



Thursday 3 April 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

It's another fantastic weekend of racing with some of New Zealand's best horses racing on both sides of the Tasman. In New Zealand the feature race is the \$200,000 Fiber Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes for fillies and mares over 1600 meters at Te Aroha.

New Zealand's only Group 1 race for fillies and mares brings together a great field, including four individual Group 1 winners from this season in Recite (3.80F), Viadana (4.00), Xanadu (6.00) and Costume (10.00), Group 2 winners Fix (8.50) and Chintz (5.00) and Group 1 placed Thy (12.00). I'm really looking forward to being at Te Aroha.

At Rosehill in Sydney, New Zealand we will be represented by a number of runners including the Murray Baker trained Dundee (4.0) and the Roger James trained Silent Achiever (4.60) in the \$1.5m BMW. The Donna Logan trained Rising Romance and John Sargent trained Miss Mossman tackle the \$400,000 Group 1 Vinery Stakes.

VICTORIA CARTER APPOINTED NZTR DIRECTOR

The Members' Council of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has appointed Mrs Victoria Carter to the NZTR Board. She takes up the vacant seat left by Mr Des Friedrich in January 2014 upon his move to Australia.

The Members' Council is responsible for all aspects of appointing the six independent Directors to the NZTR Board.

Victoria Carter has a background in public relations and is well-versed in digital marketing. Victoria has been a Director of the Auckland Racing Club for the past eight years and until recently was Chairman of the Members' Council.

An accredited Director of the Institute of Directors, she is a Director of Tax Management NZ, and Cityhop, NZ's first car share company. She is also Chairman of the Auckland Arts Festival.

A former high profile Auckland City Councillor, Mrs Carter was a Director of formerly NZX-listed company Kidicorp, NZ's largest childcare provider and, until late last year, tourism company JUCY Group.

She and her husband breed and race horses, most recently Rising Romance, who is set to run in the Group One Vinery Stud Stakes at Rosehill, Sydney, this Saturday.

REVIEW OF EQUINE QUALIFICATIONS

A Review of Qualifications for the Equine sector has been conducted over the past 18 months. The proposed suite of equine qualifications has been submitted to NZQA for listing. The qualification documents and qualification map can be found at <http://www.primaryito.ac.nz/equine-qualification-review>

It is anticipated these will be available for use from mid-May.

The next stage in the process is programme development. In order to enrol learners into the qualifications, all education organisations, including Primary ITO, are required to develop learning programmes that lead to the qualifications. These programmes must be approved by NZQA, and must show evidence of how the programme specifications will enable learners to achieve the qualification.

As Primary ITO develops programmes for the new equine qualifications, industry feedback on programme content will be sought.

MARLBOROUGH RC – SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2014 – SPECIAL CONDITION ADDED TO MAIDEN 2YO+ RACE

Following consultation between NZTR, the Southern Region Programming Committee & Marlborough RC a Special Condition has been added to the Maiden 2YO+ (1000m) at the Marlborough RC, race meeting on Sunday 27 April 2014.

The conditions of the race are now: **Mdn 2YO+ SW 1000m \$8,000 \$5,000, \$1,600, \$800, \$400, \$200.**

Special Condition: Any horse entered for this race which wins the Maiden two-year-old and upward race over 1000 metres at Waterlea Racecourse on Thursday 24 April 2014 will be eligible to start in this race and will be subject to a 2kg penalty for each such win.

TRIAL RESULTS

Trial placings from 4th backwards are now being recorded in the results system by the National Racing Bureau when the videos are available. First meeting being processed is Cambridge on Tuesday, 25 March.

NORTHERN REGION RACE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2014 – WAS WAIPA RC NOW WHAKATANE RC

The race meeting programmed for Waipa RC on Wednesday 9 April 2014 has been replaced with a Whakatane RC race meeting at Te Teko on the same day.

The decision to transfer the meeting from Waipa has been made following an inspection of the Te Awamutu track which confirmed that it is too firm to race on.

In its place a replacement meeting has been programmed for Whakatane RC, to be run at Te Teko. This has resulted in some changes to the distances previously programmed at Waipa. There are:

Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp	2100m (previously 2000m)
Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp	1600m (previously 1580m)
Benchmark Rating 65 F&M Hcp	1200m (previously 1150m)
Maiden SW	1600m (previously 1580m)
Maiden SW	1400m is unchanged
Maiden SW	1200m (previously 1150m)
Maiden Three Year Old SW	1400m is unchanged
Maiden Three Year Old SW	1200m (previously 1150m)

All other conditions relating to the meeting remain unaltered.

The early decision allows trainers to consider the option of nominating for the Whangarei RC race meeting on Friday 4 April, for which nominations for all races have been left open until 9am, Wednesday 2 April.

OTAGO RACING CLUB – THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2014 – ADDITIONAL RACE ADDED

Following consultation between NZTR & the Southern Region Programming Committee, there has been a change to the programme for the Otago Racing Club race meeting on Thursday 10 April 2014.

An additional race has been added to the programme, details of which are: **Benchmark Rating 65 Colts, Geldings & Entires Hcp* 1400m \$7,000. \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175.**

TRACKSIDE CHANNEL EXCLUSIVELY ON SKY FROM 14 APRIL 2014

From 14 April 2014 Trackside channel will be exclusively on SKY. Information on the change, including frequently asked questions, is publicly available on the [TAB website](http://www.tab.co.nz), while details of the SKY deal are provided at www.skytv.co.nz/tab.

This change will enable Trackside to offer enhanced content across both channels, including an additional 5,000 races which are not currently broadcast on television. Premier events such as the Melbourne Cup, the New Zealand Trotting Cup, New

Zealand Galloping Cup, Wellington Cup, Karaka Million, Waikato Sprint, Auckland Cup, Harness Jewels and the Great Northern Steeplechase will continue to be broadcast on Prime.

NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS RACES – APRIL-JULY 2014

NZTR confirms the following races have been programmed as **NZB Insurance Pearl Series Bonus Races**:

Counties RC	Monday 14 April	Maiden Two Year Old SW	1200m	\$7K
Taranaki TRI	Saturday 10 May	Maiden Two Year Old SW	1200m	\$10K
Racing Te Aroha	Monday 14 May	Two Year Old Hcp	1000m	\$7K
Avondale JC	Wednesday 11 June	Maiden Two Year Old SW	800m	\$7K
Avondale JC	Wednesday 2 July	Maiden Two Year Old SW	1200m	\$7K

These races will be published in the THOROUGHBRED RACING MONTHLY.

TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 23 MARCH 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
24-Mar	Beaumont	36,503	15,901	389,668	350,575	118,460	102,141	8	8	84	61
26-Mar	Avondale	39,007	29,629	628,356	432,663	271,390	194,534	8	7	74	63
27-Mar	Wanganui	33,424	41,773	654,277	700,608	209,231	242,137	8	9	94	95
28-Mar	Counties	16,487	47,695	444,644	647,055	175,090	239,332	6	8	53	80
29-Mar	Auckland	110,299	103,164	893,446	1,038,995	294,225	273,660	9	9	77	82
29-Mar	Manawatu	207,749	191,220	2,039,544	1,681,468	696,160	527,813	10	10	133	110
29-Mar	Southland	35,553	13,628	710,932	75,353	201,136	19,222	10	1	114	10

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance + / ()	Variance + % / (%)
Meetings	239	241	(2)	(0.83%)
Races	1,975	2,034	(59)	(2.90%)
Total Starts	20,494	21,011	(517)	(2.46%)
Avg Field Size	10.38	10.33	+0.05	+0.45%

Number of races less than 8 starters	325	298	+27	+9.06%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	282,301,842	283,432,683	(1,130,841)	(0.40%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	28,310,502	29,883,202	(1,572,700)	(5.26%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	310,612,344	313,315,885	(2,703,541)	(0.86%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	237,422,097	247,279,715	(9,857,617)	(3.99%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	73,190,231	66,036,170	+7,154,061	+10.83%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	157,272	154,039	+3,233	+2.10%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,156	14,912	+244	+1.64%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,042,594,040	1,017,915,313	+24,678,727	+2.42%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	181,705,915	156,427,167	+25,278,748	+16.16%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,224,299,955	1,174,342,480	+49,957,475	+4.25%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 22 Mar)	221,877,052	260,505,085	(38,628,032)	(14.83%)
Total Races (to 22 Mar)	1,908	1,963	(55)	(2.80%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	116,288	132,708	(16,420)	(12.37%)

Meeting details

- Beaumont RC Monday run as part of a dual code at Wingatui this season. Equivalent meeting last season was a Sunday in early May 2013.
- Avondale JC Wednesday equivalent meeting was a Monday mid-April last season. Meeting ran 8 races in FY14, 7 races in FY13.
- Wanganui JC Thursday meeting ran 8 races this season, 9 last season.
- Counties RC Friday meeting was transferred from Paeroa, equivalent meeting was Waikato RC at Te Rapa last season. Ran 6 races FY14, 8 races FY13.
- Southland RC Saturday meeting ran 10 races this season, was abandoned after 1 race last season when a Sunday in mid-March.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 0.9% year to date.
- With 59 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.1%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 517, 2.5% less.
- Average field size is up from 10.33 in FY13 to 10.38 in FY14, 0.05 starters per race (0.5%) more.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 27 higher than a season ago.
- Decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.0%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 10.8%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 22 March is down (12.4%). 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.