

**6 NOVEMBER 2014**

### **FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

As the Victorian Spring carnival draws nearer to conclusion, our very own Cup week starts on Saturday. The New Zealand Cup and Show week in Christchurch has much to offer in terms of quality racing. The \$400,000 Group One Sothy's 2000 Guineas features the countries best three year olds. Stars such as Sacred Falls, Jimmy Choux and Darci Brahma grace the honor board.

Perhaps the talented, yet wayward Vinnie Eagle could give trainer Tony Pike another guineas victory. The addition of side winkers should help him settle, without setting him off. His sire I Am Invincible sired a classic winner at Flemington last Saturday in the Group One Coolmore Stud Stakes with Brazen Beau. He has all the ingredients of a classic horse; however Turn Me Loose also threatens in the market at \$2.80.

The training partnership of Murray Baker/Andrew Forsman won the race last year with Atlante.

The Baker/Forsman team will look to become the first trainer/s in 31 years to achieve back to back 2000 Guineas victories in succession. The prominent late Dave Kerr was the last trainer to achieve this feat.

Congratulations to the O'Leary Brothers for Who Shot TheBarmans gallant third in the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday. He was two placings away from completing the rare Auckland/Melbourne Cup double last achieved by outstanding stayer Jezabeel.

The Zabeel three year old colt Preferment won the Group One Victorian Derby. He looks an exciting prospect for Chris Waller and could potentially be a Cup contender next year. The New Zealand breed could do a classic double on Thursday. Thunder Lady won the Group Two Wakeful Stakes in style; the race has proven to be the key lead up to the Group One Victorian Oaks. Kirramosa won the event last year before going onto further success in the Oaks.

### **LIFE EDUCATION TRUST TOUR DE TARANAKI**

Although unlucky not to win the last race at Pukekura Raceway last Thursday on the Fraser Auret trained Highland Rose, the 2 points for second was enough for New Zealand's leading apprentice Rory Hutchings to win the Life Education Trust Tour de Taranaki for the third occasion and pocket the \$1,000 1<sup>st</sup> prize.

Hutchings got up to win by 1 point from local apprentice Kei Chiong and Miranda Dravitzki, who shared \$500.

Over \$1,000 was raised for Life Education Trust on the day and club CEO Carey Hobbs stated "the synergy between Life Education Trust and an Apprentice Only race day is significant and even more pertinent that winner Rory Hutchings has a far bit to do with the trust as an ambassador in Auckland."

### **MOTUKARARA TRIALS ABANDONED**

Trials scheduled for Motukarara today were abandoned yesterday due to the state of the track following 31mm of rain. There is significantly more rain forecast in the next 24 hours. Transfer options have been considered but there is no track available in the Canterbury region tomorrow or Friday.

### **TRIALS AT OTAKI - THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER**

There will be trials at Otaki on Thursday 13 November. Entries will close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Wednesday 12 November.

### **RANGIORA TRIALS TRANSFERRED TO ASHBURTON**

Trials scheduled for Rangiora on Tuesday 18 November have been transferred to Ashburton and will be run on Wednesday 19 November.

Following the rescheduling and subsequent abandonment of the Ashburton meeting originally scheduled for Saturday 18 October NZTR agreed with the Club that trials would need to take place prior to the important Christmas at the Races meeting on 19 December. A number of recommendations were made with respect to remedial work required at the track and these recommendations have been carried out with the Club confident that the problems which lead to the abandonment have been rectified.

Nominations for the trials will close with the National Racing Bureau at Noon on Tuesday 18 November.

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES DATES/VENUES 2014**

The NZRB's highly successful Santa's Pick promotion will be returning to Christmas at the Races events in 2014 for another festive season. Last year over 115,000 people attended a Christmas at the Races event and for over 18,000 of them it was their first time ever at the races.

One horse will be chosen as Santa's Pick for each race at a Christmas at the Races event. No Santa's pick hat will be worn in any Black Type races. The horse chosen as Santa's Pick will be promoted on-course in collaboration with the Christmas Cracker bet.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Race Course</b>
Saturday, 1 November 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Friday, 7 November 2014	Racing Rotorua	Arawa Park
Sunday, 9 November 2014	Hawke's Bay RI	Hastings
Saturday, 15 November 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Saturday, 22 November 2014	Rangitikei RC	Awapuni
Sunday, 23 November 2014	Cambridge JC	Te Rapa
Friday, 28 November 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Wanganui JC	Wanganui
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Geraldine TC	Orari
Sunday, 30 November 2014	Otago RC @ Cromwell	Cromwell
Thursday, 4 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	New Plymouth
Friday, 5 December 2014	Canterbury Racing	Riccarton Park
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Wellington RC	Trentham
Sunday, 7 December 2014	Waipukurau JC	Waipukurau
Wednesday, 10 December 2014	Otago RC @ Wingatui	Wingatui
Thursday, 11 December 2014	Hawke's Bay RI	Hastings
Friday, 12 December 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Southland RC	Invercargill
Sunday, 14 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Wednesday, 17 December 2014	Matamata RC	Matamata
Thursday, 18 December 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Friday, 19 December 2014	Ashburton RC	Ashburton
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Sunday, 21 December 2014	Tapanui RC @ Gore	Gore
Monday, 22 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	Pukekura Raceway

## **2014 NZTR PERFORMANCE REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The 2014 NZTR Performance Report, which records NZTR's performance against the 44 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the 2014-2016 NZTR Business Plan, is available on the NZTR website (together with the 2012 and 2013 Performance Reports) [here](#).

## TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
27-Oct	Waikato	95,723	157,217	1,826,935	1,558,385	684,156	530,157	10	10	117	115
29-Oct	Counties	5,635	63,743	5,635	869,919	-	277,476	-	10	-	108
30-Oct	Taranaki	34,306	43,976	674,234	866,924	244,936	269,672	8	10	100	124
31-Oct	Gore	21,291	13,459	420,166	450,332	142,726	132,813	6	7	66	67
1-Nov	Feilding	143,689	128,162	1,500,433	1,676,111	495,193	366,768	10	9	129	124
1-Nov	Tauranga	125,587	111,261	1,147,695	941,884	346,471	270,359	8	8	88	73
2-Nov	Banks Pen	46,985	69,768	691,514	696,511	264,054	164,305	9	10	94	106

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	82	88	(6)	(6.82%)
Races	680	718	(38)	(5.29%)
Total Starts	7,158	7,458	(300)	(4.02%)
Avg Field Size	10.53	10.39	0.14	1.34%
Number of races less than 8 starters	93	116	(23)	(19.83%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	95,034,185	93,470,294	1,563,891	1.67%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	6,197,607	6,232,077	(34,470)	(0.55%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	101,231,792	99,702,371	1,529,421	1.53%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	73,837,639	77,536,499	(3,698,860)	(4.77%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	27,394,153	22,165,858	5,228,295	23.59%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	148,870	138,861	10,009	7.21%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,142	13,369	774	5.79%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	414,894,766	373,098,367	41,796,399	11.20%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	89,643,589	70,594,277	19,049,312	26.98%
Total NZRB Turnover	504,538,355	443,692,644	60,845,711	13.71%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 26 Oct)	76,275,871	75,426,184	849,687	1.13%
Total Races (to 26 Oct)	629	664	(35)	(5.27%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	121,265	113,594	7,672	6.75%

### Meeting details:

Counties RC Wednesday meeting was abandoned due to the inconsistency of the racing surface; last year the equivalent meeting ran 10 races.

Taranaki TRI Thursday meeting equivalent was run by Wanganui JC last season; 8 races this year, 10 last year.

Gore RC Friday meeting equivalent was run by Southland RC last season; 6 races in FY15, 7 races in FY14.

Feilding JC Saturday meeting ran 10 races this season, 9 races last season.

Banks Peninsula RC Sunday meeting ran 9 races this year, 10 races last year.

### Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 1.5% year to date.

- 6 less meetings and 38 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 7.2%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 300, 4.0% less.
- Average field size is 10.53 in FY15, up from 10.39 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 23 less than the season prior (93 v 116).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.8%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 23.6%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 6.8% to 26 October.

### **Melbourne Cup Day turnover**

Strong turnovers were recorded by the NZRB on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 4 November. Total racing turnover (totalisator and FOB) was up \$3.17m (16.5%). NZ domestic racing was up \$500,000 (8.0%) and total Australian racing turnover was up \$2.68m (20.7%). The Melbourne Cup meeting at Flemington itself was up \$2.28m (19.8%), no doubt in part helped by the number of Kiwi-Australian angles and stories through Who Shot Thebarman, Lucia Valentia, Chris Waller, Mike Moroney and James McDonald.

Details of individual NZ meeting performances on Melbourne Cup Day will be available in the turnover report in next week's Media Bulletin.

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