

**Friday 12 July 2013**

### **Otaki Venue Changes – July & August**

The Levin Racing Club Ryder Stakes meeting on Saturday 27 July will be transferred to Awapuni following an inspection of the Otaki track on Wednesday by NZTR Venue Inspector Gary Foskett and Otaki Club officials.

The venue change has been approved by NZTR in consultation with the NZ Trainers Association, the NZ Jockeys Association and the New Zealand Racing Board. Garry Foskett this week advised the Club that it was prudent to allow the track further time to recover, before the section of the track where the work had been undertaken was tested ahead of any racemeetings being conducted. The Clubs agreed that both the Levin RC meeting to be held on 27 July and Otaki-Maori RC meeting on Saturday 18 August would be transferred to other venues within the RACE Group.

Remedial drainage work was undertaken in May at Otaki from the winning post and around the bottom turn. This work was completed on schedule. While the track itself is in good order and the new drainage work has addressed the issue of surface water collecting in the area around the bottom bend, there has been insufficient grass growth above a number of the 60 new lateral drains at this time to risk conducting a racemeeting at the venue. The Club will be conducting supervised gallops and/or jump-outs on the course proper before racing can resume.

The Levin RC meeting on Saturday 27 July, to be transferred to Awapuni, features the \$50,000 Listed Ryder Stakes for two year olds. Awapuni is also running an Industry Jumps Day on Thursday 25 July, which will proceed as planned, with the rail out 12 metres on the Thursday. The rail will then be moved to the true position for the Saturday Levin RC meeting. The advertised programme and distances for the Levin meeting have not been changed. .

The Otaki-Maori RC feature meeting on August 18 will now be held at Trentham. There are also no changes to the advertised programme for this meeting.

### **CD Trials Venue Change – Tuesday 16 July, Was Otaki - Now Foxton**

The trials on Tuesday 16 July 2013 originally programmed for Otaki have been transferred to Foxton. The change has been made following the recent drainage work on the track at Otaki.

Those attending should note that there will be no catering available on the day.

Nominations for the trials close at 12 noon, Monday 15 July.

### **Premiership Titles Maintaining Interest**

As we close down on the last few meetings of the season there is mounting interest in both the trainers' and jockeys' premierships.

At the close of racing on Thursday 11 July the trainers' premiership is headed by Michael Pitman on 83 wins, with Lisa Latta on 78 wins still chasing hard. Both trainers will have plenty of starters up until 31 July

with the possibility that the title will not be decided until the 29 July meeting at Oamaru where they are both likely to have starters, with the final meeting of the season being at Rotorua on Wednesday 31 July.

Opie Bosson (140) holds a 9 wins lead over Matt Cameron (131), who for the second straight season is engaged in a tussle for the jockey's premiership. Last season Cameron and Lisa Allpress battled right through July until Allpress finally prevailed with a 3 win margin (159 -156).

### **2013 Bayer Lecture Series**

#### **What's New in Feeding Horses in New Zealand ?**

Auckland	Sat 13 July	NZ B Karaka Sales Complex	1pm – 5.30pm
Matamata	Sun 14 July	Matamata Club, Rawhiti Street	1pm – 5.30pm
Palmerston North	Wed 17 July	Awapuni Racecourse	1pm – 5.30pm
Christchurch	Sat 20 July	Riccarton Park Racecourse	1pm – 5.30pm

For further information and/or registration forms, please contact

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### **Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training Offered by Massey University Veterinary Emergency Response Team**

Massey University has been working with the Fire Service and other agencies that respond to animals during emergencies, for example float accidents. As a result, it has developed a technical large animal rescue training workshop.

These workshops will be delivered in:

1. Christchurch on 24 August 2013
2. Palmerston North on 29-30 August 2013
3. Auckland on 1 September

The workshops will be delivered by MaryAnne Leighton, author of *Equine Emergency Rescue*.

The attached youtube clip - titled Barrier Attendants and Animal Rescue -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqR9wRbr2aA&feature=youtu.be> shows extracts from a course in Australia for barrier attendants run by Fire Fighter, Anthony Hatch.

Fire Fighters, Police, Vets, Vet Nurses, SPCA ARU, SPCA Animal Welfare Inspectors and horse owners will be attending these workshops.

If you wish to attend one of these workshops or wish to appoint someone to attend for your organisation, please complete the **attached Registration Form** and send to Massey.

If you have any questions, please contact Hayley Squance, Programme Director & Lecturer Bachelor of Veterinary Technology, Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences: [h.squance@massey.ac.nz](mailto:h.squance@massey.ac.nz)

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### **Final Reminder for the NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2013**

A reminder to all filly owners it's not too late to enrol your yearling filly in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series as final entries will close on July 31.

"Early bird" entries closed on March 31 and 545 fillies were enrolled before that date and final entries are now being accepted at a nomination fee of \$920 (including GST).

The NZB Insurance Pearl Series is open to all fillies foaled in 2011 in the Southern Hemisphere and not just those that have been through the national yearling sale series. In their two-year-old season they will be eligible for 15 bonus races available with an added bonus of \$8,000. As three and four-year-olds there will be bonuses on 180 midweek races (90 races as three year olds and 90 races as four year olds) and 20 Saturday races programmed especially for fillies and mares (10 for three year olds and 10 for four year olds).

NZB Insurance Pearl fillies will be eligible for an \$8,000 bonus in their two-year-old season, from which their trainers receive \$700 and their nominator \$300. In addition in their three and four-year-old season the bonus will increase to \$11,500, including \$1,000 for their trainers and \$500 for the nominator, on 90 mid-week races. The 10 nominated Saturday races in the 2014-15 season will carry a \$20,000 bonus, (including \$2,000 for the trainer and \$1,000 for the nominator) furthermore if the filly is insured with NZB Insurance from enrolment, and she wins the Group One New Zealand 1000 Guineas that year, she will pick up a \$100,000 bonus on top of the stake-money.

Full Information and Enrolment forms are available at [www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz](http://www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz) or Telephone the Pearl Hotline 0508 222 202.

Enrolments can be made online, or mailed to NZTBA, Private Bag 99908, Newmarket, Auckland, 1149.

### **NZTR Position Vacant - General Manager - Communications**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) is the governing body for thoroughbred racing in New Zealand and is seeking a General Manager – Communications to join their Senior Management Team.

This exciting new role is the result of a realignment of internal responsibilities. The General Manager Communications will be responsible for the development, implementation and ongoing management of a comprehensive communications strategy across all aspects of NZTR's business including:

- Responding to industry issues;
- Launch of a thoroughbred racing brand;
- Website and social media content and commentary;
- Racing clubs and other key stakeholder groups;
- Horse ownership initiatives;
- Key racing meetings.

The role will require liaison with Racing Clubs, Owners and Trainers and their representative organisations and a wide range of other industry participants.

The successful candidate will:

- Demonstrate excellent communication, and project management skills;
- Experience in preparing concise and informative written material for industry updates, media releases, editorial columns, advertising, letters and brochures;
- Experience with Social Media content and online community management;
- Strong time management skills with a proven track record of meeting deadlines and working to budgets.

Ideally candidates will have a relevant tertiary degree or had significant experience in working in a communications role. Relevant experience in the thoroughbred racing Industry would be an advantage.

If you would like to apply for this role please send your covering letter and CV to [natasha.freeman@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:natasha.freeman@nzracing.co.nz) or post your CV and covering letter to Natasha Freeman, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, P.O Box 38 386 Wellington Mail Centre 5045.

For a full copy of the job description please email [natasha.freeman@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:natasha.freeman@nzracing.co.nz)

Applications close Friday 19 July 2013.

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 7 July 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12
1-Jul	Matamata	22,230	19,201	450,826	425,647	119,460	101,899	7	7	81	88
3-Jul	Cambridge	71,678	58,781	714,800	701,971	198,415	155,634	10	9	102	102
4-Jul	Waverley	24,434	37,099	593,521	630,757	160,101	134,928	8	8	84	79
5-Jul	Ashburton	35,347	29,323	665,706	620,754	213,708	104,241	10	8	116	101
6-Jul	Marton	111,697	119,078	1,104,199	1,219,478	248,722	240,071	9	8	103	94
6-Jul	Waipa	78,252	86,244	1,337,005	1,451,085	329,229	242,395	8	8	96	108

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	337	333	+4	1.20%
Races	2,835	2,918	(83)	(2.84%)
Starters	29,581	30,941	(1,360)	(4.40%)
Avg Field Size	10.43	10.60	(0.17)	(1.60%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	399	470	(71)	(15.11%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	372,038,859	364,184,610	+7,854,248	2.16%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	35,659,202	38,075,687	(2,416,485)	(6.35%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>407,698,061</b>	<b>402,260,298</b>	<b>+5,437,763</b>	<b>1.35%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	322,316,215	337,677,870	(15,361,654)	(4.55%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	85,381,846	64,582,428	+20,799,417	32.21%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>143,809</b>	<b>137,855</b>	<b>+5,954</b>	<b>4.32%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>13,782</b>	<b>13,001</b>	<b>+782</b>	<b>6.01%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>1,394,173,588</b>	<b>1,294,575,651</b>	<b>+99,597,937</b>	<b>7.69%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>233,378,846</b>	<b>231,782,694</b>	<b>+1,596,152</b>	<b>0.69%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,627,552,434</b>	<b>1,526,358,345</b>	<b>+101,194,089</b>	<b>6.63%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 30 Jun)</b>	342,862,662	337,071,664	+5,790,998	+1.72%
<b>Total Races (to 30 Jun)</b>	2,783	2,870	(87)	(3.03%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race</b>	123,199	117,447	+5,752	+4.90%

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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