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What's been happening at Waikato recently?

Waikato Stud Journal Issue Two / What We Live For

WS has been our home since 1993 and we're immensely proud to share a small part of what we live for and how our land and the WS team has grown since then through the pages of this journal.

[Have a read here](#) or pick up your copy O'Reilly's, WS hospitality tent at Karaka.

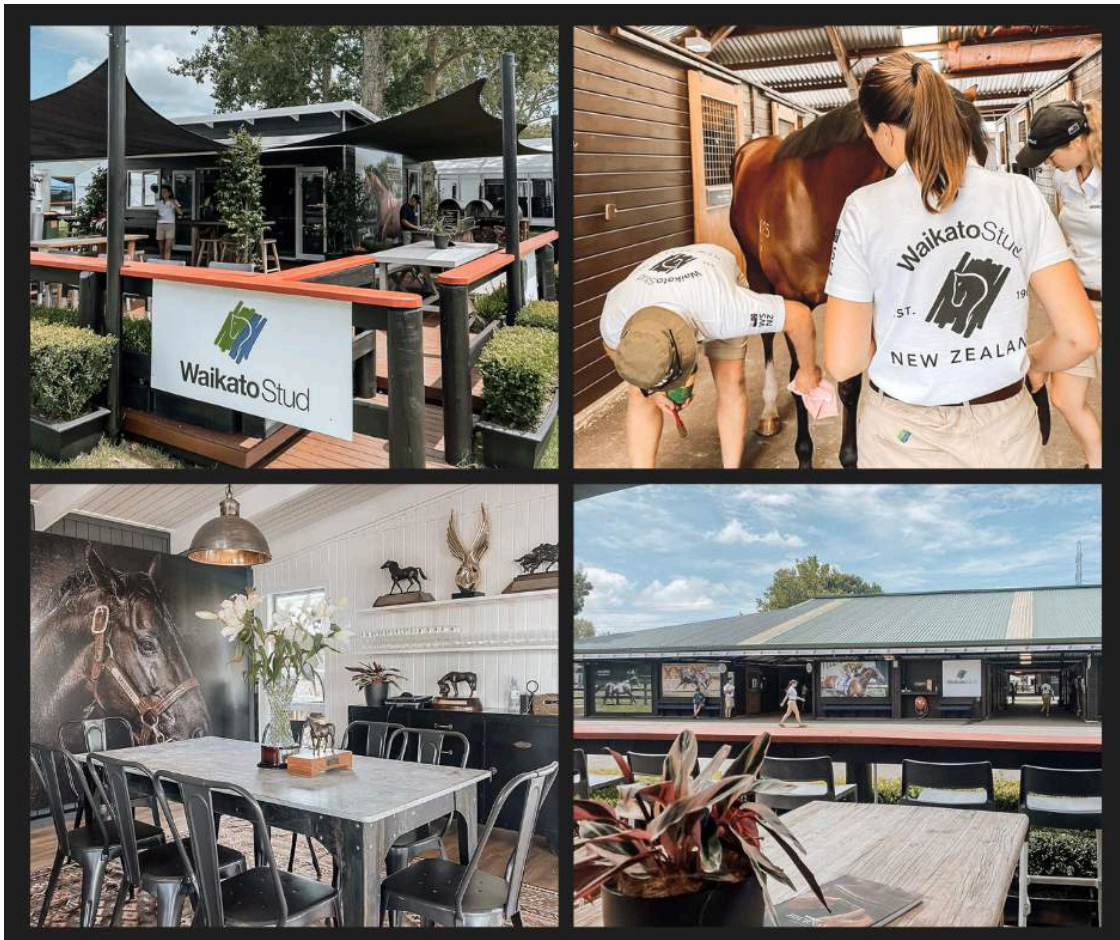


Waikato Stud's 2023 Karaka Draft

We are very proud to present our 2023 New Zealand National Sale draft to you.

Parades are well underway here at Karaka National Yearling Sale and we can't wait for selling to begin on Sunday. View our draft at barn F and stop by the O'Reilly's hospitality tent for a yarn and some great food!

[Follow this link to view our 62 yearlings](#)



A filly of a lifetime



Lot 560 is one of only 12 fillies in the sale by **Savabeel**. From juvenile-winning and stakes-placed **Style By Design**, the half-sister to stakes winner **Riva Capri** - she is the mould of her Champion Sire. See all of her class at barn F.

Our promising first-season sire

An **indescribable talent**, only one word feels right.

SUPER



SETH

(Dundeel x Salutations)

They have arrived
View his **first yearlings** at the **2023 Yearling Sales**



We are proud to present 15 WS-bred **Super Seth** yearlings at Karaka.

He was given the tick of approval by some leading judges at Magic Millions [click this link](#) to hear from Natalie Young, Ben Hayes, Guy Mulcaster & Will Johnson.

The Castles and Taylor tribe



A very proud Castles crew with their beautiful **Ocean Park x Pico Turquino** filly, accompanied by Ross Taylor + the Taylor kids. We can't wait to see this filly go through the ring on Monday, all the best!

Mid-week winners

Success took place right throughout our stallion barn this week. A huge credit to **Tivaci, Ocean Park, Savabeel** & our late **Pins**. Congratulations to all involved, see details about the success below...

Blinkered approach works wonders



Carrying the farm colours, the WS-bred **Neighbourhood** (Pins x Urban) recorded a second career victory with a determined finish for Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott at Matamata on Wednesday afternoon.

[Read more/watch race replay](#)

Timeley victory from Patriarca



WS-bred and sold **Savabeel** mare, **Patriarca** (ex **Baby Shacks**) appreciated the step up in distance to break her maiden at Matamata for Mark Walker on Wednesday afternoon.

“What a thrill to win with Patriarca. I’m so thrilled for Charlotte Chittick, this was the first yearling she led through the ring & she remains in the ownership group.” - David Ellis

[Read more/watch race replay.](#)

Ocean Park with a double!



Ocean Park mare **Ask Mum** (ex **Singing Star**) registered a stylish 3.5l win at start three for Lance O’Sullivan and Andrew Scott. Congratulations to her owner/breeders the Ask Partnership and all of the team involved!

Ocean Park made it a double on Wednesday when his 3YO **Kureder** (ex **Charmeuse**) chased down the leader to get his nose ahead on the line for Chris Waller in Brisbane. Bred by Kevin Hickman, he sold for \$380k through the Valachi Downs Karaka draft. Congrats to all connections.

The strong Tivaci 2YO



2YO Tivaci filly, *Lowe Flying* (ex *Miss Selby*) eased down to register a professional victory on debut for John Bary at Matamata on Wednesday. A \$420k Karaka buy for her trainer & TFI from Landsdowne Park, she was bred by the Ask Partnership. This filly is one to watch.



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

WS BRED: MAZZOLINO

Mazzolino (2019 *Posy* x *Savabeel* filly)

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

Jockey: Sam Weatherley

Trainer: Stephen Marsh

Comment: Won last start

Upcoming Race: Saturday 27th at Trentham, Race 6

G3 NZ Bloodstock Desert Gold Stakes, 1600m



We are this week heading towards our annual life blood, the NZB Yearling Sales. As breeders we at Waikato Stud offer for sale annually 80+ yearlings. Our domestic sale is of great importance, here we display the results of decisions not made two years ago but many years of investment in sire prospects and retention of fillies to eventually replenish our broodmare band. It's not easy and it's not an exact science; if it was, the big money would dominate. Therefore, regardless of what you seven may think, every breeder who has a go is entitled to the respect of buyers who should approach the sale looking for a reason to like a horse rather than a starting point of what they can find unacceptable.

I have said earlier that I recently read the Bart Cummings book. I recommend the read considering where we learn of the grounding he endured before the greatness he achieved. This grounding taught him the search for the perfect horse would have left a major dent in his record. As is so often the case, looking for a reason to buy may mean a so-called fault needs to be lived with.

As a much younger man I came across of series of photographs of horses selected by four of the so-called gurus of the European racing fraternity. They were allowed to select the same horse as there was no disclosure prior to publication. Two selected the horse which turned out to be Brigadier Gerard, the other two I no longer remember - not that weren't memorable I just can't be sure, this was fifty ago! However, I do recall it had been rammed into me that short pasterns were imperative, so I was surprised to see to these gurus were more flexible. The slightest splaying of the front legs caused no concern. Now I was studying photos, but I have no doubt every shot was intended to show their choice to the horse's best profile.

So the one of you seven readers who may buy: Don't listen to too many, in particular don't waste your time on those who never buy. The number of underbidders we have always outnumbers the number of horses we offer for sale, go figure.

I attended Matamata Races on Wednesday, I always enjoy the local club which is particularly well run with well-bred horses on display. The day was rounded off with one the characters of racing training his first winner. Now Lou Te Keeti it is well known was fortunate enough to win a lotto of a dollar or two, I am sure his whanau benefited but it's none of my business. He shared a horse or two amongst professional trainers, racing the top filly Aalaalune. Matamata have the benefit of a Waikato Stud-sponsored winners' room, the club present a bottle of the finest Mills Reef wine to the sponsor and winner which requires a response. Lou's few words were classic, his bucket list was to be owner/trainer of a winner. I don't know his age but the next on the list is to now train a black-type winner. Fantastic. So, his dreams are ours only he's doing the hard yards himself. I hope I'm there when it happens.

Back to the sales, this is our first opportunity in four years to renew acquaintances one-on-one, can't put a price on our racing friends, we have our wonderful animals in common. Be like Lou, another horse may the next one. Unlike Lou, you don't have to train it there are plenty of keen trainers, starting your day at 4am doesn't have to be part of your dream.

Cheers,
Garry

Garry & Lou Te Keeti in the Waikato Stud winners circle...



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