

Wednesday 17 April 2013

From the Horse's Mouth

Dundeel Wins Australian Derby

Congratulations to Murray Baker and James McDonald for New Zealand owned and trained colt Dundeel's dominating win in the \$1.5 million Group 1 ATC Australian Derby at Randwick last Saturday. Dundeel is the first horse since Octagonal and the fifth in history to take out the Sydney triple crown with wins in the \$500,000 Group 1 Rosehill Guineas, \$500,000 Group 1 Randwick Guineas and Group 1 Australian Derby.

Jumps Racing Kicks Off Tomorrow

The 2013 New Zealand jumps racing season kicks off in the South Island this Thursday at Otago with an open entry hurdle over 2700 metres and an open entry steeplechase over 3200 metres, as the first of two lead-up races to the \$30,000 Great Western Steeplechase over 4000 metres and \$30,000 Great Western Hurdle over 2600 metres at Riverton on Sunday 12 May 2013.

Maximum Jumps Topweight Condition – Waikato 5 May

After consultation between NZTR, NZ Jumps Inc & the Waikato Racing Club, it has been agreed that with the possibility that horses targeting the Premier PJR Waikato Hurdle & the Waikato Steeplechase races on 18 May will be nominated for the Open Entry Hurdle/Steeplechase to be run at Waikato on Saturday 4 May, a maximum top weight of 70kg will be applied to the Restricted Open Steeple/Hurdle on Saturday 4 May; but only if there are sufficient nominations to divide either the Open Entry Steeplechase/Hurdle race and an additional Maiden Steeple or Maiden Hurdle race is provided.

If there are insufficient nominations to divide either the Open Entry Steeple/Hurdle, the maximum topweight condition will not apply in the event that only the one Steeple/Hurdle option is conducted.

Stakeholders Meeting – Potential Resumption of Racing at Rangiora

An open invitation is extended to all interested stakeholders to attend a meeting at Riccarton Park Racecourse on Friday 19 April 2013 at 1pm.

The purpose of the meeting, which is to be chaired by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing ('NZTR'), is to discuss the Rangiora Racecourse and the potential resumption of a race meeting at that venue.

NZTR Chief Executive, Greg Purcell, will chair the meeting which will also be attended by NZTR Venue Inspector, Garry Foskett, and racecourse consultant and agronomist Jim Murphy of TurfTech.

The venue will be the Gloaming Room, Club Grandstand.

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 3pm.

Ocean Park Secured by Waikato Stud

Waikato Stud has added further Group One firepower to their stallion roster with Ocean Park to take up residence at the Chittick family's Matamata nursery.

The son of Thorn Park is their second major signing of 2013 with the earlier announcement of Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner Rock 'N' Pop joining an already formidable line-up.

Ocean Park is now the second Gr.1 Cox Plate winner on the team and will stand alongside the 2004 Moonee Valley hero Savabeel and champion Waikato Stud servants O'Reilly and Pins.

In his five Group One wins alone he beat 29 individual Group One winners, who have won an amazing 67 Group One races.

The Trelawney Stud-bred colt won eight races from 15 starts to earn \$A2,799,817 for owners Andrew Wong, Stephen Yan and Hennessy, who have retained an interest.

Out of the Zabeel mare Sayyida, Ocean Park hails from one of New Zealand's most successful female families that features O'Reilly within its ranks.

Ocean Park will stand at Waikato Stud this season for NZ\$30,000 plus GST.

Te Rapa Punting Competition - Saturday 18 May

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Enter a team in the Te Rapa Punting Competition and be in to win prizemoney totalling \$4,500 (First prize \$3,000, second prize \$1,000, third prize \$500).

Entry \$500 (maximum of four persons).

Complimentary beer/wine/luncheon for all contestants.

All enquiries to Faye Bax, Waikato Racing Club, Phone 07 849 8807 /027 240 9655 / faye@teraparacing.co.nz

TRAC Racing Marketing and Event Management Assistant

The TRAC Racing Group is seeking an enthusiastic individual to provide administration, logistical and event management support to the Marketing and Sponsorship Manager and Racing Club Office Managers at racing venues including Taupo, Rotorua, Tauranga, Te Aroha and Thames.

Based in the Bay of Plenty, this busy, role will have you involved in a variety of activities from dealing with racing club staff and committees, developing and implementing administration procedures to support the marketing and sponsorship function, raceday setup and event management, managing our sponsorship and hospitality clients and the on-going management and enhancement of our website.

The role will involve working on some Saturday's, Sunday's and Public Holiday's, depending on the make up of the racing calendar.

The ideal applicant will have:

- excellent communication skills;
- strong planning, prioritisation and co-ordination skills;
- the ability to build effective relationships with sponsors, hospitality clients, suppliers and other key contacts;
- excellent computer skills particularly with Microsoft products including Publisher and Excel;
- website management experience;
- Social Media management skills
- a tertiary marketing qualification and/or previous experience in an event management and/or marketing role;
- an understanding of the racing industry;
- Current drivers licence for a manual vehicle.

If you thrive on variety and challenge and work well in a close knit team environment we would like to hear from you. Applications close on Friday 26 April. To apply please send your application to:

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Turnover Information for the Period ending 14 April 2013

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
8/4	Taranaki (1)	29,082		396,656		154,545		78	
9/4	Otago (2)	9,564		346,311		147,027		65	
10/4	Waikato (3)	37,382		542,364		202,805		80	
11/4	S/Canterbury (4)	18,497		537,837		145,572		99	
12/4	Manawatu (5)	55,626	4.7%	883,703	9.1%	276,704	10.8%	115	12.7%
13/4	Wellington (6)	106,479		961,496		238,919		91	
13/4	Auckland	152,482	23.4%	1,651,362	5.8%	505,171	3.2%	111	9.8%

- (1) Taranaki TR; there were 8 races this year. Last year this was Easter Monday, with racemeetings at Auckland and Riverton where there were 9 races at both meetings.
- (2) Otago RC; there were 7 races this year. Last year this was an Otaki-Maori RC meeting at which there were 7 races.
- (3) Waikato RC; raced at Paeroa, where there were 8 races. Last year this was a Racing Rotorua meeting at which there were 8 races.
- (4) South Canterbury RC; there were 9 races this year. Last year this was an Otago RC meeting at which there were 8 races.
- (5) Manawatu RC; there were 9 races this year, compared to 8 races last year.
- (6) Wellington RC; there were 9 races this year. Last year this was a Canterbury Racing meeting at which there were 9 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,157	2,226	(69)	(3.10%)
Starters	22,306	23,403	(1,097)	(4.69%)
Avg Field Size	10.34	10.51	(0.17)	(1.64%)
Off-Course Turnover	230,054,237	239,166,544	(9,112,307)	(3.81%)
On-Course Turnover	27,025,159	28,547,767	(1,522,608)	(5.33%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	257,079,396	267,714,311	(10,634,915)	(3.97%)
Fixed Odds	69,802,705	52,247,332	+17,555,373	+33.60%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	326,882,101	319,961,643	+6,920,458	+2.16%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	151,545	143,738	+7,806	+5.43%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,654	13,672	+983	+7.19%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,074,882,424	986,050,139	+88,832,285	+9.01%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	168,701,993	166,024,667	+2,677,326	+1.61%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,243,584,417	1,152,074,806	+91,509,611	+7.94%

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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