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**New Zealand Racing Board Leadership Team Appointments Completed**

The New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB) has confirmed the appointment of three new senior executives to its leadership team today.

Shaun Brooks, has been appointed General Manager Finance, and joins the business on Monday 17 October 2015. Shaun has held senior financial and business management roles, including CFO and Director Exports for Fonterra Brands New Zealand.

Patricia Bolger takes up the role of General Manager People Culture & Talent from Tuesday 27 October 2015, and has experience in human resources roles for large international companies including Philips, ANZ, and KPMG.

Andy Kydd joins NZRB as General Manager Broadcasting in early January 2016, relocating from Australia where he has worked for Racing Victoria Limited and corporate bookmaker William Hill.

“These appointments complete the new Racing Board leadership team, and I am looking forward to having the whole team in place to drive our focus on delivery of our major initiatives, the aim of which is to lift returns significantly and revitalise the industry,” says NZRB Chief Executive, John Allen.

“Racing is a significant contributor to the New Zealand economy and we are operating in a rapidly changing market. To make sure that New Zealand continues to benefit from a high value industry we need to be in the best position to innovate and keep investing in racing and sport.

“I have put in place a new leadership structure which makes sure we have the right specialist expertise and focus to deliver the best value for the industry,” says Mr Allen.

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