



FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015

FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires Produce day is Awapuni Racecourse's biggest raceday. The premier meeting has a minimum stake of \$30,000 and features the \$200,000 Group One Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes for two year olds. The feature event includes Selfie, Rocanto, Nahema and Strata Lady.

The \$70,000 Group Three Higgins Manawatu Classic will highlight an exceptional crop of three year olds. Many of the runners will be using the race as a stepping stone to a potential Australian campaign. Francis Drake, Werther and Aotearower are progressive types looking to validate themselves at black type level, while Charmont, Dee I Cee and Exquisite Jewel are already proven. The race has produced Time Keeper and Survived as subsequent Group One winners.

The \$100,000 Ezibuy Awapuni Gold Cup includes three Group One winners and key progressive types. Nashville and Iamishwara look to get back their winning ways, however King Krovanh appears to be a headlining type who will test. The five year old Fastnet Rock gelding has registered wins over Maygrove and a close second to subsequent Group One winner Sahkee's Soldier. The form alone highlights his class and carrying 55kg surely places him in a top tier finish. The race is at 5.17pm.

Tickets available at <http://www.awapuniracing.co.nz/manawatu-sires-produce-stakes.aspx>

EXEMPTION FOR WINNER OF THE COURTESY FORD MANAWATU SIRES PRODUCE STAKES - 28 MARCH 2015

The winner/s of the Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes on 28 March 2015 will be exempt from the ballot for the BMW Australia J J Atkins (Group 1 1600m \$600,000 2YO) to be held at Doomben on 6 June 2015.

2015 NEW ZEALAND RACECOURSE MANAGERS' CONFERENCE ON 10-12 MAY IN INVERCARGILL

The Racecourse Managers' Association's (NZRMA) Conference will be held in Invercargill on 10-12 May. Two major issues will be covered in depth at this year's Conference:

1. Irrigation and how it affects the performance of racecourses, particularly in light of more and more issues with climate.
2. Occupational Health and Safety in anticipation of new legislation in 2015. The Conference will look at requirements under the new law and what we will need to do to abide by the new law.

For more information contact Alan Chapman, NZRMA Chairman, PO Box 11-137, Sockburn, Christchurch 8443 / alan@riccartonpark.co.nz / (027) 249 5833

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUND (RSDF) APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 31 MARCH

A reminder to all clubs that application to the 2nd round of the RSDF closes on 31 March 2015.

Please go to <http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Crown-Funds---Racing-Safety-Development-Fund#Who> for all information on the RSDF, including what projects fit the purpose of the fund, who may apply and what you need to apply. Clubs are encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

As previously noted, The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is introducing a new online process to facilitate applications to the RSDF. All details on this and a connection to the 'RealMe' online system are available at the above address.

CHANGES TO RULE 707 - BETTING BY RIDERS

Following consultation on proposed changes to Rule 707 with industry stakeholders, the Racing Integrity Unit, Judicial Control Authority and the Racing Board, further changes have been made to Rule 707 - Betting by Riders.

Riders are no longer permitted to bet on any race under the Rules of Racing. Previously Riders were not permitted to bet on any race run on a day on which a Rider was riding in a race.

A Rider may bet (other than on a race under the Rules of Racing) provided the Rider places the bet through his or her betting account with an Authorised Wagering Operator (as defined in the Rules) using his or her mobile phone or any other electronic communication device including a smartphone, laptop, personal computer, tablet, pager or similar device. Amateur Riders are permitted to bet on races other than any race in which he or she is riding.

These changes bring New Zealand into closer alignment with the Rules in Australia and other major racing jurisdictions.

AUSTRALIAN RACING CONFERENCE 2015 - BRISBANE 21 - 23 MAY

The Australian Racing Conference is the largest national symposium for the thoroughbred racing industry. It brings together racing administrators, clubs, track managers, commercial stakeholders, media and government, owners, breeders and racing enthusiasts to discuss and debate topical issues and key areas of administration relevant to the industry.

The conference will be held at the Sofitel Brisbane Central between 21 - 23 May.

The conference programme will include international speakers and leading Australian sporting authorities including Dr Bernie Mullin, CEO of The Aspire Group and Gillon McLachlan, CEO of the Australian Football League. View the full conference program [here](#)

Registration \$1,430 incl GST to include two full conference days, the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner and a day in The Birdcage at the Doomben 10,000 Race Day function. Go to: 61 7 3858 5400 or email mailto:arc2015@offsiteconnections.com

The program at a glance:

1. Thursday, 21 May 2015 - Full programme of speakers will address topical racing issues followed by the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner
2. Friday, 22 May 2015 - Delegates will break into streams followed by networking drinks and then a free evening to explore Brisbane. Streams include Racing Administrators/ PRAs/ Race Clubs, National Racing Training, Racecourse Managers, Racing Ministers, Stewards/ Integrity
3. Saturday, 23 May 2015 - Day at the Brisbane Racing Club's Group 1 Doomben 10,000 Day at Doomben Racecourse in The Birdcage situated trackside.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
18-Mar	Whangarei	38,104	31,811	402,790	575,037	321,705	233,869	8	8	55	78
19-Mar	South Canterbury	7,818	11,877	304,294	395,208	197,479	155,992	7	7	55	63
20-Mar	Waipukurau	36,089	14,505	520,071	153,983	251,057	66,737	8	3	80	24
21-Mar	Tauranga	137,068	195,295	1,325,562	1,650,879	573,003	538,925	9	9	83	93
21-Mar	Canterbury	96,372	107,926	978,321	1,084,684	406,539	300,214	10	9	100	105
22-Mar	Waverley	70,557	63,868	685,630	534,375	297,322	188,141	8	8	79	65

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /0	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	223	231	(8)	(3.46%)
Races	1,874	1,908	(34)	(1.78%)
Total Starts	19,430	19,800	(370)	(1.87%)
Avg Field Size	10.37	10.38	(0.01)	(0.09%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	314	314	0	0.00%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	281,432,956	274,287,744	7,145,212	2.61%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	26,714,519	27,729,333	(1,014,813)	(3.66%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	308,147,476	302,017,077	6,130,399	2.03%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	219,428,496	230,980,665	(11,552,169)	(5.00%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	88,292,175	71,036,397	17,255,778	24.29%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	164,433	158,290	6,143	3.88%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,859	15,253	606	3.97%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,122,541,633	1,015,136,408	107,405,225	10.58%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	251,116,705	175,913,432	75,203,273	42.75%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,373,658,338	1,191,049,840	182,608,498	15.33%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 15 Mar)	231,245,589	217,323,849	13,921,740	6.41%
Total Races (to 15 Mar)	1,824	1,865	(41)	(2.20%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	126,779	116,528	10,252	8.80%

Meeting details:

- Whangarei RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run by Counties RC at Pukekohe last season.
- Waipukurau JC Friday meeting ran 8 races in FY15; the equivalent meeting was abandoned after 3 races in FY14 due to an inconsistent racing surface.
- Canterbury Racing Saturday meeting ran 10 races this season, 9 last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.0% year to date.
- 8 less meetings and 34 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 3.9%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 370, 1.9% less.
- Average field size is 10.37 in FY15, down from 10.38 (0.1%) in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now the same as the season prior (314).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.0%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.3%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.8% per race to 28 February.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.

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