

Waikato Weekly

Friday 17th September 2021

ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



This week we have been cracking on with our breeding sessions. The boys are flying, and Banquo has taken to his new role like a duck to water. Friday marked the first round of 16-day pregnancy scans. The team were very excited and the results are promising. Fingers are crossed for some buns in the oven!

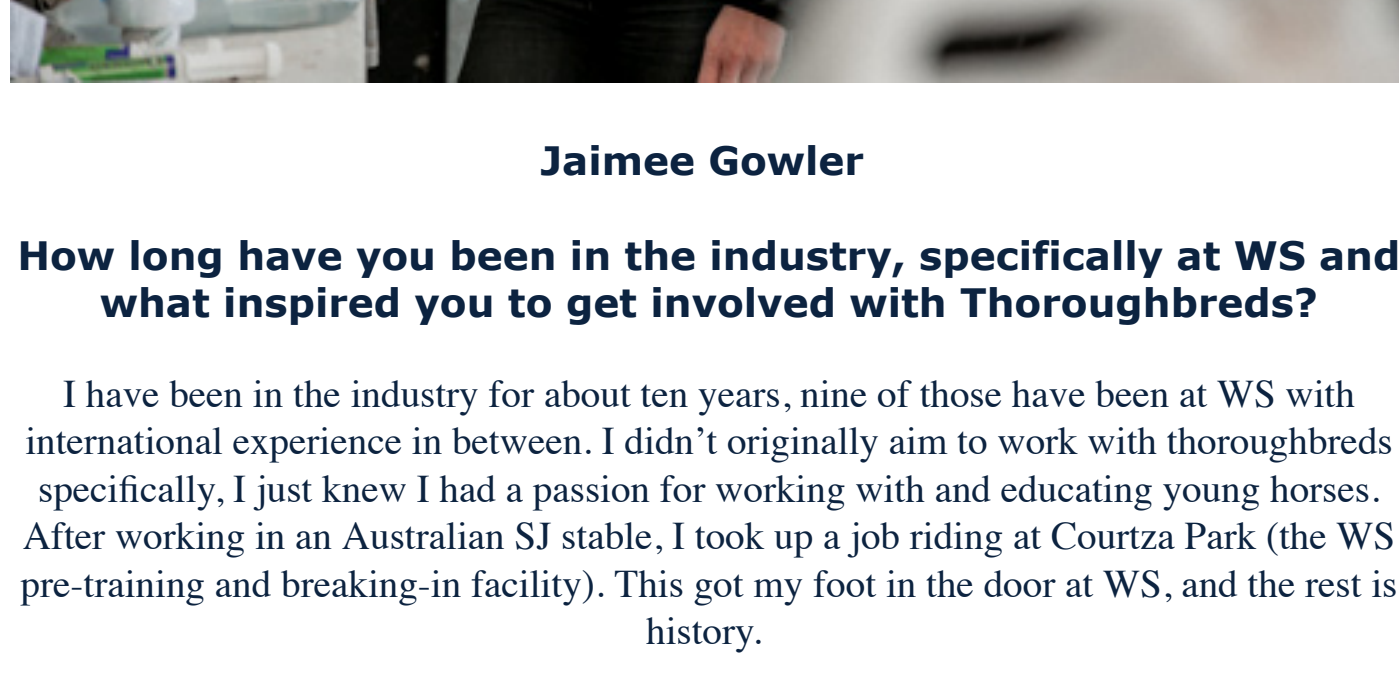
The yearling sale selections are being finalised, and the first few Australian yearlings have come in for some TLC before heading across the ditch. The foals keep on dropping, now numbering up around 70 foals, and we are particularly impressed with the consistent type of horse Super Seth is leaving.

The first Group 1 of the season kicks off this weekend with the **Tarzino Trophy** at Hawkes Bay. Representing the WS Stallions are **Prise De Fer** (Savabeel x Foiled), **Savy Yong Blonk** (Savabeel x Ampin) and **Ocean Billy** (Ocean Park x Cool Storm).

Meanwhile in Australia, we have a few notable runners including the likes of **Amarelinha**, **Kolding** and **Probabeel**. We will also be keeping a close eye on our Tivaci filly **Never Been Kissed** in the G2 Tea Rose Stakes.

Wishing everyone a great weekend ahead!

Bill and Suzi Pomare Visit



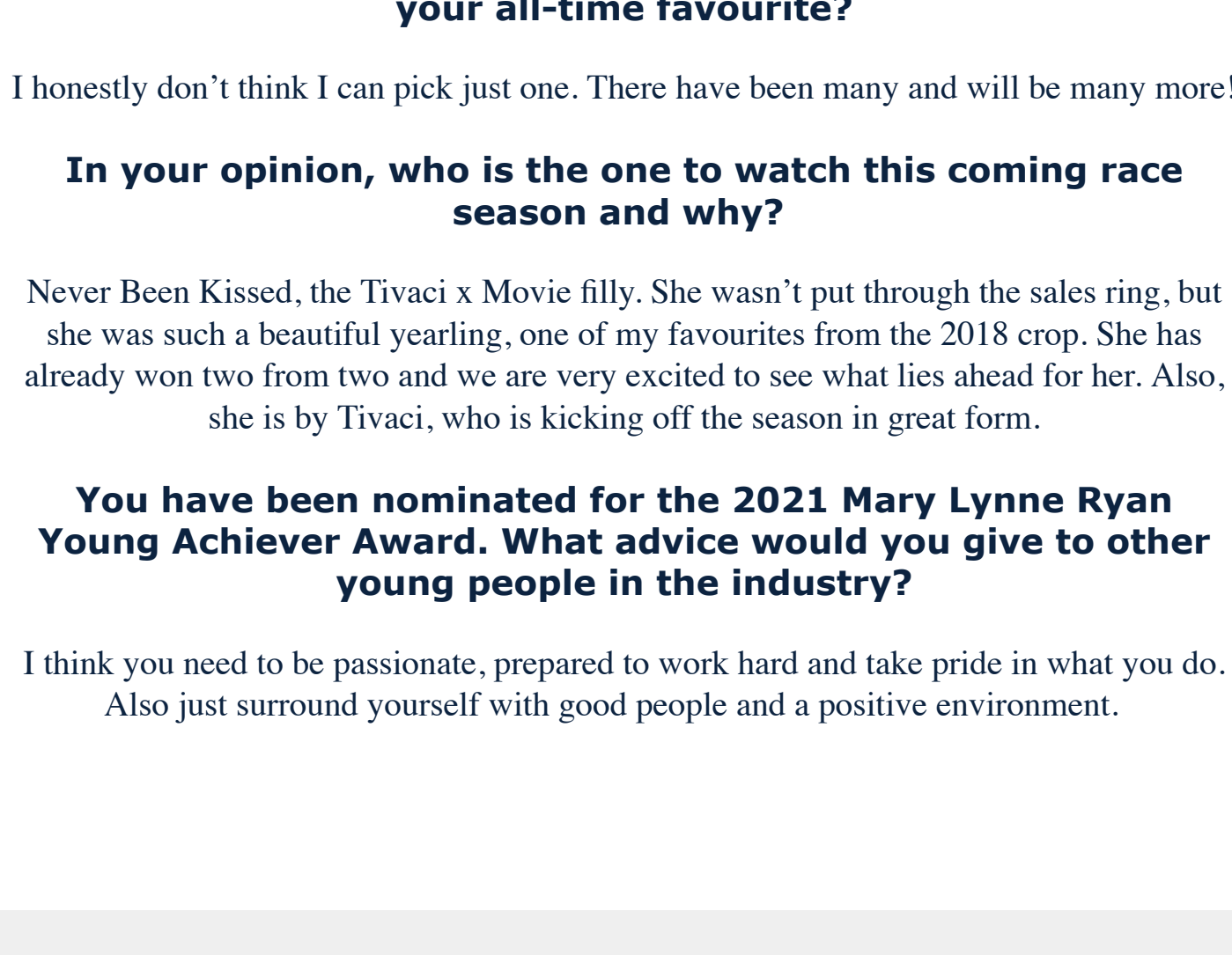
We caught up with trainer & breeders, Bill & Suzi Pomare on their exciting new Ocean Park colt & G1 winning Ocean Billy's amazing achievements so far.

"If Ocean Billy wins the Melbourne Cup, I'll ride Ocean Park."

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STAFF PROFILE

OF THE WEEK



Jaimee Gowler

How long have you been in the industry, specifically at WS and what inspired you to get involved with Thoroughbreds?

I have been in the industry for about ten years, nine of those have been at WS with international experience in between. I didn't originally aim to work with thoroughbreds specifically, I just knew I had a passion for working with and educating young horses. After working in an Australian SJ stable, I took up a job riding at Courtza Park (the WS pre-training and breaking-in facility). This got my foot in the door at WS, and the rest is history.

You have recently taken on the role of Bloodstock Manager, how are you enjoying this new responsibility so far and what encouraged you to take it on?

It's great to be involved in a wider range of operations on the farm. There is so much going on day to day and lots to keep on top of, but I am loving the challenge! I'm very lucky to be well supported by a number of talented and experienced people working here at WS. Taking on this role was naturally the next step after being Yearling Manager for several years, although I will always have a soft spot for the Yearling Yard.



Of all the yearlings you have prepared for sales, who has been your all-time favourite?

I honestly don't think I can pick just one. There have been many and will be many more!

In your opinion, who is the one to watch this coming race season and why?

Never Been Kissed, the Tivaci x Movie filly. She wasn't put through the sales ring, but she was such a beautiful yearling, one of my favourites from the 2018 crop. She has already won two from two and we are very excited to see what lies ahead for her. Also, she is by Tivaci, who is kicking off the season in great form.

You have been nominated for the 2021 Mary Lynne Ryan Young Achiever Award. What advice would you give to other young people in the industry?

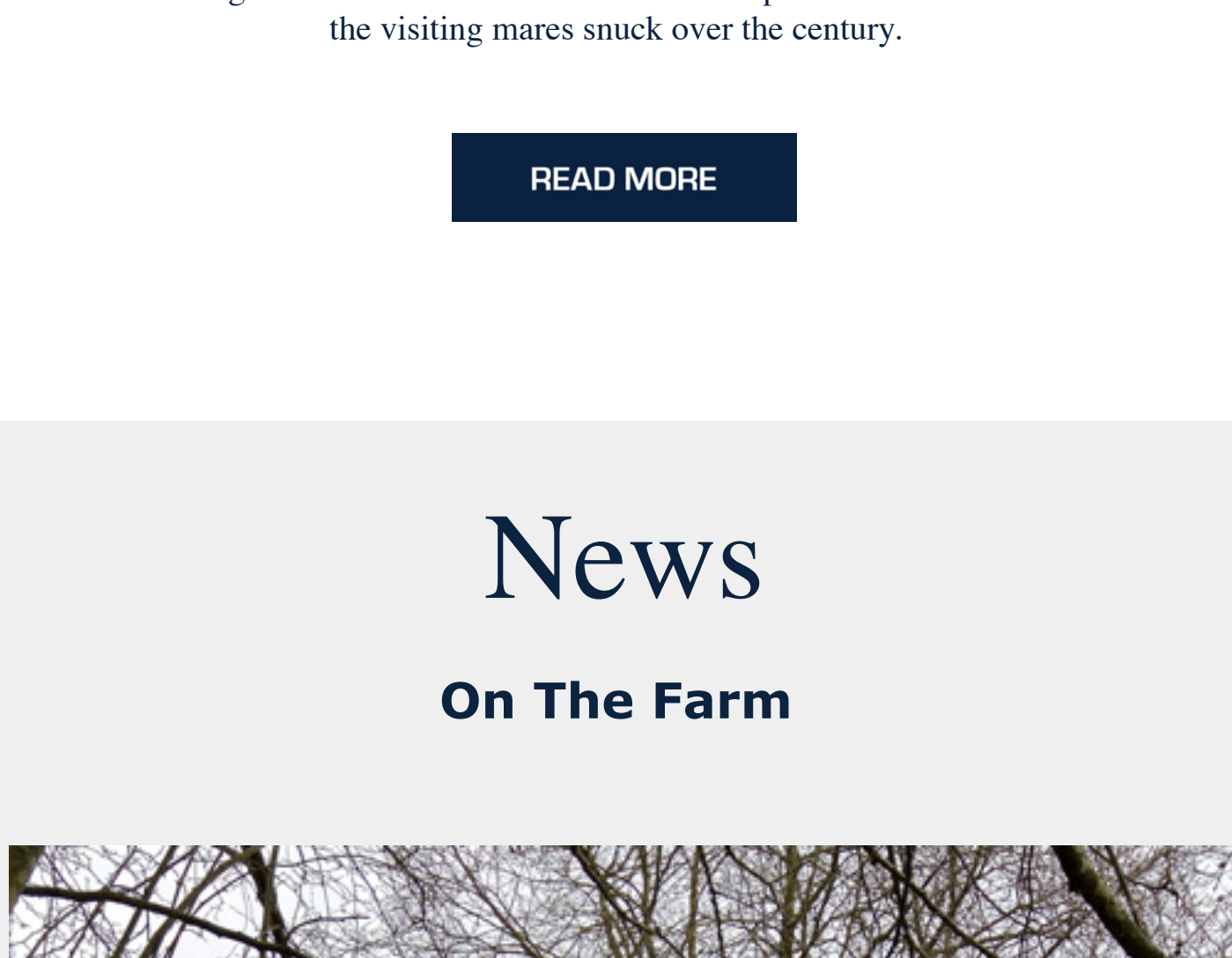
I think you need to be passionate, prepared to work hard and take pride in what you do. Also just surround yourself with good people and a positive environment.

FOAL WATCH



Ocean Park x Faye Presto filly

Spotted having a snooze next to mum, this filly is the first foal from the **Iffraaj** mare, half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner **Kolding**, and Stakes winners **Sampson** and **Miss Upstart**.



Ocean Park x Chilled Out filly

This filly is a half-sister to Listed Rowley Mile winner **Savacoal** and exciting Hong Kong galloper **Killer Bee**, a winner of 4 from 5 starts to date.



Tivaci x Sound Works filly

This is the second foal from city-winning **Not A Single Doubt** mare **Sound Works**, hailing from the family of **Fairy Footsteps** and **Prince Prince**.

Jess is caught in the act giving this little filly a lot of love.

The King's ONES TO Watch

WS BRED: Amarelinha

Amarelinha (Savabeel x Hopscotch) 2017 mare

Trainer: Jamie Richards

This filly has an impressive record, having won the Group 1 NZ Oaks as well as other Group 2 and 3 races.

Upcoming Races: Saturday 18th September, Randwick Bill Ritchie Handicap, Race 5

OUTSIDER: CALLSIGN MAV

Callsign Mav (Atlante x Raadisi) 2016 gelding

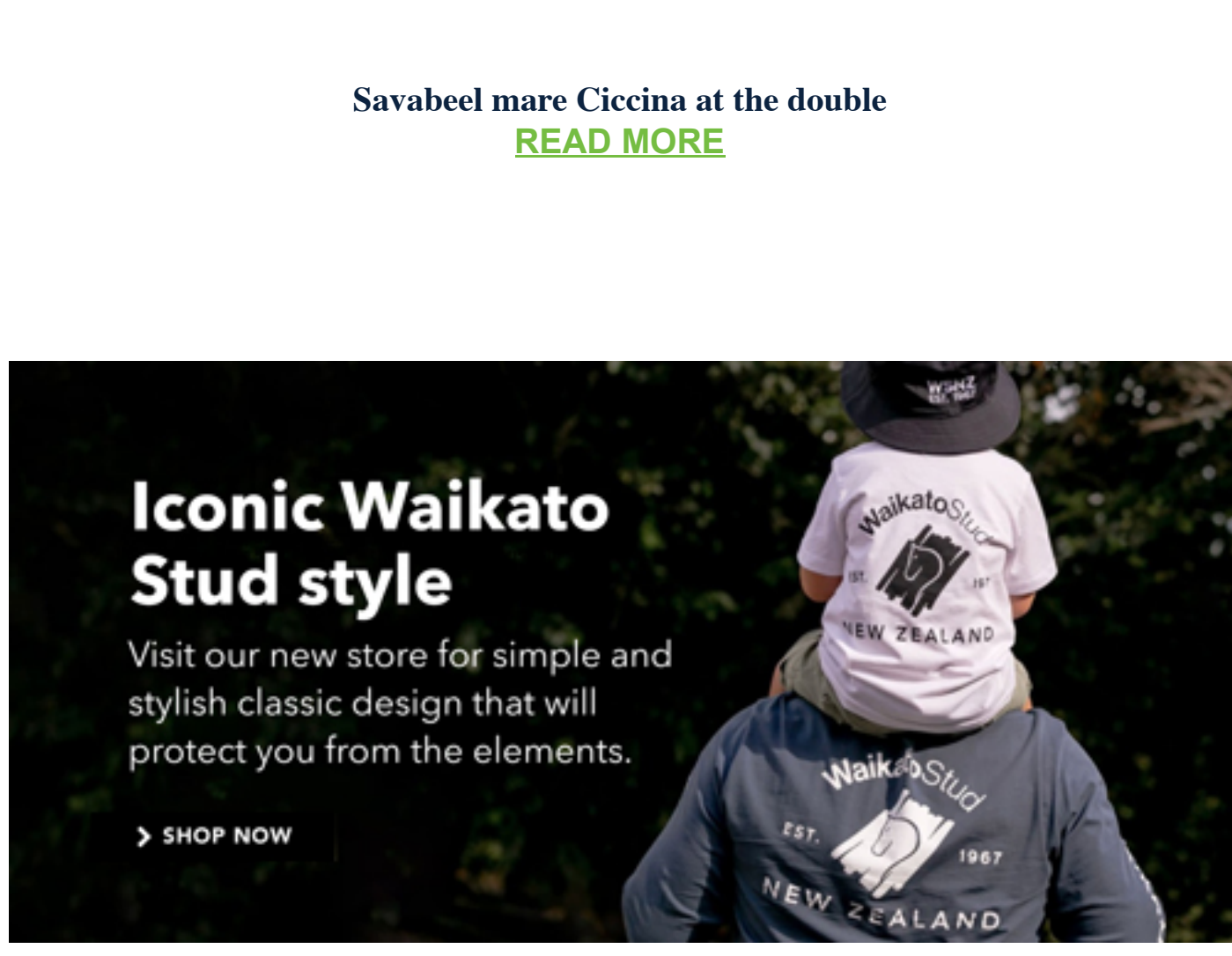
Trainer: John Bary

Last year's winner of this race, has an extensive record of Group 1 placings as well.

Upcoming Races: Saturday 18th September, Hastings G1 Tarzino Trophy, Race 9

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The Corner with Garry Chittick



This week in Garry's Corner

I thought today I might dissect the achievements of probably NZ's greatest sire to date. You will note I said probably, not because I doubt the accolade I have given him but as there should be, there will be another point of view.

Zabeel is my choice of champion. What motivated me to venture on this slippery slope of having a choice that you four can debate is the publishing of the stallion returns of Australasia and Europe. When I first started, a full book was 60 mares. I stand to be corrected but I believe *Oncidium* under the guidance of the Williams family achieved greatness with numbers of never more than 60. Gerald Fell tells of Pakistan serving 100 mares and being chastised. When Centaine hit his straps we were likewise abused when the visiting mares snuck over the century.

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On The Farm

This week has been a big week for some of our yearlings, with the first of the Australian sales colts coming in for handling. They had their first wash, and are now rugged and in individual paddocks for the start of their prep. Up until this stage, colts are kept in mobs of five or six which allows them to play, fight and learn natural behaviours. WS is big on keeping things as natural as possible for our horses, which benefits them both physically and mentally.

Racing News

Bold return from Pins mare

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Savabeel mare Ciccina at the double

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