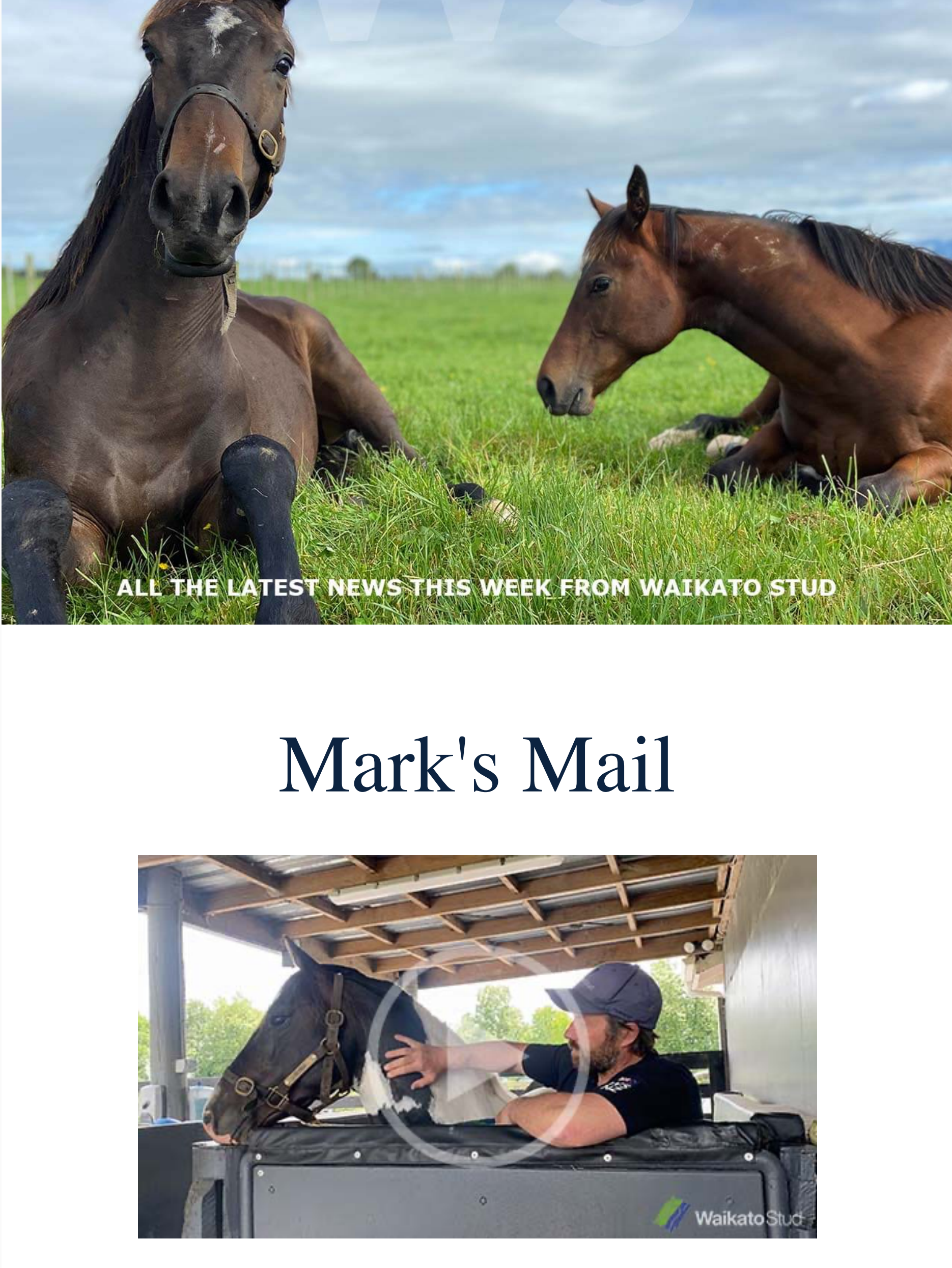


# Waikato Weekly

Friday 26th November 2021



ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

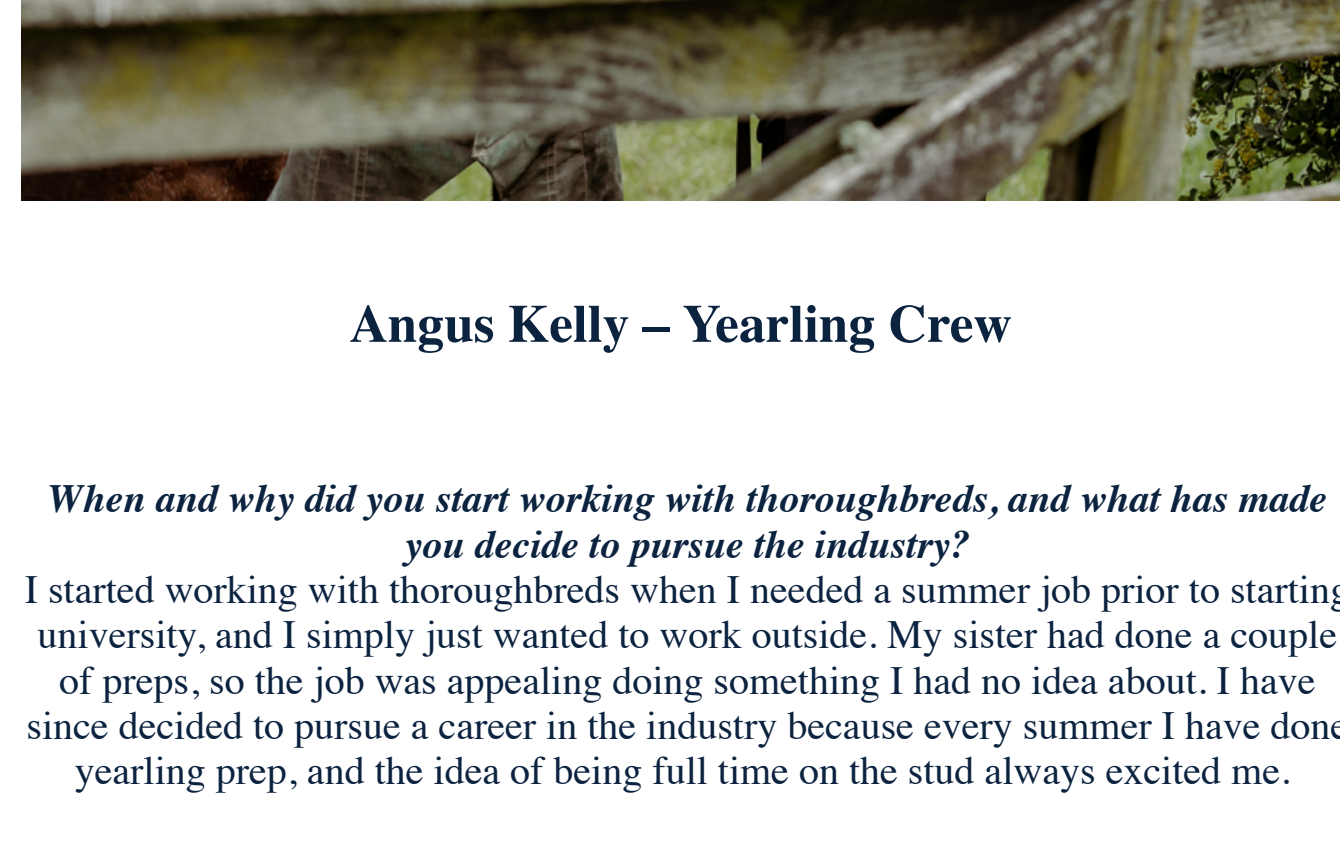
## Mark's Mail



This week we pay tribute to an incredibly special member of our WS family, **Dougal** our much loved teaser pony. Mark tells his story and explains how important the teaser ponies are to the whole breeding process.

[Click above to watch more.](#)

## Foal of the week



We are now down to the last two mares in the foaling paddock, and this week the long-awaited **Dougal x Heineken Lass** colt is our foal of the week. In the early hours of Tuesday morning, a healthy colt was born for the proud owner, and staff member Hazel Treymane. Hazel purchased the mare in 2019 once she was retired from breeding, and put her in foal to the late teaser and English riding pony, Dougal.

Hazel is really happy with the result of the cross and is looking forward to watching him develop.

## Staff Profile of the week



### Angus Kelly – Yearling Crew

**When and why did you start working with thoroughbreds, and what has made you decide to pursue the industry?**  
I started working with thoroughbreds when I needed a summer job prior to starting university, and I simply just wanted to work outside. My sister had done a couple of preps, so the job was appealing doing something I had no idea about. I have since decided to pursue a career in the industry because every summer I have done yearling prep, and the idea of being full time on the stud always excited me.

**Why did you choose to come back to WS over other studs in the region?**  
I choose WS as they are so prominent in the racing industry, both in NZ and Australia. They are always producing quality horses, which we get to work with, and then follow into their racing career. It's also exciting working with well-known horses that return to the stud.

**What do you enjoy most about working with the yearlings?**  
The yearlings interest me the most as they are so unpredictable, and they keep you on your toes. Given it's also a key learning phase of their career, it's rewarding seeing their development with things you can teach them.

**What does the next 5/10 years look like for you in this industry?**  
The next 5/10 years for me is to continually develop within the industry and progress to more influential management roles within the stud. I see my development occurring here at Waikato Stud given the high level of industry expertise, of whom, all are willing to teach and develop people's skills.

## The Corner with Garry Chittick



### This week in Garry's Corner

Well, I've been there and done that. It is an amazing country in which we live, the Southern Sounds should be visited by the four of you to appreciate the forces of nature that created this wonder of the world.

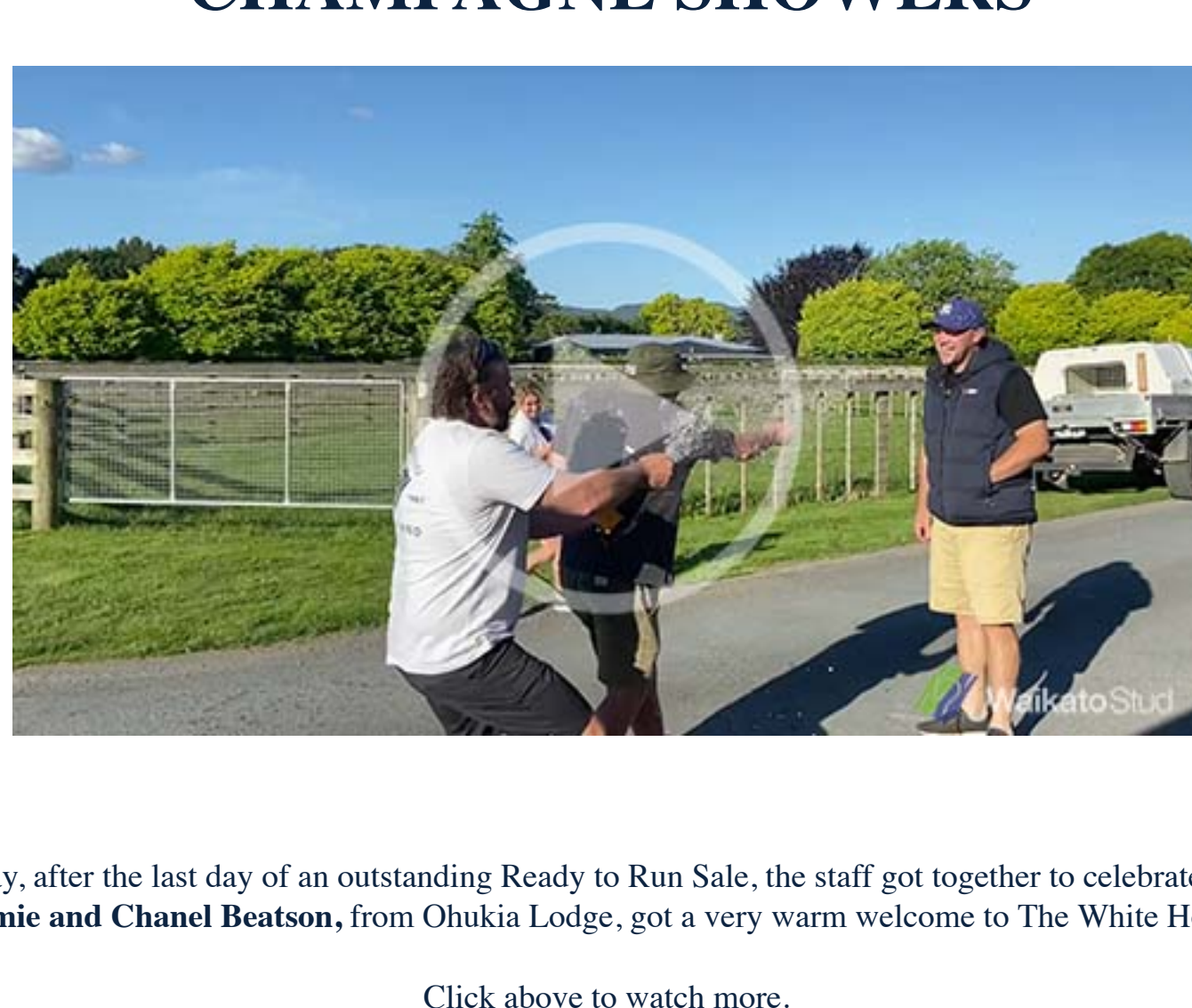
It is said the process started some 80 million years ago, with significant tectonic plate movement some 15 million years ago. After the uplift, the settling of what was to become New Zealand massive glacial movements, created the Sounds as we see it now.

Some 16 million years ago, scientists believe the climate was sub-tropical, something similar to Queensland now. 14 million ago, the climate went through a cooling period with the temperature dropping some 8 degrees, following 4 million years later when the Southern Alps average temperature settled at around 13 degrees. It is quite apparent climate change advocates were very concerned but weren't around long enough to attempt to influence the next couple of million years. With any luck, if any of you readers are climate change believers, this evidence will indicate you will be well fossilised before you influence any change.

The Manapouri Power scheme is an amazing engineering achievement for a small country. The diversion of water from the lake to Deep Cove involved drilling through ancient schist with drilling both ways from top to bottom. Apparently when they met, they were one inch out of alignment - remarkable. The bottom-up crew consisted of 500 men housed on the ship Wanganella. On completion, the dredging of the bottom produced thousands of bottles, fairly understandable.

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## WINNER'S CELEBRATION



### Ocean Beyond (2017 Ocean Park x Frankly gelding)

A stakes winner at just his second start, **Ocean Beyond** has always shown ability. He has raced well this preparation, but without much luck in his first few runs. Last Saturday he took out the \$150,000 Tonks Plate at Ballarat where bad luck almost got the better of him again, but jockey Harry Coffey was able to punch him through.

Trained by Daniel Bowman, he is well-related horse out of the **Pins** mare, **Frankly**, and has Champion 3YO **Madison County** and influential sire **O'Reilly** on the page.

*"That was a great result, but when he ran into a bit of trouble I thought 'not again', but Harry was able to punch him through,"* stable representative Denita Bowman said.

## The King's ONES TO Watch

### WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The winner of 2131 races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

### The King's Tips

#### WS BRED: MIGHTYBEEL

**Mightybeel** (2017 Savabeel x Super Power gelding)

Jockey: Tommy Berry

Trainer: Chris Waller

So far has 4 wins in his career, with his last start winning at Newcastle

Upcoming Race: Saturday 27th November, Rosehill Gardens, Listed ATC Cup, 2000m, Race 4

#### OUTSIDER: SAKURA BLOSSOM

**Sakura Blossom** (2017 Vancouver (AUS) x Berning Affair (AUS) filly)

Jockey: Michael McNab

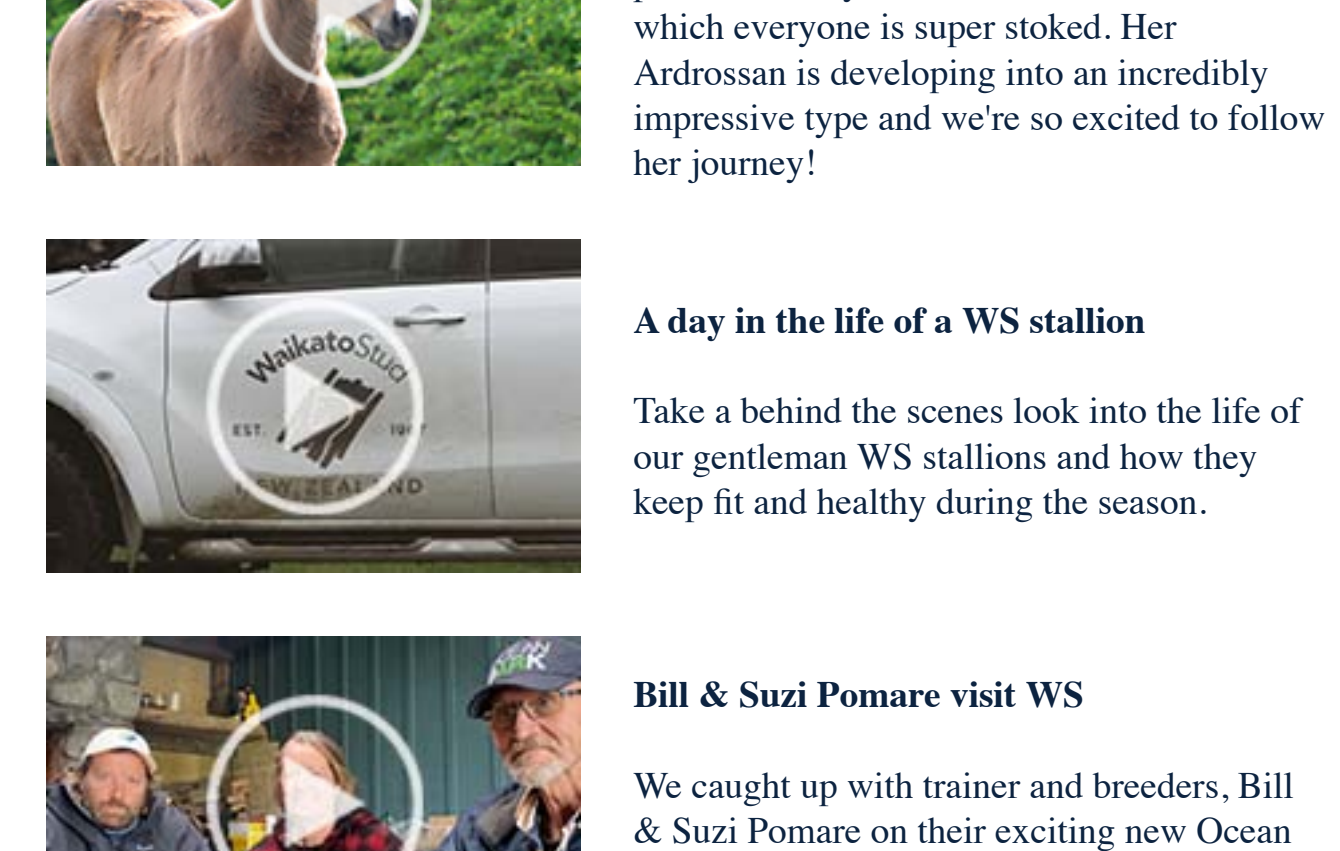
Trainer: Ben Foote

She had an impressive win at Hastings in September, making headlines for her comeback in the race

Upcoming Race: Saturday 27th November, Te Aroha, Piako Rural Services, 1100m, Race 2

## NEWS

### CHAMPAGNE SHOWERS



Last Friday, after the last day of an outstanding Ready to Run Sale, the staff got together to celebrate the results. **Jamie and Chanel Beatson**, from Ohukia Lodge, got a very warm welcome to The White Horse!

[Click above to watch more.](#)

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DOUGAL



On Tuesday the team gathered to raise a glass to our much loved teaser pony and superstar, Dougal.

## COMPETITION TIME!



Don't forget to send in your funny foal photos by any of our WS stallions to be in with a chance to win some WS merchandise!

Email [grace@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:grace@waikatostud.co.nz) by 1st December with all your funny WS stallion images and breeding details.

## Racing News

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### Ocean Park 4YO back to his best

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### Progressive image of you strikes again

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## Missed it? Catch up here!

### Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.

### Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 02

After Episode 01 was viewed by 1 million viewers on social media, we start the journey following this gorgeous duo and get to know both Piñata and her foal.

### Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

This week we hear the story behind Piñata and her one eye and the process she goes through to make sure she's ready for her next visit to Ardrossan.

### Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 04

We check in on how regular trimming and assessments have improved the filly's front leg conformation, and complete Piñata's 15-day pregnancy scan.

### Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 05

We catch up with Piñata after her recent positive 45 day scan back to Ardrossan, with which everyone is super stoked. Her Ardrossan is developing into an incredibly impressive type and we're so excited to follow her journey!

### A day in the life of a WS stallion

Take a behind the scenes look into the life of our gentleman WS stallions and how they keep fit and healthy during the season.

### Bill & Suzi Pomare visit WS

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