

WAIKATO NEWSLETTER

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Mark's Mail



This week on Mark's Mail, we catch up with the team.

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Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale Draft

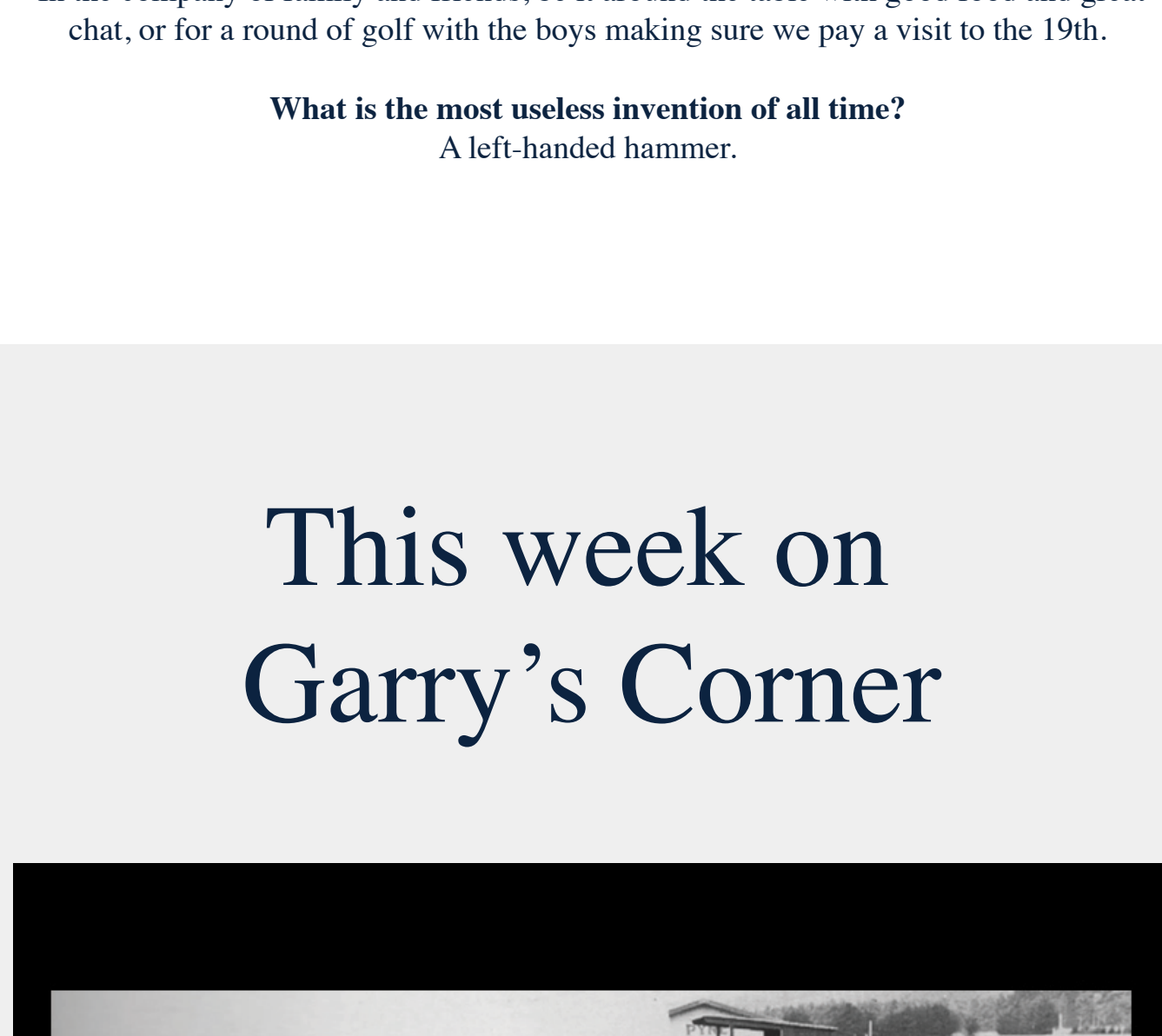
Lot 337: Savabeel x Pander colt



A quality colt from the family of Champion Sprinter and late sire, **Tavistock**. His dam is by **O'Reilly** and a half-sister to Group 2-winning **Precedence**.

[Click here to view his parade video and pedigree page](#)

Lot 452: Savabeel x Suavito colt

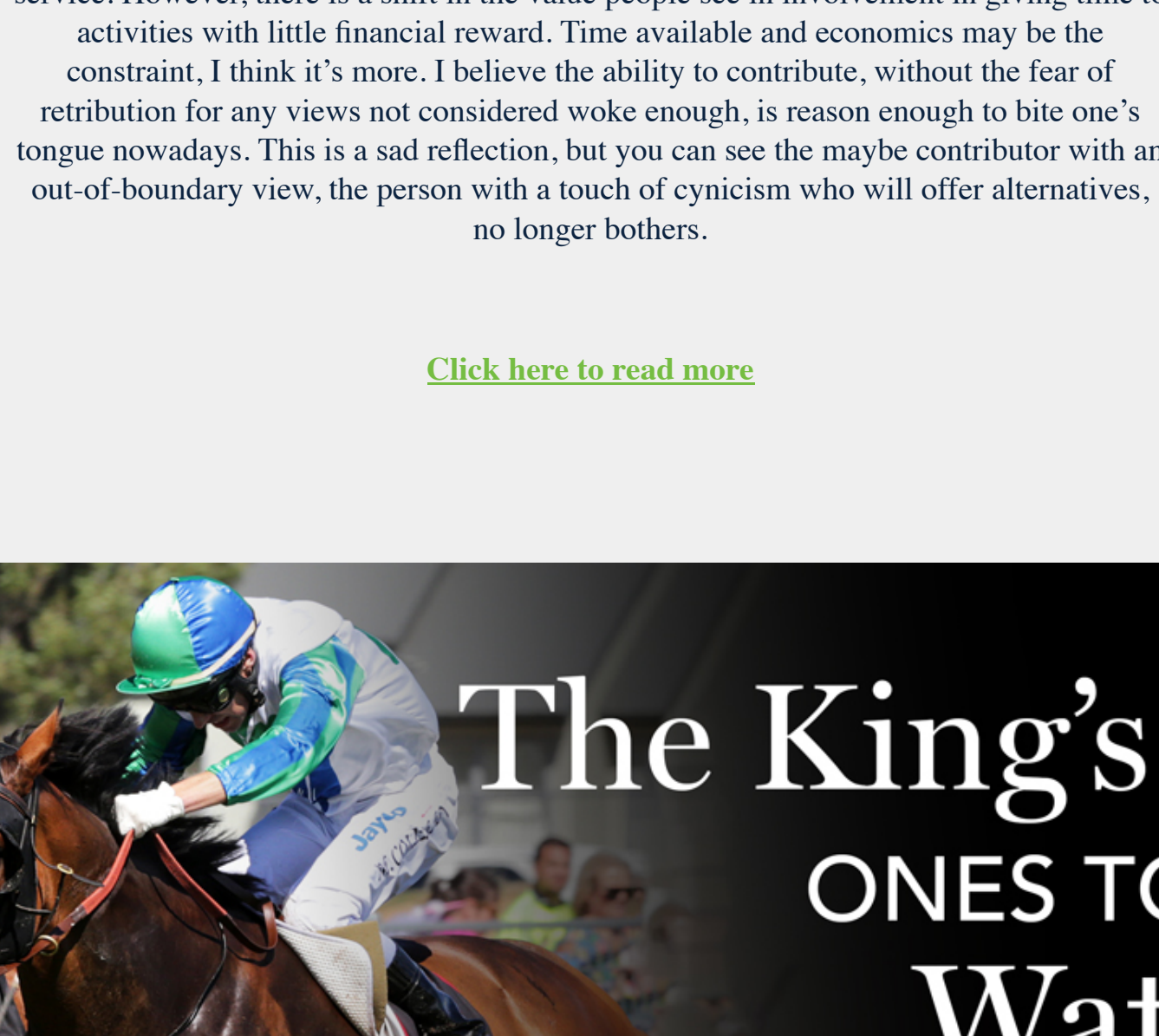


By our Champion, **Savabeel**, this is an exceptional colt. He's out of **Suavito** (**Thorn Park**), a dual Group 1 winner and winner of eight races, five of which were at Group level.

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Staff Profile

Eli Burr



How long have you worked in the industry, and how did you come to work at Waikato Stud?
I started working in the industry in October 2016. My first day coming to work was also my first day working for Waikato Stud. I haven't looked back since.

What is your current role here on the farm?
I'm a jack of all trades: master of none! I play my part in most aspects of the stud, from the breeding side to foaling paddock, handling foals to the yearling yard as well as general farm husbandry.

Can you run us through the general process of handling a foal?
The general gist of foal handling is that foals are like sponges, they soak up everything. From any experience they have, good or bad, they will learn and react accordingly. From 10 days old, I have hands on these babies, creating as many positive experiences as I can. Working with them in such a tight confined space, such as a crush, the idea is to keep them as calm and comfortable as possible. Everyday, the slower you go, the faster they learn. I try to put maximum effort into positive experiences, as this may be the foal's first few experiences. But it also won't be their last and they only grow bigger.

What is your favourite time of year on the farm and why?
It goes without saying - the breeding season. Whether it be working alongside the stallion boys in the shed or getting called out to a midnight foaling and helping pull these future champions into the world.

Who is your favourite mare, foal or stallion on the farm?
I love all the horses in a similar light. They have taught me more in a short period of time than a lot of humans could. That being said, I have a special spot for Super Seth. He is stamping his foals immaculately. They are a breeze to handle, well-tempered, precocious young animals. I am looking forward to his progeny selling through the ring and becoming superstars on the track.

How do you like to enjoy your spare time away from work?
In the company of family and friends, be it around the table with good food and great chat, or for a round of golf with the boys making sure we pay a visit to the 19th.

What is the most useless invention of all time?

A left-handed hammer.

This week on Garry's Corner



I have included, for the five of you, a snippet of our industry as perceived many years ago. You know how often I dwell on the loss of our mana. Why? Well, most don't just race horses for financial gains but to remain part of a cluster of like-minded people from a cross-section of society bound by the horse.

This involvement is not unique to racing, but many activities that are part of life's fulfillment. To some it is their various sports, to others it may be some form of public service. However, there is a shift in the value people see in involvement in giving time to activities with little financial reward. Time available and economics may be the constraint, I think it's more, I believe the ability to contribute, without the fear of retribution for any views not considered woke enough, is reason enough to bite one's tongue nowadays. This is a sad reflection, but you can see the maybe contributor with an out-of-boundary view, the person with a touch of cynicism who will offer alternatives, no longer bothers.

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The King's ONES TO Watch

The King's Tips

WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The winner of 2131 races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/1st2 level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

WS BRED: WOLVERINE

Wolverine (2019 Tivaci x Knew It filly)

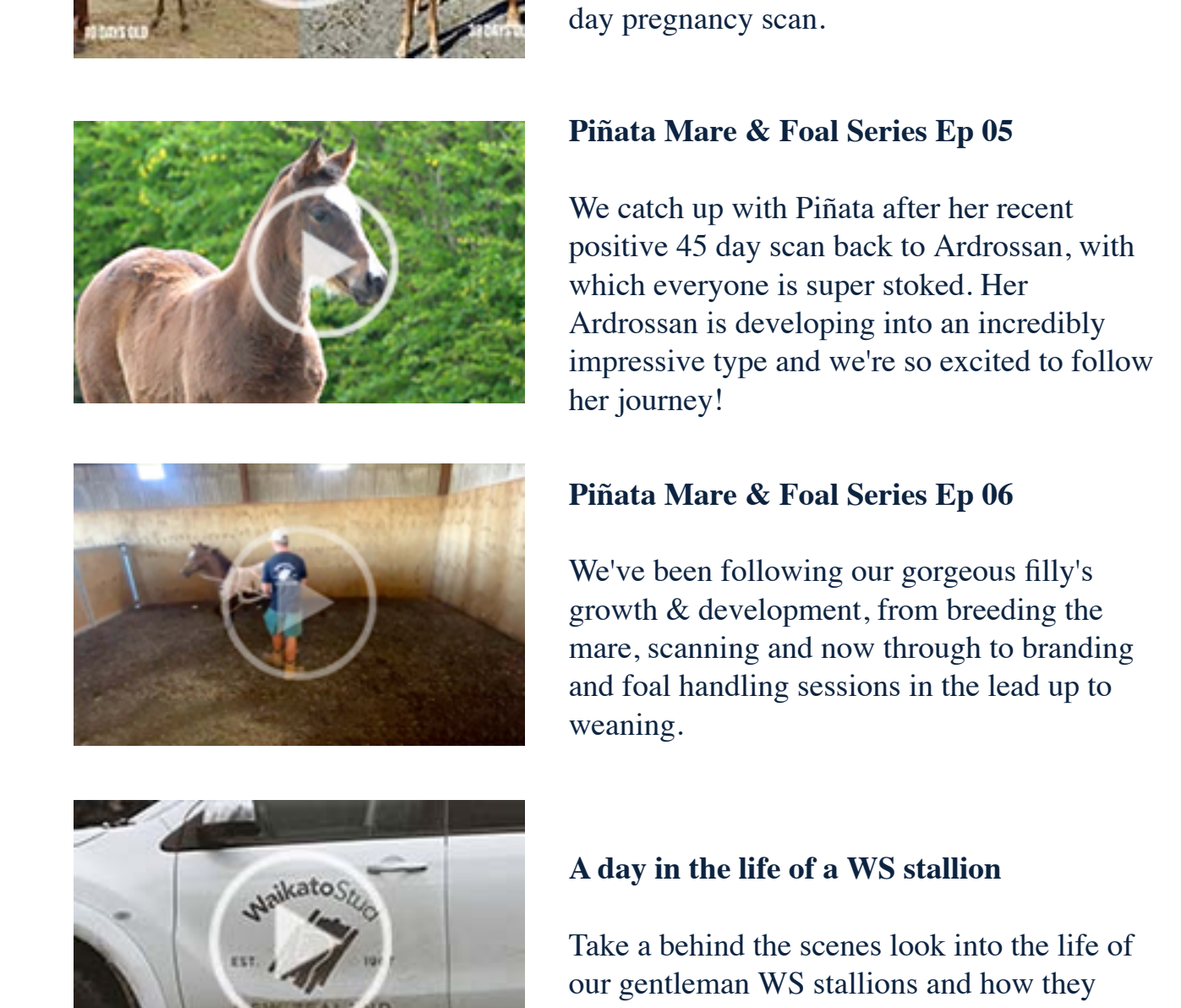
Trainer: Leith Innes

Owner: Roydon Bergerson

Local track for her, won three in a row before second in the Karaka Million

Upcoming Race: Saturday 2nd April, Awapuni, G1 Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes, 1400m, Race 6

News



With the world starting to open back up again, we are enjoying welcoming visitors back on the farm. This week we had a few Black caps come for a look around and meet Super Seth and Savabeel.

Meeting Mike Sande former Black Caps cricket team manager.

What is something not many people know about you?
I think it is common knowledge that I used to be a cop. I was for 24 years. 11 of those years I was a dog handler in the police force, and I also was a gang intelligence officer. Prior to this I used to live the Shepard life in Hunterville, running dogs and riding horses around the hills.

What's your favourite memory from the last 5 years?
Winning the World Test Championship in 2021. South Hampton. It had been a long tough journey for NZ cricket for a while, it was such a special moment to reflect on past and present people who had been involved in the journey. In that moment, we were there, but there were so many people who contributed to get us to that point. Baz, Kane and Gary Stead. These are some of the people who helped look after everyone for a number of years, and it was very special.

Another significant memory was the visit to Waikato Stud in 2015 during the Cricket World Cup. The team came out, had a stallion parade and went to Game Gully, it was like an Oasis away from life at that point. It gave us all time to smell the roses and back to reality during the highly intense time.

Favourite Waikato stud stallion?

Savabeel. The old fella is a great nick and his record speaks for itself. One thing I like about Sav is his temperament. Townies can pat him and feel safe around him. He is a lovely calm gentleman. He also knows how good he is, and you can feel it.

What is the key aspect to a good team environment?

Having the right people on board, the right balance of people in the environment makes a huge difference to a culture. People that are prepared to buy into the idea that the team is safer, and looking after those people.

What's your favourite question to ask someone?

Where do you see yourself in 5 years. You should always be looking forward. What does it look like. Self analyse. Self awareness. You never stop learning. Everyone should be always looking forward.

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

Stock manager at Waikato Stud. Looking after the cattle and keeping the grass up to standard for the horses, that's the dream job for me, and of course running a team of dogs. But for now, I am heading home to Tarakanaki to be the CEO of Tarakanaki Rugby.

Final question: You have been given an elephant. You can't sell or give it away. What are you going to do with that elephant?
Probably take it home, feed it cabbages. Could also train it to water blast my house and car.

Racing News

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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 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!

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.