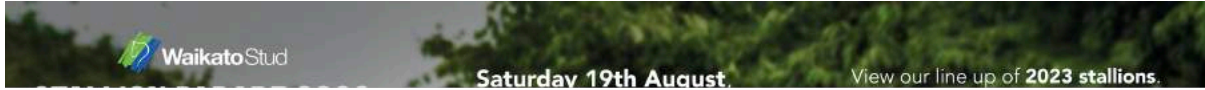
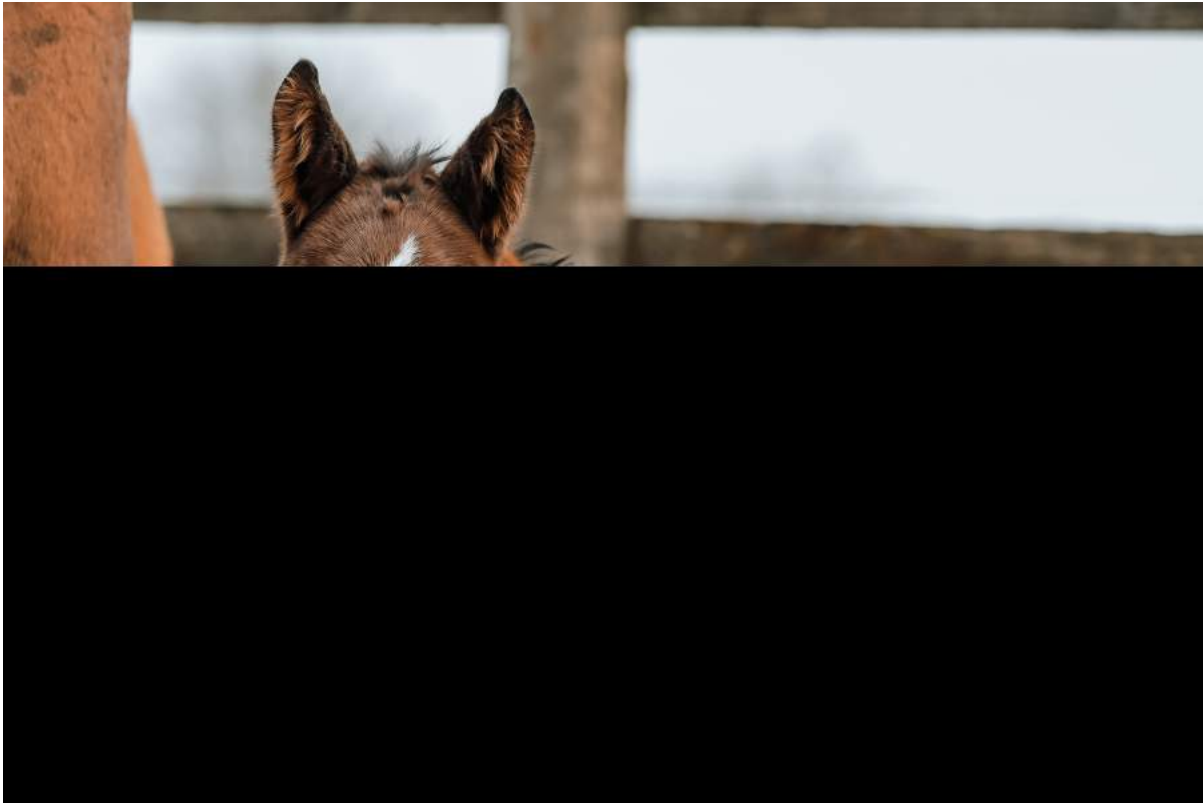
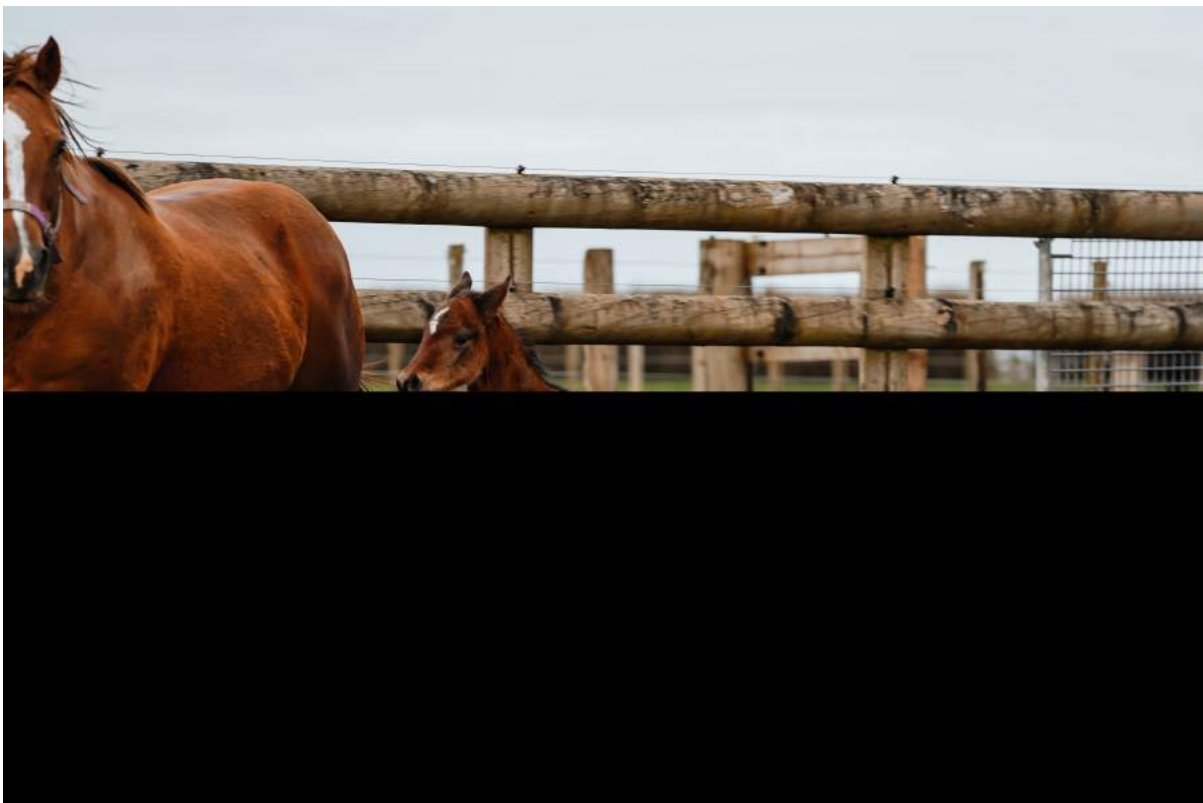
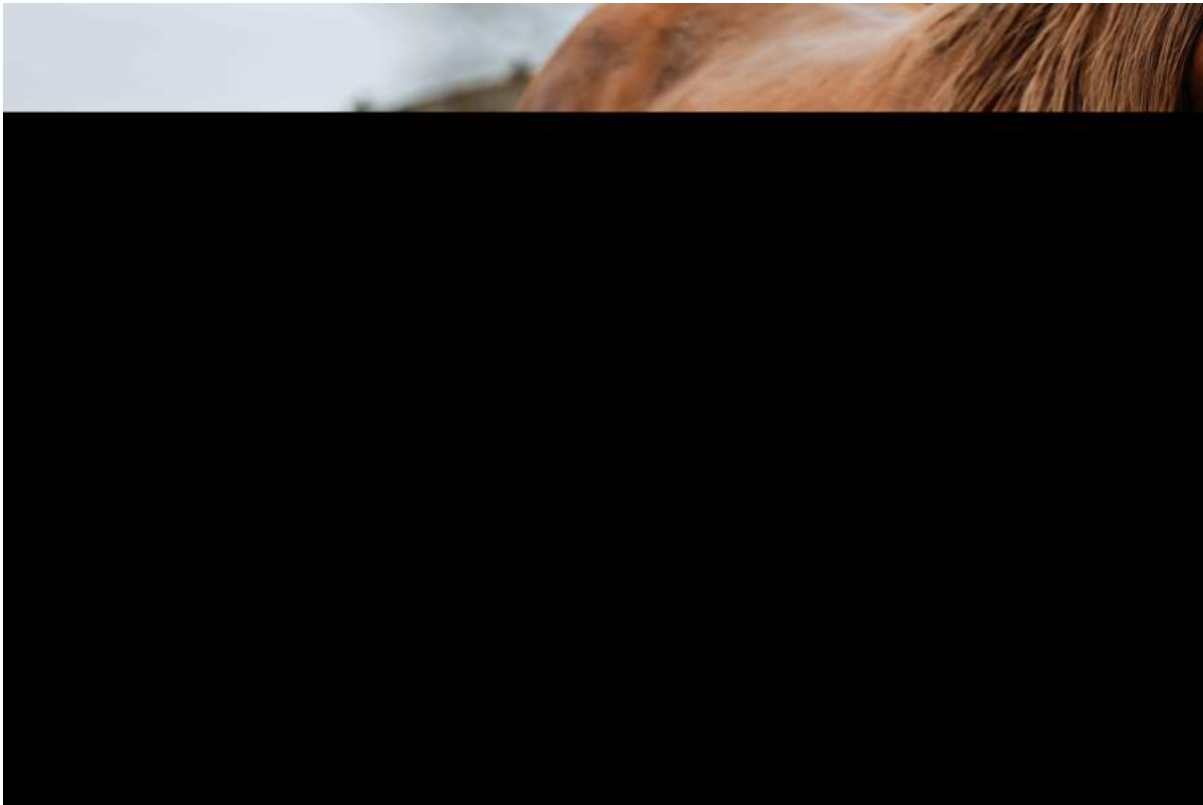


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## Noverre's first foal has arrived





Noverre's first foal arrived last Saturday! A beautiful colt by our G1 NZ 2000 Guineas-winning sire out of the stakes-placed Pins mare Snowdrop. A deep WS family, the second dam is G1 NZ Oaks winner, Daffodil, while G1 Queen of the Turf winner, Atishu, also features on the page. We couldn't be happier with Noverre's first foal, looking forward to meeting the rest.

# Mark's Mail



We are very proud to have two Waikato Stud-bred horses in the Winx Stakes tomorrow - the first Group One of the season!

Multiple Group One winner **Mo'unga** (**Savabeel** x **Chandelier**), a farm favourite who is off to stand at the beautiful Newhaven Park, is having a crack tomorrow for Annabel Neasham; we are excited to follow his spring campaign. Secondly, **Major Beel** (**Savabeel** x **Gram**), the winner of the AJC Derby, trained by Gai and Adrian is also in the lineup for the Winx Stakes. A great start to what is going to be an exciting season of racing. This is what we live for!

We have foals coming left right and centre, so far so good. We couldn't be happier with the first **Noverre** foal, a high-priced yearling himself and now leaving strong-boned, good-looking foals.

A fantastic start in general, the vibes are up in the foaling unit, and Amanda's daffodils that surround the paddocks are in full bloom. Springtime, it's our best time! Safe to say, we have a spring in our step.

A few more things to look forward to, Stallion Parade this weekend - I hope to see you all there. Also don't forget the Rugby, Racing and Beer doo pre Foxbridge Plate day. Lots coming up, and I am looking forward to catching up with you all!



 **Waikato Stud**

Invites you for an evening of

# RUGBY, RACING & BEER

Where: **United Matamata Sports Rugby Club**  
Bedford Park, Tainui St Matamata

When: **25th August 2023, 5-7pm**

Beers flowing and barbeques glowing  
to celebrate Matamata's rugby and  
thoroughbred racing season.

*Don't forget:*

**WS Foxbridge Plate 2023** is on  
**Saturday 26th**, free entry.  
**Race 1 - 12.10pm.**

A great weekend in the  
Waikato - *we hope to see  
you there!*

Special guests... **Peter Moody, Allan Sharrock & Butch Castles etc.**

We couldn't do it without the team!

Meet Olivia Blane...



**1. Introduce yourself & how long you have worked at WS?**

I'm Olivia Blane, and I've been at Waikato Stud for 2 years.

**2. What previous experiences have led you to where you are?**

I worked in racing throughout NZ & Australia for 13 years. As well as running a spelling farm for two years. I was interested in stud work and freelanced a few sales over the years so I thought I'd give it a crack!

**3. Go-to beverage?**

Coffee or a gin!

**4. What section of the farm do you mainly work in and what do you enjoy about it?**

I work mainly night foaling. I love the night crew, we have a lot of fun. You never stop learning and there are so many variables. It's exciting to foal good mares, find your favourites and be involved in their first moments.

**5. Explain the highlight of your career so far...**

I couldn't pick one, I've worked with a lot of good horses and all round it's satisfying to play a small part in their life at any stage.

**6. A piece of advice you would give someone who is new in the thoroughbred industry?**

You will have some tough days, but it's overall so rewarding. Just stay humble, keep your head down and work hard. Listen and be watchful and you'll learn a lot.



# Waikato whispers

## READ THE WHISPERS AROUND WAIKATO THIS WEEK...

There are plenty of 'tipping experts' amongst the Waikato team. It's time they show us what they're made of...

## AEGON

**Horse:** Aegon (6yo Sacred Falls x Toss Up gelding)

**Trainer(s):** Andrew Forsman

**Jockey:** Michael Dee

**Upcoming Race:** Race 9, Caulfield, G2 P B Lawrence Stakes - 1400m

**Comment:** He has Previously won on first up. Looking fresh.



THE  
**CORNER**  
with Garry Chittick

How about this, my credibility was questioned on the weekend, a newly confirmed eleventh reader suggested our corner is constructed by a phantom writer. Now if he wasn't such a good bloke I would geo block him, after all I never question the origins of the expensive trinkets that Mary always deems as essential as she sparkles out the door whilst I fight with the Pay Wave having again exceeded my limit.

He did however raise a very relevant concern, he asked are we going to reignite Ellerslie after the two-year shutdown. This not a criticism of the need for the shutdown, but we all know if we miss our normal fix for long enough, we find we are no longer dependent. I took the time out last Saturday when in Auckland to inspect the new development. There seems to be a great deal to complete if it is to be raced on in late January, I have seen the predictions of the Chief Executive, I have no doubt he is better informed than me and I hope he is on the money. A successful launch will be welcomed.

That was not the question my trinket man raised, we will all attend Karaka Millions night. Racing participants, owners, and breeders etc, will appreciate having the consistent track surface with such large investment promises; the average Auckland racegoer will barely notice the difference. They have managed their two-year abstinence, are they as excited as us? Unfortunately, I doubt it.

Then I think I am right. I believe the number of meetings is less than thirty with the track not used for three months over winter. Once again not a criticism just addressing the conundrum of how we get the best out of Auckland, our largest population. You know, we will have our fix every second

week, then like the grizzly bear go into hibernation. Or, are we to believe this major investment is to be savoured on event days only, using the new surface for our horses' benefit the rest of the year depending on off-course wagering to sustain racing?

We need Ellerslie to be the focal point of our sport, to be quite honest it wasn't before this upgrade. My point is there needs to be a marketing strategy, there needs to be a welcoming atmosphere, good racing will always attract the addicted, a new track will do little to attract new participants or for that matter, those that have realised the two-year withdrawal has cured them of the need to go.

Go hard Auckland, you can do it.

A little trivia, it was pointed out to me over the weekend, if I were paid \$5000 a day it would take 200 days to accumulate \$1000000, and 547 days to reach \$1000000000, if I am right those noughts represent a million and billion respectively. Isn't it amazing that the accumulation of such wealth and one can go a lifetime of trying and never salute their own Group One winner? Don't you love it, it's a great sport ours with a chance for all. The Tesla man is reputedly worth \$150 billion and that's without a bottom-line profit, if we can get him into racing instead of Twittering his spare time away, he would probably invest enough to achieve what we all aspire to, we need to get the message to him that it will be more fun than firing rockets into the stratosphere.

Cheers  
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