



Waikato Newsletter

Friday 24th June 2022

Mark's Mail



With the shortest day of the year now behind us and the first daffodil having bloomed already, we are reminded that the foaling season is not far away. On that note, we are on the lookout for someone to fill a night watch position for the season. Please see the advertisement further in this newsletter for more details.

Have a good weekend!

NZB National Weanling Sale

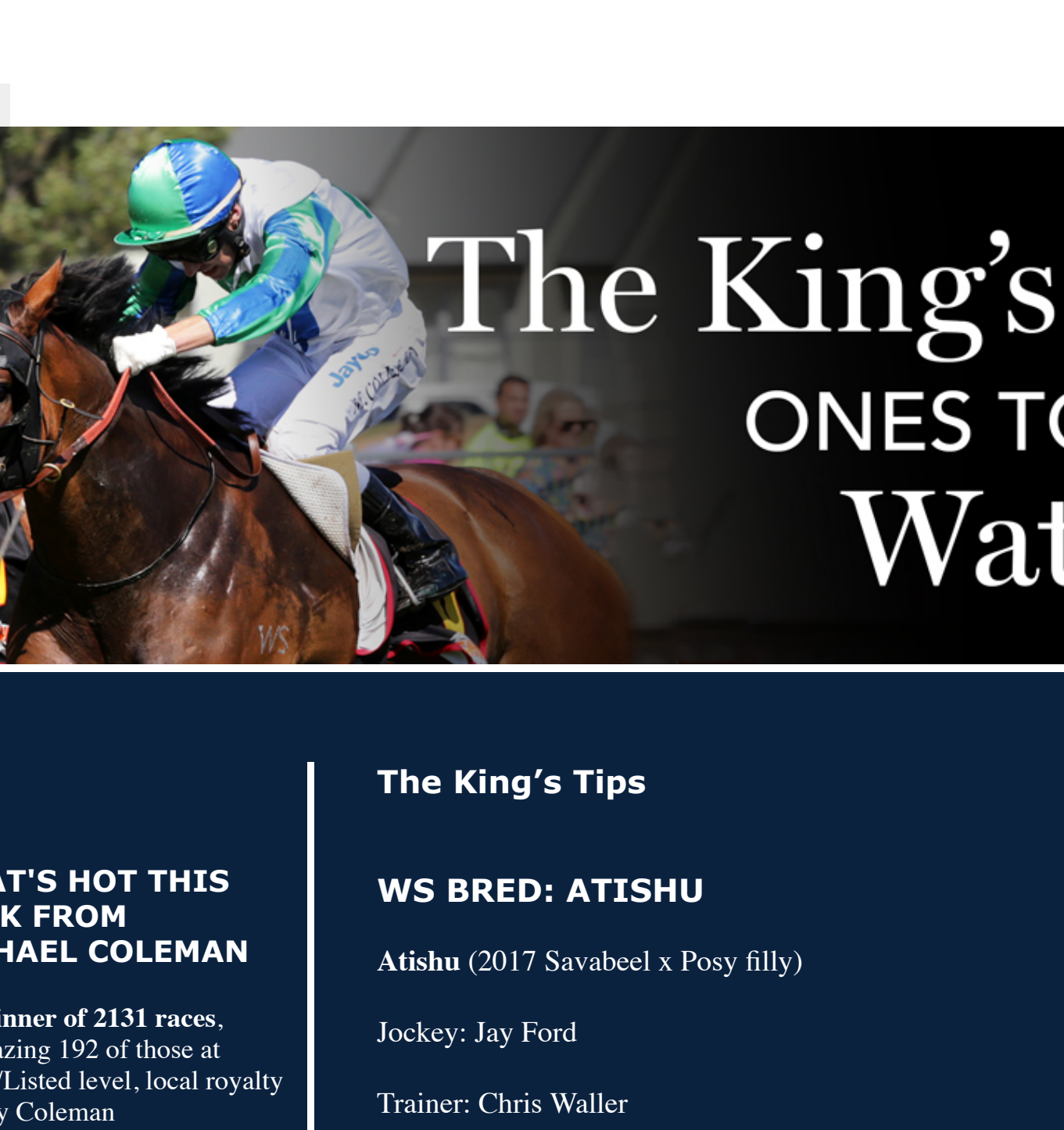


There were some exciting lots that went through the ring at last week's NZB National Weanling Sale.

The top selling lot, on account of Valachi Downs, was the **Savabeel x Bohemian Lily** colt (Lot 1005). Bought by David Ellis of Te Akau Racing, this colt sold for \$360,000. This is the fourth foal out of the Group 2-winning mare, who has already produced a stakes-winning horse in **Lily's Lady** (Contributor).

The first of the **Super Seth** weanlings also hit the sale ring. Lot 5, the **Super Seth x Vitesse** filly, sold for \$85,000 to Kilgravin Lodge from the draft of Curraghmore. This is a well related filly, that possessed many of admirable traits we are seeing in the Super Seth progeny.

Tivaci also had a strong sale, with the **Tivaci x O'Me O'My** colt (Lot 73) selling really well for \$125,000 to Mr DM Goldsbury.



Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate



In conjunction with Waikato Racing Club, Waikato Stud have announced that we will, for at least the next 3 years, be the naming rights sponsor of the Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate. Waikato Stud will sponsor the \$120,000 Group 2 sprint that traditionally acts as a springboard for the campaigns of high-quality gallopers in their hunt for Australasian Group 1 glory.

We are delighted to take on this race sponsorship, as well as the seven undercard races on the day that will each carry the name of one of our resident stallions. Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate Day ushers in Spring racing across New Zealand and provides a chance for us to celebrate the start of the new breeding season.

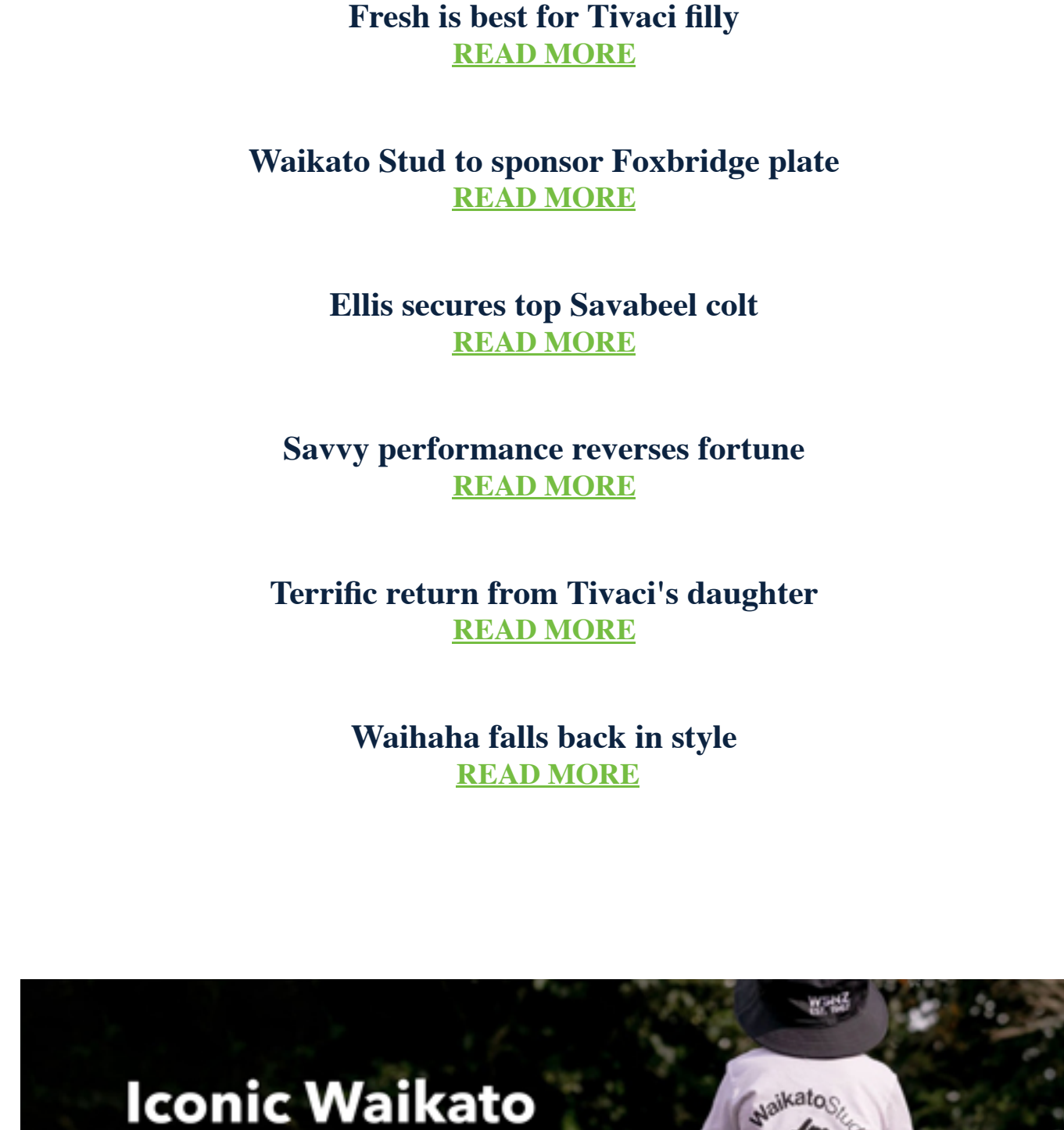
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What: Group 2 Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate, \$120,000, 1200m

Where: Te Rapa Racecourse

When: Saturday 27 August 2022

This week on Garry's Corner



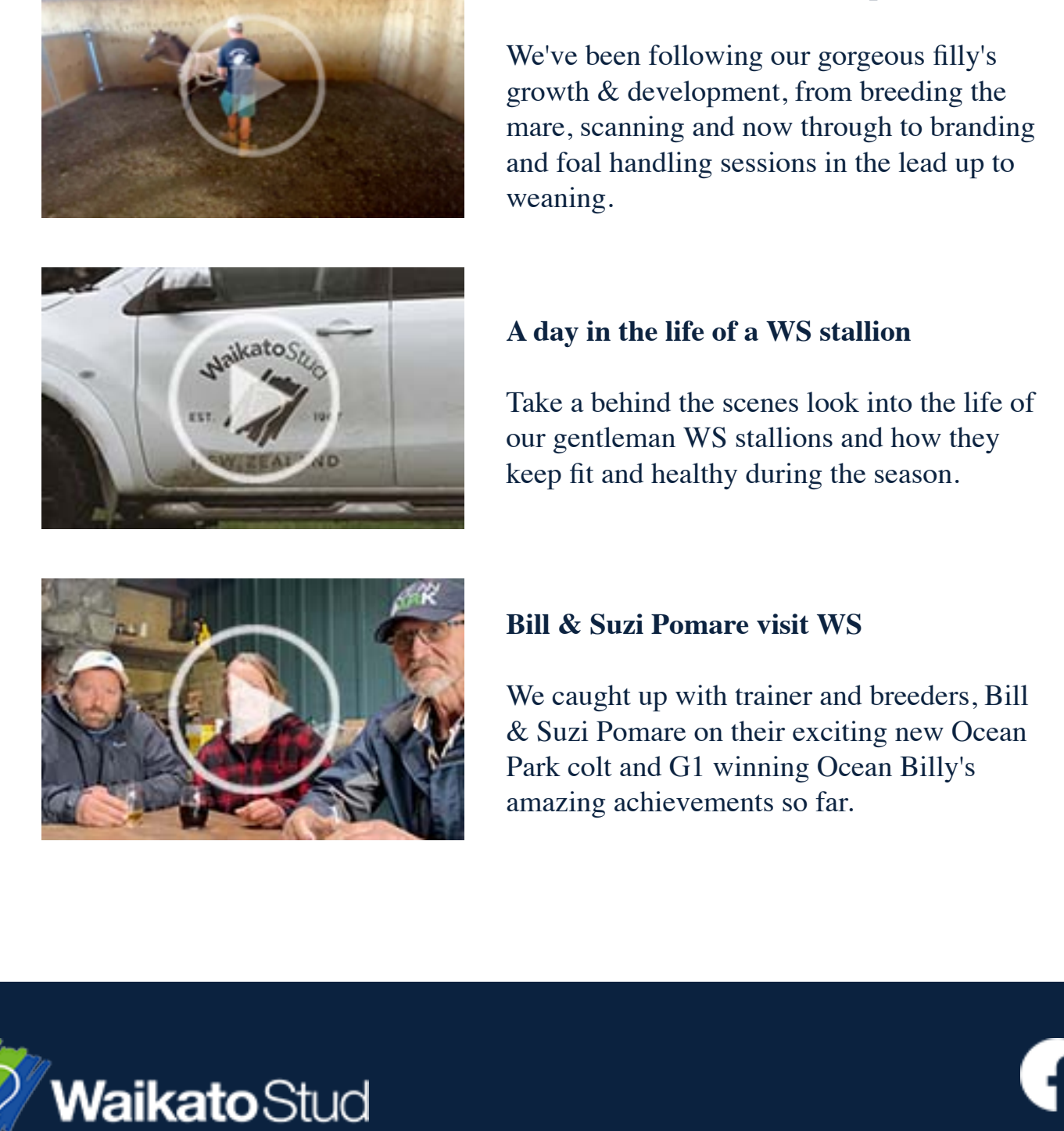
You know the season is about to close when the icy blast of winter strikes. Sure there is a month to go, but apart from the Group 1 Tatts Tiara, we are now into winter racing.

It is one of the ironies of current racing that clubs and administrators are determined to race on tracks no worse than say, a Heavy Seven. I suppose the spectacle is improved; you know there are no more two-minute miles. Wellington Racing Club hosted the annual Thoroughbred Racing Conference over a week in July. It was a great week where racing chairpersons and club chief executives would thrash out the needs of the industry. They were not the only attendees. Long before I had a role to play, we used to fill a car with a designated driver, firstly from the Wairarapa then after moving from the Manawatu, to be part of the day. The rural community were great supporters of winter racing, they had the required patience and land to allow the development of mudders who later entertained us as jumpers.

Racing Clubs were required to programme at least three jumping races per day from the beginning of May, ensuring there were opportunities for numbers of the now matured horses. More importantly, programmed high-weight races kept those riders around in numbers to be successful jumps jockeys. These men, as they were then, were great track riders ensuring young horses were educated by capable riders, and so the cycle worked well. The decline in the rural enthusiasm for such racing started when horses were superseded by farm bikes. I was as guilty as any. My horse was a retired racehorse, Wexford Chief. I never let him go, just rode him less. The bikes ruined our dogs – my first dog of note I could cast around a fifty-acre paddock whilst I lent on the gate, circling the paddock on a bike was quick and fun and the poor dogs trailing I am sure were dismayed.

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series - Ep07



We caught up with our gorgeous Piñata filly who is making fantastic progress and proving to be a very nice type. Watch the video above for more.

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: ATISHU

Atishu (2017 Savabeel x Posy filly)

Jockey: Jay Ford

Trainer: Chris Waller

Recent: Previous Group 3 winner, been in the placings past 3 starts.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 25 June, Eagle Farm, G1 Tattersall's Tiara, 1400m, Race 8

OUTSIDER: LONDON BANKER

London Banker (2015 Tavistock x Palos de Lago gelding)

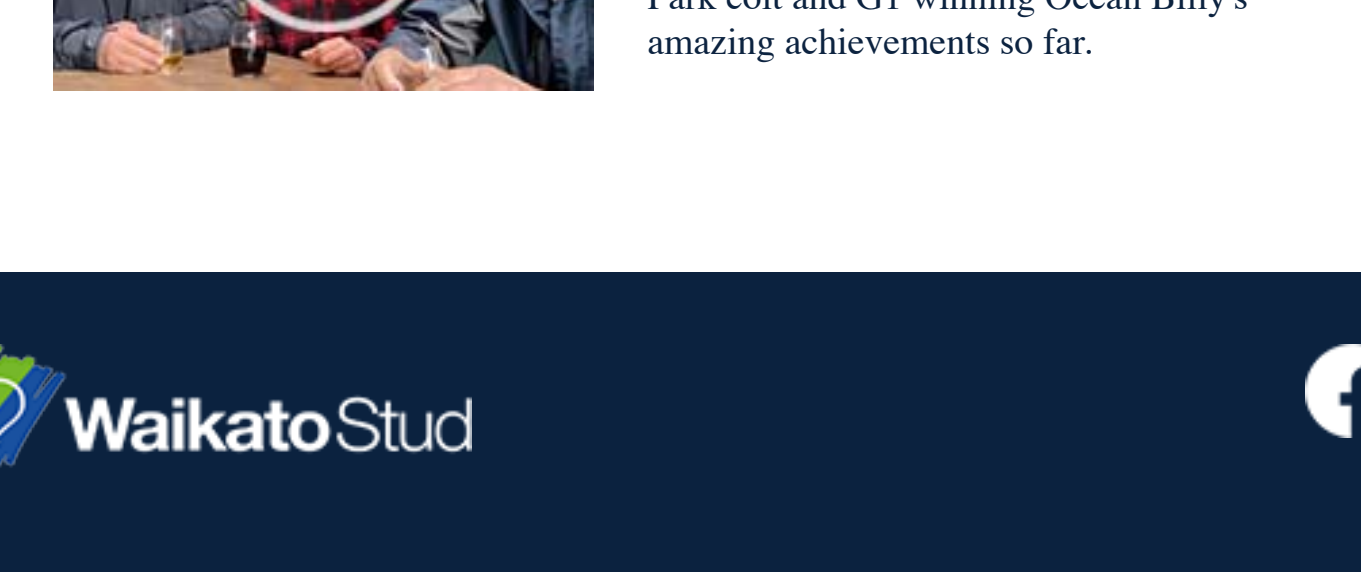
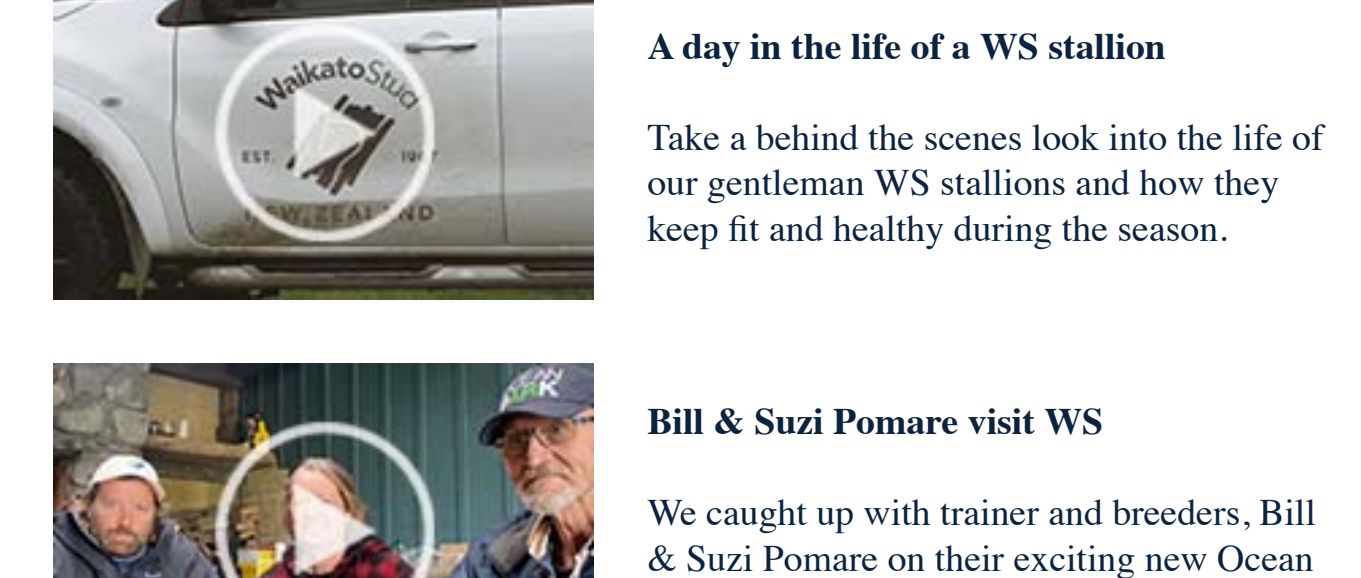
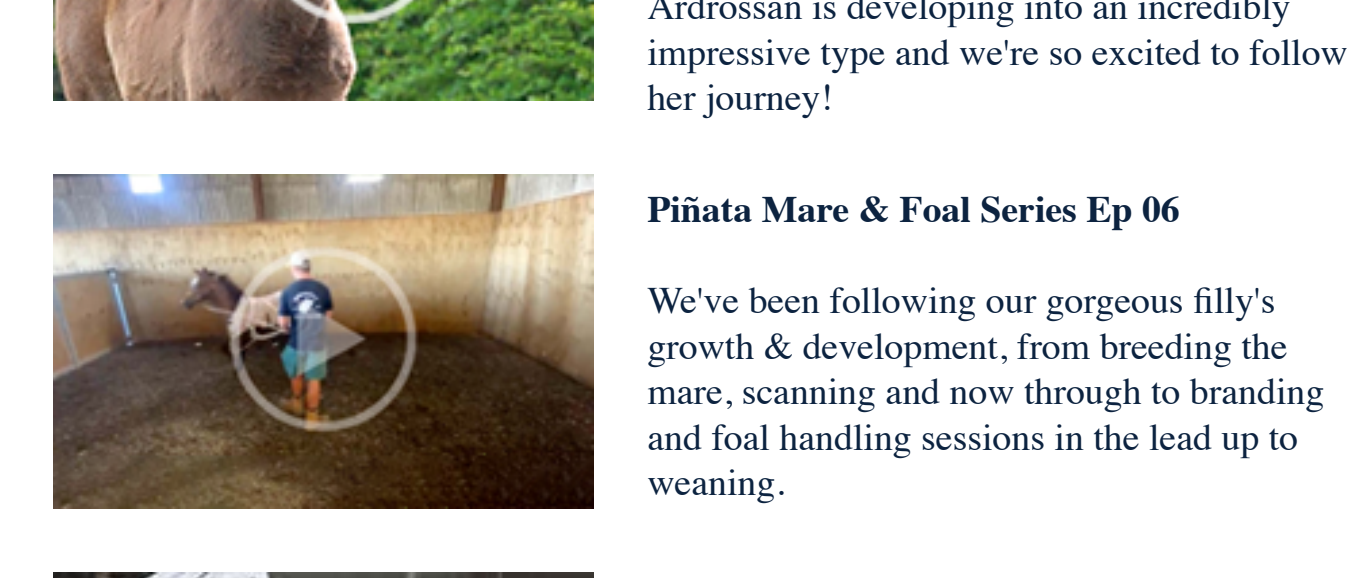
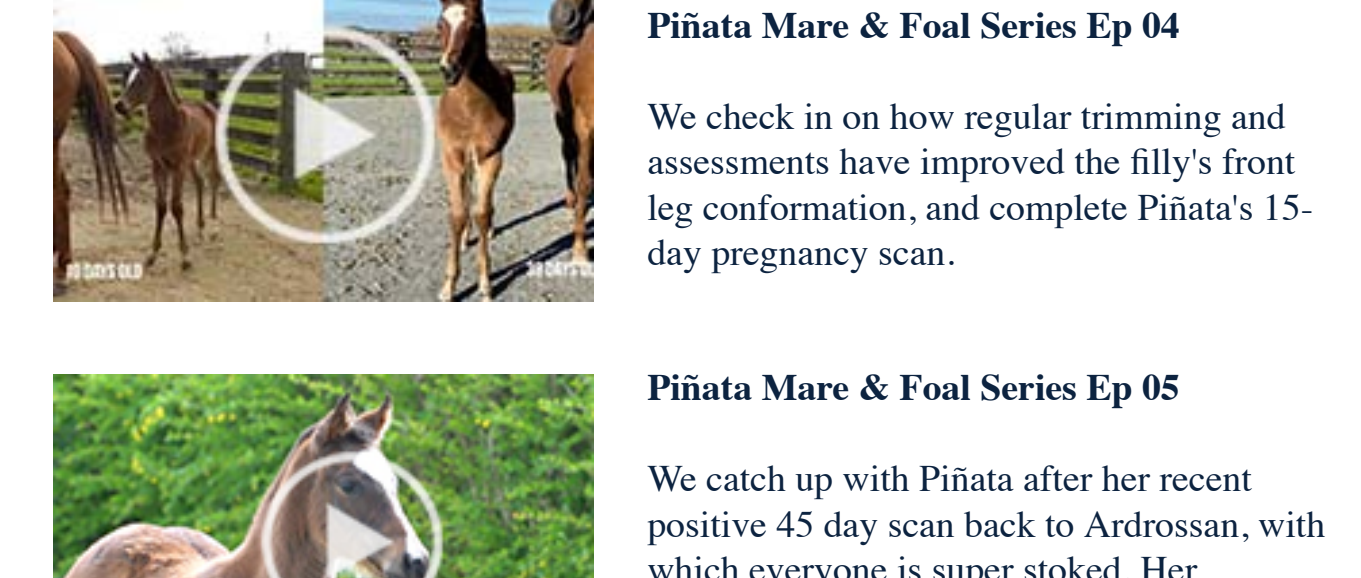
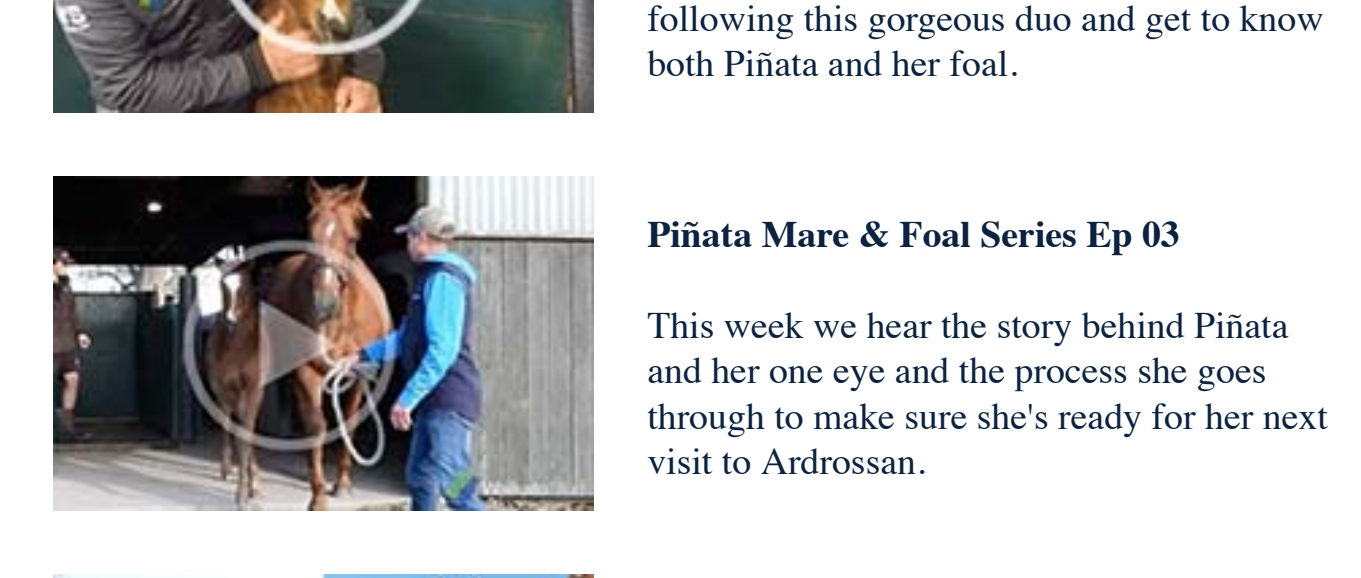
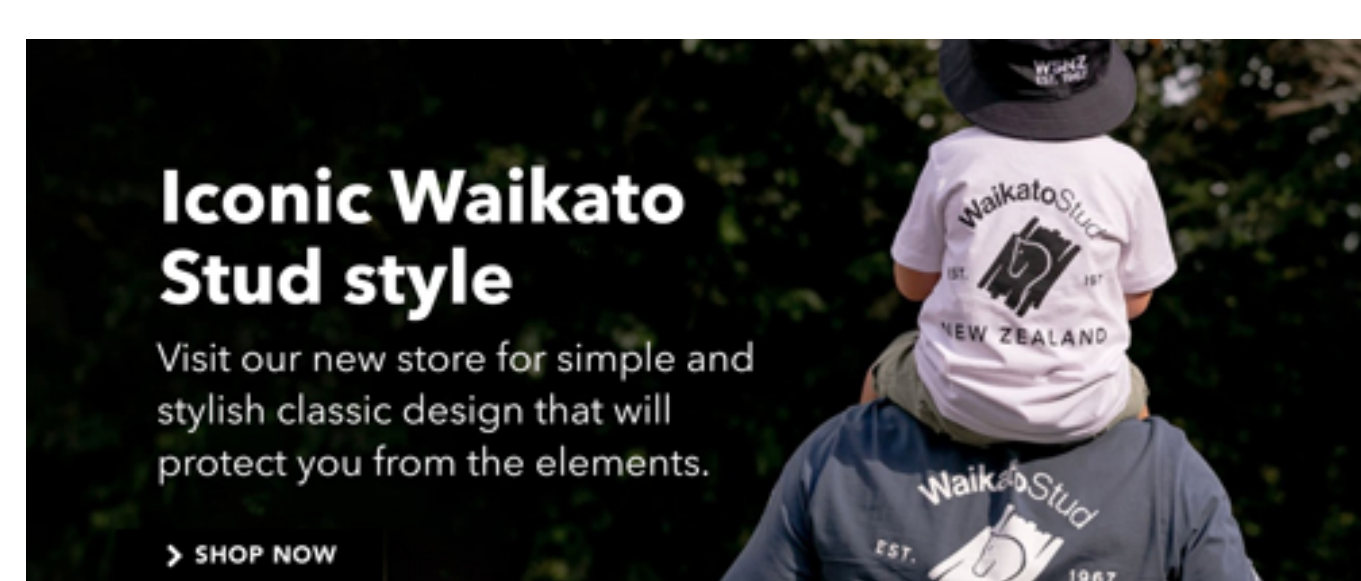
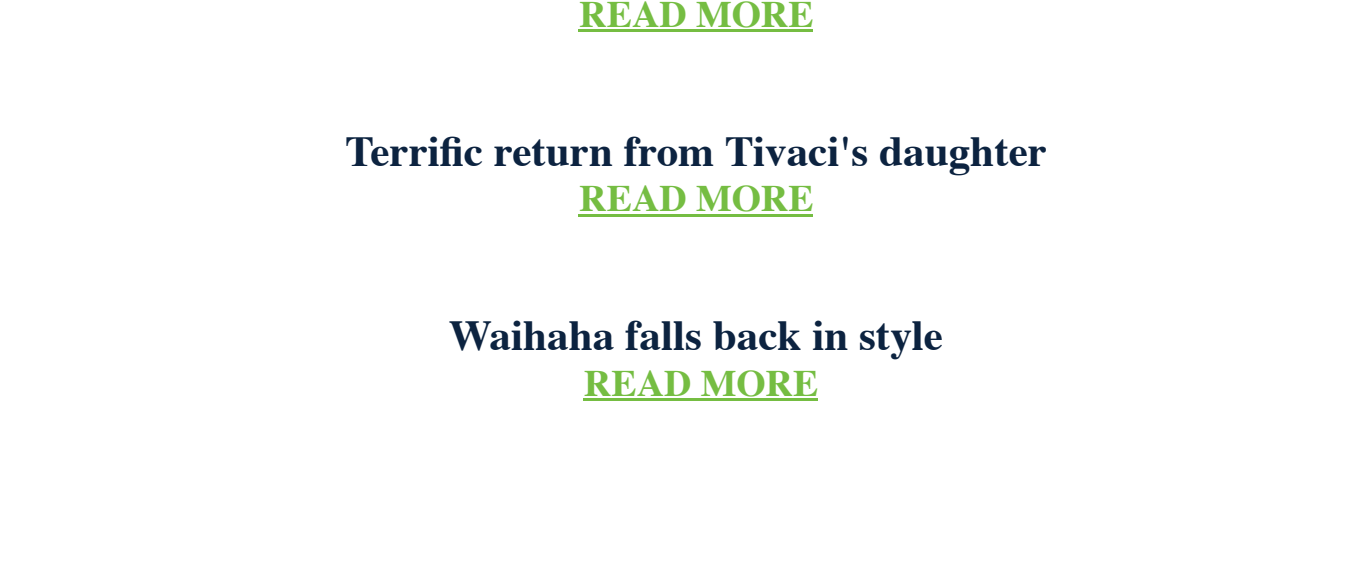
Jockey: William Pike

Trainer: Kelly Schweida

Recent: 8-time winner, coming off an average run in a step up of grade.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 25 June, Eagle Farm, G3 Tattersall's Cup, 2400m, Race 4

News



Last week we saw two Chitticks on the other side of the pond for Royal Ascot week. Charlotte was working over Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Kick Collective where she was following Gai Waterhouse around for her series 'Mic'd up with Gai'. [Watch them here!](#)

George was over from Ireland where he is just about to finish up at the Irish National Stud course, so enjoyed a few days off racing!

[Click here](#) to read about Charlotte's experience at Royal Ascot.

Racing News

Fresh is best for Tivaci filly

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Ellis secures top Savabeel colt

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Savvy performance reverses fortune

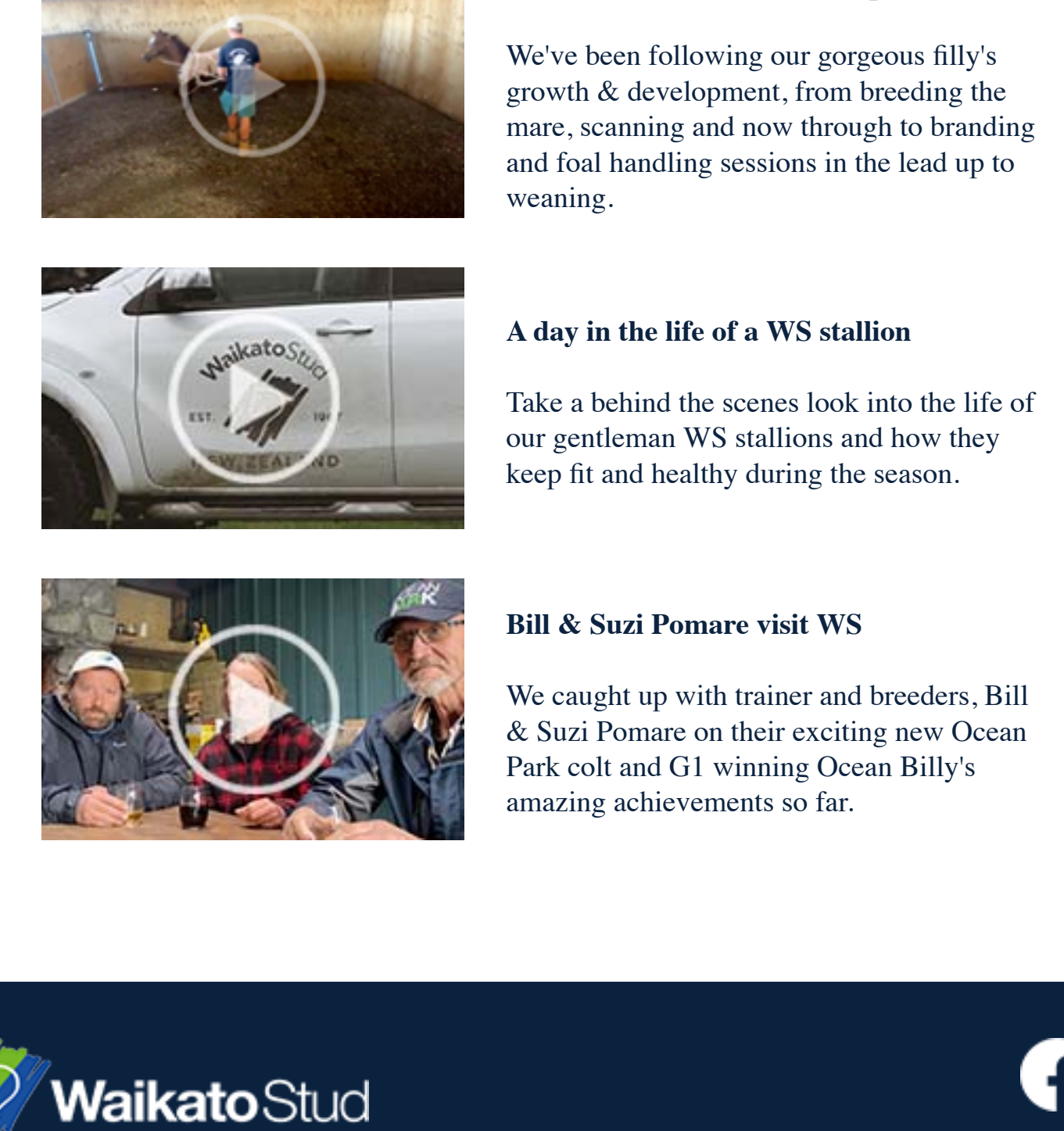
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