

Friday 26 DECEMBER 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period. While I hope many of you will be enjoying Christmas, the bureau will be extremely busy over this time. A reminder for trainers to check nomination/withdrawal/rider declaration times during this time.

A staggering 46 Races will be broadcast across New Zealand within 48 hours after Christmas. There is also an additional 5 races at the Alexandra Racing Club equalisator meeting; however this will not be available on Trackside. Ellerslie will be centre stage on Boxing Day. The \$200,000 Group One Zabeel Classic is always a summer highlight. Fay Fay will look to return to Group One form. He is a former Hong Kong Derby victor over the distance and will be difficult to beat.

The \$100,000 Group Two Cambridge Stud Eight Carat Classic continues the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year series.

Tavy looks to maintain her fine record at Ellerslie and is a deserving favourite. The filly by Leading Second Season sire Tavistock will look to give the young stallion another three year old feature race winner. It would have huge sentiment for the sponsor if she is successful.

Merry Christmas.

DOOMBEN TO HOST 2015 STRADBROKE

Doomben will play host to next year's Stradbroke Handicap as part of key Winter Carnival date changes announced by Racing Queensland today.

Racing Queensland CEO Darren Condon confirmed the time-honoured race meeting would be moved from Eagle Farm to Doomben in 2015, along with the Oaks Day meeting, while the Tatts Tiara would be transferred to the Gold Coast Turf Club and the Queensland Cup to the Sunshine Coast.

The changes have been put to the Pattern Committee in a formal request, along with the distance changes required to run these races at their new locations.

ANONYMOUS RACING INTEGRITY LINE – 0800 RIU 123

The Racing Integrity Unit (RIU) has launched an anonymous 0800 number for the racing industry to report integrity concerns.

Based on the NZ Police Crimestoppers 0800 number, the **0800 RIU 123** Integrity line gathers information volunteered anonymously from industry participants, employees, punters and anyone with an interest in racing with guaranteed anonymity.

The service is run through the Crimestoppers operation. All calls are received by trained call takers. They record the information offered and the intelligence provided is then forwarded on to the RIU for investigation.

As a new service based on anonymity, the integrity line will add to the Racing Integrity Unit's intelligence gathering. "The guarantee of absolute anonymity provides a way for people to feel safe about passing on what they know, so we are likely to receive information we haven't had before and from people who in other circumstances would not normally come forward" says Neil Grimstone, Manager of Integrity Assurance for the Racing Integrity Unit.

There is no visibility or record of the phone number the call is being made from, so it cannot be traced back. However the caller is given the opportunity to leave contact details if they wish to be contacted further about the concerns they raise.

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
17-Dec	Matamata	60,965	98,684	657,731	998,130	292,841	327,980	8	8	70	111
18-Dec	Levin	46,151	63,810	638,010	811,099	288,095	287,963	8	9	82	96
19-Dec	Ashburton	51,832	46,029	671,631	657,635	274,538	207,240	8	8	89	93
20-Dec	Manawatu	271,250	280,837	1,762,820	1,695,404	762,828	708,046	9	9	103	97
20-Dec	Waikato	110,462	174,315	1,487,639	1,726,185	723,839	508,470	9	9	111	107
21-Dec	Tapanui	83,611	72,423	752,671	731,071	272,667	199,228	9	8	93	89

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	129	137	(8)	(5.84%)

Races	1,097	1,137	(40)	(3.52%)
Total Starts	11,839	12,179	(340)	(2.79%)
Avg Field Size	10.79	10.71	+0.08	+0.75%
Number of races less than 8 starters	136	159	(23)	(14.47%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	162,798,138	158,400,851	+4,397,287	+2.78%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	13,746,070	14,165,135	(419,065)	(2.96%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	176,544,208	172,565,986	+3,978,222	+2.31%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	128,091,330	132,888,317	(4,796,987)	(3.61%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	48,373,945	39,677,654	+8,696,290	+21.92%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	160,934	151,773	+9,161	+6.04%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,912	14,169	+743	+5.24%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	680,449,575	608,871,756	+71,577,819	+11.76%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	136,535,501	105,435,551	+31,099,950	+29.50%
Total NZRB Turnover	816,985,076	714,307,307	+102,677,769	+14.37%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 14 Dec)	134,975,678	130,376,709	+4,598,969	+3.53%
Total Races (to 14 Dec)	1,046	1,085	(39)	(3.59%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	129,040	120,163	+8,877	+7.39%

Meeting details:

- Levin RC Thursday meeting ran 8 races this season, 9 last.
- Tapanui RC Sunday meeting ran 9 races in FY15, 8 races in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.3% year to date.
- 8 less meetings and 40 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 6.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 340, 2.8% less.
- Average field size is 10.79 in FY15, up from 10.71 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 23 less than the season prior (136 v 159).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 3.6%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 21.9%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 7.4% to 14 December.

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.