



## *METAL BENDER – 4 time Gr.1 winning WS-bred*

### **Gr.1 Spotlight Cast on Waikato Draft**

Star homebred **Metal Bender** cast the Gr.1 spotlight on **Waikato Stud's 2012 Sydney Easter Yearling Sale** draft in spectacular fashion on Saturday.

At just his second start back after a 53-week break, **Metal Bender** charged home under Michael Rodd, nosing out a wall of crack opponents to score the **Gr.1 George Ryder Stakes (1500m)** by 0.1 lengths.

The win represented his 4<sup>th</sup> win at **Gr.1** level and was trainer **Chris Waller's** 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive win in the event.

Out of the **Bluebird** mare **Jacqwin**, **Metal Bender** was astutely selected from **WS's 2007 Sydney Easter Yearling Sale** draft for a sum of **\$A160,000** by the late **Jack Denham**.

The 9 time winning 6YO gelding has now returned A\$1,898,850 for owner **David Fuller**, with feature wins including the **Gr.1 STC Rosehill Guineas**, the **Gr.1 AJC Randwick Guineas**, the **Gr.1 BRC Doomben Cup**, the **Gr.1 ATC George Ryder S.**, the **Gr.2 AJC Warwick S.** and the **Gr.2 GCTC AD Hollindale S.**



#### **Likely Target Ahead:**

**Either the \$500,000 Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2000m)**  
**or the \$400,000 All Aged Stakes (1400m)**

**April 28.**

# Sydney Easter Draft Goes Under Hammer Today

Today sees the first day of selling at the **Australian Easter Yearling Sale** in Sydney.

Waikato's six on offer comprise.

**Lot 5**  
**B./Br Colt**  
**Savabeel – Viveasha**



**Lot 155**  
**Br. Filly**  
**Pins - Fiaba**



**Lot 19**  
**B. Filly**  
**Pins – Zamfir**



**Lot 196**  
**Br. Colt**  
**Savabeel -**  
**Haberdashery**



**Lot 39**  
**B. Colt**  
**Savabeel - Ambitious**



**Lot 306**  
**B. Filly**  
**Pins - Oh So Glam**



The Sale commences at 11am (Aust time) and will be broadcast on Inglis Sale Day live.

[Online Bidding](#) and [Make-An-Offer](#) is available for those buyers unable to attend the Newmarket complex.

## Fact

**WS has bred 26 Gr.1 winners of 59 Gr.1 races**

NB) Of these 26 Gr.1 winners bred, METAL BENDER rates third equal with ALAMOSA on the count of Gr.1's won.  
With 6 Gr.1 wins apiece, the top two spots are claimed by DULCIFY and SLIGHT CHANCE.



# Nandowra on Derby Path



**Savabeel 4YO Nandowra** confirmed a tilt at the **Singapore Derby** on July 15 with a determined win in the **Sgp-3 Moonbeam Vase** over 1800m at Kranji on Sunday.

Adding to his earlier success on the night with **Mr Big** in the **Sgp-3 Kranji Sprint (1200m)**, trainer Michael Freedman had this to say of the WS-bred galloper that is fitting raced by the Results Stable:

*"I was keen to try him over a bit of ground on the turf and he's come through it well,"* said Freedman to the Singapore Turf Club.

*"He'll go and have a let-up now and we'll look towards the Derby with him in July."*

*"Even though he's a four-year-old he's still learning what racing is all about and when he finally puts it altogether I think he might be a handy stayer of the future."*

## Derby Watch

**SILENT ACHIEVER** (O'Reilly ex Winning Spree by Zabeel) - **Gr.1 Australian Derby** - April 14

**NANDOWRA** (Savabeel ex Fabaz by O'Reilly) - **Gr.1 Singapore Derby** - 15 July



## Savabeel Notches 8<sup>th</sup> Stakes Winner this term



<b>SCARLETT LADY</b> 4m On Call by Ironclad	<b>Gr.1</b> New Zealand Stakes (2000m) <b>Listed</b> Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1600m)
<b>SANGSTER</b> 3g Quinta Special by Spectrum	<b>Gr.1</b> VRC Derby (2500m)
<b>LADY KIPLING</b> 4m Akela by Al Akbar	<b>Gr.2</b> Waikato RC Cal Isuzu Stakes (1600m)
<b>NANDOWRA</b> 4g Fabaz by O'Reilly	<b>Sgp-3</b> Moonbeam Vase (1800m)
<b>FLORIA</b> 4m Aria by Centaine	<b>Gr.3</b> WRC Cuddle Stakes (1600m)
<b>STRIKE THE STARS</b> 3g Ambitious by Last Tycoon	<b>Gr.3</b> ATC Gloaming Stakes (1800m)
<b>ZARA DANCER</b> 5g Blanchard by Kaapstad	<b>Listed</b> ATC Frank Underwood Cup (1900m)
<b>DOWAGER QUEEN</b> 3f Dower by Pins	<b>Listed</b> Wanganui JC Fordell O'Leary's S. (1200m) 2nd G1 VRC Oaks to Mosheen

# NZ Stallion Awards (as at 8 April)

## THE CENTAINE AWARD

	STALLION	NZ\$ EARNINGS
1	Pins	\$7,698,013
2	O'Reilly	\$5,615,629
3	Savabeel	\$5,369,032
4	High Chaparral	\$4,999,631
5	Zabeel	\$4,159,028

*Criteria: The sire whose NZ-conceived progeny for the season under review has accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide.*

## THE DEWAR AWARD

	Stallion	NZ\$ Earnings
1	Savabeel	\$3,735,203
2	Pins	\$3,352,506
3	Zabeel	\$3,125,491
4	O'Reilly	\$3,067,853
5	Pentire	\$3,066,141

*Criteria: The sire whose progeny has accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia and New Zealand for the season under review.*

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

	Stallion	NZ\$ Earnings
1	O'Reilly	1,694,042
2	Thorn Park	1,124,835
3	Pins	1,085,582
4	Pentire	1,004,718
5	Fastnet Rock	836,625

*Criteria: The sire whose progeny has accumulated the highest stakes earnings in New Zealand for the season under review.*

# Waikato Stud's 2011/12 Stakes Winners

*9 Stakes Winners – 2 Gr.1 Stars – 11 Stakes Wins*

HORSE	AGE	SIRE	DAM	DAMSIRE	STAKES RACE	DATE
NANDOWRA	07g	Savabeel	Fabaz	O'Reilly	Sgp-3 Moonbeam Vase (1800m)	8 April
METAL BENDER	05g	Danasinga	Jacqwin	Bluebird	Gr.1 ATC George Ryder Stakes (1500m)	7 April
SCARLETT LADY	07f	Savabeel	On Call	Ironclad	Gr.1 NZ Stakes (2000m)	10 March
SHOPAHOLIC	08f	Pins	Splashing Out	O'Reilly	Gr.2 Angus Armanasco (1400m)	25 Feb
SHOPAHOLIC	08f	Pins	Splashing Out	O'Reilly	Gr.3 Vanity Stakes (1410m)	18 Feb
SCARLETT LADY	07f	Savabeel	On Call	Ironclad	Listed Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m)	6 Feb
JUSTANEXCUSE	06g	No Excuse Needed	Aggressive	Val Dansant	G3 Manawatu Challenge Stakes (1400m)	17 Dec
SOMEPIN ANYPIN	07g	Pins	Ungaro	Centaine	G3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup (1600m)	3 Nov
DATING	07f	O'Reilly	Mandate	Sound Reason	G3 Egmont RC Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m)	8 Oct
NO EXCUSE MAGGIE	06f	No Excuse Needed	Maggie O'Reilly	O'Reilly	Listed Matamata Cup (1600m)	8 Oct
I'M JAKE	05g	Pins	Venetian Court	Pompeii Court	Listed MRC RM Ansett Classic (2413m)	1 Oct