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NZ Racing Board confirms 2013/14 racing calendar

A drive to improve consistency in the provision of New Zealand racing product and to maximise betting opportunities has led to calendar changes for the 2013/14 season.

Following consultation with the three Racing Codes – NZ Thoroughbred Racing, Harness Racing NZ and Greyhound Racing NZ – and clubs throughout the country, the NZ Racing Board has approved the calendar for the upcoming season.

A notable feature of the 2013/14 calendar sees thoroughbred race meetings previously held on Tuesdays shifted to other days. However, Tuesday thoroughbred racing will be held to coincide with feature events – Melbourne Cup Day (November 5, at Ellerslie, Otaki and Wingatui), NZ Trotting Cup Day (November 12, at Palmerston North) and New Year's Eve (December 31, at Stratford).

The 2013/14 calendar, comprising more than 1050 meetings and 10,800 races, has been devised to best meet the Codes' strategic objectives of optimising domestic and international betting performance.

The majority of traditional race dates for the 2013/14 season remain unchanged from previous seasons.

New Zealand Cup and Show Week in Christchurch will run from November 16-23.

Next year's Wellington Cup Day will be held on January 25, while Auckland Cup Week runs from March 1-8.

The Harness Jewels take place at Cambridge on May 31.

A number of domestic racing clubs will again participate in the NZ Racing Board-led Interislander Summer Festival, Christmas at the Races and Mid-Winter Christmas with a record number of events planned in 2013/14.

Printed 2013/14 racing calendar booklets will be available free from TAB retail outlets from mid-July.

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