



**Tuesday 9 October 2012**

### **Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Racing - Regional Meetings 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012**

The Minister for Racing Nathan Guy will join New Zealand racing industry leaders at four regional meetings in late October to speak with industry participants about the future of racing.

The Minister will join NZ Racing Board Chairman Dr Alan Jackson and Chief Executive Chris Bayliss, both having recently commenced their roles with racing's leading industry body, in speaking with racing participants about the issues and opportunities that matter to them and the wider industry.

With a firm focus on the future, the Minister has tasked the NZ Racing Board with leading industry-wide strategies to protect and enhance the prosperity of racing and its participants. Mr Guy, Dr Jackson and Mr Bayliss will outline the challenges that lie ahead for the industry and what is being done to capitalise on the many opportunities within it.

Most importantly, the forums will allow those involved in racing to raise and discuss industry matters.

The following meetings are scheduled:

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am**  
Silks Room, Awapuni Racecourse, **Palmerston North**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm**  
Kentucky Lounge, Te Rapa Racecourse, **Hamilton**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 10.00am**  
Dining Room, Ascot Park Racecourse, **Invercargill**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 3.45pm**  
Phar Lap Room, Riccarton Park Racecourse, **Christchurch**

In order to ensure numbers can be accommodated, an RSVP is requested before the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, by emailing [regionalsvp@nzracingboard.co.nz](mailto:regionalsvp@nzracingboard.co.nz)

### **NZTR F&M Bonus Stake and NRM F&M Series Races**

There has been confusion over recent times regarding the NZTR Fillies & Mares Bonus Stake & NRM Fillies & Mares races programmed over the coming months.

The **NZTR F&M Bonus Stake** races are restricted to Fillies & Mares Only and are programmed accordingly as Fillies & Mares races. They attract increased stake levels (the majority are run for \$12K and some \$25K).

These races do not culminate in a final.

The **NRM F&M Series** is a schedule of races involving Maiden and Benchmark Rating 65 events in which Fillies & Mares and male horses are eligible to compete – unless they are specifically programmed as Fillies & Mares races exclusively.

Fillies & Mares which compete in these races will accrue points (refer page 107 of October TRM for full detail) and the series will culminate in a final which will be run at Counties RC on Wednesday 5 December for a purse of \$20,000.

The final will be restricted to Fillies & Mares and the field's composition will be made up in accordance with the prescribed points system.

Any queries regarding these two series should be directed to the National Racing Bureau in the first instance.

### **NZTBA Canterbury - First Girl Home Bonus Races**

NZTBA Canterbury has announced that there are 2 "First Girl Home Bonus" races to be run at the South Canterbury RC meeting on 30 October 2012.

The 2 "First Girl Home Bonus" races are the Maiden 2100m and Maiden 1200m races.

### **Special Conditions**

1. The owner/s or lessee/s, in the case of a horse being raced on lease, of the highest placed filly or mare in the official result (subject to the result of any test, examination or sample being negative) will receive a \$1,000 bonus payable by the Canterbury Westland Marlborough branch of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association, subject to one of the owners/lessees being a member of NZTBA CMWO Branch.
2. The conditions of the "First Girl Home Bonus" races as advertised on the website of the Canterbury Marlborough Westland Branch of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association apply to these races.

### **Novel Bonus Prize for Team Wealleans Matamata Cup Winner**

The Wealleans group of companies, a major sponsor of racing in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region, has taken a novel approach to its support of the flagship Team Wealleans Matamata Cup.

The winner of the 1600-metre feature scheduled for the Matamata Racing Club's 13 October meeting will earn more than the lion's share of the \$50,000 prize-money and the black-type status that goes with the Listed stakes event.

The bonus for the owners of the Team Wealleans Matamata Cup winner will be 100 tonnes of lime. With a value of some \$7,000 including delivery and spreading on pastureland, the bulk lime bonus prize is a neat fit for Wealleans around a significant provincial stakes race.

"Lime and fertiliser ground-spreading is our core business, so adding 100 tonnes of lime to our Matamata Cup sponsorship underlines who we are," says Wealleans Group principal Gavin Wealleans.

"We see it as defining what we do at the same time as giving something extra to racing.

"Not every racehorse owner is also a farmer, but I'm sure we can work something out if needs be. And if the winner comes from outside our coverage area there won't be any problem arranging to get the lime spread."

## 2012 New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Annual

The 2012 New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Annual will be ready for distribution in early November.

This is the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the publication that recaps the season's racing with detailed profiles and stunning pictures of the year's champions, both equine and human. It is a must have for every racing enthusiast and a perfect Christmas gift too.

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### Turnover Information for the Period ending 7 October 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
1/10	Avondale (1)	49,876		442,359		141,850		84	
2/10	Gore (2)	17,495		426,605		129,593		67	
3/10	Tauranga (3)	36,585		636,712		210,585		65	
4/10	Wanganui (4)	26,617		626,746		268,620		81	
5/10	Waikato (5)	70,650		994,489		309,180		115	
6/10	Canterbury	69,987	42.8%	1,121,151	23.2%	274,048	44.0%	102	22.9%
6/10	Hawke's Bay	649,422	1.9%	2,310,275	6.3%	674,184	3.0%	112	5.1%

- (1) Avondale JC; on this day last year the South Canterbury RC held its Anniversary Day meeting at Waimate at which there were 8 races; this year there were also 8 races.
- (2) Gore RC; last year this meeting was run on a Wednesday a week later at which there were 9 races; this year there were 7 races.
- (3) Racing Tauranga; last year this meeting was run on a Thursday at which there were 8 races; this year there were 7 races.
- (4) Wanganui JC; last year this meeting was a Manawatu RC run on a Wednesday at which there were 11 races; this year there were 8 races.
- (5) Waikato RC; last year this meeting was run on a Sunday at which there were 10 races; this year there were 9 races.
- (6) Last year on the Sunday there was also an Otago RC meeting held in conjunction with the Rugby World Cup, at which there were 8 races.

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/( )</b>	<b>Variance +%/ ( )%</b>
<b>Races</b>	517	556	(39)	(7.01%)
<b>Starters</b>	5,247	5,695	(448)	(7.87%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.15	10.24	(0.09)	(0.92%)
<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	52,729,846	55,376,172	(2,646,326)	(4.78%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	4,227,540	4,770,931	(543,391)	(11.39%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	56,957,386	60,147,103	(3,189,717)	(5.30%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	14,032,249	10,533,255	+3,498,994	+33.22%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	70,989,635	70,680,358	+309,277	+0.44%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	137,311	127,123	+10,188	+8.01%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,530	12,411	+1,119	+9.01%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	267,215,002	233,773,721	+33,441,282	+14.30%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	54,053,347	60,678,726	(6,625,379)	(10.92%)
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>321,268,350</b>	<b>294,452,447</b>	<b>+26,815,902</b>	<b>+9.11%</b>

Overall turnover was up 11.4% (+\$3.58m) last week on the same week last year, with the Rugby World Cup having contributed \$3.64m turnover to the same week last year.

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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