

Wednesday 19 June 2013

From The Horse's Mouth

Weather conditions continue to impact racing activities with the abandonment of race meetings at Oamaru and Riccarton this week.

With six weeks of winter still remaining, thoroughbred racing has already experienced sixteen meeting abandonments, the highest number of abandonments in more than a decade and three times more than the annual average.

Weather conditions have impacted:

- Race numbers with -70 less races conducted as compared with last season (prior to the abandonment of Oamaru and Riccarton);
- Average field size down -0.17 per race from 10.55 in FY12 to 10.38 in FY13;
- NZRB turnovers have been impacted by the -2.5% reduction in races conducted. NZRB domestic turnover on New Zealand thoroughbred races is up just +2.0% in aggregate terms and +4.6% on a per race basis;
- Export turnovers have also been affected by the reduction in races conducted. Australian totalisator sales on New Zealand thoroughbred racing is up just +2.6% in aggregate terms and +5.0% on a per race basis.

Despite the reduction of -70 races, aggregate prizemoney paid to date was \$46.1 million, an increase of +\$2.5 million (or +5.7%) compared to \$43.6 million for the same period last season.

Vale Tony Timpson ONZM

A man described as “one of the gentlemen of thoroughbred racing” has died. Tony Timpson ONZM, the name behind Cavalier Carpets raced horses with his good friend Peter Walker. The two raced horses in syndicates that included at various times Alistair Sutherland and Sir Patrick Hogan.

“He was a wonderful person to race horses with, he was never a moaner, he accepted all the highs and lows,” says Peter Walker, “we had a lot of fun together and of course some thrilling moments with many horses.” Some of the horses they owned included Fully Fledged the winner of four black type races, The Heckler winner of the Karaka Million, On the Level who ran third in the NZ Derby, Heza Karma Karzi, Yourin and Hoofit. He was a loyal sponsor at Te Rapa.

Tony also raced a number of horses with his partner Sheryl Siburn, including recently, the McKee trained Irish Opera.

Canterbury Racing - Saturday 22 June Racemeeting Abandoned

The Canterbury Jockey Club (Canterbury Racing-Amberley) racemeeting scheduled for Saturday 22 June 2013 at the Riccarton Park Racecourse has been abandoned.

The inclement weather conditions which commenced on Saturday and intensified on Sunday and Monday deposited in excess of 122mm of rainfall on the racecourse and its surrounds by Monday night. This resulted in a water-logged course proper and training tracks with flooding and surface water in places.

Whilst the surface water dissipated during a fine Tuesday there was insufficient further drainage and/or drying to improve the racing surface from its extremely wet condition.

With rain falling on Wednesday morning and the weather forecast providing no respite, in fact there is a prediction of worsening conditions prior to the weekend, the Club has taken the decision not to proceed with Saturday's fixture.

The loss of a feature raceday and the \$130,000 in stakemoney is being minimised by the decision of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing to upgrade the next three racedays in the region.

The Waimate Racing Club meeting on Friday 28 June will be upgraded to a Tier 2 feature meeting with an injection of \$13,000 to the advertised stakemoney and the Ashburton Racing Club meeting on Friday 5 July will be upgraded to a feature meeting with an additional \$45,000 added to the advertised stakes.

NZTR will also upgrade the South Canterbury Racing Club meeting on Friday 12 July 2013 to Tier2 Feature status and will look to divide race to provide additional racing opportunities as required for the remainder of the season.

Abbreviated programmes for the next three racemeetings in the Canterbury area are:

Waimate Racing Club, Friday 28 June 2013

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| • Benchmark Rating 85 Hcp | 1800m | \$14,000 | <i>Waimate Cup</i> |
| • Benchmark Rating 85 Hcp | 1200m | \$12,000 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp | 1200m | \$10,000 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp | 1800m | \$8,000 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp | 1200m | \$8,000 | |
| • Jumpers Flat Hcp | 2600m | \$8,000 | <i>New race, 54kg min, flat riders</i> |
| • Maiden SW | 1800m | \$7,000 | |
| • Maiden SW | 1200m | \$7,000 | |
| • 2YO Hcp | 1200m | \$8,000 | |

Ashburton RC, Friday 5 July 2013

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| • Open Hcp | 2100m | \$25,000 | |
| • Open Hcp | 1400m | \$25,000 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp | 2100m | \$15,000 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp | 1600m | \$15,000 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp | 2100m | \$12,500 | |
| • Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp | 1400m | \$12,500 | |
| • Maiden SW | 1600m | \$12,500 | |
| • Maiden SW | 1400m | \$12,500 | <i>New race</i> |
| • Maiden SW | 1200m | \$12,500 | <i>Changed from Fillies and Mares</i> |

South Canterbury Racing Club, Friday 12 July 2013

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| • Benchmark Rating 85 Hcp | 1600m | \$12,000 |
| • Benchmark Rating 85 Hcp | 1200m | \$12,000 |
| • Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp | 2100m | \$8,000 |
| • Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp | 1200m | \$8,000 |
| • Maiden SW | 1600m | \$7,000 |
| • Maiden SW | 1200m | \$7,000 |
| • SP Cond Open Entry Hurdle | 3000m | TBC |
| • SP Cond Open Entry Steeple | 4280m | TBC |

Otaki-Maori RC at Trentham Moves from Friday 19 June to Saturday 20 June

NZTR in consultation with RACE has transferred the Otaki-Maori meeting at Trentham from Friday to Saturday with the meeting upgraded to feature stakes. There are no changes to the advertised programme for Trentham – other than stakes.

This meeting was shifted to Saturday to provide two domestic thoroughbred meetings in New Zealand on Saturday.

Central Region Venue Trials Change

Tuesday 25 June 2013 - Was Otaki, Now Foxton

The trials on Tuesday 25 June originally programmed for Otaki have been transferred to Foxton. The change has been made to facilitate the ongoing drainage work on the track at Otaki.

Nominations for the trials close at 12 noon, Monday 24 June.

High Profile Thoroughbred Racing Administrator to Lead RACE Group

Experienced international racing administrator, Alasdair Robertson, has been appointed Chief Executive of the RACE Group, the umbrella grouping of the Manawatu, Marton, Feilding, Rangitikei, Otaki and Wellington Racing Clubs.

Alasdair Robertson will commence his role on 12 August 2013.

RACE Board Chairman John Henderson said Alasdair was an exceptional appointment.

“We are delighted to be able to appoint someone of Alasdair’s experience and calibre.”

“Alasdair has a strong background in thoroughbred racing and marketing. He has spent the last three years as Chief Executive of the Melbourne Racing Club, one of Australia’s leading thoroughbred Racing Clubs. This Club is the home of the BMW Caulfield Cup among other notable Group races of international standing and comprises three racecourse and event venues, being Caulfield, Sandown and Mornington.”

“During his time at the Melbourne Racing Club, Alasdair focused on building its brand profile, so that the Club became recognised as an Australian leader in innovation, customer service, racing quality and support for owners and trainers. He managed the merger between the Melbourne Racing Club and Mornington Racing Club and also managed and gained planning approvals for Melbourne Racing Club’s Caulfield Village property development. This development has created net income flows to the Melbourne Racing Club, with net revenue to the Club expected to be in excess of \$100 million over the next 10 years.”

Between 2004 and 2010 Alasdair Robertson was Chief Executive of the Western Australian Turf Club (Perth Racing), the leading thoroughbred Racing Club in Western Australia, conducting 92 race meetings per annum at their two metropolitan venues of Ascot and Belmont Park.

He has also been involved in the pip fruit industry as Chief Executive of Worldwide Fruit (1999 – 2004), a joint venture between three significant global fruit businesses (Enza New Zealand, Northcourt Farmers Cooperative UK and Geest PLC UK).

Prior to this, Alasdair served as General Manager of Enza International and for a period was Marketing Manager of the New Zealand Lotteries Commission.

Alasdair’s lifelong interest in racing commenced when he was Head Lad for Jeff Lynds’ thoroughbred racing stable in Palmerston North and a Stud Groom at Colonial Park Stud, Manawatu.

He has joint New Zealand and United Kingdom nationality and has a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration (Business and Marketing) from Victoria University in Wellington.

Royal Ascot – Trackside Schedule

Wednesday Night June 19

Three races live including the G1 Prince of Wales’s Stakes

Thursday Night June 20

Three races live including the G1 Gold Cup

Friday Night June 21

Three races live including the G1 Coronation Stakes

Saturday Night June 22

Three races live including the G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes

The above includes **ALL** Ascot Group One races. **The full card from each day at Ascot will be replayed on Trackside.** First play at the following times:

Day 1 10.30am Trackside Wednesday
Day 2 9.30am Trackside Thursday
Day 3 10.00am Trackside Friday
Day 4 8am Trackside Sunday
Day 5 12 Midnight Sunday

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Thoroughbred Racing Monthly - Editorial Online

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- The race replays are embedded in the Race Review articles for ease of access (click on the Race Name).
- Share articles on social media or send to your friends
- View on your computer, mobile or tablet
- Please note this requires flash player to view.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 16 June 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12
10-Jun	Waverley	22,197	-	379,166	-	138,496	-	7	-	75	-
12-Jun	Whangarei	77,823	-	821,363	-	278,297	-	10	-	134	-
13-Jun	Wanganui	27,508	47,202	617,891	659,414	184,107	120,985	9	10	100	98
14-Jun	S Canterbury	16,989	17,943	442,169	438,813	153,227	99,333	8	8	79	78
15-Jun	Auckland	110,345	122,276	1,157,051	1,466,831	256,349	282,554	7	9	83	106
15-Jun	Manawatu	105,208	130,479	1,033,985	1,093,292	272,247	191,185	8	8	88	88

- (1) Waverley RC; last year this was a Hawke's Bay RI meeting at which there were 7 races.
- (2) Whangarei RC; last year this was a Racing Te Aroha meeting at which there were 9 races.
- (3) Auckland RC; the last race was abandoned due to unsafe track conditions.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	322	315	+7	2.22%
Races	2,701	2,771	(70)	(2.53%)
Starters	28,037	29,241	(1,204)	(4.12%)
Avg Field Size	10.38	10.55	(0.17)	(1.63%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	390	458	(68)	(14.85%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	356,132,701	346,371,840	+9,760,861	2.82%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	34,702,559	36,958,965	(2,256,406)	(6.11%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	390,835,259	383,330,805	+7,504,455	1.96%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	308,720,613	321,813,466	(13,092,853)	(4.07%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	82,114,646	61,517,339	+20,597,307	33.48%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	144,700	138,337	+6,364	4.60%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,940	13,109	+831	6.34%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,317,882,566	1,219,070,609	+98,811,957	8.11%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	217,554,314	213,936,993	+3,617,321	1.69%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,535,436,880	1,433,007,602	+102,429,278	7.15%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 31 May)	320,204,074	312,220,732	+7,983,343	+2.56%
Total Races (to 31 May)	2,562	2,623	(61)	(2.33%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race	124,982	119,032	+5,950	+5.00%

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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