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New Zealand's re-vamped summer racing calendar will boast a series of truly world-class races, with 48 Group and Listed races over this period and in excess of \$32m in stakes in Auckland, Waikato and Wellington.

Headlined by Champions Day (8 March), with more than \$9m in stakes on offer on this day alone including the \$4.5m NZB Kiwi Slot Race, there are plenty of options for your stable stars over a variety of distances.

The Champion Bonus Series provides \$1m in bonuses for Sprinters and Middle Distance horses, and for sprinters alone the opportunity to turn Australian wins into a share of \$500k in bonuses.

To further enhance the experience for Australian contenders NZTR is pleased to offer travel subsidies of \$12,500 NZD per horse for Group race participants (more details on page 12).



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**13**  
Group 1  
Races

**124**  
races  
across 5  
venues

**\$32m**  
in total  
prizemoney





## Champion Bonus Series

### About the Series

Entain Australia and New Zealand has joined forces with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing to introduce the New Zealand Champion Bonus Series.

A revamped Champion Middle Distance Series and a new Champion Sprint Series will be run for a total of \$1 million in bonuses, with the final race in each Series to be run on Champions Day, also home to the \$4.5 million NZB Kiwi.

#### The Rich Hill Champion Middle Distance Series – Qualifying Races

- G1 Arrowfield Stud Plate - 28 Sep 2024
- G1 Livamol Classic - 12 Oct 2024
- G3 Balmerino Stakes - 5 Nov 2024
- G3 The TAB Mile - 13 Nov 2024
- G1 TAB Classic - 7 Dec 2024
- G1 Cambridge Stud Zabeel Classic - 26 Dec 2024
- G2 Rich Hill Mile - 1 Jan 2025
- G1 The Harcourts Thorndon Mile - 11 Jan 2025
- Listed Elsdon Park Aotearoa Classic - 25 Jan 2025
- G1 Herbie Dyke Stakes - 8 Feb 2025
- G1 Ōtaki-Māori WFA Classic - 22 Feb 2025
- G1 Bonecrusher NZ Stakes - 8 Mar 2025

#### Sport Nation Champion Sprint Series – Qualifying Races

- Listed Lindauer Stewards Stakes - 16 Nov 2024
- The Meteorite (Melbourne) - 23 Nov 2024
- G3 Haunui Farm Counties Bowl - 23 Nov 2024
- G1 Winterbottom Stakes (Perth) - 30 Nov 2024
- G3 George Moore Stakes (Brisbane) - 30 Nov 2024
- G3 Concorde Stakes - 7 Dec 2024
- The Supernova (Melbourne) – 21 Dec 2024
- Listed Christmas Stakes (Melbourne) - 26 Dec 2024
- Listed Canterbury Sprint (Sydney) - 1 Jan 2025
- G1 TAB Telegraph - 4 Jan 2025
- G1 Sistema Railway - 25 Jan 2025
- G1 BCD Group Sprint - 8 Feb 2025
- G3 Haunui Farm King's Plate - 8 Mar 2025

## Highlighted Race Meetings

**Wellington Cup Carnival – 4, 11 & 18 January 2025** (Trentham Racecourse)

**Karaka Carnival – 25 January & 1 February 2025** (Ellerslie Racecourse)

**Legends Day – 8 February 2025** (Te Rapa Racecourse)

**Champions Day – 8 March 2025** (Ellerslie Racecourse)

**Oaks Day – 22 March 2025** (Trentham Racecourse)

These race days contain some of the biggest races of the Summer Carnival across our premium venues in the Auckland, Waikato and Wellington Regions.

The full selection of Summer Carnival Races can be found in the accompanying pull-out calendar. Organised by race type this should provide the ability to build a campaign for any horses; sprinter middle distance, age group etc.

For more detailed race calendar information scan the QR code to view our website.



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## Wellington Cup Carnival

### Trentham – 4, 11 & 18 January 2025

Held over three consecutive Saturdays, the Wellington Cup Carnival features nine Group and Listed Races including two Group 1's (Telegraph Handicap, and Thorndon Mile).

#### 4 January 2025

TAB Telegraph	G1	1200m	\$550,000
WFA	Nominations: 4pm Tuesday 19 November 2024		

#### 11 January 2025

The Harcourts Thorndon Mile	G1	1600m	\$500,000
SW&P, 3YO+	Nominations: 4pm Tuesday 19 November 2024		

Levin Classic	G2	1400m	\$400,000
SW, 3YO	Nominations: 4pm Tuesday 19 November 2024		

#### 18 January 2025

NZCIS Wellington Cup	G3	3200m	\$400,000
Open Handicap, 3YO+	Nominations: 4pm Tuesday 19 November 2024		



## Legends Day

### Te Rapa – 8 February 2025

Legends Day is a celebration of Horses and Jockeys both past and present that have etched their names into the record books and hearts of New Zealand racegoers. The meeting features two Group 1's (Herbie Dyke Stakes and BCD Group Sprint) and two Group 2's, including the addition of the Group 2 Waikato Guineas, that will move from its current mid-week location in late January.

Herbie Dyke Stakes	G1	2000m	\$700,000
Standard WFA, 3YO+	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 10 December 2024		

BCD Group Sprint	G1	1400m	\$500,000
Standard WFA, 3YO+	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 4 February 2025		

Legacy Lodge Waikato Guineas	G2	2000m	\$275,000
SW, 3YO	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 4 February 2025		

David and Karyn Ellis Fillies Classic	G2	2000m	\$275,000
SW, 3YOF	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 4 February 2025		



# Karaka Carnival

## Ellerslie – 25 January & 1 February 2025

The two-day Karaka Carnival at Ellerslie Racecourse will see two consecutive Saturdays of racing during the Thoroughbred breeding industry’s busiest week of the year. The first meeting will be held in its usual spot on the eve of NZB’s National Yearling Sales Series, with a second day added at the end of the Sales week.

The Karaka Millions has already been identified as a hugely successful race day, which along with the NZB Sale brings a significant amount of racing participants to Auckland. The extended Karaka Carnival will provide more opportunities for headline racing to take place at a time when the eyes of the world are on New Zealand racing, whilst locally it will ensure high-quality racing remains front of mind for the public following the heightened awareness of the sport that the Karaka Millions will naturally drive.



Sistema Railway	G1	1200m	\$700,000
SW&P, 3YO+	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 21 January 2025		

Westbury Classic	G2	1400m	\$600,000
SW&P, 3YO+F&M	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 21 January 2025		

Cambridge Stud Almanzor Trophy	G3	1200m	\$250,000
SW&P, 3YO	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 21 January 2025		

TAB Karaka Millions 2YO	LR	1200m	\$1,000,000
2YO - NZB Karaka Eligible	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 21 January 2025		

TAB Karaka Millions 3YO	LR	1600m	\$1,500,000
3YO - NZB Karaka Eligible	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 21 January 2025		

Elsdon Park Aotearoa Classic	LR	1600m	\$1,000,000
SW, 4YO	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 21 January 2025		



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# Champions Day

## Ellerslie – 8 March 2025

Champions Day focuses the previous Auckland Cup Carnival racedays into one supreme event. The best horses, across all classes, ridden by the best jockeys, on New Zealand’s leading track will ensure Champions Day is the pinnacle of the sport in the country. More than \$9 million in total prizemoney will be up for grabs in year one, climbing to \$10 million in year two.

The Kiwi, sponsored by New Zealand Bloodstock (NZB), will launch the Southern Hemisphere’s richest 3YO race, with New Zealand’s best 3YOs competing for a purse of NZ\$4.5 million\* in March 2025, increasing to NZ\$5.5 million by March 2027.

To qualify for the NZB Kiwi and for a Slot Holder to be able to nominate a contender, the horse must have been bred in New Zealand, as determined by NZTR, or prior to the horse’s 3YO season, purchased at an NZB or gavelhouse.com official Sale.



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### OTHER FEATURE RACES:

- Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Sunline Vase (G3), 2100m, 3F, \$250,000
- Haunui Farm King’s Plate (G3), 1200m, \$250,000

<b>Trackside NZ Derby</b>	G1	2400m	\$1,250,000
SW, 3YO	Nominations: 4pm Friday 3 January 2025		
<b>Bonecrusher NZ Stakes</b>	G1	2000m	\$1,000,000
WFA, 3YO+	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 4 March 2025		
<b>Sistema Stakes</b>	G1	1200m	\$550,000
SW, 2YO	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 4 March 2025		
<b>TAB NZ Thoroughbred Breeders’ Stakes</b>	G1	1600m	\$600,000
WFA, 3YO+F&M	Nominations: 12pm Tuesday 4 March 2025		
<b>Barfoot &amp; Thompson Auckland Cup</b>	G2	3200m	\$600,000
H, 3YO+	Nominations: 4pm Friday 3 January 2025		
<b>The NZB Kiwi</b>	LR	1500m	\$4,500,000*
SW&P, 3YO	Slot Race		

\* \$4.5m is including bonuses



## New Zealand Oaks Day

### Trentham – 22 March 2025

New Zealand Oaks Day is headlined by the \$750,000 Group 1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks and also features the Group 2 Wellington Guineas, and the Group 3 Wentwood Grange Cuddle Stakes.

Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks	G1	2400m	\$1,000,000
3YOF SW	Nominations: 4pm Tuesday 3 December 2024		

Wellington Guineas	G2	1400m	\$250,000
3YO SW	Nominations: 10am Tuesday 18 March 2025		

Wentwood Grange Cuddle Stakes	G3	1600m	\$200,000
SW&P 3YO+F&M	Nominations: 10am Tuesday 18 March 2025		

Lightning Handicap	G3	1200m	\$130,000
H, 3YO+	Nominations: 10am Tuesday 18 March 2025		



## Support

### Travel Subsidy

To further enhance the experience for our Australian contenders, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) is delighted to extend a travel subsidy for Group race participants during the Summer Carnival.

Each eligible horse will receive a subsidy of \$12,500 NZD, easing the logistics of international competition. This subsidy will be rebated to NZTR from any Stake earnings exceeding \$30,000 NZD, with a rebate rate set at \$1 for every \$2 of prizemoney secured\*.

*\* The allocation of a travel subsidy is at the sole discretion of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.*

### Stabling & Training Facilities

For seamless preparation on arrival to New Zealand, our club contacts are on hand to assist in securing stabling and training facilities to suit your planned campaign.

### Other Enquiries

Our Club Contacts will be able to assist with any other location-based enquiries.

For all other questions contact New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

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