

Weekend @ Waikato

25 NOVEMBER 2016



2017 KARAKA DRAFT

- 55 Premier Yearlings
- 36 Select Yearlings

THIS WEEK'S VISITORS

- NZTM Australian Trainers' Tour
- Mitho Tour

SIXTY SECONDS

- With NZB Director, Paul Wilcox

BLACK-TYPE SPOTLIGHT

- Talaria
- Lincoln Blue



Waikato Stud

NZB Premier Draft

55 Yearlings

30 & 31 January 2017

WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY INTRODUCES ITS 2017 YEARLING DRAFT.

Befitting of the stud's 50th anniversary, the stud will be offering its largest ever Karaka consignment, comprising 91 quality yearlings.

Whilst dominated by the progeny of champion sire Savabeel, it is also significantly characterised by the final crop progeny of the stud's magnificent former sire, O'Reilly.

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COL.	SEX
2	Rock 'n' Pop	Vanilla Sky	BG	C
6	Savabeel	Villifye	B	F
7	Savabeel	Virginia	BR	F
30	Savabeel	Ahna	B	F
40	Savabeel	Ambrosia	B	F
63	Savabeel	Bejewelled	BR	C
69	Savabeel	Black Belt	BR	F
78	Savabeel	But Beautiful	B	C
95	O'Reilly	Chorus	BR	C
109	Savabeel	Daffodil	B	F
122	Savabeel	Dating	BR	C
124	O'Reilly	Dee I Why	B	F
133	Savabeel	Disguised	BB	C
147	Ocean Park	Enjoy	B	C
150	Savabeel	Etiquette	BR	F
152	Savabeel	Everyday	BL	C
170	Savabeel	Forty Two Below	B	F
171	Savabeel	Frankly	BR	F
172	O'Reilly	Frockstar	B	C
180	Ocean Park	Girls on Top	B	F
192	Ocean Park	Haberdashery	B	F
193	Savabeel	Halloween	B	C
204	Savabeel	I Do	B	C
205	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	BR	C
220	O'Reilly	Joy	B	F
229	Savabeel	Kansas	BR	F
243	O'Reilly	Lady Chaparral	BR	C
255	Ocean Park	Legs	B	C
264	Ocean Park	Lowland	BR	C
273	O'Reilly	Marahau	BRB	F
278	Pins	Maxmara	B	C
281	O'Reilly	Metropolitan	BR	C
289	Savabeel	Miss Lioness	BB	F
303	Ocean Park	More to Love	B	F
306	Pins	My Locket	BB	F
310	Rock 'n' Pop	Not Sure	B	C
317	Ocean Park	Oh So Glam	B	F
319	Savabeel	On Broadway	BR	F
329	Savabeel	Pasadena	BR	F
331	O'Reilly	Pay Attention	B	F
340	Savabeel	Platinum Princess	BR	C
342	Savabeel	Polish	B	F
349	Savabeel	Prickle	B	C
355	O'Reilly	Promenade	BR	C
362	O'Reilly	Queen Sabeel	BR	C
367	O'Reilly	Rehab	B	F
389	O'Reilly	Savodara	B	C
404	Savabeel	Shopaholic	B	F
412	Savabeel	Sitting Pretty	B	F
419	Pins	Sparkling	B	C
420	Savabeel	Spending	BR	C
422	O'Reilly	Splitsecond	BR	C
434	Savabeel	Striptease	B	C
454	Savabeel	Thy	BB	C
457	O'Reilly	Tiptoes	B	C



Waikato Stud

NZB Select Draft

36 Yearlings

1-3 February 2017

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COL.	SEX
468	Ocean Park	Under and Over	B	F
477	Rock 'n' Pop	Vedo Star	B	C
492	Pins	We Love	B	F
504	Ocean Park	You Too	B	C
557	Rock 'n' Pop	Be Fabulous	B	C
581	Rock 'n' Pop	Bright	B	F
619	Pins	Cong'er	C	F
622	Casino Prince	Contented	B	C
654	Savabeel	Disneyland	BB	F
678	O'Reilly	Ethics	BR	C
686	O'Reilly	Fabulist	BR	F
687	Rock 'n' Pop	Fairy Tale	B	C
697	O'Reilly	Fireside	B	C
719	Pins	Genius	BR	C
733	O'Reilly	Happily Ever After	B	C
736	Pins	Heartfelt	B	C
784	Rock 'n' Pop	Kiwi Park	B	C
787	O'Reilly	Know AllB	C	
796	O'Reilly	Lady Lincoln	B	C
844	Pins	Mary Ellen	B	C
861	Ocean Park	Millililli	C	F
865	Ocean Park	Miss Caruso	B	F
876	O'Reilly	Miss Purrfection	B	C
888	O'Reilly	Music	B	C
897	Ocean Park	Nadel Dame	B	C
928	Pins	Paris Carver	B	F
934	Ocean Park	Peony	B	C
941	Ocean Park	Pinderella	B	F
943	O'Reilly	Pinzaara	B	C
956	Ocean Park	Propinquity	BB	F
968	Ocean Park	Quizzical	B	F
969	O'Reilly	Ransom Success	B	C
972	Pins	Really Reputable	B	C
974	Pins	Red Delicious	B	C
1056	Ocean Park	Starry	B	C
1097	O'Reilly	Toss Up	BB	C

BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY

SAVARIA 11f

Savabeel - Amatheia

Listed Wanganui Cup 2040m

Wanganui, 4:29pm

SHOWPIN 13g

Pins - Show Dame

Listed Eagle Memorial Stakes 1600m

Ellerslie, 6:01pm

O'GUY 13g

Pins - Woodminco

Listed Eagle Memorial Stakes 1600m

Ellerslie, 6:01pm

ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08g

Pins - Petit Verdot

Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes 1600m

Ellerslie, 6:41pm

ENDEAN ROSE 10f

Savabeel - Pretoria

Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes 1600m

Ellerslie, 6:41pm

EMILY MONK 10f

O'Reilly - Kerkira

Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes 1600m

Ellerslie, 6:41pm

COLDPLAY 12f

Savabeel - Forty Two Below

Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes 1600m

Ellerslie, 6:41pm

CRUISING SPEED 12f

Savabeel - Vanilla Sky

Listed Memorial Classic 1200m

Eagle Farm, 6:58pm

BOBO SO CUTE 11g

Savabeel - Celebs Sea

Gr.1 Railway Stakes 1600m

Ascot, 10:00pm

BLACK-TYPE SPOTLIGHT



LATTA EXCITED BY WELL-BRED SAVABEEL COLT

Savabeel colt Lincoln Blue is proving more than a match for his own age group over a mile and there is confidence that the Awapuni three-year-old can make his presence felt over more ground.

The well-related colt earned top honours in the Gr.3 Lucia Valentina Wellington Stakes at Otaki on Friday to complete a black type double for trainer Lisa Latta, who had earlier produced North And South to claim the Listed Chainey's Panasonic Levin Stakes.

"He's a real up and comer," Latta said. "He holds nominations for the Levin Classic and the Derby."

A son of Savabeel and a brother to the Gr.1 Queensland Derby winner Brambles, Lincoln Blue coped with the Slow 8 conditions under a good ride from Masa Tanaka.

"I think he will be better on top of the ground, he doesn't need wet tracks," Latta said.

She has taken a patient approach with Lincoln Blue and she wasn't prepared to pressure him to be ready for a tilt at the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas.

"I thought that would come up a touch too soon for him so I decided to set him for this race," Latta said.

"I said to Masa to get him up in the first three or four and don't be afraid to get going and put the pressure on 500 metres out."

Tanaka did just that and Lincoln Blue forged clear in the run home to beat Rayas, who came from the tail of the field, and No Fuss Gus.

"He was very professional and jumped out well and he travelled nicely all the way," Tanaka said. "I thought we had it won at the top of the straight."

– NZ Racing Desk.



Lincoln Blue pictured as a yearling

Waikato Stud will offer a brother to Lincoln Blue and the Gr.1 winner Brambles at Karaka in 2017.

[To view Lot 349's pedigree, click here](#)



TALARIA CONFIRMS BIGGEST FAN'S OPINION

The very best will be seen of the gifted O'Reilly filly Talaria when she steps out on top of the ground, according to her biggest fan. The two-year-old is highly-regarded by Mark Du Plessis, who piloted her to a narrow debut victory in last weekend's Listed Murdoch Newell Stakes at Pukekohe Park.

"I probably rode her a bit too confidently, I thought she would win easier than he did, but she will be a lot better on a better track," he said. The winner of both of her lead-up trials under Du Plessis, Talaria flew the gates to lead and she sprinted clear 300 metres from home.

"She's got very good natural speed and we got to the fence easily enough," Du Plessis said. "She's a really nice filly who's done everything that's been asked of her. I'm very excited about her, she's still improving and there's more to come."

Talaria, who is on a path toward the Karaka Million, is trained at Byerley Park by Peter and Dawn Williams and Paul Richards.

This year Talaria's dam Alberton Princess produced a colt by Sacred Falls for breeders Weowna Park & AKK Wong.

POINTS OF INTEREST



DOUBLE STRIKE AT SHA TIN

WS stallions were to the fore in Hong Kong last weekend with a winning double at Sha Tin. World Record started the ball rolling with victory in the opening event and the Matamata home-bred Line Seeker closed out the programme in style.

The former is prepared by Tony Millard and is a four-year-old son of Savabeel. A \$200,000 Karaka yearling in 2014, he is a half-brother to the winners Dream Run (Pins) and Fionn's Pride (O'Reilly).

Line Seeker (pictured left) has now won six of his 12 starts for trainer Paul O'Sullivan, who produced him to score off the back of a month's break. The O'Reilly five-year-old is out of the unraced Zabeel mare Hooked Ona Feeling and is a brother to the winners Bishop's Castle, O'What A Feeling and Blue Swede, also a placegetter in the Gr.1 Singapore Gold Cup.

O'REILLY 3YO DERBY BOUND

Improving 3yo Tiptronic has taken his first winning step at Te Awamutu toward a Group One goal. The Graham Richardson-trained WS graduate looks destined to make his mark in strong company after an excellent start to his career.

The son of O'Reilly was a sound 4th on debut last month and he showed the benefit of that experience this week. "He's improving all the time," Richardson said. "He's a really nice horse and the further he goes, the better he's going to be."

"The win was a big effort after he was slowly away and used early," Richardson said. "He's nominated for the Derby and we're going to head that way."

The gelding was a \$100,000 purchase draft at Karaka in 2015. Tiptronic is a son of the Pins mare Tiptoes, a sister to the dual Group One winner Legs, and his brother (Lot 457) will be offered during the Premier Sale at Karaka next year.





SIXTY SECONDS

WITH NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK
DIRECTOR
PAUL WILCOX



OCCUPATION TITLE	Director
FAVOURITE FOOD?	Crayfish
DO YOU HAVE ANY NICKNAMES?	Herb - it's a long story and there's three versions to it.
BEST HORSE(S) INVOLVED WITH?	I owned a share of Naisoso Warrior before he was sold to Hong Kong, where he became the superstar known as Aerovelocitv (Pins). I have also owned small shares in the stakes winners Bespoke (Pins) and Burgundy.
BOOK ON THE BEDSIDE TABLE?	Horse Trader – The Rise and Fall of the Sport of Kings
WHAT ELSE MIGHT YOU HAVE DONE	Chef
WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?	Have time off with my wife Jo and the kids - my two beautiful girls Chloe (15) and Georgia (10)
FAVOURITE TV SHOW?	Anthony Bourdain - The Layover (Travel and Food Show)
WHO WOULD YOU LOVE TO MEET?	Anthony Bourdain
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?	Denarau, Fiji
FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD?	Definitely the people and the support they give the industry
HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING?	From a very early age through my Uncle Bob - who was a breeder, and my father who had the TAB radio on in every room of the house. My wife Jo and I started working for Sir Peter Vela about thirty years ago as his driver and Jo was cooking for the family. Sir Peter ignited my passion for the game.
FAVOURITE MOVIE?	Reservoir Dogs
CHILDHOOD HEROES?	Dave Loveridge, Richard Hadlee and John Kirwan
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS?	Being involved with NZ Bloodstock and the wonderful people associated with the industry.
NAME 3 PEOPLE YOU'D INVITE TO DINNER?	Anthony Bourdain , John Magnier and Bruce Perry
BEST PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE?	Two ears one mouth – used in that order.
WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVE?	Michael J Fox or possibly NZ's cricket coach Mike Hesson
WHAT'S SOMETHING NOT MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU?	That I'm a qualified Chef.



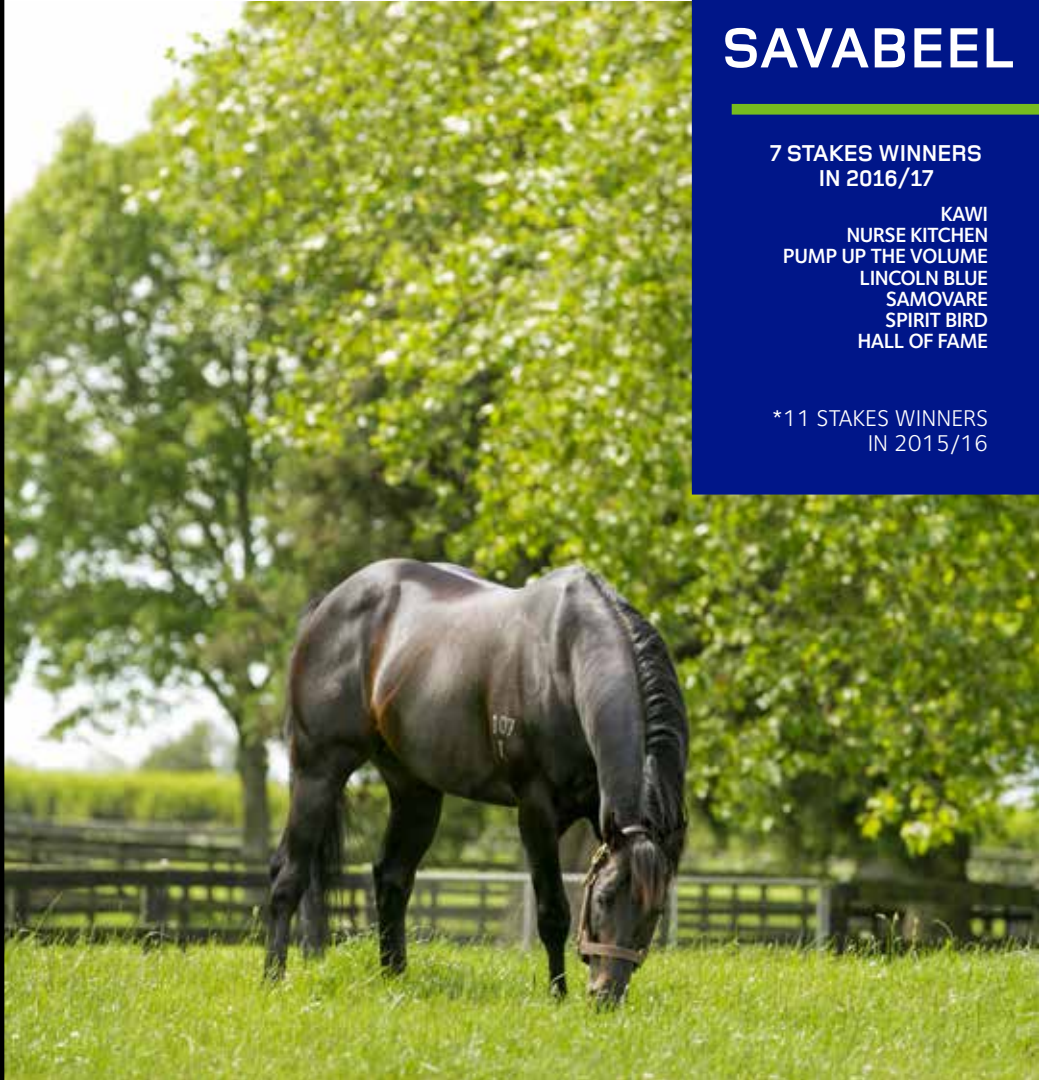


ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08g

Pins - Petit Verdot

Saturday 6:41pm, at Ellerslie in the Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m)

- Has been going good honest races.
- Dropping back from WFA.
- Will appreciate carrying the 55kgs.
- Good each way value.



7 STAKES WINNERS
IN 2016/17

- KAWI
- NURSE KITCHEN
- PUMP UP THE VOLUME
- LINCOLN BLUE
- SAMOVARE
- SPIRIT BIRD
- HALL OF FAME

*11 STAKES WINNERS
IN 2015/16



There is a lot said about the World economy. The 2007 crash is now nine years behind us but lingering effects still create the feeling of uncertain times.

Those of us that followed the US election- where the choices offered amazed- have spent time analysing the results.

How did Trump become President? He espoused the view and won the 'rust belt' with the message that exported jobs meant no jobs at home. Pretty simple logic, but hard to turn around.

This not the only symptom causing dismay. No, the general disillusionment of small businesses ability to create employment and profit, while top end movers and shakers are rewarded until such time as their rewards lead to an eventual restructuring. They are restructured because they no longer compete, but they are called to account.

Despite our so-called buoyant economy, there are numerous NZ companies with diminished share prices.

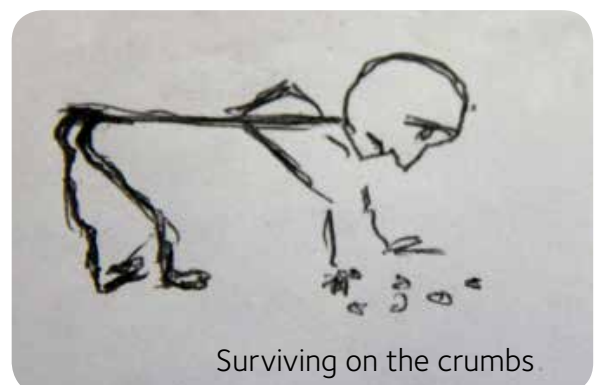
So what about us, we the Racing community? How is it increased costs and stagnant returns attracts so little comment? The answer appears to be accountability. Who do the current administrators feel accountable to?

There is no share value to measure. The 'shareholders' are also the suppliers of the product that allows this monolith to function, ironical. It is easy to offer promises of \$50 million in increased returns when no doubt the promise makers will not be around.

I urge anyone with an interest in racing to read the available Annual Report, where rather than reduce costs the increase truly reflects the picture of the above symptoms.

You know where that takes us.

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PEDIGREE POINTERS

WITH GARETH DOWNEY

TIME TO PULL THE PIN?



OF AUSTRALASIA'S
ANNUAL FOAL CROP
IS BORN IN
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



OF ZABEEL, SAVABEEL, O'REILLY AND
PINS' 3YO GR.1 WINNERS
WERE BORN BETWEEN
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



OF THE LAST 30 GR.1 WINNERS IN
AUSTRALIA WERE BORN BETWEEN
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



OF THE LAST 20 AUSTRALIAN
HORSES OF THE YEAR
WERE BORN BETWEEN
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

It is that time of year again when we all start debating whether we should carry on and serve our mare again, or leave her to have the year off and (hopefully) get her in foal early next season. I have had a number of discussions with clients on this matter during the week, and have had some very interesting, and seemingly plausible, views explained to me.

One of these was a view that you must get your mare to foal nice and early in the season if you want that foal to be able to race competitively as a 3yo, and especially a staying 3yo. So, this was the catalyst for a bit of research, with the results being as follow.

As a reference point, my initial research has suggested that approximately 17% of the annual foal crop in our part of the world is born in November and December – so that provides the baseline for comparison.

In order to answer the question regarding 3yo's, I have selected a sample set that is all the 3yo Gr.1 winners that have been sired by Zabeel, Savabeel, O'Reilly and Pins. Of these 43 x Gr.1 winning 3yo's, 13 of them were born in either November or December – so that represents 30% and certainly indicates that the late foals are actually over-represented in this group of horses.

As another sample set, I also went through the most recent 30 Gr.1 winners bred in Australia or New Zealand, and 6 of these (20%) were born in November or December.

In one last sample set for this study, I also went through the last 20 Australian Horses of The Year, and 6 of these (30%) were born in November or December.

If our goal is to breed a top class racehorse, this data certainly suggests there is definitely no disadvantage in breeding a mare late in the season. In fact, this limited data set would actually suggest that it may well be an advantage to do so.

When we decide to give our mare the year off, we do so on the assumption that she will go in foal early next year – but we all know from personal experience how often that hope doesn't necessarily eventuate. In addition to that, these foals that are born in November and December have shown to perform very well indeed on the racetrack.

EXAMPLES OF GR.1 WINNERS BORN BETWEEN NOV-DEC	Abbey Marie	It's A Dundee	Red Tracer
	Beau Zam	Lankan Rupee	Sea Siren
	Boban	Le Romain	Set Square
	Buffering	Let's Elope	So You Think
	Dissident	Lion Tamer	Tavago
	Divine Prophet	Lonhro	Terravista,
	Elvstroem	Lucia Valentina	Turn Me Loose
	Eremein	May's Dream	Weekend Hussler
	Haradasun	Prince Of Penzance	

The above list is a pretty handy collection of horses that would not have been bred if the owners of their dams had wanted to avoid getting a foal in November or December.

So, if your goal is to breed a top class athlete, this research strongly suggests you should not be put off by what date is showing on the calendar when you send your chosen mare to your chosen stallion – and if she doesn't get in foal, just go again.



2016 NZTM AUSTRALIAN TRAINERS' TOUR



2016 ATT Shooting Trophy winner,
Sandy McGregor



The Room for Improvement
certificate went to
Sam Hyland



2016 MITHO TOUR



2016 Happy Jack trophy
(for claybird shooting)
winner,
Simon Bilalis

AT THE FARM cont...



MARK'S MAIL

It has been bloody great having the NZTM Australian Trainers' Tour and the Mitho Tour at the farm this week.

If my memory serves me right, the NZTM Australian Trainers' Tour started out about 15 years ago and had about 10-12 people on it. The relationships made with these 'originals' have been terrific for NZ and the horses that they secured have gone on to enjoy all sorts of success for them.

While we may have had say the 10-12 originally, the success of this tour has meant that over time 4-5 sub-groups have evolved. Nowadays where we once had 10-12, we are now fortunate to have between 100-120 Australian guests coming to the farm in the lead up to Karaka.

It is fantastic that these people want to come. Certainly, they are offered a great time and a chance to see some of the best farms in NZ and the top class horses that each farm produces.

The key though is to get them back to Karaka. I'm sure with the yearlings that they have seen and the success of the NZ-bred galloper in Australia; there is every reason to think they will be.

Big congrats to Graham and Rochelle Richardson this week. In 2014 and 2015 they fronted up at Karaka and bought two O'Reilly colts off us named Great Expectations and Tiptronic for \$150,000 and \$100,000 a piece. On Wednesday, they were duly rewarded when both of these purchases delivered success for the stable at Waipa. I must say, Tiptronic looks a serious horse going forward!

Have a great weekend!