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## What's been happening at Waikato this week?

### Moody surprises the team!



An evening of celebration with an element of surprise! The team were thrilled with the arrival of the **Golden Eagle trophy** along with **I Wish I Win's** legendary trainer, **Peter Moody**.

Thank you to all for the organisation, a great night that the team will never forget.

Talented Waikato Stud team member Ella put together this video of Wednesday's celebrations. [Click here to watch.](#)

## Magic Millions 2023 catalogue released



The seven first-crop yearlings by Caulfield Guineas winner **Super Seth** are an absolute must-see! Check out the Gold Coast 2023 pages [here](#).

## Winner of the week





WS-bred daughter of **Savabeel, Atishu** (ex Posy) got back to winning ways on Saturday to claim the G2 Matriarch Stakes on the Flemington course. Congratulations to James McDonald, Chris Waller and the wider team!

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## A Waikato Spring



Beautiful scenes on the farm this week.

## Foaling of the week



A beautiful filly out of **Boulevard** by **Tivaci**. A great cross as Boulevard's bloodline is old & rich in success. The third dam being 6-time group 1 winning mare **Glamour Puss**.

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this lovely filly.



**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')

**The King's Tips**

**WS BRED: WAIHAHA FALLS**

**Waihaha Falls** (2017 Sacred Falls x Mink gelding)

Jockey: Reece Jones

Trainer: John O'Shea

has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

Recent: Hot favourite

Upcoming Race: Saturday 11th November, Newcastle, Karaka 2023 BM 88, 1300m, Race 9

## **BUOYANT**

**Buoyant** (2018 Dalghar x Miss Minogue gelding)

Jockey: Michael McNab

Trainer: Sabin Kirkland

Recent: 4-time winner, nice chances

Upcoming Race: Saturday 11th November, Riccarton, Lindauer Stewards Stakes, 1200m, Race 9



It's official, my audited readership has increased by 40%. Yes, while walking into Matamata races I was approached by an unknown couple who informed me they were readers. As you know I can only identify a couple of my first five, the rest remain a mystery. However, one of my more ardent supporters has just been confronted with the carburettor that pumps his blood has a couple of blockages. I know you are in the right place and will return to Waikato before you know it.

My only reader in Australia when informed The Queen was ill asked, "Has she a two-year-old in work? If so, she won't go." It now appears she didn't, but you do and will for some time to come.

Mary and I still breed a handful of mares, this spring we are lucky enough to have: Bonneval produce her fourth filly in a row; Magic Dancer a full sister to Noverre; The Reel Beel a Super Seth filly - so you can see based on the above theory I'll be around for a while yet. I won't have much to sell but I learnt long ago you can't have both. Fortunately, Mary has just had what she says is her first Savabeel colt, that presumably means she is not intending to share proceeds like I have forever.

Mind you, when I do run out, I will have a lot in common when I catch up with The Queen in that place where privilege runs out. Having said that, do we really want to spend the next part of our career in such an egalitarian society? Then again, if I hang around here much longer the way we are heading will have me well prepared. I avoid political commentary, with a readership of seven there could be one well-disguised, woke, left-leaning infiltrator of our believers but my frustration with our recent past and current leadership requires comment.

Our Leader threw some more crumbs to the needy, I believe this is the equivalent of feeding the kids ice blocks for lunch; it won't do them much good and they will demand more. This type of support is an attempt to secure votes. I think for any one earning \$100k or less the first \$20k should not be taxed. This would encourage those who can find limited hours to get out and have a go. The debate over the 39% for incomes over \$180k ironically will affect very few in business as there will be very few small businesses or farmers reaching that threshold. To be sure, there will be an increased commitment from the 14,000 extra civil servants let alone the 50,000 long term entrenched.

Our problem is governments overrate their importance believing the country is dependent on them. Fortunately, whilst we fail to understand the constant interference in our life, generally most pragmatically get on with life. I am not going to list the changes of the last five years, there are too many but the non-mandated Three Waters, He Puapua, methane levies will achieve zero. They will create dissent such as we haven't seen for years - for what?

Then we are confronted with interest rates determined by the Reserve Bank to confront inflation. During the Covid period the Bank lent trading banks some \$16billion at 0.25%. All sorts of people were delighted to secure loans at a never-before-in-this-generation rate in the low threes, so the trading banks were making a comfortable 3% on the increased money supply. Now, low and behold, we need to stamp out inflation, the Reserve Bank creates a base rate, the trading banks retain the margin, and many young people are confronted with increasing interest rates and decreasing home values. Fair dinkum if this is the best our leaders can do. But then of course it is Orr of the Reserve Bank who is a fool, our Cabinet has a pony trekker as our sole previous business owner, the rest have graduated through woke University education to either the Unions or one of the many junior sycophants waiting to be elevated to Parliament.

Does it matter? Of course it does. Governments are the arbiters of the best use of our endeavours, the many forms of taxation, fuel tax, GST, income tax, import duties, providing support for those less able, the health system, justice - I am too embarrassed to include our defence force with one frigate and a couple of 70-year-old Hercules - state housing etc. We all understand our responsibility to contribute, it is the end use that the various political parties make their case for support over. Now we have the new challenge of determining our values. Wokedom is a serious challenge to our independence, they haven't attacked racing yet, but they will and we need to be prepared.

On a brighter note THE EAGLE HAS LANDED. Yes, the magnificent trophy attached to the race has been delivered in person by Peter Moody and wife Sarah. Not surprisingly Sarah told me Peter had to return to training, the pull of the horse is hard to wean ourselves from. The cut and thrust of competing, albeit from the grandstand, the adrenaline rush is hard to beat. Then we have the love of these magnificent animals which goes both ways. I am in

the process of reading the Bart Cummings book for the second time. When asked what his secret was, he replied:

“Don't know, instinct I guess.” You can't develop an instinctive relationship without a close affectionate understanding. Think of your wife.

Cheers,  
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