

Waikato Weekly

Friday 6th August 2021

## Staff Profile **OF THE WEEK**



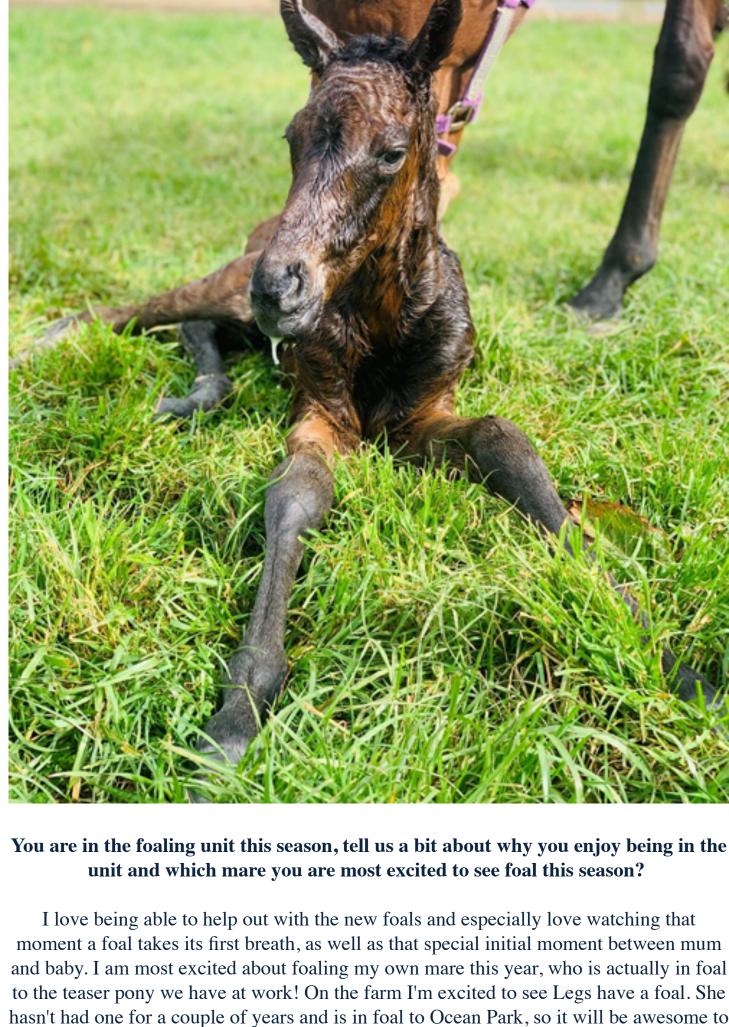
really appreciate being able to watch the horses develop. I did a little bit of track work riding at Courtza Park a couple of years ago, and got to ride a couple of good horses that eventually went to Australia to race, which was really cool.

What made you decide to work in the thoroughbred industry and what do you love particularly about working at WS? My parents have always been in the thoroughbred industry and my aunt Catherine used to be a very good jockey, so it runs in the blood. I love being able to watch all the horses develop over the years, especially being able to see them right from the start, when they are born through to winning Group 1 races, hence why I love WS with all the successful

horses they have bred.

My favourite photo that I have taken since being at the stud would be of the Tiffany Yellow x Savabeel filly, who was born in the middle of the day last season. She is the full sister to Cornflower Blue, so that was really cool to be there to help and witness it

during the day when it was still light.



What do you enjoy doing outside of work? Outside of work I have my own horses that I ride and compete in competitions. I also just love spending time with my family and friends.

see when the time comes.

difficult foal)? To be honest I haven't actually witnessed a difficult foaling yet but have dealt with some difficult foals. I think the most important thing to do is keep calm and be patient. You sometimes forget that they are only a day, or a couple of days old, and have no idea what they are doing sometimes.

Within the industry, who is someone you look up to and why?

I look up to my father a lot. He has taught me so much over the years and always had me out on the farm helping when I was younger. He is still teaching me stuff now and I wouldn't want anyone else as my father. He actually encouraged me to get a job at the stud when I left school, ironically he used to work here when he was my age.

Foal OF THE WEEK





**ZEALAND SIRE** 

We catch up with Mark Chittick & Savabeel celebrating an

incredible year, with 19 individual stakes winners including

four at Group 1 level.

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Waikato Stud



This week in Garry's Corner

canvas with toy horses on which bounced from one end to the other, sort of like Cambridge. I would get over it but we are building another two. Think about it,

five years probably \$2m. Will this encourage more to train there? I doubt it.

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Winner's Circle **Wairere Falls** Savabeel x Iguazu's Girl • Won at Randwick in the ATC Thank You Owners H. • Half to 4-time Group 1 winner, and late sire Sacred Falls. • Out of Iguazu's Girl (Savabeel), who is the dam of Group 2 winners Shopaholic and Splurge. • Trained by Chris Waller and ridden by James McDonald.

> Waikato Stud-bred Wairere Falls was sold at the Karaka Yearling Sale in 2018 for \$280,000 to Albert Bosma's Go Racing.

> > **Shadow Hawk**

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Bay colt by Savabeel - Bird

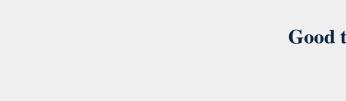
Trainer: Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young

Recent starts include 1st Echuca CIH Sales & Service Maiden

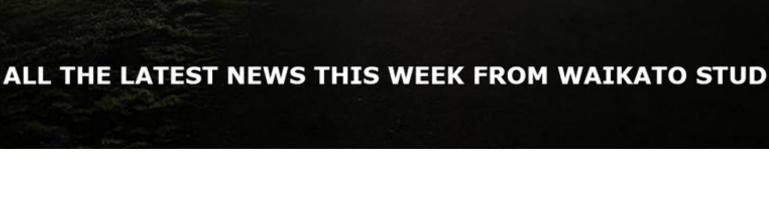
Upcoming Races: Saturday 7th August at Flemington in Race 2 Member Stuart Pettifrew H News Visitors on the farm

## This week has been full on with yearling inspections, with Danny and Kane from NZB, Dean Hawthorne from Inglis and Steve Davis from Magic Millions. We are very happy with the way our yearlings are developing and are excited for the sale season to start in January.

Racing News



**Waikato**Stud



moment since working here? I started working at Waikato Stud in 2016, so this is coming up to my sixth season working here. It's hard to pin down my favourite moment since working here, but I

You love using the camera and take some wicked photos, what is your favourite picture you have taken since you have been here and a back story around it?

What personal tactics do you employ when dealing with a difficult foaling (or a

To be fair it wasn't the dullest winter, the new track at Cambridge, now I find it hard to be enthused. I accept with the need to be able to train through winter particularly with the number of horses trained there. It will surprise most to hear Cambridge have more in work than any Australasian training centre. Still the racing just doesn't grab me, when I was a child, my cousins and I had a game where you wound a handle which agitated the Manawatu has less than 200 in work, the club's contribution will not be less than \$6m. Industry input of probably \$2m all for 200 horses at \$40k per horse. Maintenance over

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