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MEDIA RELEASE

Countdown to NZ Cup Meeting 2025

GOING UPDATE

The Riccarton Park Racecourse has escaped the mayhem which occurred weather wise around much of New Zealand in the past week.

Despite red wind warnings and a Civil Defence state of emergency in Christchurch last week the weather, whilst windy, did not arrive at the racecourse as predicted and feared.

If racing was being conducted today (1pm Wednesday 29 October 2025) it would be on an official description of Soft7 with a penetrometer reading, taken this afternoon, of 3.7. That follows 12 mm of irrigation after racing last Saturday 25 October and 15mm of rainfall in the past three days. The moisture reading stands at 43.3%.

The verti-drain is being put through the track Wednesday afternoon.

This sets the scene admirably as the going is prepared for the first day of the 2025 New Zealand Cup Meeting on Saturday 8 November.

REMINDER SLOT IN THE NZB KIWI

As advertised in the official programme the Canterbury Jockey Club will again offer its Slot in the second running of the NZB Kiwi as an added incentive to start in the Barneswood Farm New Zealand One Thousand Guineas® and Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas®. These two Group 1, 1600 metres three-year-old races form the backbone of the upcoming New Zealand Cup Meeting.

The connections of the winner of the Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas® (Provided it is eligible) will be offered first option of negotiating with the Canterbury Jockey Club for use of its Slot in the 2026 NZB Kiwi. Should the connections of that horse not wish to take the option the connections of the winner of the Barneswood Farm New Zealand 1000 Guineas® (Provided it is eligible) will be offered second option of negotiating with the Canterbury Jockey Club for use of its Slot in the 2026 NZB Kiwi.

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