

**Friday 1 August 2014**

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

Congratulations to:

- Lisa Latta (87 wins) on taking out the New Zealand trainers premiership from fellow Central Districts trainer Kevin Myers (77 wins), Jason Bridgman (68 wins) and Michael Pitman (60 wins).
- Matthew Cameron (143 wins) on taking out the New Zealand Jockey's premiership from Johnathon Parkes (118 wins) and Mark Du Plessis (112 wins).
- Mathew Gillies (14 wins) on taking out the New Zealand jumps jockey premiership from Michael Mitchell (13 wins) and Issac Lupton (9 wins).
- Rory Hutchings (109 wins) on taking out the New Zealand apprentice premiership from Michael Dee (65 wins) and Samantha Wynne (43 wins).

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National Racing Carnival starts tomorrow, 2 August, with the running of the EstarOnline 117<sup>th</sup> Winter Cup with Wednesday, 6 August, featuring the Hospitality New Zealand Canterbury 125<sup>th</sup> Grand National hurdles and culminating with the Racecourse Hotel 139<sup>th</sup> Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday, 9 August 2014.

Congratulations to the Canterbury Jockey Club, which is the first club to launch its own 'App' for cell-phones and ipads. This provides raceday information and can be easily downloaded now.

**NZTR ANNOUNCES TWO KEY APPOINTMENTS**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has announced today two appointments to its Senior Management team. This follows the recent departures to Australia of David Jewell and Ross Gove.

Martin Burns has been appointed NZTR General Manager, Planning & Projects and Matthew Hall to the position of NZTR General Manager, Racing. Martin takes up his position on 1 September 2014 and Matthew on 15 September 2014.

Martin Burns, who was born and brought up in Gore, qualified in accounting at the University of Otago. His prior experience had a commercial focus with principle experience in energy, and in property and business lending. He comes to NZTR from the NZ Racing Board where, in his role as Head of Industry Liaison, he managed the Board's various relationships with the racing Codes, clubs, integrity bodies, and other industry groups.

Matthew Hall, who is from Victoria and qualified as a lawyer there, has worked in the New Zealand and Australian Thoroughbred racing industries for over 10 years. He has spent the last three and a half years working for Country Racing

Victoria managing the business planning of 21 racetracks in Western Victoria. He previously worked for NZTR between 2008 and 2011 as Handicapper and Race Planner. Prior to working in New Zealand he was a Racing & Events Manager in Western Victoria.

Both positions are key Executive roles within NZTR. The General Manager Planning & Projects is a new role, working closely with the Chief Executive on strategic issues and projects including developing and progressing the NZTR Strategic Plan and Business Plan; managing a variety of industry projects; liaison and communication with racing clubs and all stakeholder groups particularly Trainers, Owners, Jockeys and Breeders; overseeing the Stud Book, Registrations and Licensing Departments; and leading the Thoroughbred industry Training & Development and the Health & Safety Programmes.

The General Manager, Racing's roles focus on managing the National Racing Bureau, race dates, race planning and race programming processes and associated publications; working closely with all 62 racing clubs, Trainers' and Jockeys' Associations and the New Zealand Racing Board on all racing matters; managing the Handicapping Department; and project managing various racing-specific projects.

Matthew Goodson, NZTR Chairman stated: *"We're delighted to appoint such experienced and well regarded professionals to these roles. They will greatly add to NZTR's ability to deliver a number of projects, and stakeholders should note that NZTR will still hold its core costs flat for the fourth season in a row."*

Matthew Hall said: *"I am delighted to be returning to New Zealand where I thoroughly enjoyed my time previously. I'm looking forward to the opportunity and the challenge of playing a leading role in the ongoing development and enhancement of the industry."*

On his appointment, Martin Burns stated: *"I'm really looking forward to applying my experience and further developing stakeholder relationships to lead delivery of NZTR's projects and initiatives."*

## **THOMAS RUSSELL FUNDRAISING**

In acknowledging the serious injury suffered by prominent national jockey, Thomas Russell, those close to Thomas are working with NZTR to make it easier for racing industry participants to donate to help with his future.

Friend and jockey Darryl Bradley has been leading the initiative: "We want to give people the opportunity to donate even a small part of any raceday earnings or winnings,"

NZTR has provided the use of its nominated Raceday account so that donations can be channelled directly through to Thomas. Donations are placed in the account 01-0517-0063944-09 with reference T.Russell. NZTR will have an Authority to Deduct form available on the NZTR website ([www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz)) today to facilitate donations. All that needs to happen is the designated Racing Manager of a horse completes the form and sends it to NZTR and the agreed prize money deduction will be made.

The TAB is also helping Thomas. For the month of August the NZRB will donate 10% of total turnover on Jockey's Challenges to Thomas to assist with his on-going financial needs in the wake of his accident. This will include Jockey's Challenges at 26 thoroughbred race meetings.

The Jockey's Challenge is currently sponsored by vehicle wholesaler Ezygo, however for the month of August the Jockey's Challenge will be known as the Thomas Russell Ezygo Jockeys Challenge and will be promoted through its broadcasting and social media channels.

### **TAB TRACKSIDE 1 AND TAB TRACKSIDE 2**

Coinciding with the beginning of the new racing season, the NZ Racing Board is re-launching its TV channels as TAB Trackside 1 and TAB Trackside 2 and introducing a full dual-channel broadcast.

A key feature of the change is that racing will be spread across two TV channels rather than showing the same races on both. This means up to 5,000 formerly 'No TV' races will be broadcast each year and there will be longer pre and post-race commentary. Two new magazine shows will be introduced in October, with more shows planned for the future.

New Zealand racing will primarily be shown on TAB Trackside 1, though it will be dependent on the New Zealand race calendar and timings of international race meetings.

To help viewers quickly and easily tell which channel they're watching, each channel will have a dominant colour – blue for Trackside 1 and orange for Trackside 2; and new onscreen graphics will be phased in from early August to provide even greater support for customers viewing the channels.

### **FOXTON RC AT HASTINGS THURSDAY 7 AUGUST- EXTRA RACE PROGRAMMED**

Due to a demand for Rating 65 races in the Central Region, NZTR in conjunction with the Central Regional Programming Committee have programmed an additional R65 1600m for the Foxton RC meeting at Hastings on Thursday 7 August. Details are as follows: R65 1600m worth \$8,000. All other races at the meeting remain unaltered.

### **TAB ROLLING OUT EARLY QUADDIES OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS**

The TAB will be rolling out early quaddies on NZ racing (in addition to existing quaddies) over the next three months, with the following promotional guarantees.

- August launch Greyhound: Each of the 39 NZ Greyhound meetings in August to have a \$10,000 Early Quaddie and a \$10,000 Quaddie

- September launch Harness: Each of the 14 NZ Harness meetings in September to have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$40,000 Quaddie
- October launch Thoroughbred: Each of the 28 NZ Thoroughbred meetings in October to have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$60,000 Quaddie

After each month's launch promotion, the early quaddies will be a continuing part of the TAB's standard suite of bet types for each Code (ex-guarantees).

### **THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 14 AUGUST 2014**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has announced finalists for all 2013-14 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards. **ADD LINK** The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton, starting at 6.30pm on Thursday, 14 August 2014. For reservation enquiries: Erin Banks, Verve-the event agency 04 499 6909 or [erin@verve.co.nz](mailto:erin@verve.co.nz)

### **LEE FREEDMAN TO SPEAK AT WAIKATO RACING CLUB'S INAUGURAL COCKTAIL PARTY ON 15 AUGUST**

Five-time Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Lee Freedman will re-live some of the golden moments of his stellar career with George Simon on the eve of the Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate. The Waikato Racing Club is staging its inaugural cocktail party from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Friday, 15 August at the Waikato Racing Club on the eve of its big race day and the evening after the NZ Thoroughbred Racing Awards in Hamilton on Thursday 14 August.

Tickets, available from the Waikato Racing Club, to this not-to-be-missed event are \$25 and include canapes and bubbles on arrival. A cash bar will operate. Dress code will be smart casual.

### **LAST TWO 2014 BAYER LECTURES THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

This year's Bayer Lecture Series presents three New Zealand-based Researchers making presentations on the outcomes arising from research projects that received NZ Equine Research Foundation funding. The remaining two lectures start at 1.20pm on Saturday and Sunday as follows:

AUCKLAND	Saturday 2 August Karaka Sales Centre
MATAMATA	Sunday 3 August Matamata Club Inc, Rawhiti Ave

Dr Lee Morris presents on stem cells particularly new treatments for lameness on the horizon and what the future holds for this treatment option. Dr Ray Cursons will discuss strangles – its transmission and severity, strains specific to NZ and their management and diagnosis, vaccination, and new research. Dr Michelle Logan will talk about research into Equine Metabolic Syndrome - is your horse at risk, how is it diagnosed, and how to treat and manage it.

For further information contact: Bev Stern on 06 356 4940 or Fax 06 354 2885 or Email [nzerf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nzerf@xtra.co.nz). Registration Fee: \$50.00 (Including GST) includes afternoon tea, and a copy of the proceedings. (Registration fee is tax deductible if you derive your main income from horses).

## NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS

September 2014 Regional Meeting will be held as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie / 5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa  
 Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel / 5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui  
 Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park  
 Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni / 4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

Other dates for the diary:

6pm 14 August 2014: Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner, Claudelands, Hamilton  
 Ticket enquiries: Erin Banks 04 499 6909 or [erin@verve.co.nz](mailto:erin@verve.co.nz)  
 6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Wellington.

## TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 27 JULY 2014)

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
23-Jul	Avondale JC	36,988	24,508	608,880	320,695	209,308	106,519	8	5	92	46
24-Jul	Manawatu RC	25,033	25,705	552,717	569,855	221,012	155,927	9	9	93	80
25-Jul	Ashburton RC	29,794	-	613,787	-	206,467	-	10	-	116	-
26-Jul	Levin RC	62,218	53,324	1,128,075	900,378	416,202	231,630	8	8	87	75
26-Jul	Whangarei RC	61,531	59,207	818,790	938,305	368,367	311,267	8	8	68	74

### Meeting details

- Avondale JC Wednesday equivalent meeting was run on a Monday last season, 8 races this season, 5 races last season.
- Ashburton RC Friday meeting had no direct equivalent in FY13.
- Whangarei RC Saturday equivalent meeting was run a week earlier in FY13.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/( )	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	342	356	(14)	(3.93%)
Races	2,851	2,990	(139)	(4.65%)
Total Starts	29,774	31,170	(1,396)	(4.48%)
Avg Field Size	10.44	10.42	+0.02	+0.18%
Number of races less than 8 starters	451	425	+26	+6.12%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	385,448,281	391,045,002	(5,596,721)	(1.43%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	34,967,153	36,938,046	(1,970,892)	(5.34%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>420,415,435</b>	<b>427,983,048</b>	<b>(7,567,613)</b>	<b>(1.77%)</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	320,029,117	338,683,317	(18,654,200)	(5.51%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	100,386,303	89,299,732	+11,086,572	+12.42%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	147,462	143,138	+4,324	+3.02%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,120	13,731	+390	+2.84%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,515,517,671	1,470,551,667	+44,966,004	+3.06%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	313,363,406	244,171,879	+69,191,527	+28.34%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,828,881,077</b>	<b>1,714,723,546</b>	<b>+114,157,531</b>	<b>+6.66%</b>
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 12 Jul)	291,306,503	350,214,359	(58,907,856)	(16.82%)
Total Races (to 12 Jul)	2,765	2,869	(104)	(3.62%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	105,355	122,068	(16,713)	(13.69%)

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.8% year to date.
- With 139 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 3.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 1,396, 4.5% less.
- Average field size is 10.44 in FY14, up slightly from 10.42 in FY13.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 26 higher than a season ago.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.5%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 12.4%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 12 July is down (13.7%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.