

## **HRNZ – NATIONAL FORUM – April 2024**

The National Forum Report, held via Zoom on 29<sup>th</sup> April, covering several key updates and discussions:

### **Key Points:**

- 1. IAP Update:**
  - 5 appointees confirmed.
  - Zoom meeting on 1st May for skills matrix and process discussion.
- 2. CEO Update:**
  - Two strong candidates shortlisted.
  - Placement expected in May.
  - Required skills: analytical, long-term vision, hands-on experience, resilience, multitasking, planning, communication, and culture development.
- 3. Race Calendar:**
  - Need more horses.
  - Focus on North Island growth; South Island model strong.
  - Discussion on racing distances and local race gaps.
  - Demand for winter races in Nelson.
- 4. Clubs Constitution:**
  - Feedback on template sought.
  - Chris Lange (Barrister) involved.
- 5. Website Content:**
  - Needs branding and homepage prominence.
  - Simple headings and use of existing charts.
  - Contact details for forum members to be provided.
- 6. Club Funding:**
  - Discussion on additional requirements for clubs under the new calendar.
  - Consideration of costs and volunteer availability.
- 7. Handicaps and National Bureau:**
  - \$900,000 discretionary fund may not be available next season.
  - Unspent balance for Upper SI (~\$200,000) will not be carried forward.
  - No full cost/benefit paper on the new bureau prepared.

This summary highlights the main discussions and decisions from the National Forum Executive meeting on 29th April.