

Friday 14 June 2013

From the Horse's Mouth

NZTR is developing a new hierarchical structure of meetings and prizemoney, with a focus on lifting minimum prizemoney levels at the top 20 "premier" race meetings and "feature" race meetings.

NZRB's improved trading performance is likely to provide NZTR with capacity to increase certain categories of prizemoney from 1 January 2014.

In the upcoming 2013-14 racing season NZTR plans to:

- Schedule 364 race meetings (366 in FY13) with seven additional Saturday race meetings, four additional Sunday race meetings and thirteen less Tuesday race meetings;
- Schedule 2,955 races (3,069 in FY13);
- Increase minimum prizemoney levels from 1 January 2014 for the:
 - Top 20 "premier" race meetings;
 - Rating 65, rating 75 and rating 85 races at all 92 "feature" meetings ; and,
 - Group 2 events.
- Provide special interest funding for:
 - Two new race series;
 - Up to four black type development races;
 - A national Country Cup series.

Further details will be set out in NZTR's strategic plan which will be finalised once the NZRB's 2013-2014 Statement of Intent and budget forecasts are released.

Rangiora

At its meeting on 11 June 2013 the NZTR Board considered a proposal to recommence racing at Rangiora racecourse on 6 June 2014 under certain conditions.

The Board has asked management to convene a meeting with the Racing Integrity Unit, the New Zealand Jockey's Association and the Canterbury Jockey Club with the aim of reaching an agreed position which would be considered by the NZTR Board at its next meeting on 4 July 2013.

Licence Renewals Online

If you are renewing a **current** licence (Trainer/Jockey /Stable Hand/Trackwork Rider) for the 2013/14 season you can quickly and easily renew online at www.nzracing.co.nz.

You simply need your **Entity** and **Renewal** numbers, and credit card details for payment.

These numbers are found by either referring to:

- the email sent to you last week,

- the hard copy renewal form (which were posted to all current licensees today, Tuesday 11 June), or
- contacting the Licensing Department: licensing@nzracing.co.nz or call: 04 576 6240

If you have any enquiries please contact us: licensing@nzracing.co.nz or by calling the office on 04 576 6240.

Thoroughbred Racing Monthly - Editorial Online

Check out the Editorial section of the [June Thoroughbred Racing Monthly](#) magazine here.

- Use the Contents page to jump straight to the article you wish to view, or turn from page to page.
- The race replays are embedded in the Race Review articles for ease of access (click on the Race Name).
- Share articles on social media or send to your friends
- View on your computer, mobile or tablet
- Please note this requires flash player to view.

New Commentary Line-Up for New Season

Up-and-coming talent will join the country's premier race-callers as part of changes to Trackside's commentary line-up for the 2013/14 racing season.

The new season, commencing August 1, will see changes to Trackside's team with a view to realigning the core premier calling team and further developing the next generation of New Zealand race-calling talent with guidance from established veterans.

George Simon, an internationally-renowned caller with a career spanning more than 20 years, will take the reins as the North Island's premier thoroughbred racing commentator. Aaron White has been elevated to call the North Island's premier harness meetings, including those at Alexandra Park.

Mark McNamara remains as the voice of the South as caller at premier thoroughbred and harness meetings in the South Island.

Trackside's first Broadcasting Cadet, Tom Wood, will take a big step in his career by leaving Dunedin to become a regular caller on the Central Districts circuit. Wood will be mentored by Simon. South Island caller Dave McDonald will take on the Dunedin area in Wood's absence while a recruitment drive is undertaken.

After a long and successful commentating career, Mike O'Sullivan will step aside from regular commentating duties in the new season. O'Sullivan will continue to be an integral part of the Trackside team as an announcer on Radio Trackside and will also continue to call trials in the Central Districts and provide support to Wood and the wider team.

A new Broadcasting Cadet will be joining the Christchurch-based team under the guidance of Mark McNamara.

Central Region Venue Changes – Otaki-Maori RC Racemeeting 21 June and Trials Meeting 25 June

Friday 21 June 2013 - Was Otaki, Now Trentham

Following a request from the RACE Group the Otaki Maori RC race meeting on Friday 21 June will be run at Trentham, not Otaki. The licence will remain with Otaki Maori RC and only the venue is changed.

After an inspection of the Otaki track it was recommended that the licence be shifted to allow for consolidation of the new drainage work that has recently been completed past the winning post and around the bottom turn. While this work has been completed on schedule, due to the recent wet weather experienced it is believed that the track needs more time to fully recover.

Tuesday 25 June 2013 - Was Otaki, Now Foxton

The trials on Tuesday 25 June originally programmed for Otaki have been transferred to Foxton. The change has been made to facilitate the ongoing drainage work on the track at Otaki.

Nominations for the trials close at 12 noon, Monday 24 June.

Rare Opportunity to Join New Zealand Bloodstock Marketing Team

New Zealand Bloodstock Ltd is offering a rare employment opportunity to join its world class Marketing Team in the position of Marketing Assistant.

A diverse, dynamic and challenging role in one of the world's finest thoroughbred auction houses, the position is ideal for highly-motivated individuals who have a passion for promoting New Zealand Bloodstock and the NZ thoroughbred industry to local and international markets.

The full-time role based at Karaka has a strong PR and communications focus that includes planning, researching and producing editorial on a regular basis. As part of a small team with an "all hands on deck" policy, the role will also involve a wide and varied range of marketing tasks, including assisting with sponsorship, advertising, social media, results reporting, and statistical analysis.

As a priority applicants require a good knowledge of and passion for Australasian thoroughbred racing and breeding. They will have impeccable written and verbal communication skills, an astute eye for detail, and the flexibility, initiative and confidence to think creatively and deliver to the very highest standard. They will be hard-working and enthusiastic team players who can also work independently as required. Previous employment in the thoroughbred industry would be advantageous, as would previous marketing experience.

If you would relish the opportunity to be part of this great team, please email your cover letter and CV in confidence to Petrea Vela, Managing Director Sales and Marketing, at petrea.vela@nzb.co.nz by Thursday 20 June 2013.

New Zealand Bloodstock Sale Dates 2013 / 2014

New Zealand Bloodstock Winter Mixed Bloodstock Sale: 2 August 2013
Karaka Sales Centre, Auckland
Nominations close: 30 May 2013

New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale of 2YOs & Mixed Bloodstock: 9 August 2013
Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch
Nominations close: 14 May 2013

New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run Sale: 19 & 20 November 2013
Karaka Sales Centre, Auckland
Nominations close: 16 August 2013

Breeze Ups - Te Rapa: 21 & 22 October 2013

New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale: 27 & 28 January 2014
Karaka Sales Centre, Auckland
Nominations close: 8 July 2013

New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale: 29 & 31 January 2014
Karaka Sales Centre, Auckland
Nominations close: 8 July 2013

New Zealand Bloodstock Festival Yearling Sale: 2 & 3 February 2014
Karaka Sales Centre, Auckland
Nominations close: 8 July 2013

New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Session of the National Yearling Sales: 13 April 2014
Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch

Nominations close: 10 February 2014

New Zealand Bloodstock National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale: 12 & 14 May 2014
 Karaka Sales Centre, Auckland
 Nominations close: 26 February 2014

Please note dates are subject to change without notice.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 9 June 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
3-Jun	Auckland	92,596	130,894	906,718	888,925	203,234	163,106	8	8	81	88
3-Jun	Wairarapa	44,105	---	805,293	---	185,152	---	8	---	101	---
5-Jun	Matamata	42,143	45,561	686,522	567,688	182,148	117,393	9	8	115	80
6-Jun	Taranaki	34,460	44,939	520,981	636,946	181,809	139,838	8	8	70	74
7-Jun	Waimate	18,449	---	421,135	---	117,481	---	8	---	82	---
8-Jun	Waikato	91,008	81,901	1,201,094	1,356,511	291,068	243,064	8	8	106	101
8-Jun	Wellington	79,811	75,387	813,425	894,908	171,371	147,293	8	8	72	74
9-Jun	Otago	11,941	16,953	448,037	398,019	130,626	84,336	8	8	66	65

- (1) Wairarapa RC; last year this was a Foxton RC meeting held at Waverley, at which there were 7 races.
 (2) Waimate RC; last year this was a South Canterbury meeting at which there were 8 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	316	308	+8	2.60%
Races	2,652	2,712	(60)	(2.21%)
Starters	27,478	28,628	(1,150)	(4.02%)
Avg Field Size	10.36	10.56	(0.19)	(1.85%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	386	449	(63)	(14.03%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	350,499,655	340,409,251	+10,090,405	2.96%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	34,342,488	36,557,834	(2,215,346)	(6.06%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	384,842,144	376,967,085	+7,875,059	2.09%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	304,010,220	316,482,840	(12,472,619)	(3.94%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	80,831,923	60,484,245	+20,347,678	33.64%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	145,114	139,000	+6,114	4.40%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,005	13,168	+838	6.36%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,292,172,901	1,194,082,284	+98,090,617	8.21%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	212,470,388	207,520,549	+4,949,840	2.39%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,504,643,290	1,401,602,833	+103,040,457	7.35%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 31 May)	320,204,074	312,220,732	+7,983,343	+2.56%
Total races (to 31 May)	2,562	2,623	(61)	(2.33%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race	124,982	119,032	+5,950	+5.00%

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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