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**YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS
THE JOURNEY FROM FOAL TO FIRST**

Waikato Stud is in the business of sharing success – but success is not by chance. After more than 50 years of consolidation and building the broodmare band, continually improving the stallion roster and nurturing the land, Waikato Stud is now proudly amongst the world’s leading producers of elite racehorses.

It’s a combination of elements that enable each Waikato Stud horse to develop into an extraordinary equine athlete. Every horse is treated as an individual, with careful planning of tried-and-tested natural rearing principles on top-quality pastures at our home base in Matamata.

Importantly, a Waikato Stud horse is respectfully guided through their youth by some of the most dedicated and experienced horse people in the world,

including expert breeding consultants, veterinarians and devoted handlers. Our hard-working team is committed to our legacy of excellence, giving our horses the best-possible chances to become winners on the race track.

Waikato Stud are the number one producer of Group One winners in New Zealand and one of the best internationally – we have bred 39 Group One winners of 75 Group One races. Our champion stallion Savabeel is unparalleled as the sire of 17 Group One winners.

It all comes back to that “s” word. Success is our motivation, the driving force behind everything we do: A horse’s success, your success, our success.



INTERVIEW
JAIMEE GOWLER

#yearlingmanager

Waikato Stud’s Yearling Manager Jaimee Gowler is an accomplished horsewoman who is charged with managing one of the largest consignments of yearlings in the world. Here she reveals what makes her yearlings so extraordinary.

What are your main responsibilities as the Yearling Manager at Waikato Stud?

Once the horses have been weaned, I take them over, care for them and get them used to handling. We go through the process of selecting our horses for the Karaka Yearling Sale, then I start preparing them in November. This year we have 100 yearlings and I oversee 20 full-time staff to make sure we get them to Karaka looking the best they can.

How long have you been in the thoroughbred industry?

About eight years. I spent my early career at Waikato Stud before heading overseas to gain experience on different farms. I have worked in Australia, England and Ireland and did some sales in France before coming back to Waikato Stud two years ago.

What appeals to you about the industry?

I’ve always loved horses and showjumped until I was 19. The opportunity came about to work on a stud farm and it grew from there – I enjoy

working with young horses and educating them. It’s a very social industry and I’m always meeting new people and going to sales.

I also love the racing aspect – it’s fantastic to have these horses as babies and then see them go out onto the racetrack.

Tell us a bit about your background:

I was born in Raetihi and lived there for seven years before moving to Halcombe. My dad is a sheep and beef farm manager but he did a lot of breaking in back in the day and I learnt so much from him. He’s an old-school horseman.

Managing the yearlings is not an average nine-to-five job. Describe a typical day for you at Waikato Stud:

I start at 5.30am and put all the feed into the boxes then when the rest of the team arrives at 6am and we bring the yearlings in. Then we’ll have breakfast, hand-walk the yearlings and give them a groom. They have a pretty natural preparation, so they go out into the paddock in the afternoon. We also have parades when potential buyers visit.

What’s the best part about working with yearlings?

Definitely the progress they make. When they first arrive, they’re looking a bit raw and we might not even be able to catch them. By the time they get to the sales they are well-handled, well-behaved and look a million dollars.





What are the key factors in producing such high-quality horses?

It's all down to good management – good feed and good grass from day one, and expert handling which they get at Waikato Stud right from a foal. It's also attention to detail and treating every horse as an individual. There are 100 horses but we don't just feed them the same or exercise them the same, they're all individuals with different personalities and different body types so we adjust the prep to suit.

Preparing 100 yearlings for the Karaka Yearling Sales is no easy feat. How do you get the best out of your team?

Keeping the morale high is important – it's a hard job so you don't want to come to work and have things be mundane. I encourage everyone to ask questions and learn something new, and I like to change it up so that everyone does different tasks.

What's so special about the 2019 draft?

Not only is it a large quantity of horses, there's a great line-up of pedigree and type. It's one of the nicest drafts we've ever had.

How do you spend your days off?

With friends and family, either going out for dinner or brunch. I also love going to the beach at Mount Maunganui or spending a weekend with my family at the farm.

What's your favourite season and why?

Summer – I love the vibe, the heat and going to the beach, as well as the drinks and barbecues.

If you could invite four famous people to dinner, who would they be?

I've just watched A Star is Born so I'd invite Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, as well as Australian trainer Gai Waterhouse and Italian jockey Frankie Detorri.

Where do you hope to be in five years' time?

Eventually I would like to have my own farm and consign my own yearlings so I would like to be progressing towards that.

What do you enjoy most about the Karaka Yearling Sale?

The atmosphere is second to none with Waikato Stud – we are going to have 60 staff there to get the job done and it's exciting building up to the auction. It's hectic and hard work but it's a massive effort by everyone.



KARAKA





SAVABEEL
WAIKATO STUD SIRE

Super Sire Savabeel

Prolific sire Savabeel recently asserted his dominance as the leading sire in New Zealand by securing his fourth straight New Zealand Sires' Premiership for the 2017/18 racing season.

Savabeel was also successful in claiming his third consecutive Dewar Award for combined Australian and New Zealand progeny earnings and third Centaine Award for combined progeny earnings worldwide.

He is consistently the leading New Zealand-based stallion on the Australian General Sires' Premiership and some of his best Australian representatives include Group One winners Shillelagh, Lucia Valentina, Pasadena Girl, Sangster, Brambles and Scarlett Lady.

He is one of only three stallions standing in Australasia to achieve a Stakes winners to runners percentage which exceeds 10% and he boasts an impressive and well-above-average winners to runners rate of over 70%.

Savabeel is the sire of 17 individual Group One winners and over 80 Stakes winners. Group One winners by Savabeel include; Shillelagh, Sword Of Osman, Savvy Coup, Lucia Valentina, Kawi, Costume, Diademe, Pasadena Girl, Hasahalo, Embellish, Sound Proposition, Hall Of Fame, Sangster, Soriano, Scarlett Lady, Savaria and Brambles.

SIRE STATISTICS

17 GROUP ONE WINNERS
10.4% STAKES WINNERS TO RUNNERS
72% WINNERS TO RUNNERS





SAVVY COUP
KARAKA GRADUATE

A Savvy filly

Dual Group One-winning
Three-year-old New
Zealand Horse of the Year
Savvy Coup is a mare that
requires little introduction.

Savvy Coup's achievements in her short career are extraordinary; she has won or been placed in 11 of her 18 race starts and has been successful at Group level on four occasions. Her four Group victories include wins in the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, Group 1 Livamol Classic, Group 2 Lowland Stakes and Group 3 Eulogy Stakes under the guidance of Riccarton-based trainers Michael and Matthew Pitman before she was relocated to Sydney last year to join the stable of champion trainer Chris Waller.

Bred by Waikato Stud, Savvy Coup is a daughter of Savabeel and the unraced Pins mare Eudora. She was purchased by Jim Bruford for \$65,000 from Waikato Stud's Karaka Yearling draft in 2016 and has now amassed over \$750,000 in earnings.





INTERVIEW
JIM BRUFORD

Smart investment pays off

Savvy Coup has quite literally lived up to her name for her owners since being bought for a modest \$65,000 at the 2016 Karaka Yearling Sale.

The Savabeel mare has enjoyed a significant purple patch over the past couple of years, including being voted Champion New Zealand Three-Year-Old for the 2017/18 season.

Owner and buyer Jim Bruford purchased Savvy Coup without hesitation at Karaka – he'd been searching for a yearling by Savabeel to invest in, and the bloodline of her dam Eudora really appealed.

"I liked the family and Waikato Stud owned and were breeding a number of mares in the immediate family," Bruford recalls. "I had Michael Pitman look her over before she entered the auction ring and he confirmed my thoughts that she was an attractive filly – not overly big, but of sound conformation with an excellent temperament. Several of Savvy Coup's family were in foal or had foals by Savabeel, who was starting to really gain prominence in the breeding industry. I thought if this filly was a failure at racing she would still have had residual value for breeding purposes."

When he purchased the yearling, Bruford asked long-time friend and Coupland's Bakeries founder Ray Coupland if he would like to share ownership.

"I was keen to race her with good friends. The Couplands are a wonderful family and it is just fabulous to be able to share the successes together."

Savvy Coup has attracted Australasian attention since 2017, when she won twice during the New Zealand Cup Carnival at Riccarton. She won two Group 3 races and she won the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks Group in March. She has raced 18 times (including three starts in Australia) for six wins and five places, winning about NZ\$750,000.



As a four-year-old mare she has raced four times at Group 1 level and her best effort this season (so far) was a win in the Group 1 Livamol Classic at Hastings in October.

Following her Melbourne campaign during the spring, Bruford and Coupland discussed the mare's future in racing and made the difficult decision to keep her in Australia.

"It was logical for her to remain there because there was nothing more for her to achieve in New Zealand. Winning any Group race in Australia will certainly enhance her pedigree and not only are there many opportunities, the stake money is exceptional also. It was a very difficult decision to relay to our New Zealand trainers but they accepted that Savvy Coup had 'unfinished business' in Australia and that this was the correct decision for the mare's future," Bruford explains.

Bruford is matter-of-fact when reflecting about the success of his shrewd investment in Savvy

Coup: "There is always a lot of luck involved with buying and racing a successful racehorse. History tells us all that the purchase price is not the main determinant for success. There are many factors starting from the rearing in the lush pastures at Waikato Stud, right through to the breakers and trainers and all the caring staff along the way."

Image: Jim Bruford (left) Savvy Coup and co-owner Ray Coupland (right)



PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 15

Ocean Park Eudora colt

A half-brother to dual Group One winning New Zealand Three-year-old Horse of the Year Savvy Coup will be offered early in the sale, going under the hammer on Sunday evening as Lot 15.

This colt boasts one of the most current and highly sought-after pedigrees in the catalogue and hails from one of Waikato Stud's iconic families.

The beautifully put together son of leading young sire Ocean Park is out of the unraced Pins mare Eudora.

This colt's dam Eudora is out of O'Reilly mare Hyades and is a sister to multiple Stakes winning Pins mares Tootsie (dam of multiple Group Two winner Ocean Emperor) and Legless Veuve.





EMBELLISH
KARAKA GRADUATE

Next chapter for top-class Embellish

Complete blue-blood Embellish was destined for success from day one.

By New Zealand's champion sire Savabeel, he is out of blue hen O'Reilly mare Bling, making him a sibling to Group One winner Diademe and Stakes placed gallopers Roop All and Deadly Shadow.

An eye-catching yearling, Embellish attracted the attention of Te Akau Racing principal David Ellis who went to \$775,000 to secure him from Waikato Stud's 2016 Karaka Yearling draft. At that time, Embellish was the highest priced yearling ever sold by Waikato Stud.

Purchased with a future stallion career in mind, David Ellis and Te Akau trainers Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards aimed Embellish for the prestigious Group 1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas at Riccarton. Prepared to perfection, Embellish won two starts leading into the Guineas and smashed his rivals by a comfortable 1.3 length margin to claim all-important Group One honours.

His dazzling Two Thousand Guineas win caught the eye of many, including Brendan and Jo Lindsay, the new owners of Cambridge Stud. The Lindsays recognised Embellish's huge potential and invested in him, with plans to stand him at Cambridge Stud.







INTERVIEW
DAVID ELLIS

Savabeel success

Renowned New Zealand race horse buyer, breeder and bloodstock consultant David Ellis knows a good horse when he sees one.

So when he came across Waikato Stud yearling Embellish at the NZB Karaka Premier Yearling Sale in 2016, there was no question about paying \$775,000 for the colt to take up residency at Ellis' Te Akau Stables. The Savabeel-sired colt went on to win the 2017 Group 1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas.

"Embellish was one of the most magnificent yearlings I have ever seen go through Karaka," Ellis recalls. From the moment I saw him, I knew

he was always going to come to Te Akau. I just can't wait to send some of my mares to him."

Embellish ticked every box for Ellis: He was out of an O'Reilly mare who was out of a Centaine mare, who was out of a top Sir Tristram mare and was also a full brother to a Group One winning mare.

"He was a magnificent individual with a huge presence and was one of the only two A+'s that I gave that year – the other was [Te Akau star mare] Melody Belle."

In 2017, Ellis bought Sword Of Osman at the Karaka Yearling Sale. He won the Group 1 Sistema Stakes in March 2018.

"He was a different sort of horse to Embellish. He was a short coupled colt, very precocious and strong – a real sprinting type."

Ellis says his stable has had "incredible luck" with his Savabeel progeny. In the past two seasons, Te Akau has won three Group One races, three Group Two races, three Group Three races and two Listed races.

"I like buying Savabeels because they are good, sound, fast horses and easy to sell because of the success we have had with his progeny," Ellis explains.

He's noticing a definite demand amongst his syndicate owners to secure Savabeel's youngsters.

"There wouldn't be one buyer at Karaka who wouldn't like to take a Savabeel home."

Image: Jamie Richards (left), David Ellis (centre), Opie Bosson (right)





PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 423

Savabeel Sparkling colt

Offered on day three of the sale, the Savabeel colt from Sparkling is sure to light up the sale ring.

By champion sire Savabeel, this colt is out of O'Reilly mare Sparkling, making him a half-brother to Group 2 Wakefield Stakes runner-up Espumoso. Racing as Regency Legend, he couldn't have been more impressive winning at the International Meeting in Hong Kong.

Sparkling is a sister to Bling, the dam of Group 1 Two Thousand Guineas winner Embellish, Group 1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes winner Diademe and Australian Stakes performers Roop All and Deadly Shadow. Sparkling is also a sister to Group-placed Irish Nova who is the dam of multiple Group One winning galloper Sacred Star.





HASAHALO
KARAKA GRADUATE

Angelic start to Hasahalo's career

Hasahalo completed the 'Guineas double' for her sire Savabeel when triumphant in the 2017 edition of Group 1 New Zealand One Thousand Guineas.

In doing so, Hasahalo was able to emulate the victory of fellow Savabeel three-year-old Embellish who had won the Group 1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas a week earlier.

Only still very lightly raced, Hasahalo won the Group 3 Eclipse Stakes and was second in the \$1 million Karaka Million as a two-year-old. Coming back in her three-year-old season stronger than ever, she won the Group 1 New Zealand One Thousand Guineas by a very dominant four length margin, beating New Zealand Filly of the Year Dijon Bleu.

By New Zealand's leading sire Savabeel, Hasahalo is out of the Encosta de Lago mare Halloween. From a family rich with blacktype, multiple Group winning sons of Savabeel, Savvy Nature and Addictive Nature, feature prominently on her pedigree page.

Trained by Stephen McKee, Hasahalo was purchased and is raced by Albert Bosma's Go Racing Syndications and was a \$110,000 purchase from Waikato Stud's 2016 Karaka Yearling draft.







INTERVIEW
ALBERT BOSMA

Crowd favourite

Licensed syndicator Albert Bosma has made hundreds of people winners over the years through his company Go Racing.

His success in thoroughbred racing is all down to a combination of four factors; selecting the right horse, superior training, a solid business plan and a decent dose of good luck.

Albert's knowledge of the industry in New Zealand and overseas also helps – after spending his early career as a business development manager, he chuckled it all in to take a gamble on syndicating horses full-time. That was nearly 15 years ago.

"I had been working in the UK and I came home and said to a bunch of mates, 'Let's put some money into a racehorse and have some fun,'" he says. "There were 13 of us and we all got together and bought a horse – it turned out to be a really good horse. So we bought another horse and that turned out to be good too. Then I had people coming up and saying, 'Hey if you buy another horse, we'd like to have a share.'"

As the word spread, Albert escalated his beloved hobby into a thriving business and has been

creating winners ever since. Go Racing is one of the largest independent syndication companies in Australasia and they have a range of trainers in New Zealand and Australia. The minimum shareholding in a horse is 5 per cent – with an average of 10-13 owners per horse – and Albert keeps the shareholders up to date with weekly communication and access to all information regarding their horse.

The yearlings Albert purchased from Waikato Stud have performed exceptionally well for him over the years, with current standouts being 2017 Group 1 New Zealand One Thousand Guineas winner Hasahalo and Stakes winning 2019 Karaka Millions hopeful Exuberant.

"Waikato Stud have outstanding stallions, probably the best in the southern hemisphere and their horses have been very successful for us," he says. "It's the best feeling when you're with people at the races and their horse wins – you can feel the excitement and it's fantastic being able to bring that joy to people. At Go Racing we also make it a fun and social form of entertainment and we look after our owners – a lot of people in the syndicates end up becoming very good friends."

Image (below): Exuberant

Image (right): Albert Bosma (left) and trainer Lisa Latta (right)







PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 445

Savabeel Suavito colt

The much-anticipated first foal from Group 1 Futurity Stakes and Group 1 CF Orr Stakes winner Suavito will be offered on day three of the sale.

By world-class sire Savabeel, this colt's dam Suavito was a champion racemare and won eight races; including five Group races with four of these being won in succession. A very versatile racehorse, Suavito won over distances ranging from 1200 metres to 2000 metres and retired with over \$1.3 million in earnings.

By Thorn Park, Suavito is a half-sister to Group 3 winner Sultan Of Swing and Stakes-placed filly Chilly Cha Cha.





PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 316

Savabeel Posy filly

A striking daughter of Savabeel and two-time winning No Excuse Needed mare Posy will be offered as Lot 316 on day two of the sale.

By unparalleled sire Savabeel, this filly is out of a two-time winning sister to Champion New Zealand Three-Year-Old and multiple Group One winner Daffodil, who has already had a great start to her stud career, producing multiple Stakes-placed Pins mare Snowdrop.

Stakes winners Good Faith, Tully Dane, Mygoodgrace, Tavy and Believe Yourself feature prominently within this filly's highly credentialed pedigree.





SACRED FALLS
WAIKATO STUD SIRE

Sire's promising start at stud

Waikato Stud stallion Sacred Falls has made an excellent start to his career as a leading young sire.

Producing highly sought-after stock, Sacred Falls was the leading First Season Sire at both the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Yearling Sale and Ready to Run Sale in 2018.

Sacred Falls' eldest progeny have just turned two and with several trial winners already making their mark, it is evident the champion son of O'Reilly is passing on his natural speed.

Unbeaten as a two-year-old and Champion New Zealand three-year-old of his year, Sacred Falls raced successfully against the best company over four seasons, winning nine races including four Group Ones.

His stellar performances at three were highlighted by impressive wins in the Gr.1 Doncaster Handicap, Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas and Gr.3 James and Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes.

At four years, he won his second Gr.1 Doncaster Handicap and weight-for-age Gr.1 George Main Stakes before being retired to his birthplace at Waikato Stud in 2015. Sacred Falls was and still is the highest stakes winning NZ-bred stallion ever to go to stud in New Zealand with earnings of \$4.7 million.

SIRE STATISTICS

4-TIME GROUP ONE WINNER
OVER \$4.7 MILLION IN EARNINGS
MULTIPLE TRIAL WINNERS







INTERVIEW
TONY PIKE

Watching a legacy unfold

Respected trainer Tony Pike has a special bond with Waikato Stud's Sacred Falls that spans eight years – and counting.

Tony Pike likens training and racing thoroughbreds to watching children grow up.

It's a notion that has particular pertinence with Sacred Falls, who Pike has been involved with from the early stages of his racing career.

And now Pike gets to witness the stallion's legacy unfold as he works with seven of Sacred Falls' progeny at his stables in Cambridge.

"Sacred Falls was one of the most athletic yearlings I had seen," says Pike, recalling the Waikato Stud-bred colt at the Karaka Yearling Sales in 2011. He, along with bloodstock agent Guy Mulcaster, assisted Malaysia-based Raffles Racing with the purchase, with them paying \$160,000 for the O'Reilly-sired colt.

"As a young horse he always had a fantastic temperament. He was very laid back in all aspects. Like many good horses he knew track work wasn't race day and only did what he was asked."

Spelled immediately after a trialling, Sacred Falls came back in the autumn to win impressively in his only two starts as a two-year-old. As a three-year-old and four-year-old he shot to fame after winning four major Group One races – the New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas, twice-winning the Doncaster Mile and the George Main Stakes.

After winning the New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas, Sacred Falls was transferred to the Australian stable of expat Kiwi trainer Chris Waller, allowing the horse to race for better accolades and prize money.

In 2015, Waikato Stud and a group of fellow New Zealand breeders bought Sacred Falls back for \$10 million.

"When he returned to Waikato Stud on his retirement, he walked straight into his father O'Reilly's box," Pike recalls. "It was obviously meant to be!"

The eldest progeny of Sacred Falls have just turned two. Two have trialled so far for Pike, showing impressive performances, and have since returned to the paddock for spelling. Pike expects three or four will be racing later this season.

He is excited about what lies ahead for the young horses at his stables.

"Like Sacred Falls, they all appear to have a similar temperament and athleticism about them. The few we have had through the stable have all shown ability and move very well. I never expected him to leave early two-year-olds, but later on in the autumn I would expect to see some of his progeny hit the tracks and they will come into their own at three," Pike explains.

Being able to train the next generation is a special feeling for Pike.



"Having been so close to Sacred Falls and with him having such a big influence on my training career I am excited about watching his progeny hit race tracks. If they can follow in the footsteps of their father, it will give me great pride and satisfaction. It is a bit like watching your own children grow up."

Pike has caught up with his old mate a few times since retiring to Waikato Stud.

"Sacred Falls was a big part of my life and I will always have great respect for what he achieved and what he did for my career as a trainer. It will be a great story if he can achieve what his father did."

"As a young horse he always had a fantastic temperament. He was very laid back in all aspects. Like many good horses he knew track work wasn't race day and only did what he was asked."



Image: Tony Pike



PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 89

Savabeel Iguazu's Girl colt

A half-brother to Waikato Stud's exciting young sire Sacred Falls will be presented in the Karaka Sale ring during the opening night auction.

By exceptional Group One-producing sire Savabeel, this colt is out of the two-time winning Redoute's Choice mare Iguazu's Girl, making him a half-brother to four-time Group One winner Sacred Falls.

An exceptionally well-related mare, Iguazu's Girl is a half-sister to Group winner Splashing Out, who is the dam of multiple Group winners Splurge, Shopaholic and Packing Pins.





PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 323

Sacred Falls Promenade filly

A strong, muscular and superbly conformed daughter of Sacred Falls and Promenade with be offered as Lot 323 on day three of the sale.

By four-time Group One winner Sacred Falls, this filly is from well-related Savabeel mare Promenade, making her three-quarter sister to winning O'Reilly sprinters Novelty and Boomerang.

Her dam Promenade is a sister or half-sister to six winners including multiple Group One winner Legs (also the dam of Stakes winner Wolfwhistle and Stakes performer Scrutinize) as well as Gr.1 WATC Derby winner Guyno.

Group winners Arletty, Xtravagant, He's Remarkable, Firetaine, Sixty Seconds and Spottwoode feature on the pedigree page of this filly.







PINS
WAIKATO STUD SIRE

Remembering Pins

The king of consistency, Pins averages eight stakes winners per season and has sired 78 individual stakes winners to date.

Pins has twice won the Centaine Award for the leading New Zealand-based sire, thanks to global progeny earnings, and his record of stakes winners-to-runners places him in the top seven stallions of Australasia. Pins has been also twice-crowned champion sire in Hong Kong, following the Group One success of his sons Aerovelocity and Ambitious Dragon.

Pins' nine individual Group One winners include Madison County, El Segundo, Aerovelocity, Ambitious Dragon, Katie Lee, Legs, Econsul, Porotene Gem and A Touch of Ruby.

A potent broodmare sire, daughters of Pins have produced 28 Stakes winners including Group One winners Savvy Coup, Brambles, Stratum Star and D B Pin.

Pins passed away in 2018.

SIRE STATISTICS

9 GROUP ONE WINNERS
78 STAKES WINNERS
POTENT BROODMARE SIRE



MADISON COUNTY
KARAKA GRADUATE

Momentous win for China Horse Club

Madison County's Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas victory was a win to remember for the China Horse Club.

Three-year-old Pins gelding Madison County flashed home to win the 2018 edition of the iconic race for three-year-olds by an easy two-and-a-half-length margin. The win was the China Horse Club's first Group One victory on New Zealand soil.

Madison County was purchased by China Horse Club bloodstock agent Michael Wallace for a modest \$36,000 from Waikato Stud's Karaka Yearling draft in 2017.

Brought on patiently by leading New Zealand training duo Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, Madison County made several trial appearances

as a two-year-old before breaking his maiden at his second start during his three-year-old season.

His spring campaign was distinguished by wins in the Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas and Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas. He also picked up placings in the Gr.3 Northland Breeders' Stakes and Gr.2 James & Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes.

Madison County is out of No Excuse Needed mare Red Delicious and his victory in the Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas provided his late sire Pins with his ninth Group One winner.

Image (from left to right): Johannah Teo, CHC founder Teo Ah Khing, Andrew Forsman, Matthew Cameron



Image: Johannah Teo (left) and CHC founder Teo Ah Khing (right) with Madison County

INTERVIEW
MICHAEL WALLACE

Opening the gates to China

The lucrative Chinese market has a keen eye on the New Zealand horse racing industry thanks to respected Kiwi bloodstock agent Michael Wallace.

Wallace is the sales agent for Asia's premier lifestyle, business and thoroughbred racing club, the China Horse Club (CHC). Since forming in 2013, the CHC has won some of the world's highest profile races, opened members to exclusive investment opportunities and delivered significant returns.

One such investment was Waikato Stud-bred Madison County, by the late champion sire Pins. Wallace purchased Madison County for \$36,000 from Waikato Stud's 2017 Karaka Yearling draft. The gelding won the Gr.1 Two Thousand Guineas at Riccarton in 2018 – handing the CHC its first New Zealand Group One winner.

"We have very limited numbers racing in New Zealand, so to win a classic so early in our New Zealand involvement is a fantastic result for the club," Wallace says.

"The win by a Chinese-based ownership group will have been well noticed throughout China and should hopefully continue to raise interest and awareness in the New Zealand horses not only from CHC owners but other Chinese racing groups also."

The appeal of New Zealand to China is not just confined to horses, Wallace adds.

"It's the universal appeal of a clean, green, well-raised, well-grown product. That's appealing to the Chinese marketplace. The currency is also a benefit, as well as an overall opportunity to gain value for money purchases such as Madison County."

Wallace became involved in CHC through friend and client Michael Freedman, who introduced him to CHC founder Teo Ah Khing. Wallace produced a detailed paper on how he saw Mr Teo's vision for CHC could be realised.

"The plan was always for CHC to become a global participant at the highest levels, if possible. We also wanted to allow mainland Chinese owners to share in the successes and experiences of racing and breeding in Australasia, USA and Europe, and to build a successful stallion operation that would act as a base for CHC's breeding ventures.

"As we look forward just over four years it's clearly visible the massive success the club has achieved worldwide, with several world-class horses carrying us to Group One success on the track," he says.

Wallace believes it's important for a large international organisation like CHC to participate in the New Zealand racing industry, as it's a way of 'giving back'.

"While it offers us great opportunity, it's also important to help the local industry and service providers by racing horses here. We have been looking for the right opportunity to become involved in the stallion market in New Zealand, which I'm sure in time will present itself."

Below: China Horse Club founder Teo Ah Khing (left) and Michael Wallace (right)

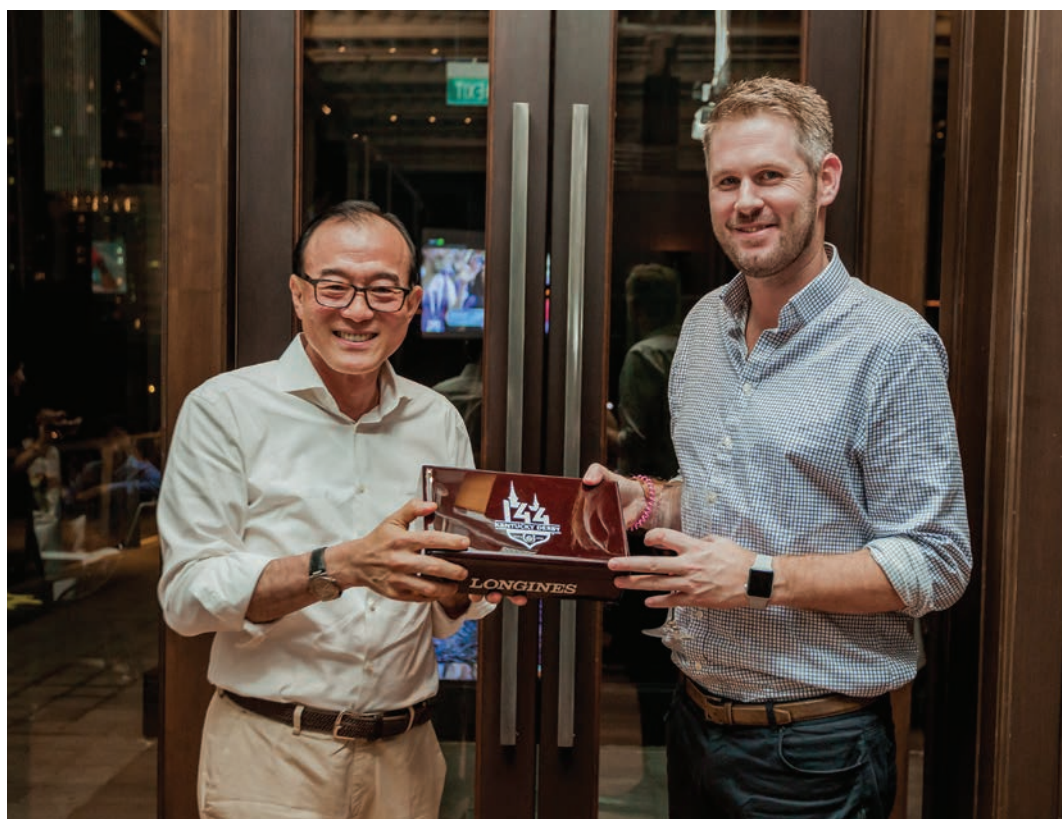




Image: Michael Wallace (left) and Waikato Stud patriarch Garry Chittick (right)





PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 654

Pins Costume colt

A strong, athletic son of Pins and dual Group One winner Costume will go before buyers on the final day of the Book One sale.

By champion sire Pins, this colt is out of dual Group One winning Savabeel mare Costume. A winner of six races, Costume's stellar career was highlighted by winning the Gr.1 Hawke's Bay Spring Classic and the Gr.1 Waikato RC Herbie Dyke Stakes.

Costume is a half-sister to Stakes winner Masquerade and a sister to Group performer Masque. This is her second living foal and the first to be offered at auction.



OCEAN PARK
WAIKATO STUD SIRE

The rising tide

The progeny of five-time Group One winner Ocean Park have lived up to and exceeded all expectations with his two, three and four-year-olds dominating on racetracks throughout Australasia and Asia.

Ocean Park's endless stream of winners and Stakes performers earned him the prestigious accolade of being the champion New Zealand-based Australian Second Season Sire in the 2017/18 racing season and he is the first New Zealand stallion to achieve a top five placing on this premiership over an eight-year period.

Notable winners include Listed WATC Placid Ark Stakes winner Ocean Jewel. Other Stakes performers include: Another Dollar – second in the Gr.1 QLD Oaks, Gr.2 The Roses and Listed Gold Coast Bracelet; Mongolianconqueror – second in the Gr.1 NZ Derby and Gr.2 Waikato Guineas; Pretty to Sea – second in the Gr.3 ATC Adrian Knox Stakes; Seaway – second in Gr.2 QLD Guineas; Ocean's Fourteen – second in the Listed Geelong Classic; and Dancer's Kin – third in the Listed SAJC Queen Adelaide Stakes.

SIRE STATISTICS

LEADING NZ-BASED SECOND SEASON AUSTRALIAN SIRE IN 2017/18 SEASON
SIRE OF MULTIPLE STAKES PERFORMERS
5-TIME GROUP ONE WINNER







**ANOTHER DOLLAR
SALE GRADUATE**

Exciting future awaits

Lightly raced Ocean Park mare Another Dollar has won or been placed in eight of her nine race starts.

Trained by leading Australian-based trainer Chris Waller she is a daughter of five-time Group One winner Ocean Park and two-time winning Pins mare Make a Wish.

Purchased by Waller for \$190,000 from Waikato Stud's 2016 Inglis Easter Yearling draft, Another Dollar has won on two occasions and was runner-up in the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks, Gr.2 The Roses and Listed Gold Coast Bracelet during the 2018 Queensland Carnival.

A winner of more than \$265,000 in prize money, Another Dollar looks to be an exciting staying prospect with a bright future ahead of her.

A half-brother to Another Dollar will be offered as Lot 192 at this year's Karaka Yearling Sale.





PEDIGREE HIGHLIGHT
LOT 192

Savabeel Make a Wish colt

A half-brother to Group One Queensland Oaks runner-up Another Dollar will be offered as Lot 192 on day two of the sale.

An eye-catching and extremely athletic type of colt, he is by leading sire Savabeel from two-time winning Pins mare Make a Wish. He is a half-brother to two winners – including Chris Waller-trained Ocean Park mare Another Dollar, who during the 2017/18 season was runner-up in the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks, Gr.2 The Roses and Listed Gold Coast Bracelet.

Rated as one of the best matings in the stud book, the cross of Savabeel over Pins mares maintains a consistent strike rate of 13% Stakes winners to runners.



INTERVIEW
DANNY O'BRIEN

Perfect partnership

One of the southern hemisphere's preeminent trainers, Danny O'Brien, credits Waikato Stud with helping him win some of the greatest races in Australia.

Danny O'Brien has had some big moments in his illustrious racing career.

The Melbourne-based trainer has produced history-making results, including becoming the first trainer in over a century to achieve the Group One winning double of training the SAJC Goodwood Handicap/Adelaide Cup winners in 2005.

Many of O'Brien's historic moments have been with Waikato Stud-bred and owned horses.

His relationship with Waikato Stud spans 15 years and began when former studmaster Garry Chittick sent him four-year-old mare Glamour Puss.

Having won two races in New Zealand before heading across the Tasman, under O'Brien's guidance Glamour Puss won a Group One race on Derby Day and the Group 2 Age Classic at Flemington Carnival in 2005.

"We had a fantastic ride with her," O'Brien recalls. "She was unbelievable for me, at the early stages of my career, and for Waikato Stud too. She's probably one of the best mares that Waikato Stud has ever raced."

The winning combination of O'Brien and Waikato Stud continued in the years that followed – notably with O'Reilly-sired horses Master O'Reilly, who won the Caulfield Cup in 2007; Shamrock, winner of the Australian Guineas and the AJC Derby in 2011; ShamExpress, winner of the Group 1 Newmarket Handicap at Flemington in 2013 and Vigor, who won the Group 1 Makybe Diva Stakes and placed third in at the Group 1 Caulfield Cup in 2009.

"Waikato Stud have had a huge influence on my training career. They've given me some of the biggest moments, and helped me win some of the greatest races around the country."

The trifecta of Waikato Stud's lush pastures, elite stallions and the quality broodmares ensures every Waikato Stud horse is special, O'Brien says.

"The horses are very sound, well raised, with good temperaments and they're well-handled. We've had great longevity out of many, with multiple successes on the race track."

"It's very rare that we won't have six, eight or ten that are Waikato Stud horses, that are either bought by us or trained by us that are retained by the stud farm."

O'Brien holds 150 horses at two stables in Victoria – one at Flemington and the other at 13th Beach in Barwon Heads. Horses are rotated and trained across both facilities. A Karaka Yearling Sale stalwart, he'll often purchase up to six Waikato Stud horses at any one time.

O'Brien also trains several fillies owned by Waikato Stud, with the intention of the horses gaining blacktype and eventually replenishing the broodmare band.

O'Brien has helped Waikato Stud gain the most success on the track in Australia. Notable broodmares that achieved stakes wins under O'Brien are Shopaholic, Breezy, Glam Slam, all by Pins, and O'Reilly-sired Splashing Out.





Image: Danny O'Brien

He's currently working with four three-year-olds and four four-year-olds that belong to the stud farm.

"All eight will be winners before going back to Waikato. They're getting valuable Australian form on their pedigrees," O'Brien says.

"Waikato Stud tends to race a lot of fillies, which is why they have such a great broodmare band. We are very fortunate that we are entrusted with training quite a few of them."

O'Brien has developed strong friendships with Waikato Stud and the Chittick family over the years. "It's been a terrific relationship," he says.

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BREEDER PROFILE
CHRISTOPHER & SUSANNA GRACE

Homegrown champions

Huntermville farmers Christopher and Susanna Grace know a thing or two about racing horses – their superstar mare Shillelagh is a dual Flemington Group One winner.

But breeding thoroughbreds has purely been a labour of love, rather than a job, for the couple. Christopher has been buying, selling and breeding horses for more than 60 years, in addition to running a large sheep and cattle farm.

“I’ve been involved in racing since I was about 16 years of age but I’ve always kept it as a small side line or hobby operation because we love to breed our own horses and race them. I really enjoy it,” he says. “Every two or three years we’ll buy more horses to keep on improving our breed.”

It’s a tactic that’s worked incredibly well for the couple, who split their time between homes in Huntermville and Raumati while keeping their horses at Surrey Farm in Bulls.

Their mare Trocair has been an exceptional producer, having had six foals by Waikato Stud’s champion stallion Savabeel. All of them have gone on to become multiple winners, with three of them being Stakes winners.

“All of my Savabeel’s have performed much better than any other breed so it’s been a very successful mating as far as Trocair is concerned,” Christopher says. “Waikato Stud have been very kind to Susanna and I over the years.”

Although all six offspring from Trocair and Savabeel are extraordinary horses, it’s Shillelagh that has been the standout thus far. In 2017, she won the Gr.1 Kennedy Mile at Flemington on Derby Day, while in 2018 she was the winner of the Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes, also on Derby Day.

“After Shillelagh ran her very first race I said, ‘We have to send this horse to Australia because she is going to be the one that makes our breed,’” he says. “She won \$52,000 from four starts and a few placings in New Zealand, then she had a lot of placings in Australia. Now she’s won another \$1.4 million so she’s been very successful for us.”

Christopher and Susanna remained in Raumati while Shillelagh raced in 2017 but went to the Melbourne Cup Carnival last year to watch her compete in one of the world’s most prestigious racing events.

“It’s a great thrill to be able to win a Group One race in Australia on the world stage – it’s absolutely magnificent compared to being lucky enough to win one here,” Christopher says.

Courageous Shillelagh’s success does not mean things will slow down for the Graces, however. Christopher has been awarded a Queen’s Service Medal for services to the racing industry and he aims to continue producing world-class thoroughbreds. His advice for others starting out in the industry?

“Buy the best horses you can physically afford,” he says. “Save more money so you can buy the best one – you’ve got to have well-bred horses.”

Image: Susanna Grace (left) Christopher Grace (centre) and Chris Waller Racing’s Client Relations Manager Sophie Baker (right)





Image: Susanna Grace leading Shillelagh in after her win in the Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes



**Success is our
motivation,
the driving force
behind everything
we do:**

A horse's success,
your success, our success.