



**Friday 28 June 2013**

### **From the Horse's Mouth**

On Monday night I attended a committee meeting of the hard working Wanganui Jockey Club, who along with Waipa, have been the most affected by strategic changes to Saturday race dates in the upcoming season. We really do understand the disappointment of these hard working committees regarding the loss of Saturday fixtures which will be moved to more strategic tracks.

It is not a pleasant thing to be the breaker of bad news, but the Board and I are committed to doing all we can to turn around what has been a gloomy outlook for thoroughbred racing by implementing positive strategic change. Change is never easy, especially when it affects such hardworking and passionate people.

This week, all Racing Clubs received a draft funding policy and confirmation of their race meeting classifications for the upcoming 2013-2014 racing season. This written notification was followed up with a series of telephone conference calls between NZTR and all race clubs on Tuesday.

Some of the detail confirmed in the policy flows on from meetings held in May with major race clubs, key stakeholder groups and cluster managers regarding the strategic direction of NZTR in advance of the Strategic Plan being finalised.

Meetings have been arranged around the country to enable all race club officials and committee members who are interested in hearing more from NZTR on its strategic direction. At these meetings we will engage with race clubs on NZTR's strategic direction in advance of it being finalised.

One of the discussion items is that NZTR is introducing a new hierarchical structure of race meeting categories, with a focus on lifting prizemoney levels at the top 20 "premier" race meetings and base prizemoney at all "feature" race meetings

Meetings begin at Awapuni on 8 July 2013 for central districts clubs, then Te Rapa 10 July, Auckland 11 July, Riccarton 16 July and Wingatui on 17 July. The Auckland meeting is the regular Northern cluster meeting so attendance of additional club committee members needs to be confirmed with the Northern Cluster chair.

These aren't public meetings as they are designed to provide the opportunity for interested race club committee members and race club management to hear and engage about the direction that NZTR is heading and the rationale behind it.

NZTR will conduct a full schedule of public regional forums around the country in September with specific dates and venues for these to be released shortly.

### **Innovation Early Estaronline Winter Cup Favourite**

Multiple stakes winner Innovation was the only horse in single figures when TAB bookmakers opened a market in the Gr.3 Estaronline Winter Cup to be run at Riccarton on August 3.

Despite a last-start failure, the Keeper mare is the pre-post favourite at \$8 with stablemate Wanabefamous, I Am Sam and last year's winner Art Beat sharing the second line at \$12.

Thrive has opened up at \$14, a mark she shares with Seed Of Speed, and Khemosabi, Scapolo and Taurus are quoted at \$18.

Innovation has Listed wins in the Tauranga Classic and the Ag Challenge Stakes on her record and was runner-up in the 2012 Winter Cup.

## Programme Changes

### Ashburton RC – Maiden Race Change – Friday 5 July 2013

Following consultation between NZTR & the Southern Region Programming Committee there has been a further change to a Maiden race at the Ashburton RC race meeting on Friday 5 July 2013.

Was originally Maiden F&M SW 1200m (\$12K) became Maiden SW 1200m (\$12.5K) but is now **Maiden 2YO+ SW \$12,500**

The latest change has been made to offer a potential option for two-year-olds who were denied an opportunity following the deletion of the 2YO Handicap at the Waimate RC meeting on 28 June, and the fact that there are no other opportunities for two-year-olds in the region until late July.

### Marton JC – Additional Race – Saturday 6 July

Following consultation between NZTR & the Central Region Programming Committee there has been an additional race added to the programme of the Marton JC race meeting on Saturday 6 July 2013. The race is:

**Maiden Hurdle SW      2900m      \$12,500**

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## Turnover Information for the Period ending 23 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
17-Jun	Egmont	29,094	30,054	457,986	369,888	124,606	74,169	7	7	85	69
19-Jun	Te Aroha	57,516	-	765,950	-	205,753	-	11	-	136	-
22-Jun	Tauranga	176,847	188,445	2,012,378	2,039,709	459,629	371,183	9	10	116	140

- (1) Racing Te Aroha; last year this was a Whangarei RC meeting at which there were 9 races.
- (2) The Oamaru JC meeting scheduled for Thursday 20 June was not held due to adverse weather and track conditions.
- (3) The Otaki-Maori RC meeting scheduled for Friday 21 June was transferred to Trentham as track renovations were taking place at Otaki; however the meeting was subsequently abandoned due to adverse weather and track conditions.
- (4) The Canterbury Racing meeting scheduled for Saturday 22 June was not held due to adverse weather and track conditions.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	325	321	+4	1.25%
Races	2,728	2,821	(93)	(3.30%)
Starters	28,374	29,825	(1,451)	(4.87%)
Avg Field Size	10.40	10.57	(0.17)	(1.62%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	390	465	(75)	(16.13%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	360,188,175	352,563,680	+7,624,495	2.16%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	34,966,016	37,396,002	(2,429,986)	(6.50%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>395,154,191</b>	<b>389,959,682</b>	<b>+5,194,509</b>	<b>1.33%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	312,249,556	327,404,731	(15,155,175)	(4.63%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	82,904,634	62,554,950	+20,349,684	32.53%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>144,851</b>	<b>138,235</b>	<b>+6,617</b>	<b>4.79%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>13,927</b>	<b>13,075</b>	<b>+852</b>	<b>6.51%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>1,343,175,805</b>	<b>1,244,609,929</b>	<b>+98,565,877</b>	<b>7.92%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>222,724,781</b>	<b>219,830,511</b>	<b>+2,894,270</b>	<b>1.32%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,565,900,586</b>	<b>1,464,440,440</b>	<b>+101,460,146</b>	<b>6.93%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 31 May)</b>	320,204,074	312,220,732	+7,983,343	+2.56%
<b>Total Races (to 31 May)</b>	2,562	2,623	(61)	(2.33%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race</b>	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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