



Waikato Weekly

Friday 10th September 2021

ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



Welcome to this week's newsletter and Mark's Mail, as we wrap up another eventful week for WS, both on the track and at the farm. The breeding season is well and truly underway and keeping us all on our toes! We have had around 70-80 covers this week, and our newest addition to the stallion team, Banquo, has taken to his new job like an absolute champion.

In a short space of time, we've already welcomed an amazing 60 foals and we have been incredibly impressed with how they are all looking.

We are represented by three WS progeny in this Saturday's G1 Makye Diva Stakes at Flemington – **Aegon** (Sacred Falls), **Mo'unga** (Savabeel) and **Tofane** (Ocean Park). Join us by tuning in at 6.50pm (4.50pm AEST), it will certainly be an exciting race for us to watch!

As if that wasn't enough positives coming our way, this week has also brought with it a fantastic, and much-needed, spell of rain and a return to Level 2 COVID restrictions which is a huge relief.

Wishing everyone a great weekend ahead!

Following Piñata - Episode 03



Over the past couple of weeks we have been following Piñata & her gorgeous Ardrossan filly, this week we hear the story behind her one eye and the process she goes through to make sure she is ready for her next visit to Ardrossan.

[Click above to watch more.](#)

Staff Profile

OF THE WEEK



MIKE RENNIE

What do you find most challenging about your role or more generally, a challenge to the industry as a whole?

In a business this size there are always many moving parts. It's always a challenge balancing focus to make sure everything is kept track of and done properly.

Do you have a particular area/s of your role that you really love getting stuck into?

Not really, I love horses and the industry and I am very fortunate to get a lot of variety in my role between the office, farm and out at industry events and seeing clients.

What is your favourite season/time of year on the farm?

Yearling sale time is great. Big energy, lots of people, lots of horses and other than breeding it's the big breadwinner, so plenty to work for in a relatively short period of time.

Favourite WS memory and why?

It will sound nondescript to most, but an off the cuff lunch at the Mount with a few of the Managers last year (or maybe the year before?). It was just one of those impromptu things that turned into a very enjoyable and memorable day with great people.

Where do you see WS in 10 years' time and how is that positioned within the Australasian industry?

Doing what WS does best.

What makes you tick or drives you?

Performing well. I think it's easy to just get by and not challenge yourself in what you do or how you do it. Working for one of the best, with the best (horses and people), keeps you on your toes and willing to go that extra mile.

Favourite WS stallion past or present and why?

Savabeel, I think because he's the one I've had the most to do with and obviously because he is a champion.

Foal

OF THE WEEK



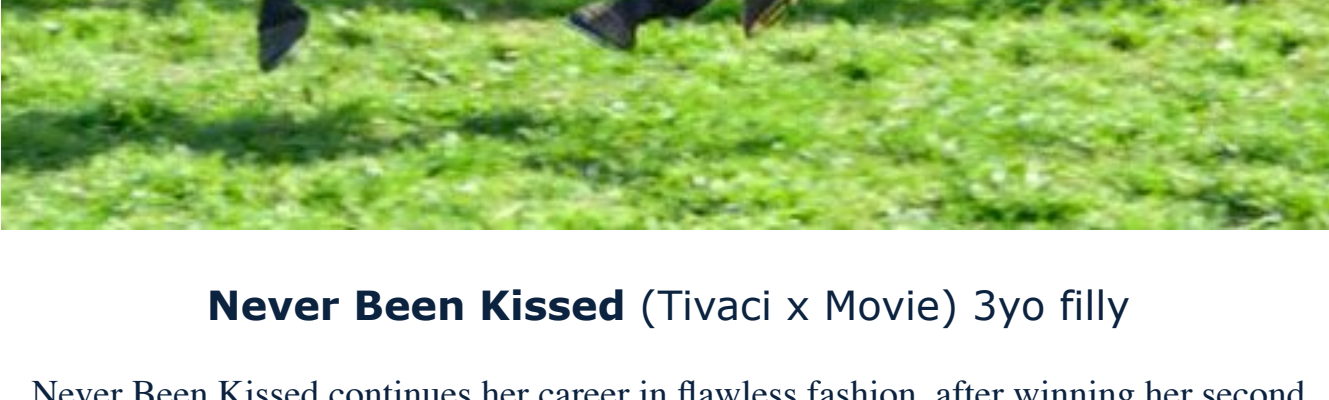
Super Seth x Emily Margaret filly

Emily Margaret is a Group 2-winning **Pins** mare, owned by Mr and Mrs Finlay.

"My wife and I were hoping for a filly, as the mare was so special to us," said Mr Finlay.

Congratulations on this cracking filly!

Winner's Celebration



Never Been Kissed (Tivaci x Movie) 3yo filly

Never Been Kissed continues her career in flawless fashion, after winning her second start, the Newcastle JC Prosperity Advisers Group H., on Saturday. Trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, the WS bred filly had her winning debut run last month at Hawkesbury. She is from an impressive family, which includes Group 1-winning mares **Probaabel** and **Savvy Coup**.

The King's Tips



Introducing Mickey The King Coleman

The winner of 2131 races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman has recently retired from racing & begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

In this new section we look forward to hearing his tips and Ones To Watch every weekend.

Have a look below and see what he reckons is hot this weekend!

The King's

ONES TO Watch

Mo'unga

Mo'unga (Savabeel x Chandelier) 2017 colt

Trainer: Annabel Neisham

Back racing this weekend is the WS born and bred 2-time G1 winning Mo'unga. Recent winner of the G1 Wux Snakes, he's certainly one to watch. It is a strong field with other significant contenders such as **Aegon** (Sacred Falls x Toss up) and **Tofane** (Ocean Park x Baggy Green).

Upcoming Races: Saturday 11th September, Flemington G1 Makye Diva Stakes, Race 8

'THE OUTSIDER'

Marchioness

Marchioness (Iffraaj x Markisa) 2017 mare

Trainer: Tony Pike

Recent Starts: 1st Waikato Draught HC at Te Rapa in August

Upcoming Races: Saturday 11th September, Te Rapa Dunstan Recovery Mash 1200m, Race 5

The Corner with Garry Chittick



This week in Garry's Corner

Regrettfully, last week's Corner was lost in transmission. So at the risk of one of the two of you having read it, some of this week may appear a touch repetitive. My concern was the obvious risk that those who disregard the Covid dangers could cause the immediate cancellation of all racing.

I watch with interest the machinations of a nation that offers a choice of a Federal Government supposedly supported by State Governments, each with leaders of different political agendas with more than one intent on undermining the Federation. If it wasn't so serious, one would consider it a masterclass of the program. Yes Sir. But then it's not really. Yes Sir conveys a subtle lesson on the bureaucracy where we can absorb the difficulties of Government, it does so with enough humour to retain our interest. You would think with a Central Government, seven states, there would be a couple of these leaders that would inject enough humanity and humour to be considered part of the Australian team. I love the Australian humour - it's brutal, to the point, but fair dinkum funny. I know these are serious times, but watching Chairman Dan, the women with unspeakable names from NSW and Queensland, then we have West Australia close to succeeding, my point is it is left to our beloved sport of racing to allow us stuck here in NZ to continue to share in all the good things we love about our mates. Imagine no racing and the above mentioned our only source of entertainment.

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News on the farm

New Foaling Unit Crush



Over the past couple of months, a new crush at the foaling unit has been in the pipeline. With this project drawing to a close, here is a look at the nearly completed crush. All that is left to add is the placing of the rubber safety matting around the floor to prevent slippages.

A crush is used for safe examinations and treatments for mares and foals. With padded sides to ensure optimum comfort, we make sure that the whole area is sanitised and cleaned daily. We are very excited to start using it after months of building work.

NZB Ready to Run Catalogue out now

[NZB Ready to Run Sale | New Zealand Bloodstock | Thoroughbred Auction House](#)

We have a number of horses going to the upcoming NZB Ready to Run Sale, through Ohukia Lodge.

- Lot 72: Tivaci x Cleex (brown gelding)
- Lot 83: Savabeel x Daisy Chain (bay gelding)
- Lot 107: Savabeel x Etiquette (brown colt)
- Lot 108: Savabeel x Eudora (bay colt)
- Lot 129: Savabeel x Glad (bay gelding)
- Lot 175: Savabeel x Lego (bay gelding)
- Lot 218: Sacred Falls x Movie (brown colt)

Racing News

Tivaci filly retains unbeaten record

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No forgetting this colt

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