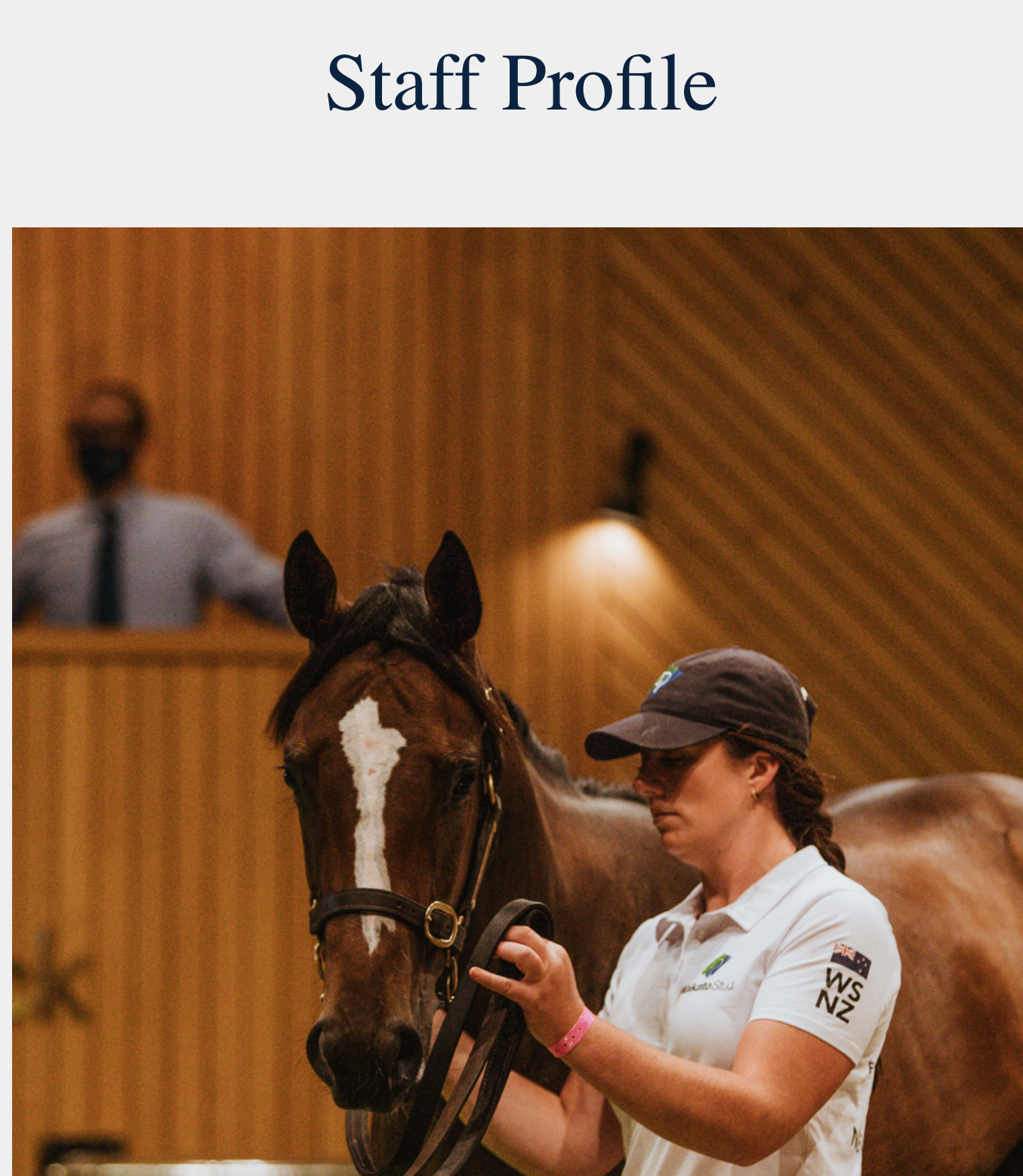


Waikato Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2022

ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

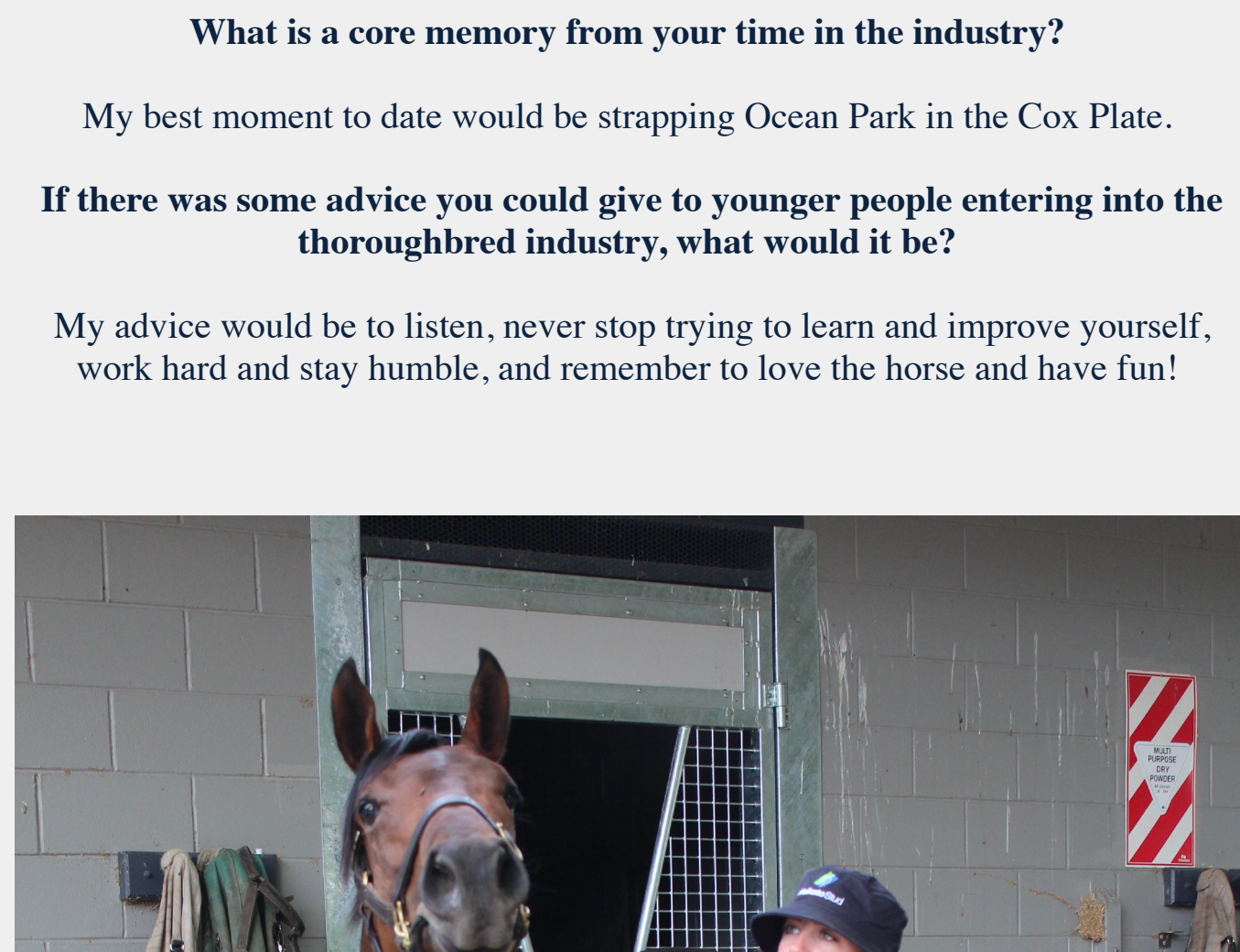
Mark's Mail



Everyone on the farm is starting to get their areas ready ahead of a big breeding season, and the staff have just completed the annual first aid course. We find this refresher course such an important part of preparing because you never know when you may need to pull out those skills, especially in our line of work!

Also, we're celebrating and are so hugely proud of George graduating from his INS course. We are excited to see him again once he arrives home and hear all the stories, as well as make comparisons from when I did it many moons ago!

Staff Profile



Olivia Blane

How long have you been working in the thoroughbred industry and how long have you been at WS?

I've been in the thoroughbred industry for 15 years, and at Waikato Stud for almost one year.

What led you to working here, and what is your role for the coming season?

I felt like I needed a change from racing and saw the night watch foaling position advertised, so I applied and I haven't looked back! My role for the season will be back on night foaling until late November, and then to the yearling yard for prep, which I'm equally looking forward to.

What is your favourite part about working in the industry as a general, and what drew you to stud work particularly?

My favourite part of the industry is working with the horses. They're great levellers, keep you on your toes and it's so rewarding to help them learn and develop. What drew me to stud work was the variety, seasonality and better work/life balance.

What is a core memory from your time in the industry?

My best moment to date would be strapping Ocean Park in the Cox Plate.

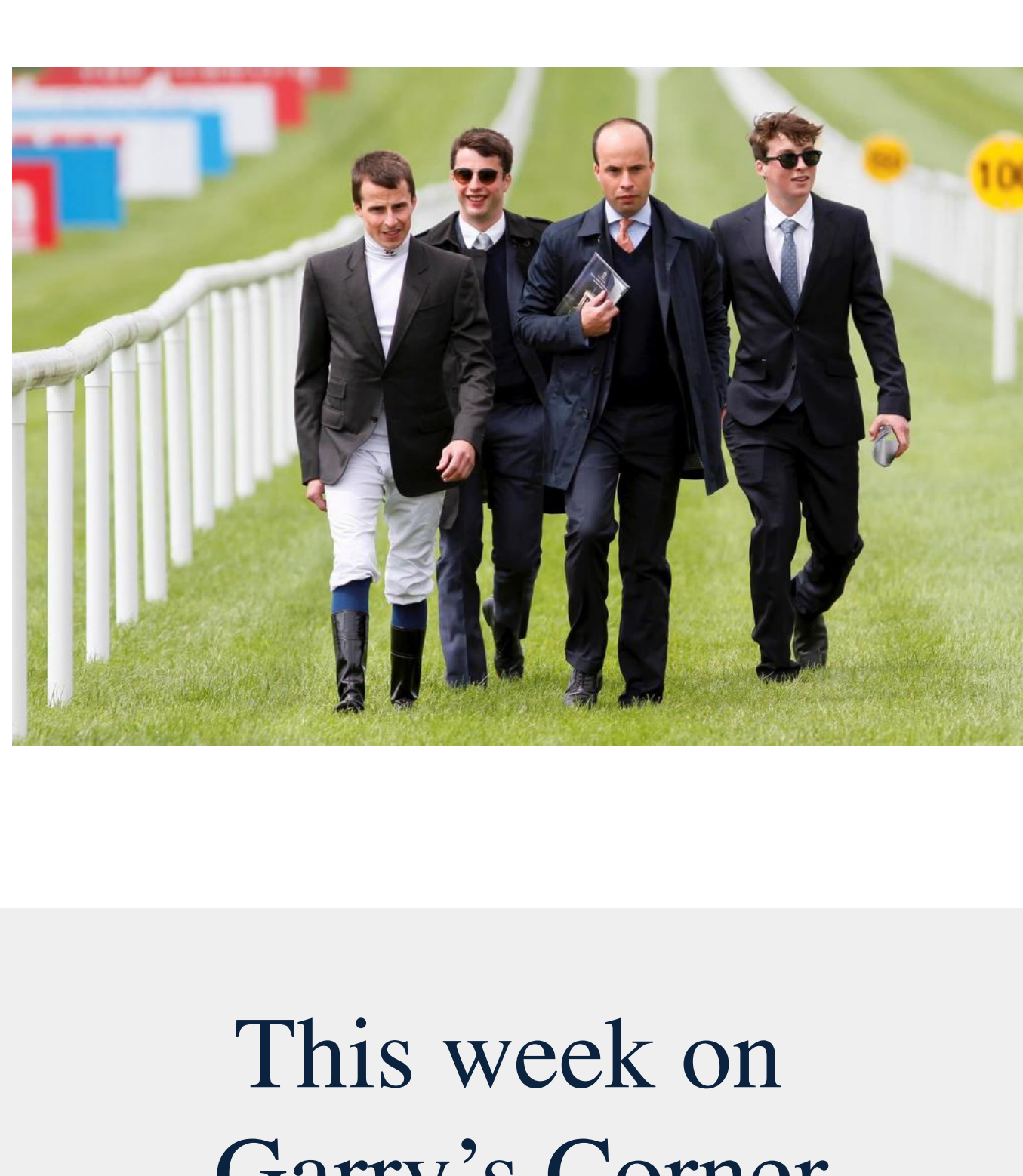
If there was some advice you could give to younger people entering into the thoroughbred industry, what would it be?

My advice would be to listen, never stop trying to learn and improve yourself, work hard and stay humble, and remember to love the horse and have fun!



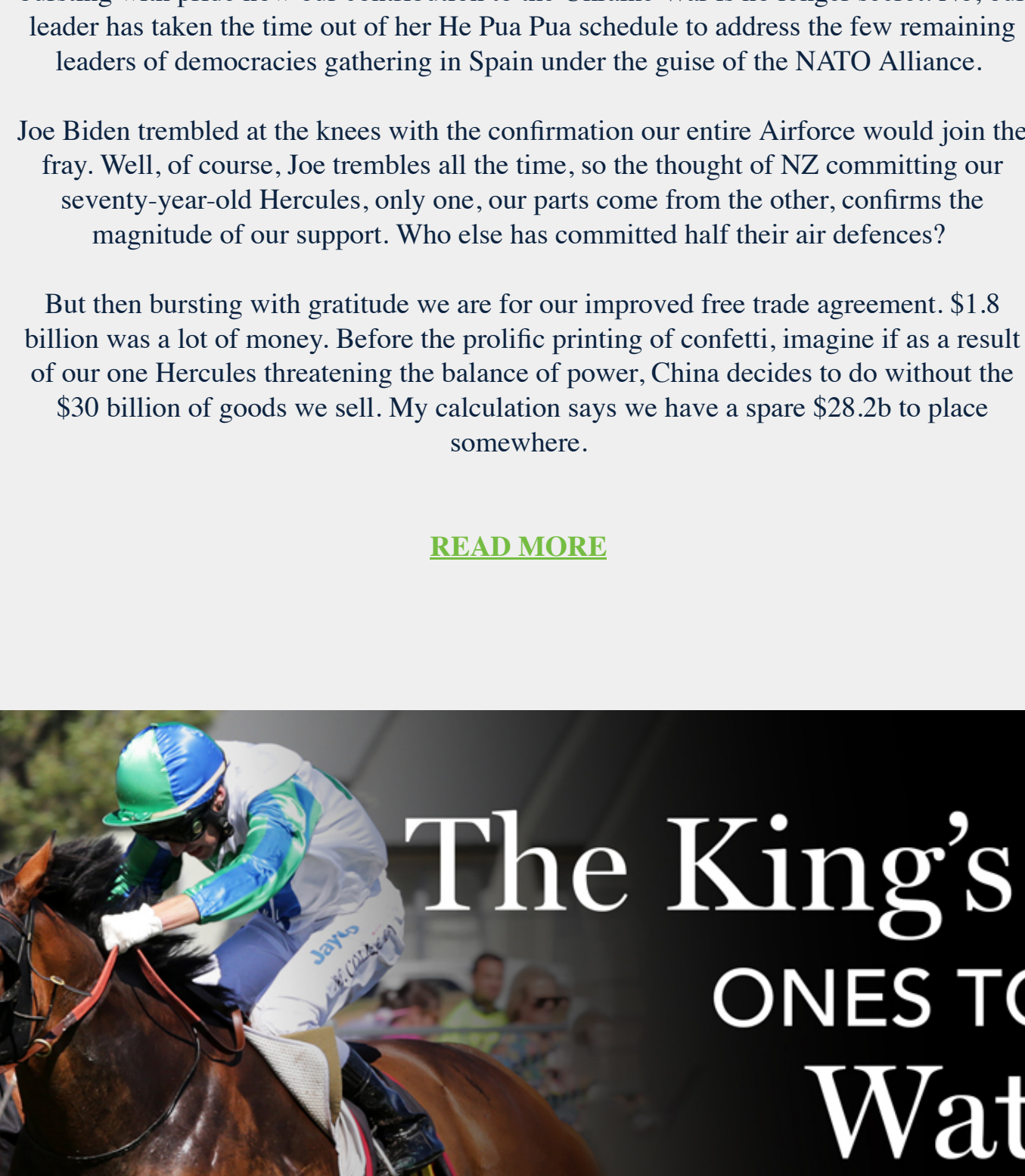
George's Ireland

Wrap Up



Congratulations to our very own George Chittick who, after becoming the recipient of NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's Keith and Faith Taylor Equine Scholarship, has now graduated from the Irish National Stud Diploma Course.

"George really embraced the experience, showed great maturity beyond his years and gained valuable knowledge, skills and contacts that will help develop his career in the thoroughbred breeding industry." – NZTBA.



We are excited to be welcoming George back home and are looking forward to hearing about all his stories! No doubt he and Mark have been comparing notes about the scholarship from when he did it many years ago.

During his time in Ireland, George kept us up-to-date with his blogs. Read them below:

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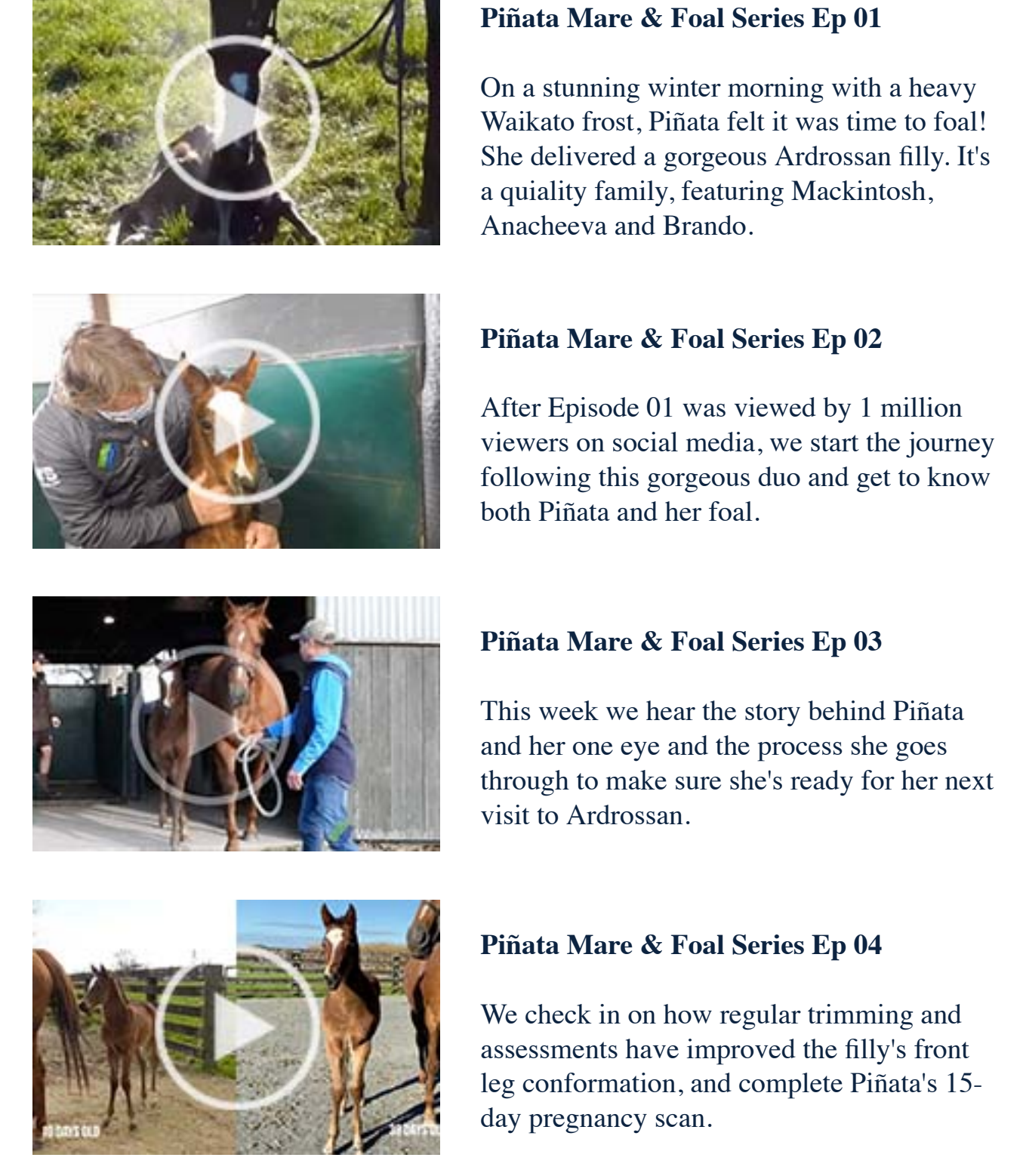
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This week on

Garry's Corner



The five faithful readers will be conscious that The Corner does not dig into the politics of our powerful country. Until now.

You see, we six, me and you, will have gone close to cardiac arrest with our hearts bursting with pride now our contribution to the Ukraine War is no longer secret. No, our leader has taken the time out of her He Pua Pua schedule to address the few remaining leaders of democracies gathering in Spain under the guise of the NATO Alliance.

Joe Biden trembled at the knees with the confirmation our entire Airforce would join the fray. Well, of course, Joe trembles all the time, so the thought of NZ committing our seventy-year-old Hercules, only one, our parts come from the other, confirms the magnitude of our support. Who else has committed half their air defences?

But then bursting with gratitude we are for our improved free trade agreement, \$1.8 billion was a lot of money. Before the prolific printing of confetti, imagine if as a result of our one Hercules threatening the balance of power, China decides to do without the \$30 billion of goods we sell. My calculation says we have a spare \$28.26 to place somewhere.

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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: TILIANAM

Tilianam (2018 Savabeel x Spending filly)

Jockey: Jim Byrne

Trainer: Tony Gollan

Recent: Last winner at Eagle Farm

Upcoming Race: Saturday 9th July, Doomben, QTIS 3YO Fillies Handicap, 1350m, Race 4

OUTSIDER: WINDSPEED

WINDSPEED (2018 Tavistock x Tuesday's Child filly)

Jockey: Sam Weatherley

Trainer: : Stephen Marsh

Recent: Placed fourth last start. She's on form for a good trip

Upcoming Race: Saturday 9th July, Te Rapa, SVS Starting Gates 3YO, 1200m, Race 1

Racing News

Savabeel 3YO makes immediate impact

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Bold showing from Ocean Park's son

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Ocean Park's son a Cup contender

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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.