

**TUAPEKA HARNESS RACING CLUB
PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023**

It is my pleasure to present my report as President of the Tuapeka Harness Racing Club for the 2022/2023 racing season.

I would like to thank the committee for their help and support over the past year. Thank you to Southern Harness Racing, Jason, Julie, Nicole and Lindsay for their help and support and for keeping us up to date with everything that is happening in the industry. Thank you to the Ascot Park Consortium for welcoming us to Ascot Park especially Peter Kett for all of his work organising the bars.

Financially the club has recorded a deficit of -\$7,686, it is worth noting that the club injected \$2,000 into the race stake for the cup to lift it to \$25,000.

On the racing front the horses racing on the day provided a high standard of racing. The Tuapeka Lodge Cup was the highlight of the day being won for the third time by 'Robyn's Playboy', owned by the Wilson Family and trained by Ross and Chris Wilson at Gore who are good supporters of the club. Robyn's Playboy has now won the 2019, 2020 and 2022 editions and looks likely to return in 2023 to try and add to this remarkable tally of wins in our feature race.

A huge thank you to our Tuapeka Harness Racing Club sponsors who have continued to support the club. For those that attended we hope you had an enjoyable day and we look forward to hosting you again this year. A special welcome to our new sponsors, your support is appreciated.

It is interesting times at the moment with the TAB and Entain joining forces, we are confident that this will be a positive move and deliver a brighter future for harness racing.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best with your racing endeavors for the new season. We look forward to seeing you at Ascot Park on Sunday the 22nd of October (Labour weekend).

Owen Cameron

President

