

**Thursday 30 October 2014**

### **FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

The upcoming week is particularly busy with six race meetings between Saturday and Tuesday. There are three meetings to complement Melbourne Cup Day, so it is essential trainers are aware nominations close at 12 noon Friday 31 October. In addition for our northern connections, extra races will potentially be added after Tuesday, due to the Counties RC abandonment. See the notice below of an additional race at the Avondale JC meeting next Wednesday.

The Christchurch Cup Week feature races second withdrawal stage commenced on Wednesday. There are 15 remaining in the \$400,000 Sothys 42<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand 2000 Guineas and 18 in the \$300,000 New Zealand Bloodstock 42<sup>nd</sup> 1000 Guineas. The older horse division has retained strong interest with the \$230,000 10<sup>th</sup> Coupland Bakeries Mile at 18 and the \$225,000 Christchurch Casino 151<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Cup holds 33 nominations. I encourage any budding punter to study the form on the NZTR website and consider the Futures market.

The \$3,000,000 Cox Plate featured a gallant effort by superstar mare Silent Achiever. She did us proud by running 3<sup>rd</sup> regaining the form that made her dominant in the autumn. She goes to the paddock sound and Roger James is considering the Prix Arc De Triomphe at Longchamp next year. Perhaps she could go one better than Balmerino against the world's elite thoroughbreds.

New Zealand will be well represented on Derby Day at Flemington this Saturday. Homegrown stars such as Atmosphere, Costume, (Our) Vespa, Rising Romance, Viadana and Zonza contest the card. The Trent Busuttin/ Natalie Young trained Atmosphere will look to replicate Monaco Counsel, Lion Tamer and Sangster by winning the \$1,500,000 Victorian Derby.

Special mention for the New Zealand owned Singapore champion Spalato who has been formally invited to the Hong Kong Jockey Club International meeting. The gelding will more than likely contest the Group Two Jockey Club Sprint as a lead up to International Day.

### **ABC BUSINESS SALES - MELBOURNE CUP DAY AT WINGATUI**

Its less than one week to go until ABC Business Sales Melbourne Cup Day and Wingatui Racecourse is a hive of activity. Arthur Barnett and Brent Weatherall Jewellers are experiencing a late rush as Dunedin gets dressed up for the big day at the race track. It's going to be huge....

Marquee and hospitality bookings are close to record levels and a crowd of 8,000 is expected to descend on the South's Premier racing venue on the first Tuesday in November.

General admission tickets are available on the gate on the day in unlimited numbers. There are several bars on-course inside the grandstand that is open to the public. There is also the Inferno Parade Ring Lawn Bar. As well as the Great Sensation Cafe there are numerous food vendors serving a wide variety of food.

There are several buses running to Wingatui on Tuesday and also the Taieri Gorge Train. You can reserve a seat on the bus by booking it online at [wingatui.co.nz](http://wingatui.co.nz). The bus leaves the railway station at 11.20am delivering you to Wingatui in time for the first race. It returns at 7.15pm.

Need more information - please call us on 03 489 6233 or visit our website [www.wingatui.co.nz](http://www.wingatui.co.nz)

#### **EXTRA RACE PROGRAMMED AT AVONDALE JC WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER FOLLOWING COUNTIES RC ABANDONMENT**

As a result of the Counties RC abandonment on Wednesday 29 October, NZTR in conjunction with the Northern Region Programming Committee and the Trainers Association have programmed a MDN SW 1400m race at the Avondale JC meeting on Wednesday 5 November.

Races will also be divided at the Avondale JC 5 November Racing Rotorua 7 November meetings, should numbers be sufficient.

#### **TRIALS AT OTAKI – THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER**

There will be trials at Otaki on Thursday 13 November. Entries will close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Wednesday 12 November.

#### **COUNTRY TV FEATURE ON TiES PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 7.00PM**

Mark Leishman's programme 'Point of View' on tomorrow, Friday, at 7.00pm (and repeated until Wednesday next week), will feature NZTR and Equestrian Sport NZ's (ESNZ) collaborative and expanded competition throughout the equestrian season - TiES (Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sport).

The TiES competition will now include all Thoroughbreds registered with ESNZ. Points can be won at all designated shows in all five equestrian disciplines.

TiES was started by NZTR and ESNZ to promote second careers for Thoroughbreds and promote the versatility of the breed.

#### **CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES DATES/VENUES 2014**

The NZRB's highly successful Santa's Pick promotion will be returning to Christmas at the Races events in 2014 for another festive season. Last year over 115,000 people attended a Christmas at the Races event and for over 18,000 of them it was their first time ever at the races.

One horse will be chosen as Santa's Pick for each race at a Christmas at the Races event. No Santa's pick hat will be worn in any Black Type races. The horse chosen as Santa's Pick will be promoted on-course in collaboration with the Christmas Cracker bet.

NZTR is seeking the support of owners and trainers whose horse is selected as "Santa's Pick" to allow their cap to be replaced with a red & white one at the time jockeys leave the weigh out area. Most connections embraced the idea last year but naturally both the NZRB and NZTR fully respect the wishes of owners and trainers. If the National Racing Bureau receives any requests asking that the owner's cap be worn, then naturally this will be accommodated.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Race Course</b>
Saturday, 1 November 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Friday, 7 November 2014	Racing Rotorua	Arawa Park
Sunday, 9 November 2014	Hawke's Bay RI	Hastings
Saturday, 15 November 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Saturday, 22 November 2014	Rangitikei RC	Awapuni
Sunday, 23 November 2014	Cambridge JC	Te Rapa
Friday, 28 November 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Wanganui JC	Wanganui
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Geraldine TC	Orari
Sunday, 30 November 2014	Otago RC @ Cromwell	Cromwell
Wednesday, 3 December 2014	Counties RC	Pukekohe
Thursday, 4 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	New Plymouth
Friday, 5 December 2014	Canterbury Racing	Riccarton Park
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Wellington RC	Trentham
Sunday, 7 December 2014	Waipukurau JC	Waipukurau
Wednesday, 10 December 2014	Otago RC @ Wingatui	Wingatui
Thursday, 11 December 2014	Hawke's Bay RI	Hastings
Friday, 12 December 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Southland RC	Invercargill
Sunday, 14 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie

Wednesday, 17 December 2014	Matamata RC	Matamata
Thursday, 18 December 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Friday, 19 December 2014	Ashburton RC	Ashburton
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Sunday, 21 December 2014	Tapanui RC @ Gore	Gore
Monday, 22 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	Pukekura Raceway

## 2014 NZTR PERFORMANCE REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2014 NZTR Performance Report, which records NZTR's performance against the 44 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the 2014-2016 NZTR Business Plan, is available on the NZTR website (together with the 2012 and 2013 Performance Reports) at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/NZTR-Publications.aspx>

## RACING CLUB CONFERENCE/AGM

The annual Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM will be held from 10.30am on 6 November 2014 at Room 4, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, Wellington.

## TURNOVER INFORMATION

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/( )	Variance +%/ ( %)
Meetings	76	82	(6)	(7.32%)
Races	629	664	(35)	(5.27%)
Total Starts	6,564	6,847	(283)	(4.13%)
Avg Field Size	10.44	10.31	+0.12	+1.20%
Number of races less than 8 starters	91	113	(22)	(19.47%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	87,063,255	85,662,976	+1,400,278	+1.63%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	5,724,391	5,714,258	+10,132	+0.18%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>92,787,645</b>	<b>91,377,235</b>	<b>+1,410,410</b>	<b>+1.54%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	67,571,027	71,058,607	(3,487,580)	(4.91%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	25,216,618	20,318,612	+4,898,005	+24.11%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>147,516</b>	<b>137,616</b>	<b>+9,900</b>	<b>+7.19%</b>

NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,136	13,346	+790	+5.92%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	380,242,493	342,024,272	+38,218,221	+11.17%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	83,524,577	64,825,086	+18,699,491	+28.85%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>463,767,070</b>	<b>406,849,358</b>	<b>+56,917,712</b>	<b>+13.99%</b>

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 19 Oct)	68,547,817	66,809,871	+1,737,946	+2.60%
Total Races (to 19 Oct)	570	606	(36)	(5.94%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	120,259	110,247	+10,012	+9.08%

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
20-Oct	Ashburton	1,777	-	73,983	-	21,442	-	1	-	10	-
22-Oct	Te Aroha	59,807	63,473	948,729	898,250	310,877	337,038	9	9	114	111
23-Oct	Otago	29,717	11,822	771,077	291,137	262,508	141,244	10	6	100	53
24-Oct	Waipa	26,298	27,804	691,043	656,889	309,138	239,740	8	8	87	85
25-Oct	Wellington	166,347	233,793	1,448,095	1,605,091	593,672	447,818	9	9	109	101
25-Oct	Auckland	182,778	178,009	1,326,579	1,325,563	516,448	359,239	9	9	95	98
25-Oct	Canterbury	93,705	82,210	1,431,677	1,280,225	664,051	340,717	13	9	145	110

**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.