Good Faith.

# MAGICAL TIME

## ON GOLD COAST

Waikato Stud signed off from the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale on a top note when its Savabeel colt provided the Matamata farm with its highlight of the Queensland auction.

The well-related youngster attracted widespread interest before he was knocked down for AU\$350,000 with the ticket signed by Kennewell Racing and Ultra Thoroughbred Racing.

He is a son of the winning O'Reilly mare Urban, who is a half-sister top Residential, successful in the G3 South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' S. and three times at listed level.

The three-time stakes winner Coup Liner is also a member of this family and further back in the pedigree is the G1 Railway winner Silver Liner.

Her daughter Petrava was an outstanding performer who won four top-flight events



in South Africa and produced three-time G1 winner Hoeberg and G2 winner and successful stallion Jallad.

The sale of the Savabeel colt ended a successful Gold Coast auction for Waikato Stud, who sold nine lots for AU\$1,925,000 at an average of AU\$213,888.

# Q&A

## WITH CHARLOTTE CHITTICK

### What does a typical day during yearling prep look like for you?

Start at 6am sharp, bring in all the yearlings, take their covers off. Both horses and humans then have some breakky, then grooming or washing the horses. We usually have an afternoon parade for clients and after this is finished, we put the yearlings out into their paddocks, feed them and then lastly muck out all of the boxes and replace the haulage and water. Repeat the next and the next day!

### What are you studying at university? And where are your plans once you finish your degree?

I'm in my second year of a double major, management and marketing with Victoria Uni - studying online from

Wanaka. Once I've finished my degree I plan to visit and work at a range of studs around the world. Fingers crossed COVID has calmed down I will be able to travel!

### What's the most rewarding part about working at WS?

The most rewarding part about working on the farm is seeing the horses develop from the start of yearling prep to the day they go through the ring. It's awesome watching them grow into little champions.

### Favourite memory at WS?

My favourite memory would have to be riding my little white pony around with mum, Lisa, screaming at me from the end of the driveway, I may have accidentally sent a yearling over the fence, whoops!



“I don't mean to be cliché, but my biggest inspiration is my Dad, Mark”

Charlotte



### **Favourite yearling that sold at Karaka?**

Tivaci x Exactly Like You - awesome temperament and an absolute cracker of a filly.

### **Which Karaka yearling do you think is most likely to win a G1?**

Savabeel x Babyshacks filly that sold in 2020 to Te Akau.

### **Who is your biggest inspiration?**

I don't mean to be cliché, but my biggest inspiration is my Dad, Mark. He has been through a lot over the years and still manages

to remain kind, bubbly and a great horseman. He always has time for anyone and will always be my best mate.

### **Rate your Dad as a boss out of 10?**

10 - gets the team coffees.

### **Ideal holiday destination?**

Our family bach in Kinloch, Taupo.

### **What are your plans for 2021 outside of WS?**

Living, working, studying and a bit of skiing from Wanaka, New Zealand.



George, Harry, Charlie & Charlotte Chittick



## INNOVATIVE AUCTION APPROACH WARMLY RECEIVED BY MARKET

In an Australasian first, Waikato Stud offered buyers at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale the ultimate pre-sale insight when it disclosed the 'on-the-market' price for each yearling on the Kick Sales Platform.

Mark Chittick explained that the innovative move of taking transparency to an unprecedented level came about by a goal to make the sale transaction process as open and straightforward as possible for buyers.

"At the end of the day, it's pretty simple – we were there to sell horses so we wanted to provide as much information as possible to allow that to happen," he said.

"We're farmers that produce a crop each year to bring to market. We have a reputation for being very fair and honest vendors and we owned most of the horses ourselves.



"We took all of the mystery out of it and disclosed the price of our horses before any of them went through the ring."

Waikato Stud's approach was both innovative and successful and ended Book 1 as the second leading vendor by aggregate with 24 lots sold for \$4,330,000 at an average of \$180,417 with two top lots selling for \$420,000.

In the current travel-restricted circumstances, the Matamata farm took on the challenge and set a higher standard of transparency than any vendor in the past and worked closely with the Kick Sales Platform system to ensure horse information was easily accessed in one place.

Chittick said in a normal year, overseas buyers would have been present in person to chat to the team about reserves and negotiate based on their position and valuation of the horse. With that communication channel more difficult, an innovative solution was called for.

"This is the first year since 1928 – the year Phar Lap was sold – that only a domestic buying bench was onsite for New Zealand's largest yearling sale. Unprecedented times call for unprecedented solutions!

"The prices of individual lots were listed on the Kick Sales Platform, which already had

all information including x-rays, scoping and history of every individual horse. Prices were also listed on the Waikato Stud website.

"We were at Karaka to sell as many horses as we possibly could and believed the approach helped to achieve our goals of providing quality opportunities for the buying bench."

Chittick explained a flexible approach to selling horses was vital.

"There are often times where we have a live bid under the reserve figure. If they were clients we continually do business with, we sold the horse in good faith knowing the business will return. I think that trust in honest dealings was appreciated and reciprocated.

"This is a small industry where relationships and trust are essential to good business.

"We did everything in our power to help buyers buy our horses. The offshore market is massive to us and they were unable to be onsite.

"Without these people being able to be on site this year, they knew what prices were on the horses and did their homework and were totally prepared. We wanted to give everyone as much information as possible."



# INGLIS CLASSIC

## CLASS OF 2021

Feb 7-9 Sydney, Australia  
Selling under Glenn Lee Thoroughbreds

“We couldn't have asked for a better bunch. Out of the 7 I think there is something for everyone. Good moving, great bodied horses, all with exceptional attitudes to face up to the pressure of racing.”

- Mikayla, Glenn Lee Thoroughbreds

**Lot 14**  
Bay/Brown colt

Savabeel  
x Got It (NZ)



This colt is by Savabeel out of Pins mare, Got It. His grandam is a sister to four time G1 winner, Sacred Falls and is also a three quarter sister to G3 winner Splashing Out.



**Lot 474**  
Bay Colt

Tivaci  
x Baby Shacks (NZ)

This colt is by Tivaci out of O'Reilly mare, Baby Shacks, who is a sister to G2 winners Joey Massino & Vigor as well as being a half sister to Karaka Million winner Vincent Mangano

**Lot 39**  
Bay Filly

Ocean Park (NZ)  
x Hope So (NZ)



This filly is by Ocean Park out of race-winning Fast 'n' Famous mare, Hope So, who is a half-sister to G1 winner Lachlan River. This colt is a descendant of Listed winner Nancress.



**Lot 559**  
Brown Colt

Tivaci  
x Date Night (NZ)

This colt is by Tivaci and first foal out of G2 placed Savabeel mare, Date Night. His grandam is two time G3 winner, Dating, who is out of Listed winner Mandate.

**Lot 69**  
Bay Colt

Savabeel  
x Kansas (NZ)



This colt is by Savabeel out of race winning O'Reilly mare, Kansas. His grandam is G3 winner, Breezy. This colt is a descendant of G2 winner, Zephyr Magic.



**Lot 575**  
Bay Colt

Sacred Falls  
x Do Ra Mi (NZ)

This colt is by Sacred Falls out of G2 winning Savabeel mare, Do Ra Mi, who is a half sister to G1 winner Marju Snip. This colt is a half brother to G3 placed Hanger.

**Lot 239**  
Bay Colt

Tivaci  
x Popular (NZ)



This colt is by Tivaci and first foal out of race winning Savabeel mare, Popular, who is out of a sister to four time G1 winner Sacred Falls and is also a three quarter sister to G3 winner Splashing Out.





# INGLIS PREMIER

## CLASS OF 2021

Feb 28 - March 2 Melbourne, Australia  
Selling under Stonehouse Thoroughbreds

Lot	Sire	Dam	Sex	Colour	Summary
56	Ocean Park (NZ)	Gold Spice	Filly	Bay	This filly is by Ocean Park and first foal out of G3 placed Rock 'n' Pop mare, Gold Spice. This filly's 2nd dam is five-time winner Zoe Spice who is three quarter sister to Listed placed Needlly and is half sister to G3 winner Rhysess.
170	Savabeel	Masquerade (NZ)	Colt	Bay	This colt is by Savabeel out of Listed winning No Excuse Needed mare, Masquerade, who is a half sister to two time G1 winner, Costume.
239	Ocean Park (NZ)	Pastrana	Colt	Bay	This colt is by Ocean Park out of Fastnet Rock mare, Pastrana. This colt is a descendant of Estate Label and is from the family of Golden Slipper placed Loving Cup and G1 winner Sizzling
348	Tivaci	So Splendid (NZ)	Colt	Bay	This colt is by Tivaci and first foal out of race winning Savabeel mare, So Splendid, who is three quarter sister to G2 winner Do Ra Mi and is from the family of G1 winner Marju Snip.
399	Savabeel	Tiara (NZ)	Colt	Bay	The colt is by Savabeel out of race winning O'Reilly mare, Tiara. This colt is a descendant of two time G1 winner Royal Tiara and is from the family of G2 winner Elbio.
549	Tivaci	Checkout (NZ)	Colt	Bay	This colt is by Tivaci out of race winning Savabeel mare, Checkout, who is a three quarter sister to G2 winner Splurge and is out of G2 winner, Shopaholic. This colt is from the family of four time G1 winner Sacred Falls.

# THE WINNERS

## SAVY'S CUP RUNNETH OVER AT ELLERSLIE

Savabeel struck a feature race blow on New Year's Day when his daughter Savy Yong Blonk prevailed in a desperate finish to the G2 City of Auckland Cup at Ellerslie.

The Jamie Richards-trained mare had finished runner-up in the event 12 months ago and she produced a determined finish for rider Danielle Johnson to go one better by the narrowest of margins.

"I really didn't know if she got there. I sat back in a corner and awaited the verdict," Richards said.

"She really deserved that as she's been second in this one, the G3 Waikato Cup and the G3 Counties Cup so she's got the job done.

Bred and raced by Gartshore Bloodstock, Savy Yong Blonk is raced by breeders Gartshore Bloodstock and is a sister to the G2 Autumn Classic winner

Adelaide Ace and they are out of the unraced Pins mare Ampin.

She is a half-sister to the G3 Gloaming S. winner and G1 Australian Guineas runner-up Strike The Stars and their dam Ambitious was second in the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas.



Savabeel



## WAITING TACTICS PAY OFF WITH OCEAN PARK'S SON

Ocean Park's son The Lost Boys has been a lengthy work in progress and connections were well-rewarded for their patience when he won with a good degree of authority at Otaki.

The Waikato Stud-bred was on debut for trainer and part-owner Allan Sharrock and the 4-year-old, who won his only trial more than 12 months ago.

He was sold through High Grange Thoroughbreds' draft at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale with Sharrock having the final say at \$22,000.

The Lost Boys is a son of the unraced Fast 'N' Famous mare Paris Carver, whose four foals to race have all been successful, and she is a half-sister to the winner and Group 1 performer Ambitious, dam of the G3 Gloaming Stakes winner and G1 Australian Guineas second Strike The Stars.

It is also the family of the G3 Premier's Cup winner Another Dollar, also runner-up in the G1 Queensland Guineas, and the G2 Autumn Classic winner Adelaide Ace.

## MILFORD MOVES INTO DERBY CONTENTION

Savabeel colt Milford made a successful middle-distance debut at Ellerslie to put him firmly in the frame for an autumn Group 1 target.

The Waikato Stud-bred and sold 3-year-old stepped out over ground for the first time in the Listed Te Akau Gingernuts Salver and loped along in fourth spot to the turn and was

poised to strike on straightening.

Rider Leith Innes then asked Milford a serious question and he responded in style to further enhance his G1 New Zealand Derby prospects. His performance saw his Classic odds slashed from \$61 to the second line of betting at \$10.

Marsh will now ease up on the colt before bringing him back for the traditional lead-up to the New Zealand Derby, the G2 Avondale Guineas on February 20.

Milford was a \$360,000 New Zealand Bloodstock yearling Sale purchase by agent Bruce Perry on behalf of Lib Petagna's JML Bloodstock.

He is out of the unraced O'Reilly mare Etiquette and she is a sister to the four-time Group 1 winner and ill-fated sire Sacred Falls.



Ocean Park



Milford



## SAINTLY RUN FROM OCEAN PARK'S DAUGHTER

Our Hail Mary became Waikato Stud stallion Ocean Park's 13th individual black-type winner when she produced an irresistible finish to claim the G3 Trentham S.

Third in the Listed NZB Airfreight S. as a 3-year-old, Our Hail Mary settled off the pace and when rider Danielle Johnson drew her wide on the home turn the mare went through her gears to advance her record to six wins from 13 appearances.

A further five placings emphasises the patiently-handled mare's genuine nature with part-owner and trainer Allan Sharrock now pondering a chase for higher honours.

They include the G3 Manawatu Breeders' S. on April 9 and the G2 Travis S. on May 1.

Sharrock knows Our Hail Mary's family well as she is out of a half-sister to his former stable star Shez Sinsational, who collected four G1 titles during her racing days.

## TIPTRONIC NOT TO BE DENIED IN CUP

Tiptronic showed his great fighting qualities at Ellerslie where he warmed up for a G1 title defence next month with a commanding front-running performance to land the Karaka Cup.

The Graham Richardson and Rogan Norvall-trained Waikato Stud graduate revelled in his role at the head of affairs and made light of his 60.5kg to win for the seventh time in his career.

Tiptronic claimed the weight-for-age feature at Te Rapa last season and has raced consistently since with a fourth placing in the G1 New Zealand S. and prior to his Ellerslie success he was a gallant fifth in the G1 Zabeel Classic after being posted three-wide.

He was a \$100,000 purchase at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale for Richardson and is a son of O'Reilly and the Pins mare Tiptoes.

She is a half-sister to the two-time G1 winner Legs, who produced the black-type winner Wolf Whistle and the G2 Hawke's Bay Guineas runner-up Scrutinize, and the G1 WATC Derby winner Guyno.

Another top-flight member of this family is Xtravagant, the dual G1 winner of the New Zealand 2000 Guineas and Waikato Sprint.



Tiptronic





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# THE CORNER

with Garry Chittick



## It is difficult to write on a subject regularly and retain a level of originality that will retain your interest

Fortunately for me having my loyal readers means my spread of subjects can be pretty narrow.

Still, the Karaka Sale deserves a column or two. Surely, you will say there is only one subject for the week and you are right but to be fair all sales series get a flogging from a bunch of journalists who have no skin in the game. Does that matter? Well, over my many years there is no doubt knowing whatever

you sell determines not only your future investment or your standard of living but also how you feel about yourself - your self-confidence.

Our game is unique, the public exposure is second to none.

You will remember the filly we retired from racing; you will have sagely whispered to your mates 'is she good enough to breed?' The confidence you had when your mate purchased her as a yearling, only to be softened by a modest racing result is overruled by the thought of selling her off track will result in the second judgement of your fellow experts when you are offered half the purchase price. However, the right

mating has the chance of redeeming your judgment.

Your friends, mostly acquaintances, will not be aware of you backing your judgement until two years off the track when they peruse the upcoming sales catalogue. Well, they whisper to their mates "I see he has chucked another \$30k, plus sales prep, bloody fool."

Why do they enjoy this? Who knows? but it's there for all to see, see what I mean? Buy an expensive car, lose 50% in a shorter time frame. Remember, with no chance of winning anything but most importantly not many are interested in your car, you will have little to dream about, and you will meet nobody!





Garry and Mary Chittick

Waikato had a great year a few years ago, Mary and I attended a wedding when a fellow guest asked how our sale went and after a very public result a fellow table sitter recited not only our sale results but had calculated our service fee income. Far from accurately I might add! My response was "I am surprised you took the time to do such a calculation." My point, whether it's one or one hundred yearlings, we are all subjected to the same judgement and scrutiny, does it matter? Well, I will come to that.

And so, to 2021 Karaka, there's no doubt COVID did pull a few front teeth out of the catalogue, with Waikato is an example, but go back to July when we are asked to commit our stock & our future, in such uncertain times. Mark chose to spread his yearlings around five sales, taking the view the ability to see the yearlings is

primo. I think so far, he is right. When selling 70 yearlings to lob up at one venue is a risk we could not take. We are the first to congratulate NZB on the results they have achieved, have we pulled the wrong reign? The next three sales we are selling at will confirm or otherwise. You see, you can check every sale, nod wisely and know it all.

The advent of internet sales is the future, trainers said to us they wouldn't buy without sighting the horse, but the results tell us some must have. My view is over time as more of these unsighted horses happily arrive at the stables and are up to expectations, more trainers will accept the change. It may even evolve that more horses will change hands directly, won't that bugger up the fence sitters! I can't wait.

Cheers,  
Garry Chittick

# Waikato Stud

