



**Media release**  
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### **New track will suit New Zealand punters**

This Sunday, Australia's new premier harness racing track, Menangle Park Paceway, will showcase its state-of-the-art 1400 metre track with seven Group One races.

"The new all weather harness racing track boasts 20 metre wide straights that can accommodate up to 10 horses starting from the front row," said the New Zealand Racing Board's Racing Manager, Michael Dore.

"The new track is bigger than Addington, Alexandra Park and Cambridge. However, it is similar in size to Ashburton's, Winton's and Wyndham's tracks."

"Unlike most Victorian, Queensland and New Zealand tracks, there is no passing lane at Menangle. The straights are 350 metres in length and the sweeping turns measure 300 metres with a 10 degree camber to nine metres from the racing line. The length of the straight should be sufficient for every horse to get its chance without giving the peg runners an extra advantage."

"With a maximum field size of just ten runners, New Zealand punters wanting to try their hand at more exotic bet types such as the Trifecta can bet with greater confidence," said Michael.

New Zealand owned trotters 'Whatsundermykilt' and 'Earl Of Mot' will have their first run on the new track at 5:15 along with the formerly Phil Williamson trained 'One Over Kenny.'

The first race from Menangle Park is scheduled to run at 1.20pm on Sunday 29 June. Totalisator betting, commingled with Tabcorp, and Fixed Odds betting will be available through the New Zealand Racing Board's Internet, Touch Tone, Phonebet, Skybet and Retail channels.

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### **About New Zealand Racing Board wagering channels**

The New Zealand Racing Board provides you with a number of different ways to place a bet. With options such as TAB outlets, Internet, Skybet, Touch Tone, Phonebet and at the racetrack, it has never been easier.

- Internet: [www.tab.co.nz](http://www.tab.co.nz)
- Touch Tone: Freephone 0800 10 20 33
- Phonebet: Freephone 0800 10 20 30
- Skybet: Trackside & Sky Sport 1,2 & 3