

NEW ZEALAND METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB

- May 1899 fore-runner of the NZMTC (Lancaster Park Amateur Trotting Club) leased 35 acres off the Twigger's estate
- Developed a five furlong track complete with grandstands and buildings
- Inaugural meeting was run on Monday 6th November, 1899
- When the Twiggers Estate was wound up (date ??), the ownership of the land was transferred to the Charitable Aid Board and the Hospital Board.
- Subsequently bought by Addington Raceway Ltd in 1987 for approx. \$782k

TWO OTHER CLUBS ALSO RACED AT THIS TRACK

- The Canterbury Park Trotting Club
 - First meeting was held in approx 1884 (plumpton park racing club)
 - On a 74 acre course at what is now the Air Force Museum
 - Moved to Addington in 1922
- New Brighton Trotting Club
 - 1880s ran at New Brighton beach (under another name)
 - Not ideal conditions - high tide would delay the start of proceedings
 - 1886 beach racing was abandoned
 - Moved to the site of QEII
 - The track was sold to the Christchurch City Council in 1963 for the building of QEII for the Commonwealth Games
 - Racing transferred to Addington

AMALGAMATION

- In 1998 the NZ Metropolitan TC, Canterbury Park TC and the New Brighton TC amalgamated under the name of the NZ Metropolitan Trotting Club.

FIRES

Over the years there have several major fires at Addington.

- In 1916 on Cup Day, the almost new Stewards and Members Stand burned to the ground.
- In September 1926 the Public Stand burned down.
- After the last race on Show Day 1953 the old Public Stand (replaced by the Twiggers Stand) was destroyed.
- Perhaps the most famous fire was on Show Day 1961 immediately prior to the running of the last race – the NZ Free-For-All. This race continued while the stand was ablaze, the crowd watched the race and cheered Cardigan Bay home, before turning their attention to the fire.

NZ TROTTING GOLD CUP

- The present gold cup was first presented in 1956.
- At the time of purchase it was insured for £850. (now lots \$\$\$\$)
- 114 runnings on the cup race at Addington

TWIGGERS STAND

Opened on Cup Day 1960

NIGHT TROTTING

Introduced on the first night of the 1963 Cup Meeting

CATERING

- In September 1985 a lease was signed to relocate P Burke & Co to Addington.
- Burke's had been catering at Addington since 1900.
- The Club took over the catering operation in 1997.

METROPLITAN STAND

Opened in April 1990

NEW STABLING BLOCK

Opened on 15 May 2009

EARTHQUAKES

2010 & 2011

JV BUILDINGS

Commenced the development in 2004