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# INTRODUCTION:

The New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Board (the **NZTR Board**) established the 2013 New Zealand Pattern Review Committee (the **Committee**) to review the current Pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand, with particular emphasis on Group One and Group Two race races, and recommend any changes to the Pattern that will improve the quality and performance of black type New Zealand racing.

The Committee held its inaugural meeting in May 2013, where the terms of reference and an agreed process was adopted. The Committee called for submissions in June, which were made public on the NZTR website. A further two week period was provided for any additional submissions.

The Committee released a draft report on 17 September 2013 and called for further submissions which were considered by the Committee before finalising and presenting this report and the recommendations in it to the NZTR Board in November 2013.

In finalising its report the Committee has considered changes made to the Pattern in New Zealand resulting from previous review committee recommendations. The Committee has also noted the implications for New Zealand arising from the adoption of the Asian Racing Federation Pattern Committee Ground Rules (the **ARF Ground Rules**), which set out agreed criteria for upgrading and downgrading existing Pattern races and for the creation of new Pattern races within the seven Asian Racing Federation (ARF) countries that have Group One races in Part 1 of the International Cataloguing Standards and International Statistics Book (*'the Blue book'*) maintained by the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee (IRPAC). Those countries are Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates.

The ARF Ground Rules now apply to the Pattern in New Zealand and will be followed by the New Zealand Pattern Committee (formerly the New Zealand Graded Stakes Committee) in its annual reviews of black type races in New Zealand.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the assistance that has been provided to them by NZTR management, the NZ Pattern Committee representatives and the Regional Programming chairmen, and thank the Clubs and individuals who made the effort to provide formal submissions as part of the Review process.



**Mark Freeman**  
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# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee has concluded that, while the current Pattern is generally working reasonably well, under the ARF Ground Rules a number of important New Zealand black type races are likely to be automatically downgraded in the next few years unless some steps are taken to improve the quality of those races.

Given Club and race funding is directly linked to the black type status of these races, the downgrades will have wider financial implications for industry participants.

The Committee generally endorses the timing and placement of the major racing carnivals and recommends that NZTR and Clubs continue to focus collectively on building and strengthening the quality of the Pattern around existing high-profile race days.

While the New Zealand Pattern Committee and various submitters suggested that the Committee take a “blank canvas” approach to its review, our ability to do so was constrained by a number of factors including for example climate, the importance or “place” a race-meeting or carnival has in the Racing calendar or the wider community, the timing of public or regional holidays and the issue of ownership of individual black type races.

The Committee also acknowledges, in making its recommendations, that any change to the distance, date, stake, venue, host club or race conditions of a Pattern race must be approved in advance by the New Zealand Pattern Committee and is subject to the race being downgraded or issued with a warning.

The approval of the Asian Racing Federation Pattern Committee is also now required for any change to the conditions or venue of a Group One and Group Two race. The Committee would like to acknowledge in this context the Asian Racing Federation Pattern Committee’s prompt endorsement in August to the Committee’s recommendation that the Levin Racing Club’s Group One Levin Turf Classic be transferred from November at Otaki to the first day of the Wellington Racing Club’s Cup Carnival in January 2014. This change was achieved with the full support of both Clubs, the New Zealand Pattern Committee, the Regional Programming Committee and the NZTR Board. The Committee has been encouraged by the positive feedback from Industry participants to this change to the Pattern.

## SUMMARY OF MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee recommends that:

- I. The existing major racing carnivals – specifically, the Canterbury Jockey Club’s New Zealand Cup Carnival in November, the Auckland Racing Club’s Christmas Carnival, the Wellington Racing Club’s Cup Carnival in January and the Auckland Racing Club’s Cup Carnival in March, together with the three days of the Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival – be retained substantially in their current form and in their current place in the Racing Calendar.
- II. The Wellington Racing Club’s Group Two Wakefield Challenge Stakes 2YO be transferred from January to the Wellington Racing Club’s Captain Cook Stakes Day at Trentham in December to provide the race with an opportunity of retaining its Group Two status.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS: (CONT)

- III. A new autumn 3YO Pattern be developed under which the Wellington Racing Club's Group Two Wellington Guineas would be transferred from October to the Wellington Racing Club's Oaks meeting in March to be run as a Group Two race over 1400m and the Auckland Racing Club's Group Two Championship Stakes 3YO would be transferred from New Year's Day to the Auckland Racing Club's Easter Handicap meeting in April.
- IV. The Auckland Racing Club's Group One Easter Handicap meeting be shifted back one week to provide a two week gap between the Group One Te Aroha Breeders Stakes and the Easter Handicap.
- V. The conditions of the Wellington Racing Club's Group One Telegraph Handicap and the Group One Thorndon Mile be changed to Set Weight and Penalties – both races are at risk of losing their Group One status if their current Handicap conditions are maintained.
- VI. Clubs and the Regional Programming committees introduce more Set Weight and/or Set Weight and Penalties races for three year olds and for Fillies and Mares at the new Iconic Premier meetings and at Premier One meetings with a view to these races developing, over time, into black type races to better support the Pattern.
- VII. The stake for the Auckland Racing Club's Group Two City of Auckland Cup run on New Year's Day be significantly increased to provide an appropriate Summer Cup target in an endeavour to address the decline that has been evident in the Pattern of major Summer Cup races in the North Island since the Auckland Cup was shifted to March. In addition, consideration should be given to the conditions of the City of Auckland Cup being changed to Set Weights and Penalties. If the stake for the City of Auckland Cup is unable to be boosted to an appropriate level, then consideration should be given to the Auckland Cup reverting to the Auckland Racing Club's New Year's Day meeting (with the City of Auckland Cup moving to the Auckland Cup Week Carnival).

The Committee supported the submission of the Levin Racing Club to conduct the Group One Levin Classic on the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Cup Carnival in January. As a consequence of this move, the Wellington Racing Club's Group Three Wellington Stakes would be run at the Levin Premier meeting at Otaki in November in place of the Levin Classic. With this move being endorsed by the New Zealand Pattern Committee, the Levin Racing Club, the RACE Group and the Regional Programming Committee, the Committee requested that NZTR seek the approval of the Asian Racing Federation Pattern Committee for the transfer of the Levin Classic to January for the 2013/14 season. The timely confirmation from the Asian Racing Federation Pattern Committee has allowed this change to be introduced immediately.

The Committee discussed in depth but did not support the submission to develop a new National Racing carnival at Ellerslie around Karaka Sales week given the potential impact on the Wellington Cup Carnival and the consequences of shifting one or more Group One races from the Auckland Racing Club's Cup Carnival in March to support this proposal. In this regard, the Committee took into account the submission from the Auckland Racing Club, which supported the retention of their current Cup Carnival in March. The Committee sees merit in developing the programme for the successful Karaka twilight meeting at Ellerslie, but not necessarily at the expense of other major carnivals.

# SECTION 1:

## BACKGROUND:

### 1. NEW ZEALAND PATTERN COMMITTEE REQUEST TO NZTR BOARD

- 1.1 The New Zealand Pattern Committee (formerly the Graded Stakes Committee) wrote to the NZTR Board on 5 September 2012 following its review of the 2011/12 Schedule of Group and Listed races, and recommended that there be a complete review of the Pattern in New Zealand and the allocation of racing dates to Clubs.
- 1.2 The New Zealand Pattern Committee is constituted under Rule 506 of the Rules of Racing. It is an independent committee jointly convened by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Inc and the NZTR Board. Its function is to review the best races in New Zealand for horses of different ages, gender and aptitude annually and to produce a list of races worthy of black type status in the sales catalogues in line with international standards, and to rate those races as (in descending order of importance) Group One, Group Two, Group Three and Listed. While the New Zealand Pattern Committee can make recommendations to Clubs where it feels that the Pattern could be improved, it is not the specific role of that committee to determine the Pattern.
- 1.3 Representatives of the New Zealand Pattern Committee subsequently attended the September 2012 NZTR Board meeting to discuss their 2012 report and their concerns around the likely implications for the Pattern in New Zealand (particularly for Group races) resulting from the recent adoption of the ARF Ground Rules.
- 1.4 The New Zealand Pattern Committee noted that it had been obliged, as part of its 2012 Annual Report, to have a first warning issued against the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas and maintain a 2<sup>nd</sup> warning on the Group One Levin Classic and indicated that, should both races continue to be conducted in the same period in 2013 and 2014, it was feasible that one or even both of these races could be downgraded to Group Two under the ARF Ground Rules.
- 1.5 The New Zealand Pattern Committee advocated that a "blank canvas" approach should be adopted by an independent Pattern Review committee, with a view to placing Group One and Group Two races in their optimum places in the calendar while taking advantage of the lack of a major racing carnival on Australia's east coast from December to March. Lead-in events to these Group One and Two races could also be placed to maximum advantage.
- 1.6 The New Zealand Pattern Committee suggested that that the independent Pattern Review Committee be given wide-reaching Terms of Reference to allow a holistic approach.
- 1.7 In order to implement any changes recommended by such a review before the automatic downgrade of races took effect under the ARF Ground Rules, the review's findings would probably have to be presented within the next 12 months.

The NZTR Board formally constituted the Committee, and appointed Mark Freeman of Wellington (Chairman), Neville McAlister (Wellington), Garry Chittick (Matamata) and John Wheeler (New Plymouth) as members of the Committee, at its meeting on 21 February, 2013. The Committee formally completed its review on 11 November 2013.

# SECTION 2:

## TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Committee was instructed by the NZTR Board to review the current Pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand, with particular emphasis on Group One and Group Two race races, and recommend any changes to the New Zealand Pattern that will improve the quality and performance of New Zealand racing, including without limitation:

1. Reviewing the existing Pattern of Group One and Group Two racing in New Zealand and recommending any changes that will improve the performance of the Pattern;
2. Reviewing the current structure of New Zealand carnivals and recommending any changes to the structure that would optimise the performance of the Pattern
3. Reviewing the venues at which existing Group One and Group Two races are conducted and recommending any changes to the same that will improve the performance of the Pattern;
4. Reviewing the number, timing, type and location of Pattern races in each of the following categories:
  - 2 year olds only (including sex based 2YO events);
  - 3 year olds only (including sex based 3YO events);
  - Fillies and mares races;
  - WFA and handicaps;

and make recommendations on how to improve the quality, timing and type of Pattern races in each category and consider whether there are appropriate Pattern race opportunities for different types of horse at different times of the year (such as, for example, 3 year old sprinters and milers, fillies and mares, and staying horses) and whether Pattern racing is being conducted at the appropriate venues.

5. Identifying specific races or categories of races which NZTR and race clubs should target for development as Pattern races to improve the performance of the Pattern in New Zealand;
6. Considering the relationship between Pattern races in New Zealand and the major carnivals in Australia, and make recommendations on whether changes may need to be made to the New Zealand Pattern to:
  - Maximise opportunities for New Zealand horses to compete successfully in Australia;
  - Reflect and support the Pattern in Australia;
  - Provide opportunities for New Zealand trained horses to qualify for the Melbourne Cup.
7. Reviewing races that are potentially at risk of a future downgrade under the new ARF Ground Rules and recommending steps that could be taken to reduce the risk of those races being downgraded.

Reporting on any other matter relevant to the performance of the Pattern in New Zealand that the Committee feels is necessary or desirable.

# SECTION 4:

## REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS

### TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- 1: *The Committee was requested to review the existing Pattern of Group One and Group Two racing in New Zealand and recommend any changes that will improve the performance of the Pattern.*
  - 1.1 The Committee reviewed the current schedule of all New Zealand Group and Listed races by category and distance. As part of its review, the Committee took into consideration the official ANZ ratings for each race and considered the relative strength of each race alongside each of the other Group and Listed races in its category.
  - 1.2 The Committee also had access to the official ANZ ratings for each Group and Listed race over the past five years and had the opportunity to discuss with the NZTR Handicapper the international rating of these races.
  - 1.3 The Committee was also provided with detailed information relating to the historic movement of races within the Pattern (upgrades/downgrades), along with any changes to the timing and/or conditions of the races.
  - 1.4 While the Committee focused on the Pattern of Group One and Group Two races, it also considered and has made recommendations on the placement and development of Group 3 and Listed race changes to support the Pattern and the development of carnivals and major racedays.

### 2YO CATEGORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Transfer the Wellington Racing Club's **Group Two Wakefield Challenge Stakes** to the Club's Captain Cook Stakes meeting in early December.

*The Wakefield Challenge Stakes had not met its required ANZ benchmark rating as a Group Two Two Year Old race in four consecutive years. The Committee acknowledges that the latest renewal (2013) was marginally better and the race had just achieved the minimum ANZ benchmark for a Group Two race. The race competes with the Auckland Racing Club's New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Million 2YO eight days later. In view of its proximity to the Karaka Million, the Committee is of the view that the Wakefield Stakes is likely to continue to struggle to perform to the standard required to retain its Group Two status.*

*The Wakefield Challenge Stakes is the only Group Two 2YO race conducted in NZ that is open to both colts and fillies. Accordingly, the Committee believes it needs to be given every opportunity to retain its Group Two status. Currently, there are no 2YO Group race opportunities prior to Christmas, with the Eclipse Stakes [Gr 3] at Ellerslie, which is run on New Year's Day, the first significant 2YO event on the calendar.*

*The Committee is mindful of the impact of the Ready to Run Sale in November on the depth and quality of 2YO races in the Spring and early Summer, and did consider a move to late Summer or early Autumn but that period is quite congested already. The Wakefield Stakes was historically held in March over 1200 metres, but was moved to January in 2003 when the Group One Ellerslie Sires' Produce Stakes moved from April (after the Group One Manawatu Sires Stakes) to its current date and its distance was reduced from 1400m to 1200m. The Committee believes that transferring the Wakefield Challenge Stakes to the Wellington Racing Club's December meeting (already a Group*



*One Premier day) will at least provide an opportunity for this important 2YO race to retain its Group Two status and will also enhance the quality of the race day.*

**Endorsement:** The Committee notes that in its submission the Wellington Racing Club has indicated its support for the recommendation that the Wakefield Challenge Stakes be transferred to the Club's December 2014 Premier date.

As a consequence of the above transfer, the Committee further recommends that NZTR and the Wellington Racing Club invest in a "new" 1200m 2YO SW race to replace the Wakefield Stakes at the Wellington Cup Carnival with a view to this new race possibly developing into a Listed 2YO race over time .

- b) Consistent with previous Review recommendations, NZTR and the Regional Programming Committees, in discussion with the Matamata Racing Club, identify an alternative date for the Listed **Matamata Slipper 2YO** (potentially a new date for the Club in late April/early May) to avoid the current situation where the Group Three Taranaki 2YO Classic (1200m), the Group Two Matamata Breeders Stakes (1200m) and the Listed Matamata Slipper (1200m) are run one week apart.

There are currently no 1200m black type races for two year olds in the Northern region after the Ellerslie Diamond Stakes Group One in early March. The Committee recommends that the Matamata Slipper be moved into this period . This would, however, necessitate the granting of a new Saturday date in the Autumn to the Matamata Racing Club, which may be difficult in the current Racing Calendar.

The Committee notes that this recommendation is not supported by the Matamata Racing Club and that Taranaki Racing has previously offered to restrict the Taranaki 2YO Classic to colts and geldings only.

Notwithstanding the further submissions made by the Matamata Racing Club, the Committee is of the view that priority should be given to the Group Three race. Accordingly, it has decided to maintain its recommendation regarding the Listed Matamata Slipper 2YO. The Committee is however of the view that there is merit in Taranaki Racing's suggestion to restrict its race to colts and geldings and believes that the Pattern for two year olds would be further enhanced by this change.

- c) As a consequence of the recommended change in the date for the Wakefield Stakes, the Committee recommends that the Listed **Star Way 2YO Stakes** currently conducted by the Waikato Racing Club at its Waikato Cup meeting in December be moved to the Autumn. On the face of it, the Cambridge Jockey Club's April meeting at Te Rapa would provide an ideal opportunity to re-schedule the race at a Premier meeting, at the same venue, alongside the Cambridge Breeders Stakes and the Travis Stakes. The Committee acknowledges that Listed Star Way (Wentwood Grange) Stakes, if moved, would be run one week after the Listed Great Northern Champagne 2YO Stakes (over 1600m) at Ellerslie should the Ellerslie meeting be held one week later as has been recommended by the Committee. Assuming that the Listed Star Way Wentwood Grange Stakes at Te Rapa is still run over 1100m (or possibly 1200m), the Committee is comfortable with the two races being held only one week apart as they should be targeted by different horses given their respective distances.

**Endorsement:** The Committee notes that in its submission the Waikato Racing Club has indicated its support for the recommendation that the Listed Star Way (Wentwood Grange) Stakes be transferred from December to the Cambridge Jockey Club's Premier April 2015 meeting on the proviso that the Wellington Racing Club's Wakefield Stakes goes to December.

## 3YO CATEGORY RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) The Committee considered submissions requesting that either/or both the Group One **New Zealand One Thousand Guineas** and the Group One **New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas** be relocated to the Northern Region.

The Committee recommends that both races continue to be run at Riccarton in November as part of the very successful Canterbury Jockey Club Cup week programme. Cup week in Christchurch plays an important role in the New Zealand Racing calendar. The Committee recommends retaining both races as part of that carnival and is concerned that moving the races could have an adverse effect on the success of the carnival.

**Endorsement:** The Committee noted that there were no submissions in response to its draft report that opposed this recommendation.

- b) The RACE/Levin Racing Club submission supporting:
- (i) the transfer of the 1600m Group One **Levin Classic** from its November meeting at Otaki to the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Cup Carnival in January; and
  - (ii) the transfer of the Wellington Racing Club's Group Three **Wellington Stakes** to replace the Levin Classic at Otaki, so as to provide a valuable 3YO black type opportunity at the Levin Premier meeting, was discussed at length.

The Committee considered other options for shifting the Group One Levin Classic. In the view of the Committee, the acknowledgement by the Levin Racing Club that the race needed to be shifted to avoid a potential automatic downgrade from Group One provided an ideal opportunity to look to strengthen the 3YO Pattern by developing one or more target 3YO races in the late autumn period, particularly for three year olds looking for options outside of the traditional Derby and Oaks pathway.

Currently, there are no 3YO Group races at 1400m or 1600m in New Zealand after the Group Three Wellington Stakes at Trentham in January.

The Committee met with the New Zealand Pattern Committee in August and subsequently met with the Regional Programming Chairmen to discuss various scenarios as to how this might be addressed as part of its review.

After considerable discussion, the Committee supports the proposal by the Levin Racing Club and the RACE Group to shift the Group One Levin Classic to Trentham to be run on Telegraph Handicap Day, in place of the Group Three Wellington Stakes.

The Wellington Stakes will, as a consequence, shift to November to replace the Levin Classic at Otaki, providing a late Spring Group Three 3YO 1600 option for those three year olds that have not targeted the One Thousand or Two Thousand Guineas.

The Committee considered recommending that the Levin Classic be run at Trentham on New Zealand Oaks Day in mid-March. However, the consensus was that a Group One 1600m 3YO race on that day may impact on depth and quality of both the New Zealand Derby and the New Zealand Oaks. Given the concerns with the Levin Classic's "clash" with the One and Two Thousand Guineas, the Committee considered that providing three year olds with a third Group One option alongside the Derby and Oaks in March was not an ideal outcome.

Under the current proposal, the Group One Levin Classic would now be conducted at Trentham in mid-January with two weeks to the Group Two Waikato Guineas over 2000m at Te Rapa, then a further two week gap to the Avondale Guineas followed by the New Zealand Derby. This provides a logical Pattern for "classic" three year olds to follow.

**Endorsement:** This change has been made in the current season. The Committee has been encouraged by the positive feedback that has resulted from this move.

- c) Having addressed the Levin Classic issue, the Committee has also sought to address the lack of opportunities in the Autumn for three year olds who are not Derby or Oaks horses. This was an issue that was also raised in submissions received by the Committee.

In addition to concerns regarding the Levin Classic, the Committee also has serious concerns regarding the timing and placement of the Group Two **Wellington Guineas**, given the development in recent years of the James and Annie Sarten Memorial Group Three 3YO (1400m) at Te Rapa on the Monday of Labour Weekend, the requirement for northern three year olds to travel to Wellington and the impact that track conditions at Trentham on Labour Weekend can have on the quality of the race.

The Committee sees the James and Annie Sarten Memorial becoming the main Northern target for three year olds in the Spring and over time believes that this race will be upgraded to Group Two at the expense of the Wellington Guineas if the Wellington Guineas retains its current place in the Calendar.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Wellington Guineas be shifted to the Autumn to be run as a Group Two race over 1400m at Trentham on New Zealand Oaks Day. This move would support the development of a particularly strong, high quality Premier programme for the Wellington Racing Club, with the Group One New Zealand Oaks, the Group Three Cuddle Stakes, the Listed Lightning Stakes and the Listed New Zealand St Leger already being run on this day. It would also provide a better opportunity for the Wellington Guineas to retain its Group Two status and support the development of an Autumn sprinting option for three year olds incorporating the Mr Tiz Stakes at Ellerslie and the Cambridge Breeders Stakes at Te Rapa.

The Committee acknowledges that the recommended move of a traditional Spring Three year old target (the Group Two Wellington Guineas) from October to March will affect the Pattern of Spring Three year old races. It recommends, therefore, that the Wellington Racing Club programme an open three year old race on its Labour Day Meeting. That race could develop over time into a Listed Race given the minimum stakes level for races in Premier race days.

**Endorsement:** The Committee notes that the Wellington Racing Club has indicated its support for the Wellington Guineas to be transferred from October to its Premier New Zealand Oaks day meeting in March. The race would be run over 1400m.

The Wellington Racing Club has also indicated that it will look to provide a Premier 3YO 1400m opportunity to replace the Group Two Wellington Guineas in October. The Canterbury Jockey Club advised the Committee that the advertised prizemoney for the Listed Holloway (Builders) Stakes [Canterbury Stakes] currently run over 1600m at Riccarton on the same day as the Wellington Guineas at Trentham (26/10/13) had increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000 this year and that the Club would be looking to further increase the stake of this race to \$100,000 next year. The Canterbury Jockey Club asked the Committee if it had a view on the distance of the Listed Holloway (Builders) Stakes. The Committee does not have a strong view but wonders whether, with the move of the Wellington Guineas, the Canterbury Jockey Club's race should be run over 1400 or 1500 metres rather than 1600 metres.

The Auckland Racing Club has also advised the Committee that while it believes that the Gr 3 Mr Tiz Trophy, which is currently run on the last day of its March carnival has developed as a specialist 3YO 1200m sprint opportunity, with the proposed change of the Wellington Guineas to Trentham on Oaks Day, the Auckland Racing Club would look to shift the Mr Tiz Trophy to the first day of their carnival – to provide a logical two week lead-in to the Wellington Guineas. The Committee supports this move.

- d) To further support the development of an Autumn three year old Pattern, the Committee also recommends that the Auckland Racing Club's Group Two **Championship Stakes** (2100m) be shifted from New Year's Day to the Club's Easter Handicap meeting in April.

In its draft report, the Committee noted that if the Championship Stakes is moved to the Auckland Racing Club's Easter Handicap meeting then a change in the distance of the Auckland Racing Club's Championship Prelude, a Listed Race run over 2100 metres at the Club's December race meeting, should also be considered. It may be appropriate to reduce the distance of that race to provide a lead-up for horses wishing to contest either of the two Group Two fillies races at the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Carnival or the Great Northern Guineas.

*The future of the Auckland Racing Club's **Group Two Championship Stakes** (2000m) on New Year's Day is of concern to the Committee. It is currently run just five days after the **Group Two Great Northern Guineas** (1600m), held on Boxing Day. The relative depth and quality of both these Group Two races is at risk, particularly given that there are equivalent opportunities for the fillies on each race day being the **Group Two Royal Stakes** (2000m) and **Group Two Ladies Mile** (1600m). The fact that the fillies are taking the option to race against the colts in both the Guineas and the Championship Stakes rather than contest the Filly of the Year Series races is not ideal.*

*In the Committee's view, the race at most risk is the 2000m Group Two Championship Stakes. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that consideration be given to moving the Championship Stakes to the Autumn as part of new three year old Pattern of races incorporating the Wellington Guineas, the Manawatu Classic and the Championship Stakes.*

*The Committee noted that there is currently a month's gap between the Group Two Championship Stakes and the Group Two Waikato Guineas (with the Wellington Stakes at 1600 at Trentham (soon to be the Group One Levin Classic) currently sitting between the two races). While the Championship Stakes was instigated to replace the Derby, in order to provide colts with a valuable opportunity at that time of the year, it appears to the Committee that this race has not achieved its objective.*

*The Committee also notes that the Championship Stakes has not achieved its ANZ rating benchmark for the past five years and despite the high class filly Habibi winning this year, the race continues to be at risk of being downgraded.*

*The Great Northern Guineas on Boxing Day (or New Year's Day) would appear to be the stronger option of the two races and better fits the three year old Pattern for the males at that time of the year. The Committee recommends, therefore, that the Championship Stakes be moved to the Auckland Racing Club's Easter Handicap meeting.*

*The Manawatu Classic has been a good race in recent years, providing a valuable autumn target for later developing three year olds that have generally missed the Derby/Oaks. In 2013 the race was won by Survived, which went on to beat the older horses in the Hawkes Bay Cup, before racing in Brisbane. The second placed Usanity, won a Group 3 in Sydney at his next start and was then placed in Group races in Queensland, while the third placegetter Planet Kingdom won a Listed race in Sydney and a Group race in Brisbane at his subsequent starts this year. While the Committee did give some thought to recommending that the distance of the race be reduced to 1600m as a consequence of the recommended move of the Wellington Guineas, a reduction in distance is likely to change the nature of this event, which is working well in terms of the Pattern for three years olds targeting Sydney in the autumn or Brisbane. In addition, retaining the Manawatu Classic at 2000 metres should work well with the Championship Stakes at Ellerslie in April. The Committee believes that there is an opportunity to establish at least one additional 3YO sprint option and perhaps a 3YO 1600m race at Premier meetings through this period to support the proposed changes to the 3YO Pattern in the Autumn including, in particular, providing lead-up races to the Group Two Wellington Guineas in March.*

**Endorsement:** The Committee notes that the Auckland Racing Club has indicated its support for the Group Two Championship Stakes being moved to its Premier Easter Handicap meeting in April. The Club has advised that it intends maintaining the Listed Championship Prelude in mid December at 2100m to provide an opportunity for three year olds to be tried over ground at that time of the year. In addition, the Club also advised that, as a consequence of the move of the Championship Stakes to April, it would look to shift the Group Two Great Northern Guineas (1600m) from Boxing Day to New Year's Day to provide a better flow of three year old races through the Christmas Carnival and into the newly positioned Group One Levin Classic at Trentham. The Committee supports this change.

- e) The Committee is generally supportive of the current Pattern of the **Three Year Old Fillies** races noting that all 16 races currently meet or exceed the ANZ rating benchmark. The Committee does, however, recommend the development of a black type race/s for three year old fillies over 1400 or 1600 metres in the Autumn.

*There are limited black type races for three year old fillies after early March for three year old fillies not targeting the Group One New Zealand Oaks. The recommended development of additional Three Year Old races up to 1600m and the availability of a number of established black type Fillies and Mares races in the Autumn does provide fillies with further opportunities. That said, there are no black type opportunities for three year old fillies only in the North Island at 1600 metres or less after the Group Two Desert Gold Stakes at Trentham during the Wellington Racing Club's January Cup Carnival. While the Committee was of a view that it would be desirable to create more black type opportunities for three year old fillies at distances of 1400 and 1600 metres in the Autumn, the proposed new three year old autumn Pattern that has been identified, together with the existing Fillies and Mares races programmed, does help address these concerns.*

- f) In order to support the three year old Pattern, the Committee recommends that Clubs with Iconic and Premier licences programme three year old only races (whether run under Set Weights, Set Weights and Penalties or Handicap conditions). Similarly, Clubs holding feature race days should in the Committee's view also look to programme more three year only races on their race days as well.

## **FILLIES AND MARES CATEGORY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) The Committee recommends that designated Fillies & Mares only races being regularly programmed across all Premier licences.

*The Committee encourages NZTR and the Regional Programming committees to identify appropriate Premier Fillies and Mares opportunities that could be funded at a higher level with a view to those races being developed as a Listed or Group race in the future. The Committee noted the successful development of the Group Three Fillies and Mares Westbury Classic (1400m) at the Auckland Racing Club's March carnival as an example of where programming and funding such a race can work in a relatively short period.*

*In particular, the Committee identified an opportunity for a new Fillies & Mares race to be programmed at 1400-1600m at either the Auckland Racing Club's Christmas carnival or alternatively the Marton JC early January Premier meeting to support the Pattern.*

- b) The committee is concerned that New Zealand's only Group One Fillies and Mares race, the **Te Aroha Breeders Stakes** (1600m), is programmed to be run one week before the Group One Auckland Racing Club's Easter Handicap (1600m) over the same distance. This has been to the detriment of both races, with the Easter Handicap at risk of losing its Group One status.

The timing of the Group One Te Aroha Breeders is ideal, with three weeks to the Group Two Travis Stakes. The Committee is also aware that the NZ Pattern Committee has now upgraded the Manawatu Breeders Stakes from Listed to Group Three.

The Committee recommends that the **Easter Handicap** meeting at Ellerslie be moved back a further week (replacing Tauranga) to provide a two week gap between the Group One races.

**Endorsement:** The Committee noted that the Auckland RC supports the recommendation to move the Easter Handicap meeting back one week to create a two week gap between the Breeders Stakes and the Easter Handicap, thus allowing the better mares the opportunity to start in both Group One races.

- c) The Committee was requested, as part of its Terms of Reference, to review the venues where Group One and Two races are conducted. While this was not generally an issue of current concern to the Committee, the Committee did see some merit in the Group One Te Aroha Breeders being run at Tauranga, under a similar arrangement to the agreement that has been reached between the Levin and Wellington Racing Clubs regarding the Levin Classic

## WEIGHT FOR AGE CATEGORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) The Committee reviewed the timing and structure of the Hawkes Bay WFA triple crown series. It noted that while the reduction in prizemoney for the Group One **Spring Classic** (2040m) has impacted on the quality of that race, the combination of the three Group One WFA races still provides an ideal springboard for New Zealand horses looking to target the Melbourne Spring carnival.

The three WFA races at Hastings have consistently been amongst New Zealand's highest rated races and the Committee did not see any reason to recommend changes to the Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival. This is especially so given that Hastings generally is able to provide better track conditions for Group One racing than other venues in the Spring. In addition, changing the dates of the races would affect the ability of horses to use them as lead up races to the Melbourne Spring Carnival. While some consideration was given to moving the Group One Spring Classic, it is still consistently performing as one of our strongest Group One races, while other Group One 2000 metre WFA races have struggled at times to meet the ANZ rating benchmark. It is also difficult to see where else the race could fit in the Racing Calendar and still meet the ANZ rating benchmark for a Group One race.

- b) As indicated above, the Committee recommends that NZTR, in consultation with the Regional Programming committees, look to introduce more Set Weight and Penalty races (particularly for three year olds, for three year old fillies and for Fillies & Mares) to be conducted at the new Iconic and the Premier meetings and at Listed and Group Three level.

The development of more Set Weight and Penalty Premier and black type opportunities, consistent with Racing Victoria programming of such races, would enhance the quality of age group races, in particular, and more generally support the Pattern for three year olds by providing a regular schedule of valuable age group races, some of which in time would most likely gain black type status.

## HANDICAP RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee notes with concern that in 2012/13 three of the four Group One Handicaps – the Auckland Cup, Telegraph Handicap and Easter Handicap – have now been issued first warnings, while the Group One Thorndon Handicap has had a second warning attached to it. At Group Two level, the Counties Cup was downgraded to Group



Three (as had been the Waikato Cup the previous year), second warnings were attached to the Rich Hill Mile, Japan Trophy and City of Auckland Cup while the Wellington Cup and Avondale Cup were both issued first warnings. In fact, amongst the Group One and Two Handicaps currently held, only one race (the Group Two Coupland's Mile) is not currently on notice of a potential downgrade.

- a) The Committee has three key recommendations in this area. The first is that the stake of the Group Two **City of Auckland Cup** be increased significantly. Consideration should also be given to running the race under Set Weight and Penalties conditions.

*The change in date of the Auckland Cup from New Year's Day to March, together with a lack of depth (particularly amongst the males) in the staying ranks, has generally seen a decline in the relative quality of Cup races in recent years. This trend is likely to continue. The Committee acknowledges that Clubs are likely to want to retain their traditional Cup races as they generally form an important part of their Summer (or late Spring) programmes. However, unless the prizemoney for the Group Two City Of Auckland Cup is significantly boosted to ensure that this race becomes a stronger, more viable Summer target, it would appear inevitable that a number of these Cup races in the North Island will be downgraded in the future.*

*The alternative of shifting one or more of these races to new dates later in the Summer, where they might once again become viable lead-ups to the Auckland Cup, is difficult to achieve within the existing dates Pattern and would impact on Clubs that have developed successful events around their traditional November/December Cup meetings.*

*If the stake of the City of Auckland Cup is unable to be boosted to an appropriate level then the Committee recommends that consideration be given to returning the 3200m Auckland Cup to New Year's Day at Ellerslie – with the City of Auckland Cup moving to the Auckland Racing Club's March carnival. The Committee acknowledges the Auckland Racing Club's submission regarding the commercial success of the Auckland March carnival, but questions whether the success of that week would be materially affected if the Derby became the main focus of the week. For example, the Derby could be moved to the Wednesday while the City of Auckland Cup could be developed as a key Cup race with horses potentially competing in the WFA Group One New Zealand Stakes (2000 metres) on the opening day of the carnival as a lead up to the City of Auckland Cup on the third day. The Committee understands that existing commercial arrangements may prevent such a change being implemented in the short-term but nevertheless recommends it for future consideration if the City of Auckland Cup does not develop to the level required to strengthen and support the Summer Cups Pattern.*

*The Committee does not have a particular view as to whether the **Wellington Cup** at Trentham should be run at 3200m or 2400m. The decision by the Wellington Racing Club to reduce the distance of the Wellington Cup to 2400 metres, when the Auckland Cup was promoted as a \$1m 3200m race in March, has resulted in the ANZ rating of the Wellington Cup improving. If the Auckland Cup was to be run on New Year's Day, there would be an opportunity for the Wellington Racing Club to reconsider running the Wellington Cup at 3200m.*

*In the Committee's view, doing nothing in this area will almost certainly see the Group Two City of Auckland Cup being downgraded. It would seem inevitable too that the rating of the Auckland Cup will suffer as other traditional Cups races lose their status. If the City of Auckland Cup is to remain on New Year's Day then, in addition to boosting the stake for the race, consideration should be given to changing the conditions of the race to Set Weights and Penalties.*

**Endorsement:** The Committee notes the additional detailed financial information provided by the Auckland Racing Club regarding the importance of the Group One

Auckland Cup to the success of its March Carnival and that the Auckland Racing Club has no "appetite" to change the position of the Auckland Cup. The Club did however, acknowledge the concerns raised by the Committee (and in a number of submissions) as to the lack of depth in the Summer Cups and indicated that it would be prepared to consider a significant increase in prizemoney for the City Of Auckland Cup, but questioned how this would be funded. The Club also indicated that it would consider trialling a change the conditions for the City of Auckland Cup from handicap to Set Weight and Penalties, albeit with some reservations as such a change may result in a significant decrease in the field size.

Notwithstanding the Auckland Racing Club's the Committee remains of the view that both the Pattern and the Group One Auckland Cup would be strengthened by a return of the race to New Year's Day. That view is consistent with a number of the submissions received in response to the Committee's draft report.

- b) As noted earlier, the Committee does not support the Group One **Easter Handicap** (1600m) being run one week after the Group One Te Aroha Breeders Stakes.

The Committee recommends that the Easter Handicap be programmed to run at least two weeks after the Te Aroha race.

The Committee also has concerns as to the number of Group One and Two Open Handicap and Weight for Age races run at 1600m and would suggest that "milers" are perhaps over represented in the current Pattern.

- c) The Committee recommends that the Wellington Racing Club give consideration to changing the conditions of the Group One **Thorndon Handicap** and the Group One **Telegraph Handicap** to Set Weight & Penalties in an endeavour to maintain their Group One status. While this may impact on the number of starters which traditionally have contested these races, the Committee is concerned that both races may have limited futures as Group One races under the ARF Ground Rules and recommends that the conditions of both races be changed to encourage the "best" horses to compete. In the Committee's view, this is preferable to the races becoming Group Two races in the future. In particular, it will be difficult for other races to be elevated to Group One status under the ARF Ground Rules if NZ Racing loses some of its current Group One races. In addition, the Telegraph Handicap and the Thorndon Handicap both play an important part in the Wellington Racing Club's Cup Week carnival and the racing calendar more generally. It is important therefore to endeavour to retain their status as Group One races. There is evidence to suggest that running these races under Set Weights and Penalties conditions (as distinct from Weight For Age or Handicap races) will work, given the relative strength of races like the Group Two Awapuni Gold Cup, the Group Three Trentham Stakes and the Group Three Eagle Technology Stakes (Alison Stakes), which are now run under Set Weights and Penalties conditions.

The recommended change in the conditions of the Telegraph Handicap and the Thorndon Handicap to Set Weights and Penalties may also enhance the quality of the Auckland Racing Club's Group One Railway Handicap and Group Two Rich Hill Mile as trainers may be more willing to run horses in these races if they have certainty about the weight their horses will receive in the Telegraph and Thorndon Handicaps.

The timing of the Thorndon Handicap in late January as a Set Weights and Penalties race at 1600m two weeks before the Group One WFA Waikato Sprint (1400m) and/or the Group One WFA International Stakes at Te Rapa, with the further option of the Group One WFA Otaki-Maori 1600m in late February, would also appear ideal.

*In making these recommendations (and recommending that other races be run under Set Weights and Penalties conditions), the Committee is mindful that, historically, handicap*



*racers have formed an important part of the racing calendar in New Zealand and generally provide strong betting races. However, the potential impact of the ARF Ground Rules on the Pattern in New Zealand is such that the continuation of a number of our Group One and Group Two races as handicap races will almost inevitably result in a downgrade of their current Group status and, as a result, a downgrade in the amount of funding made available for those races and their stakes. The Committee is of the view that such an outcome should be avoided if at all possible given the difficulties that are likely to be experienced in seeking to upgrade other races to Group One races in their place. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Telegraph and Thorndon Handicaps be run under Set Weights and Penalties conditions in an endeavour to provide both races with the best opportunity of maintaining their Group One status. As indicated above, the Committee is also of the view that consideration should be given to changing the conditions of the City of Auckland Cup to Set Weights and Penalties as well in an endeavour to attract a stronger field to that race and, therefore, give that race a greater opportunity of retaining its Group Two status. Running Group One and Group Two races under either Weight For Age or Set Weights and Penalties conditions should increase the chance of those races retaining their rating under the ARF Ground Rules as the change in conditions should encourage higher-rated horses to compete in them and, as a result, improve the performance of the races under the ARF Ground Rules. The adoption of Set Weights and Penalties conditions, rather than standard Weight For Age conditions for existing handicap races should, in the Committee's view, have a lesser impact on the races as betting propositions.*

**Endorsement:** The Committee notes that the Wellington Racing Club has indicated that it is prepared to look at changing the conditions of both the Group One Telegraph Handicap and the Thorndon Mile to set weight and penalties.

## **CARNIVAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Russell Warwick in his submission supported the establishment of a New Zealand Carnival at Ellerslie to coincide with the NZ Bloodstock Karaka yearling sales.

At this time, the Committee does not recommend the creation of such a carnival though it does see merit in the Auckland Racing Club continuing to develop the supporting programme on its successful New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Millions race day at Ellerslie. In reaching this position, the Committee had noted the Auckland Racing Club submission which detailed the financial success of their March Carnival and in discussion with the Auckland Racing Club Director Andrew Castles, the Committee agreed that the timing of their Group races for three year olds, in particular the New Zealand Derby as a cornerstone of the March carnival, provides a better pattern for the three year olds, while other Group races generally fit better with the current Pattern if held in March.

In the Committee's view, the establishment of a Karaka Sales Week Carnival at Ellerslie would require a significant revamp of the Wellington Racing Club's successful January Carnival and most likely require a shift of the Wellington Cup Day to another date.

As highlighted in the RACE submission, Wellington Cup Day is one of New Zealand Racing's most successful race days financially. The Committee doubts that Wellington Cup Day would work as well for the Clubs if moved elsewhere.

NZTR has undertaken some preliminary benchmarking of the major carnivals and Premier race days. The findings of this analysis not surprisingly highlights the ranking of the major carnival days.

Wellington Cup day is currently New Zealand's third highest ranked Premier meeting – while the first day of the Wellington Cup carnival – featuring the Group One Telegraph Handicap and now the Levin Classic – ranks 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

New Zealand Cup day is the second highest ranked meeting, with the first day (Two Thousand Guineas) ranked 16<sup>th</sup> and the middle day (Couplands Mile) ranked 14<sup>th</sup>

The highest ranked meeting is Boxing Day at Ellerslie – with New Year’s day ranking 4<sup>th</sup>. The Auckland Racing Club’s Wednesday Cup day ranks 6<sup>th</sup>, with Derby Day 10<sup>th</sup> and the final day of their carnival 11<sup>th</sup>

Effectively the top 20 performing Premier licences fall in a six month window between early October and the end of March. The four major carnivals – New Zealand Cup week @ Riccarton; Christmas @ Ellerslie, Wellington Cup carnival @ Trentham and the Auckland March Derby/Cup week comprise ten Premier meetings representing 10/16 highest performing racedays according to NZTR analysis.

Outside of these carnivals the list of 20 Premier licences includes two of the three days of the Hawkes Bay Spring carnival, which is perhaps not so much a carnival, but three strong, well performing Group One premier meetings, two successful Premier licences at Te Rapa (Waikato Cup in December and International Stakes meeting in February), Karaka Millions and Melbourne Cup day at Ellerslie, the Counties Cup, New Zealand Oaks Day at Trentham and the Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes meetings.

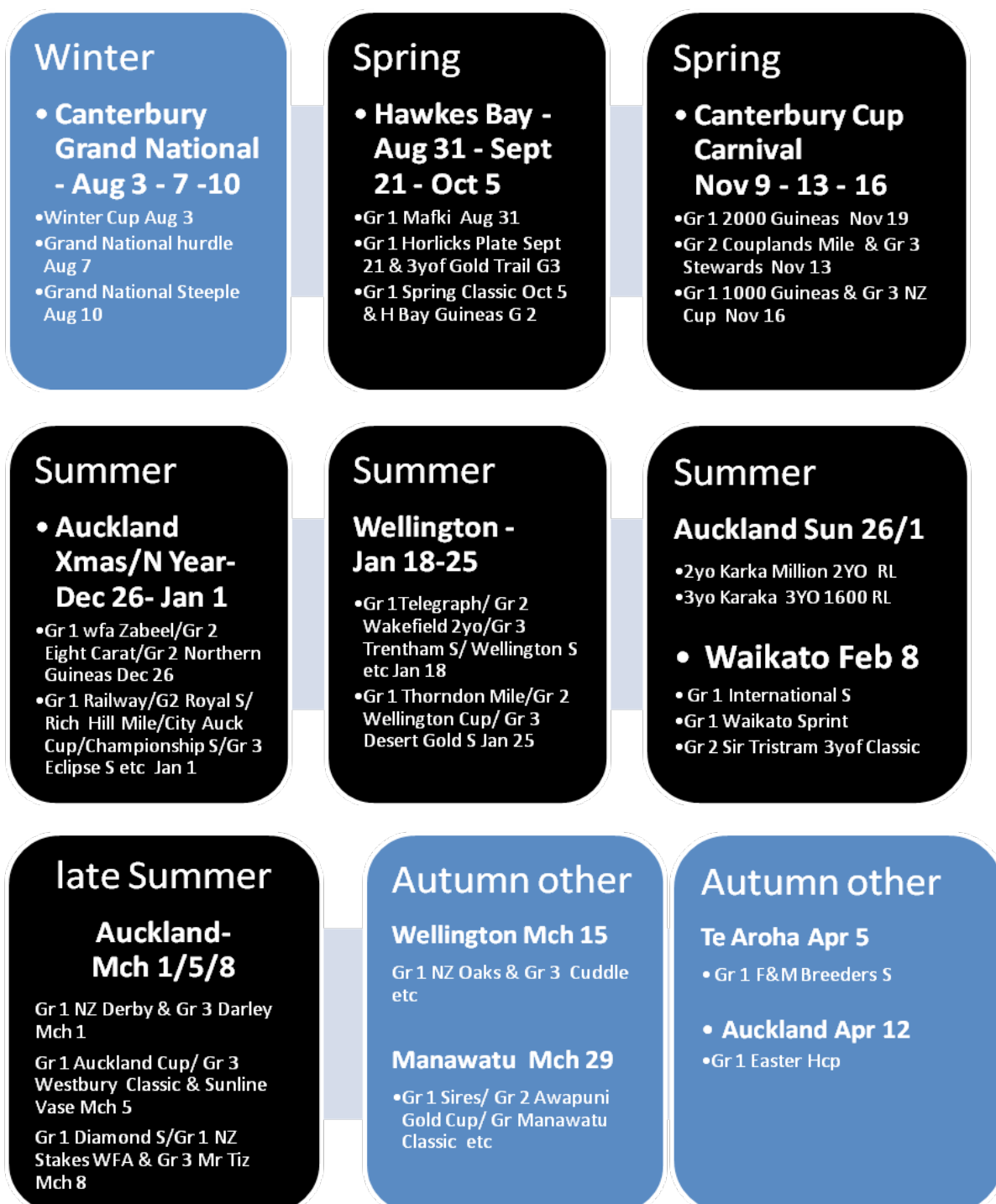
Rather than look to interfere significantly with the existing carnival template, the Committee would recommend that NZTR and the Clubs look to continue to develop the Pattern around these top twenty Premier meetings and focus on building up the supporting programmes on these major days.

### THREE YEAR PREMIER MEETING SCORE CARD AVERAGE 2010/2011 TO 2012/2013 SEASONS

	CLUB/EVENT	RACES	OFF-COURSE TURNOVER (TOTE & FOB)	ON-COURSE TURNOVER (TOTE & FOB)	ATTEN- DANCE	EXPORT TURNOVER	AVG FIELD SIZE	GROUP & LISTED RACES SCORE	VENUE RACING STATUS FY12	AVERAGE % SCORE (WEIGHTED)	RANK
26-Dec-12	ARC Boxing day	10	3,687,569	1,126,584	18,000	2,063,674	12.6	420	150.0%	85.1%	1
17-Nov-12	CJC Cup day	10	3,375,847	1,102,091	17,666	2,364,244	13.1	320	117.6%	84.3%	2
26-Jan-13	Well Cup day	10	3,868,106	1,066,021	12,857	2,195,351	14.3	355	78.9%	82.7%	3
1-Jan-13	ARC New Years day	10	3,883,746	727,291	6,760	1,983,769	12.2	610	150.0%	71.5%	4
6-Oct-12	HBay Spring Classic	10	2,972,677	757,607	6,558	1,997,593	12.1	355	71.7%	62.8%	5
6-Mar-13	ARC Cup day	10	2,770,835	806,305	5,200	1,590,358	12.1	313	150.0%	59.4%	6
19-Jan-13	Well Telegraph	10	3,105,487	453,236	2,959	2,125,574	13.1	475	78.9%	58.4%	7
15-Dec-12	Waikato Cup	10	2,547,611	468,159	8,035	2,103,356	12.6	265	110.9%	57.2%	8
27-Jan-13	ARC Karaka Million	6	1,563,288	399,530	4,380	1,201,963	14.2	83	150.0%	56.2%	9
2-Mar-13	ARC Derby day	10	2,734,568	660,415	6,567	2,100,609	9.9	270	150.0%	56.1%	10
9-Mar-13	ARC Diamond S	10	2,649,293	394,651	4,767	2,064,282	11.6	457	150.0%	54.6%	11
9-Feb-13	Waikato International	10	2,667,221	358,411	3,293	1,942,119	11.7	485	110.9%	52.8%	12
6-Nov-12	ARC Melb Cup day	10	2,388,092	763,129	4,450	1,571,681	12.0	70	150.0%	51.9%	13
14-Nov-12	CJC Couplands	11	2,206,961	552,788	5,142	1,786,684	13.4	205	117.6%	50.5%	14
24-Nov-12	Counties Cup	10	2,645,039	268,726	3,471	1,931,151	12.9	270	60.6%	49.8%	15
10-Nov-12	CJC 1000 Gns	10	2,214,315	304,469	3,823	2,073,776	11.6	307	117.6%	47.5%	16
16-Mar-13	Well Oaks day	9.7	2,392,759	290,120	2,249	1,866,325	11.3	370	78.9%	47.4%	17
22-Sep-12	HBay Windsor Plate	9.7	2,736,687	180,578	1,930	1,809,672	12.7	270	71.7%	46.8%	18
8-Dec-12	Well Captain Cook	10	2,242,231	286,436	3,445	1,860,124	12.0	200	78.9%	44.9%	19
30-Mar-13	Manawatu Sires	10	2,288,066	229,130	1,594	1,282,352	12.2	405	87.0%	44.0%	20

# APPENDIX 1:

## CURRENT NZ CARNIVAL TEMPLATE 2013-14



# APPENDIX 2:

## 2012-13 PATTERN OF GROUP AND LISTED RACES BY CATEGORY/DISTANCE INCORPORATING RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE PATTERN.

**TABLE 1.**  
THE CURRENT PATTERN OF 2-YEAR-OLD GROUP AND LISTED RACES

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	2-YEAR-OLD
27 Oct	Wellington	Wellesley S LR 1000m
17 Nov	Canterbury	CJC Welcome S LR 1000m
24 Nov	Counties	Counties Challenge S LR 1100m
8 Dec	Wellington	Wakefield Challenge G2 1100/1200m <i>proposed new date?</i>
15 Dec	Waikato	Star Way 1100 LR 1000m * <i>shift to 27/4 Cambridge Prem day?</i>
1 Jan	Auckland	Eclipse S G3 1200m
19 Jan	Wellington	<b>Wakefield Challenge S G2 1200m</b> * <i>move to equivalent 8/12 Develop equivalent 2YO LR to replace?</i>
27 Jan	Ellerslie	<b>Karaka Million RL 1200m</b>
16 Feb	Taranaki	Taranaki 2YO Classic G3 1200m * <i>restrict to C&amp;G ?</i>
23 Feb	Matamata	Matamata Slipper LR (C&G) 1200m * <i>shift to new date autumn?</i>
23 Feb	Matamata	<b>Matamata Breeders' S G2 1200m (Fillies)</b>
9 Mar	Auckland	<b>Ellerslie Diamond S G1 1200m</b>
30 Mar	Manawatu	<b>Manawatu Sires' Produce G1 1400m</b>
13 Apr	Auckland	(i) Great Northern Champagne S LR 1600m * <i>back one week?</i>
27 Apr	Cambridge	Star Way 1100m LR <i>proposed new date ex December?</i>
4 May	Canterbury	CJC Champagne S LR 1200m
25 May	Auckland	Great Northern Foal S LR 1400m
3 Jun	Foxton	Triton S LR 1200m
27 Jul	Levin	Ryder S LR 1200m

**TABLE 2.**  
THE CURRENT PATTERN OF 3-YEAR-OLD SPRING GROUP AND LISTED RACES

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	3-YEAR-OLD COMBINED	3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES
8 Sep	Wanganui	Wanganui Guineas LR 1320m	Trudy Thomson Memorial LR 1200m
15 Sept	Whangarei	Northland Breeders S LR 1200m	
22 Sep	Hawke's Bay		Gold Trail S G3 1200m
22 Sep	Canterbury		Canterbury Belle S LR 1200m
29 Sep	Auckland	Bonecrusher S G3 1400m – <i>now Gr 3 race</i>	Soliloquy S LR 1400m
6 Oct	Hawke's Bay	Hawke's Bay Guineas G2 1400m	
19 Oct	Ashburton	John Grigg S LR 1400m	
22 Oct	Waikato	Sarten Memorial G3 1400m	
27 Oct	Wellington	Wellington Guineas G2 1500m – <i>proposed shift to NZ Oaks Day Mch 1400m</i>	
28 Oct	North Canterbury	Canterbury S LR 1600m	
6 Nov	Auckland	Trevor Eagle Memorial LR 1500m (promoted to LR this year)	
10 Nov	Canterbury	<b>New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas G1 1600m</b>	
17 Nov	Canterbury		New Zealand One Thousand Guineas G1 1600m

**TABLE 3.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN OF 3-YEAR-OLD SUMMER RACES**

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	3-YEAR-OLD COMBINED	3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES
30 Nov	Levin	Levin Turf Classic G1 1600m – replaced with Wellington S Gr 3	
16 Dec	Auckland	Championship Prelude LR 2100m	
15 Dec	Manawatu		Eulogy S G3 1600m
26 Dec	Auckland	Great Northern Guineas G2 1600m * Club to move to New Years day?	Ladies' Mile (Eight Carat) G2 1600m
1 Jan	Auckland	<b>Championship S Gr 2 2100m</b> – shift to Easter @ 2100m to support new autumn 3YO Pattern.	<b>Royal S G2 2000m</b>

**TABLE 4.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN OF 3-YEAR-OLD SUMMER-AUTUMN RACES**

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	3-YEAR-OLD COMBINED	3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES
19 Jan	Gore	Gore Guineas LR 1355m	
19 Jan	Wellington	Wellington S G3 1600m – to be replaced with <b>Levin Classic G1</b>	
26 Jan	Wellington		Desert Gold S G3 1600m
27 Jan	Auckland	Karaka 3YO Mile RL 1600m	
2 Feb	Otago	Dunedin Guineas LR 1400m	
2 Feb	Waikato	Waikato Guineas G2 2000m	
9 Feb	Waikato		Sir Trist. Fillies Classic G2 2000m
16 Feb	Auckland	Avondale Guineas G2 2100m	
16 Feb	Southland	Southland Guineas LR 1600m	
2 Mar	Auckland	<b>New Zealand Derby G1 2400m</b>	
2 Mar	Masterton		Lowland S G3 2100m
6 Mar	Auckland		Sunline Vase Gr 3 2100m
9 Mar	Auckland	Mr Tiz Trophy G3 1200m * Club to move back to 2/3?	
9 Mar	Otago		ORC Breeders' S LR 1400m
16 Mar	Wellington	Proposed new date for Wellington Guineas G2 1400m?	<b>New Zealand Oaks G1 2400m</b>
30 Mar	Manawatu	Manawatu Classic G3 2000m	
6 Apr	Canterbury		Inglewood S LR 1600m
13 or 20 Apr option?	Auckland	Proposed new date for Championship S G2 2100m	
20 Apr	Canterbury		Warstep S LR 2000m
27 Apr	Cambridge	Cambridge Breeders' S G3 1200m	

**TABLE 5.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN OF WFA (SW&P) RACES GROUP AND LISTED**

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	RACE & DISTANCE	1200 – 1400	1400 – 1600	1600 – 2500
18 Aug	Waikato	Foxbridge Plate G3	1200		
1 Sep	Hawke's Bay	<b>HB Challenge S (Mafki) G1</b>		1400	
22 Sep	Hawke's Bay	<b>Horlicks Challenge (Windsor Pk) S G1</b>			1600
6 Oct	Hawke's Bay	<b>Ormond Memorial (Spring Classic) G1</b>			2040
20 Oct	Rotorua	Arawa S LR	1200		
6 Nov	Auckland	Alison S G3			2000
17 Nov	Tauranga	Thames Valley S G3			1600
26 Nov	Auckland	Great Northern Challenge S G3			1600
8 Dec	Wellington	<b>Captain Cook S G1</b>			1600
17 Dec	Manawatu	Manawatu Challenge S G3		1400	
26 Dec	Auckland	King's Plate G3			1600
26 Dec	Auckland	<b>Galaxy S (Zabeel) G1</b>			2000
1 Jan	Auckland	<b>Railway S G1</b>	1200		
19 Jan	Wellington	<b>Telegraph G1 SW&amp;P new conditions?</b>	1200		
19 Jan	Wellington	Trentham S G3			2100
26 Jan	Wellington	<b>Thorndon Mile G1 SW&amp;P new conditions?</b>			1600m
9 Feb	Waikato	<b>International S G1</b> <b>Waikato Sprint G1</b>		1400	2000
23 Feb	Otaki	<b>Otaki-Maori WFA G1</b>		1600	
2 Mar	Auckland	Kings (Darley) Plate G3	1200		
9 Mar	Auckland	<b>Second Century S (NZ Stakes) G1</b>			2000
16 Mar	Wellington	New Zealand St Leger LR			2500
30 Mar	Manawatu	Awapuni Gold Cup G2			2000
20 Apr	Canterbury	Canterbury Gold Cup G3			2000
1 Jun	Wanganui	Jackson S LR			1600

**TABLE 6.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN FOR FILLIES & MARES RACES**

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	FILLIES & MARES
13 Oct	Egmont	Taranaki Breeders S G3 1400m
14 Nov	Canterbury	Canterbury Breeders' S LR 1400m
24 Nov	Counties	Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' S G2 1400m
15 Dec	Waikato	Lady Norrie (Cal Isuzu) S G2 1600m
6 Feb	Wairarapa	Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' S LR 1600m
6 Mar	Auckland	Westbury Classic G3 1400m
16 Mar	Wellington	Cuddle S G3 1600m * <i>recently shifted from Nov</i>
23 Mar	Canterbury	South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' S LR 1600m
6 Apr	Te Aroha	<b>NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' S G1 1600m</b>
12 Apr	Manawatu	Manawatu Breeders' S LR 2000m <i>now G3</i>
27 Apr	Cambridge	Dulcie (Travis) S G2 2000m
11 May	Rotorua	Rotorua S LR 1400m
22 Jun	Tauranga	Tauranga Classic LR 1400m

## SPRINT RACES (1000-1400) HANDICAP

**TABLE 7.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN OF HANDICAP SPRINTS**  
**(INCLUDING WFA AND FILLIES & MARES)**

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	WFA AND FILLIES & MARES	HANDICAP (SPRINTS)
18 Aug	Waikato	Foxbridge P G3 1200	
30 Aug	Hawke's Bay	<b>HB Challenge G1 1400</b>	
6 Oct	Hawke's Bay		Kelt Memorial G3 1400
13 Oct	Egmont	Taranaki F&M G3 1400	
20 Oct	Rotorua	Arawa S G3 1200	
10 Nov	Canterbury		Pegasus LR 1000
10 Nov	Waikato		Westminster (Timpson) L 1200
14 Nov	Canterbury	Canterbury Breeders LR 1400 (F&M)	Stewards G3 1200
24 Nov	Counties	Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders S G2 1400 (F&M)	Counties Bowl LR 1100
30 Nov	Levin		Levin S LR 1200
8 Dec	Auckland		Concorde G3 1200
15 Dec	Waikato		F C Johnstone LR 1400
22 Dec	Manawatu	Challenge S G3 1400	
26 Dec	Auckland		Newmarket LR 1200
26 Dec	Otago		James Hazlett LR 1200
1 Jan	Auckland	<b>Railway Hcp G1 1200 SW&amp;P</b>	
19 Jan	Wellington		<b>Telegraph Hcp G1 1200</b> change conditions to SW&P?
26 Jan	Timaru		Timaru Hcp LR 1400
9 Feb	Waikato	<b>Waikato Sprint G1 1400</b>	
2 Mar	Auckland	Kings (Darley) Plate G3 1200	
6 Mar	Auckland	Westbury Classic G3 1400 (F&M)	
16 Mar	Wellington		Lightning LR 1200
30 Mar	Manawatu		Flying Hcp (Fairdale) LR 1400
20 Apr	Hawkes Bay		Open LR 1200 ( <i>upgraded this year</i> )
4 May	Canterbury		Great Easter LR 1400
16 May	Rotorua	Rotorua S LR 1400 (F&M)	
20 July	Opunake		Opunake Cup LR 1400



## 1600M RACES (1400-1600) HANDICAP

**TABLE 8.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN OF 1400 TO 1600 METRE**  
**(INCLUDING WFA AND FILLIES & MARES) RACES**

DATE 2012/13	CLUB	WFA AND FILLIES & MARES	HANDICAP (MILES)
4 Aug	Canterbury		Winter Cup G3 1600
1 Sept	Hawke's Bay	HB Challenge wfa G1 1400	
6 Sep	Marton		Marton Merial Mile G3 1600
21 Sept	Counties		Jim & John Evans LR 1600
22 Sep	Hawke's Bay	<b>Horlicks G1 wfa 1600</b>	
6 Oct	Hawke's Bay		Kelt Memorial LR 1400
13 Oct	Matamata		Matamata Cup LR 1600
13 Oct	Egmont	Taranaki G3 1400 (F&M)	
27 Oct	Wellington		Thompson H G3 1600
14 Nov	Canterbury	Canterbury Breeders LR 1400 (F&M)	Churchill (Couplands) G2 1600
17 Nov	Tauranga	Thames Valley S wfa G3 1600	
22 Nov	Counties	Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders S G2 1400 (F&M)	
1 Dec	Auckland	Gt Nthn Challenge S G3 1600	
8 Dec	Wellington	<b>Captain Cook G1 wfa 1600</b>	
15 Dec	Waikato	Cal Isuzu G2 1600 (F&M)	F C Johnstone (Shaw Wire) LR 1400
22 Dec	Manawatu	Challenge Stakes G3 wfa 1400	
28 Dec	South Canterbury		Timaru Cup LR 1600
1 Jan	Auckland		George Adams (Rich Hill) G2 1600
19 Jan	Wellington		Anniversary Hcp LR 1600
26 Jan	Canterbury		Timaru S LR 1400
26 Jan	Wellington		<b>Thorndon Mile G1 1600</b> <i>change conditions to SW&amp;P?</i>
2 Feb	Otago		White Robe Lodge G3 1600
6 Feb	Wairarapa	Wairarapa Breeders LR 1600 (F&M)	
7 Feb	Waikato	<b>Waikato Sprint G1 wfa 1400</b>	
23 Feb	Otaki	<b>Otaki WFA 1600 G1 wfa</b>	
6 Mar	Auckland	Westbury Classic G3 1400 F&M	
16 Mar	Wellington	Cuddle S G3 1600 F&M	
23 Mar	Tauranga		Japan NZ Trophy G2 1600
23 Mar	Canterbury	CJC South Island Th. Breeders LR 1600 (F&M)	
30 Mar	Manawatu		Flying Hcp (Fairdale) LR 1400
6 Apr	Te Aroha	<b>NZ Thoroughbred Breeders G1 1600 (F&amp;M)</b>	
6 Apr	Canterbury		CJC George Adams LR 1600
13 Apr or 20 Apr?	Auckland		<b>Easter Hcp G1 1600</b> - <i>move one week later to support 2 week gap from Te Aroha Breeders G1?</i>
25 Apr	Feilding		Anzac Hcp LR 1600
4 May	Canterbury		Great Easter LR 1400
11 May	Rotorua	Rotorua S LR 1400 (F&M)	
18 May	Rangitikei		Marton (Rangitikei Cup) 1600 LR 1600
1 Jun	Wanganui	Jackson S LR wfa 1600	
22 Jun	Tauranga	Tauranga Classic LR 1400 F&M	
20 Jul	Opunake		Opunake Cup LR 1400

## MIDDLE DISTANCE/STAYERS (1600-3200) HANDICAP

**TABLE 9.**  
**THE CURRENT PATTERN OF RACES FROM 1600 TO 3200 METRES**

DATE 2012-13	CLUB	WFA AND FILLIES & MARES	HANDICAP (1600-2400)
4 Aug	Canterbury		Winter Cup G3 1600
15 Sep	Marton		Marton Merial Mile G3 1600
21 Sept	Counties		Jim & John Evans LR 1600
22 Sep	Hawke's Bay	<b>Horlicks G1 1600 wfa</b>	
6 Oct	Hawkes Bay	<b>Ormond (Spring Classic) G1 wfa 2040m</b>	
6 Oct	Canterbury		CJC Spring Classic LR 2000
13 Oct	Matamata		Matamata Cup LR 1600
20 Oct	Rotorua		Rotorua Ch. Plate LR 1900
25 Oct	Wellington		Thompson G3 1600
3 Nov	Feilding		Feilding Cup LR 2100m
6 Nov	Auckland	Alison S G3 wfa 2000	
10 Nov	Canterbury		Metropolitan LR 2500
14 Nov	Canterbury		Churchill (Couplands) G2 1600
17 Nov	Canterbury		NZ Cup G2 3200
17 Nov	Tauranga	Thames Valley G3 wfa1600	
24 Nov	Counties		Counties Cup G2 2100 <i>now G3</i>
1 Dec	Wanganui		Wanganui Cup LR 2040
1 Dec	Auckland	Great Nthn Challenge S G3 1600 SW&P	
8 Dec	Wellington	<b>Captain Cook G1 wfa 1600</b>	
15 Dec	Waikato	Cal Isuzu G2 1600 (F&M)	Waikato Cup G3 2400
22 Dec	Manawatu		Manawatu Cup G3 2300
26 Dec	Auckland	<b>Zabeel (Galaxy) G1 2000</b>	
28 Dec	South Canterbury		Timaru Cup LR 1600
1 Jan	Auckland		George Adams (Rich Hill) G2 1600 Queen Elizabeth (City Auck Cup) G2 2400 <i>change conditions SW&amp;P?</i>
12 Jan	Marton		Marton Cup LR 2200
19 Jan	Wellington	Trentham S G3 2100 swp	Anniversary Hcp LR 1600
26 Jan	Wellington		<b>Thorndon Mile G1 1600 SW&amp;P?</b> Wellington Cup G2 2400
2 Feb	Otago		Dunedin Cup LR 2400 White Robe Lodge H G3 1600
6 Feb	Wairarapa	Wairarapa Breeders LR 1600 (F&M)	
7 Feb	Waikato	<b>International S G1 2000 wfa</b>	
16 Feb	Ellerslie		Avondale Cup G2 2400
16 Feb	Taranaki		Taranaki S G3 1800
23 Feb	Otaki Matamata	<b>Otaki WFA 1600 G1 wfa</b>	Kaimai S LR 2000
6 Mar	Auckland		<b>Auckland Cup G1 3200</b>
9 Mar	Auckland	<b>Second Century (NZ Stakes) G1 2000 wfa</b>	
16 Mar	Wellington	Cuddle S G3 1600 (F&M) NZ St Leger LR 2500	
23 Mar	Tauranga		Japan NZ Trophy G2 1600
	Canterbury	CJC South Island Thoroughbred Breeders LR 1600 (F&M)	
30 Mar	Manawatu	Awapuni Gold Cup G2 2000 swp	
30 Mar	Riverton		Riverton Cup LR 2147
6 Mar	Canterbury		George Adams (Easter) Cup LR 1600

6 Apr	Te Aroha	<b>NZ Breeders G1 1600 (F&amp;M)</b>	
12 Apr	Manawatu	Manawatu Br. LR 2000 (F&M) <i>now G3</i>	
13 Apr or 20 Apr new date?	Auckland		Easter Hcp G1 1600 Easter H G1
20 Apr	Canterbury	Canterbury Gold Cup G3 2000	
20 Apr	Hawke's Bay		HB Cup G3 2200
25 Apr	Feilding		Anzac Hcp LR 1600
27 Apr	Cambridge	Dulcie (Travis) G2 2000 (F&M)	
11 May	Rotorua		Rotorua Cup G3 2200
18 May	Rangitikei		Marton (Rangitikei Cup) LR 1600
1 June	Wanganui	Jackson S LR 1600	
27 Jul	Taumarunui		Taumarunui Cup LR 2100

# APPENDIX 3:

## PATTERN REVIEW HISTORY NOTES:

### 1.0 PATTERN REVIEW COMMITTEE HISTORY

- 1.1 NZTR constituted the PRC in early 2004 at request of Graded Stakes Committee.
- 1.2 This was as a response to industry concerns around the importance of the Pattern of racing and proposed that a strategic review of the Pattern be carried out by NZTR under the direction of the PRC. {As a result of that review the PRC provided the Board of NZTR in November 2004 with the *Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing (2004)*.
- 1.3 In May 2007 the PRC was again reconstituted to produce a report of the Pattern of Racing to the NZTR Board. From August 2007, the PRC lay dormant until 2008 when the Committee was reconstituted principally to deal with the following changes – *proposal to reduce the Wellington Cup distance & proposal to change the conditions of the Railway Stakes from Handicap to SW&P*.
- 1.4 THE PRC met in May 2009 to review the Pattern and address a number of movements and proposed race distance changes.
- 1.5 The PRC met again in April 2010 to review the Pattern. While it was intended that the Committee would continue to meet annually there has been no subsequent meetings of the Review committee.
- 1.6 In July 2010 a calendar review work group was established by NZTR This group met several times, but did not deliver a final report. The Group was chaired by Campbell Moncur and included Regional Programming representatives Brent Wall, Andrew Castle, Tim Mills, along with Trainers representative Dennis Ryan and NZ Graded Stakes representative Tom Jamison along with NZTR management. *The function of this group was to review the code calendar to identify potential improvements, review the Pattern of black type races and carnivals, establish data and turnover template to measure raceday performance, assess the NZTR date-setting process and recommend improvements.*

### 2.0 PAST MEMBERS OF THE PRC COMMITTEE

- 2.1 **2004 PRC** – Chairman Peter Fennessy, David Ellis, Allan Fenwick, Brian Kinley, Rob McAnulty, John Rattray, Graeme Sanders, Steve Till (secretary) Alan Cole.
- 2.2 **2007 PRC** – Chairman Peter Fennessy, Steve Till, Colin Jenkins, Greg McCarthy
- 2.3 **2009 PRC** – Chairman John Rattray, Peter Francis, Greg McCarthy
- 2.4 **2010 PRC** – Chairman John Rattray, Peter Francis, Greg McCarthy, Craig Baker

### 3.0 KEY OUTCOMES OF THE 2004 REVIEW

- 3.1 Endorsement of the new Auckland Cup week carnival in early March
- 3.2 The PRC determined that Group One and some Group Two races should be recognized as national targets, whereas Gr 3 and Listed races would generally be regarded as Regional targets.
- 3.3 That the industry needs to take a proactive series of steps to re-emphasise the New Zealand industry's strength in middle distance and staying races an programme more races accordingly
- 3.4 That NZTR adopt philosophy that the movement of Easter Saturday be ignored in the Dates calendar for Clubs hosting black type events on that day.

- 3.5 That Graded Stakes committee be instructed that changes in the conditions of individual races to help develop the new Pattern will not affect the current black-type status of those races for a period of two years from the commencement of the 2005/06 racing season.
- 3.6 That NZTR develop some criteria in respect of early entry races to regulate the direct cost to owners.

#### **4.0 KEY OUTCOMES OF THE 2007 REVIEW**

- 4.1 The Committee endorsed the 2004 Review recommendations and changes
- 4.2 The Committee flagged its concern with Pattern of the two year old races
- 4.3 The Committee recommended that NZTR develop and adopt a uniform scale of Set Weight and Penalty (SW&P) races
- 4.4 The Committee recommended that NZTR establish a set percentage nomination and acceptance fee schedule for Group and Listed races including early entry races
- 4.5 The Committee recommended that NZTR direct additional funding to support the stayers' category to support the development of middle distance and staying events
- 4.6 The Committee recommended that NZTR empower the Graded Stakes committee to address the pyramid structure of Black type races within a specified timeframe given international attention on our Group race structure
- 4.7 The Committee recommended that NZTR ensure official attendance at all International Classifications meeting to ensure the quality of NZ racing is appropriately represented and promoted at such forums
- 4.8 The committee recommended that NZTR confirm the principle that clubs hold ownerships of Black type races and that the Graded Stakes committee is the appropriate body to deal with any issues arising from a proposed change in conditions of a Group or Listed race.

#### **5.0 KEY OUTCOME OF THE 2009 REVIEW**

- 5.1 Report primarily addressed a number of distance changes and looked at the development of new races and their impact on other races in the Pattern such as the Sunline Vase at Auckland on the Lowland Stakes and development of Sarten Memorial at Te Rapa on the Wellington Guineas.

#### **6.0 KEY OUTCOMES OF THE 2010 REVIEW**

- 6.1 The Committee concluded that the current Pattern of racing is largely working well, with no major issues requiring substantive changes.
- 6.2 The Committee continued to be concerned regarding the two year old category but acknowledged the number of black type two year old races was an issue for the Graded Stakes committee to address.
- 6.3 The Committee expressed concern as to the timing of the Levin Classic. The Committee suggested that the race may in fact be better situated in late January.

# APPENDIX 4:

## ANZ RACE RATINGS INFORMATION FOR NZ GROUP RACES CONDUCTED UNDER THE NEW ASIAN PATTERN COMMITTEE GROUND RULES FOR THE 2011-12 AND 2012-13 SEASONS.

### 1.0 GROUP 1 RACES

As a result of the latest review of the New Zealand Pattern race system there were no Group One upgrades proposed by the New Zealand Pattern Committee in the 2013-14 season.

There were no Group One downgrades proposed by the New Zealand Pattern Committee in the 2013-14 season.

Consistent with the Asian Pattern Committee Ground Rules, the New Zealand Pattern Committee currently has nine (41%) of twenty-two Group One races under warning, with:

- 2 Group One races having a first warning issued;
- 5 races Group One races having a first warning maintained, 3 of these races exceeded the 110 five point Pattern Race Rating tolerance in the 2012-13 season;
- 1 Group One race having a second warning issued;
- 1 Group One race having a second warning maintained.

GROUP 1 (115-110) F&M (110-105) 2YO (110-105) 2YOF (105-100)								
REGISTERED RACE	DATE	CONDITIONS	DISTANCE	APC BENCHMARK	APC TOLERANCE	2011-12	2012-13	WARNINGS
OTAKI MAORI WFA	2/23/2013	3UP WFA	1600	115	110	112.8	117.5	
HAWKES BAY CHALLENGE STAKES	9/1/2012	3UP WFA	1400	115	110	116.8	116.8	
SECOND CENTURY STAKES	3/9/2013	3UP WFA	2000	115	110	113.8	116.5	
WAIKATO SPRINT	2/9/2013	3UP WFA	1400	115	110	113.3	114.0	
NZ THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS STAKES	4/6/2013	FM WFA	1600	110	105	109	109.0	
HORLICKS PLATE	9/22/2012	3UP WFA	1600	115	110	117.8	113.8	
GALAXY STAKES	12/26/2012	3UP WFA	2000	115	110	113.3	113.8	
CAPTAIN COOK STAKES	12/8/2012	3UP WFA	1600	115	110	113	113.3	
ORMOND MEMORIAL	10/6/2012	3UP WFA	2040	115	110	115	113.0	
NZ 1000 GUINEAS	11/17/2012	3YF SW	1600	110	105	108	107.3	
TELEGRAPH HANDICAP	1/19/2013	HCP	1200	115	110	107.5	110.8	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
RAILWAY HANDICAP	1/1/2013	SWP	1200	115	110	107	110.3	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
NZ DERBY	3/2/2013	3Y SW	2400	115	110	111.3	110.0	
ELLERSLIE SIRES PRODUCE	3/9/2013	2Y SW	1200	110	105	104.5	105.0	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
MANAWATU SIRES PRODUCE	3/30/2013	2Y SW	1400	110	105	106.3	104.8	
NZ 2000 GUINEAS	11/10/2012	3Y SW	1600	115	110	108.8	109.5	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
INTERNATIONAL STAKES	2/9/2013	3UP WFA	2000	115	110	113.5	109.0	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
NZ OAKS	3/16/2013	3YF SW	2400	110	105	109.5	104.0	
THORNDON MILE	1/26/2012	3UP WFA	1600	115	110	106.8	108.0	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
LEVIN CLASSIC	11/30/2012	3Y SW	1600	115	110	109	107.3	SECOND WARNING MAINTAINED
AUCKLAND CUP	3/6/2013	HCP	3200	115	110	113	104.5	FIRST WARNING ISSUED
EASTER HANDICAP	4/13/2013	HCP	1600	115	110	110.3	104.5	FIRST WARNING ISSUED

## 2.0 GROUP TWO RACES

There are no Group Two upgrades proposed by the New Zealand Pattern Committee in the 2013-14 season.

There has been one Group Two race downgrade advised by the New Zealand Pattern Committee in the 2013-14 season, namely the \$100,000 Counties Cup, a handicap race conducted at Pukekohe Park in November over 2200 metres.

Consistent with the Asian Pattern Committee Ground Rules, the New Zealand Pattern Committee currently has eleven (52%) of the remaining twenty-one Group Two races under warning, with:

- 4 Group Two races having a first warning issued;
- 1 Group Two race having a first warning maintained, despite the race exceeding the 102 three point Pattern Race Rating tolerance for a 2YO race in the 2012-13 season;
- 5 races having a second warning issued;
- 1 race having a second warning maintained.

GROUP 2 (110-107) F&M (105-102) 2YO (105-102) 2YOF (100-97)								
REGISTERED RACE	DATE	CONDITIONS	DISTANCE	APC BENCHMARK	APC TOLERANCE	2011-12	2012-13	WARNINGS
AUCKLAND TB BREEDERS STAKES	11/24/2012	FM WFA	1400	105	102	102.8	111.5	
LADY NORRIE STAKES	12/15/2012	FM WFA	1600	105	102	108.5	110.3	
DULCIE STAKES	4/27/2013	FM WFA	2000	105	102	106.3	108.8	
SIR TRISTRAM FILLIES CLASSIC	2/9/2013	3YF SW	2000	105	102	109.3	107.0	
LADIES MILE	12/26/2012	3YF SW	1600	105	102	109.8	105.8	
ROYAL STAKES	1/1/2013	3YF SW	2000	105	102	105.5	105.8	
AVONDALE GUINEAS	2/17/2013	3Y SW	1600	110	107	110.3	109.5	
CHURCHILL STAKES	11/14/2012	3UP HCP	1600	110	107	106.3	109.5	
MATAMATA BREEDERS STAKES	2/23/2013	2YF SW	1200	100	97	100.3	99.3	
AWAPUNI GOLD CUP	3/30/2013	SWP	2000	110	107	109	109.0	
WAKEFIELD CHALLENGE STAKES	1/19/2013	2Y SW	1200	105	102	100.5	102.8	SECOND WARNING MAINTAINED
HAWKE'S BAY GUINEAS	10/6/2012	3Y SW	1400	110	107	105.5	106.8	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
ARC (GEO. ADAMS) TATTERSALL	1/1/2013	HCP	1600	110	107	104.8	106.5	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
JAPAN/NZ INTERNATIONAL TROPHY	3/23/2013	HCP	1600	110	107	105	106.0	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS	12/26/2012	3Y SW	2100	110	107	110.3	105.5	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES	1/1/2013	3YSW	2100	110	107	103.5	105.3	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
WELLINGTON CUP	1/26/2013	HCP	2400	110	107	108.5	105.0	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
WAIKATO GUINEAS	2/2/2013	3Y SW	2000	110	107	110.8	104.8	FIRST WARNING MAINTAINED
WELLINGTON GUINEAS	10/27/2012	3Y SW	1500	110	107	103.5	104.8	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
AVONDALE CUP	2/17/2013	HCP	2200	110	107	107.5	104.5	FIRST WARNING ISSUED
COUNTIES CUP	11/24/2012	3UP HCP	2100	110	107	103	102.3	DOWNGRADE TO GROUP 3
QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP	1/1/2013	HCP	2400	110	107	99.8	101.8	SECOND WARNING ISSUED

### 3.0 GROUP 3 RACES

There were 2 races upgraded from Listed to Group 3 by the New Zealand Pattern Committee in the 2013-14 season, namely the:

- **Bonecrusher Stakes** conducted by Auckland Racing Club in late September, this early season listed race for 3YO's has exceeded the required race rating of 105 for a Group Three 3YO race in its two most recent renewals. The promotion of this race supports the New Zealand 3YO spring pattern by providing an opportunity for quality three year olds that may be targeting the Group One Guineas races at Riccarton six weeks later.
- **Manawatu Breeders Stakes** conducted by the Manawatu Race Club has exceeded the required race rating of 100 for a Group Three fillies and mares race in each of the past three renewals. Conducted in mid-April the Manawatu Breeders Stakes supports the New Zealand pattern for fillies and mares in the autumn by providing a second group race over 2000 metres with the Group Two Dulcie (Travis) Stakes at Te Rapa two weeks later, the only other black type opportunity for mares in New Zealand run over a distance of more than 1600 metres.

There were no Group Three races downgraded by the New Zealand Pattern Committee in the 2013-14 season.

Consistent with the Asian Pattern Committee Ground Rules, the New Zealand Pattern Committee currently has four (11%) of the thirty-seven Group Three races under warning, with:

- 1 Group Three race having a first warning issued;
- 3 Group Three races having a second warning issued.

GROUP 3 (105-102) F&M (100-97) 2YO (100-97) 2YOF (95-92)								
REGISTERED RACE	DATE	CONDITIONS	DISTANCE	APC BENCHMARK	APC TOLERANCE	2011-12	2012-13	WARNINGS
WESTBURY CLASSIC	3/6/2013	FM SWP	1400	100	97	105.5	110.3	
THAMES VALLEY STAKES	11/17/2012	3UP WFA	1600	105	102	110.8	113.8	
MANAWATU CHALLENGE STAKES	12/22/2012	WFA	1400	105	102	102.8	113.3	
FOXBRIDGE PLATE	8/18/2012	3UP WFA	1200	105	102	108.3	110.3	
EVERGREEN STAKES	10/13/2012	FM WFA	1400	100	97	104.5	104.8	
SARTEN MEMORIAL	10/22/2012	3Y SW	1400	105	102	108.5	109.5	
GREAT NORTHERN CHALLENGE STAKES	12/1/2012	SWP	1600	105	102	109.3	109.3	
ALISON STAKES	11/6/2012	3UP WFA	2000	105	102	104.5	109.0	
SUNLINE VASE	3/6/2013	3YF SW	2100	100	97	104.8	103.5	
DESERT GOLD STAKES	1/26/2013	3YF SW	1600	100	97	109.3	102.8	
EULOGY STAKES	12/15/2012	3YF SW	1600	100	97	107.0	102.5	
CUDDLE STAKES	3/16/2013	FM HCP	1600	100	97	105.0	102.5	
GOLD TRAIL STAKES	9/22/2012	3YF SW	1200	105	102	104.0	107.5	
TRENTHAM STAKES	1/19/2013	WFA	2100	105	102	109.8	107.3	
MANAWATU CLASSIC	3/30/2013	3Y SW	2000	105	102	105.8	107.0	
KINGS PLATE	3/2/2013	SWP	1200	105	102	103.8	107.0	
G R KELT MEMORIAL	10/6/2012	3UP HCP	1400	105	102	104.3	106.5	
LOWLAND STAKES	3/2/2013	3YF SW	2100	100	97	103.0	101.3	
CAMBRIDGE BREEDERS	4/27/2013	3Y SW	1200	105	102	103.5	105.0	
CANTERBURY GOLD CUP	4/20/2013	WFA	2000	105	102	102.5	105.0	
WINTER CUP	8/4/2012	HCP	1600	105	102	100.5	105.0	
ECLIPSE STAKES	1/1/2013	2Y SW	1200	100	97	100.0	100.0	



THOMPSON HANDICAP	10/27/2012	HCP	1600	105	102	103.5	104.8	
TARANAKI STAKES	2/16/2013	HCP	1800	105	102	107.0	104.8	
WAIKATO GOLD CUP	12/15/2012	HCP	2400	105	102	100.3	104.0	
CONCORDE	12/8/2012	HCP	1200	105	102	102.5	103.8	
WELLINGTON STAKES	1/19/2013	3Y SW	1600	105	102	104.8	103.0	
TARANAKI 2YO CLASSIC	2/16/2013	2Y SW	1200	100	97	102.8	98.0	
MR TIZ TROPHY	3/9/2013	3Y SWP	1200	105	102	109.0	102.5	
NEW ZEALAND CUP	11/17/2012	3UP HCP	3200	105	102	103.5	102.5	
MARTON METRIC MILE	9/15/2012	3UP HCP	1600	105	102	103.0	102.0	
STEWARDS STAKES	11/14/2012	3UP HCP	1200	105	102	102.5	101.8	
HAWKES BAY CUP	4/20/2013	HCP	2200	105	102	102.3	101.8	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
WHITE ROBE	2/2/2013	HCP	1600	105	102	100.5	101.8	SECOND WARNING ISSUED
MANAWATU CUP	12/22/2012	HCP	2300	105	102	102.5	100.3	FIRST WARNING ISSUED
ROTORUA CUP	5/11/2013	HCP	2200	105	102	101.8	99.5	SECOND WARNING ISSUED

# APPENDIX 5:

## PATTERN COMMITTEE 2013 SCHEDULE OF GROUP AND LISTED NEW ZEALAND RACES CURRENTLY UNDER WARNING – OF THE 147 GROUP OR LISTED RACES THERE ARE 14 (9.5%) WHICH CURRENTLY HAVE A 2ND WARNING ISSUED, WHILE 17/147 (11.5%) ARE ON A FIRST WARNING

STATUS	2ND WARNINGS MAINTAINED	2ND WARNINGS ISSUED	REVERTED TO 1ST WARNINGS	1ST WARNINGS MAINTAINED	1ST WARNINGS ISSUED
Group 1	1	1	-	5	2
Group 2	1	5	-	1	4
Group 3	-	3	-	-	1
Listed	-	3	2	-	2
Total	2	12	2	6	9

### 5.5 2ND WARNINGS MAINTAINED

G1	Levin Turf Classic	Levin Classic	Levin RC
G2	Wakefield Challenge S		Wellington RC

### 5.6 2ND WARNINGS ISSUED

G1	Thorndon Mile		Wellington RC
G2	Championship Stakes		Auckland RC
G2	Wellington Guineas		Wellington RC
G2	ARC George Adams H	<i>Rich Hill Mile</i>	Auckland RC
G2	Japan Trophy		Tauranga RC
G2	Queen Elizabeth H	<i>City of Auckland Cup</i>	Auckland RC
G3	White Robe Lodge H		Otago RC
G3	Hawkes Bay Cup H		Hawkes Bay RI
G3	Rotorua Cup H		Rotorua RC
LR	Riverton Cup H		Riverton RC
LR	Easter Classic H	<i>CJC Spring Classic</i>	Canterbury JC
LR	Dunedin Gold Cup H		Otago RC

### 5.7 REVERTED TO 1ST WARNINGS

LR	Gore Guineas		Gore RC
LR	Feilding Gold Cup		Feilding JC

#### 4.8 1ST WARNINGS MAINTAINED

G1	Ellerslie Sires' Produce S	<i>Diamond S</i>	Auckland RC
G1	New Zealand 2000 Guineas		Canterbury JC
G1	Railway S		Auckland RC
G1	Telegraph H		Wellington RC
G1	International S		Waikato RC
G2	Hawkes Bay Guineas		Hawkes Bay RC

#### 5.9 1ST WARNING ISSUED

G1	Auckland Cup		Auckland RC
G1	Easter H		Auckland RC
G2	Waikato Guineas		Waikato RC
G2	Wellington Cup H		Wellington RC
G2	Avondale Cup H		Avondale JC
G2	Great Northern Guineas		Auckland RC
G3	Manawatu Cup H		Manawatu RC
LR	Great Northern Foal S		Auckland RC
LR	Star Way 1000	<i>Wentwood Grange S</i>	Waikato RC