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## 7 days until the big stage



We are counting down the days until our boy, I Wish I Win scales the TAB Everest. We couldn't be prouder to have a homebred, son of Savabeel in this race on the big stage.

Trackside Media put together an awesome hype video in prep for the 14th of October.

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## Recent WS track success



**Savabeel's** son, **Five Rings** (ex **Daisy Chain**) recorded his second career win in style for Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr. Bred on-farm, the lightly raced galloper is a \$200k Karaka Sale grad for Ohukia Lodge. Congratulations to all involved.

**Tivaci's** daughter claimed the first race on the card at Riccarton Park last week. 3YO filly **Mazzucato** (ex **Yellen**) charged home under Niranjan Parmar to break her maiden for Mark Walker and Sam Bergerson. She was a \$120k Karaka buy for Te Akau from Carlaw Park. Well done!

**Ocean Park's** G1 Queensland Derby-winning son, **Kovalica** (ex **Vitesse**), tore home fast and late to run 2nd in the Group 1 Epsom Handicap for Chris Waller Racing at Randwick. The Nearco Stud-bred galloper is in for an exciting spring.

The son of **Tivaci**, **The Replicant** (ex **Oahu**), was a commanding winner for Joe Pride at Warwick Farm last week. He was bred on farm and offered at Karaka National Yearling Sale where his trainer secured him for \$130k.

Son of **Ocean Park**, **Key Largo** (ex **Enjay**) broke his maiden in style for Paul Moroney at Tauranga racecourse. He was a \$50k purchase for his trainer at Karaka National Yearling Sale. Great result, well done to all.

We couldnt do it without them...

Meet, Abbey Donaldson!



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

Hi, I'm Abbey Donaldson and I moved to Waikato Stud at the beginning of August this year.

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

After finishing school, I moved to Godolphin for a single "gap year". I worked in both the breaking and stallion barn for what ended up being over two years. I then did a stint at Strawberry Hill, working with both the horses and various other animals, as well as working yearling sales in between. I've now been given the opportunity to be a part of the Waikato team!

**3. Go-to beverage?**

Coffee. Easily.

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

I'm primarily working with the stallions. Its an amazing section, having a small solid team of fantastic horses that you learn inside out keeps you driven to get up each morning.

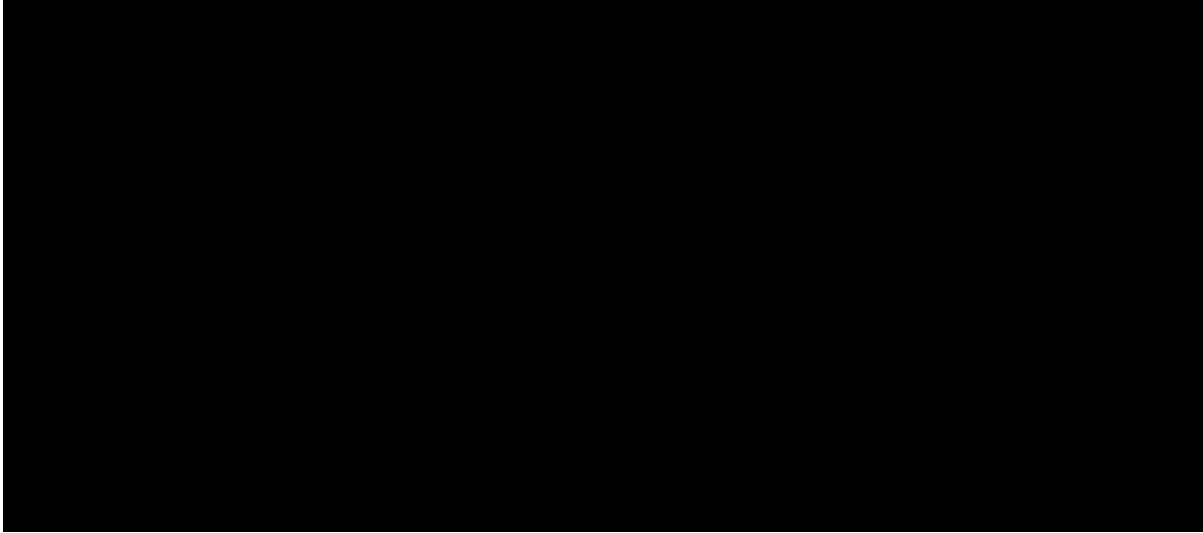
**5. Explain the highlight of your career so far?**

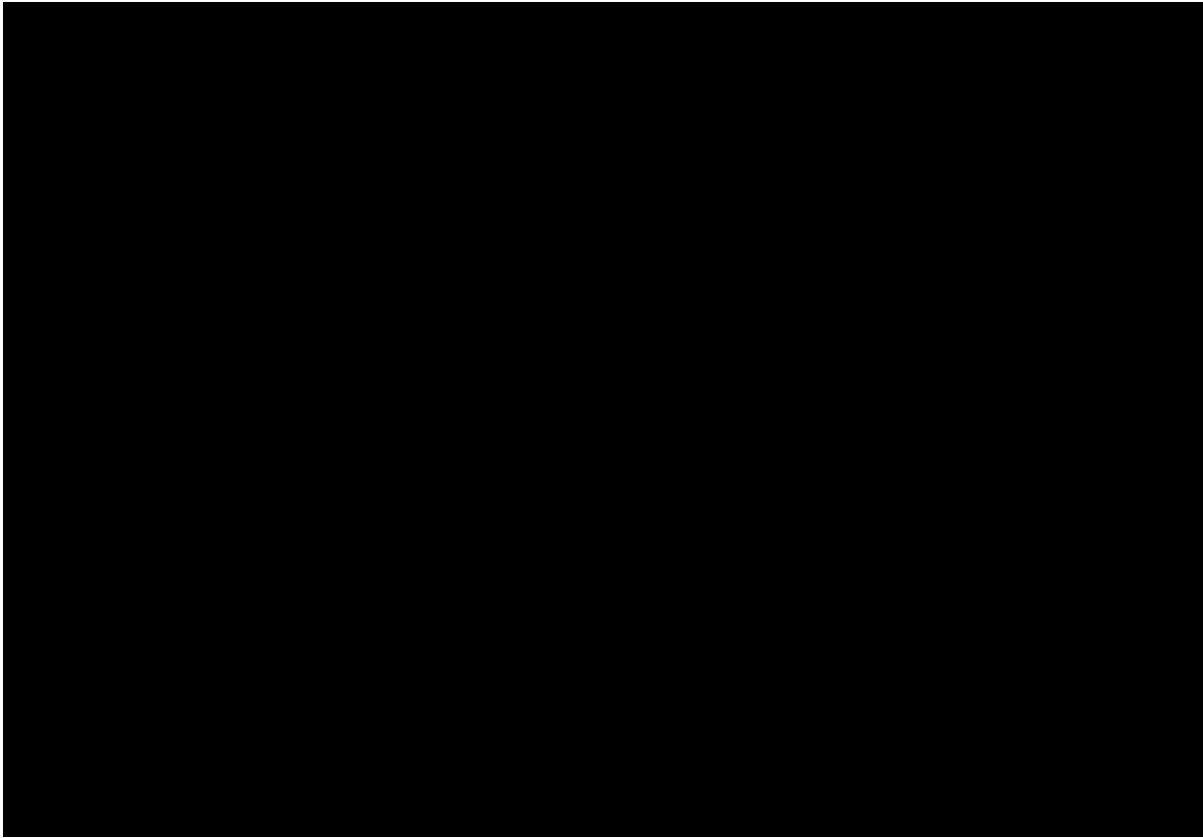
Riding Anamoe as a breaker and then watching what he achieved was a huge thrill; but moving across the ditch and being welcomed into such a cohesive workplace at Waikato Stud has been a huge highlight and stepping stone in my career.

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

Never have too much pride to ask for help.

# All Saints' Eve's beauty colt





Group 3 winning **Sacred Falls** mare, **All Saints' Eve**, has had a beautiful colt by our 2000 Guineas winning stallion, **Noverre**. WS and co-owners, John O'Shea and Anthony Mithen, are incredibly happy with this good-looking colt.





There is occasionally the odd political commentator that I watch as they delve into the direction a politician intends to take the country. The Q and A on the Sunday morning programme fronted by Jack Tame is not on my list, however, Gerald Fell called to suggest I should take the time to watch his confrontation with Winston Peters. So, I retrieved the programme taking an hour out of my Sunday to listen to Tame's determined attack. Now I am not here to promote or otherwise NZ First, but if our state-funded TV believes his approach, is rational, more importantly, unbiased, is helpful in enabling we, the voters, to determine whom we will vote for, they are very much mistaken.

Now, we all know pinning Winston down is no easier than catching an eel in one of his Northern streams, but if he accepts the invitation to share an hour with Tame, then he is entitled to the opportunity to express his point of view, or we will learn nothing. My point, the egos of our political commentators clearly are larger than our politicians, which takes some achieving, then Sunday morning, competing with the preachers who have legitimately claimed Sundays for nearly 2000 years is an appropriate slot.

I can't tell you what Winston had to offer, which is a pity. But James Shaw was given more air time, sufficient to hang himself. You really do wonder what sort of world the Greens see us living in. With Labour adamant that no wealth tax you would imagine there is no wriggle room, so how do they coalesce? 2.5% Tax on assets over 4 million, so, imagine our dairy farmers, I have great regard for them, seven days a week, rain, hail or shine. They will struggle to generate a taxable income this year, but chances are their assets will certainly be over 4 million. Let's say 10 million, now the irony

of this is that their assets on paper have been enhanced by the depreciation of the value of our currency. Thirty years ago, we paid \$18000 per hectare for our property which is surrounded by neighbours currently selling out for \$70000 per hectare. This clearly illustrates my point, the land is a tool that enables us to run our business, unless one sells its value is academic, but 2.5 % wealth tax, income tax if we make a profit, rates which are a local a local tax, hard to see how it will work. There are many modest-sized farms here where it is the owner's life, many around 200 hectares which our Green friends believe can find the cash, say \$250000, regardless of income.

But they are not alone, we all know of homes that exceed the 4 million threshold occupied by people at the end of their careers, so-called asset rich with modest incomes, how are they to meet this impost? I could go on forever but will settle on the Greens' indignation that above mentioned farmers have not yet been charged for their supposed climate-damaging methane, of course, they should pay, look at all that spare cash they will have!

We provide jobs and accommodation for 40 people, as the owners, and risk takers, like most on the land, we are committed, whether we like it or not to non-stop reinvestment. We are not complaining and don't consider ourselves privileged, some might, but they haven't been around for the 60 years Mary and I have shared the risks and effort to sit back and watch the next generation. I'll tell you why we do it, the pleasure and pride we get out of breeding 45 Group One winners of 81 Group One races. It's not easy, 40 of those performers were by our stallions. We probably had a slow start, but when we focused on so-called colonial horses, starting with Centaine, we have been consistent producers.

Do you think if James Shaw had a week at the stud, he would understand our motivation, I know he wouldn't, when driven by the socialist view that regardless of effort, results should be shared equally, he and his cohorts are socialists shrouded in Green.

Incidentally, I will remind you horses are regarded as carbon neutral, can't you see the two of us surrounded by a paddock full of mares whilst I try to convince him of this and the merits of our wonderful sport.

I doubt he will get my vote.

Cheers,

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