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Thank you from team Waikato



The calm after the storm. We are very proud of how the Waikato Stud stallion's progeny performed at the 2024 Magic Millions January sale. Thank you to the buyers, underbidders, our team on-farm, our team at the complex and the Magic Millions team. A huge effort was put in by all, and we cannot thank you enough!

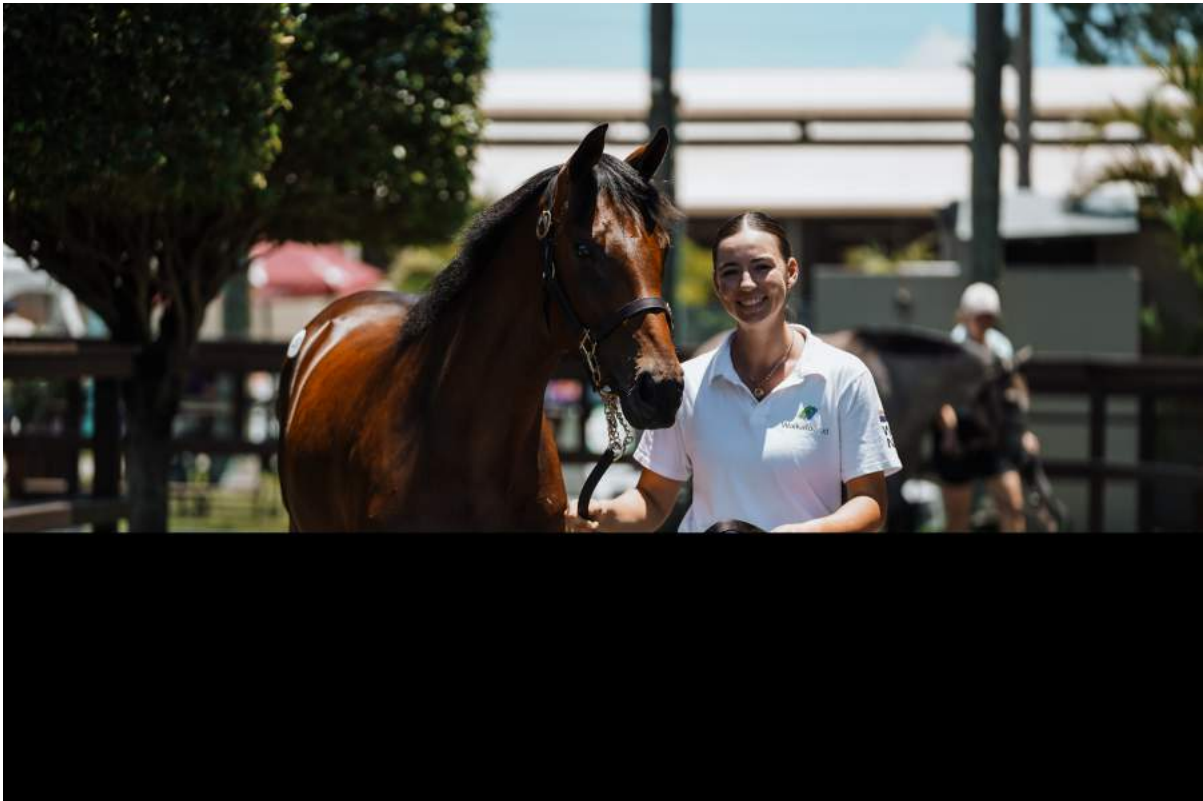
Lot 45 - **Super Seth** (AUS) x **Pink Graffiti** (NZ) colt
\$470,000



Our first yearling sold at Magic Millions went to Anthony and Sam Freedman for \$470,000. Lot 45, a muscular colt by Super Seth out of the three-time winner Pink Graffiti (Ocean Park) from the exceptional family of Glamour Puss and Vision And Power. Congratulations! Awesome to see Super Seth's trainers supporting his progeny.

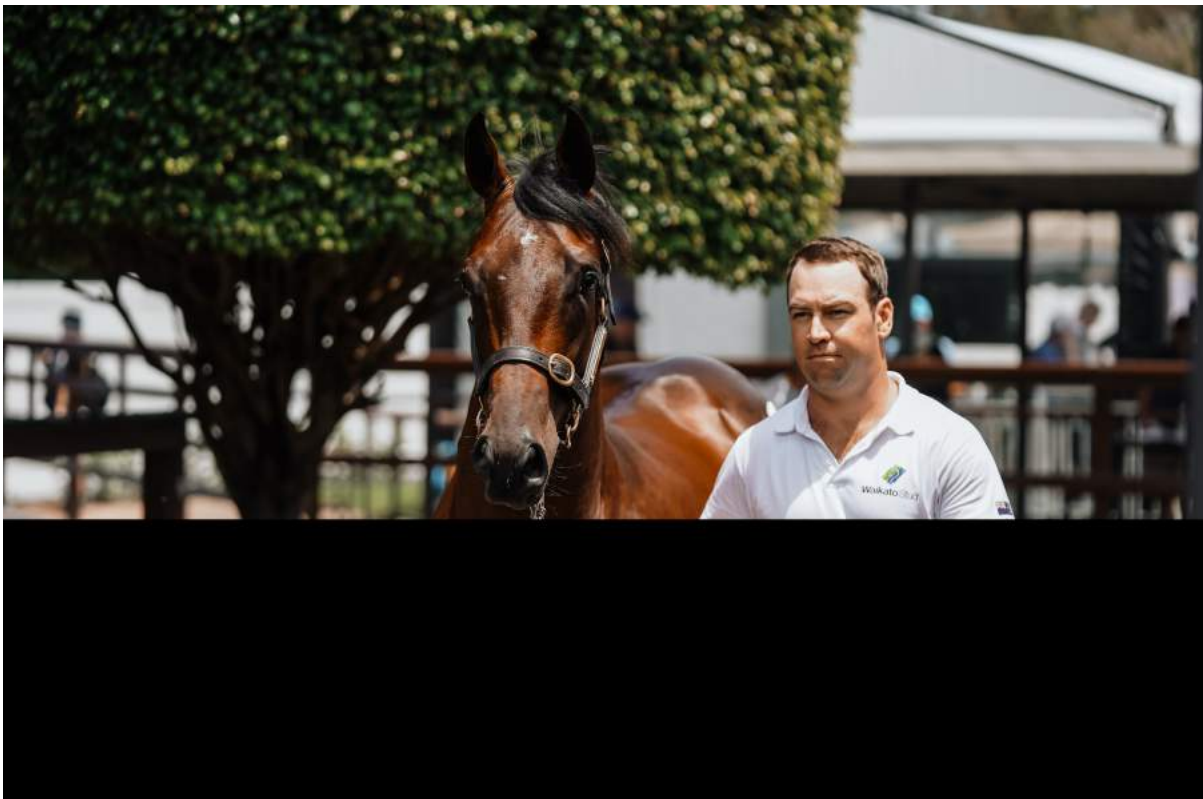
[Click here to watch Mark & Charlie sell lot 45.](#)

Lot 257 - Savabeel (AUS) x Summer School (IRE) filly
\$375,000



WS started day two of Magics with a bang as Lot 257, a beautiful Savabeel filly out of Summer School (IRE) sold to David Ellis of Te Akau. She's a half-sister to G2 winner Promise Of Success and we can't wait to see her race for the tangerine team - good luck!

Lot 300 - **Super Seth** (AUS) x **Thy** (NZ) colt
\$360,000



Another SUPER result for Super Seth, Lot 300, a standout colt out of Thy (O'Reilly) goes for \$360,000. His G1-placed dam won at stakes-level and is a three-quarter sister to NZ Champion

3YO The Jewel. Thank you to Guy Mulcaster and Chris Waller, we look forward to following this colt's career - he is in the right place!

Lot 327 - **Savabeel** (AUS) x **Urban** (NZ) filly
\$400,000



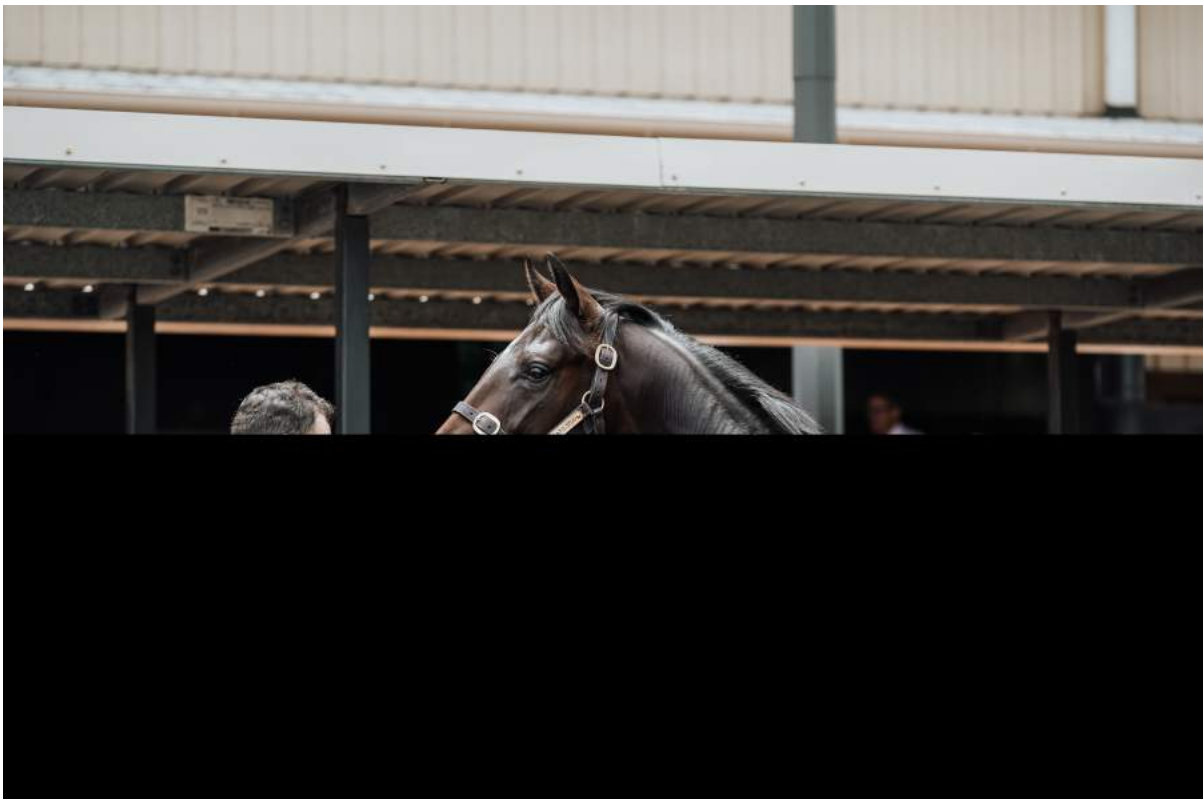
The tangerine team took another outstanding Savabeel filly home - we know this duo works! This classy filly is out of the O'Reilly mare, Urban, from the family of stakes winners Metropolitan and Residential. We're stoked that she will fly the NZ flag.

Lot 565 - **Super Seth** (AUS) x **Date Night** (NZ) filly
\$225,000



The third WS Super Seth to fall under the hammer at Magic Millions 2024, Bjorn Baker picked Lot 565, a magnificent filly out of G2-placed Date Night for \$225,000. Congratulations to team Baker, we can't wait to follow her career.

Lot 806 - Ardrossan (AUS) x Jammu (NZ) colt
\$260,000



By Adrossan - the sire of 14% SW/Rnrs in his first crop, the Ardrossan x Jammu colt was popular in the sales ring. Fetching \$260,000, Lot 806 went home to Randwick with Gandharvi Racing &

Michael Freedman. It was a pleasure to offer the one and only Ardrossan at Magic Millions 2024 - there are plenty more to find in the NZB Karaka 2024 catalogue!

Lot 904 - Tivaci (AUS) x Magazine (NZ) filly
\$320,000



Our final yearling sold through the Magics ring went to Curran Bloodstock for \$320,000. Lot 904, a beautiful Tivaci filly out of the stakes-placed Savabeel mare, Magazine. Closely related to Group winners Forgot You and Acting, she heads to the Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott stable - could she be the next Never Been Kissed?!



Magic Millions was a success. Good luck to all purchasers and owners with their new horses - they have the WS brand, and we know that's a good place to start!

Our attention now turns to the NZB Karaka National Yearling Sale - we're looking forward to presenting our 75-strong draft.

[Click here to view our Karaka draft.](#)



In other news...

Super Seth's son is tracking well to Karaka Million



Super Seth's 2YO son, Poetic Champion (ex-Regally Blonde), had a nice Karaka Million dress rehearsal at Tauranga, midweek. An impressive winner on debut and twice placed at stakes level since, we're looking forward to the big show on the 27th of January with Tony Pike and GSA Bloodstock.

[Watch trial here.](#)

On-farm parades done and dusted



It was a pleasure to host our on-farm parades leading into the NZB Karaka 2024 yearling sale. Bring on next week, we can't wait to catch up with everybody. Don't forget to stop in at O'Reillys for a pizza and a beer.

Waller-trained son of Ardrossan win



Son of **Ardrossan** won the second race on the Kensington track at Randwick on Wednesday. 3YO **Pure Alpha** (ex **Bridgewater**) battled on strongly under James McDonald for Chris Waller. Congratulations to his breeders JML Bloodstock, and to his owners.

[Click here to watch race.](#)

A second **Ardrossan** strike for this week. 3YO filly **Sindee** (ex **Music**) bolted home under Craig Grylls at Wanganui for Allan Sharrock on debut. Congratulations to her breeder N Bolton and all involved.

[Click here to watch race.](#)

That's **11 individual winners** for our Group-winning young sire **Ardrossan**, who has also produced four stakes winners.

Beau Dazzler crossing the ditch



"It is very exciting in our first year of buying from Karaka that we are able to take one back for the big race." - Maddysen Sears

Tony & Maddysen Sears are looking forward to tackling the TAB Karaka Millions 2YO with their **Ardrossan**-sired stakes winner **Beau Dazzler**. Look out Auckland if this one takes the cake!

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Well, another year gone, I am not the recipient of a lot of loot at Xmas but look forward to the next crop of two-year-olds by our sires to hit the tracks. The progeny of any new sire generates and the expectation of new excitement. We have introduced only five new prospects then four for the following season, and, dare I say, one new sire in 2023. Without wanting to be dramatic, these numbers are catastrophic. We all understand the likelihood of developing an elite prospect, despite the best will in the world, is at best five percent. Even then, there have been years when well in excess of twenty prospects in Australasia have failed to produce an elite sire.

So, whilst we have in the past had the stimulation of weighing up the established against the aspiring we will need to hope one of the ten reaches an acceptable level.

Our friends across the Tasman still have the investors securing young colts, we will as always keep them on their toes when, against the odds, races will still be shared by our progeny.

How did we arrive at such a perilous situation relatively quickly? I am afraid to say I believe it is a result of negative leadership. Yes, the redevelopment of Ellerslie is far from negative, hand on heart do you believe this upgraded facility will result in upgraded investment in broodmares, more importantly, how easy would it be now, to syndicate a \$10 m Group One winner?

Entain are on the right track, their definition of excitement is light years ahead of NZTR. Their need is for product, the perception of where we need to head could have been enacted earlier, but the

difference when you are profit-driven is plain for all to see.

I look forward to this year's Karaka Million, it is not the two year old race but the support races for the developed horses which NZ is renowned for. The addition of the race for four-year-olds will allow our best to show their wares.

We at Waikato don't race many at two, we are not anti-two-year-old racing, it just doesn't fit in our pattern, perhaps we have too many in work, and it is economics, but when you think about it, we don't qualify for the restricted entry races. The later development of our team doesn't seem to have affected results in the next years, having said that, I looked at the results of those who performed well in the January race, the likes of Cool Aza Beel, On the Bubbles, Avantage, Melody Belle, Rudd Awakening and what about the mighty Probabeel, certainly were not disadvantaged by racing at two.

This year of the top twenty at this stage, eight have won a race, half of the twenty are by Australian sires, of the sixteen previous winners, ten were by NZ sires, let's hope we can add to that record, Te Akau have won the last seven - a remarkable accomplishment.

We have a lot ahead of us, I hope you enjoyed a Christmas and New Years break. We have a number racing, just not two-year-olds, I Wish I Win is back in work, we look forward to his Autumn, Skew Wiff is in great shape, Mazzalino in foal will race until no longer allowed, so the eleven of you can follow our colours hopefully with confidence.

The refitted heart is ready for more excitement, Mark currently had Covid, has recovered now, the rest of us steered well clear and so far have dodged a bullet.

Cheers

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