

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Wishing all trainers, their families and staff best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD

The meeting selected for December was the Riverton Racing Club's day held on the 2nd. The first on the card was the Milnes Transport and Hazlett Spraying Maiden 1200m and was won by Gelibolu - trained on the track by Owner-Trainer, Andrea Dickson. As Andrea is a member of the Trainers' Association, she will receive a bag of Dunstan Speedfeed and a bag of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

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gavelhouse.com has continued to break new ground in 2019 and is signing off the year on a high thanks to sale of recently retired race mare [Consensus](#) setting an Australasian online sale record of \$622,500.

Selling for considerably more than her \$375,000 reserve, there was plenty of interest in the Stephen McKee-trained Gr.1 Zabeel Classic winner with those bidding reading like a who's who of the high-profile Australasian farms and bloodstock agents. The success of this exercise makes a strong case for mares of this calibre not heading to the big breeding stock sales in Australia in future with more frequent auctions, less risk, lower costs and just 5% commission the obvious benefits of selling online. Should anyone wish to discuss this option further, please do get in touch as we can help get professional photos and video packages done to ensure no stone is left unturned.

From a graduate perspective there have been plenty of highlights this year and the strength of the New Zealand-bred horses certainly does help our cause, especially during the Spring Carnival where [Surprise Baby](#), [Tavisan](#) and [Adelaide Ace](#) all featured. New Zealand Cup Week also comes to mind as we celebrated Daniel Miller's \$1,000 buy [Sheezallmine](#) adding a valuable Group Three win and Listed placing to her credentials while Jim Bruford's \$13,500 buy [Savvy Lad](#) produced two blinders within days to subsequently be sold to clients of Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young with Derby aspirations.

The pin-hook of the year off the site has to go to Ben Foote and Sam Beatson who outlaid \$16,500 for a [Sacred Falls colt](#) in September last year to sell him at the Ready to Run Sale last month for \$260,000.

Our last auction for the year is [online now](#), with 30 Lots entered and bidding set to close from 7pm Monday, 23 December. Not including the current auction, the site has facilitated the sale of 769 Lots in the past 12 months and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and safe and prosperous 2020.

All the best, Haylie Martin, gavelhouse.com General Manager.



REMINDERS FROM THE RIU

HORSE MOVEMENTS

Trainers who intend campaigning their horses away from their registered stable for a period of eight or more days must complete a Horse Movement Notification Form and send to NZTR prior to the date of departure. Additionally, for horses away from their registered stable location for more than 28 days, authority must be sought by the NZTR Board (in writing signed by the Chief Executive) for a trainer to operate more than one stable or for the horse to be transferred to another stable. To obtain a Horse Movement Notification Form, please visit www.nzracing.co.nz or email office@nzracing.co.nz Reason: This directive has been issued for the following reasons: • Knowing who is in charge of the horse(s) on raceday • Knowing the location of all horses in the wake of a disease outbreak • Making punters aware of the actual location of the horse(s) • Making NZTR aware of the location of horse(s) • In light of a positive sample, knowing the location of the horse/s

STRAPPERS FOOTWEAR

You are kindly reminded to ensure that all staff are wearing footwear which provide adequate protection at all times when they are working with horses. Previous investigations have shown that a large number of ACC claims are made each year as a result of horses standing on the feet of people riding or working with them. Many of these costs to the industry can be avoided simply by people wearing proper shoes or boots. This especially includes Stablehands leading horses in the Parade Ring or anywhere else on a Racecourse, they must wear suitable footwear.

Because this is a serious matter, the Stewards may instruct a Strapper, or any other person, who is not wearing proper footwear not to lead a horse in the birdcage or anywhere else on the racecourse. A further reminder is for staff not to be on their mobile phones whilst leading horses – this can be a distraction when they should have their full attention on the horse.

RACING INDUSTRY BILL

Message from Dean McKenzie 19 December 2019

Good afternoon,

I wanted to write to you and your members on the back of the Racing Industry Bill which was introduced into Parliament earlier this month. Submissions are now being called for with the closing date being Tuesday, 11 February. Information on the Bill and how to make a submission can be found on the Parliament [website](#).

This Bill, the second of two pieces of legislation, is a significant milestone for racing which will help transition the racing industry into a financially sustainable future. It's also a very comprehensive Bill, so much so that it proposes the repeal of the current Racing Act 2003 and the creation of a new Racing Act.

The Bill proposes some fundamental changes for the industry, with three key policy areas in the Bill i.e. Governance of the Racing Industry, Betting and Property of Racing Clubs.

It establishes the TAB NZ as the sole betting provider for racing and sports in New Zealand, with a focus on maximising profits for the benefit of the New Zealand racing industry whilst having a strong regard for gambling harm minimisation. The Bill introduces a new mechanism that will allow the TAB to offer a broader range of betting products to increase revenue for the industry and requires the TAB NZ to apply to an independent body when changing or creating betting rules, requiring harm minimisation to be prioritised in any application.

It also proposes bringing the Racing Integrity Unit (RIU) and Judicial Control Authority (JCA) under one combined Board structure (the Racing Integrity Board) to ensure a more effective delivery of integrity services. The governance arrangements are based on recommendations from a report by Mr Malcom Burgess MZNM which emphasised the need for an independent integrity body.

Giving the three codes greater responsibility for the administration of racing and governance of their industries is also captured.

The Bill proposes TAB NZ has exclusive rights within New Zealand and Australia to all intellectual property associated with all racing betting information, racing betting system (or systems), and any audio or visual content derived from a New Zealand race. It also requires TAB NZ to establish a committee to manage the racing dates calendar and allocate betting licences.

Another critical area of reform identified in the Messara Review related to the consolidation of venues. The Bill introduces a suite of changes to resolve historic property issues and fairly address the current venue footprint and future industry requirements.

The intent behind the venue provisions in the Bill is that industry assets should continue to provide long term benefit for racing. Ultimately the industry will decide if a venue is surplus for racing, and this will be done under a yet to be finalised, transparent, evaluation process. This will provide protection to clubs to ensure venue reviews are conducted in a transparent process based on the principles of natural justice. Only if the code and the club can't reach agreement do the fall-back provisions of the Bill come into play. These provisions will enable the industry to address an issue that has proved impossible to resolve for generations.

Fundamentally, the process lays down a framework to ensure everyone will have the right to be treated fairly, and have their voice genuinely heard and considered. While the codes have been given broader powers in the Bill, there's important checks and balances proposed to ensure the interests of clubs are adequately considered. This includes two new requirements that codes must follow when carrying out their functions. Codes will be required to comply with the rules of natural justice (this has a specific legal meaning covering the rule against bias and the right to a fair hearing) and exhibit a sense of social responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which they operate. The other venue proposals in the Bill are intended to be used as a last resort, should the industry not be able to agree.

Next Steps

The Board strongly believes that we won't have another opportunity beyond this Bill to get the reform the industry desperately needs. However, your views are important, and we will be listening.

We encourage you all to take the time to consider the Bill carefully and make a submission to the Select Committee. We will be getting around the industry next month to hear your thoughts on the Bill, while also taking the opportunity to update you on the performance of the TAB.

The Board will be at a number of race meetings and events next month and we'll also hold a number of public forums and conference calls which we welcome your attendance at. These include:

- 21 January @5pm - Awapuni Racing Centre, Palmerston North
- 22 January @6pm - Ascot Park Racecourse, Invercargill
- 23 January @12pm - Cambridge Jockey Club
- 23 January @6pm - Pukekohe Park
- 24 January @ 12pm - Addington Raceway & Events Centre, Christchurch
- 31 January - Regional Conference Calls (tbc)

We'll provide further details of these events on rita.org.nz. In the interim, if you have any feedback on the proposed reforms, please send me your comments or questions to RITA News.

Sincerely,

Dean McKenzie
Executive Chair

Racing Industry Transition Agency

Loveracing is going mainstream this Summer

Key elements of the campaign include:

- Media schedules across MediaWorks (digital and radio - Newshub, MoreFM, The Edge & George FM), NZ Herald (digital), Stuff (digital) and QSM (outdoor), as well as an ad in January's Kia Ora magazine
- Extensive promotion planned across our owned assets (web, social, content creation), including a #lovesummerracing campaign across social media
- TVC spot schedule with Trackside
- Industry support

Just go to loveracing.nz/summer

