

# WHANGAREI RACING CLUB INC

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### UPCOMING RACE DATES FOR 2010

17th July 2010 (Sat) <i>Feature</i>	11th Sept 2010 (Sat) <i>Fashion Fiesta</i>
24th July 2010 (Sat) <i>Project Promise</i>	29th Sept 2010 (Wed)
6th August 2010 (Fri)	5th January 2011 (Wed)
25th August 2010 (Wed)	19th January 2011 (Wed)

Dear Members

We are fast approaching our feature race day following two very successful race days in May and June – our on-course betting outstripping major metropolitan clubs. The numbers of horses nominated have been fantastic indicating that our track is consistently providing a good racing surface and one of the best winter surfaces in the country. We realize however that with so much racing to come it will be difficult to keep up the performance – and we are very grateful to our members for making the effort to attend at Ruakaka. Our commission from on-course turnover will increase to 18% from August providing even more of an incentive to ensure on-course patronage remains strong.

Our feature race day on 17<sup>th</sup> July has the listed **Westbury Stud Northland Breeders Stakes** (\$45,000) and the **Oceanz Seafood Whangarei Cup 2100m** (\$20,000). Returning to a single day format allows us to once again hold a **Members Dinner and Calcutta** previewing the Westbury Stud Northland Breeders Stakes. This will be at the Kamo Club from 6.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets cost \$40 per person which includes dinner and dessert. Butch Castles will be MC for the night and Russell Warwick Chairman of Eilerslie, member of the NZTR Graded Stakes Committee and General Manager of Westbury Stud will be a guest speaker. Please contact Karen at the Club or on 0274 334 498 to book your tickets.

The **Westbury Stud 2YO Triple Crown Points Series** has attracted capacity fields and is wide open with nine chances to take out the series with a good showing in the final leg. The favourite will be the very smart Shamabelle, trained by the Logan & Gibbs stable and owned by a syndicate of high profile Whangarei punters. It is great to see the locals getting a quid! We are very pleased to have **Westbury Stud** as new sponsors of the 2YO series. They have 7 quality stallions standing at their Karaka Stud this season and we are able to offer services to our members at *rates better than can be obtained through Westbury directly*. These services must be booked with the Racing Club through one of the Committee members or by calling Karen Houlihan on 0274 334 498.

Following on from our feature day is a new race date this year – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July which the Committee has given over to **Project Promise** as a fundraising race day. Enclosed is a flyer about the activities happening on this day to help raise funds for a new oncology unit in Whangarei. This is a very worthwhile cause as cancer is an illness that can affect families at any time. It should be a great day.

We also have two new dates added to our schedule – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011. These are Avondale dates that we will operate in the interim as Avondale ceases to race for a period of time.

Work continues on development options for the Ruakaka race course land – and as part of this process the Committee is working on a Master Plan for the long-term future of the Club. The Committee would like to provide Members with an opportunity to see the results of this planning and provide feedback to the Committee before it progresses to the next stage. We are hopeful of having the initial drafts available at both the Members Dinner and in the Members Bar on 17<sup>th</sup> July for your viewing.

Membership subscription renewals and new season membership tickets will be sent out to all members at the end of July.

Let's keep the good times rolling – see you at the dinner and/or feature race day in July!

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