



**Wednesday 9 October 2013**

#### **FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: NZTR CHIEF EXECUTIVE GREG PURCELL**

A great start to the 2013 Pearl Series at Avondale on Monday, with the first race in the series taken out by Way In, one of three horses up for the Bonus in the nominated race.

The Shaune Ritchie-trained filly, ridden by Sam Spratt, got the win in her first start in the \$7000 New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Pearl Series 2YO Bonus (800m) by a margin of two lengths.

In addition to taking the prizemoney, Way In earned an \$8000 Level C Bonus for being Pearl Series nominated.

Administered by the NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, the NZB Insurance Pearl Series is a scheme for fillies and mares offering bonuses of almost \$2.6 million and prizemoney of nearly \$2.8 million across 200 individual races for each crop of enrolled fillies and mares over three seasons' racing.

The scheme, which has attracted a phenomenal 647 entries, has been designed to benefit all owners, trainers and breeders of thoroughbred fillies racing in New Zealand and is important to our drive to maximise returns for industry participants.

With fillies and mares making up well over half of the available horse population, it's vital we utilise schemes such as this to get more of our 'girls' racing – and more often – to help lift field sizes and increase ownership participation opportunities and returns.

#### **2013 NZTR RACING CLUB CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2013 NZTR Racing Club Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held from 10.30am on Thursday, 7 November 2013 in the Oceania Room on Level 3 at Te Papa, Cable Street in Wellington.

The Racing Club Conference is open to **any number** of club committee members, club staff and sector organisation representatives wishing to attend.

The conference will feature presentations from:

- Rod Street, Chief Executive of Great British Racing (United Kingdom Racing's marketing arm);
- Professor Geoff McLeay, of the Law Commission, who has made a number of recommendations to the Government on changes to the Incorporated Societies Act; and
- International governance consultant Graeme Nahkies on optimising the work of club committees.

There will also be sessions on all aspects of NZTR's Racing Club Partnership Programme, developments for Trackside TV and the NZ Racing Board's plans to increase revenues for the racing industry.

Committee members and staff from racing clubs and industry sector organisations wishing to attend the conference and AGM are requested to complete the attendance form [HERE](#) and return to [amanda.patmore@nzzracing.co.nz](mailto:amanda.patmore@nzzracing.co.nz) or fax to 04 568 8866 or mail to Amanda Patmore, NZTR, PO Box 38386, Wellington Mail Centre 5045 by **midday on Wednesday, 30 October 2013**.

### **Notices of Motion or General Business**

Any notices of motion or items of general business that a Club wishes to have placed on the agenda for the AGM must be advised by email to [simon.cooper@nzzracing.co.nz](mailto:simon.cooper@nzzracing.co.nz) or by fax to 04 568 8866 or by mail to Simon Cooper, Company Secretary, NZTR, P O Box 38386, Wellington Mail Centre by no later than **midday on Wednesday, 16 October 2013**.

### **RUAKAKA MEETING CONFIRMED**

The Whangarei Racing Club's scheduled Wednesday 16 October race meeting will proceed as planned.

Following the abandonment of last week's race meeting NZTR and Clubs officials and their contractors have confirmed the rail is to be moved out 4m from the true position around the circumference of the track.

Organic matter has also now been spread over the inside (training) track, which is where the sand was blown on to the inside section of the course proper last week causing the abandonment of that meeting.

Water has been reconnected for use as required to dampen down the inside track.

NZTR will continue to closely monitor the preparation of the Ruakaka track ahead of next week's racemeeting.

### **JUMPS REVIEW MEETING**

NZTR is meeting with representatives of NZ Jumps Inc this week to review the 2013 jumps season. Among issues to be discussed:

- Concerns around low participation levels in South Island jumps racing this year
- A review of the Open Entry jumps policy that was trialled this year to provide more certainty that races programmed would be run
- Discussion around the 2014 jumps calendar and statistical review of all races conducted this year
- General discussion around programming and jumps handicapping concerns and other issues raised at the August South Island Jumps forum
- A review of all jumping venues including a detailed examination of all jumps related incidents during the season

NZ Jumps Inc representatives attending the Wellington meeting on Thursday include Jumps Inc secretary Andre Klein, trainers Paul Nelson, John Wheeler, Murray Hamilton, Ann Brown, Graeme Rogerson along with Tommy Hazlett and jockey Gary Walsh. The Race Clubs are represented by Andrew Castles (Auckland), with NZTR's Racing and Operations Manager David Jewell, Ross Gove, Garry Foscett and NZTR Handicappers.

## NOTICE OF NZ RACING BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**28 November 2013**

**10.30am-1.30pm**

**Level 1**

**NZ Racing Board**

**Petone**

**Wellington**

New Zealand Racing Board Chair Glenda Hughes invites interested parties to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Racing Board to be held in Petone from 10.30am on 28 November 2013.

The Meeting will feature the release of the 2012/13 Annual Report by Glenda Hughes and an address by the Honourable Nathan Guy, Minister for Racing.

The Meeting is scheduled to finish around 1.30pm.

Presentations from the Meeting will be filmed for subsequent broadcast on Trackside. Those unable to attend the Meeting will be able to view, or record for later viewing, these special broadcasts on the Trackside television channel at 3am on Saturday, 7 December and again at 1am on Sunday, 8 December 2013.

In order to ensure numbers can be accommodated, a RSVP is requested before the 11 November 2013, by emailing your name to [agm@nzracingboard.co.nz](mailto:agm@nzracingboard.co.nz).

## TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 6 OCTOBER 2013)

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
30-Sep	Gore	12,207	19,040	400,812	444,100	158,322	129,593	8	7	72	67
2-Oct	Whangarei	360	-	345	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-Oct	Wanganui	37,493	31,443	775,947	655,363	223,526	268,620	9	8	120	81
4-Oct	Waikato	77,416	81,037	1,144,417	1,065,140	464,372	308,880	11	9	141	115
5-Oct	Hawke's Bay	646,361	679,093	2,840,646	2,959,697	771,942	699,604	10	10	134	112
5-Oct	Canterbury	76,643	78,724	880,774	1,190,138	226,630	274,048	8	9	89	102
6-Oct	Waipa	57,217	-	651,107	-	208,382	-	9	-	1	-

- Gore Monday meeting was a Tuesday in 2012/2013, 8 races this season, 7 in 2012/2013
- Whangarei abandoned on Wednesday 2 October due to sand on the track
- Wanganui 9 races this season, 8 in 2012/2013
- Waikato 11 races this season, 9 last season

- Canterbury 8 races, 9 in 2012/2013
- Waipa Sunday meeting no direct equivalent last season

<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>Meetings</b>	63	63	0	0.00%
<b>Races</b>	483	517	(34)	(6.58%)
<b>Total Starts</b>	4,863	5,247	(384)	(7.32%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.07	10.15	(0.08)	(0.79%)
<b>Number of races less than 8 starters</b>	91	85	+6	+7.06%
<b>Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	61,877,977	66,435,829	(4,557,852)	(6.86%)
<b>On-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	4,328,153	4,848,811	(520,658)	(10.74%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	66,206,130	71,284,641	(5,078,510)	(7.12%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	51,949,511	57,289,301	(5,339,790)	(9.32%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	14,256,604	13,995,340	+261,265	+1.87%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	137,073	137,881	(809)	(0.59%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,614	13,586	+28	+0.21%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	254,219,498	263,789,576	(9,570,078)	(3.63%)
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	49,334,659	52,649,267	(3,314,608)	(6.30%)
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>303,554,157</b>	<b>316,438,843</b>	<b>(12,884,686)</b>	<b>(4.07%)</b>

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 7.1% year to date
- With 34 less races run than over the same period last season, turnover per race is down only by 0.6%
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are 7.3% less
- Average field size is down from 10.15 to 10.07, 0.08 (.8%) less than last season. Field size in the last week was stronger at 12.0, compared to 10.8 for the same week last year
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 6 higher than a season ago
- Decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 9.3%) has been mitigated by some increase in FOB turnover (up 1.9%)
- Export turnover per race to 22 September is down (13.9%). One of the main contributors to this is the variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate

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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