



**Tuesday 18 September 2012**

### **NZTR 2012 Performance Report - Draft**

The Chief Executive and Board commenced a round of NZTR Regional Meetings last evening to update stakeholders on progress with the NZTR 2012-14 Business Plan and to answer questions. A copy of the presentation is available here.

NZTR's draft Performance Report, against the 2012-14 Business Plan, is also being provided at these Regional Meetings.

A draft copy is available here.

### **NZTR Stakeholder Survey Report**

NZTR initiated a Stakeholder Survey to help improve the services we provide, enhance communication about NZTR's roles and responsibilities and to assist in delivering objectives of the 2012-14 NZTR Business Plan.

A report of the survey is available here.

### **Mufhasa Named 2012 New Zealand Horse of the Year**

Mufhasa, at the grand age of eight and winner of over \$3 million, was crowned Horse of the Year at New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's 2012 Horse of the Year Awards, held in Hamilton last Wednesday night. Votes were overwhelmingly in his favour, totalling 37 of a possible 43.

This is the second time Mufhasa has won the title following his win in 2009. Mufhasa won the Group One Futurity at Caulfield, Group One Westbury Stud Captain Cook Stakes at Wellington, Group One Toorak Handicap at Caulfield and Group One Makfi Challenge Stakes at Hastings.

### **2011 - 12 Champions**

Sprinter	Mufhasa
Middle Distance	Jimmy Choux
Stayer	Shez Sinsational
Two-Year-Old	Warhorse
Three-Year-Old	Silent Achiever
NZ Bloodstock Champion Three-Year-Old Filly	Planet Rock
Jumps Horse	Ima Heroine
Jockey	James McDonald
Dunstan Champion Trainer	John Sargent
Jumps Jockey	Richard Cully
McBeath Apprentice Rider	Jason Collett

Retired Trainer, Trevor McKee ONZM, received the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Racing. Horses he has trained have been inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame, have been Timeform World Champion, Horse of the Year - both in New Zealand and Australia - and at the head of the ANZ Classification as well as crowned Australasia's All-time Leading Earner.

Karyn Fenton-Ellis, Trackside TV Presenter and one of the two MC's at the Awards Dinner, won the Media Award; The Oaks Stud, owner of Artistic, Zurella and other top class horses, was awarded the Owner of the Year.

Piper Farm Ltd (Alex and Cecile Smith), breeders of So You Think and Now You Know, took the Breeder of the Year Award; and Triassic, dam of So You Think and Now You Know won the Broodmare of the Year for the second year running.

### **Trainers and Riders Premiership Trophies**

There has been some comment regarding presentation of the two 2012 Premiership trophies – Trainers and Riders – to their respective winners, John Sargent and Lisa Allpress.

Lisa Allpress was presented with her Riders' Premiership trophy on Saturday 8 September at the meeting at Wanganui, her home town, where family and friends were able to be present. John Sargent was presented with his Trainers' Premiership trophy at the Awards Dinner in Hamilton because he had just arrived back in New Zealand from overseas on the previous day.

### **Paeroa Trials – Re-scheduled to Thursday 20 September**

Following consultation between NZTR, Waikato RC (@Paeroa) & the Northern Regional Programming Committee, the Paeroa trials which were cancelled yesterday have now been re-scheduled and will be run on Thursday 20 September.

Whilst there are races at Poverty Bay on Thursday 20 September and there may potentially be some impact on that meeting, the need for trials in the North following the recent spate of cancellations in the region, was considered of utmost importance. This, coupled with the race meeting calendar in the region over the next 10 days, means that there are no other trial opportunity alternatives. The replacement date has also received widespread support from Northern stakeholders.

With a view to lessening any potential impact on Poverty Bay however, nominations for the Paeroa trials will be re-called for (i.e. all will have to nominate irrespective if previously nominated for tomorrow's cancelled trials) and accordingly will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 19 September.

### **Racing Te Aroha – Additional Race Now Programmed for Friday 28 September 2012**

Following requests from license holders and after consultation between NZTR & the Northern Regional Programming Committee, an additional race has been added to the programme for the Racing Te Aroha race meeting on 28 September 2012.

The programme for the extra race is a Benchmark Rating 75 Handicap over 1600m to be run for a stake of \$8,000.

The decision was made on the basis that the race meeting at Waipa RC was abandoned on Monday 17 September and also a lack of opportunities for horses in the coming weeks.

### **Racing to Return to Avondale on Monday 1 October 2012**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has confirmed a return to racing at Avondale on Monday, 1 October 2012 after an absence of more than two years.

The AJC successfully conducted a full trials meeting at the track on Tuesday 4 September. NZTR National Venue Inspector, Garry Foskett, reported that all riders were very complimentary of the track of the track that day and were supportive of a return to racing at Avondale. The recommendation to resume racing at Avondale has also been supported by the stipendiary steward Alan Coles, the New Zealand Trainers Association, New Zealand Jockeys Association and the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Federation.

Avondale Jockey Club Secretary/Manager John Craig said that the Club is very pleased with the positive response it had received from industry participants and Members now that it is definite that racing will

return to the track. The Club has eight midweek licences scheduled to be conducted this season including their traditional Anzac Day meeting next April.

### Canterbury Racing – Feature Events 1<sup>st</sup> Late Nominations and 1<sup>st</sup> Withdrawals Deadlines

1<sup>st</sup> withdrawals for Sothy's 40<sup>th</sup> New Zealand 2000 Guineas, 8<sup>th</sup> Coupland's Mile, Christchurch Casino 149<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Cup and New Zealand Bloodstock 40<sup>th</sup> 1000 Guineas close with the National Racing Bureau at 11 am on Wednesday 26 September 2012.

1<sup>st</sup> late nominations for these events close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Wednesday 26 September 2012.

### Turnover Information for the Period ending 16 September 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
3/9	Taupo (1)	29,765		480,291		176,541		84	
4/9	Wdvl-Pahiatua (2)	17,896		351,182		109,976		55	
5/9	Waikato (3)	34,177		785,802		269,858		96	
6/9	Taranaki (4)	19,549		403,364		104,261		52	
7/9	Canterbury (5)	39,507		813,375		217,658		99	
8/9	Marton	120,187	1.1%	1,432,263	12.2%	372,728	59.7%	90	34.8%
8/9	Whangarei (6)	87,986	8.5%	1,104,536	3.2%	326,971	23.5%	81	15.6%

- (1) Racing Taupo; no equivalent meeting last year, when they raced on the following Wednesday; this year there were 9 races.
- (2) Woodville-Pahiatua RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 7 races.
- (3) Waikato RC; last year this was a Racing Rotorua meeting at which there were 10 races; this year there were 8 races.
- (4) Taranaki TR; last year this was a Foxton RC meeting at which there were 10 races; this year there were 6 races.
- (5) Canterbury Racing; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 9 races.
- (6) Whangarei RC; last year there were 10 races, compared to 9 races this year.
- (7) Last year there was a Taranaki TR meeting on Sunday, at which there were 9 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	334	353	(19)	(5.38%)
Starters	3,276	3,593	(317)	(8.82%)
Avg Field Size	9.81	10.18	(0.37)	(3.64%)
Off-Course Turnover	33,423,122	36,394,763	(2,971,641)	(8.17%)
On-Course Turnover	2,469,431	2,905,271	(435,840)	(15.00%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	35,892,553	39,300,034	(3,407,481)	(8.67%)
Fixed Odds	8,620,415	6,592,133	+2,028,282	+30.77%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	44,512,968	45,892,167	(1,379,199)	(3.01%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	133,272	130,006	+3,266	+2.51%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,588	12,773	+815	+6.38%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	179,740,804	158,970,652	+20,770,152	+13.07%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	37,287,883	38,890,272	(1,602,389)	(4.12%)
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>217,028,687</b>	<b>197,860,924</b>	<b>+19,167,763</b>	<b>+9.69%</b>

Overall turnover was up 4.5% (+\$1.47m) last week on the same week last year, with Rugby World Cup having contributed \$4.73m turnover to the same week last year.

Racing turnover was up 12.5% (+\$3.11m) for the week, with domestic racing down 12.5% (-\$1.83m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 7.2% (-\$577k) (tote + fob) with an extra meeting and four more races (+7.4%), with horse starts down 9.9% (avg. field size down 1.8 starters a race).

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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