Mark's Mail

The team are back on the farm after an epic Karaka Sale. WS left the complex as the Leading Vendor by Aggregate, selling 39 yearlings for **$7,860,000** with an average of **$201,538.** The overall sale was up 24% on last year, with five lots selling for over $800,000 compared to just one in 2021.

These numbers just show how resilient the New Zealand thoroughbred industry is. This is our lives, and we are very appreciative to be in it, but it has been very hard for all players over the past two years. It's a full credit to the breeders, vendors, agents and buyers for the success of this year's Sale, especially under these trying conditions. It really proves how highly regarded the NZ thoroughbred is on a larger scale. Our draft, as well as many other yearlings, have gone to great homes where they will have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We expected our proven sires, **Savabeel** and **Ocean Park** to sell well at this Sale, shown through the $1m colt. But the highlight of the sale was seeing how sought-after the **Tivaci** and **Ardrossan** yearlings were.

I am very proud of the team that we have established here, and the Sale results really showed what a high-quality job they have done. Now the team is back on the farm, busy onto handling and weaning the rest of the 2023 Karaka graduates.

Karaka wrap up

Savabeel makes Top Dollar

The champion Savabeel proved his dominance at the NZB Karaka Sale once again, with two of his yearlings making it into the top 5 priced lots.

Savabeel x Chandelier

Lot 161, **Savabeel x Chandelier** colt topped the sale, with the hammer coming down at $1 million. Signed by Kacy Fogden on behalf of Tony Fung, who shares ownership of **Mo'unga**, this handsome colt will be flying across the Tasman to join his Group 1-winning brother at Annabel Neasham's stable.

Savabeel x Relentless Desire

Fogden was not done yet, on the third day, again on behalf of Fung, she secured the **Savabeel x Relentless Desire** colt for $850,000. The forward colt is a blood brother to G1 New Zealand Oaks winner **Amarelinha**, and really showcased his mature nature at the Sale.

Savabeel x Style By Design

The third top lot for WS, was the **Savabeel x Style By Design** filly. Part-owned by our Bloodstock Manager, Jaimee Gowler and Business Manager, Mike Rennie the bidding opened at $300,000 and was eventually secured for $525,000 by Te Akau's David Ellis.

Ellis purchased this filly with intentions of racing her in the Karaka Million 2YO, and to train toward the 1000 Guineas as a three-year-old.

"She is a really good-looking filly, medium sized, walked well and very correct," Said Ellis. "She has class and presence and the first foal from a young mare, which has worked very well for us over the years. She has a pedigree and scope to train as a 1000 Guineas filly at three."

Savabeel x Style By Design

Haunui Farm and Pencarrow Stud also had great success with Savabeel progeny through the ring, with lots such as 635, **Savabeel x Symphonic filly**, selling to Roger James and Robert Wellwood for $625,000, and 563, **Savabeel x Scintillula** filly, to Mick Wallace for $600,000.

Tivaci tops Book 2

Progeny of **Tivaci** also proved popular at the 2022 Sale, making him the third top sire in Book 1 & 2 behind **Savabeel** and **Almanzor**, a fantastic result for only his third crop of progeny to go through the Karaka sale ring.

Tivaci x Sheezababe

Although being well sought after in Book 1, the Book 2 sale topper was the **Tivaci x Short Tale** filly, purchased for $250,000. From the draft of Beckham Equine, the filly was secured by Robert Wellwood, and Roger James in collaboration with Bevan Smith and Andrew Williams.

“She was an absolute stand-out filly,” said Wellwood. “The three of us looked at her and a good owner of theirs had come on board to help secure her. We all had grins on our faces and couldn’t believe such a nice filly was catalogued today.”

Tivaci x Boulevard

WS were proud to present Lot 135,**Tivaci x Boulevard** filly for sale, who was sold to Te Akau's David Ellis for $340,000 on Day One. This elegant filly was a standout throughout the preparation, and we are excited to follow her and her paddock mate, **Savabeel x Style By Design** careers with Te Akau. The **Tivaci x Loveable** filly was also sold for an impressive $280,000 to Stephen Marsh Racing followed by the **Tivaci x Sheezababe** colt for $220,000 to Henry Dwyer Racing.

Tivaci x Common Courtesy

The top Tivaci in Book 1 was the **Tivaci x Miss Shelby** filly, prepared by Landsdowne Park and sold for $420,000 to Tony Fung to be trained at John Barry Racing, followed by Trewlany Stud's **Tivaci x Lillet** colt, selling for $380,000 to KPW Bloodstock.

Ardrossan hits NZ Sale

The first Ardrossan yearlings were well received in the NZB ring, achieving an average of $104,000 from five lots in Book 1. With a $3000 service fee, he has exceeded expectations! The highest price reached $160,000 for the **Ardrossan x O'Misty** colt. Kelly Van Dyk and the Prima Park team expertly prepared this colt for sale, and he was purchased by Paul Moroney Bloodstock.

Tivaci x Vanilla Essence

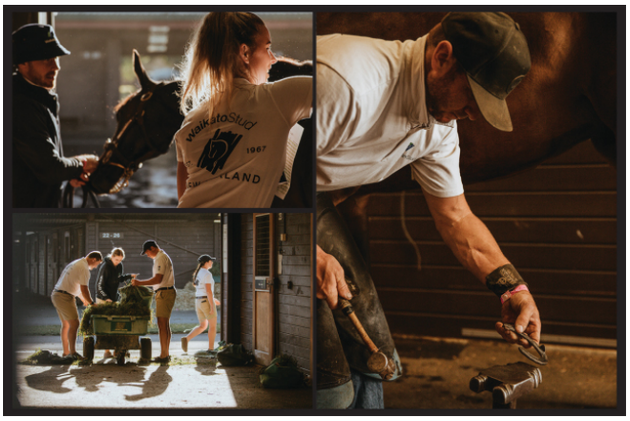
Both Ardrossan lots from the WS draft sold well, with the quality **Vanilla Essence** colt reaching $150,000 to Tony Pike, and the **Dee I Why** colt selling to Peter Didham for $50,000.

Tivaci x Vanilla Essence

Ardrossan continued to be popular into Book 2, with the **Ardrossan x Miss Rule** colt making $130,000. Again presented by Prima Park, this strong colt was purchased by Alex Oliveira on behalf of Paul Chow's Tartan Meadow Bloodstock in Hong Kong.

Thank you

To all our staff who made this year's 2022 Karaka Sale possible, thank you. Your efforts have been enormous and Waikato Stud are lucky to have you all.



This week on Garry's Corner

I was privileged twenty years ago to be asked to Chair the NZ Racing Board. Some would have you believe the role is the poisoned chalice, but, as with all things in life, if you have a passion and strong belief in your anointed path, the good will outweigh the bad. I had served my apprenticeship as a Board member of the Awapuni Racing Club, Chairman of the Club, a member of the Thoroughbred Racing Board etc. You are lucky in life if your vocation is your hobby. Having first attended racing at Trentham 66 years ago (in short pants) to still being a vendor is confirmation enough that our sport is unique in providing a spread of opportunities to retain our interest.

The catch cry during my tenure as Board Chairman was we need more young people involved. Can't argue with that, but then so do all our competing sports. My view was, we need to focus on the 50 plus age group. This is, for those who haven't yet matured, when a reset in one's aspirations is unavoidable. Kids are gone (thank goodness), your career path is set in concrete, and investments should be working for you. If still with first wife, she will have decided to assert herself and participate in all your interests; if with new partner, you will be anxious to prove your virility and of course, your hard-earned now tied up in trust equity. It is as I have said before, the most exciting sport you can be part of without leaving the couch.

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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: I WISH I WIN

I Wish I Win (2018 Savabeel x Make A Wish gelding)

Jockey: Kozzo Asano

Trainer: Jamie Richards

G3-placed on his last visit to Trentham winning the Little Avondale Big on Winning 3YO S. in January.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 19th March, Trentham, G1 W'ton Seamarket Levin Classic, 1600m, Race 6

OUTSIDER: FAMILY TIME

Family Time (2016 Redoute's Choice x Precious Time filly)

Jockey: K R Herckock

Trainer: Bryce Newman

Winner of three from three in 2022

Upcoming Race: Saturday 19th March, Trentham, Barneswood Farm NZ St Leger, 2600m, Race 4

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

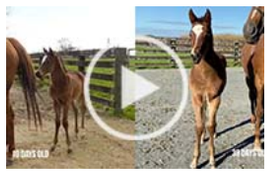
On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quiality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.

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.

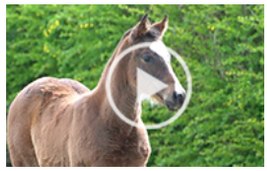
Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

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 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!

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 06

We've been following our gorgeous filly's growth & development, from breeding the mare, scanning and now through to branding and foal handling sessions in the lead up to weaning.

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.

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