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CHITTICK EXTREMELY ENCOURAGED BY SALE RESULTS

Following his first year at the helm, Waikato Stud boss Mark Chittick is extremely encouraged by the results from New Zealand Bloodstock's recent national yearling sale series.



"Obviously I have made a considerable investment in the industry over the past 12 months and it was of the greatest importance that the yearling sales went well," he said.

"The team at Waikato Stud put their heart and soul into presenting our draft and operation to the best possible advantage and the results speak for themselves. Waikato Stud was up roughly 30% on last year and enjoyed one of our best ever clearance rates.

"While we received support from all over the world; it was really encouraging to see the strength of the New Zealand buying bench. Around half of our draft was knocked down to New Zealanders".

The stud's exceptional sire roster - including NZ Premiership dominators **O'Reilly, Pins** and **Savabeel**, no doubt played an important part.

"We are in an extremely fortunate position of having presented a draft by resident proven stallions and there is no doubt looking at the results, that this is what the buyers want," said Chittick.

"Waikato Stud's stallions are consistently delivering stakes winners all over the world. It makes sense then that purchasers of their progeny can be confident, that they have the right product to keep them at the top of their game.

"Put simply, Waikato Stud delivers results."

Good old fashioned one-on-one time with industry stakeholders has also clearly helped the record breaking Gr.1 thoroughbred nursery.

"On a personal basis, over the past couple of months we have hosted in excess of 250 people through the stud inspecting our yearlings and enjoying the hospitality," Chittick explained.

"It's incredibly rewarding to know our efforts paid off and not only for ourselves, but for our friends and supporters of the stud and stallions.

"It's terrific to go through the results and see the likes of Brent and Cherry Taylor, Graham Bax, Gordon Cunningham, Kevin Hickman and Richard Rutherford, all having done so well with a WS sired product."

The encouraging sale feedback goes deeper still.

"We are very fortunate in NZ to have what is constantly recognised as the best sales complex in the world. It is always great to hear from our international friends and buyers, such positive feedback on the quality of the yearlings that we present and the Karaka experience," Chittick enthused

