

**AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE
OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

OUR GOAL

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

NOTICE OF

Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN LADY FISHER ROOM

LEVEL 2, ASCOT STAND ELLERSLIE

@ 2:00pm Sunday 30TH November 2025

(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)



Auckland members enjoying a day out in Cambridge – including a hosted visit to Cambridge Stud Heritage Centre & Cambridge Synthetic races.

Pictured with Sir Tristram's statue.

AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

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SECRETARY: Raewyn McKenzie raewynllama@gmail.com

NZTROF DELEGATE: Sally Blyth

NZTROF RESERVE DELEGATE: Lex Paterson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Michael Dowd michael.dowd@xtra.co.nz

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MIZELLA wins at Ellerslie, 6 September 2025 for Auckland Members Bryan & Deirdre Black
CONGRATULATIONS!

Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association (ATROA)

AGM 2025

30 November 2025 @ 2:00pm @ Ellerslie

AGENDA

Present:

- **Committee:** Sally Blyth, Virginia Healey, Craig Leishman, Michael Dowd, Mike Gething, Pat Woollaston, Neil Miller, Lex Paterson, Raewyn McKenzie, Allan Pate
- **Members:** Brenda Gerard, Dianne Ashleigh, Barbara Dowd, Jeanette Miller, Bruce Amies, Lyn Salvidge

1. Welcome and Apologies:

- David Paykel, David Archer & Diane Wright

2. Recognition of Members deceased during the year (since the 2024 AGM)

- P Bartley

3. Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

4. Matters arising

5. President's Report 2025

6. Financial Accounts to 31 July 2025

7. Election of Officers

- President – nominee Sally Blyth
- Vice President – nominee Lex Paterson
- Secretary – nominee Raewyn McKenzie
- Committee Members – nominees Virginia Healey, Craig Leishman, Michael Dowd, Mike Gething, Pat Woollaston, Neil Miller, Allan Pate
- NZTROF Delegate – nominee Sally Blyth
- NZTROF Reserve Delegate – nominee Lex Paterson

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.

8. Adoption of revised Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association Constitution to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

- MOTION:** To adopt the revised ATROA Constitution.

9. Re-registration of Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association Constitution under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

- MOTION:** To re-register ATROA Inc.

10. General Business

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, 17 NOVEMBER 2024, AT 2.30 PM.

GUEST SPEAKER The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Paul Wilcox, CEO of the Auckland Racing Club, with an update on current progress at Ellerslie.

The recent problems with the track surface had been resolved, some of which had been caused by the wrong grass being used. Australian experts had been called in to make recommendations for remediation.

ARC was in a good financial position which would mean a further increase in racing stakes, not just at the top end.

There were ongoing discussions with potential development partners for replacing the stand in a sustainable way.

Racing at Pukekohe had been a positive part of change.

Avondale was working toward a Memorandum of Understanding with NZTR.

Paul was thanked for the update.

WELCOME The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

BEREAVEMENTS Deaths noted during the year were Barry Gerard, Gwynyth Webb, Margaret Trillo, Mark Taylor.

PRESENT A list of attendees is appended to the minutes.

APOLOGIES Elliot Wilton, Allan Pate, Daniel Nahkle, John and Sue Maasland.

It was **MOVED** that the apologies be accepted.

(Sally Blyth/Frances Crimmins)

MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 October 2023 had been circulated.

It was **MOVED** the above be taken as true and correct.

(Mike Gething/Pat Woollaston)

MATTERS

ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

PRESIDENT'S

REPORT

The President presented a report on activities for the year.

The main interest items were:

- A strategic proposal had been put to Members Council and NZTR to become voting members of NZTR. This would mean Owners, Trainers, Breeders and Jockeys would get a voice alongside Racing Clubs who presently are the only ones to have a vote. The NZTR Board supports the proposal and the NZTR Constitution is currently being reviewed to allow for this. When completed, it will be presented at a special NZTR Board Meeting in 2025. Ultimately, this will be a bonus for stakeholders to have more visibility and voice.
- The Committee supported the proposed new jockey fees as presented by NZTR, recognising the risks and sacrifices jockeys make.
- The Committee supported the retention and encouragement of jumps racing with New Zealand.
- The Committee supported the IT capacity of NZTR to track and identify trends and issues regarding horse welfare, injury and ceasing of racing of a particular horse.
- Entain had brought innovation and taken wagering to a new level. Trackside was back on free-to-air television and there were higher stakes.

The President thanked Committee members for their work during the year.

Neil Miller's dedication to the production of *The Bulletin* was again acknowledged with sincere thanks, as was Raewyn McKenzie's work as Committee Secretary/Treasurer for many years.

Thanks were extended to NZTROF President Bernard Hickey for working tirelessly for members in putting forward views of owners, members and the executive.

It was **MOVED:**

That the President's Report for 2024 be received.

(Neil Miller/Mike Gething)

FINANCIAL

REPORT

The financial statement was set out in the Annual Report. The closing balances as at 31 July 2024:

Cheque Account	2,929.40
Rapid Save Account	541.41
Term Deposit No 1	12,128.23
Travel Account	2.33

Total Assets	\$15,601.37

It was **MOVED:**

That the Financial Statement for the year August 2023 to July 2024 be adopted.

(Craig Leishman/Pat Woollaston)

ELECTION OF

OFFICERS

The following had put forward their names for election:

President – Sally Blyth	<i>(Gething/Miller)</i>
Vice President – Lex Paterson	<i>(Gething/Blyth)</i>
Secretary – Raewyn McKenzie	<i>(Crimmins/Leishman)</i>
Committee –	<i>(Blyth/McKenzie)</i>
Mike Gething	
Frances Crimmins	
Michael Dowd	
Neil Miller	
Pat Woollaston	
Virginia Healey	
Craig Leishman	

All were duly declared elected.

Due to health issues, Allan Pate had requested that his committee membership be suspended.

President Sally Blyth would participate as the Delegate for the National Federation, with Lex Paterson as the Reserve Delegate.

Mike Gething would continue as the expert on welfare matters.

GENERAL

BUSINESS

JUMPS RIDING SUBMISSION

NZTROA had made a submission, along with other stakeholders. To date there had been no report back.

A&P SHOWS

Committee Members had recently attended A&P Shows and noted there were no classes for ex racing thoroughbreds. After some

general discussion, it was agreed to refer this matter to the incoming committee for them to check out.

CONSTITUTION

The new Incorporated Societies Act requires all organisations to comply by April 2026. The Federation is reviewing their Constitution and once amendments have been finalised, they will send a template to all the regional organisations to align with in order to comply.

**CLOSE OF
MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

Signed

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President

Date

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Auckland Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

It is my pleasure, as President of the Auckland Owners Association, to report on the past year. It's been great having Ellerslie back in full swing – all the main days were as big as ever and Champions Day on 8th March was a huge success with the inaugural NZB Kiwi. There were also midweek meetings, Sunday meetings and a number of trials held at Ellerslie, with a more relaxed vibe on course and the opportunity to get up close to the trainers, horses and general action.

Race days at Pukekohe are always well supported and a lot of fun with a big turnout for the Counties Cup on 22nd November. Ruakaka, our other northern venue, puts on a really good show in its “surf meets turf” setting.

There have been a number of abandonments and there was a period of time when it was hard to get horses to trial in the north. Nevertheless, there have been plenty of Auckland members with winning horses over the year. The familiar yellow/black checked silks of Brendan & Jo Lindsay went past the post first on many occasions. Winners for Haunui Bloodstock, Te Akau and Go Racing syndicates which a number of our members are part of. La Crique has had a string of strong seconds for the Cassins – she's as honest as and will hopefully get a Group 1 win this coming year.

Our Association supported a fundraising event for Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) through Auckland member Loraine Grant. Held on 30th March 2025 at Totara Park, we donated \$500 via Committee member Craig Leishman's company which went towards sponsoring a sculpture in the Park. Committee members Mike Gething and Pat Woollaston attended on the day and had a fabulous time.

Your Committee organised a successful outing for members in July. We had a hosted visit at the Cambridge Stud Heritage Centre in July - racing nostalgia and magnificence. Afterwards, some had lunch in town and a group headed to Cambridge Synthetic for an afternoon of racing. It was a great opportunity to connect with several members of the Waikato Owners Association. Thank you to Committee member Virginia Healey for organising this – there was a write-up in the Autumn 2025 *Owners Bulletin*. It hasn't been possible to organise and host a social event for our members this year, but we're aiming to do so in 2026.

To align with the requirements of the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022, a sub-committee worked on reviewing and revising our Constitution. As per the Agenda, we will vote to ratify the draft at our 2025 AGM as well as vote on re-registration for our Association. It's a longer document than the previous one, but it covers all the necessary elements.

With my Auckland Association Delegate hat on, I attended an in-person Federation workshop on 30th March, together with VP and Reserve Delegate Lex. This looked at the NZTROF Constitution as well as its future direction. We also attended various Executive meetings throughout the year, on Zoom, to discuss relevant ownership issues. I worked separately and in detail with NZTROF President Bernard Hickey and Executive Officer Denise Mayhew to finalise the Federation's revised Constitution which will be voted on at the AGM on 7th December. This work gave me confidence that ours is appropriate and

aligned. I'd encourage you to attend the NZTROF AGM if you can (to be held at Jetpark, Auckland Airport).

I attended the NZTR AGM on 25th November on behalf of NZTROF. I attended online. The revised NZTR Constitution was approved – this means that Recognised Industry Organisations (Owners, Jockeys, Breeders, Trainers) are now included as members of NZTR – along with racing clubs – in line with the Racing Act 2020. NZTROF President Bernard Hickey attended the meeting – he has driven this work, through Members Council, and it's a great result, giving us a stronger voice and higher visibility in the industry.

NZTR CEO Matt Ballesty introduced the new Management Team and presented the organisation's Strategic Plan which is future and action-focussed to attain excellence in many areas that have been lacking. The industry has been seriously challenged for a long time, so let's hope they can achieve all the goals that have been set, one of which is to enhance ownership. If so, there's a much brighter future ahead.

NZTROF President Bernard Hickey is stepping down at the AGM and the Auckland Committee has nominated me for the role. If elected (there is another nomination from Waikato) I will work to keep them on track!

Life member, and longtime *Owners Bulletin* Editor, Neil Miller, has been unwell over the latter part of the year. With his guidance, I stepped in as Acting Editor for the Spring 2025 edition and it went to print end November (and includes reference to NZTR's new strategy). That was to be Neil's final issue – we thank you for your unwavering commitment to sharing racing stories, information and updates through this, the only regular racing publication that remains. A great job done.

Committee members Frances Crimmins and her son Elliot Wilton stepped off the Committee during the year. Frances has been involved for many years and Elliot more recently and we thank them for their time and energy. Frances is a wonderful horsewoman who has bred and raced some great horses through the years, Sir Slick a firm favourite, and we're sorry to lose her. She always brought passion, wisdom, perspective and a lovely smile to our meetings – along with great cheese and crackers! We'll miss you both.

The racing industry employs 24,000 people, making it one of the top employers in NZ, and it brings \$1.3 billion to the economy. The importance of the industry we love cannot be underestimated and we hope that, under the new management structure and strategic plan, NZTR can take it forward in a truly positive way.

Auckland members race their horses in the Waikato, the CD and the South, as well as in the North. Some have even got to race their horses over in Australia. Wherever you got your thrill, I congratulate all Auckland members who had winners during the period.



Sally Blyth

President, Auckland Owners Association
NZTROF Vice President

AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS

ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED – 221844

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR

1 AUGUST 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

Cheque Account

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Opening Balance 1 August 2024

2,929.40

Income

Capitation Fees

2,244.35

Interest

72.15

2,316.50

Total Income

5,245.90

Expenditure

AP Transfers to Savings Account

60.00

ARC – AGM catering

72.45

Total Expenditure

132.45

Balance as at 31 July 2025

5.113.45

Rapid Save Account

Opening Balance 1 August 2024		541.41
Income		
AP Transfers	60.00	
Interest	23.72	
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Total Income		625.13
Expenditure		Nil
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Balance as at 31 July 2025		625.50
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Assets

Cheque Account	5,113.45
Rapid Save Account	626.50
Term Deposit	12,793.64
Travel Account	2.36
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	\$18,535.95
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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 & Diane	Archer Equine
T W Archer &	Archer Trust
S R & L M	Autridge
Peter & Janice	Bell
Bryan & Deirdre	Black
Rayner & Lynn	Bonnington
Peter & Jessica	Brosnan
John & Jan	Cassin
Bruce & Courtney	Clarke
Glen & Roselle	Climo
Kieran & Edward	Corby
Richard & Karena	Davey
Anson & Bridget	Davies-Anderson
Brian & Joanne	de Lore
Michael & Barbara	Dowd
Susan & Andrew	Dower-Titter
Carl & Amy	Elliott
Patricia	Buckingham, Emblem Ltd
Gary & Viktoriia	Fitzpatrick-Michaeli
H A & 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
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
Setwyn & Judy	Maynard

Joan & William	McFlinn
Brigitte & John	Meehan-Clapham
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
Mike & Christine	Sharpe
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
Carl & Stephanie	Williams
W Brian & Diana	Wilson-Goulding

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - Auckland

Dianne	Ashleigh
Sally	Blyth
Maurice	Brighthouse
Jean	Brown
Wendy	Bunting
David	Burns
James M	Chapman
Donna	Coutts
Jane	Davies
Carl	Ferguson
A R	Galbraith KC
Brenda	Gerard
Kylie	Grass
Miss JJ	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
David	Paykel
Cathie	Perrott
Howard	Perry
Wayne	Slee
John	Struthers
Vern	Trillo
Rob	Tunncliffe
Mate	Vlasic
Philip	Webb
BWP	Wright

LIFE MEMBERS – Auckland Association

Mrs B P	George
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FEDERATION LIFE MEMBERS - NZTROF

PN & JA	Miller
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OUT OF THE BLUE wins on 25 October 2025 at Riccarton

2YO Bay Gelding
TIVACI – CORNFLOWER BLUE

Raced by Te Akau Tangerine Army Racing Partnership 1

Auckland Owners Carl & Amy Elliott are members of the syndicate

Out Of The Blue also won on 27 September 2025 at Riccarton. Two wins from two starts!
CONGRATULATIONS!



Maiden win on 27 September 2025 at Riccarton