

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

CONSULTATION ON VENUE PLAN AND DRAFT CALENDAR

The Trainers' Association has received a copy of the NZTR Venue Plan Consultation Document. This is an in-depth plan that has far-reaching consequences and extrapolates racing licences in the three regions of Northern, Central and Southern out to the 2029/30 season. To view the document please click on the following [link](#):

In the more immediate future is the draft racing calendar for the 2019/20 season which can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) and also the guiding [principles](#) followed by the Racing Board.

Meetings will be held around the country to gauge feedback from trainers to form part of the Trainers' Association's submissions on these two documents. The meetings are likely to be held in the last week of February in Cambridge, Palmerston North and Dunedin. Dates and locations will be confirmed closer to the time.

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR JANUARY

The meeting selected for January was held on the 2nd at the Racing Tauranga meeting. The Gartshore Construction Maiden 1600m was won by Guillocharm, trained by Cambridge trainers, Tim & Margaret Carter. As Tim and Margaret are members of the Trainers' Association they will receive a bag of Dunstan Speedfeed and a bag of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

NEWCOMER TO TRAINING AWARD SPONSORED BY GAVELHOUSE.COM

Jamie Richards has had an astonishing 41 individual winners this season and currently sits second on the Trainers' Premiership with a total of 61 wins. In only his third season of training, this is a sensational result. There are also some solid results from other trainers who have had their licence less than five years, including last year's winner, Andrew Carston who has had nine individual winners as does Cody Cole. Tarissa Mitchell, Clint Isdale and Steven Cole each have had four individual winners and Catherine Cameron has had three.

RACING INDUSTRY MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A five-member Racing Industry Ministerial Advisory Committee has been established by Racing Minister Winston Peters. This is seen as the next steps of putting the majority of recommendations in the Messara review into place. This group will be instrumental in providing an independent, strategic assessment of the business change proposals for the racing industry and the Minister is confident that between them will provide the expertise required.

Chairman is Dean McKenzie and other committee members are Bill Birnie, Liz Dawson, Kristy McDonald and Sir Peter Vela.”

The Committee will provide an interim report to the Minister by the end of February 2019, to be followed by Cabinet decisions, and legislation to modernise the industry. The Committee is being created as a potential precursor to the establishment of a Racing Industry Transitional Agency (RITA), subject to future government decisions.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

The Trainers' Association offer assistance with sourcing staff. Advertisements can be placed on your behalf on the various industry social media pages. Your requirements can also be listed on the Trainers' Association website, where there is a listing of staff who have made themselves known as available – Wendy can forward you video footage and photos if these have been provided. Also on the website are templates for Employment Contracts and documentation for Offers of Employment, Job Descriptions, Time-sheets, etc This is all on the Employment tab:

www.nztrainers.co.nz/Employment/default.aspx

Should you decide to employ an immigrant, the Trainers' Association can write a letter of support on your behalf. There is also plenty of information on the Links tab:

www.nztrainers.co.nz/Links/default.aspx

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN REMINDER

There has been a number of cases recently that Worksafe are investigating where staff have been injured. Trainers are reminded that to ensure they comply legally, they must have a Health & Safety Plan in place that is also put into practice. Trainers must be seen to be vigilant in ensuring the workplace has risks minimised and hazards identified. The Trainers' Association has information and some templates on the links page on the website, as well as contacts for recommended Health & Safety Advisors who can assist in the production of H&S plans for your stables –

www.nztrainers.co.nz/Links/default.aspx

NEWS FROM THE RIU FOR TRAINERS

A reminder to licensed Trainers to ensure all staff are registered with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing at the time they are employed and before they commence working. Trainers are also reminded that all renewals of miscellaneous license need to have been completed. Trainers are responsible for any staff found without a current license and will face a breach of the rules.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL HEALTHY RIVERS PLAN

The Waikato Regional Council has produced information for those with equestrian rural properties and the need to register them with Council. The goal is to ensure properties are managed for environmentally sustainable outcomes with a particular focus on water quality. Copies of the documents will be available at the forthcoming meeting to be held at Cambridge at the end of February.