



**Tuesday 14 February 2012**

### **Racing Safety Fund Open for Applications**

The Minister for Racing Nathan Guy has announced that applications for the next round of the Racing Safety Development Fund are now open.

“This Fund supports projects that improve facilities and upgrade the safety standards at racecourses,” says Mr Guy.

“All racing clubs and the racing code bodies are invited to submit applications for funding, with \$508,826 available in this second round from a total figure of \$1 million for 2011/12.

“Racecourse health and safety continues to be an important issue for the industry. This funding will help protect the health and safety of riders, spectators, officials, and animals. It also includes the standard of racecourse facilities and equipment.

“All racing clubs and the racing code bodies should be proactive in dealing with health and safety. The Fund is there to encourage and support their efforts.”

There are around 150 racing clubs racing at nearly 70 racecourses around the country.

The Minister for Racing has written to all racing clubs and the racing code bodies inviting applications to the Fund. Applications must be submitted by 5 pm on 31 March 2012.

### **TAB \$20,000 Quaddies Boost on Monday's and Tuesday's in March**

New Zealand thoroughbred racing commences a regular programme of Monday racing from Monday 5 March and a block programme of Tuesday racing from Tuesday 13 March.

To give customers an extra incentive to invest on these new days the TAB will inject a **bonus of \$20,000 to the Quaddie** on each Monday and Tuesday NZ Thoroughbred meeting throughout March.

All of these Bonus Quaddies will operate on the last four races at each meeting.

#### **MONDAY**

**5 March**

Paeroa

**12 March**

Hawera

(Taranaki Anniversary Day)

**19 March**

Rotorua

**26 March**

Tauherenikau

#### **TUESDAY**

**13 March**

Te Awamutu

**20 March**

New Plymouth

**27 March**

Matamata

## Ellerslie Open for Gallops for Cup Week Horses

The Ellerslie course proper will be open on Friday 24 February from 7 am for horses looking to run over Auckland Cup Week.

## Feature Race Nominations Deadline

### Auckland RC

Late nominations for the Telecom New Zealand Derby close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 28 February.

## Apprentice Jockey Mentor/Industry Training Advisor - Southern Region

Do you want to play a pivotal role in New Zealand's Racing Industry Training?

NZTR has an exciting opportunity for an Apprentice Jockey Mentor/Industry Training Advisor to support the development and marketing of industry training across the Harness, Thoroughbred and Greyhound codes.

A member of the NZTR Industry Training team, the role will involve the marketing of qualifications to new and existing industry participants and supporting trainees through their qualifications. You will also mentor and coach our apprentice jockeys, helping them on their way to becoming world-class jockeys.

This critical role requires strong industry experience, the ability to relate to industry participants, good administrative skills, tons of energy and a good sense of humour. If this sounds like you – please get in touch!

Please refer to the attached position description for further information about the role.

Applications should be forwarded to Deb Bragger at [deborah.bragger@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:deborah.bragger@nzracing.co.nz), and should include a current CV, a completed [application form](#) and a cover letter outlining your suitability for the role.

Applications close 5 pm Friday 17 February 2012.

For further details, [click here](#) to view the full article (requires Adobe Acrobat reader).

## NZ Racing Hall of Fame Induction Event

The next Racing Hall Of Fame inductee gala dinner will be held in Auckland on 2 March 2012 on the eve of the New Zealand Derby meeting coinciding with Auckland Cup Carnival week.

Inductees will be chosen from right across New Zealand thoroughbred history, in two categories - Horses and People – by an independent Selection Committee.

Inductees, together with their individual sponsors, will be announced on the night - adding to the anticipation and excitement of the event which will include guest speakers and entertainment.

**Date:** Friday 2 Mar 2012  
**Venue:** Ellerslie Convention Centre, Ellerslie Racecourse, Auckland  
**Price:** \$180.00.

For further details and to purchase tickets, go to [www.racinghalloffame.co.nz](http://www.racinghalloffame.co.nz) or

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## Turnover Information for the Period ending 12 February 2012

Date	Club	On-Course	Off-Course	Fixed Odds	Starters	
					11-12	10-11

8/2	Waipa (1)	22,457	39.5%	480,909	8.3%	133,887	30.8%	74	0.0%
9/2	Southland (2)	19,511	38.8%	564,976	25.6%	95,165	40.9%	104	28.4%
10/2	Taranaki	67,814	40.9%	598,395	32.6%	134,207	23.9%	72	10.8%
11/2	Manawatu (3)	90,250	12.1%	1,031,802	7.4%	242,248	39.8%	100	4.2%
11/2	Waikato	370,001	12.0%	2,040,699	18.4%	460,348	5.6%	118	2.5%
12/2	Counties	57,996	17.1%	673,115	10.0%	164,596	37.5%	76	9.5%

- (1) Waipa RC; 7 races this year, compared to 8 races last year.  
(2) Southland RC; 10 races this year, compared to 9 races last year.  
(3) Manawatu RC; 10 races this year, compared to 9 races last year.

Overall TAB turnover was up 14.5% (+\$3.96m) last week on the same week last year. A major contributing factor to this was Waitangi Day falling on a Monday this year compared to a Sunday last year, with Monday growing by \$3.12m alone. Racing was up 11.4% (+\$2.81m) for the week.

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was up 21.7% (+\$1.37m) with an additional meeting and ten more races, with horse starts up 23.6%. The features of the week (and top betting races) were the two Group 1's from Te Rapa, the Darci Brahma International (won by Shez Sinsational) with turnover (tote and FOB) of \$359k which was down 6.3% on last year (\$383k), and the Waikato Draught Sprint (won by Veyron) with turnover of \$352k, 33% down on last year (\$523k) with this race having 8 starters this year compared to 11 starters last year.

FOB Racing was up 41% (+\$1.16m) last week (up 41% or \$834k domestically), with just 20 more options (+4.5%) available than in the same week last year.

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/()</b>	<b>Variance +%/(% )</b>
<b>Races</b>	1,691	1,716	(25)	(1.46%)
<b>Starters</b>	17,912	18,364	(452)	(2.46%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.59	10.70	(0.11)	(1.02%)
<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	186,749,328	198,781,790	(12,032,462)	(6.05%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	22,850,820	25,580,812	(2,729,992)	(10.67%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	209,600,148	224,362,602	(14,762,454)	(6.58%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	37,253,204	33,978,937	+3,274,267	+9.64%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	246,853,352	258,341,539	(11,488,187)	(4.45%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	145,981	150,549	(4,568)	(3.03%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,781	14,068	(286)	(2.04%)

<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	759,419,534	761,101,234	(1,681,700)	(0.22%)
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	127,973,582	91,941,444	+36,032,138	+39.19%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>887,393,116</b>	<b>853,042,678</b>	<b>+34,350,438</b>	<b>+4.03%</b>

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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