

Weekend @ Waikato

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OCEAN PARK



NZ Horse of the Year
Champion Middle Distance Horse

O'REILLY



Centaine Award
Grosvenor Award
Dewar Award

SANGSTER



Champion Stayer

WS Domination of NZ Thoroughbred Awards...

WS stallions **Ocean Park** and **O'Reilly** were the stars of the show at the **New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Awards** in Hamilton last night.

Ocean Park was crowned **Horse of the Year** with 44 votes out of a possible 46 and was also awarded the **Champion Middle Distance** title.

The Gary Hennessy-trained 4YO was the dominant spring performer, stringing together four successive Group One victories.

Raced by Hennessy in conjunction with Andrew Wong and Stephen Yan of Hong Kong, the son of Thorn Park resumed with a win in the **Makfi Challenge Stakes** at Hastings and continued his winning way in Melbourne, where he added the **Underwood Stakes** and **Caulfield Stakes** before downing Australia's star three-year-old pair **All Too Hard** and **Pierro** in the **Cox Plate**.

He returned to racing in late summer and took his Group One tally to five with victory in the **New Zealand Stakes** at Ellerslie.

Stud star **O'Reilly**, on the other hand, claimed an unprecedented clean sweep of the stallion awards, successfully taking out New Zealand's **Dewar**, **Grosvenor** and **Centaine Awards**.

Adding extra lustre to the night, the stud's exciting young Gr.1 sire **Savabeel** was strongly distinguished by son **Sangster**, who took out the **Champion Stayer** award following Gr.1 wins in the **Auckland Cup** and the **Waikato International Stakes**.





60 Seconds with... GARY HENNESSY

This week we put 60 seconds of curious questions to Gary Hennessy, trainer of the NZ Horse of the Year, Ocean Park.

Favourite comfort food:	Roast lamb
Favourite thoroughbred (s):	Ocean Park and Kingston Town
Book on the bedside table	Henry Cecil
Favourite TV show:	Mrs Brown's Boys
Concert you'd like to go to:	The Corrs
If you weren't in racing, you'd be a:	Rocket scientist...probably farming.
Defining moment in racing:	Definitely winning the Cox Plate
What do you do to relax:	Fishing and watching Rugby
Favourite holiday destination:	Hong Kong
Favourite restaurant:	Tend to like all Seafood restaurants.
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	Ocean Park and the friendliness we receive out there. It's a great atmosphere.
Best piece of advice received	Father always said ' <i>There is always another race, there is not another horse</i> '. So if you have to back off, you do.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **HC Bloodstock**, winners of the '**Ultimate Waikato Stud Experience**' competition that was on offer at **Waikato Stud's Open Day**.

HC Bloodstock is made up of three brothers Mike, Rick & Kevan Humphries and their father Paul.

The family have a real passion for the racing game having raced horses for a number of years, and having enjoyed early success with the eight-time winner and Gr.2 placed galloper, **Sand Hawk** (Sandtrap).

Dates for the Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT	Location
17 Aug	-	Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate	Te Rapa, Hamilton
24 Aug	3:30pm	Waikato TBA Stallion Parade	Waikato Stud
19/20 Nov	-	NZB Ready To Run Sale	Karaka, Auckland

WS Sired

Black-Type Runners

SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	Gr.3 Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate (1200m)	Waikato	3:21pm
HILL SPY 10 O'Reilly x Shanzero by Danzero	Gr.3 Vain Stakes (1100m)	MRC	4:00pm
SPIRIT OF HEAVEN 10 Savabeel x I'm in Heaven by Volksraad	Gr.3 Quezette Stakes (1100m)	MRC	4:40pm
UNDER THE SUN 08g No Excuse Needed x Sleaking by Marroof	Gr.2 PB Lawrence Stakes (1400m)	MRC	5:20pm
THY 08f O'Reilly x Star Affair by Star Way	Listed Regal Roller Stakes (1200m)	MRC	6:00pm
YOU'RE SO GOOD 08f Savabeel x Lightning Spur by Flying Spur	Gr.3 WW Cockram Stakes (1200m)	MRC	6:40pm



Waikato Stud
FOXBRIDGE PLATE

2013 FIELD

- 1 Sangster (NZ) 2008 b.g
 - 2 Alegrio (NZ) 2005 ch.g
 - 3 Fritzy Boy (NZ) 2004 br.g.
 - 4 Sum Up (NZ) 2006 b.g.
 - 5 Final Touch (NZ) 2007 br.f.
 - 6 Xanadu (NZ) 2008 b.f.
 - 7 Postmans Daughter (NZ) 2007 b.f.
 - 8 Fleur de Lune (NZ) 2007 b.f.
 - 9 Miss Pelear (NZ) 2008 br.f.
 - 10 Asavant (NZ) 2008 br.f.
 - 11 The Filly (NZ) 2008 b.f
 - 12 Ginja Ninja (NZ) 2008 ch.f.
 - 13 Faraway Eyes (NZ) 2008 b.f.
 - 14 Magic Belle (NZ) 2009 b.f.
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Pedigree Pointers

with Gareth Downey

With the proliferation of **Danehill** blood throughout our breed now, it is becoming increasingly challenging for people with **Danehill** or **Danzig** line mares to find suitable stallions for them to breed to if they want to avoid a close-up duplication of **Danehill / Danzig** in the resulting pedigree.

The list above of **WS Sired Stakes Runners** is therefore very interesting. Of the 6 runners listed, 4 of them are out of **Danzig** line mares – with **Savabeel** being represented by 2 of the runners, **O'Reilly** by 1 and **No Excuse Needed** by 1.

This highlights the range of good options we have at Waikato Stud if you have a mare carrying **Danehill / Danzig** in her pedigree and you want to avoid going to stallions who have the same.

In fact, **O'Reilly**, **Savabeel**, **Pins**, **Ocean Park**, **No Excuse Needed** and **Rios** are all free of **Danzig** so represent options well worth considering for such mares.



The Mail

from Mark Chittick



An unbelievable night at the Awards last night. Its hard to believe that 15 years ago we went up to the dais to collect the **Horse of the Year** honours for **O'Reilly**, and now here we were some years later collecting all of New Zealand's major sire awards for his breeding efforts.

The fact that our new sire **Ocean Park** was awarded the ultimate prize of **Horse of the Year**, just made the whole thing even more incredible.

Congrats to all who enjoyed success on the night.

The awards weren't the only special result for the team this week though. We had a Gr.1 result by way of my daughter **Charlotte** (Cheeks), who won the champion overall individual title at the **Waikato Regional Gymnastics** competition. What's more, she was straight out of the spelling paddock!

Delighted with the **Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate** field tomorrow – with no less than 5 Gr.1 winners set to feature, it is sure to be an exciting race.

Right tip this week...I'm running with the **Pins** galloper **Stone In His Shoe** at Bairnsdale on Saturday. There's a long story behind the name, but I'll have to save that until after he wins...



TIP: Stone In His Shoe – Saturday- Bairnsdale – 4:12pm



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