



**WORLD TROTTING
CONFERENCE**



EVENT GUIDE



**HARNESS RACING
NEW ZEALAND**



WELCOME TO THE WORLD TROTTING CONFERENCE 2026

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We're thrilled to host you for the World Trotting Conference (WTC) in New Zealand.

This booklet is your go-to guide for all official WTC functions and race day hospitality opportunities.

Inside, you'll find full details on each event.

We can't wait to see you in New Zealand in November



WTC WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
CROWNE PLAZA SOCIAL BAR
TIME: 6.00-7.30PM

Join us for a relaxed and informal meet & greet to start the week. It's a great chance to meet everyone in a friendly setting.

There's no formal agenda just a welcoming atmosphere, light refreshments, and the opportunity to get to know each other before the week's events begin.

*Smart casual wear



KAIKOURA CUP DAY

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER - KAIKOURA TROTTING CLUB
TIME: MIDDAY START

Be part of history as we head to one of New Zealand's most spectacular race meetings for Cup Day at Kaikoura. This iconic day features top-class racing in a breathtaking coastal setting and is a true highlight of the harness racing calendar in NZ.

WTC guests are invited to enjoy the action from our private marquee, offering a fantastic vantage point and relaxed hospitality.

Buffet style lunch and drinks included as well as the bus to and from Kaikoura.

*Summer casual race wear



MELBOURNE CUP EVENT AND DINNER

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER - EARL RESTAURANT CHCH
TIME: FROM 4.00PM

Join us for a relaxed evening at Earl, one of Christchurch's premier dining destinations, as we gather to watch the Melbourne Cup.

Hosted by Harness Racing New Zealand, the evening includes a specially curated set menu in a welcoming atmosphere, providing the perfect opportunity to enjoy one of Australasia's biggest racing events alongside fellow conference delegates.

Whether you're following the racing or simply enjoying the company, it's a great chance to unwind, connect with others, and experience Christchurch's vibrant dining scene.

*Smart evening wear

(Earl is within walking distance of the Crowne Plaza)



DINNER AT GRASMERE LODGE

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER – ARTHURS PASS
TIME: EVENING

Join us for a memorable evening at Grasmere, a spectacular high-country station nestled in the heart of the Southern Alps.

Hosted by the Grasmere team, this exclusive dinner offers guests the opportunity to experience the warmth of New Zealand high-country hospitality while enjoying exceptional local cuisine in a truly unique setting.

Hop on the bus and enjoy the fantastistic scenery as we head to the high country!

* Smart evening wear



ADDINGTON RACEWAY

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

TIME: FROM 5.00PM

Join us for an evening at Addington Raceway, one of New Zealand's leading harness racing venues.

The evening includes dinner and hospitality, along with the opportunity to experience live harness racing and enjoy the atmosphere of a race meeting alongside fellow conference guests

Bus provided

*Smart casual wear



EYES ON CHRISTCHURCH FUNCTION AT THE GONDOLA

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

TIME: 6.00-8.30PM

Don't miss this unforgettable night high above the city! Join us for Eyes On Christchurch, a stunning evening that begins with a ride up the iconic Christchurch Gondola, offering panoramic views of the city, the Canterbury Plains, and the Southern Alps.

At the summit, enjoy a relaxed and stylish dinner and drinks as the sun sets and the lights of Christchurch sparkle below.

This is a highlight event of the week, an evening of scenery, hospitality, and celebration you simply don't want to miss.

*Formal wear



ASHBURTON RACES

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER – TIME: FROM MIDDAY

Experience the excitement of the Australasian Young Drivers Championship at Ashburton Raceway, where you will enjoy an afternoon of harness racing featuring one of the sport's premier international young driver competition

It's a great opportunity to experience the future stars of harness racing while connecting with industry colleagues in a welcoming race day setting.

Bus provided

*Casual raceday wear



ADDINGTON RACEWAY NZ CUP DAY

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER – ADDINGTON
TIME: FROM 11.00AM

Experience next-level viewing of IRT New Zealand Trotting Cup Day from the exclusive Grey Goose Terrace, located on the stables rooftop.

Enjoy a full day of racing in style, with premium hospitality, all-day catering, Grey Goose cocktails, and more.

Cup Day package Includes:

- Entry to Addington Raceway, racebooks, and access to the private WDC marquee on the Grey Goose Terrace
- Premium all-day catering, including arrival platters, gourmet buffet lunch, sweet treats, and late afternoon bites
- Full beverage package featuring Grey Goose Vodka and cocktails, sparkling and premium wines, beers, and non-alcoholic options
- All-day espresso coffee station
- Private Bet & Collect facilities and Trackside TVs

Bus provided

* Formal race wear





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