

**TUAPEKA HARNESS RACING CLUB
PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024**

It is my pleasure to present my report as President of the Tuapeka Harness Racing Club for the 2023/2024 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. Thank you to the Ascot Park Consortium for continuing to welcome us at Ascot Park especially Peter Kett for all of his work organising the bars.

Financially the club has recorded a small surplus of \$120 which is a pleasing result and an improvement on last year's deficit.

On the racing front the horses racing on the day provided a high standard of racing with close finishes all day. The Tuapeka Lodge Cup, being the highlight of the day was won by 'Hazer', owned by the Gerken Family and trained at Gore by Chris Gerken and driven by Kerryn Tomlinson.

A huge thank you to our sponsors who have continued to support the club, with your ongoing support it helps to make a successful day. For those that attended we hope you had an enjoyable and successful 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 a new Chief Executive (Brad Steele) at the helm of Harness Racing New Zealand and a completely new Board of Directors to be appointed at the upcoming HRNZ Annual General Meeting. We are optimistic that these changes will drive the industry forward.

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 27th of October (Labour weekend).

Owen Cameron

President

