



Wednesday 23 October 2013

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

Feature racing moves from Hawke's Bay to Trentham this long weekend with the Group 2 Buffalo Man Wellington Guineas and the Group 3 Golden Homes Thompson Handicap.

Then we head south to Riccarton in November for the running of the \$400,000 Group 1 Sothys 2000 Guineas for 3YOs over 1600m on November 9, the \$230,000 Group 2 Couplands Bakery Mile on November 13 and the \$350,000 Group 1 New Zealand Bloodstock 100 Guineas for 3YO fillies over 1600m and the 150th running of the \$250,000 Group 3 New Zealand Cup over 3200m on November 16.

An exciting crop of 3YOs headed by Allez Eagle, Cosmic Cube, All Decked Out, Chambord, Atlante, King's Rock, Gobi Ranger, Sacred Park and Weregoingetogetcha and Lord Turbo are targeting the 2000 Guineas, with Bounding, Spellbinder, Fantastic Honour, Costa Viva, Miss Foxwood, Stella's Honour and Role Model targeting the 1000 Guineas.

All the best to the Canterbury Jockey Club and the connections of all horses running during the New Zealand Cup Carnival.

All the best, too, to Murray Baker, Andrew Forsman and James McDonald, who take It's A Dundee into Saturday's Cox Plate as favourite. It's a shame that Atlantic Jewel has been scratched from the race, in what would've been a sensational rematch, but it's still a boost for Dundee as he looks to emulate fellow Kiwi Ocean Park in last year's race.

2013 NZTR RACING CLUB CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2013 NZTR Racing Club Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held from 10.30am on Thursday, November 7 in the Oceania Room on Level 3 at Te Papa, Cable Street in Wellington.

The Racing Club Conference is open to **any number** of club committee members, club staff and sector organisation representatives wishing to attend.

The club conference will feature three sessions, with speakers and presentations including:

Session 1: Marketing Racing

- Marketing the Sport of Racing and the Racecourse Customer Experience - Rod Street, CEO, Great British Racing
- NZ Thoroughbred Marketing-NZTR Domestic Marketing Plan for NZ Racing – Andrew Birch, CEO, NZTM

Session 2: The Racing Club Partnership Programme

- Introduction to the NZTR Racing Club Partnership Programme
- On-course Event Marketing within the Racing Club Partnership, NZRB
- NZTR Racing Club Survey
- Essentials for Good Racing Club Governance – Graeme Nahkies, co-founder of Boardworks International, Corporate Governance Consultancy
- Proposed Amendments to the Incorporated Societies Act – Professor Geoff McLay, Commissioner, Law Commission

Session 3: Strategies for Revenue Growth

- NZ Racing Board Broadcasting Strategy - Glen Broomhall, GM, Broadcasting, NZ Racing Board
- NZ Racing Board Strategic Plan - Chris Bayliss, CEO, NZ Racing Board

Committee members and staff from racing clubs and industry sector organisations wishing to attend the conference and AGM are requested to complete the attendance form [HERE](#) and return to amanda.patmore@nzracing.co.nz or fax to 04 568 8866 or mail to Amanda Patmore, NZTR, PO Box 38386, Wellington Mail Centre 5045 by **midday on Wednesday, 30 October 2013**.

WANGANUI JC – ADDITIONAL RACE

An additional race has been carded at Wanganui JC on Thursday, October 31. This is to cater for the number of horses nominated for Wellington RC in the R65 1400.

New race – R65 Benchmark 1340 – \$7,000

Nominations for Wanganui JC close with the National Racing Bureau at midday on Monday, October 28.

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:

National Racing Bureau

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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 13 OCTOBER 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
14-Oct	Waikato at Paeroa	32,687		516,982		239,852		8		84	
16-Oct	Avondale	18,604		380,321		177,044		7		51	
17-Oct	Woodville	26,201	26,707	647,052	675,441	225,677	189,368	9	9	98	81
18-Oct	Tauranga	49,418	38,049	668,726	673,297	240,891	210,585	8	7	81	65
19-Oct	Rotorua	105,423	121,129	1,497,987	1,709,003	470,204	379,084	9	10	103	113
19-Oct	Ashburton	52,237	44,496	928,992	882,815	343,226	261,474	10	10	127	123
19-Oct	Otaki	93,033		943,350		230,186		8		88	

- Waikato RC at Paeroa Monday meeting had no direct equivalent last season

- Avondale JC Wednesday meeting had no direct equivalent last season
- Woodville-Pahiatua RC Thursday meeting was a Monday a week earlier in 2012/2013
- Racing Tauranga Friday meeting was a Wednesday 2 weeks earlier in 2012/2013; 8 races this season, 7 last season
- Racing Rotorua was 9 races this season, 10 last season
- Otaki-Maori RC Saturday meeting had no direct equivalent last season

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	77	75	+2	+2.67%
Races	606	627	(21)	(3.35%)
Total Starts	6,183	6,444	(261)	(4.05%)
Avg Field Size	10.20	10.28	(0.07)	(0.73%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	109	93	+16	+17.20%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	76,835,770	80,686,111	(3,850,341)	(4.77%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	5,079,412	5,581,244	(501,831)	(8.99%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	81,915,182	86,267,354	(4,352,172)	(5.04%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	63,781,939	69,233,190	(5,451,251)	(7.87%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	18,133,228	17,034,165	+1,099,064	+6.45%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	135,174	137,587	(2,414)	(1.75%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,248	13,387	(139)	(1.04%)
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	313,865,045	320,087,864	(6,222,819)	(1.94%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	61,197,173	62,499,222	(1,302,049)	(2.08%)
Total NZRB Turnover	375,062,218	382,587,086	(7,524,868)	(1.97%)

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 13 Oct)	60,182,928	78,292,533	(18,109,605)	(23.13%)
Total Races (to 13 Oct)	547	570	(23)	(4.04%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	110,024	137,355	(27,332)	(19.90%)

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 5.0% year-to-date
- With 21 less races run than over the same period last season, turnover per race declined by a smaller 1.8%
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are 4.1% less
- Average field size is down from 10.28 in FY13 to 10.20 in FY14, 0.07 (0.7%) less
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 16 higher than a season ago
- Decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 7.9%) has been mitigated by some increase in FOB turnover (up 6.5%)
- Export turnover per race to 30 September is down (19.9%). One of the contributors to this is the variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate

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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