



Wednesday 7 November 2012

Historical Day for TAB

Not only was Tuesday, November 6, 2012, the 20th anniversary of Trackside, it was also the TAB's first ever \$20 million trading day.

- Tote turnover on the Melbourne Cup race itself was \$8.62m - up 8.4% on last year
- Overall turnover on the Melbourne Cup meeting was up \$1.6m on last year
- Turnover at Ellerslie was up \$600,000 on last year, while the Otaki meeting turned over \$300,000 more than the meeting at Trentham on the same day last year

All this, combined with sports betting wagering, made for record overall turnover of just over \$20 million for the day (\$16.5 million last year). It's a first in the history of the TAB.

Twenty years of Trackside and a \$20 million day - two special events that are well worth celebrating.

"Off The Rails" Comes Back To Christchurch - Tuesday 13 November

The extremely popular Sky Racing Australia television show "Off the Rails" is venturing out of Australia and back to Christchurch for New Zealand Cup and Show Week.

Made possible with the sponsorship of Barneswood Farm proprietors Sarah and Chris Green 'The Show', as it is affectingly known, will be screened live out of The Show Gate at Riccarton Park Racecourse on the evening of Tuesday 13 November 2012. Last year the venue was The Tea House so a much a larger audience can be accommodated this year.

The Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge and Trevino's Restaurant & Bar have also provided support.

Host Greg Radley is no stranger to New Zealand race goers having commentated at the iconic Kumara Racemeeting for a number of years whilst, well known to New Zealanders through their exploits in the saddle, panellists champion jockeys Malcolm Johnston and Corey Brown will both be making their second trip to Christchurch.

The "Off the Rails" team are putting together an entertaining evening to coincide with the filming of the programme. Starting at 7 pm the panel will entertain with their own brand of humour, take questions and conduct an auction to raise funds for the local branch of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association so that they can continue with the "First Girl Home" stakes bonus scheme.

A meal will be served at 8:30 pm when the panellists will adjourn to prepare for the live filming of 'The Show' from 9 pm.

Auction items include:

- Gold plated Zabeel shoe, mounted with photo & video from Cambridge Stud
- 12 original watercolour cartoons by Lynley Driver
- 2 x \$500 horse insurance vouchers from NZ Bloodstock Insurance
- A \$5,000 Sky Racing advertising package

Anyone who is unable to attend the show but would like to bid on any of the items can do so by viewing the items on their website www.nztba.co.nz and emailing their bid to The Auctioneer c/o NZTBA Canterbury Branch Treasurer, Wendy Wakefield at wendy.wakefield@xtra.co.nz

For the second time 'Off the Rails' will be screened live both in Australia and New Zealand through the Trackside Channel. Normally the New Zealand screening is delayed until Wednesday night.

Australian Rider at the Cup Meeting

Queensland based jockey Brad Stewart will be riding at all three days of the New Zealand Cup Meeting.

Able to ride at 54 kg Brad can be booked for rides through his agent, Alan Cowie, on 0061 414 706 930.

Engaging a New Audience

The NZRB's highly successful Santa's Pick promotion will be returning to Christmas at the Races events in 2012 for another festive season. Last year over 100,000 people attended a Christmas at the Races event and for over 18,000 of them it was their first time ever at the races. Santa's Pick is really helping to engage this new audience in racing - making it fun and easy for them to pick out and follow a horse.

This season one horse will be chosen as Santa's Pick for each race at a Christmas at the Races event. No Santa's pick hat will be worn in any Black Type races. The horse chosen as Santa's Pick will be promoted on-course in collaboration with the Christmas Cracker bet in order to involve and entertain the crowd and to boost revenue for Clubs.

NZTR fully supports the concept as it certainly created some added spice and interest to the busy Christmas racing period. From a practical perspective however, NZTR needs the support of owners and trainers in that if their horse is selected as "Santa's Pick" its cap will be replaced with a red & white one at the time jockeys leave the weigh out area. Most connections embraced the idea last year but naturally both the NZRB and NZTR fully respect the wishes of owners and trainers, hence if the Racing Bureau receives any requests asking that their standard cap be worn, then naturally these will be accommodated.

It is important that such requests are made before the raceday so as to prevent the wrong list of Picks being distributed to Phonebet, Trackside and printed for the tipsheets on-course.

Any owners or trainers who wish to retain their standard registered coloured cap for their horse are asked to notify the NZTR National Racing Bureau.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 4 November 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
30/10	S/Canterbury (1)	22,725		460,657		144,188		93	
31/10	Counties (2)	54,972		824,163		249,706		119	
1/11	Wanganui (3)	27,539		764,579		231,685		104	
2/11	Tauranga (4)	48,442		739,425		228,410		84	
3/11	Waipa (5)	44,486		613,119		117,687		58	
3/11	Feilding (6)	139,959	15.4%	1,570,246	94.4%	395,070	92.3%	103	58.5%
4/11	B/Peninsula (7)	71,658	5.9%	620,298	18.5%	173,729	24.1%	83	27.2%

- (1) South Canterbury RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 9 races.
- (2) Counties RC; this meeting last year was a Whakatane RC meeting at which there were 8 races, compared to 10 races this year.
- (3) Wanganui JC; last year this was a Foxton RC meeting at which there were 8 races, compared to 9 races this year.
- (4) Racing Tauranga; last year this was a Racing Matamata meeting at which there were there were 8 races, compared to 9 races this year.
- (5) Waipa RC; meeting was abandoned after 6 races due to unsafe track conditions.
- (6) Feilding JC; last year's meeting was decimated by scratchings, with a Heavy 10 track compared to a Good 3/Dead 5 track this year.
- (7) Banks Peninsula RC; there were 11 races last year, compared to 9 races this year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /(I)	Variance %/(%)
Races	757	819	(62)	(7.57%)
Starters	7,895	8,350	(455)	(5.45%)
Avg Field Size	10.43	10.20	0.23	2.29%
Off-Course Turnover	77,872,856	82,078,657	(4,205,801)	(5.12%)
On-Course Turnover	5,944,100	7,442,293	(1,498,193)	(20.13%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	83,816,956	89,520,950	(5,703,994)	(6.37%)
Fixed Odds	21,074,194	15,694,836	5,379,357	34.27%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	104,891,150	105,215,786	(324,637)	(0.31%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	138,562	128,469	10,093	7.86%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,286	12,601	685	5.44%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	385,688,340	355,676,558	30,011,782	8.44%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	69,453,901	81,363,064	(11,909,163)	(14.64%)
Total NZRB Turnover	455,142,241	437,039,622	18,102,620	4.14%

Overall turnover was down 25.7% (-\$11.34m) last week on the same week last year, although of course with the leap year this year the Melbourne Cup has shifted back a week in the calendar and was in the same week comparison last year.

The largest betting race for the week was the VRC Derby on Saturday which featured kiwi favourite It's A Dundeel (finished 7th) which turned over \$725k, up 45% on last year's edition, and also the best turnover ever for this event. The other Flemington Group 1's on Saturday the Myer Classic, Mackinnon Stakes and the Coolmore Stud Stakes were also all up on last year, up 11%, 0.3% and 30% respectively.

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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