



Wednesday 13 November 2013

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: NZTR CHIEF EXECUTIVE GREG PURCELL

On behalf of the Chairman, Board and management of NZTR I'd like to thank all those who made the effort to attend our Racing Club Conference and Annual General Meeting in Wellington last week.

There was an excellent turnout from club and industry representatives on the day, which is a key component of our commitment to absolute accountability and transparency.

It's critically important that we all work together to achieve what's best for thoroughbred racing by taking our internal blinkers off and looking at what's best for our industry with an 'outside in' approach.

On that note, a fascinating presentation came from Rod Street, Chief Executive of Great British Racing, about how that organisation has gone about revitalising interest in racing, as well as a detailed overview of NZTR's Racing Club Partnership Programme - an initiative devised to provide race clubs with a basis for long-term capability development and self-improvement.

These presentations, along with the full range of documents detailing our future strategic and performance targets, are available on our website <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/>.

I would urge all club officials and interested parties who were unable to attend the Racing Club Conference and AGM to get online and take a look.

It's a big week for racing in Canterbury this week. Great weather and great racing is sure to attract big crowds to Riccarton Park for two of our showpiece meetings. Best of luck to the connections of all the horses running.

Congratulations to owners Anne, Khalif, Rick, Sandy and Teneka Hill, trainer Kevin Myers and jockey David Walker following Scapolo's win in today's \$230,000 Group 2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile.

Well done to trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman and the connections of Atlante following his win in the Group 1 \$400,000 Sothys 41st New Zealand 2000 Guineas.

Congratulations, too, to John Sargent, breeder/part-owner Bill Gleeson and other part-owners on Kirramosa's win in the A\$1m Group 1 VRC Oaks at Flemington.

Bill operates Wellfield Lodge stud and took a bit of punt by purchasing Kirramosa's sire Alamosa. He kept him racing in Australia, where he won a Group One, before retiring to stud back here.

Kirramosa is a 3YO and from Alamosa's first crop, so this will give his stud career and the New Zealand breeding industry a huge boost.

Bill and John have been good mates for years - they've raced horses together since John started in Palmerston North some three decades ago - and this will be a significant career highlight for them. There's sure to be more to come.



GROUP ONE LEVIN CLASSIC: NEW DATE AND LOCATION

Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Trentham Racecourse.

Nominations close: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 4pm.

Nominations also close for the G2 Wellington Cup and the G1 Telegraph Handicap on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 4pm.

All nominations and withdrawals to:

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OTAKI MAORI RC STAKES INCREASE: NOVEMBER 14

The following race held by Otaki Maori RC on Thursday 14 November has incurred a stake increase after an application was made by the connections of the horse VESPA.

The details are as follows:

2YO HCP 800m - \$8,000 (was previously \$7,000), with the new breakdown being \$5000, \$1600, \$800, \$400, \$200.

All other conditions pertaining to this race remain unaltered.

MATAMATA RC ADDITIONAL RACE: NOVEMBER 21

Following consultation between NZTR and the Northern Region Programming Committee there has been an additional race added to the programme of the Matamata RC race meeting on Thursday 21 November 2013.

The race is: **Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp 1400m \$8,000 (\$5,000, \$1,600, \$800, \$400, \$200). Nom \$57.50. Acc \$69.00.**

NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK AIRFREIGHT OPERATIONS ROLE

A rare opportunity has arisen to join New Zealand Bloodstock's small Airfreight team based in the Mascot office, near Sydney.

This role requires an efficient administrative operator looking to combine these abilities with their sound thoroughbred horse knowledge and horse handling skills.

This exciting, yet challenging role is semi-autonomous, primarily involving the coordination of all aspects of both the documentation and practical aspects of the air transport of thoroughbred breeding and/or racing stock.

The successful applicant will be a responsible and highly organised individual, with an ability to work to a strict schedule, sometimes under pressure, whilst maintaining excellent working relations with a variety of supporting contractors including airlines, floating companies, vets, government departments, and country

partners to ensure smooth processes.

Previous practical thoroughbred industry experience is preferred, as is a good level of computer literacy.

For a more detailed description of the role please contact reception@nzb.co.nz.

To apply to be part of this great team, please email your cover letter and CV in confidence to Greg Northcott, Airfreight Manager, at greg.northcott@nzb.co.nz by Wednesday 20 November 2013.

RICCARTON PARK RUNNER FOR MELBOURNE CUP WINNING TRAINER

Melbourne Cup winning trainer Gai Waterhouse will be represented by a runner in Saturday's New Zealand Bloodstock 41st New Zealand 1000 Guineas.

The three-year-old filly Role Model has undergone a change of racing ownership to Round Table Racing, a client of the leading Australian trainer, and was officially transferred from Auckland trainers Peter and Dawn Williams on Tuesday.

Peter and Dawn have a long association with Riccarton Park, having previously trained from the venue and prepared Planet Rock to win the 2011 version of the race, while Waterhouse will be saddling her first runner at Riccarton Park.

Bruce Slade, director of Round Table Racing, is an ex-pat Cantabrian who developed his passion for racing at Riccarton Park and actually lived in a house on the property as a youngster.

Role Model flies to Christchurch on Thursday to take her place in Saturday's Group 1 Classic over the metric mile.

NOTICE OF NZ RACING BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REGIONAL MEETINGS

28 November 2013

10.30am-1.30pm

NZ Racing Board

Petone

Wellington

New Zealand Racing Board Chair Glenda Hughes invites interested parties to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Racing Board to be held in Petone from 10.30am on 28 November 2013.

The Meeting will feature the release of the 2012/13 Annual Report by Glenda Hughes and an address by the Honourable Nathan Guy, Minister for Racing.

The Meeting is scheduled to finish around 1.30pm.

Presentations from the Meeting will be filmed for subsequent broadcast on Trackside. Those unable to attend the Meeting will be able to view, or record for later viewing, these special broadcasts on the Trackside television channel at 3am on Saturday, 7 December and again at 1am on Sunday, 8 December 2013.

In order to ensure numbers can be accommodated, a RSVP is requested before November 11 by emailing your name to agm@nzracingboard.co.nz.

Regional Meetings will be held in your area to report a summary of the 2012/13 Annual Report highlights.

The following meetings are scheduled:

Monday, December 9 at 11am: Hobson Room, Alexandra Park Racecourse, Auckland

Tuesday, December 10 at 11am: Kentucky Lounge, Te Rapa Racecourse, Hamilton

Wednesday, December 11 at 11am: Silks Lounge, Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North
Thursday, December 12 at 11am: Blossom Lady Lounge, Addington Racecourse, Christchurch
Friday, December 13 at 10am: Takitimu Room, Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill

Those wishing to attend one of these meetings should email regionalsvp@nzracingboard.co.nz by November 25.

TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 10 NOVEMBER 2013)

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
5-Nov	Otago	215,494	218,865	1,074,464	1,234,809	226,526	247,916	9	10	91	100
5-Nov	Otaki-Maori	94,589	88,785	1,122,155	1,100,623	208,083	225,958	9	9	110	89
5-Nov	Auckland	664,252	789,110	2,581,347	2,914,164	596,551	581,224	10	10	126	132
6-Nov	Waikato@PAER	-	35,141	-	589,596	-	169,766	-	7	-	69
8-Nov	Rotorua	38,581	-	698,128	-	212,355	-	9	-	84	-
9-Nov	Waikato	130,739	125,807	1,400,510	1,602,988	398,401	379,553	9	11	123	132
9-Nov	Canterbury	301,351	335,755	1,791,019	2,034,660	653,914	600,391	10	10	116	115
10-Nov	Hawke's Bay	61,352	-	717,058	-	261,586	-	8	-	75	-

- Otago RC Melbourne Cup Day ran 9 races this season, 10 races last season.
- Waikato RC at Paeroa Wednesday meeting abandoned due to surface water and heavy rain.
- Racing Rotorua Friday meeting had no direct equivalent last season.
- Waikato RC Saturday meeting had 9 races in FY14, 11 in FY13.
- Hawke's Bay RI Sunday meeting no direct equivalent last season.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	96	97	(1)	(1.03%)
Races	792	830	(38)	(4.58%)
Total Starts	8,289	8,708	(419)	(4.81%)
Avg Field Size	10.47	10.49	(0.03)	(0.24%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	123	106	17	16.04%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	104,871,750	110,184,151	(5,312,400)	(4.82%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	7,808,202	8,485,734	(677,532)	(7.98%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	112,679,952	118,669,885	(5,989,932)	(5.05%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	87,792,358	95,113,416	(7,321,058)	(7.70%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	24,887,580	23,556,469	1,331,111	5.65%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	142,273	142,976	(703)	(0.49%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,594	13,628	(34)	(0.25%)
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	423,863,911	427,929,690	(4,065,779)	(0.95%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	77,361,353	72,013,957	5,347,396	7.43%
Total NZRB Turnover	501,225,264	499,943,647	1,281,617	0.26%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 Oct)	79,369,250	98,923,195	(19,553,945)	(19.77%)
Total Races (to 31 Oct)	694	714	(20)	(2.80%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	114,365	138,548	(24,183)	(17.45%)

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 5.1% year to date.
- With 38 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has declined by a smaller 0.5%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 419, 4.8% less.
- Average field size is down marginally from 10.49 in FY13 to 10.47 in FY14, 0.03 (0.2%) less. Field sizes for the week were 0.19 up on the same week last season.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 17 higher than a season ago, an improvement of 4 from the week prior.

- Decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 7.7%) has been partly mitigated by an increase in FOB turnover (up 5.7%).
- Export turnover per race to 31 October is down (17.4%). The main contributors to this is the variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate and a loss in coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.

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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