



t, Casey Gordine and Janna Robinson as they watched the big race at the Melbourne Cup day

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Bruce Ferguson said.

"There was a real big rush towards the end. We had about 30 people still trying to put bets on when the race started."

Overall, takings were slightly down. "But it was a good day and we had a lot of people getting the quinella."

The quinella was \$553.20.

He hadn't heard of anyone picking up a slice of the \$28,994.90 trifecta, although one punter at the Napier TAB in Onekawa got

a share. "One of our customers who was here through the whole day got a percentage of it," manager Judy Airey said.

The win was worth about \$4000.

Nationally, turnover this year was up nearly 10 per cent on last year, which had suffered a negative impact due to an outbreak of equine influenza in Australia. The record turnover was posted in 2005 when \$8.1 million was spent.