

Mark's Mail



This time of year we are usually coming to the end of the Karaka Yearling Sales, but 2022 is going to be a bit different! Thankfully, the Karaka Million race meeting went ahead before the announcement of the Red Level on Sunday night, which allowed us to celebrate the exciting 3YO win of Pin Me Up (Pins x Brampton Loco)! Bought by Andrew Williams Bloodstock and Peter Collier for \$270,000 at the 2020 Sale, this filly exceeded expectations and we were ecstatic to be cheering her home! Huge congratulations to Jamie Richards for winning the double, and Sam Weatherly for a great ride.

In the meantime, back on the farm we are already well into the yearling preparations with photos, videos and parades starting next week. The team have the horses looking fantastic and we can't wait to get them up to the complex. Weaning is underway down the road at Centaine, with Pinata soon to be on the weaned list! She has developed into a cracking type, and it is cool to show the behind-the-scenes of what actually goes into these foals from the get-go.

Following Piñata



Our Ardrossan x Piñata filly first became a highlight when she was born during the day back in August, and the video amazingly had over 1 million views! We have since been following her growth and development, from breeding the mare, to scanning, and now through to branding and foal handling sessions in the lead up to weaning.

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2022 Inglis Classic Sale

With the Inglis Classic Sale just around the corner, take a look at our draft below that will be sold through Sledmere Stud.

Lot 75: Savabeel x Miracle Miss colt



Out of a Group-placed and stakes producing O'Reilly mare, this colt is a welldeveloped forward type. He is related to the Group winner, Dating and Group performer, Date Night.

"He is an above average type in every way and typical of the style the mare leaves." – Mike Rennie

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Lot 150: Tivaci x Popular colt



The second foal out of a young Savabeel mare and closely related to Sacred Falls. This colt is bred on the same cross as G1 winner Never Been Kissed.

> "A hard bodied, well-built colt with good natural strength." – Mike Rennie Click here to view his pedigree page

> > Lot 317: Tivaci x Touting colt



Out of a three-quarter sister to Group-winning Love Affair, and a half-sister to Somepin Anypin, this colt comes from an impressive family. He is also bred on the same cross as G1 winner Never Been Kissed.

"He is a strong, robust individual who will get up and run. He is a flashy, smartlooking colt, a lot like his father." – Jaimee Gowler

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Lot 413: Sacred Falls x Believe You Me colt



From the last crop of Sacred Falls, this colt is his dam's third foal. The first foal Award Me (Shamus Award) was impressive on debut at Sandown runnning second (19/1/22). He is related to Group 1 winners Wyndspelle and Brutal.

"He is a great moving colt, with good bone and an easy-going attitude." – Jaimee Gowler

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Lot 578: Ocean Park x Genius filly



From a current family, out of a Savabeel mare, this filly is a half sibling to the recently Group-performed Andalus (Almanzor) and also Happy Daily (Pins) who has won his last two starts in Hong Kong.

"She has a nice, deep girth and great length of stride. She has always been a lovely straight forward filly, stamped a lot by her sire." – Jaimee Gowler

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Lot 591: Savabeel x Got It colt

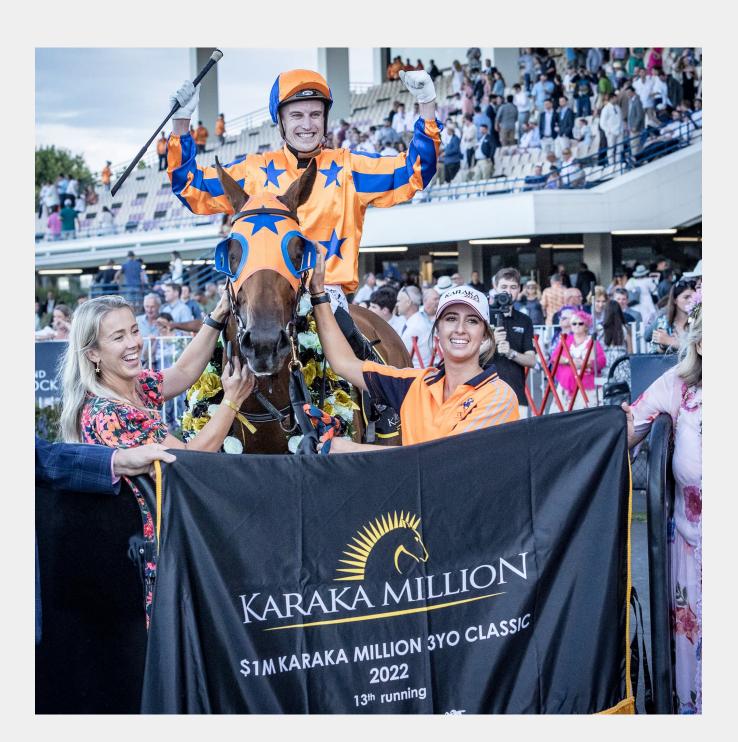


This colt is out of a young Pins mare who is a direct descendant of Iguazu.

"An athletic style of colt with leg and a great capacity to develop well, being a November foal." – Mike Rennie

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WINNER'S CELEBRATION



Pin Me Up (2019 Pins x Brampton Loco filly)

Sold at the 2020 Karaka Yearling Sale for \$270,000, Pin Me Up, the Pins filly out of Brampton Loco (O'Reilly), was a bit of an outsider coming into Saturday's \$1 million Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic. She really started to turn heads on the final bend, when Sam Weatherly charged her to the front of the pack and she strode home to win by a neck.

"She has been a slow maturing filly that has needed a bit of time," said Jamie Richards after the race. He believes she will only improve from here, and now holds nominations for the Group 1 Levin Classic and the New Zealand Oaks on 19th March.

This was the first Karaka Million win for young jockey Sam Weatherly. "I just travelled nicely in my own little world, and when we got to the front, I thought I had gone a bit early. Fortunately, she is a good filly and a super training effort."

This week on Garry's Corner



Well, we are, as owners, to be rewarded with increased stakes. Well it is a start. In fairness to our leaders, marginal increases are probably all we can expect in these difficult times. Not all of the five of you will read The Optimist, a very well-researched analysis of our financials. The author's frustration is the inability to reign the increased costs, the previous Board members' well-documented ineptitude allowing ill-advised investment with massive over runs, resulting in the industry going cap-in-hand to the Government to stay afloat. I know you have heard it all many times, but how do we change direction? It would appear it is difficult to find suitable candidates for our Board. This is very disappointing, I can't disguise the fact that I cannot encourage Mark, or for that matter, a number of his generation, to become involved. I take the view that some of them have an obligation to give a little of their time to the industry that they depend on for a living. Bernaud Sundry was here recently, he rightfully asked the question on why don't they put their names forward.

I am not going to suggest a return to the past, but clearly the Membership Council is not the answer. When we had regional elections, generally a candidate was shoulder tapped. In my recent failed attempt to increase the Board by a couple, I was amused to be informed that those electing the candidates wouldn't have the skillset to identify the right people. I was, on one occasion, strongly advised that Board experience was imperative. That may be right but the conundrum is how do you get the required experience if not elected for a first time? But, we all know the professional Board sitters, a great lurk if you get enough notches in the belt, they are a home run to cope with Members Council interrogation. We currently await the next to be ordained, it's taken a while.

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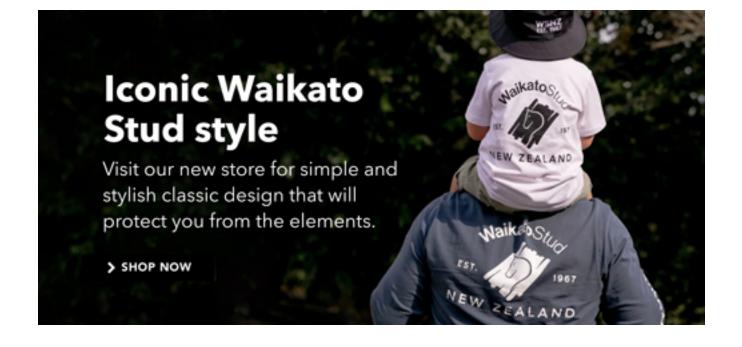
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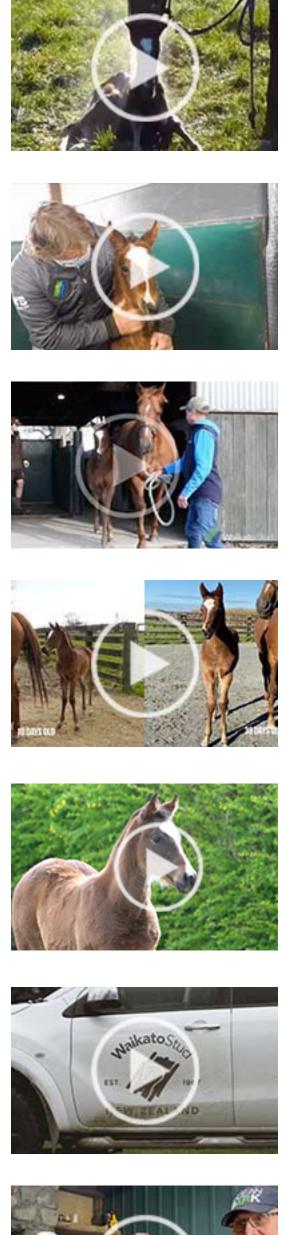
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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

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 quiality 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 15day 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.



