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MEDIA RELEASE

NEW ZEALAND CUP MEETING 2023

AIR TRANSPORT FOR HORSES TO & FROM CHRISTCHURCH

NZB Airfreight has announced a new regular flight for domestic travellers. The Auckland to Christchurch and return service will commence in early October and offer a regular on demand flight for those travelling across Cook Strait.

NZB Airfreight Manager Sharon McDowell commented on the new route aimed to service the racing and equestrian sports industries. "The new domestic flight between Christchurch and Auckland is going to provide trainers, owners, and riders a more efficient service when moving horses between the North and South islands. This will be a great option for those targeting Cup and Show Week."

To receive great rates as well as the NZB Airfreight team's renowned experience and service when flying horses, contact +64 9 298 0055 or email airfreight@nzb.co.nz. A booking form is also available online to book your precious cargo on the new service or elsewhere: <https://www.nzb.co.nz/airfreightbookings>

TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

The Canterbury Jockey Club will assist owners with the payment of a travelling subsidy which will reduce the cost to travel to Riccarton Park for the 2023 New Zealand Cup Meeting. For further information contact Jim Langan the Canterbury Jockey Club Racing Manager 027 434 1582 or Sharon McDowell when booking air transport.

FEATURE RACE DEADLINES

Second withdrawals closed today, 18 October for the four feature races at the 2023 New Zealand Cup Meeting. Twenty-one three-year-olds remain in the \$600,000 G1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas® and 38 in the \$500,000 G1 Barneswood Farm New Zealand One Thousand Guineas®. Forty-six horses remain in the \$300,000 Martin Collins New Zealand Cup and 28 in the \$250,000 Coupland's Bakeries Mile.

Final late entries close Tuesday 7 November for the Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas® and Tuesday 14 November for the Barneswood Farm New Zealand One Thousand Guineas®. Wednesday 8 November for the Coupland's Bakeries Mile and Martin Collins New Zealand Cup.

\$100,000 BONUS PRIZE – AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI NZ 2000 GUINEAS

A reminder that the Trustees of the Christchurch Racecourse will provide a \$100,000 bonus to the owners of the first three placegetters in the Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas. The bonus will be paid \$70,000 to the winning owner/s, \$20,000 to the owner/s of the second placegetter and \$10,000 to the owner/s of the third placegetter.

SIR DAVE DOBBYN

Complementing the quality racing product, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing through The Grand Tour is bringing Sir Dave Dobbyn to Riccarton Park to perform after the last race on Saturday 11 November. Tickets are in hot demand so booking early is strongly recommended. Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas and Sir Dave Dobbyn combine to create an event of racing and entertainment which will really cement Riccarton Park's first day as the start of New Zealand Cup and Show Week.



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COMING ALIVE

The site of the demolished Grand National (Public) Grandstand is coming alive. The Promenade Marquees are erected with the build up of infrastructure taking place over the next three weeks in readiness for the first day of the New Zealand Cup Meeting, Saturday 11 November 2023. The Promenade is perfectly positioned for viewing both the racing and Sir Dave Dobbyn.



For information on the Promenade options and all other options available at the 2023 New Zealand Cup Meeting visit the Canterbury Jockey Club website [racing.riccartonpark.nz](https://www.racing.riccartonpark.nz)

For further information please contact Canterbury Jockey Club Chief Executive Tim Mills 027 430 0208.