

**AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE
OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

OUR GOAL

**To improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport of thoroughbred
racing on behalf of all Owners**



**EL VENCEDOR wins the Bonecrusher NZ Stakes at Ellerslie on 9th March 2024
for Owners David Price and Mark Freeman**

CONGRATULATIONS!

NOTICE OF

Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN LADY FISHER ROOM

LEVEL 2, ASCOT STAND ELLERSLIE

2:30pm Sunday 17th November 2024

(PARKING: Being a Sunday you can enter at Gate 5 by the ATR office and park by the Ascot Stand or alternatively over by the Stables)



**GRAIL SEEKER wins the Westbury Stud Tarzino Trophy at Hawkes Bay on
7th September 2024 for Owners Chris Jones and Trevor Clarke**

CONGRATULATIONS!

AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

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AGM 2024 – 17 November 2024 – 2:30pm

AGENDA

Paul Wilcox, CEO of Auckland Thoroughbred Racing will address us at 2:30pm, prior to the AGM itself, with an update about Ellerslie.

Present:

- **Committee:** Sally Blyth, Virginia Healey, Craig Leishman, Michael Dowd, Mike Gething, Pat Woollaston, Neil Miller, Lex Paterson, Raewyn McKenzie, Frances Crimmins
- **Members:** Brenda Gerard, Dianne Ashleigh, Lyn Salvidge, Bruce Amies, Barbara Dowd, Jeanette Miller, Gary Pratt, Loraine Grant, David Archer (tbc)

1. Welcome

2. Recognition of Members deceased during the year (since the 2023 AGM)

- Barry Gerard; Gwynyth Webb; Margaret Trillo; Mark Taylor

3. Apologies:

- Elliot Wilton; Allan Pate; Daniel Nahkle; John & Sue Maasland

4. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

5. Matters arising

6. President's Report

7. Financial Report

8. Matters arising

9. Election of Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Committee Members
- NZTROF Delegate & Reserve

10. General Business

In accordance with our Rules, nominations to serve on the Committee can be made from the floor at the meeting. Nominations can be made to any Committee member prior to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC, HELD AT THE ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE, LADY FISHER ROOM, 80 ASCOT AVENUE, GREENLANE, ON SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2023, AT 2.30 PM.

- WELCOME** The President welcomed all members to the meeting.
- BEREAVEMENTS** Deaths noted during the year were Joan Palmer, Life Member, and Lorna Pate, mother of Committee Member Allan Pate.
- PRESENT** A list of attendees is appended to the minutes.
- APOLOGIES** Neil and Jeanette Miller, Lex and Katrina Paterson, Don and Dame Wendy Pye, Allan Galbraith, Daniel Nakhle, Elliot Wilton, Michael and Barbara Dowd.
- It was **MOVED** that the apologies be accepted.
- (Allan Pate/Frances Crimmins)*
- MINUTES** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 September 2022 had been circulated.
- It was **MOVED** the above be taken as true and correct.
- (Pat Woollaston/Frances Crimmins)*
- MATTERS**
- ARISING** **TAIKI YANAGIDA MEMORIAL**
- The rose planted in memory of Taiki at the Ellerslie Racecourse was thriving well and was much admired when in bloom.
- PRESIDENT'S**
- REPORT** The President presented a report on activities for the year.
- The main interest items were:
- It appeared that there was reason for optimism regarding significant increases in stakes.
 - Entain and NZTR changes were creating more positivity.

- The memorial plaque for Taiki Yanagida at the Ellerslie Racecourse beside the front parade ring was put in place during the year. It included a rose “Imagine” which had been chosen by Taiki’s mother.
- The social held at Pukekohe Race Park on 18 February 2023 had been a great success. Seventy-five members and guests had attended. Ross Thompson had run the Punters’ Club and made a 70% profit.

The President thanked the committee for their work during the year.

The Bulletin continued to play an important role and Neil Miller spent hours producing each edition. Special thanks were extended to him for his much-appreciated contribution.

It was **MOVED:**

That the President’s Report for 2023 be received.

FINANCIAL

REPORT

The financial statement was set out in the Annual Report. The closing balances as at 31 July 2023:

Cheque Account	1,766.10
Rapid Save Account	459.44
Term Deposit No 1	11,454.86
Term Deposit No 2	3,000.00
Travel Account	136.30

Total Assets	\$16,816.70

It was **MOVED:**

That the Financial Statement for the year August 2022 to July 2023 be adopted.

(Craig Leishman/Allan Pate)

ELECTION OF

OFFICERS

The following had put forward their names for election:

PRESIDENT – Sally Blyth (*Gething/Woollaston*)
VICE PRESIDENT – Lex Paterson (*Gething/Blyth*)
SECRETARY – Raewyn McKenzie (*Crimmins/Woollaston*)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS – (*Blyth/Gerard*)
Mike Gething
Frances Crimmins
Michael Dowd
Neil Miller
Pat Woollaston
Virginia Healey
Craig Leishman
Allan Pate

All were duly declared elected.

Newly elected President Sally Blyth was appointed as the Delegate for the National Federation, with Allan Pate as the reserve. Mike Gething was confirmed as the Welfare Delegate.

A heartfelt vote of thanks was extended to outgoing President Mike Gething for his outstanding leadership of the organisation for the last eight years. Fortunately, his wise counsel and acumen would be retained as a Committee Member.

GENERAL

BUSINESS

SOCIAL EVENT

A members' social was to be held on 28 October at Pukekohe Race Park, with 69 attendees registered to date.

NZTR

- Presenting a series of road shows.
- The racing industry appears to be coming out of the doldrums.
- Bernard Hickey, CEO of NZTR, was working behind the scenes to progress racing.
- NZTR were reviewing their Constitution.

**CLOSE OF
MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

Signed

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President

Date

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Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023-2024

It is my pleasure, as President of the Auckland Owners Association, to report on the 2023-2024 year. It's been a season of ups and downs, with abandonments and frustrations, alongside wins and celebrations and some fabulous race days.

The challenges that arose with the new Ellerslie track were unfortunate but were efficiently and effectively addressed by Paul Wilcox, the Board and staff of Auckland Thoroughbred Racing, and it's great that Ellerslie is back in business – and better than ever. Pukekohe was a fantastic back-up with meetings being held there while the Ellerslie track was rectified. We are fortunate in having CEO Paul speak to us at this year's AGM to give us a full update on all things related to ATR – thank you, Paul. Thank you also to Kim Steven-Riley, Paul's Executive Assistant, who is always a friendly face on race days and a reliable contact behind the scenes. Ruakaka is a bit further to venture for a racing fix, but a day on course up in the north is always a fun and friendly experience. Avondale has had its ups and downs, but it will be good to have it back up and running for trials and meetings in 2025.

A Social Race Day for members was held last year at Pukekohe on 28 October 2023 – another successful gathering with good racing and good cheer. We were unable to plan for a Race Day during 2024 due to uncertainties around availability and costs of holding an event at one of our local race venues.

Committee members enjoy being able to put on events for members and, with a view to finding out what our members would like us to organise, we sent out a Survey in May 2024. The Racing Soiree idea was very much embraced, along with stud and stable visits, and we'll consider what's feasible for next year. We hope to hold a Racing Soiree event at Ellerslie during the first part of 2025 and will advise more in due course – we envisage a fun evening with a racing focus, something a bit different.

Over the past year, the Auckland Association Committee has met a number of times and discussed various industry matters.

- A Strategic Proposal put forward to Members Council and NZTR by President Bernard Hickey and the Executive for Owners and other stakeholder RIOs (registered industry organisations) to become voting members of NZTR. This would mean Owners, Trainers, Breeders and Jockeys also get a voice alongside Racing Clubs who, at present, are the only ones who have a vote. The NZTR Board supports the proposal and the NZTR Constitution is currently being refined to allow for this. When this has been done, it will be presented at a special NZTR Board meeting in 2025 and, once confirmed, the next steps can be considered. (With my NZTROF Vice President's hat on, I've been involved in discussions and

process of this and it will be a real bonus for stakeholders to be able to have more visibility and voice).

- The proposed new jockey fees as presented by NZTR earlier in the year. While extra costs can be burdensome for Owners, we also recognise the risks and sacrifices a jockey makes. The Committee supported the proposal.
- The Committee also unanimously supported the retention and encouragement of jumps racing within the New Zealand racing structure and sent a submission to this effect. It will be interesting to see what transpires in this regard.
- The IT capacity of NZTR to track and identify trends and issues regarding horse welfare, injury and ceasing of racing of a particular horse.
- At our May meeting we made a presentation to Mike Gething to thank him for his generous past service as President of the Association. Thank you, Mike, your continued membership on the Committee is valuable and appreciated, as is your work as our Welfare Delegate.

I attended an Industry Day put on by NZTR on 26 March. There were various inspirational speakers and an update on the future of racing was given by staff of NZTR and Entain, with George Simon as MC. Stakeholders from all racing industry sectors came together and it was an excellent occasion. Another one will be run in 2025. A full overview of the day was shared in the Autumn 2024 Owners Bulletin.

Entain has brought innovation to betting offerings and platforms and taken wagering to a whole new level. They've brought Trackside back on free-to-air tv which is great, and enabled higher stakes which are most welcome for us Owners!

Neil Miller and I attended an NZTROF Executive Workshop on Sunday 26 May at which Waikato Committee member Berri Schroder gave a presentation on IT and digitisation opportunities for the industry. Several Committee members attended the NZTR Roadshow on Monday, 16 September 2024 at Karaka. We try to get out and about and stay in touch with industry issues wherever possible.

Membership numbers fluctuate – some Owners are no longer racing horses for various reasons, some pass away, and others move overseas etc. We appreciate all our members and it was very pleasing to note that, in the Survey that was circulated, no one responded that they intended not to renew their membership. I want to acknowledge Denise Mayhew, Executive Officer of the Federation, for the work she does taking care of the national admin, accounts, database and wider membership and Executive matters.

My sincere thanks to all committee members: Lex Paterson (VP), Raewyn McKenzie (Secretary), Neil Miller (Bulletin Editor), Mike Gething, Frances Crimmins, Elliot Wilton, Michael Dowd, Craig Leishman, Virginia Healey and Pat Woollaston. Also thank you and best wishes to Allan Pate who has served on the Committee over recent years but has stepped off for the present time due to health issues.

Voluntary organisations rely on committee members who work behind the scenes with enthusiasm to keep things ticking along, and this group is no exception. I've been on many committees over the decades and this one is right up there as being active, purposeful and highly enjoyable. We'd love to have new members join our Committee – if you'd like to share your passion and skills, let us know!

I'd like to specifically acknowledge several people who go largely unsung. Firstly, thank you to our Secretary Raewyn McKenzie who keeps the wheels turning for our Committee meetings, finances, minutes and follow-up actions. Raewyn has been doing this for many years now, taking minutes in good old-fashioned shorthand, and always being on hand when something needs checking, formalising or following through. Thank you, Raewyn!

Secondly, I'd like to acknowledge Neil Miller for his dedication to the production of the Federation's quarterly Bulletin. It's a full-on task that Neil has done on a voluntary basis for many years now. He puts one issue to bed and then turns his mind to the next one. Neil is always scouting industry communications to report issues of note, having conversations with anyone and everyone in the racing world, and his approach to getting each edition finalised is meticulous. He relies on a variety of scribes – including me – and it can be a mission for Neil to corral us and our writing efforts. I know that completing this latest Spring 2024 edition has been more trying than ever, with health niggles getting in the way, but Neil persevered through and another publication full of racing tales is hot off the press. Thank you, Neil.

I'd also like to acknowledge NZTROF President Bernard Hickey who works tirelessly on behalf of members, moving and shaking and rattling cages more than most may realise. Racing is an industry that is ever-changing, yet at the same time resistant to it. Innovative ideas and suggestions for the better can be difficult to get across to the powers that be, and changes in personnel within NZTR don't help as continuity is lost. Bernard never gives up putting forward the views of Owners, Members and the Executive. Thanks Bernard!

Congratulations to all those who have enjoyed success with their horses this year. May there be more winners in store!

Sally Blyth

President, Auckland Owners Association

NZTROF Vice President

**AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED – 221844**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
1 AUGUST 2023 to 31 JULY 2024

Cheque Account		\$
Opening Balance 1 August 2023		1,756.10
Income		
Transfer from Term Deposit No.2	3,000.00	
Capitation Fees	2,374.79	
Pukekohe Park Event October – Member Payments	920.00	
Interest	150.91	
	—————	6,445.70
Total Income		8,201.80
Expenditure		
AP Transfers to Savings Account	60.00	
Pukekohe Park Event October	4,830.00	
Prize for Best Turned Out	250.00	
Appreciation Gift – Mike Gething	132.00	
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Total Expenses		5,272.40
Balance as at 31 July 2024		2,929.40

Rapid Save Account		\$
Opening Balance 1 August 2023		454.44
Income		
AP Transfers	60.00	
Interest	26.97	
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Total Income		541.41
Expenditure		Nil
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Balance as at 31 July 2024		541.41
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Assets	
Cheque Account	2,929.40
Rapid Save Account	541.41
Term Deposit No 1	12,128.23
Travel Account	2.33
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	\$15,601.37
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This is to certify that there are nil liabilities for the Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association.

Raewyn McKenzie

Raewyn McKenzie
SECRETARY

AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

DUAL MEMBERSHIP - Auckland

Lachlan & Karley	Anderson-Norton
David,	Archer Equine
T W Archer &	Archer Trust
S R & L M	Autridge
Peter & Janice	Bell
Bryan & Mrs Deirdre	Black
Rayner & Lynn	Bonnington
Bruce & Courtney	Clarke
Glen & Roselle	Climo
Kieran & Edward	Corby
Frances & Elliot	Crimmins-Wilton
Richard & Karena	Davey
Anson & Bridget	Davies-Anderson
Michael & Barbara	Dowd
Susan & Andrew	Dower-Titter
Carl & Amy	Elliott
Patricia	Buckingham, Emblem Ltd
Gary & Viktoriia	Fitzpatrick-Michaeli
H A & Mrs S	Fletcher
Fleur & Dan	Freeman
Mike & Mrs Pat	Gething-Woollaston
A	Bosma, Go Racing Ltd
Ashley	Goodwin
Craig & Sandra	Grammer
Lorraine & Gary	Grant-Pratt
	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd
Sue & Grant	Howard-Dockery
Shayne & Benjamin	Jeffcoat
Chris & Trevor	Jones-Clarke
Nick & Simon	Kearney-O'Connor
Brett & Rosemary	Kendall-Carter
Michael & Miss Celia	Lewis-Galbraith
Brendan & Jo	Lindsay
E John & Mrs Kathryn	Long
David & Judi	Lovelace
John & Sue	Maasland
Bruce & Annette	Mattison
Selwyn & Judy	Maynard
Joan & William	McFlinn
Brigette & John	Meehan-Clapham

Hayden & Jocelyn	Mingaye
Sivaswamy & Jayanthi	Mohanakrishnan
W L & Mrs E E	Mountfort
Alison & Patrick	Munce-Timmins
Allan & Robin	Pate-Harper
Alexander & Katrina D	Paterson
Rosalia & R	Pimm
Donald & Dame Wendy	Pye
Shaune & Peter	Ritchie-Young
Diane & Shane	Rushworth-Voice
Warwick & Rosemary	Russell
Mrs Lyn & Bruce	Salvidge-Amies
Steve & Jill	Schroder
Brian & Wendy	Simmons
P & S	Singh
Mike & Dale	Smith-D'Rose
Mrs V C & Clayton	Stevenson
Derek & Judith	Stubbs
John G & Mrs R A	Stubbs
Chris & Linley	Talbot
B Ross & Carole	Thompson
J C & Mrs M A	Thompson
Evan & Mandeep	Twomey
Stella & Mark	Usherwood
Janice & Heather	Volz
Geoff & Alison	Ward-Bruce
Richard & Glenda	Webb
Paul & Jo	Wilcox
Carl & Stephanie	Williams
W Brian & Diana	Wilson-Goulding

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - Auckland

Dianne	Ashleigh
P	Bartley
Sally	Blyth
Maurice	Brighthouse
Wendy	Bunting
David	Burns
J T	Cassin
James M	Chapman
Donna	Coutts
Jane	Davies
Mrs J L	Egan
Jacqueline	Fenwick
Carl	Ferguson
A R	Galbraith, KC
Brenda	Gerard
Kylie	Grass
Miss J J	Harkness
Virginia	Healey
Janet	Hepi
J L	Kirby
Marie	Leicester
Craig	Leishman
Paul	Martin
Raewyn	McKenzie
R B	McLaren Ltd
Ramon	McPhee
Daniel	Nakhle
John	Newman
Nick Johnson	NZT Breeders Ass'n
David	Paykel
Cathie	Perrott
Howard	Perry
Murray A	Rutledge
Christine	Sharpe
Wayne	Slee
John	Struthers
Mark	Taylor
Ryan	Trigg
Rob	Tunncliffe
Philip	Webb
B W P	Wright

LIFE MEMBERS – Auckland Association

Mrs B P	George
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FEDERATION LIFE MEMBERS - NZTROF

P N & J A	Miller
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EVANA TRUMPALOT wins her Maiden race on 8th August 2024 at Cambridge for Owners B L Chapman, Gee Gee Equine Ltd (Mgr: Gerard Peterson), G M Jennings, M F Ko, A J Norman, A D Pate, S F Ritchie, Mrs D B Robinson, C J Talbot & Up The Rum Syndicate (Mgr: John Holdem)