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NEW ZEALAND CUP MEETING 2023

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

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. This is over and above the \$600,000 stake money attached to the Group 1 feature. 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.

The Trustees made this decision at their meeting on Monday in recognition of the importance that the three-year-old Classic has to the very essence of racing and the New Zealand Cup Meeting at Riccarton Park Racecourse.

Trustees Chairman Peter Cordner said “The Trustees have a role to play in promoting and fostering racing at Riccarton Park. We see no better way to do so that to ensure that the flagship Group 1 race for all three-year-old has the best chance to attract the very best horses to New Zealand’s premier week of racing to add to the honour roll of champion past winners and continue to kickstart the New Zealand Cup Meeting on the first day.”

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.

AIR TRANSPORT OF HORSES

NZB Airfreight is working for and with the Canterbury Jockey Club to ensure that an enhanced air service for the transport of horses to and from the New Zealand Cup Meeting is available this year. Watch this space for confirmation of the service by the end of September.

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