



**Wednesday 25 January 2012**

### **Des Friedrich Appointed to NZTR Board**

Experienced Racing administrator Des Friedrich has been appointed to the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Board.

Mr Friedrich has spent 33 years working in the racing industry here and in Australia and for the past year has lived in the Taranaki, where he is a Director and General Manager for Tuscany Construction NZ Ltd, which is the licensee for Platinum Homes.

Peter Francis, Chairman of the New Zealand Members' Council, said that Des Friedrich was appointed from a strong list of candidates that had put their name forward to fill the vacancy on the NZTR Board following the resignation of Dean McKenzie late last year.

Des Friedrich said that he was looking forward to making a positive contribution to the New Zealand Racing industry. Friedrich served seven years as an Executive Director on the Australian Racing Board while CEO of the racing industry in the Northern Territory of Australia and was the Chief Executive of Hawke's Bay Racing from 1988 to 1996.

NZTR Chairman Matthew Goodson said he welcomed the appointment of Des Friedrich to the Board, given his extensive industry knowledge, marketing and management experience.

### **Southland RC – Saturday 18 February - Stake Increases**

The Southland Racing Club has confirmed that the **Invercargill Gold Cup**, Open Handicap, 2600m will now be run for an increased stake of \$25,000 at its racemeeting on Saturday 18 February 2012.

The stake for the **Southland Guineas**, 3YO, 1600m, has also been increased to \$47,750.

### **Otaki Trials – Wednesday 8 February, not Tuesday 16 February**

The latest Central Region Programming Booklet (covering the period Feb to May 2012) inadvertently shows the next trials in the Central Region as being programmed for Tuesday 16 February at Otaki. The correct date for these trials is Wednesday 8 February. Nominations close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 7 February.

### **Cambridge JC Trials – Re-Scheduled to Thursday 23 February**

Following consultation between Cambridge JC, the Northern Regional Programming Committee and NZTR, the trials previously programmed for Cambridge on Tuesday 21 February 2012 have been re-scheduled to now be run on Thursday 23 February. Nominations close with the national Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Wednesday 22 February.

This change has been deemed necessary as a result of a lack of availability of barrier staff on the originally programmed date.

## Feature Race Nominations and Withdrawals Information

### Auckland RC

Second withdrawals for the Telecom New Zealand Derby close with the National Racing Bureau at 11 am on Tuesday 7 February.

Final late nominations for the Stella Artois Auckland Cup close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 7 February.

### The Oaks Stud 104th Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes - Saturday 31 March

First nominations for The Oaks Stud 104<sup>th</sup> Sires Produce Stakes close with the National Racing Bureau on Tuesday 14 February at 4 pm. Nomination fee is \$287.50.

Please click [here](#) for full information.

### Turnover Information for the Period ending 22 January 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
18/1	Whangarei	63,665	16.2%	621,056	14.3%	175,682	8.6%	70	12.5%
19/1	Taranaki (1)	48,744	6.8%	570,347	6.3%	114,897	3.2%	75	8.7%
20/1	Matamata (2)	45,102	11.4%	723,634	5.7%	120,934	9.6%	90	15.9%
21/1	Counties	114,436	1.8%	1,096,479	2.0%	218,525	16.4%	99	5.3%
21/1	Wellington	433,341	0.6%	2,427,760	13.2%	500,782	10.4%	136	6.3%
21/1	Gore	83,705	21.8%	934,376	12.4%	147,660	29.0%	123	10.8%

- (1) Taranaki JC; 8 races this year, in comparison with 7 races last year.
- (2) Racing Matamata; 8 races this year, in comparison with 9 races last year.

Racing turnover was down 1.6% (-\$413k) for the week, Racing Tote was down 4.4% (-\$1.02m) with Domestic tote down 2.6% (-\$344k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 5.1% (-\$386k) with the same number of meetings and races and just four more horse starts (+0.7%). The Group 1 J & N Berkett Telegraph Handicap at Trentham was the largest betting race for the week with turnover (tote and FOB) of \$628k. This was down 33% on last year (\$934k).

FOB Racing was up 23% (+\$602k) last week (up 23% or \$444k domestically).

Unfortunately the **Thoroughbred Summary – Year To Date** information is not available at time of publication.

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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