

## THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015

### FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Wellington Cup Day promises to be a special occasion. The ten race card starts at 12.25pm and finishes at 5.49pm.

The \$200,000 G2 Platinum Homes Wellington Cup is at 5.13pm. \$200,000 G1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile features a stellar line up with Pure Champion, Nashville, Puccini and Soriano - all winners at the top grade, while lightweight hopes Pondarosa Miss and Abidewithme threaten to break through their maiden Group One wins respectively.

Sunday night on the eve of Auckland anniversary day, the popular Karaka Million twilight meeting at Ellerslie features New Zealand's richest race. The restricted listed \$1,000,000 Karaka Million is open for two year olds purchased at the New Zealand Bloodstock sale the previous year. Previous winners have gone on to claim Champion Two Year Old honours, most notably Ruud Awakening and Vespa. Perhaps one of the more interesting events is the \$100,000 NZ Bloodstock Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile. VolkStok 'N' Barrell, Rockfast, Tavy and Stratocaster make up the top class field. The first race starts at 5.09pm and last at 7.55pm.

To clarify the local racing industry circumstances surrounding the recent Cobalt controversy in Australia, 350 tests have been analysed for cobalt over the last 9 months. No results were positive with only a few samples with very low levels identified. Six New Zealand trained horses have made the International Elite Rankings:

Dundeel – 122  
Silent Achiever – 117  
Nashville – 116

Puccini – 115  
Pure Champion – 115  
Shuka – 115

Congratulations to the connections of the above horses for their outstanding achievement.

### KARAKA OPEN DAY TO ATTRACT NEW OWNERS

The Karaka Open Day will be held at Karaka on Wednesday 4 February from 5pm until 8pm. The Karaka Open Day is designed as 'The Thoroughbred Experience' for those who aren't immersed in the racing culture yet and is a means of bridging the gap for people who have an interest in racing but aren't sure of how to take that next step into ownership.

The evening will be informative and answers questions on all things racing as well as how to get involved with ownership at all levels. Held on the picturesque front lawn at the Karaka Sales Complex, registered syndicators are welcome to parade a Karaka yearling purchase in the outdoor parade ring and it will give each syndicator a chance to share what horses they have available for syndication and why a prospective owner should join their team. Interested attendees will be able to ask questions and extract valuable information from syndicators and trainers present at the evening.

A panel of well-known guest speakers will be involved in an educational question and answer session where they can share their passion for the sport with the newcomers.

The recently rejuvenated Karaka Garden Bar will be open with a Happy Hour scheduled from 5pm to get things rolling. There will be plenty of food and wine options, keeping alive the hospitality tradition that Karaka vendors do so well during Sales time.

**Everyone is welcome to join New Zealand Bloodstock at the Karaka Open Day from 5pm to 8pm on Wednesday 4 February at the Karaka Sales Complex.**

### **POVERTY BAY TC & WAIROA RC – STAKE AMOUNTS**

The stakes on offer at the upcoming Poverty Bay TC and Wairoa RC meetings (15, 19 & 22 February) are increased from the amounts listed in the Programmes Section of the January issue of *The Thoroughbred Racing Monthly*.

The correct stakes, along with travel subsidies information, are listed in the "Great Eastern Racing Carnival" article that appears on pages 8 & 9 of the same issue, and are as follows:

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Poverty Bay TC @ Makaraka</b>
Rating 85 1600m	\$30,000
Rating 75 1400m	\$10,000
Rating 65 1600m & 1200m	\$10,000
Mdn 2000m, 1600m, 1200m, Mdn 3YO 1200m	\$8,000

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Wairoa RC @ Te Kupenga</b>
Open Hcp 1850m	\$15,000
R65 1850m, 1450m, 1200m	\$8,000
Mdn 1850m, 1450m, 1200m	\$8,000
2YO 1100m	\$10,000

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Wairoa RC @ Te Kupenga</b>
Open Hcp 2100m	\$30,000
Rating 75 1450m	\$9,000
Rating 65 2100m, 1450m, 1300m	\$8,000
Mdn 2100m, 1450m, 1300m	\$8,000

### **2014 BROODMARE RETURNS DUE 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

Broodmare owners/lessees are reminded that 2014 mare returns must be lodged with the Stud Book by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

A return is required to update a mare's foaling/service details in the Stud Book, and needs to be lodged even if she has not produced a live foal or has not been served this season.

It is the responsibility of the mare owner/lessee to lodge the return, and it can be done either:

- **Online via the Breeders Service Centre at [www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz)**

If you used the Breeders Service Centre last season, your access codes are still valid. If you have forgotten the codes, email [studbook@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:studbook@nzracing.co.nz) and we will re-send them to you.

If you would like to register to use the Breeders Service Centre, email [studbook@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:studbook@nzracing.co.nz) with your name, and the name of the mare, and we will send you codes to access this secure part of our website.

Please note, only credit/debit card payments are accepted online. A 10% discount applies to these payments made by the due date.

- **Over the telephone**

Call 04 576-6240 and choose Option 3 to speak to someone from the Stud Book (Monday – Friday from 9am until 5pm).

Payment can be made immediately by credit/debit card (10% discount) through our secure payment system or we can send you an invoice to pay by cheque or internet banking (no discount for these payment options).

If a mare has been sold/leased out/given away, retired or died, email the details to [studbook@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:studbook@nzracing.co.nz) so that we can update our records.

Please note, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 is a Saturday. You will be able to complete online returns on this day, but the telephone service will not be in operation.

## **CHAMPIONS DAY AT WINGATUI ON SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY 2015**

The South's only Premier meeting features the Group 3 White Robe Lodge Handicap, Listed Fire & Mechanical Dunedin Gold Cup and Listed ABC Business Sales Dunedin Guineas. The club is offering a 10% discount to owners who have had a horse start at Wingatui this season.

Book into the Winning Post Lounge - \$100 per person (or \$900 for a table of 10) - with a 3-course lunch, with 3 drinks included in the price, or Marquee options: Mini Marquee (10-15 people, includes 10 admission tickets) - \$350; or Midi Marquee (15 to 30 people, includes 30 admission tickets) - \$900; or Maxi Marquee Packages (30 to 60 people, includes 60 admission tickets) - \$1650

Admission on-course is \$15 per person. For more information, contact the Otago Racing Club on 03 489 6233 or email [charlotte@wingatui.co.nz](mailto:charlotte@wingatui.co.nz)

## TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
14-Jan	Westland	80,145	80,353	585,244	561,542	235,640	193,397	7	8	66	63
15-Jan	Wanganui	31,671	42,655	530,216	624,231	247,707	238,740	7	8	68	74
16-Jan	Matamata	45,821	45,983	813,416	730,684	403,113	274,072	9	8	107	85
17-Jan	Wellington	329,809	389,256	2,576,855	2,987,654	1,152,004	912,905	10	10	113	118
17-Jan	Waikato	68,473	74,917	1,043,067	1,060,035	441,104	338,000	9	9	89	92
17-Jan	Gore	76,788	59,896	882,749	730,592	329,777	209,063	11	9	126	86

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/ (%)
Meetings	164	174	(10)	(5.75%)
Races	1,399	1,446	(47)	(3.25%)
Total Starts	14,836	15,165	(329)	(2.17%)
Avg Field Size	10.60	10.49	+0.12	+1.12%
Number of races less than 8 starters	204	223	(19)	(8.52%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	210,612,857	205,576,255	+5,036,602	+2.45%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	20,327,693	20,607,767	(280,073)	(1.36%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>230,940,550</b>	<b>226,184,022</b>	<b>+4,756,528</b>	<b>+2.10%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	167,085,972	174,031,985	(6,946,013)	(3.99%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	63,427,774	52,152,022	+11,275,752	+21.62%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>165,075</b>	<b>156,420</b>	<b>+8,655</b>	<b>+5.53%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>15,566</b>	<b>14,915</b>	<b>+651</b>	<b>+4.37%</b>

<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	830,903,429	753,908,312	+76,995,117	+10.21%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	162,699,655	126,899,253	+35,800,402	+28.21%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>993,603,084</b>	<b>880,807,565</b>	<b>+112,795,519</b>	<b>+12.81%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 11 Jan)</b>	170,658,500	161,514,578	+9,143,922	+5.66%
<b>Total Races (to 11 Jan)</b>	1,346	1,379	(33)	(2.39%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	126,789	117,124	+9,665	+8.25%

Meeting details:

- Westland RC Wednesday meeting ran 7 races this season, 8 last.
- Wanganui JC Thursday meeting equivalent was run by Taranaki TRI last year; 7 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.
- Matamata RC Friday meeting ran 9 races this season, 8 last.
- Waikato RC Saturday meeting equivalent was run by Counties RC last year.
- Gore RC Saturday meeting ran 11 races in FY15, 9 races in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.1% year to date.
- 10 less meetings and 47 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 5.5%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 329, 2.2% less.
- Average field size is 10.60 in FY15, up from 10.49 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 19 less than the season prior (204 v 223).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.0%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 21.6%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 8.3% to 11 January.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.