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Racing NSW Board congratulates Peter V'landys

The Board of Racing NSW has extended its congratulations to its Chief Executive, Peter V'landys, following the announcement that he has been granted an award within the Order of Australia.

In today's Honours List, Mr V'landys was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division for his services to the horse racing industry in Australia.

Racing NSW Chairman, John Messara AM, said that the Board was extremely proud that Peter V'landys's outstanding efforts on behalf of the Thoroughbred racing industry have been recognised with this honour.

"I have worked closely with Peter and I've been impressed by his loyal and dedicated service and his contribution to the Thoroughbred racing industry," Mr Messara said.

"In every sense, Peter's service has gone well beyond what would have been expected of him in his position and his achievements have been outstanding. He has displayed great drive and passion for the industry and at all times, his foremost endeavours have been to improve the lot of industry participants and workers.

"While his achievements are too many to list, I should make particular mention of the following:-

- His initiative in devising and implementing the Race Fields Scheme and then his tenacious defence of the subsequent legal challenges to the scheme;
- His leadership during the equine influenza crisis and his ability to initiate an industry compensation scheme and then obtain the necessary funding from the Federal Government to finance the scheme; and
- The numerous revenue raising and operational efficiencies he has implemented which have contributed greatly to the industry's well-being."

Mr Messara said that the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry and its thousands of participants were fortunate to have a person of the calibre of Peter V'landys occupying the role of Chief Executive of its Regulatory Authority.

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