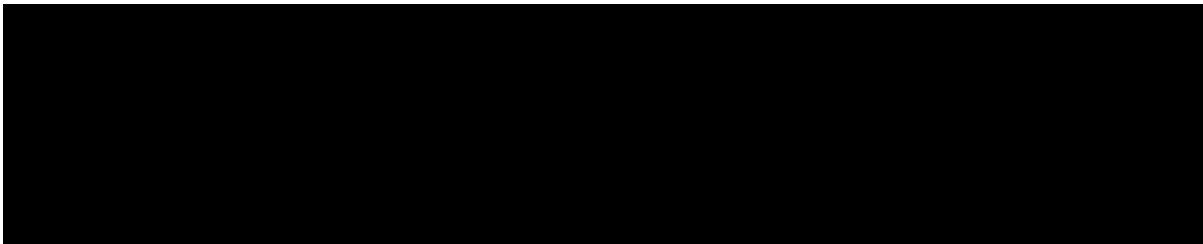


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## What's been happening at Waikato recently?



### On the farm with Steve Davis



"I'll tell you what I've found a few G1 winners here already for next year."

It's always a pleasure to have special guest and the legendary auctioneer Steve Davis visit the farm.

[Join Mark and Steve for a yarn, click here.](#)

# We couldn't do it without them!

## Meet a key part of the WS team... Jaimee Underwood

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

My name is Jaimee Underwood. I'm coming up 7 years back at Waikato Stud.

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

I have always had a passion for educating young horses, having produced and competed my own horses as a youngster. I first began working with thoroughbreds when I got a job working for renowned breaker Paul Pertab. I then went to spending a summer polo grooming for someone who knew Mark and the opportunity to become apart of the WS team arose and here I am today!

### 3. Go-to beverage?

Oooh hard one. I'm a lover of a good Chardonnay at the moment, but if I want to jazz things up a spicy margarita.

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

I have quite a versatile role at the moment which sees me working in all sorts of areas. I love this, it's how I feel I best get grips on everything going on.

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

Working at WS there have been a tonne of highlights with the people and horses we are lucky enough to work with! Personally for me, having the opportunity to be involved in selling a couple of gorgeous Savabeel fillies out of Style By Design is a huge highlight and something I am forever grateful to have been apart of.

**6. A piece of advice you would give someone who is keen to get into the thoroughbred industry?**

Head down, bum up. Ask questions, take the constructive criticism, there are ALWAYS things to learn and be better at. Don't be afraid to have a crack at any opportunities that come your way - you'll never know if you don't try.

## Foaling season on its way

Foaling season is almost here. With top 5 NZ broodmare sires **O'Reilly**, **Pins** and **Savabeel** bringing exceptional quality to our breeding program, we can't wait to see the next crop hit the ground soon.

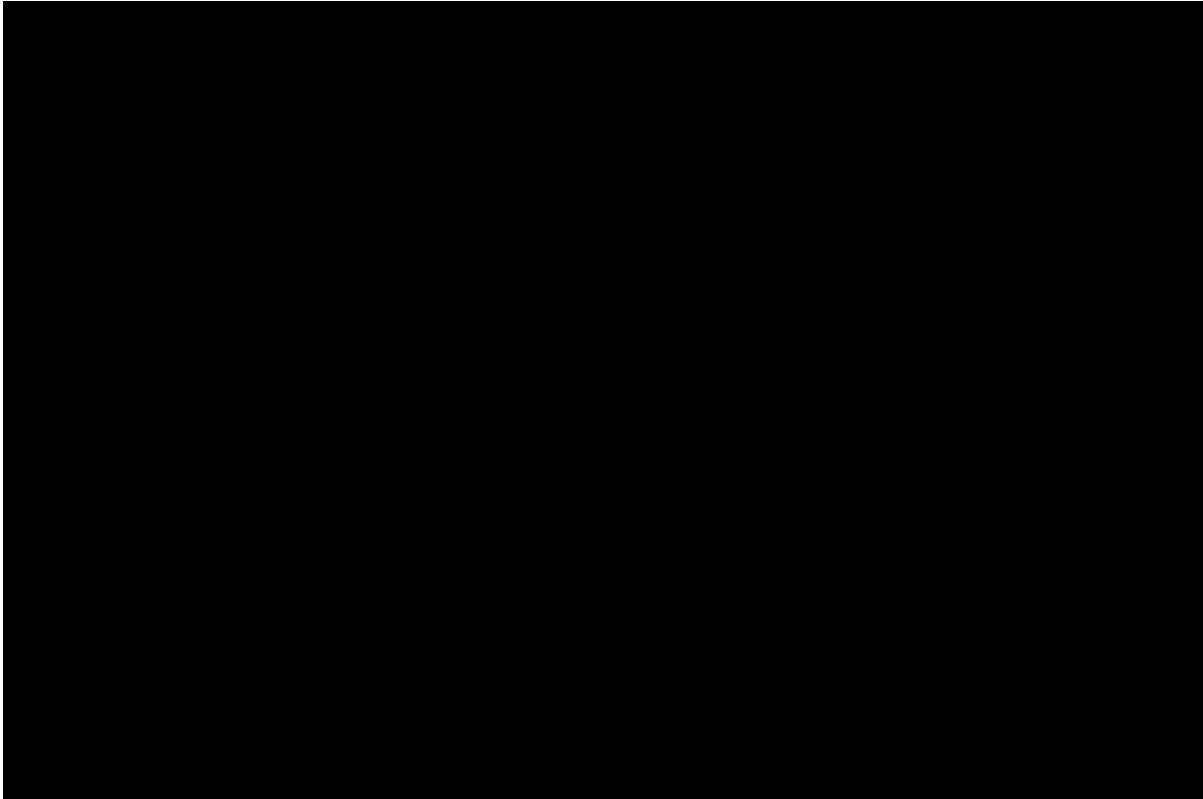
## Ocean Park on the money



3YO son of **Ocean Park, Elemental** (ex **Kazemi**) made a gem of a start to his career on Wednesday afternoon at Avondale, scoring on debut in fine style for his trainer Tony Pike. We look forward to following this dude's career on the track.

[Read more here.](#)

## Sacred Falls continues to please



Sacred Falls' well-bred 3YO son, **Hollywood Hero** (ex **Movie**) proved far too strong for his rivals at for Bjorn Baker on Saturday afternoon. Stoked for all connections, we look forward to the future for this horse.

[Read more here.](#)



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**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...

**HINUERA U18s**

**Trainer(s):** Coach Zin Zan

**Jockey:** Harry Chittick

**Upcoming Race:** Semi finals, playing at Hinuera 1pm

**Comment:** Home game, team's firing up!



We are 10 days away from the start of a new year. Perhaps, bearing in mind that we have just celebrated Matariki, we racing enthusiasts should declare 1st August our national day of importance. Of course, we cannot take the day off, as horses are equally demanding as all of our nurtured animals. Matariki has another advantage; its day of celebration is flexible, unlike our four-legged family members. But why not have a day off for us, considering our statutory four weeks' holiday, Waitangi Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Provincial Days, Matariki Day, Bereavement Four Days, and now up to 14 days for doctors confirming sickness? Therefore, I intend to petition the government for 1st August to be recognized as a national holiday. Why not? Apart from the practical implications, 1st August is the industry imposed birthday of our annual crop, marking the start of a new year of events that we aspire to be part of. Our mares are foaling, last year's two-year-olds are now presented as Classic three-year-olds, yearlings are being assessed for sale, new stallions are on the block, and new

people, young and enthusiastic, are joining in our hopes and aspirations—people who, once committed, never leave their involvement.

Why not a national day? Let's work it out; if there are up to 55 days that the rest of our fellow citizens can potentially have to themselves annually, they can still be rewarded. Imagine if our animals, whom we love equally to our family, were ignored for 55 days. So, our national day will be celebrated as it has been since the rules of racing decided what's best for all to comply with. Of the above-recognized reverent days, we race on a number of them. The conundrum is the days in lieu and the penal rate of remuneration for racing on days when we attract higher turnover. You see, if you ensure that those who don't work on their entitled days are, on one hand, bored, and on the other, caught up in the excitement of having a punt - hopefully enough to fund our commitment.

You can see that I find the winters long, cold, and boring. Mind you, this year we have the next 80 days of the punishment of a general election. Are you bored already? Well, perhaps this is the year where we should be attentive. If we have another six years of the current diaspora, we will be living in a very different country. I have always respected the role of government in a democracy. Prior to proportionate representation, our first-past-the-post system gave us clear choices as to how we believed our hard-earned tax would be used for the betterment of our country. It seems now this is not enough; we dodge the potholes while being told, incidentally by government-supported broadcasters, how we should live, with now less religion, and what we should believe in. Very disappointing.

With the encouragement of those who are here to save the planet, we are struggling to get to the races on time; 80 kph, road works never ending, 30 kph. We can't pass with two-lane roads divided with wire rope. Our children are being educated to confirm that we knew nothing. Ram raids yield more fear than substance, and if caught, it will be by increasingly invisible law enforcers. Woke judgments with judges now believing in the 'be kind' mantra of St Jacinda - anyway, if you are brave enough to report a misdemeanor, you won't have a clue where you will be without renamed native roads.

Then there's the science of Māori Tauranga, which is apparently based on traditional beliefs encompassing the natural world of astronomy, ecology, traditional healing, etc. I have no problem with such beliefs, but not at the expense of hundreds of years of developed science that has served us well. So, leave my progeny alone.

I had better stop; a full corner on wokedom I can feel brewing in my index-only typing finger. So you see, we don't expect a national four-legged day; we know what to expect: Dedication, hard work, great hopes, dreams, and expectations.

Cheers,  
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P.S.

I have just read that the first recorded serious drought forming extended heat wave occurred in 1300 bc. No doubt the 'bc' represents 'before cars'. What, then, caused this catastrophic event? I have no record of the population but clearly the livestock-producing methane would have been slaughtered resulting in starving the population.

Transportation of goods and services would have been sailing boats and horses. Now the horses I have determined are carbon sinks, yes, it is believed the credits resulting from pasture sequestration outweigh any methane produced by our favourite animal. The medieval period (900-1300 bc) recorded both droughts and heatwaves, hard to think of a cause bearing in mind the only horsepower was horse power.

The first instrument-measured temperature came in 1858 and was therefore presumably accurate. The Model T Ford was still 60 years away, so what can we assume is the cause of yet another heatwave? Perhaps the emissions from the barrels of those fighting civil wars.

The renowned dust bowl period of the 1930's could have been fuelled by Henry Ford, but I doubt it. The pre-Second World War carbon monoxide was 0.0030 ppm, current I believe is 0.0040ppm.

Different parts of Europe suffered in 2003, then the bush fires of 2019/20 ignited more feverish doomsayers.

It would appear we need to return to horse and cart, plus sailing ships, horse drawn barges, but history confirms it didn't work before.

The answer I don't know, I am impressed by those who are getting their message out all, you know let's shut down agriculture, no longer fly to catch up with family, drive electric vehicles powered by coal fired power stations, eat no meat, drink less, only copulate with the same sex to avoid population growth, watch no television to avoid bad news generated suicides, but, then, depriving ourselves of our current lifestyle has been tried before, not all at once, but tried.

No, I think I will continue to drink, drive, eat steak, not sure about the copulation, and use the horses for racing.

The next generation will blame us for a great deal, I hope the smart progeny get on with their intended lifestyle, if I am right it will be as good as ours.

Cheers



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Waikato Stud respects Garry's wish to express any view he likes in his Corner. However, on this occasion the scientific consensus points to a different conclusion, and we feel the topic is so important that we'd like to add this caveat; The facts of anthropogenic climate change are incontrovertible, and explained here: <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

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