

HIF – MEETING SUMMARY
Friday 23rd June 2023
The Grange Campbell Town
Meeting commenced at 11:01am

- Tasracing advised that Harness Racing Australia have agreed to penalty-free racing on King Island at the current prizemoney level.
- ORI advised that the reviewed Handicapping Schedule should be published in the coming weeks also advising they are currently in the first stages of reviewing the Harness Policy and Procedures document.
- An update was provided on the discussions around the Stallion Book Quota concerns with further consultation with HRA required.
- Amendments to the Minimum Nominations Policy proposed by the TTC to help encourage growth in 2 & 3YO racing was discussed, with the group in favour of the changes.
- Prizemoney level proposal submitted by the TTC were discussed with the group not in favour of making changes at this time.
- Details around the Sprint series proposed by the TTC was tabled. The group agreed to the running of the series on the provision that it was an additional race day.
- Harness Wagering Performance paper was noted.
- Projects, Assets and Operations Update paper was noted with an additional update provided on security measures being implemented following the lighting vandalism at Mowbray.
- Marketing Update paper was noted with an additional update provided around strategies for increasing participation awareness and trust with stakeholders and the community.
- Animal Welfare Update paper taken as noted with a draft of the Code of Practice for Racehorse Welfare tabled for feedback from the group.
- Tasracing advised that they have approached HRA to consider a slot in the Eureka consolation race with HRA to provide an answer in the next few weeks.
- Tasracing provided a breakdown of turnover per club with a commitment to provide this monthly.
- Race dates for 2023/24 paper taken as noted.
- An update on the Tasmanian Harness Feature Race Calendar was tabled, advising that some races whilst would continue to be programmed due to their importance to the relevant club would not be advertised in the Feature Race Calendar.
- The King Island Racing Club President raised concerns about the New Year's Day race meeting not being able to be held on 1 January.
- Discussion was held in relation to the welfare aspect of horses being able to compete in multiple race meetings within 3 days of one another.
- The group queried if there was a decision around dual-engaged runners. ORI advised that it will be dealt with in the new Handicapping Schedule.
- Discussion around swab rumours. ORI advised participants are welcome to contact ORI so that they can provide participants with an answer or at least an understanding of the process regarding swabs.

Meeting closed 2:00 pm