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## **NZTR Announces Rises in Prizemoney from 1 January 2014**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing has announced increases in prizemoney from 1 January 2014. This follows extensive consultation with race clubs and key stakeholder groups on the 2013-14 NZTR Funding Policy.

Minimum prizemoney for all races at New Zealand's top five race meetings, re-categorised and re-titled 'Iconic' meetings, will be increased to \$40,000 per race. These meetings are:

1. 25 January 2014      Wellington Cup Day at Trentham
2. 1 March 2014      New Zealand Derby Day at Ellerslie
3. October 2014      Hawke's Bay Spring Classic Day at Hastings
4. November 2014      New Zealand Cup Day at Riccarton Park
5. 26 December 2014      Boxing Day Races at Ellerslie

In addition, minimum prizemoney for all races at a further 15 Premier meetings, to be titled 'Premier 1' meetings, will be increased to \$30,000. A list of these 15 meetings is listed below.

Twenty-two current Premier meetings, titled 'Premier 2' meetings will be unchanged with minimum prizemoney at \$20,000. Five Premier meetings will revert to Feature status.

From 1 January 2014 minimum prizemoney for all Group 2 races will rise from \$85,000 to \$100,000.

Consistent with these top-end increases, minimum prizemoney for Feature Rating 75 and Rating 85 races will lift from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

Minimum prize-money for Feature Rating 65 races will lift from \$12,500 to \$15,000. These Rating 65-85 increases will be part-funded by Feature maiden races being lowered to \$10,000 (from \$12,500). Special interest funding, including matched prizemoney funding for race clubs, will increase from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

In announcing these increases, Matthew Goodson, Chairman of the NZTR Board, stated: "Since 2011, when our prize-money bottomed, we have put in place a programme to consistently and sustainably increase prizemoney each year. This has been enabled by the improving results of the Racing Board." "From a per race average of \$13,758 in FY11, average NZTR-funded prizemoney per race rose 5.4% to \$14,503 in FY12, by 8.2% to \$15,687 in FY13 and will rise by a further 4.0% to \$16,311 in FY14 when the above increases take effect from 1 January 2014. This 4.0% average per race increase rises further, to 5.7%, when you include the full year effect of free entries from 1 March 2013."

"It is the NZTR Board's long-term goal to deliver a sustainable lift in prizemoney each season, while carefully investing in future growth. Based on expected growth in the Racing Board's distributions to the industry and the full year effect of our increases from 1 January 2014, a further uplift is likely in FY15."

### **Premier 1 Race Meetings**

In addition to minimum prizemoney for all races at New Zealand's top five 'Iconic' race meetings being increased to \$40,000 per race, minimum prizemoney for all races at a further 15 Premier meetings, to be titled 'Premier 1' meetings, will be increased to \$30,000, as follows:

1. 1 January 2014 - New Zealand Herald Christmas Carnival New Year's Day Races at Ellerslie
2. 18 January 2014 - Telegraph Day at Trentham
3. 26 January 2014 - New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Million Twilight Meeting at Ellerslie
4. 8 February 2014 - International Day at Te Rapa

5. 5 March 2014 - Barfoot and Thompson Auckland Cup Day at Ellerslie
6. 8 March 2014 - Diamond Day at Ellerslie
7. 15 March 2014 - Wellfield New Zealand Oaks Ladies Day at Trentham
8. 29 March 2014 - Oaks Manawatu Sires' Produce Day at Awapuni
9. September 2014 - Hawke's Bay Plate Day at Hastings
10. 4 November 2014 - Melbourne Cup Day at Ellerslie
11. November 2014 - Mile Day at Riccarton Park
12. November 2014 - 2000 Guineas Day at Riccarton Park
13. November 2014 - Counties Cup Day at Pukekohe
14. December 2014 - Captain Cook Stakes Day at Trentham
15. December 2014 - Waikato Cup Day at Te Rapa

### **Harry Kasim Wins 2013 Asian Young Guns Challenge Series**

Singapore's Harry Kasim made a triumphant return to New Zealand, which he calls his second home, to win the 2013 Asian Young Guns Challenge Series from New Zealand's Rory Hutchings and third, South Africa's Julius Mariba. Kasim rode successfully in New Zealand for two years and then Australia, before returning to Singapore where he currently leads the Singapore Apprentice Riders' premiership. He was very keen to accept the invitation to return to New Zealand and represent Singapore in the fifth edition of the Asian Guns Challenge Series, an annual event for invited Apprentice Riders from the Asian and Oceanic region.

Eight international and two New Zealand riders took part in this year's event: Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, Malaysia, Korea, Macau and Victoria, Australia travelling to New Zealand to take on New Zealand's Champion Apprentice Rory Hutchings and Miranda Dravitzki, the first female rider to compete in a Young Guns Challenge series.

The Series was decided on points earned across three selected races at today's Waikato Racing Club meeting. The winner of each heat earns 25 points, second 15, then 10 for third, 7 for fourth, 5 for fifth, 3 for sixth, 2 for seventh and 1 each for riders placed eighth, ninth and tenth.

In a close finish to the Asian Young Guns Challenge Kasim picked up points in all three races, winning the opening event on the Dean and Donna Logan-trained Master Ip, finishing fourth on Waipipi Lad in the second race in the series and finishing with a third placing on Denmark in the final race taking Kasim's total to 42; 10 points clear of New Zealand's Rory Hutchings and South Africa's Julius Mariba, who both finished on 32 points.

In what proved to be a very competitive and exciting Series, honours were well shared with Kasim winning the opening event, South Africa's Julius Mariba the second on the Mike Moroney and Chad Ormsby-trained Roll With Pulse and Korea's Kim Hyun Joong the third, in a driving finish, riding Seams Like magic for Graeme and Debbie Rogerson.

### **Vale Barney McCahill**

New Zealand racing lost a high-profile owner and a great character with the recent passing of Bernard (Barney) McCahill.

A native of Donegal, Ireland, he was a successful businessman who co-founded the contracting company Green and McCahill and from humble beginnings it subsequently placed both McCahill and his business partner, the late Hugh Green, on New Zealand's rich list.

They had started in the early 1950s in Wellington by winning a tender to lay cables for the Post and Telegraph Department, followed by another to lay cables around Auckland city. The fledgling Green & McCahill (Contractors) Ltd then bought a digger and expanded into tunnelling, sewage and storm water contracts and grew to become a major operator in infrastructure projects throughout the country.

McCahill, whose son Bernie played 10 test matches for the All Blacks, owned or part-owned a number of top racehorses, including the great stayer Castletown who won three Wellington Cups and placed in the Melbourne and Sydney Cups.

The wonderfully genuine Mickey's Town, the Gr.1 winner of the Captain Cook Stakes, was another top-flight performer while Hot Ice was a Group winning sprinter-miler. He also shared in the ownership of the outstanding Group One winner McGinty and the multiple Group winner Irish Rover. McCahill passed away at his home last Friday after a brief illness. He was 84.

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### Turnover Information for the Period ending 18 August 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
12-Aug	Matamata	22,707		469,525		144,161		7	
14-Aug	Whangarei	39,697		540,536		169,662		7	
15-Aug	Egmont	21,748	17,465	483,914	463,128	121,656	118,106	7	7
16-Aug	Oamaru	11,584		469,673		114,505		6	
17-Aug	Waikato	170,109	132,389	2,113,052	1,783,115	420,189	408,556	9	9

- (1) Matamata RC; last year this meeting was abandoned due to waterlogged track conditions.
- (2) Whangarei RC; last year this was a Waipa RC meeting where there were 7 races.
- (3) Oamaru RC; last year this was an Otago RC meeting that was abandoned due to waterlogged track conditions.
- (4) Otaki-Maori RC; this meeting was due to be held at Trentham on Saturday, but was abandoned due to post-earthquake building structural checks being required.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance / ( )	Variance % / ( % )
Meetings	15	15	0	0.00%
Races	116	123	(7)	(5.69%)
Starters	1,166	1,254	(88)	(7.02%)
Avg Field Size	10.05	10.20	(0.14)	(1.41%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	19	18	1	5.56%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	15,762,355	16,416,997	(654,642)	(3.99%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	1,060,552	1,098,157	(37,605)	(3.42%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>16,822,907</b>	<b>17,515,154</b>	<b>(692,247)</b>	<b>(3.95%)</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	13,481,107	14,329,619	(848,512)	(5.92%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	3,341,800	3,185,535	156,265	4.91%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>145,025</b>	<b>142,400</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>1.84%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>13,967</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>3.30%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>68,819,571</b>	<b>69,593,882</b>	<b>(774,311)</b>	<b>(1.11%)</b>
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>11,852,097</b>	<b>11,404,318</b>	<b>447,779</b>	<b>3.93%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>80,671,668</b>	<b>80,998,200</b>	<b>(326,532)</b>	<b>(0.40%)</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 11 Aug)</b>	<b>9,174,224</b>	<b>10,840,842</b>	<b>(1,666,618)</b>	<b>(15.37%)</b>
<b>Total Races (to 11 Aug)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(13.04%)</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race</b>	<b>114,678</b>	<b>117,835</b>	<b>(3,157)</b>	<b>(2.68%)</b>

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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