



MEDIA RELEASE

NEW ZEALAND CUP MEETING TRACK PREPARATION

The Canterbury Jockey Club races next at Riccarton Park Racecourse on Saturday 11 November 2017 with 'Opening Day' of the three-day Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup Meeting.

TRACK PREPARATION

Minimal repair was required after racing was conducted on ideal going at the most recent meeting held on the course, Saturday 28 October 2017.

Since then irrigation has been applied to maintain moisture through the profile of the track, to ensure the continued strong growth of the turf cover and to negate the effects of warm weather conditions.

Nine days out from 'Opening Day' irrigation which was applied up to late Wednesday has the track at a Slow8 condition had racing been held today, Friday 3 November 2017. Core samples taken indicate even and consistent moisture throughout the profile.

With showers forecast on Wednesday and Thursday next week any irrigation decisions will be taken with knowledge of what rainfall actually eventuates and any changes to the weather forecast.

The rail position was out 7.5 metres on 28 October and will return to the 'True' position for Saturday 11 November 2017. This will be the first time the 'True' position has been used since the Grand National Racing Carnival in August. The four meetings since then have had the rail positioned out 11 metres, 11 metres, 4 ½ metres and 7 ½ metres.

Friday 3 November 2017