

**NORTHERN SOUTHLAND TROTTING CLUB INC**  
**PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024**

It is my pleasure to present my Presidents Report for 2024.

The operational balance for the 2023-2024 season returned a positive surplus of \$29,402 which is an encouraging result. Thanks to another big effort from Dick Dillion and Robert Wilson who operate the farm with steadily improved results year on year.

Feature Race Results for 2023-2024 season

Our five feature races for the season:

- **Dancinginthedark M in NZ Southern Trotting Oaks**, won by *'Walkingonsunshine'* – Trainer Tom Bagrie.
- **Prydes Easy Feed Southern Lights Trot (Group 3)**, won by *'Jimmy Carter'* - Trainer Phil Williamson.
- **Macca Lodge, Northern Southland Cup (Group 3)**, won by *'Da Vinci'* – Trainer Craig Ferguson.
- **Caduceus Club of Southland/Alabar Fillies Classic (Group 3)**, won by *'Music Mistress'* – Trainers Steve & Amanda Telfer.
- **Lumsden Four Square Autumn Cup**, won by *'Bryce's Meddle'* – Trainers Robert & Jenna Dunn.

Race Dates for the 2024/2025 season

- Thursday 10th October 2024, 3pm start time, Ascot Park.
- Balfour Trials Day, Sunday 1st December 2024, Balfour Racecourse.
- NSTC Cup Day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 4pm start time, Ascot Park.
- Last Meeting for the season Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Noon start time, Ascot Park.

I would like to acknowledge the positive work that the newly appointed HRNZ CEO, Brad Steel and Entain CEO, Dean Shannon have undertaken resulting in practical and constructive changes with Harness Racing NZ and the wider industry.

I would also like to acknowledge the good work that Southern Harness do on our behalf, a big thank you to Julie, Jason and Nicole for their efforts and patience as we collectively work together to strengthen harness racing in the southern region.

Finally, I'd like to extend a thank you to all our sponsors, committee members and helpers throughout the year, also to Noddy Orr for organising the appreciation Oyster Night Shout.

**Greg Tither**  
**President**