



## Tuesday 1 May 2012

### Update of Monday & Tuesday Scheduling Performance to 24 April 2012

After eight weeks of the new structure of Monday and Tuesday racing, results remain encouraging.

- Field sizes have increased marginally on Mondays from 8.6 to 9.0 and on Tuesdays from 9.1 to 10.8
- Off-course totalisator sales per race have increased on Mondays by 3.7% from \$47,046 to \$48,190 and on Tuesdays by 2.8% from \$61,607 to \$63,315
- Domestic fixed odd sales per race have increased on Mondays by 21% from \$14,327 to \$17,392 and on Tuesdays to \$20,000
- Export sales have remained steady on Mondays at \$90,699 and have increased on Tuesdays by 8.5% from \$90,219 to \$97,933

#### Mondays 1-Mar-12 to 24-Apr-12 (Excluding Public Holidays)

	Actual Total	Budget Total	Average Per Race	Budget Per Race	% Actual to Budget
Meeting	7				
Races	53				
Starters	478	572	9.0	10.8	83.5%
NZ – Off-course	\$2,554,070	\$2,800,000	\$48,190	\$52,830	91.2%
NZ – On-course	\$212,886	\$159,000	\$4,017	\$3,000	133.9%
Fixed Odds	\$921,787	\$265,000	\$17,392	\$5,000	347.8%
Total NZRB on Clubs Races	\$3,688,743	\$3,224,000	\$69,599	\$60,830	114.4%
Export	\$4,807,044	\$4,240,000	\$90,699	\$80,000	113.4%
Total NZRB	\$8,495,787	\$7,464,000	\$160,298	\$140,830	113.8%

#### Tuesdays 1-Mar-12 to 24-Apr-12

	Actual Total	Budget Total	Average Per Race	Budget Per Race	% Actual to Budget
Meeting	4				
Races	30				
Starters	323	324	10.8	10.8	99.7%
NZ – Off-course	\$1,899,455	\$1,995,000	\$63,315	\$66,500	95.2%
NZ – On-course	\$73,876	\$99,000	\$2,463	\$3,000	82.1%
Fixed Odds	\$600,002	\$150,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	400.0%
Total NZRB on Clubs Races	\$2,573,333	\$2,244,000	\$85,778	\$74,500	115.1%
Export	\$2,937,976	\$3,000,000	\$97,933	\$100,000	97.9%
Total NZRB	\$5,511,309	\$5,244,000	\$183,710	\$174,500	105.3%

### NZTR Handicapping Review – May 2012

In early 2011 NZTR instituted a detailed Review of its Handicapping policies and procedures. The Review identified a number of key changes that were formally adopted by the NZTR Board and implemented on 14 November 2011. The NZTR Board made a commitment to monitor the changes including six monthly reviews.

NZTR now invites submissions and recommendations from industry participants on any aspect of the Review outcomes and the changes that were introduced in November.

NZTR will also be consulting with various sector groups in May including the three Regional Programming Committees, Racing Clubs, NZ Trainers Association, NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Association, NZ Jockeys Association, NZ Racehorse Owners Federation and the New Zealand Racing Board.

As part of your response please provide any supporting statistics, comments or examples of your viewpoint. If you wish, you might also like to provide a response to the following questions:

- Has the current NZTR Programming and handicapping system worked for you, and why?
- What parts of the current system do not work, and why?
- What would you change, and why?

Amongst the handicapping/rating issues that have been already been identified are weight penalties for horses racing out of their class, horses being re-rated out of their class for placings and the order of entry into Open Group One races for 3YO's.

NZTR welcomes further comment and feedback on any aspect of the current handicapping/rating system. Submissions close Tuesday 31 May 2012 and should be directed to:

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For further details, [click here](#).

## **Strong Kiwi Contingent for Brisbane Racing Carnival**

This year's Channel Seven Brisbane Racing Carnival is shaping up to be a Trans-Tasman clash like no other, with 25 New Zealand horses due to have arrived in Brisbane today, including the Wellfield NZ Oaks winner Artistic.

Artistic is an invitee for the Australasian Challenge, a new initiative designed to attract Australasia's best racing champions to the Brisbane Racing Carnival.

Artistic's trainer, Shaune Ritchie, said the new initiative certainly sealed the deal for them. "The generous offer to cover Artistic's travel expenses definitely confirmed our attendance at the carnival" he said. "Having the best three-year-old fillies from Australasia in the one event can only be good for racing."

Eighty seven horses, including Artistic, were nominated for the Group 1 Treasury Casino Queensland Oaks. A total of 105 horses have signed up for the Group 1 AAMI Stradbroke.

A million dollar prize is up for grabs in the Group 1 AAMI Stradbroke Handicap and at this point local horses Buffering and Woorim are favourites. Queensland's top trainer, Robert Heathcote, has nominated four horses for the top race and admits that his work will be cut out for him at this year's carnival.

This year's Channel Seven Brisbane Racing Carnival will take place at Doomben and Eagle Farm Racecourses between 12 May and 9 June.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek. Visit [www.brc.com.au](http://www.brc.com.au) for more details.

## **Video Links in Horse Performance Profiles**

NZTR is pleased to announce that the Video Replay links within each Horse's Performance Profile are now active.

The replays will now buffer direct from the Horse's Profile. Simply login and select the horse and the replay will start from the embedded player in the profile.

There is a playlist of each horse's starts within this player featuring all starts from 1 November 2011.

## Appointment of a Director for New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc (NZTR), the governing body of thoroughbred racing in New Zealand, invites applications for an independent director to join the six-seat NZTR Board of Directors.

The NZTR Members' Council is seeking applications from professionals with proven experience as a director and/or senior executive who have highly effective governance skills and have knowledge of and had success in areas such as law, marketing, communication, relationship management, stakeholder engagement and strategic planning.

Knowledge and experience within the racing industry is desirable. Application forms can be downloaded [here](#)

Applicants should email their CV, completed application form and covering letter to Peter Francis: [peter.francis@ppsl.co.nz](mailto:peter.francis@ppsl.co.nz) with 'NZTR Board of Directors' in the subject line.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 11 May 2012

## Trials - Canterbury Region Venue Swap

### Next Trials Canterbury Region Venues Swapped

Following a request from the Ashburton Racing Club the venues for the next two sets of Trials in the Canterbury region have been swapped.

As a result the next two sets of trials will be held at:

Rangiora Racecourse on Tuesday 8 May

Ashburton Racecourse on Tuesday 29 May

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 29 April 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
23/4	Wanganui (1)	21,528		375,549		122,224		75	
25/4	Avondale (2)	77,336		832,935		243,937		80	
25/4	Feilding (3)	109,548	240.9%	1,042,966	58.8%	254,348	191.1%	80	12.1%
26/4	Marlborough (4)	31,393	29.6%	415,032	39.8%	149,696	24.9%	66	38.3%
27/4	Matamata (5)	31,567	29.3%	664,082	0.5%	188,334	49.1%	103	2.0%
28/4	Cambridge (6)	207,287	2.1%	1,625,108	14.0%	396,731	1.2%	119	15.6%
28/4	Masterton (7)	40,125	40.9%	673,876	23.9%	147,335	25.2%	75	40.0%
29/4	Marlborough (8)	50,315	34.5%	467,801	38.4%	140,658	5.2%	69	36.7%

(1) Wanganui JC; no equivalent meeting last year.

- (2) Avondale JC; meeting held at Pukekohe Park; no equivalent meeting last year; Anzac Day last year coincided with Easter Monday where the Northern meeting was held at Ellerslie.
- (3) Feilding JC; Anzac Day last year coincided with Easter Monday; these figures are compared with last year's meeting held on 21 April, the Thursday prior to Easter.
- (4) Marlborough RC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 last year.
- (5) Racing Matamata; 9 races this year, compared to 8 last year.
- (6) Cambridge JC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 last year.
- (7) Masterton RC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (8) Marlborough RC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (9) Turbo Quaddie; turnover for this initiative last week was \$77,857.

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/( )</b>	<b>Variance +%/(-%)</b>
<b>Races</b>	2,358	2,363	(5)	(0.21%)
<b>Starters</b>	24,752	25,371	(619)	(2.44%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.50	10.74	(0.24)	(2.23%)
<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	250,981,722	267,260,405	(16,278,683)	(6.09%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	29,523,863	32,741,863	(3,218,000)	(9.83%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	280,505,585	300,002,268	(19,496,683)	(6.50%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	55,470,850	46,361,427	+9,109,423	+19.65%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	335,976,435	346,363,695	(10,387,260)	(3.00%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	142,484	146,578	(4,094)	(2.79%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,574	13,652	(78)	(0.57%)

<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	1,043,105,171	1,034,116,252	+8,988,919	+0.87%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	177,252,376	135,944,650	+41,307,726	+30.39%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,220,357,546</b>	<b>1,170,060,902</b>	<b>+50,296,644</b>	<b>+4.30%</b>

Overall turnover was up 3.4% (+\$1.11m) last week on the same week last year.

Racing turnover was up 1.0% (+\$273k) for the week, with Domestic racing down 11% (-\$1.95m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 10.4% (-\$994k) (tote + fob) with an additional meeting but six less races (-8.3%) with horse starts also down 23.2%.

Import turnover was up 21% on the same week last year (+\$2.22m).

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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