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**HRNZ Chairman competing for charity**

The TAB Survivor Challenge series being run by the TAB (in conjunction with the Christchurch Casino) has been in operation for nine weeks. Starting with 15 players, each week the person with the lowest amount collected from three phantom dollar each-way bets on the last three races of the Friday feature meeting is eliminated.

To date HRNZ Chairman Gary Allen is alive with just six players remaining. Allen is one of three industry officials to be put forward to compete in the challenge and as such he is competing for charity. Allen's chosen charity is Ronald McDonald House Charities. Success in the competition results in the winner placing a \$2,500 each-way bet (Fixed Odds) on the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Trotting Cup.

While other entrants are competing for their own glory and chance to make big dollars, Allen has the chance to potentially earn a large amount of money for his chosen charity.

Nearing the end of the competition Allen is still hopeful of success.

"It's great to still be alive in the competition and to get this far but it only gets tougher from here. I've had a couple of close calls at the Auckland meetings so I'll be looking to remedy that this Friday. If we are able to get through, win the competition and then raise some money for the Ronald McDonald Houses it would be fantastic. Motivation to perform is certainly high."

To get some perspective, if Allen was successful and he placed his wager on Terror To Love (at his current quote) and he won, that would net his chosen charity just short of \$12,000.

People can follow the progress of the competition at [www.tab.co.nz/information](http://www.tab.co.nz/information) or tune into the Box Seat on Trackside TV on Wednesday nights from 8.30pm.

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