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From the Horse's Mouth

Pattern Review Committee Calls For Submissions

The New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR)-appointed Pattern Review Committee is to carry out a review of the current pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand, with a particular emphasis on Group 1 and Group 2 races, at the request of the New Zealand Pattern Committee. The Pattern Review Committee comprises Mark Freeman, who will chair the review, Gary Chittick, John Wheeler (MNZM) and Neville McAlister.

The Pattern Review Committee, which met on 10 May 2013, is calling for submissions from race clubs, industry stakeholders and any other interested parties on any of the issues identified in its terms of reference including, in particular, on any proposed changes that will enhance the current pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand.

A copy of the terms of reference for the Pattern Review Committee is attached and can be viewed at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/>.

The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 12 June 2013.

Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Racing

A number of proposed amendments to the Rules of Racing have been distributed to race clubs, sector organisations and the other codes, and posted on the website for industry consultation.

A proposed prohibition on jockey's betting, a requirement for horses to be named before trialling and a de-registration process for thoroughbreds are among some of the proposed changes for consultation.

The period of consultation closes on 7 June 2013, however NZTR will accept submissions until close of business on 11 June 2013. Feedback on these proposed amendments will be reviewed by NZTR's Integrity Committee at its meeting on 12 June 2013.

2013 Show Gate Awards Ladies Who Love Racing

The Otago Racing Club has the honour of presenting the first ever Show Gate Awards this Sunday at their Queen's Birthday weekend race meeting.

The awards will be made to South Island domiciled women who have dedicated a life time to the sport of horse racing. The nominees were put forward by the committees of the 27 racing clubs across the South Island and both the Trainers and the Owners and Breeders Associations.

It has been decided that this year, awards will be presented to three individuals.

Mrs Josie Harley

Nominated by Canterbury/Westland Owners & Breeders Association Member – Lorna Craig.

Mrs Harley has had a long term involvement with racing through owning and breeding racehorses from her Nelson property of Ashbury Stud. The Ashbury name is retained in the name of her horses of which over 35 have been seen on the South Island race tracks since 1995 from Ashbury Andrew to Ashbury Yelrah.

Mrs Joan Meates

Nominated by Kumara Jockey Club

Mrs Meates is an 82-year-old life member of the Kumara Jockey Club who works tirelessly maintaining and preparing the Kumara Racecourse facilities for the club's celebrated race meeting. She has served on the committee for over 20 years.

Mrs Marion Stevenson

Nominated by the Otago Racing Club

Mrs Stevenson has been a backbone member of the Otago Racing Club and is a former President and Life Member. She also served on the NZTR Board as the South Island representative. Marion harbours a deep love for jumps racing and bred Nearco Bay, which was leased to the Queen Mother and famously became Her Majesty's 400th race winner.

Flair Amateur Rider's Series 2013

After 2 races in the Flair Amateur Rider Series for the 2013 season the points to date are:

Jockey	Points
Rebecca Goldsbury	15
Linda Wheeler	10
Shaun Fannin	9
Kurt Hillis	7
Arron Tata	5
Scotty MacNab	4
Scott Wenn	3
Niall Quinn	2
Kelvin Peterson	1

Turnover Information for the Period ending 26 May 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
20-May	Tauranga	45,639		521,977		138,942		9		106	
21-May	Gore	20,588	27,516	409,421	418,532	108,322	80,332	8	7	82	81
22-May	Avondale	39,110		664,037		180,103		8		101	
23-May	Waverley	26,475		626,190		152,403		8		93	
24-May	Canterbury	29,569	26,641	456,915	425,604	141,362	105,388	8	8	70	62
25-May	Auckland	86,383	129,976	1,214,054	1,398,095	295,577	264,531	9	9	94	115
25-May	Wellington	171,776	210,570	1,142,258	1,372,487	296,932	186,822	9	9	82	90

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	293	286	+7	2.45%
Races	2,464	2,535	(71)	(2.80%)
Starters	25,505	26,676	(1,171)	(4.39%)
Avg Field Size	10.35	10.52	(0.17)	(1.63%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	362	424	(62)	(14.62%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	330,521,441	321,209,697	+9,311,744	2.90%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,108,502	35,189,735	(2,081,234)	(5.91%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	363,629,943	356,399,433	+7,230,510	2.03%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	286,960,547	299,064,911	(12,104,364)	(4.05%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	76,669,395	57,334,521	+19,334,874	33.72%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	147,577	140,591	+6,986	4.97%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,257	13,360	+897	6.71%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,209,393,516	1,116,840,971	+92,552,544	8.29%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	196,757,728	192,520,779	+4,236,950	2.20%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,406,151,244	1,309,361,750	+96,789,494	7.39%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 30 April)	295,831,571	286,262,164	+9,569,407	+3.34%
Total races (to 30 April)	2,288	2,363	(75)	(3.17%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race	129,297	121,144	+8,153	+6.73%

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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