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2023



MISSION

**TO ESTABLISH A DYNAMIC
NSW THOROUGHBRED RACING
INDUSTRY THAT ADVANCES
PARTICIPATION, ENSURES
INTEGRITY AND DELIVERS
QUALITY RACING AT ALL LEVELS**

VISION

Provide a committed, user-friendly, professional and cost-effective administration which uses best business practice in serving all aspects of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

Provide Leadership and Strategic Direction to ensure the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry achieves revenue growth, profitability and greater returns to Owners and Industry Participants.

Provide a Racing Product that appeals to all demographics and takes all actions necessary to guarantee integrity and confidence in the sport. In particular, ensuring animal welfare is of the highest standard.

Maximise betting turnover on NSW Thoroughbred race meetings by accommodating punters' needs and desires, and work with Tabcorp to promote new wagering products that reflect changes in demand.

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R Balding AO (Russell)

CHAIRMAN

Re-appointed 19 Dec 2021
Attended 9 meetings



Dr S Cooke (Saranne)

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Appointed Deputy
Chairperson 19 Dec 2021
Re-appointed 19 Dec 2019
Attended 8 meetings



P N V'landys AM (Peter)

RACING NSW

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Appointed 23 Feb 2004
Attended 8 meetings



S Tuxen (Simon)

Re-appointed 20 Dec 2022
Attended 9 meetings



A Shepherd AO (Anthony)

Re-appointed 20 Dec 2022
Attended 8 meetings



**The Hon G Souris AM
(George)**

Re-appointed 19 Dec 2021
Attended 9 meetings



M Crismale (Michael)

Re-appointed 20 Dec 2021
Attended 9 meetings



G Charny (Garry)

Appointed 20 Dec 2022
Attended 5 meetings

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Under section 13(1) of the Thoroughbred Racing Act (NSW) 1996, the Board has the following functions:

- a) all the functions of the principal club for New South Wales and committee of the principal club for New South Wales under the Australian Rules of Racing,
- b) to control, supervise and regulate horse racing in the State,
- b1) such functions in relation to the business, economic development and strategic development of the horse racing industry in the State as are conferred or imposed by this Act,
- c) to initiate, develop and implement policies considered conducive to the promotion, strategic development and welfare of the horse racing industry in the State and the protection of the public interest as it relates to the horse racing industry,
- d) functions with respect to the insuring of participants in the horse racing industry, being functions of the kind exercised by the ATC on the commencement of this section, and such other functions with respect to insurance in the horse racing industry as may be prescribed by the regulations,
- e) such functions as may be conferred or imposed on the board by or under the Australian Rules of Racing or any other Act,
- f) such functions with respect to horse racing in New South Wales as may be prescribed by the regulations.



Russell Balding AO

Chairman

The Hon. David Harris, MP
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty,
Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for
Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and
Minister for the Central Coast
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Minister,

In accordance with Section 30 of the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996, I am pleased to submit to you the 27th Annual Report of Racing NSW covering the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

On behalf of my fellow Board Members, I wish to congratulate you on your appointment to the Racing portfolio along with your many other Ministerial responsibilities.

I am confident that we will enjoy a mutually beneficial working relationship which will advance the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry and assist your government in achieving its employment and revenue targets.

At the same time, I would like to pass on my thanks and appreciation to your predecessor, The Hon. Kevin Anderson, MP, for his invaluable assistance and support during his tenure as Minister responsible for Racing.

Over the past five years, we have significantly increased prizemoney across all sectors of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry while at the same time continuing to invest in our Integrity and Equine Welfare Programs, which I believe are second to none.

We have also invested significantly in Racing and Training Infrastructure and further funds will be expended on additional projects throughout NSW over the next two to three years.

We have also completely reinvigorated, expanded and strengthened our Spring Carnival and introduced innovative initiatives such as The Everest, The Golden Eagle, The Invitation, The Kosciuszko, The Big Dance, The King Charles III Stakes and Provincial-staged headline races such as The Hunter and The Gong.

There is little doubt that the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry holds the mantle of the leading racing jurisdiction in Australia and one of the leaders in world racing. This is evidenced by the influx of trainers who have moved from their interstate locations and established stables in NSW.

I am delighted to report that this year Racing NSW again had a very successful year which enabled us to attain many accomplishments which have been to the betterment of the overall Thoroughbred Racing Industry and its participants, many who rely totally on the industry for their livelihoods and ongoing financial welfares.

During the past financial year, we have again been fiscally responsible in relation to our expenditure and growth initiatives. As at 30th June 2023 we have a strong balance sheet which will sustain the industry well into the future.

Board meetings were held on 9 occasions throughout this period and I again acknowledge the contributions and support of my fellow Board Members whose knowledge, experience and passion contributed to the well-being of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry and its many participants.

You may be assured that the Board and Management at Racing NSW are committed to always acting in the best interests of thoroughbred racing in NSW. Indeed, this is a legislative requirement for Racing NSW Board Members.

In this regard, the High Court of Australia previously ruled that the racing industry operates in a national wagering market. Therefore, to remain competitive, Racing NSW needs to continue to introduce and adopt new initiatives and not be restrained by out of date and no longer fit for purpose National Pattern Guidelines which were designed to maintain the status quo and limit the ability of bodies such as Racing NSW from introducing new innovations.

Unfortunately, this led us to commence legal action against Racing Victoria and the other State controlling authorities regarding their covert actions to exclude the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry from the national industry.

This was necessary to ensure that the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry not only remains competitive in generating revenue in the national wagering market so it can maximise distributions to its participants – but also to ensure our industry continues to strengthen and expand.

Highlights for the year included:

- Prizemoney, BOBS and bonuses paid during the year increasing to a record level of \$347.85 million and total Returns to Owners increasing by 18.82% to a record \$370.44 million.
- The collective Return to Owners of the costs involved in preparing horses for racing has increased from 42% in the 2013/14 financial year to 53% in the 2022/23 financial year.
- The announcement of a total prizemoney increases of \$84.5 million, including \$27.5 million which will take effect during the 2023/24 financial year, together with the announcement of prizemoney increases for several major races including The Everest, Hill Stakes, All-Aged Stakes and the Provincial-Midway and Country Championships Finals.
- Prizemoney for The Everest increasing to \$20 million making it the second richest race in the world while still retaining the title of the richest race in the world on turf. This is a significant achievement for a race that only had its inaugural running in 2017 and is now recognised internationally and has put Sydney racing on the international racing agenda and cemented itself and the Sydney Everest Carnival in the Australian racing calendar.
- The inaugural running of The Big Dance – a \$2 million race for the winners of Country Cups and The Little Dance – a \$500,000 race for other horses which qualified for The Big Dance but didn't get a start. Prizemoney for The Big Dance has now been increased to \$3 million and The Little Dance to \$750,000.
- Renaming the George Main Stakes and establishing the King Charles III Stakes for \$5 million in prizemoney. As a result, the ATC will now host the King Charles III Stakes in the spring and the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes in the autumn, both carrying \$5 million in prizemoney.
- Expansion of our Equine Welfare Program which incorporates Racing NSW's rehoming and retraining of retired Thoroughbred racehorses and the establishment with Equestrian Australia of the Equimillion – a \$1 million equestrian event for retired NSW Thoroughbred racehorses.
- Acquisition of several additional properties to assist with the Equine Welfare Program and as a means of future proofing the industry.

- Continued to provide a major contribution to the NSW economy in terms of direct taxation and the provision of employment opportunities of more than 27,600 full-time-equivalent jobs, with 17,700 of these being in regional and rural New South Wales

As I highlighted in the 2022 Annual Report, we were fortunate that the strict bio-security protocols (including the adoption of Rapid Antigen Testing Technology) and restrictions put in place by Racing NSW and the stringent adherence to them by industry participants allowed the continuation of racing activities during the worst of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The industry has now returned to normal operations and has continued to exceed all expectations.

Racing NSW maintained its policy of ensuring the viability of Country racing and the sustainability of Country trainers with increases in prizemoney of \$8 million across all sectors of Country racing from 1 September 2022.

In addition to the minimum prizemoney increases, two races at every Country TAB race meeting are restricted to NSW Country-trained horses only with prizemoney of \$30,000. Total annual prizemoney to the Country sector has now risen to \$98 million. This represents an increase of \$66 million in total prizemoney since 2012, the largest increase in percentage terms of any sector over this period.

Racing NSW has continued to implement its strategy to future-proof the industry by acquiring landholdings and other assets, particularly adjacent to our racecourses.

We recently acquired additional land adjacent to the Hawkesbury, Gosford and Ballina Racecourses to supplement training facilities.

Finally, as I mentioned above, we are looking forward to working with you and your Ministerial colleagues on a wide range of projects during the 2023/24 financial year which will be of benefit to the Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

In addition, we thank your Departmental Officers for their continued assistance and support during the year.

Yours Sincerely,



Russell Balding AO

Chairman
30 August 2023



Peter V'landys AM

Chief Executive

Executive Summary

The NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry continues to thrive with record levels of wagering and record returns to participants, built on the halo effect of The Everest and the revitalisation of the NSW Spring Carnival.

Prior to the introduction of The Everest in 2017, the size and quality of Sydney Metropolitan race field sizes would drop dramatically after the October long weekend as NSW trainers took their horses south for the Victorian Spring Carnival. NSW trainers would not only take their best horses (impacting the quality of Sydney Metropolitan race fields) but their second and third tier horses (impacting the size of Sydney Metropolitan race fields). This would result in many punters ceasing to bet on NSW Thoroughbred races during the spring and focusing their attention on Victoria. Many of those punters would not return to betting on NSW Thoroughbred races until the autumn of the following year, often as late as April.

The success of the revitalised spring carnival has boosted turnover growth year-round. Punters no longer cease betting on NSW during the spring, they remain engaged during the spring and throughout the rest of the year. Most importantly, however, The Everest and the revitalised Spring Carnival has attracted many new and young customers to racing.

This has enabled further major increases in prizemoney to record levels and the introduction of several new races, including the King Charles III Stakes, and strategic improvements to programming.

In the year, overall returns to owners and participants were \$371 million, an increase of 18.8% over the previous year.

In addition to the prizemoney increases of \$57 million during the year, Racing NSW announced a further \$27.5 million in prizemoney increases to commence in 2023/24, totalling \$84.5 million in overall increases. These increases also see a record \$20 million in prizemoney for The Everest, lifting the total returns to owners and participants to \$411 million.

The Stablehands Bonus and Equine Welfare Fund were also increased to 2% and 1.5% respectively (in addition to the increases arising from the overall increase in prizemoney).

Racing NSW has also continued with its strategy of future-proofing the industry through property acquisitions, the Prizemoney Sustainability Provision and the Club Sustainment Provision.

Financial Performance

Racing NSW reported a strong Operating Surplus of \$11.99 million in the 2023 financial year (up from \$11.43 million in 2022). The most pleasing aspect of this year's performance is that Racing NSW has been able to set aside \$106.4 million for a Prizemoney Sustainability Provision to ensure Racing NSW has sufficient reserves to maintain prizemoney at existing levels for the benefit of stakeholders should wagering revenues decline.

Racing NSW continues to operate efficiently, recording a first charge to the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry against the TAB distribution of \$9.24 million, a decrease of 7.0% from the previous year (\$9.93 million in 2022).

In addition to continuing to operate efficiently, Racing NSW provided in excess of \$17.52 million in direct support to NSW Thoroughbred race clubs throughout the year from the Club Sustainment Provision.

In line with Racing NSW's long term strategic goals, Racing NSW continued building an asset base. This includes the purchase of properties adjoining Warwick Farm, Gosford and Hawkesbury Racecourses which have been leased to trainers to produce additional revenues for racing through increased field sizes, as well as the purchase of hay and lucerne producing farms to provide feed for horse welfare purposes.

Highlights

- Announcements of further significant prizemoney increases totalling \$84.5 million with \$57 million per annum commencing in the 2022/23 financial year and further prizemoney increases of \$27.5 million for the 2023/24 financial year. These included prizemoney increases for feature races such as The Everest, The Big Dance, The Kosciuszko, The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and the Doncaster Handicap and again raising minimum prizemoney levels for Metropolitan racing underpinning NSW's status as a world class racing jurisdiction.
- Targeted rescheduling of races to improve programming including the King Charles III Stakes, a \$5 million weight for age race to be conducted at Royal Randwick Racecourse at The Everest race meeting in honour of King Charles III.
- Returns to owners and participants reaching record levels of \$371 million, an increase of 18.8% from the previous year, with it rising to \$411 million in 2023/24.
- The inaugural running of The Big Dance at Royal Randwick on the first Tuesday in November, which resulted in a 68% increase in betting on the corresponding meeting in 2021.
- Total revenue collected from the Race Fields scheme since its inception passed \$1 billion during the reporting year, evidencing the critical importance of Racing NSW's prosecution of the Race Fields scheme in the High Court of Australia.

- Changes in prizemoney distributions to increase the Stablehands Bonus to 2% of prizemoney and the Equine Welfare Fund to 1.5% of prizemoney.
- Acquisition of several new properties for the provision of additional training and pre-training centres and for the equine welfare program. These property acquisitions also featured in Racing NSW's aim of future proofing the industry against unforeseen financial downturns.
- The Everest and The Golden Eagle continue to be the two most wagered upon NSW races and it is pleasing to see several of the other newly introduced races featuring prominently on the list of most wagered upon races. The full list is shown below:

1. The Everest
2. The Golden Eagle
3. The Golden Slipper
4. T J Smith
5. Doncaster Handicap
6. Nature Strip Stakes
7. Queen Elizabeth II Stakes
8. Sydney Cup
9. Australian Derby
10. Golden Rose
11. The Big Dance
12. The George Ryder Stakes
13. The Silver Eagle
14. The Invitation
15. The Epsom
16. The Callander/Presnell Stakes
17. Spring Champion Stakes
18. The Shorts
19. Queen of the Turf Stakes
20. The Kosciuszko

Revenue

Wagering Revenue

In addition to the TAB distributions of \$177 million, \$335 million was received from other wagering revenue, totalling \$512 million of total wagering revenue. The principal sources of other wagering revenue are set out below.

Point of Consumption Tax

As is the case in all States and Territories of Australia, a Point of Consumption Tax (PoCT) is levied on all wagering operators accepting bets from NSW residents, whether it be online, telephone or face to face betting.

On 23 June 2022, the Parliament passed a Bill increasing the rate of the Point of Consumption Tax from 1 July 2022 from 10% to 15% of gross wagering revenue.

Racing NSW prosecuted the case with the NSW Government that the increased PoCT rate would greatly reduce the pricing power of Racing NSW through its Race Fields fees. The NSW Government recognised this issue and legislated to provide 33% of the PoCT revenues to the NSW Racing Industry.

Parity with Victoria on the Sharing of TAB's Gross Wagering Revenue

Unfortunately, the NSW Racing Industry was receiving a lesser share of gross wagering revenue from the TAB as compared to every other state in Australia.

In order to rectify this inequality, Racing NSW successfully negotiated with the NSW Government to provide a level playing field, at least compared to Victoria.

Accordingly, the NSW Racing Industry now receives the same share of gross wagering revenue as Victoria. Other states, however, still receive a higher share of gross wagering revenue from respective TABs.

The legislation provided for a staged introduction of the concessions commencing from 1 July 2015 with full parity being achieved in the 2021 financial year. The 2023 financial year was therefore the eighth year of wagering tax parity.

Race Fields Legislation

Over the years since Racing NSW's victory in the High Court upholding the validity of the Race Fields scheme, the revenue from this scheme has grown to a level where it contributes almost as much as TAB distributions.

During the year, 241 Wagering Operators were granted approvals to provide wagering services on NSW Thoroughbred Race Fields.

The total amount collected since introduction now exceeds \$1 billion, evidencing the critical importance of Racing NSW's defence of the Race Fields scheme.

The fees for the use of NSW Thoroughbred Racing fields stand at:

Bet Types	Standard	Premium (Meetings with at least one race of a minimum \$150,000 in prizemoney)	Premier (Meetings with at least one race of a minimum \$1m in prizemoney)
Derivative Bets	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%
Other (non-derivative) Bets	2.00%	2.50%	3.00%

Prizemoney and Returns to Owners and Participants

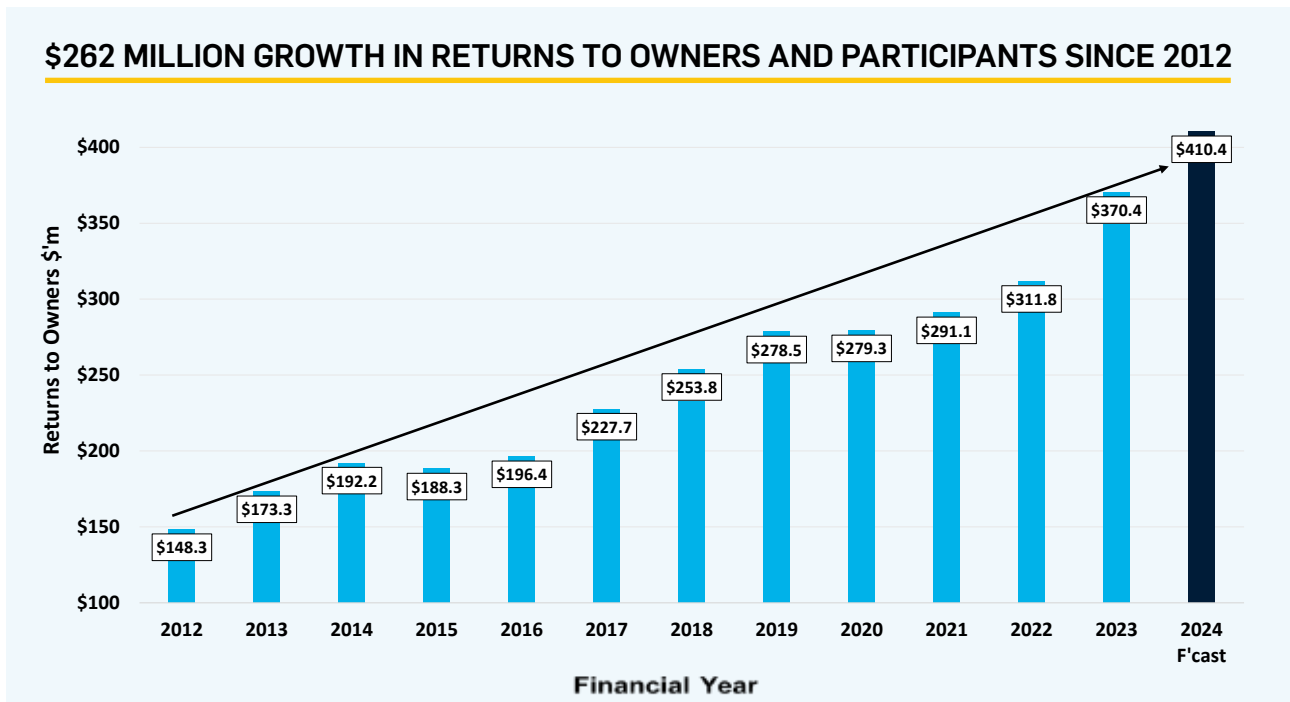
Maximising returns to owners and participants to assist them in offsetting the costs incurred by them in keeping their horses involved in racing activities is a core commitment of Racing NSW.

During the year, returns to owners and participants amounted to \$371 million (an increase of 18.8% which was well above the annual CPI), with it rising to \$411 million in 2023/24.

Total returns to owners and participants were made up of the following amounts:

Item	2011/12	2021/22	2022/23
Prizemoney, BOBS & Bonuses	\$135,324,443	\$290,734,182	\$347,852,408
Other Payments on behalf of Owners (i.e., jockey's riding fees, etc.)	\$12,978,013	\$21,042,955	\$22,591,518
Total	\$148,302,456	\$311,777,137	\$370,443,926

Returns to owners and participants from 2012 to projected returns in 2023/24 have grown by \$262 million as set out below.



BOBS

BOBS has entered its 21st year and gets stronger each season, having paid out 1225 BOBS bonuses during the 2022/23 racing season for a total of over \$11.2 million including bonuses and Double-up vouchers.

These figures show the importance of the BOBS scheme to owners, but even more impressive when paired with BOBS Extra where last season an extra \$526,000 was distributed to owners of BOBS Extra horses.

BOBS continues to grow each season, with more breeders and owners nominating stallions and two-year-old horses – this, in turn, leads to more bonuses being paid out and therefore, more nominations.

And the fact that BOBS bonuses can be won at all NSW tracks, means that trainers and owners can race their horses closer to home, reducing travel and increasing the competition and class of racing at Provincial and Country racecourses.

Recently Introduced Feature Races

During the year, Racing NSW focused on growing its recently established feature races including The Everest, The Kosciuszko, The Golden Eagle and The Big Dance as events to assist maximisation of revenues.

Each of these major races were conducted successfully and were well supported by owners and trainers with quality fields entered for each race.

In addition, the racing public provided their support to the races with increased betting turnovers achieved on each event

Most pleasingly, the respective races were complemented by an increase in turnover for the race meetings, illustrating the success of those racedays:

Race	Meeting Increase
The Everest	5.25%
The Kosciuszko	5.25%
The Golden Eagle	5.90%
The Big Dance	68.12%

The Everest

The biggest crowd at Royal Randwick in 50 years attended the sixth running of The Everest in 2022 and were rewarded with a thrilling result as Clayton Douglas's undefeated three-year-old Giga Kick scored an upset win over Private Eye and Mazu. In winning the race, Giga Kick, which was ridden by Craig Williams, recorded its 5th win from 5 starts.

The modern-day record for Royal Randwick Racecourse of 46,221 was dominated by a young and enthusiastic crowd who have embraced the meeting since it was launched in 2017.

The Everest in 2022 was the highest rated sprint race in the world and the highest rated race in Australia for that season.

The Everest race meeting is broadcast via Sky Racing to more than 65 countries around the world. Prizemoney for the 2023 event has been increased to \$20 million making it the world's 2nd richest race on any surface while remaining the world's richest race on turf.

The Kosciuszko

The Kosciuszko which is also held on Everest day is the highlight of the year for country trained horses and the fifth edition of the event carried prizemoney of \$2 million, increasing from \$1.3 million.

The Geoff Duryea-trained Front Page from Corowa was successful in the event with an all-the-way win under apprentice jockey Tyler Schiller. Far Too Easy finished 2nd with Fender coming in 3rd.

As part of the unique concept for the race, starters in The Kosciuszko are selected by sweepstakes winners who share in the prizemoney with owners of the starters. A record 302,000 tickets were sold in the sweepstakes to people throughout the State which is a solid indication of the widespread interest in the race.

The Golden Eagle

The Golden Eagle is an elite race restricted to four-year-old horses and is held annually at Rosehill Racecourse, providing a major event for the Western suburbs of Sydney.

Following an increase in the prizemoney to \$10 million The Golden Eagle now carries the second highest prizemoney of any race in Australia.

As in previous years, 10% of all prizemoney is donated to charities nominated by the connections of the starters in the race who share in \$1 million between them. Muscular Dystrophy NSW received a payment of \$525,000 as a result of being the partner charity of 2022 Golden Eagle winner I Wish I Win.

The Golden Eagle is one of the new generational races and it is already the second most-wagered-upon NSW race after The Everest

The Big Dance

The Big Dance is a new, Special Conditions event run over 1600 metres at Royal Randwick Racecourse on the first Tuesday of November.

The race is restricted to the winners or second placegetters of selected country cups held during the preceding 12 months and in the \$150,000 Wild Card Race held at The Everest race meeting.

The inaugural event was held in November 2022 and carried prizemoney of \$2 million. A further event, The Little Dance, a \$500,000 race catering for horses which ran in The Big Dance qualifiers was also held on the same day.

The Big Dance concept proved to be a great success and betting turnover at the meeting exceeded betting on the previous year's corresponding meeting by 68%.

The race was won by the Kris Lees-trained Rustic Steel which was ridden by Nash Rawiller. Cisco Bay finished second and Sibaaq finished third.

As a result of the success of the race, prizemoney for the 2023 event has been increased to \$3 million with prizemoney for The Little Dance rising to \$750,000.

A further supporting race, the \$250,000 The Barn Dance has also been added to the 2023 program, which will be exclusively for NSW Country-trained horses.

The Hunter and The Gong

Feature spring racing again included Newcastle and Wollongong, with each region hosting a stand-alone Saturday race meeting and a \$1 million feature race.

The Hunter and The Gong race meetings each create an annual fixture on the social calendar for each region and are the highest attended and wagered on race meetings at both Newcastle and Kembla Grange each year.

Much like The Everest at Royal Randwick, The Hunter and The Gong are marketed to and attract the 18 to 35 year-old demographic who are adopting these events as their own.

The Championships

An initiative of Racing NSW and hosted by Australian Turf Club, The Championships in the autumn were inaugurated in 2014 as the "Grand Finals of Australian Racing".

The Championships showcase the very best of Australian racing as the jewel in the crown of Sydney's Autumn Carnival and 2023 witnessed the 10th year of this exciting initiative.

Each of the meetings again proved to be fitting grand finals for the various classes of races which comprised the two days of the carnival when eight Group 1 races as well as several other Group and Listed races were conducted.

In addition, the Provincial-Midway Championships Final and the Country Championships Final were also held during the two meetings.

Highlights of Day 1 included the victory of the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained Major Beel in the Australian Derby. Major Beel was ridden by Tim Clark and gave Gai Waterhouse her first win in the race.

Virtuous Circle finished second while Suizuro filled third place. Last year's The Golden Eagle winner, the Peter Moody-trained I Wish I Win, came from last to first to win the TJ Smith Stakes beating Giga Kick and Mazu.

The highlights of Day 2 were the win of Dubai Honour in the \$4 million Queen Elizabeth II Stakes who outstayed Mo'unga and Anamoe and the win by the New Zealand-based Pennyweka in the Australian Oaks beating So Dazzling and Premise.

Prizemoney increases, New Feature Races and initiatives implemented during the 2022/23 financial year

As announced in the 2022 Annual Report, prizemoney increases totalling \$57 million, new feature races and initiatives were implemented during the 2022/23 financial year.

New Feature Races and other initiatives

- The Big Dance – Racing NSW introduced a new race called The Big Dance with prizemoney of \$2 million to be held at Royal Randwick on first Tuesday in November.

In order to be eligible, a horse needs to have either won or run second in nominated country cups throughout New South Wales or the \$150,000 Wild Card Race held on The Everest race meeting.

- The Little Dance with prizemoney of \$500,000 was added to The Big Dance race meeting for horses that were eligible for The Big Dance but did not gain a start in the race.
- The Five Diamonds – Racing NSW also created a new feature race, The Five Diamonds, over 1800 metres at Rosehill on Golden Gift Day for five-year-old horses only, with prizemoney of \$2 million.
- The Five Diamond Prelude, a \$1 million race over 1500m for 5yo horses only, was added to The Everest race meeting, providing a lead up for The Five Diamonds.
- The Spring Champion Stakes prizemoney increased to \$2 million and the spring 3yo staying program was amended by moving the Spring Champion Stakes to the Saturday following The Everest at Royal Randwick.
- The prizemoney for the Dulcify Stakes increased to \$250,000 and prizemoney for the Gloaming Stakes increased to \$500,000, with both races rescheduled to provide a staying path to the Spring Champion Stakes.
- The Stan Fox Stakes was renamed as the Callander-Presnell in honour of Sydney racing media living legends, Ken Callander and Max Presnell. The Callander-Presnell was run at Royal Randwick on Saturday, 22nd October 2022 with prizemoney of \$1 million over a distance of 1600m for 3yos.
- A new \$500,000 race over 1400m for 3yos was run at Royal Randwick on Saturday, 8 October 2022 and named the Tapp-Craig in honour of legendary Sydney racecallers John Tapp and Ian Craig.
- The distance of the Craven Plate was reduced from 2000 metres to 1800 metres, providing a further lead up for The Five Diamonds.

Feature Race Prizemoney Increases Spring

- Increased Nature Strip Stakes prizemoney from \$1 million to \$3 million.
- Increased Sydney Stakes prizemoney from \$500,000 to \$2 million;

- Increased The Kosciuszko prizemoney from \$1.3 million to \$2 million;
- Increased The Shorts prizemoney from \$500,000 to \$1 million;
- Increased Premiere Stakes prizemoney from \$500,000 to \$1 million;
- Increased Silver Eagle prizemoney from \$500,000 to \$1 million;
- Increased Winx Stakes prizemoney from \$500,000 to \$750,000;
- Increased Concorde Stakes prizemoney from \$160,000 to \$500,000;

Autumn

- Increased Queen Elizabeth II Stakes prizemoney from \$4 million to \$5 million;
- Increased The Doncaster Mile prizemoney from \$3 million to \$4 million;
- Increased TJ Smith prizemoney from \$2.5 million to \$3 million;
- Increased The Galaxy prizemoney from \$700,000 to \$1 million;
- Increased The Ranvet Stakes prizemoney from \$700,000 to \$1 million.

General Prizemoney

- Increased Group 1 minimum prizemoney to \$600,000 per race;
- Increased Group 2 minimum prizemoney to \$250,000 per race;
- Increased Group 3 minimum prizemoney to \$200,000 per race;
- Increased Listed minimum prizemoney to \$160,000 per race;
- Increased Saturday Metropolitan minimum prizemoney to \$150,000 per race;
- To build on the success of the Highway and Midway races, prizemoney for these races increased from \$100,000 to \$120,000 per race at Saturday Metropolitan race meetings;
- Increased Metropolitan midweek minimum prizemoney to \$55,000 per race;
- Increased Provincial minimum prizemoney to \$40,000 per race;
- Increased Country TAB minimum prizemoney to \$27,000 per race (initial increase to \$25,000 from 1 July 2022 then further increase to \$27,000 from 1 September 2022);
- Increase Country SKY 2 prizemoney to \$16,000 per race;
- Increase Country Non-TAB prizemoney to \$12,000 per race;

- Increased Picnic minimum prizemoney to \$7,000 per race (initial increase to \$5,000 from 1 July 2022 then further increase to \$7,000 from 1 September 2022).
- In addition to the above minimum prizemoney increases, from 1 September 2022:
 - two races at each Provincial race meeting carried prizemoney of \$45,000, with one of these races restricted to Provincial-trained horses only and the other race restricted to Midway-trained horses only;
 - two races at every Country TAB race meeting were restricted to NSW Country-trained horses only and carried prizemoney of \$30,000;
 - two races at every Country Showcase meeting were also be restricted to NSW Country-trained horses and carried prizemoney of \$35,000.

New \$6 million Sportsbet Sydney Sprint Series bonus

The Everest is the feature of the NSW Spring Racing Carnival and the popularity of The Everest has quickly seen the surrounding sprint races develop significant interest and betting turnover.

Accordingly, to further grow these sprint races across spring, a new \$6 million bonus fully sponsored by Sportsbet was paid to the horses winning the most points across the following six races. These races were known as the Sportsbet Sydney Sprint Series:

Race Name	Date	Track	Distance
Concorde Stakes	3 Sep 22	Randwick	1000m
The Shorts	17 Sep 22	Randwick	1100m
Premiere Stakes	1 Oct 22	Randwick	1200m
The Everest	15 Oct 22	Randwick	1200m
Sydney Stakes	15 Oct 22	Randwick	1200m
Nature Strip Stakes	29 Oct 22	Randwick	1300m

Points were awarded based on 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th and 1 point for 5th in each of the first 5 races. Double points were also awarded for the Nature Strip Stakes held at The Golden Eagle race meeting. It was a condition of the bonus that horses must have competed in at least three races in the series to be eligible.

The winner of the inaugural Sportsbet Sprint Series bonus was the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained Mazu.

Prizemoney Increases, New Feature Races and Initiatives to be Implemented in the Upcoming 2023/24 Financial Year

During the year, Racing NSW announced a raft of further prizemoney increases totalling \$27.5 million, new feature races and initiatives to be implemented in the upcoming 2023/24 financial year. These included:

- The Everest prizemoney increasing to \$20 million, recognising the continued success of this event and the incredible halo effect that it has created benefiting the entire NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry, for the entire year.
- The inaugural King Charles III Stakes carrying prizemoney of \$5 million to be run on The Everest race meeting. The King Charles III Stakes named in honour of His Majesty the King, is a Group 1 race to be run over 1600m at weight-for-age conditions.
- Prizemoney for The Big Dance and The Little Dance increasing to \$3 million and \$750,000 respectively with The Big Dance race meeting to also include the Choisir Handicap (\$300,000) and the Barn Dance (\$250,000).
- The race meeting on Saturday 7 October 2023 to be run at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse will be headlined by the Alan Brown Stakes with prizemoney of \$1.5 million to be run over 1400m named after former STC and Racing NSW Chairman Alan Brown and by the Group 2 Hill Stakes with prizemoney of \$2 million.
- A new race, the 7 Stakes for prizemoney of \$1 million will be conducted at Royal Randwick, over 1600 metres on Saturday 16 September in place of the former George Main Stakes.
- The following Group 1 and 2 races to increase to \$1 million.

- Winx Stakes, Group 1 (August 2023) - Increasing from \$750,000
- Chipping Norton Stakes, Group 1 (March 2024) - Increasing from \$600,000
- Coolmore Classic, Group 1 (March 2024) - Increasing from \$600,000
- Champagne Stakes, Group 1 (April 2024) - Increasing from \$600,000
- Concorde Stakes, Group 2 (September 2023) - Increasing from \$500,000
- Taking effect from 1 August 2023, the minimum prizemoney for Group and Listed races will increase as follows:
 - \$750,000 from \$600,000 Group 1 Minimum
 - \$300,000 from \$250,000 Group 2 Minimum
 - \$250,000 from \$200,000 Group 3 Minimum
 - \$200,000 from \$160,000 Listed Race Minimum
- Prizemoney for the Country Championships Final and Provincial-Midway Championships Final to increase to \$1 million from \$500,000 for their 10th staging in 2024.

Country Racing

Racing NSW maintained its policy of ensuring the vibrancy, attractiveness and viability of Country racing with increases in prizemoney of more than \$8 million for Country racing across all sectors from 1 September 2022 and total annual prizemoney of more than \$98 million in 2022/23.

In percentage terms, the Country racing prizemoney increases have been the largest of any sector since 2012, which broadens and strengthens racing in NSW.

There are now over 700 races restricted to NSW Country-trained horses only conducted at Country race meetings each year, with prizemoney totalling \$23 million.

This is in addition to the \$10.16 million in prizemoney offered on Metropolitan race meetings and through the Country Championships series. This creates a total of \$33.16 million per annum in prizemoney for races exclusively for NSW Country-trained horses.

The contribution from the dedicated volunteer Committees, Executives and Staff across 113 Country racetracks was again instrumental in the sector conducting 496 Country race meetings during the year.

Whilst the wet weather event continued across NSW in the first quarter of the year impacting a number of scheduled race meetings, Racing NSW maintained the strategy to replace abandoned race meetings, transfer meetings to alternative venues and consider the division of races resulting in additional support to abandoned programs.

This was significant in the Country racing sector providing opportunities at Country race meetings for 33,300 total raceday starters.

Further, the Country sector will continue to have aspirational races for NSW Country-trained horses only such as:

- \$2 million – The Kosciuszko
- \$1.35 million – Country Championship Qualifiers and Wildcards conducted throughout New South Wales
- \$500,000 Country Championships Final (increasing to \$1,000,000 in 2024)
- \$5.4 million – 45 x \$120,000 weekly Highway races

These aspirational races are in addition to the 20 \$50,000 Country Magics at feature country cup meetings, 30 \$40,000 maidens and 680 \$30,000 Country Boosted Races, all of which are exclusively for NSW Country-trained horses only.

Jockey's Riding Fees

Following a review of riding fees paid to jockeys in New South Wales, Racing NSW implemented the following increases that applied from 1 July 2022:

- Jockey ride fee in NSW be increased by an amount up to \$258.50/ride which includes superannuation.
- Barrier trial ride fee be maintained at 35% of the ride fee.

Jockeys will also benefit significantly from their share (5%) of the significant increases in prizemoney announced during the year.

Stablehand Bonus

In July 2012, Racing NSW introduced the 1.5% Stablehands bonus, being the first and only State in Australia to do so. This bonus provides a significant reward for the industry's lowest paid workers, letting them share in the success of their stables.

Following general increases in prizemoney, Racing NSW approved of this bonus increasing to 2% of prizemoney from 1 September 2022.

Following a further review, it was resolved that Racing NSW will now pay the Stablehand bonus to interstate stables that start horses in NSW races and who agree to Racing NSW's conditions.

These payments are to be retrospective from 31 March 2022 (before the running of the Doncaster Handicap). The payments will not be made to any stables that do not agree to abide by the conditions and in particular an audit of their wage records and BAS lodgements.

Infrastructure Funding

Racing NSW has established a Capital Expenditure Provision totalling \$116 million as at 30 June 2023. This Provision is in addition to the \$67 million in grants received from the NSW State Government under the Racing for the Regions Fund, providing a total of \$183 million available for capital expenditure.

These funds will be utilised on a range of projects from construction of stables, new training tracks, course proper works, customer facilities, raceday amenities and jockeys' rooms (male and female) right across the State. Racing NSW will continue to work with race clubs and participants regarding the allocation of these funds.


Equine Welfare

Racing NSW was the first state in October 2016 to introduce an Equine Welfare Fund that received 1% of all prizemoney paid in NSW.

This fund is to ensure horses which are predominately based and raced in NSW are rehomed.

On 1 September 2022, alongside major increases in prizemoney Racing NSW announced that this Equine Welfare Fund would increase to 1.5% of all prizemoney paid.

Racing NSW continues to be the only State to ban Thoroughbred horses being sent to an abattoir or knackery. Further, Racing NSW is the only State that maintains an End of Life Welfare Fund to cover the cost of euthanasia of Thoroughbred horses, where on the advice of a veterinarian it is in the best interest of the horse's welfare.



Racing NSW is also the only State that maintains an Excluded List of persons who, on animal welfare grounds are prohibited from being provided with or have in their care retired or inactive Thoroughbred horses as all active horses are already captured under the Rules of Racing.

Racing NSW has also employed full time Equine Welfare veterinarians who, alongside the Stewards, undertake retired horse audits throughout NSW to ensure those horses are at the locations declared on retirement and that they are being appropriately cared for in accordance with Racing NSW's minimum standards. A total of 582 retired horse audits were completed during the year.

During the year, the Racing NSW Equine Welfare department continued to operate the Racing NSW programs including:

- Enforcement of Local Rule 114 alongside the Integrity Department to ensure that all owners are meeting their obligations to rehome their horses upon retirement;
- Providing the care, retraining and rehoming of retired horses from Racing NSW owned properties;
- Continuing to work alongside the Racing NSW training department to introduce equestrian enthusiasts to careers in the Thoroughbred Racing Industry; and
- Providing emergency welfare support for horses in need.

The total costs of the Equine Welfare department for the 2022/23 Financial Year were down considerably following the acquisition of Racing NSW owned lucerne hay farms that can more efficiently provide all necessary hay for the horses under Racing NSW's care. Further, the team were successfully able to rehome more horses from Racing NSW owned properties.

Equimillion

In partnership with Equestrian Australia, Racing NSW conducted the inaugural Equimillion competition at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre on the October 2023 long weekend.

With over \$1 million of prizemoney on offer, this event attracted 310 retired Thoroughbred racehorses entering from right across NSW to compete in four equestrian disciplines – Show Horse, Show Jumping, Dressage and Eventing.

Equimillion has the potential to become The Everest of the equestrian world and is a game changer for the long-term rehoming of Thoroughbred horses after they retire from the racing industry.

The NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry provided extensive support for the event through the sponsorship of competitors. Race clubs sponsored riders from their local regions, Thoroughbred studs sponsored riders competing on their progeny and many trainers sponsored riders competing on horses they formerly trained.

This sponsorship initiative saw the entire industry promote the Equimillion competition and celebrate the success of retired Thoroughbred racehorses in their new careers.

The awareness of Equimillion and in particular, the never before seen prizemoney on offer will lead to a growing demand for retired racehorses.

It is important to note that Thoroughbreds constitute just 10% of the national horse population and initiatives such as Equimillion will be critical to ensure that the demand for Thoroughbreds continues to be strong among equestrian competitors, to ensure all Thoroughbreds find a suitable new home upon retirement.

Purchase of New Properties

Racing NSW maintains a strategy to future proof the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry with property purchases to protect and grow the number of horses in training and to also provide for additional revenue streams. During the year, these acquisitions included:

- Purchase of the Glencoe Lucerne Farm which will serve to produce hay primarily for retired Thoroughbred horses on Racing NSW properties;
- Acquisition of properties with stables and training facilities adjoining Warwick Farm, Hawkesbury and Gosford Racecourses which are all leased back to local trainers to ensure these facilities continue to provide trained starters; and
- The acquisition of Lynton Farm near Goulburn which had previously been developed as a private training facility and will be further expanded as a training centre and leased to trainer(s).

Workers Compensation

The Racing NSW Workers Compensation Fund operates on a not-for-profit basis and its objective is to collect sufficient premiums to cover claims costs and future liabilities in accordance with the Workers Compensation Act (NSW) 1987.

There were 551 workers compensation claims received during 2022/23 which was 9.4% higher than the 2021/22 new claims incidence of 504 claims. The Fund experienced a deficit of \$3.9 million during 2022/23.

The result was adversely impacted by an increase in claims incidence compared to the previous year and the finalisation of some large claims where the outstanding liability is now extinguished.

External economic factors and the statutory indexation of compensation benefits also impacted the overall results of the fund.

Despite this year's deficit the fund maintains a surplus of \$1.5 million. The fund has continued to perform soundly over time having overcome an accumulative deficit which peaked at \$9.2 million at the end of 2010/11 financial year.

From 1 July 2022, Racing NSW has engaged the services of the independent provider Gallagher Bassett to carry out the claims and injury management of all claims within the Racing NSW Workers Compensation Fund.

The engagement of Gallagher Bassett has been supported and approved by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority of New South Wales.

Gallagher Bassett, in partnership with Racing NSW, will manage the claims of all injured workers who fall within the coverage of the Racing NSW Workers Compensation Fund. Notwithstanding the outsourcing of the claims management function, Racing NSW continues to be the licensed specialised insurer for all relevant participants within the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry and remains responsible for all workers compensation matters.

Horse Health and Safety

As part of its ongoing commitment to protecting horse health and safety, Racing NSW now plans to expand its monitoring and assessment of both local and international horses by use of the revolutionary markerless motion diagnostic app, Sleip, that will enable its veterinary team to better assess a horse's veterinary suitability to race.

This technology combines video images with precise bio-mechanic data points to analyse the motion and movement patterns of a horse. The data captured is processed to allow for the remote appraisal of an individual horse's gait over an extended period (critical control points) in the lead-up to racing.

Variations in a horse's motion patterns that may indicate subtle musculoskeletal conditions will direct additional investigations or advanced imaging requirements.

Up until now, due to obvious geographical constraints, it has not been possible to conduct serial assessments of a horse's action, apart from limited 'snapshots' of a horse's condition close to travel and racing.

Use of Sleip will enable the Racing NSW veterinary team to gain a deeper understanding of a horse's specific movements, its response to any changes in work patterns and its environment, and, ultimately, its suitability to race.

In time, Racing NSW hopes to expand the use of Sleip to its routine pre- and post-race veterinary assessments and to evaluate horses returning to training and racing after an illness or injury.

Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory

As an integral department of Racing NSW, the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) is committed to the integrity of the racing industry by providing world class analytical testing services to control the misuse of prohibited substances for Racing NSW Stewards and external clients.

In 2022/23, an additional 13,996 enhanced tests were undertaken on top of routine surveillance tests on raceday swab samples, bringing the total number of tests (including enhanced tests) for the year to 105,161.

The Out of Competition testing program strategy designed to detect any misuse of performance enhancing substances during training and to monitor compliance of veterinary treatment records following the administration of legitimate therapeutic substances was held steady this year after the significant increases generated from previous years.

A capital investment of \$1.17 million was also made in 2022/23 for the purchase of further state-of-the-art analytical testing equipment with the acquisition of the Thermo Scientific Orbitrap Exploris 120 Mass Spectrometer and the Shimadzu Quadrupole Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer and Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer.

This significant addition to the ARFL suite of instrumentation will allow for an unprecedented level of analytical drug surveillance to meet world's best practice.

With the introduction of Rules 88A and 88AA relating to horses treated with bisphosphonates, the ARFL analyses every blood sample for a comprehensive number of bisphosphonate drugs as part of enhanced routine testing procedures.

This addresses the significant concerns of bone damage these substances pose to the welfare of the horse.

The ARFL conducts research and development internally and in collaboration with universities, research institutions and other racing laboratories into the detection of new drugs and the improvement of analytical methodologies.

This covers a diverse range of science; from biomarker monitoring for the Racing NSW Equine Biological Passport (EBP) to the expansion of prohibited substances that can be detected in hair samples.

Acknowledgements

As highlighted above, the 2022/23 Financial Year has again been highly successful with increases in wagering revenue, total prizemoney paid and returns to owners and participants.

For these successes, I give rightful recognition to the members of the Board of Racing NSW for their leadership and strategic direction.

The NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry is fortunate to have a group of persons serving on the Board who possess such an immeasurable knowledge of racing administration coupled with superior business and leadership experience. I would also like to thank them for the support they have given me during the year.

In particular, much credit must be given to the Chairman, Russell Balding AO. His exceptional leadership and far-reaching business and administrative knowledge and experience have provided much of the impetus for Racing NSW's successful year.

I thank him also for the support and mentoring he has given me during the year.

I also join with the Chairman in congratulating the new minister, the Hon David Harris MP on his appointment and assure him of Racing NSW's on-going support.

I also thank the former Minister the Hon Kevin Anderson, MP, his former staff members and officers of his department for their support and assistance during Kevin's tenure as Minister for Racing.

Thanks also to the many other persons who have participated in the administration of the industry, including members of the Appeal Panel, the Racing Appeals Tribunal and assessors assisting that Tribunal, the Integrity Assurance Committee, the Jockeys' Benefit Scheme trust, the Animal Care and Ethics Committee and the Racing Industry Consultation Group and Committee members of race clubs and participant groups.

I again thank the executive and staff of Racing NSW for their dedicated and loyal service to the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

Their efforts have been professional, conscientious and significantly contributed to the success and well-being of Thoroughbred racing in this State. I also thank them for the loyalty and support they have displayed towards me.

Finally, I offer my sincere condolences to the families and friends of those participants who have sadly passed away during the year. Full details of those who left us are shown on the Obituaries page 55.

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Chief Executive



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Racing in New South Wales

The 2022/23 year represented something of a return to normality for racing in New South Wales with the impacts of COVID lockdowns finally in the past.

The early months of 2022/23 were affected by the continued wet weather across most of NSW that impacted the racing schedule for several months through until October 2022.

This saw disruption to racing at various levels including the loss of races where rain before and during the afternoon curtailed metropolitan meetings.

Country racing was heavily impacted by continued rainfall in the first four months of the reporting period, both TAB and non-TAB racing.

However, the difficulty created, also saw some clubs prove to be outstanding supporters in their region.

Including transferred meetings, the Narrandera Race Club conducted eight meetings during the year as opposed to their usual allocation of three meetings.

This includes picking up a transferred weekday fixture at 24 hours' notice, remarkable for a voluntary committee.

Goulburn Race Club also continued to support the industry by holding transferred Provincial meetings early in the reporting period.

During the spring, the sustained period of wet weather began to abate and racing state-wide returned to a more normal schedule.

The total number of TAB meetings staged during the year increased to 658 from 630 the previous year, the highest since 2019/20 and only one meeting less than held in that year.

With COVID having passed, non-TAB and picnic racing returned to their highest level since 2018/19.

The total number of races run rebounded from last year and the generally lower number of races held in recent years to be the highest since 2018/19.

As has been the case in recent years, the total number of races run is influenced by a more commercial approach being taken at the close of nomination and acceptances, to races likely to produce very small field sizes.

The total NSW race starters also rebounded in 2022/23 with more meetings and races being held, and with racing less impacted by the influence of wet weather.

With the increased number of race meetings and races held, the average field sizes for the year declined slightly across the year with this being most pronounced in Country NSW.

In total, the 8,889 individual NSW-trained horses contested at least one race in NSW during the year, an increase of 69 or 0.7% over the previous year.

The number of horses from interstate racing in NSW increased 35% from 1,129 in FY22 to 1,532, although this figure remains lower than the pre-COVID period. Separately, the individual number of Canberra-trained horses racing in NSW fell from 443 the previous year to 342 in 2022/23.

NSW-trained horses contributed a total of 1,507 extra starters than last year with an additional 60 Provincial-trained horses. These contributed strongly to the increase in race starters.

The uplift in individual interstate-trained horses racing in NSW saw an additional 834 race starters.

Racing Highlights

The start of the reporting period was greeted by new minimum prizemoney levels across each sector.

Metropolitan Saturday race prizemoney increased to \$150,000 a race, Metropolitan midweek prizemoney increased to \$55,000 per race, Provincial prizemoney to \$40,000 per race and Country TAB prizemoney to \$27,000 per race.

NSW RACE MEETINGS HELD

SECTOR	16/17	17/18	19/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Metropolitan	113	116	116	114	113	112	114
Provincial	130	133	130	127	126	125	131
Country TAB	318	342	348	348	347	330	352
Country Saturday TAB	58	75	74	70	71	63	61
Country Non-TAB	87	83	82	57	51	51	60
Picnic	26	31	29	22	20	18	22
TOTAL	732	780	779	738	728	699	740

NSW RACES RUN

SECTOR	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Metropolitan	929	955	949	920	917	950	962
Provincial	1,010	1,039	1,012	964	935	942	1,023
Country TAB	2,411	2,560	2,616	2,603	2,563	2,478	2,571
Country Saturday TAB	381	481	464	453	436	417	415
Country Non-TAB	481	462	458	317	264	283	328
Picnic	152	179	164	121	113	107	130
TOTAL	5,364	5,676	5,663	5,378	5,228	5,177	5,429

Country minimum prizemoney at each level was further increased in September 2023 along with Highway and Midway races to \$120,000 each.

From July 2022, minimum prizemoney was also increased for feature races with Listed races rising to a minimum of \$160,000, Group 3 races to \$200,000, Group 2 races \$250,000 and Group 1 races to a minimum of \$600,000.

The Spring Carnival in Sydney benefitted from the addition of the Big Dance and Little Dance which featured a revamped race card coinciding with Melbourne Cup Day.

Interest in and wagering on the Royal Randwick meeting leapt significantly from that the fixture in previous years.

NSW RACE STARTERS

SECTOR	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Metropolitan	8,735	8,864	9,317	8,894	8,795	9,183	9,717
Provincial	8,542	8,436	8,891	8,912	8,368	8,238	9,349
Country TAB	25,792	26,781	27,596	27,501	26,381	25,617	25,737
Country Saturday TAB	3,924	4,842	4,763	4,686	4,395	4,502	4,243
Country Non-TAB	3,723	3,288	3,264	2,320	2,069	2,293	2,530
Picnic	925	1,034	921	683	667	620	724
TOTAL	51,641	53,245	54,752	52,996	50,675	50,453	52,300

NSW AVERAGE FIELD SIZES

SECTOR	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Metropolitan	9.40	9.28	9.82	9.67	9.59	9.67	10.10
Provincial	8.46	8.12	8.79	9.24	8.95	8.75	9.14
Country TAB	10.70	10.46	10.55	10.57	10.29	10.34	10.01
Country Saturday TAB	10.30	10.07	10.27	10.34	10.08	10.80	10.22
Country Non-TAB	7.74	7.12	7.13	7.32	7.84	8.10	7.71
Picnic	6.09	5.78	5.62	5.64	5.90	5.79	5.57
TOTAL	9.63	9.38	9.67	9.85	9.69	9.75	9.63

The spring of 2022 also saw the first running of the Five Diamonds at Rosehill Gardens and the Spring Champion Stakes was run 14 days later, to better provide for staying three-year-olds.

A modern-day record Royal Randwick crowd witnessed an upset win by the previously unheralded three-year-old Giga Kick trained by Clayton Douglas in Victoria and ridden by champion jockey Craig Williams. Giga Kick showed that this win was no fluke by taking out the \$1.5 million All Aged Stakes in the autumn which followed a second placing in the TJ Smith Stakes to I Wish I Win.

After the loss of four races from the meeting the previous week, Everest Day also saw the Silver Eagle and Angst Stakes run as support races in what was a superb race card and a record day of wagering in NSW.

Also on Everest day, The Kosciuszko run for NSW Country-trained horses with prizemoney increased to \$2 million saw the Corowa-trained Front Page atone for previous bad luck for trainer Geoff Duryea and jockey Tyler Schiller.

Front Page had been well fancied in the two previous years which included a Friday scratching from a travel mishap in 2020.

The Golden Eagle was run 14 days later for the fourth time with prizemoney increased to \$10 million. The English galloper Light Infantry brought a strong record to Rosehill and ridden by Jamie Spencer started equal favourite.

However, the highly talented I Wish I Win for Peter Moody and jockey Luke Nolan prevailed in a tight finish from Fangirl for Chris Waller and Hugh Bowman in arguably the best running of the race to date.

I Wish I Win was kept to sprinting distances in the autumn and charged home from the rear of the field to defeat Giga Kick in the TJ Smith Stakes.

On the same day as the Golden Eagle, Private Eye for Joe Pride went one better than his Everest runner-up finish in the Nature Strip Stakes. A year earlier Private Eye had won the Epsom Handicap at Royal Randwick.

The impact of the Everest race in a short period has been profound and is demonstrated by the influence in tempting trainers to keep horses adept at 1600m back to sprint races.

Between the Everest and Golden Eagle, The Invitation with prizemoney of \$2 million was run for the second time with Promise of Success winning for trainer John O'Shea and jockey Kerrin McEvoy.

In the Spring Champion Stakes, New Zealand gelding Sharp 'n' Smart was successful for the training partnership of Graeme & Deborah Rogerson and ridden by Hugh Bowman.

The spring was capped off with both The Hunter at Newcastle and The Gong at Kembla Grange Racecourse again proving to be successful on and off course.

At Newcastle, Vilana defeated In the Congo in a high-class renewal of the Hunter. In The Gong at Kembla Grange, Riodini held off the local mare Hope In Your Heart.

In the autumn, the Golden Slipper went to Coolmore's colt Shinzo providing Chris Waller with his first win in the race for English jockey Ryan Moore.

Dubai Honour for English trainer William Haggas stepped out for the first time in Australia and brilliantly won the Ranvet Stakes while Anamoe collected another big race win in the George Ryder Stakes.

As always, The Championships provided thrilling racing. Rain throughout Day 1 saw the track downgraded to be rated heavy going, which saw a repeat of the previous year's result in the Doncaster Mile with Mr Brightside recording consecutive wins for the Hayes Training Partnership and jockey Craig Williams.

Nature Strip was lining up in search of a fourth consecutive TJ Smith Stakes but Golden Eagle winner I Wish I Win overpowered Everest winner Giga Kick.

Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott won the Australian Derby with Major Beel ridden by Tim Clark.

The Country Championships Final was won for the first time by a horse from the Central-West with Sizzle Minizzle providing an upset result for trainer Brett Robb from Dubbo and jockey Sam Clipperton.

Day 2 of The Championships was highlighted by the return of Dubai Honour taking on Australian champ, Anamoe in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

Dubai Honour proved too strong providing a third Queen Elizabeth II Stakes for both William Haggas and jockey Tom Marquand, with Anamoe rounding out a stellar racing career with his third placing.

In the Sydney Cup, the Maher & Eustace-trained Explosive Jack, the Derby winner from two year's prior, gave apprentice rider Dylan Gibbons his first big race win.

New Zealand filly Pennyweka won the Australian Oaks for trainer Jim Wallace with jockey Damien Lane recording a second consecutive win in the race.

The consistent Atishu won the Queen of the Turf Stakes for Chris Waller and jockey Nash Rawiller.

Following the Sydney Autumn Carnival, successful Provincial stand-alone Saturday meetings were run with the Hawkesbury Cup/Guineas meeting, Gosford's Gold Cup and The Coast meeting and Scone's stand-alone Saturday Dark Jewel race meeting.

In the 2022/23 season NSW trainers produced 39 of the 74 Group 1 winners in Australia across the year.

Chris Waller and James Cummings were tied as the most successful NSW trainers with 11 Group 1 wins each.

Chris Waller landed the Triple Crown of the two-year-old features with Shinzo taking out the Golden Slipper and Militarize providing Waller with the Sires' Produce and Champagne Stakes.

Champion Anamoe recorded a remarkable six Group 1 wins for James Cummings and the Godolphin team. The partnership of Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott and Annabel Neasham recorded four Group 1 wins.

Those six Group 1 victories ensured that Anamoe was named as Australian Horse of the Year.

Among the riding achievements, James McDonald captured his seventh Sydney Metropolitan jockeys' premiership in 2022/23 with 96 wins ahead of apprentice Zac Lloyd on 76.

Keagan Latham (60 wins) again won the Provincial Premiership ahead of Koby Jennings (41). The Country premiership was won by Aaron Bullock with 175 wins from Ben Looker on 118 wins.

Bullock's Country success contributed to the overall NSW premiership which he won with 207 wins from Ben Looker (118) with James McDonald third on 117 wins.

In a stellar year for apprentice jockeys Zac Lloyd (76) won the Metropolitan apprentices' title from Dylan Gibbons (72 wins), the latter recording most NSW victories of any apprentice with 112 wins.

Chris Waller topped the Sydney Trainers' Premiership for the 13th consecutive year with 139 wins, ahead of runners-up Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott with 71 wins and James Cummings with 70 wins. Chris Waller was also the leading trainer state-wide with 178 winners ahead of Kris Lees with 130 winners.

Industry Support

Racing NSW undertakes a program of racing and training infrastructure improvements, upgrades under the capital works program and provides support to clubs undertaking other capital works.

During the year, conversion of the synthetic training surface to a Polytrack took place at Newcastle Racecourse.

This project complements previous substantial reconstruction works at this venue in recent years

including the StrathAyr course proper and the 'Beaumont' inside track – Newcastle Racecourse now offers first class training and racing surfaces.

Accordingly, all five Provincial venues now have state-of-the-art all-weather training surfaces for their trainers, the equal of those available to trainers at Metropolitan racecourses in Sydney.

The Design Team is currently finalising tender documentation for the upgrading of training track facilities at Scone Racecourse.

This work will involve the construction of a new synthetic training surface on the inside half of the existing 'B Grass' track alignment, plus re-configuration of the existing irrigation system.

A development application has been submitted with approval imminent. The track upgrading is being internally project-managed by Racing NSW.

Concurrently, a major on-course stables development at Scone has been tendered and submissions are being carefully considered.

This development represents the largest single capital works project currently under procurement and includes the construction of double-storey stables buildings providing a total of 300 stables boxes, seven horse walkers, equine treadmills to support training operations and ancillary facilities including fencing, internal roadways, parking and landscaping.

Completion of these projects will cement the Scone racing and training precinct as the pre-eminent regional equine facility in Australia.

A substantial upgrading of stabling and racing/training facilities is also underway at Tyers Park Racecourse, Bathurst.

Under a revised development proposal, existing dilapidated on-course stables buildings will be demolished and replaced with contemporary amenities including equine treadmills and horse walkers.

A staged construction program is proposed under which the largest stables block will initially be commissioned, whereupon on-course trainers will move into this redeveloped stables building and vacate their existing stables blocks which in-turn will be reconstructed. This procurement strategy will minimise inconvenience to user groups.

Under a separate contract a civil works package is being finalised which will deliver an upgrade to racing and training amenities including new irrigation and pumping equipment.

Tenders have also been called for construction of a new 'slow work' sand training track at Albury Racecourse.

This track will complement an existing 'fast' training track already in existence which in itself is earmarked for minor upgrading works seen as adding value to the new 'slow' sand track.

Reconstruction of the course proper at Port Macquarie Racecourse has just commenced to correct profile stability.

As a consequence, racing activity at this venue is currently ceased, however, with favourable weather during the reconstruction program and turf grow-in period, a resumption in racing circa April 2024 is being targeted.

Reconstruction of the 'B Grass' project at Kembla Grange Racecourse is under final consideration and will complement the previously completed Polytrack project.

Over the last 12 months it has been necessary for Racing NSW to re-visit stormwater and floodwater management solutions for the site.

In this regard, Kembla Grange Racecourse continues to present significant engineering challenges due to stormwater inundation via upstream catchment flows into the Northern boundary, as well as floodwater backflows/inundation from the Southern boundary via the Mullet Creek floodplain in which the racecourse is located.

Accordingly, flooding and stormwater flows have required complex modelling in order to finalise design of the most feasible solution(s) available.

The bi-yearly WHS Seminars for all NSW Race Clubs were successfully delivered during the reporting period.

These presentations were rescheduled from last year due to lingering COVID-19 impacts at that time, and associated restrictions in terms of host venue capacity constraints.

A total of 12 seminars were presented throughout the State including numerous regional venues such as Broken Hill, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour and Wagga Wagga.

This strategy ensured that attendance was as convenient as possible for all Clubs, irrespective of their geographic location/isolation.

Racing NSW will examine future virtual delivery of the seminars, if this is practical, to further enhance accessibility/flexibility.

Racing NSW continues to explore opportunities to simplify utilisation of the Online WHS Management System in use by all NSW Race Clubs.

Additionally, during the year, WHS Seminars were expanded to include tuition for licensed trainers via a series of workshops at Scone Thoroughbred College.

Initially, it was determined that this training would

focus upon new licensed trainers enrolled in the Certificate IV Racehorse Trainer qualification.

Given the success of this program, it is anticipated that further Trainers' Seminars will be delivered during 2023. Additionally, it is also envisaged that similar tuition will be progressively expanded to include other licensed trainers.

Wagering on Racing

Despite the impact of inflation and higher interest rates on disposable incomes, wagering on NSW Thoroughbred racing continued its trend of year-on-year growth during the 2022/23 financial year albeit at a slower rate. This saw the continued generation of strong race fields fee income to the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

Wagering on NSW racing for the year benefitted from a return to a fuller schedule of racing, especially in Country NSW with less wet weather from November 2022 and enhancements to the calendar such as the Big Dance race meeting.

Payments to Race Clubs from TAB Funding and Returns to Owners

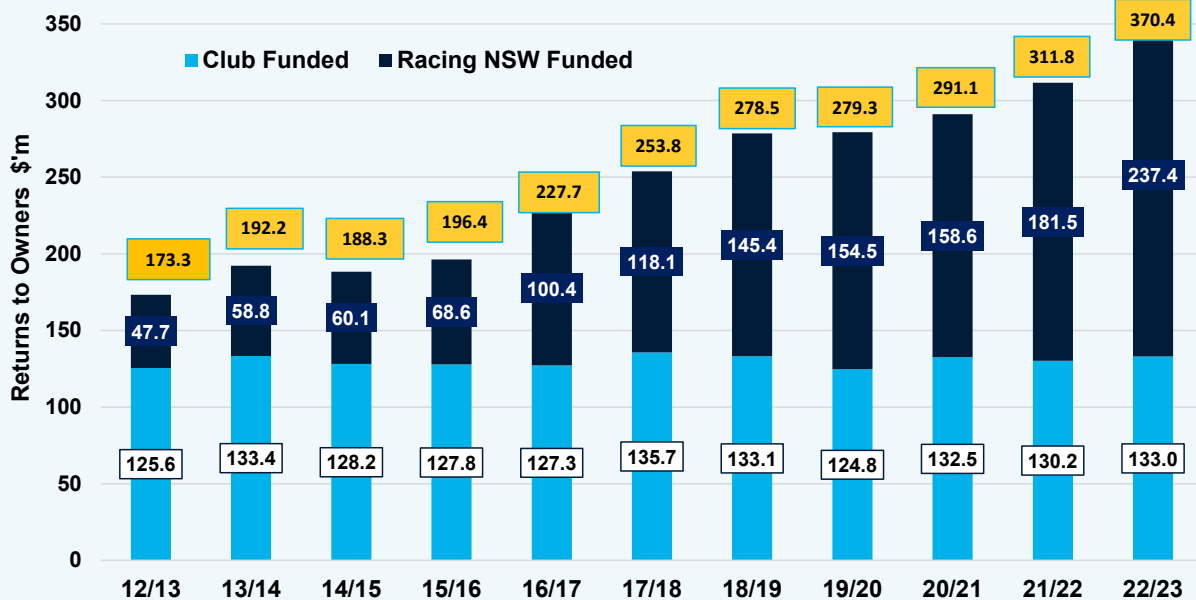
Total prizemoney and Returns to Owners in NSW also increased against 2021/22 with a fuller schedule of races run, minimum prizemoney increases and further enhancements to the spring and autumn carnivals.

Total prizemoney paid during 2022/23 was a new record high at \$330.6 million with the total returns to owners were \$370 million.

The difference between total Returns to Owners and the components paid by Clubs from their TAB distributions demonstrates the importance of developing and growing additional revenue streams over the past 15 years.

Continued strong returns from race fields fees have been critical along with wagering tax parity and a strong share of the Point of Consumption Tax.

TOTAL RETURN TO OWNERS AND FUNDING SOURCE





Keith Bulloch
General Manager
Regulatory

Background

The role of the General Manager-Regulatory is to manage the following functions: -

- Race Fields Legislation – Wagering Operators approval to use NSW Race Fields Information, and payment of required fees
- Licensing Department – licensing of racing industry personnel
- Registration – NSW functions including changes of horse ownership; transfers, leases and syndicates, racing colours (jockey silks)
- Industry Training Department – the delivery and assessment of training to new and existing industry licensees
- Syndications, Licensed Promoters and ASIC communication
- Welfare funding and support to participants in necessitous circumstances or flood/drought/bushfire relief
- Overview of the Stablehand 2.0% prizemoney bonus scheme
- Chairman Racing NSW Licensing Committee
- Trustee, NSW Jockey's Trust
- Chairman, NSW Jockey's Governance Advisory Committee
- Alternate Member, NSW Animal Care and Ethics Committee
- Rules of Racing, betting, and some disciplinary enquiries in conjunction with Stewards
- Project work as assigned
- Chairman – a number of Racing NSW Show Cause Hearings
- Barrier Draw auditing

The GM-Regulatory has senior management responsibility for each area including implementation of Board policy. Department activities are reported under department headings later in this section.

In addition to these, specific project work was undertaken, such as:

Racing NSW Race Fields Information Use – Review of the Standard Conditions

The structure and function of the Race Fields scheme is continually reviewed by Racing NSW and when amended, changes are included in the Standard Conditions and advised to Wagering Operators.

In 2015 there was an amendment to the Race Fields Information Use Standard Conditions to provide for the introduction of the product category: Totalizator Derived Odds.

This product and variations of it is popular with punters and offered by the majority of Corporate Bookmakers and some On-Course Bookmakers.

As a result of the change, bets taken at Totalizator Derived Odds attracts a higher product fee payable by the Wagering Operators to the NSW racing industry than regular Fixed Odds bets.

As a result of the 2016 review, the category of a “premier” meeting category was introduced from 1 July 2016, which applies to race meetings with at least one race carrying advertised prizemoney of \$1 million or greater. The fee for Premier meetings is set at 3.5% for Derivative Bets and 3.0% for Other (non-derivative) bets.

Following this year's 2023 annual Race Fields review, no changes to the fees structure were made. The Standard Conditions were published 1 July 2023.

Trainers Insurances – Renewal of Policies

Racing NSW assists the NSW Trainer's Association (“NSWTA”) secure Personal Accident policy and Public Liability Insurance coverage for all Licensed NSW Trainers.

This has been the case since 2008 when the NSWTA formed and sought better insurance cover for NSW Trainers than that facilitated under the National Policies.

For the 2023 review, Racing NSW attended three meetings with the NSWTA and the insurance brokers regarding the renewals of each category.

Racing NSW's role is to check the terms of each policy with the objective of providing optimum protection possible within favourable terms for all Trainers which includes negotiating the best available premiums for the coverage offered.

After pricing the market and receiving quotes for each type, the policies were renewed by NSWTA for 2023/24 with existing underwriters for Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident coverage. Equal or improved policy coverage terms to the previous year's coverage (2022/23) was achieved for both policies. In a very good result, no increase in premium was imposed despite world market trends, providing savings for Trainers against a predicted 15+% rise in premiums.

TrainSafe Proficiency – New Annual Requirement for Licensed Trainers

Safety is a critical part of Racing NSW's programs. The HorseSafe program for all new or returning participants – stablehands and trackwork riders – commenced in 2016.

There is an on-line compulsory induction program for new entrants and since its introduction all new applicants who seek registration or licensing have successfully completed the HorseSafe program which has a focus on safety and industry awareness.

Since its inception over 8,000 participants have successfully completed the HorseSafe program.

The 2023 year saw the introduction of the TrainSafe Proficiency for licensed Racehorse Trainers which covers awareness of Work Health & Safety, equine welfare, staff inductions, harassment and bullying and incident response.

Safety is a critical part of the TrainSafe program and follows the successful rollout of the HorseSafe program with its focus on safety and industry awareness.

With over 700 current Trainers completing the program as part of their licensing requirements for the 2023/24 racing season, the online Proficiency is the first mandatory induction rolled out for licensed Racehorse Trainers and will now be an annual requirement, updated each year with any necessary changes.

REGULATORY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Licensing

The Racing NSW Licensing Department is responsible for the issuing of NSW industry licenses.

Criteria regarding an applicant's qualifications apply, depending on the category of licence sought. Gary Rudge is the Licensing Supervisor, assisted by Ruby Price and Evie Norris who both also assist with state-based horse registration functions.

Licensing decisions are reviewed or made by the Racing NSW Licensing Committee – a panel of Managers representing Licensing, Stewards, Investigators, Legal Division and chaired by the General Manager-Regulatory.

The role of the Licensing Committee with oversight of the Chief Executive and Board is to also make recommendations to the Chief Executive on licence applications and to recommend licensing policy and procedure for Racing NSW.

The Licensing Committee met on seven occasions during 2022/23. Applicants for licenses are considered

and applicants may also be further interviewed at these meetings.

In 2022/23 the Committee;

- conducted 29 interviews in relation to licence and other applications
 - considered 33 licence applications that were referred to them by the Licensing Supervisor, of which 14 were approved and 19 refused
 - considered 9 other matters that were referred to them including licensee disciplinary matters and proposed amendments to licensing policy and procedures
- The Committee also reviewed and agreed with the approval of the following new licenses:
- 20 Trainer licenses
 - 23 Jockey licenses
 - 33 applications to register an Apprentice Jockey
 - 27 applications to transfer the indentures of an Apprentice Jockey
 - 13 applications from an Apprentice Jockey to extend their indentures
 - 17 applications to register as an Approved Rider
 - 2 Bookmaker licences
 - 1 Bookmaker Company licence
 - 7 Rider Agent licenses
 - 905 Stable employee licenses (123 declined/did not proceed due to the applicant not obtaining the required Police Certificate, or not obtaining their HorseSafe Certificate)
 - 21 Bookmaker Clerk's licenses (2 declined/did not proceed due to the applicant not obtaining the required Police Certificate)

Comparison of Licensing Statistics – 2021/22 vs 2022/23

Trainers: 840 vs 785 (-6.5%) this represents a slightly higher decrease than the general trend of the past decade. This is not surprising given the professionalism of the industry and a stronger focus on the financial qualifications of applicants this season.

Jockeys: 135 vs 150 (+11.1%) this represents a significant increase and reflects on the strength of racing and continuing increased prizemoney which has attracted riders from other jurisdictions.

LICENCES WITH THE EXPIRY DATE 30 JUNE 2023 (1/7/2022 TO 30/6/2023)

	Metropolitan		Provincial		Country		Total	
	Total 21/22	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	Total 22/23	Total 21/22	Total 22/23
Trainers	899	151	151	147	625	576	840	785
Jockeys	135	19	19	20	69	78	135	150
Apprentice Jockeys	55	15	15	10	26	37	51	59
Trial Apprentice	11	1	1	1	6	10	10	15
Approved Rider (Picnic)	38	-	-	-	43	28	43	28
Trial AR (Picnic)	2	-	-	-	9	16	92	16
Bookmakers	115	6	6	5	70	67	110	103
Rider Agents	42	9	9	9	16	24	42	48

NB: Jockeys/Apprentices NSW-based

Apprentice Jockeys: 51 vs 59 (+15.6%) whilst there was an increase in the numbers of Apprentice Jockeys registered this season when compared to last year, it is worth noting that there were 55 registered in this capacity the season prior.

Approved Riders: 43 vs 28 (-53%) due to the low base any decrease in numbers can appear rather dramatic in terms of percentage. It is suggested that the percentage is further exaggerated this season given that the base number of riders registered last year was at a peak from previous seasons. In saying that though, 15 fewer riders registered in this capacity from the season prior is rather significant. However, given that there are 6 vs 16 riders currently restricted to riding in barrier trials, it is hoped that a number of these riders will progress to riding in picnic races during the upcoming season.

Bookmakers: 1110 vs 103 (-6.4%) this reduction is consistent with the trend experienced over a number of years. It is evident that the influence of Corporate Bookmakers and the effect they have had on on-course

turnover is dramatically affecting the viability of the on-course Bookmaker resulting in the small number of new applicants looking to accept cash bets on course.

Rider Agents: 442 vs 48 (+14.3%) there has been a steady trend over the years in the popularity of Riders using Agents to manage their engagements. Perhaps, increased professionalism, a busy schedule and a generational trend are all relevant factors that relate to this increase.

REGISTRATION

Racing Australia manages the Registrar of Racehorses which processes all new horse registrations nationally. Racing NSW is a stakeholder in Racing Australia.

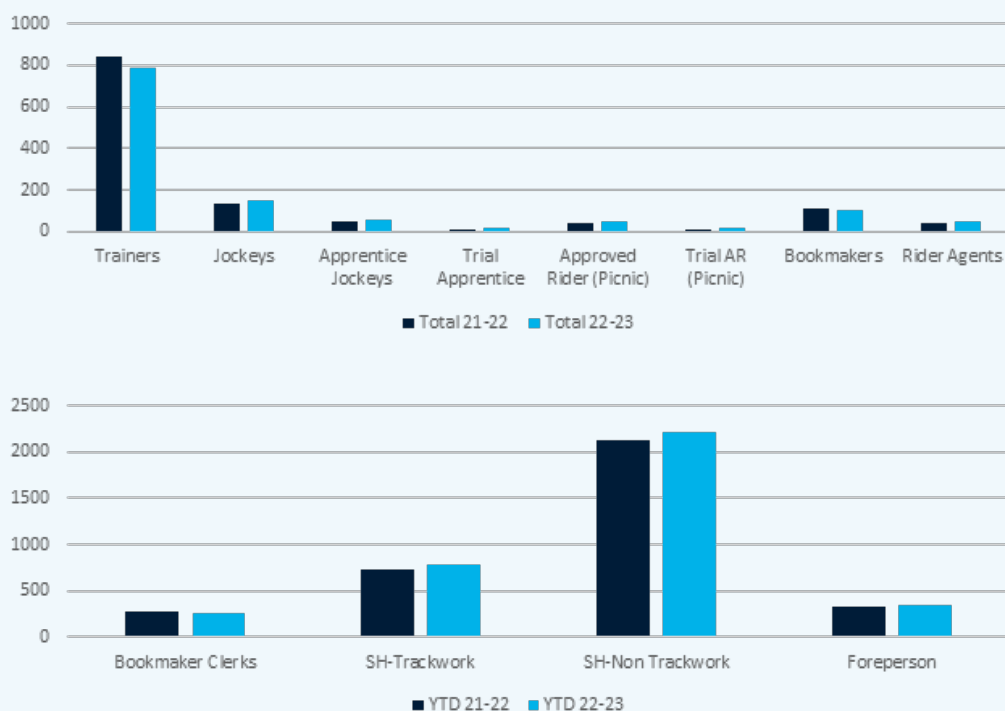
Racing NSW acts as Deputy Registrar for NSW registration functions, which include Transfers of Ownership, Leases, Syndicates, Registration of Racing Colours (silks) and recording of Promoter Product Disclosure Statements to the final registration of the relevant horses.

Licences with the expiry date 31 October 2023 (1/11/2022 to 31/10/2023)

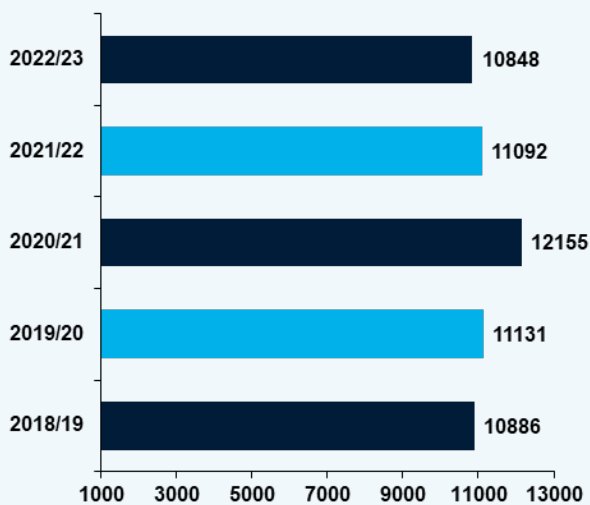
	Metropolitan			Provincial			Country			Total		
	YTD 21/22	Total 21/22	YTD 22/23	YTD 21/22	Total 21/22	YTD 22/23	YTD 21/22	Total 21/22	YTD 22/23	YTD 21/22	Total 21/22	YTD 22/23
Bookmaker Clerks	156	165	140	15	15	13	111	113	103	282	293	256
SH-Trackwork	264	286	316	109	116	108	366	377	367	739	779	791
SH-Non Trackwork	671	756	808	410	430	433	1055	1120	972	2136	2306	2213
Foreperson	136	141	138	53	55	58	150	152	161	339	348	357

NB: Year to date (YTD) figures as at 30 June. Total figures 21/22 as at 31 October 2022

TOTAL LICENCES



NSW REGISTRATION FIGURES



Functions are carried out by Kristy Livingstone, Joanne Stevens and casual assistants Bev Lawless and Carole Patterson.

Horse Registration – NSW

At the end of the 2022/23 financial year, Racing Australia through the Registrar of Racehorses (ROR) had registered 10,848 new horses nationally, of which 3,334 are owned in NSW. NSW represents 30% of the total number of horses registered, as identified having the Manager (first named owner) located in NSW.

Transfers/Leases/Syndicates – NSW

Transfers of ownership have increased whilst syndicates slightly decreased for FYTD.

The Regulatory Department recorded 3,753 Transfers of Ownership for the 2022/23 financial year, an increase of 12% from the previous season.

NSW registered 813 Syndicates during the 2022/23 season which is a 13% decrease on a significant spike the previous season.

Of NSW registered syndicates this season, 95% of those were regular syndicates made up of a group of up to 20 persons (or up to 50 persons for publicly promoted syndicates). The remaining 5% of syndicate registrations comprise Company, Firm or Stud Syndicates.

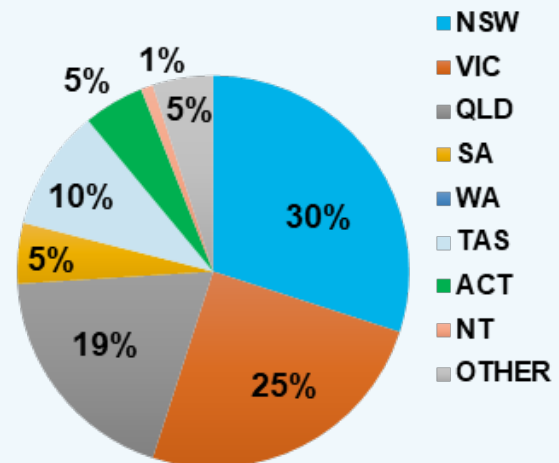
444 Lease Agreements were recorded. A small increase of 3% on the previous season, representing a minor change in ownership structure by some major owners.

Racing Colours – NSW

Racing NSW registered 169 new sets of jockey silks during the 2022/23 financial year. There are a total of 2,362 sets of colours currently registered in NSW.

Each Principal Racing Authority now registers colours in the Single National System (SNS), the national database developed by Racing Australia.

REGISTRATION FIGURES BY STATE



Online Functions – MyHorseRacing

Over May and June 2019 Racing Australia launched several online functions for owners on the new Owners Portal MyHorseRacing.horse (MHR) with 23,018 Racing NSW participants activating an account since inception.

Horse Registrations, Transfers, Leases and Syndicates are some of the forms now available for those who wish to make online transactions. Paper-based forms will continue to be available.

Annual Syndicate renewals were also sent out with renewals available online only through MHR. At time of writing (July) 2514 of 4053 (62%) have already been renewed through the portal for the new season.

Industry Training

The Industry Training Department is responsible for coordinating the delivery and assessment of training for new and existing industry licensees.

The department has been delivering training and education programs as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) since November 2019, under the trading name Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy (RTO code 45565), a division of NSWTRB Training Limited.

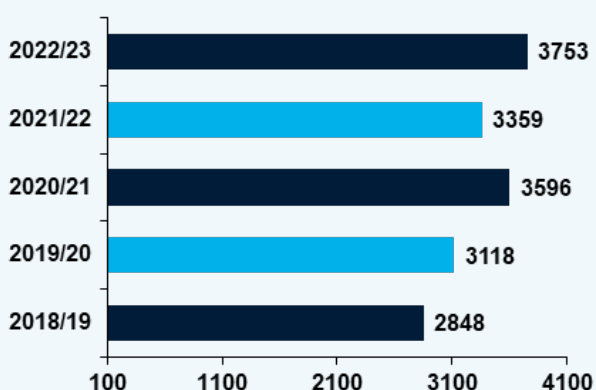
Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy has become the preferred Training Provider for the NSW Racing Industry since the Australian Racing Equine Academy, a partnership between Racing NSW and TAFE NSW, ceased operating on 30 June 2019.

Before commencement, the RTO underwent a performance assessment (audit) from ASQA (Australian Skills Quality Authority) and received approval to operate.

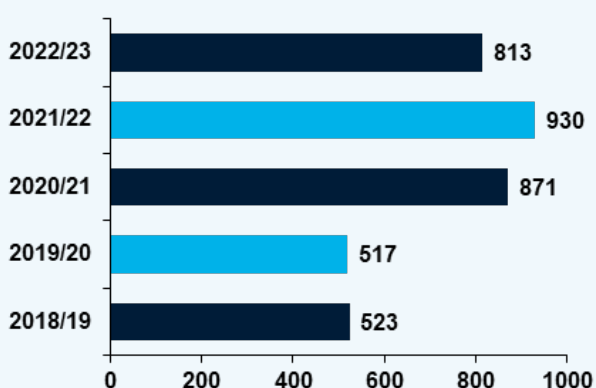
In November 2021, a second performance assessment (audit) from ASQA returned another approval, resulting in the RTO being granted a new certificate of registration until 26 November 2028.

Specialist Workplace Trainers and Assessors (“WTA’s”) employed by Racing NSW provide training and assessment services to apprentices, trainees and work

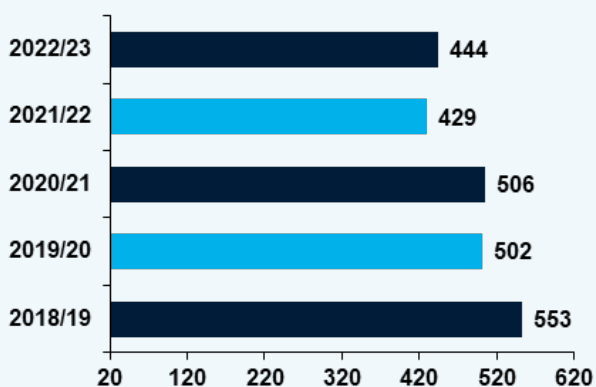
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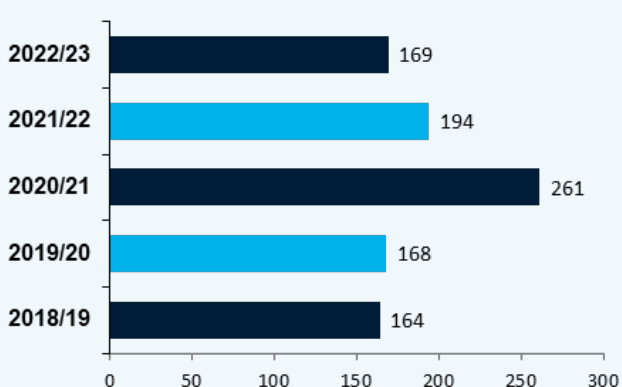
NSW SYNDICATES



NSW LEASES



NSW COLOURS – NEW APPLICATIONS



experience placements which results in the learners gaining a range of qualifications under the National Training Package.

Stuart Rich is Training Manager/Executive Officer with Workplace Trainers and Assessors Dan Power (Metropolitan/Provincial), Jamie Whitney (South East, Central West, Southern Districts), and Scott Thurlow (Mid North Coast, Northern Rivers, Hunter North West).

Phillip O'Brien manages the Training Department's eLearning, Web and Digital Media programs including HorseSafe and the TrainSafe Proficiency for Racehorse Trainers.

Apprentice Jockey Coaches are Pat Webster, Rodney Quinn, Dale Jeffries, Scott Thurlow, Jamie Whitney, Cameren Swan, John Powell and Head Jockey Coach Corey Brown (Manager), who was appointed in 2022.

Both on-the-job and off-the-job training forms an integral part of a participant's future qualifications. In particular, focus applies to new riders and future Apprentice Jockeys and Racehorse Trainers.

The following full qualifications and Skill Sets have been approved on scope:

- RGR20221 Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stablehand)
- RGR30218 Certificate III in Racing (Stablehand)
- RGR30518 Certificate III in Racing (Trackwork Rider)
- RGR40118 Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer)
- RGR40221 Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)
- RGR30419 Certificate III in Racing Services (Racing Administration)
- RGR30419 Certificate III in Racing Services (Cadet Steward)
- RGR30419 Certificate III in Racing Services (Track Maintenance)
- RGRSS00053 Thoroughbred Barrier Attendant Skill Set

The objectives of the Industry Training Department include:

- Assisting people entering the racing industry to find their most suitable career path
- Encourage greater participation of people in the racing industry
- Ensuring participants are informed about the National Racing Industry Training Package
- Providing equitable training throughout the Country, Provincial and Metropolitan areas
- Seeking State and Federal funding to assist with the delivery of training for trainees and apprentices in the racing industry; Smart and Skilled funding is currently being received for delivery of the above qualifications with the NSW Government fee-free-training initiative granted to all eligible apprentices and trainees. Further enrolments into qualifications can also be provided on a fee-for-service arrangement, while the Stable Skills Short Course enrolments were offered to all of those not eligible and seeking the 2% Stablehand Prizemoney Scheme
- Manage the Racing NSW Apprentice School
- Managing the Rising Star Apprentice Race Series

Apprentice Jockeys: Face-to-face Apprentice School learning was again undertaken on a bi-annual approach via an Academy-style delivery in the form of a "High Performance Camp" at the Scone Thoroughbred College. Apprentice Jockeys attended the four-day training program at the camp over four weeks, delivered to both non-race riding apprentices and first year apprentices followed by second and third-year apprentices. Topics were delivered by expert presenters including:

- Racing NSW Senior Investigators
- Racing NSW Stewards
- Sports Nutritionist Megan Roberts
- Racing NSW Drug & Alcohol Mentor Pat Webster
- NSW Police representative (drug and alcohol awareness) from Muswellbrook
- SKY Racing media personalities Greg Radley and Gavin Carmody
- Taxation and finance speakers
- Personal trainer/fitness coaches
- Training Department staff including Stuart Rich, Dan Power, Scott Thurlow, Jamie Whitney and Phillip O'Brien
- Racing NSW head jockey coach Corey Brown

Trainers: In 2015, the RGR40118 Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer) national qualification was linked as a requirement for a NSW Trainer's Licence. This has proved to be a successful step in providing new Racehorse Trainers with skills and knowledge of small business, horse welfare and the rules and regulations associated with this career.

The Scone Thoroughbred College also held two-day workshops for participants and pre-licensed Racehorse Trainers enrolled in RGR40118 Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer) forming a component of each Racing NSW Racehorse Trainer's licence.

Trackwork Rider and Stablehands: It is proposed that future Trackwork Rider and Stablehand programs be delivered from the Scone Thoroughbred College, with the Training Academy currently undertaking initial site visits with Project Managers to facilitate the installation of an enclosed sand track that is suitable for beginner riding lessons prior to students entering the industry and working on racecourses.

In collaboration with both Training Services NSW and Thoroughbred Breeders NSW, the Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy delivered the Thoroughly Schooled program on two occasions in 2022/23.

The program was delivered to 15x school students with participants being housed at various accommodation homestay sites in the Upper Hunter Valley.

Students engaged in horse handling topics in the classroom and then participated in work experience at both racing and breeding related roles.

Executive Officer, Stuart Rich worked in conjunction with the Industry Training Advisory Board (ITAB) to deliver a "Showcase" Careers Day, in conjunction with both Harness Racing NSW and Greyhound Racing NSW at Newcastle Racecourse, aimed at promoting the racing industry careers to females.

A number of traineeship contracts were subsequently drawn up enabling new participants to enter the racing industry.

Stuart also sits as a member for racing on the Racing and Breeding (RGR) Industry Reference Committee (IRC) that meets twice per year to discuss all elements of the racing package and general industry wide feedback. Stuart is in regular contact with representatives from Skills Impact who oversee the IRC.

Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy has cemented positive working relationships with Training Services NSW as to current and future State government funding opportunities.

The network also extends to various other government departments including the Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) to deliver school programs and Local Jobs Programs exploring racing industry employment opportunities for job seekers.

Similar Showcase Days to those explained above will be rolled out through these funded initiatives into the new financial year.

Stuart Rich continued to be part of a working group including representatives from Racing Australia, Thoroughbred Industry Careers, Godolphin, Racing Victoria, Racing SA and Arrowfield Stud after delivering the Australian Thoroughbred Workforce Development Forum in 2021.

After successful delivery of the NSW Wanyua program to indigenous participants, in collaboration with the KARI foundation, Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy hosted an Indigenous Pre-Employment Showcase Day at Muswellbrook Race Club in collaboration with the Wanaruah Land Council and the Ochre Opportunity Hub. Indigenous youths were shown various opportunities and pathways into the racing industry with subsequent traineeship contracts offered.

Work experience program pathways are currently in planning with leading Metropolitan stables in a pilot program to assist those looking to further their knowledge and experience within the racing industry.

A collaboration with Corrective Services Industries and St. Heliers Correction Centre at Muswellbrook continued to deliver RGR20221 Certificate II in Racing (Stablehand) to several current inmates, with one of these traineeships due to complete in 2023.

Career Markets / School Visits

The Training Department has commenced hosting 'Racing Showcase Days' delivered at various NSW racecourses.

The RTO, together with Training Services NSW and their Regional Industry Education Partnerships, deliver these showcase days to interested school children and school leavers promoting various roles in the racing industry where participants get to speak with current stablehands, trackwork riders, jockeys, barrier attendants, stewards and stable staff.

The Training Department has also been promoting racing industry careers and traineeship / apprenticeship pathways at various career expos that were rolled out across New South Wales.

2023 Career Market locations included the Forbes Tertiary Day (3rd May), Dubbo Western Plains Expo (4th May) and Central West FACTS Day Bathurst (5th May).

Rising Star Series

The Rising Star Apprentice Series is open to NSW and ACT-indentured apprentice riders who are enrolled at Racing NSW Apprentice Schools.

Jasper Franklin was crowned the 2022/23 Rising Star Series Champion. Franklin accumulated 33 series points over the 16 heats which included a victory at Taree on 18 December.

Shayleigh Ingelse (21 points) was placed second with Dylan Gibbons (20), Tyler Schiller (20) and Molly Bourke (20) equal third.

Apprentice Rides

In an excellent outcome for our young riders, the number of winners and overall apprentice ride summary for the 2022/23 season show a significant increase on previous seasons. This table includes Metropolitan, Provincial and Country statistics.

We also experienced three top apprentice riders finish 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Sydney Jockeys' Premiership and 4th, 5th and 6th in the Statewide table.

This is an outstanding result in the ultra-competitive and extremely talented Sydney jockeys' room and those Statewide.

Other Student Numbers

This year the department continued delivering training and assessment services to a range of qualifications covering many other facets of the racing industry, including a Stable Skills Short Course for International participants (as well as those ineligible for a subsidised NSW training contract).

APPRENTICE WINNING RIDES

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Total Winning Rides	1212	1233	1177	1215	1421

COMPARISON OF APPRENTICE RIDERS TO TOTAL STARTERS

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Apprentice Rides	12,798	12,788	13,915	12,752	14,787
Total Starters	56,519	54,165	56,970	51,702	54,705
Percentage of Total Rides	22.64%	23.60%	24.42%	24.66%	27.03%

The year also saw an expansion of online learning resources and an increase in the diverse range of delivery methods for all of courses.

The HorseSafe WHS Induction Course too has been accepted by the industry and now has had over 8,000 participants complete since its inception.

Race Fields Legislation – Management of Legislative Requirements

The Racing Administration Act 1998 (the Act) provides that Wagering Operators (which includes Bookmakers, TABs, Corporate Bookmakers and Betting Exchanges) must seek the approval of Racing NSW to use NSW Thoroughbred Race Fields information. The approval process came into effect on 1 September 2008.

NSW Thoroughbred Race Fields information is considered to be any information that identifies, or can identify, the name/s or number/s of horses that have nominated for, or will take part in, a Thoroughbred

TRAINEE AND STUDENT FIGURES

	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Cert II Stablehand (including School-based)	43	27	10	8	10	0	0	5	5	3
Cert III Stablehand	83	105	47	55	59	60	34	61	38	56
Cert III Trackwork Rider	78	80	34	46	57	78	31	68	44	53
Cert IV Jockey	63	55	45	40	26	20	19	27	15	25
Cert IV Racehorse Trainer	97	125	129	118	63	36	32	50	34	29
Cert III Racing Cadet Steward	4	3	0	0	8	5	5	14	5	14
Cert III Racing Administration	11	3	3	0	6	3	0	1	2	4
Cert III Track Maintenance	21	17	16	20	26	6	0	0	0	0
Barrier Attendant Skill Set	129	67	42	28	16	27	0	16	3	14
Approved Rider (Picnic Race Jockeys) Skill Set	No Stats	7	14	19	16	12	0	2	3	2
Stable Skills Short Course*	No Stats	No Stats	No Stats	No Stats	No Stats	No Stats	66	155	94	179

* Stable Skills Short Course – Short course offered to those not eligible for subsidised training, also lends itself to the 2% Stablehand Prizemoney Scheme

race to be held at a NSW Thoroughbred race meeting, or that has been scratched or withdrawn from a Thoroughbred race meeting.

“Use” includes amongst other things, any oral, visual, written, electronic or other display or communication.

The Act also provides that Racing NSW may impose conditions on Approval Holders who use NSW Thoroughbred Race Fields information. The Standard Conditions which Approval Holders must comply with include:

- Integrity and quality control processes regarding the recording of betting information and key employee accreditation
- Payment of a fee determined by the wagering operator’s full year net accessible turnover
- Other conditions designed to enable Racing NSW to administer the Race Fields Information Use legislation

The department is responsible for the administration of the Race Fields area including initial assessments and recommendations to the General Manager-Regulatory regarding applications, the applicable fee for Wagering Operators, audit and financial reporting. Approvals are issued annually for a financial year (or part thereof).

After the initial application process, an ongoing reporting process, annual renewal and review monitoring program is a requirement of continued approval to use NSW Thoroughbred information.

At the end of the 2022/23 period the total number of Australian Wagering Operators who had been approved to use NSW Thoroughbred Race Fields Information was 241.

Collection of venue-by-venue turnover figures is arranged for critical assessment by the Analytical Department of Racing NSW.

Media and other publications, such as not-for-profit use for social purposes and certain racing organisations are authorised to use NSW thoroughbred Race Fields and are not subject to Racing NSW Standard Conditions.

These approvals are sub-delegated by Racing NSW to Racing Australia’s publication arm to ensure suitable contractual arrangements are established.

Registered NSW Syndicate Promoters and Authorised Representatives

Racing NSW continues to act in its appointed role as Australian Securities & Investment Commission lead regulator for the syndication of racehorses in NSW.

The Horse Instrument 2016-790 describes the regulatory relationship between Racing NSW and ASIC.

Promoters (Syndicators) are registered by Racing NSW as either Approved Promoters (in which case the applicant also requires an ASIC Australian Financial Services Licence) or as Authorised Representatives (who operate under the licence of an Approved Promoter).

When a horse is sold in shares by one of these parties it is described as a promotion, requiring production of a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)

NUMBER OF HORSES SYNDICATED BRACKETED ON PRICE PER 10% SHARE

Price Range – 10% Share	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
<\$10,000	79	63	39	96	74	68
\$10,000 +	128	117	108	116	128	123

NUMBER OF HORSES SYNDICATED BASED ON KNOCK DOWN PRICE OF HORSE AT YEARLING SALE (OR VALUATION IF PRIVATE)

Price Range - Horse	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
<\$30,000	34	31	14	41	38	37
\$30,000 to \$59,999	46	29	22	45	32	29
\$60,000 to \$99,999	47	34	32	55	34	41
\$100,000 to \$149,999	36	36	34	38	25	26
\$150,000 +	44	50	45	33	73	58
Total	207	180	147	212	202	191

that explains the investment to the purchaser before deciding to buy. Each PDS requires approval by Racing NSW before being released to the public.

At the end of 2022/23 there were 18 Approved Promoters, and 28 Authorised Representatives on the Racing NSW registers which is a decrease of 1 and an increase of 6 respectively from the previous season.

There was a total of 191 approved individual horse promotions in the 2022/23 period, a decrease of 11 from 2021/22. It was noticed that there was a fall in the number of yearlings syndicated this season, however, an increase in the popularity of syndicating tried horses assisted the total number of syndications to remain reasonably static.

There was a notable increase in the number horses syndicated by Promoters in the higher price range bracket last season which represented a display of confidence in the NSW racing industry following the recent run of prizemoney increases.



Alice Gibson
General Manager
Equine Welfare

Equine Welfare Program

2022/2023 was an exciting year for the Equine Welfare Department. The highlight of the year was planning the inaugural Equimillion, a milestone event that brought together the racing and equestrian communities to highlight and celebrate the versatility of the Thoroughbred. Other key accomplishments included the addition of hay production properties and attendance at events to promote equine welfare and industry training and career opportunities. Additionally, the Equine Welfare Department continued deliver on a range of initiatives and worked closely with the Integrity Department to ensure the ongoing welfare of Thoroughbred racehorses in their retirement.

Through efforts to rehome more horses and achieve cost efficiencies through internal hay production, the overall costs of the Equine Welfare Program were able to be reduced in 2022/23 as compared to the previous year.

Equimillion

Over the October long weekend Racing NSW, in partnership with Equestrian Australia, held the much-anticipated inaugural Equimillion competition. Hosted at the esteemed Sydney International Equestrian Centre, the event showcased the versatility of the Thoroughbred with over \$1 million of prizemoney exclusively for retired Thoroughbred racehorses distributed across four equestrian disciplines – Show Horse, Dressage, Show Jumping, and Eventing.

310 retired Thoroughbred racehorses that had been bred, trained, or raced in NSW were nominated for Equimillion 2023 across the four disciplines. The horses' ages ranged from 4 years old right up to 21 years old, displaying the opportunities for success of Thoroughbreds in extensive careers beyond racing.

Each discipline included classes for junior, amateur, and open professional competitors with prizemoney paid to 5th place with a particular focus on amateur riders. These riders competed on a range of horses, some recently retired from the racing industry, with others having competed in equestrian disciplines for many years. With the broad range of classes available, Equimillion was able to diversify the competitors and reward them accordingly.

One of the most encouraging aspects about Equimillion was the support and promotion for the event generated by the racing industry. Country Race Clubs, Owners, Trainers, Studs, and industry participants all promoted the event through sponsorship for riders. This

provided an avenue for local equestrians and owners of retired Thoroughbred racehorses to connect with local race clubs and studs, and for the industry to further demonstrate their commitment to equine welfare.

The inaugural Equimillion was a huge success and the first event of its kind in the equestrian world for retired Thoroughbred racehorses. The uniqueness of Equimillion with unprecedented prizemoney will see the event continue to grow and drive demand for Thoroughbreds in the equestrian industry whilst highlighting the racing industry's commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for retired Thoroughbred racehorses.

Community Engagement

Team Thoroughbred NSW staff from the welfare and training teams attended the 2023 Equestrian NSW Interschools Championships, where more than 300 school age competitors, ranging from Kindergarten to Year 12, competed in a variety of equestrian disciplines. Team Thoroughbred NSW educated these young riders on the vast training and career opportunities that the horse racing industry has to offer and brought the equisizer, offering students a unique 'jockey experience' getting a taste of what it's like to be in the saddle. Equally important, it provided a platform to educate students on equine welfare and highlighted the availability of horses for rehoming, reinforcing the industry's commitment to the well-being Thoroughbreds beyond their racing careers.

Team Thoroughbred NSW's ambassadors, Happy Clapper and Redzel, both attended major race days in the NSW racing calendar. Happy Clapper attended The Doncaster, and Redzel attended The Everest, both leading the respective fields into the Theatre of the Horse at Royal Randwick. Their attendance at these race days also provided an opportunity for fans and members of the public to meet and interact with them whilst highlighting Team Thoroughbred NSW and Racing NSW's dedication to equine welfare.

Retraining & Rehoming Facilities

It was a successful year of rehoming horses into secondary careers across NSW. Whilst industry participants successfully found homes for many of their horses upon retirement, Team Thoroughbred NSW continued to provide care, retraining and rehoming for horses that were unable to be rehomed, and surrendered into the program upon their retirement. Across the 6 retraining and rehoming properties, the team

successfully assessed, re-educated and rehomed horses to a variety of new homes. A key element of the rehoming process is to work closely with new owners to ensure success for both horse and human in their secondary career, whether that be as a companion, pleasure, or competition horse. The variety of new homes these horses are rehomed to displays the enduring appeal of Thoroughbreds to a broad spectrum of the community.

Team Thoroughbred NSW hosted two open days at our equine welfare properties where members of the public were invited to attend a viewing of horses available for rehoming within the program. The open days were held at "Bart's Farm" in Castlereagh, and "Belltrees" in the Hunter Region. Team Thoroughbred NSW staff presented horses available for rehoming with a series of demonstrations, ridden and in hand, for attendees. Attendees were able to discuss their specific requirements for horses directly with Team Thoroughbred NSW Head Trainers. The success of the open days highlighted the keen interest from the community to learn about the program and horses available for rehoming.

Property Updates

In 2022/2023 Racing NSW purchased an additional property for hay production, "Glencoe", in Singleton.

Glencoe is a fully established irrigation farm on the banks of the Hunter River with 475 acres of arable land

with appropriate machinery and infrastructure. With a substantial water license, this property provides further security for hay production and supply for the Equine Welfare Program.

The horses in the Equine Welfare Program are now exclusively fed with hay produced on Racing NSW properties. This has led to reduced costs for the business as well as future-proofing the business and hay supply for necessitous circumstances such as floods, bushfires, or drought.

Equine Welfare Investigations

Throughout 2022/2023, the Equine Welfare Department maintained its close collaboration with the Integrity Department, carrying out comprehensive audits of retired horses around NSW. These audits were integral in ensuring ongoing traceability of horses in retirement as well as addressing any reported concerns related to the well-being of Thoroughbreds. In total, 580 retired horse audits were conducted.

The Equine Welfare Department continued to work alongside the Integrity to enforce Local Rule 114 to ensure equine welfare obligations are met by industry participants in retirement and maintain welfare initiatives such as the End of Life Welfare Program and the Excluded list. Racing NSW also continued to provide emergency support to ensure welfare needs of retired Thoroughbred in NSW were met.



Former top sprinter Redzel leads the field at Royal Randwick. Image by Ashlee Brennan



Steve Railton
Chairman of
Stewards



**Jacqueline
Johnstone**
General Manager
Integrity

Role of Integrity Department

The Integrity Department is responsible for safeguarding the image, interests, integrity and welfare of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

The department is responsible for the employment of:

- Stipendiary Stewards
- Investigators
- Veterinarians, Veterinary Nurses, and Horse Welfare Officers
- Wagering and Form Analysts
- Administration Officers

To ensure appropriate integrity and welfare standards are met, these key personnel are responsible for completing the following functions:

- Officiating at all race meetings and official trials in NSW
- Attending and supervising trackwork
- Conducting track and stable inspections and audits, including monitoring of stable returns and horse location
- Conducting welfare audits of retired horses
- Investigate complaints and intelligence received
- Prepare briefs of evidence for Stewards
- Surveillance activities
- Statewide compliance operations, including the use of Racing NSW Detection Dogs
- Inquiring into and prosecuting breaches of the Rules of Racing in respect to horse welfare
- Inquiring into and prosecuting breaches of the Rules of Racing in respect to conduct of industry participants and non-compliance issues
- Administering drug testing operations, including out-of-competition testing and investigation of the use of prohibited substances
- Addressing rider, track and horse safety issues
- Conducting the sampling of riders and stable employees for banned substances
- Conducting inspection of horses in the lead up to raceday and away from competition
- Regulating and investigating wagering activities
- Arbitrating on betting disputes
- Producing speed maps for race meetings

The Integrity Department continues to work closely with the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory and regulatory Veterinarians on testing strategies based on available research and statistical data to identify emerging trends in substances.

This information is used to strategise the collection of samples both on raceday and Out of Competition testing, as well as imprinting the Detection Dogs on substances that are prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Training and Development

The focus to appoint Trainee Cadet Stewards again continued this year.

Trainees have been enrolled into the Certificate IV Racing Administration (Stewards) which was delivered in house, as Racing NSW is accredited as a Registered Training Organisation.

Trainees are provided with the benefit of working alongside experienced Stipendiary Stewards and being delivered the course components by these Stewards and other Officials. Topics undertaken by Trainees include:

- Race reading skills – race tactics
- Principals of administrative law
- Dealing with conflict
- Interview techniques
- Giving evidence at inquiries
- Drug testing procedures
- Administrative responsibilities

The Certificate IV provides each Trainee with a formal qualification at the completion of their traineeship. In addition to this qualification, all trainees are provided with on-the-job training and specific training in the conduct of Stewards inquiries and investigations.

Further, Trainees are seconded to the Investigations and Surveillance Unit for a period of their Traineeship to gain skills in non-raceday investigative functions.

This year, Trainees were able to utilise the resources of Bart's Farm to gain practical horse skills and training from Racing NSW Investigators and Veterinarians. The use of these resources provides Trainees with a good practical background to launch their career as a Stipendiary Steward.



Stewards Inquiries

During the 2022/23 year the Stewards panel presided over a broad range of inquiries involving offences under the Rules of Racing. The following periods of suspension were issued against jockeys during this period.

- AR131(a): Careless Riding - 324 suspensions
- AR131(b): Failure to ride horse out to finish - 15 suspensions
- AR132: Whip related offences - 27 suspensions

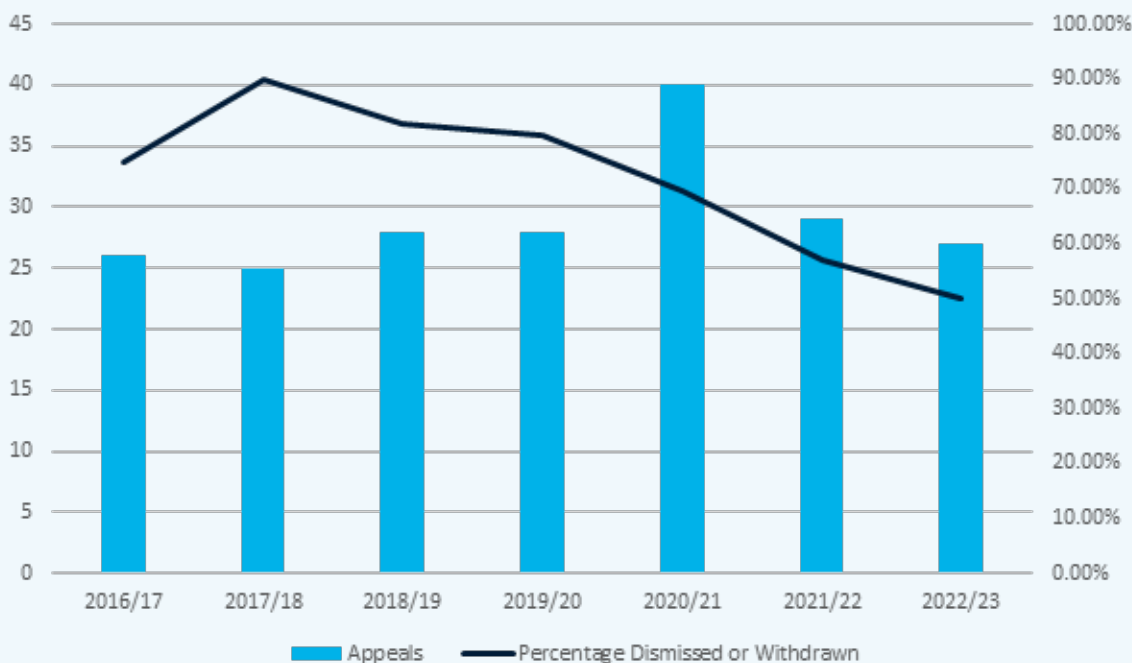
CARELESS RIDING



WHIP OFFENCES



APPEALS - RACING NSW APPEAL PANEL



Appeals

Racing NSW Stewards prosecuted appeals before the Racing NSW Appeal Panel on 27 occasions during 2022/23 involving a total of 44 charges appealed against.

22 of the appeals were upheld and 22 appeals were dismissed by the Appeal Panel. There were a further four appeals before the Racing Appeals Tribunal, three of which were dismissed and one upheld.

Stable Inspections

Stewards and Investigators throughout the state continued to conduct unannounced stable inspections, including on raceday to ensure compliance with the Rules of Racing. Inspections focused on compliance with:

- Lodgment of Stable Returns including horse location
- Horse welfare including adherence to Racing NSW Minimum Standards and Guidelines
- Adherence to the storage and possession of medication
- Stable security
- Work Health and Safety
- Racing NSW Licensing requirements

Equine Welfare

Racing NSW Stewards, Investigators and Horse Welfare Veterinarians continued to work with the Racing NSW Equine Welfare Department in monitoring and ensuring compliance with LR114.

The stable inspections process detailed above was an integral part of ensuring horse welfare, by Stewards conducting audits of Stable Returns to ensure that the location of a thoroughbred during training and retirement is recorded.

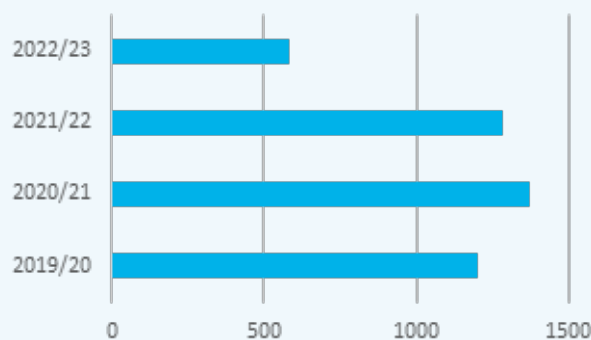
Stewards issued penalties against Trainers who had not complied with traceability requirements under the Rules of Racing.

Equine Welfare Veterinarians Dr Rose Bensley and Dr Carly Garling have continued to conduct inspections and audits of retired racehorses to complement the Integrity Department’s audit process, as well as taking an active role in welfare investigations and inquiries.

This year Racing NSW Officials completed 582 retired horse audits to ensure compliance with Racing NSW’s Minimum Standards and Guidelines for equine welfare.

This ensured horses were kept in proper condition in conjunction with an assessment of their environment, including the provision of sufficient nutrition.

RETIRED THOROUGHBRED AUDITS



In cases where horses needed veterinary care, Racing NSW Veterinarians provided advice to owners in respect to nutritional and care requirements, or in some cases horses were rehomed into the Racing NSW Team Thoroughbred program.

Throughout the year, Stewards conducted several inquiries into equine welfare matters which resulted in a range of penalties being issued.

The Racing NSW Equine Welfare Committee also heard a number of equine welfare cases, which resulted in persons being placed on the Excluded List. The Excluded List prevents non-licensed persons from receiving a Thoroughbred from a licensed person.

Drug Testing

The Integrity Department and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory continued their unique association in sharing intelligence regarding the use of prohibited substances.

Regular strategy meetings were conducted between the departments which had allowed the Stewards to efficiently channel their resources into relevant areas. During the year, increased testing resources were directed to major country race meetings.

During 2022/23 a total number of 27,783 tests were performed by the ARFL on raceday samples that were analysed for prohibited substances in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

Of these samples, 21 returned positive findings to prohibited substances, an increase from 2021/2022 where there were seven positives recorded.

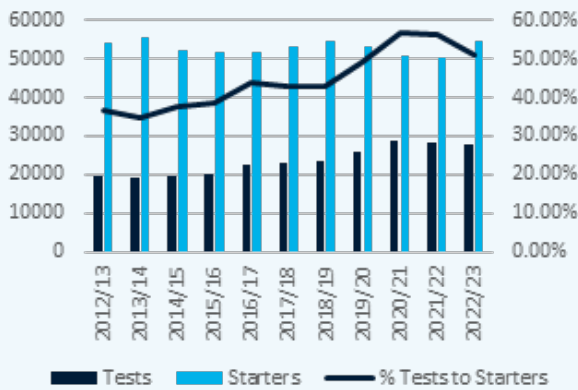
Detected in these samples were a range of therapeutic substances commonly used on horses in training. The ARFL also certified the detection of samples found to contain erythropoiesis stimulating agents (e.g., Erythropoietin EPO).

Racing NSW Stewards and Veterinarians continued to obtain Out of Competition samples, whereby Stewards ordered samples to be analysed for substances prohibited at any time in accordance with Part 1 of the Prohibited Substance List A of the Australian Rules of Racing.

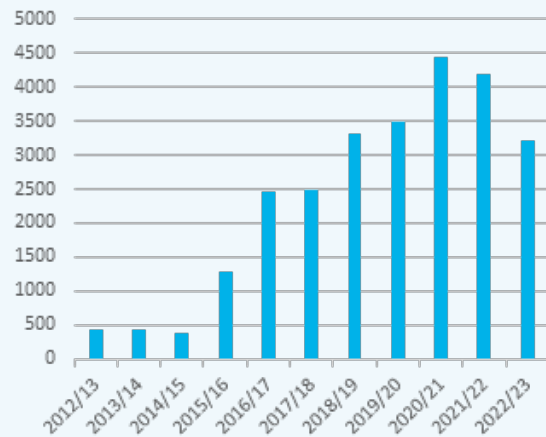
Samples collected for Out of Competition testing also included samples analysed as part of the Equine Biological Passport program in addition to tactical samples collected for comparison with raceday samples.

The Stewards continued their testing program at barrier trials and the taking of hair samples for the detection of anabolic steroids, including the taking of these tests at spelling properties. This year 3224 Out of Competition tests were performed.

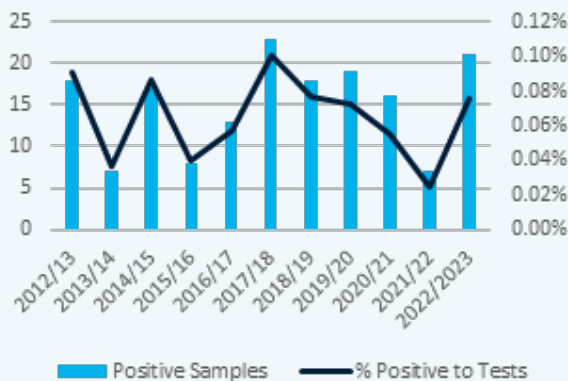
TESTING OF EQUINE SAMPLES



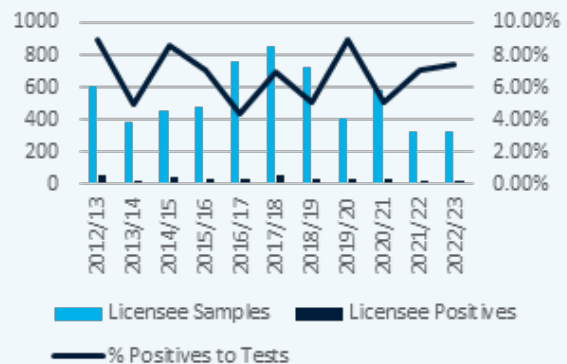
OUT OF COMPETITION



POSITIVE EQUINE SAMPLES



LICENSEE



Licensee Sampling

Stewards and Investigators continued to obtain samples from licensees for analysis by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory for banned substances.

Samples were taken from Stablehands both working on the ground and riding trackwork as well as Jockeys and Trainers. This year 325 human samples were obtained with 24 positive results recorded.

In licensee swab cases, emphasis continued with rehabilitation and an educative process with access to professional counselling provided by Racing NSW. Those who complete counselling were provided with a reduction in penalty.

Liaisons and Contacts

Racing NSW continued to foster a strong working relationship with the NSW Police to ensure the safety of staff, participants, and the integrity of the Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

With the assistance of the NSW Police Casino and Racing Unit, Racing NSW had a police presence throughout stables during both spring and autumn carnivals.

Stewards and Investigators continued to work with Police across the state with respect to investigating animal welfare and conduct matters. The department also referred matters for criminal investigation, where appropriate.

Industry matters continued to be addressed through liaison by the Integrity Department with several bodies, including:

- Australian Criminal and Intelligence Commission (MOU)
- NSW Police (MOU)
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (MOU)
- Australian Federal Police
- NSW Border Force
- Racing Australia
- NSW Trainers' and Jockeys' Associations
- NSW Bookmakers' Co-operative Ltd
- Australian Equine Veterinary Association
- Veterinary and Analysts Committee
- Interstate and Overseas Principal Racing Authorities





Dr Peter Curl BVSc (Hons) MRCVS
Chief Veterinary Officer

Role of the Racing NSW Veterinary Department

- To protect and enhance the welfare, health and safety of horses – before, during their racing careers and on retirement.
- To support Racing NSW in producing a high-quality entertainment and wagering product by improving the public confidence in the integrity of the sport and trust the industry remains a responsible custodian of horse health and welfare;
- The provision and supervision of veterinary services at the Metropolitan and Provincial racetracks and oversight of veterinary services throughout greater NSW;
- The management of forensic biological sample collection at race meetings and Out of Competition.
- The provision of expert veterinary advice to the Racing NSW Board, Stipendiary Stewards, Investigators and industry on veterinary, equine health and welfare matters, anti-doping and medication control strategies and procedures;
- To assist the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) in the development, management and implementation of cost-effective anti-doping strategies, procedures and initiatives;
- To represent Racing NSW nationally and internationally on matters relevant to equine health and welfare, injury prevention, racing integrity, anti-doping and medication use/control, biosecurity and infectious disease management;
- The provision of expert veterinary advice and evidence in Stewards inquiries and appeals;
- Facilitation of veterinary supervision of the Canterbury Park Approved Quarantine facility, including the strict adherence and compliance with biosecurity procedures and the conduct of mandatory disease testing;
- Supporting Racing NSW Welfare Veterinarians and Investigators in the detection and investigation, and reporting of integrity, compliance and welfare matters, and
- To participate in the development and management of equine health, welfare and industry education programs;

The Veterinary Department at Racing NSW plays an integral role in supporting the Racing NSW Integrity Department to ensure the integrity, safety and welfare of horses and riders throughout the state. It is the vision of the Racing NSW Veterinary

Department to lead equine health, welfare and safety by assuring the provision of appropriate veterinary care and reinforcing high standards of horse welfare, integrity and accountability among all participants – before, during racing and on retirement.

In performing these critical industry roles, the Veterinary Department at Racing NSW is guided by three pillars – safeguarding the welfare of racehorses, the work health and safety of participants, whilst maintaining the confidence of the broader community and betting public.

Key Operational Activities and Achievements

Under the direction of Dr Curl, the Veterinary Services Department:

- Has collaborated with ARFL and the Stewards in the management of routine and strategic drug control, including implementation of the equine biological passport and the tactical Out of Competition testing programs;
- Is responsible for coordinating and facilitating state-wide Out of Competition testing;
- Is responsible for the approval process for veterinarians wishing to obtain a permit to provide services to racehorses in NSW and those applying to officiate at race meetings;
- Support, implement and oversee programs and policies as they pertain to veterinary services, welfare, anti-doping and medication control, including:
 - a. The provision of drug administration trials for the ARFL and participating and management of the Racing NSW Animal Care and Ethics Committee;
 - b. The close monitoring and review of raceday and non-raceday equine injuries and fatalities throughout the state;
 - c. Collaboration with the Pathology Department at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Camden (University of Sydney) and other academic institutions in Australia and internationally to better understand and minimise exercise-associated sudden collapse and fatal injury cases.
- Exploring the use and implementation of emerging technologies to improve horse health, welfare, racing integrity and safety. Has consulted extensively with the NSW Veterinary Practitioners

Board, the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and the Australian Government Australian Medicines and Pesticides Authority (APVMA) concerning the provision of veterinary services, biosecurity and infectious disease management and preparedness, the prescription and administration of registered and compounded medications, and the correct supply and use of equine nutritional supplements and oral electrolyte products in racing.

- Has provided advice and support to the Integrity Department regarding:
 - a. Suitability to race and the return to racing after injury or illness to reduce the risk of injury, minimise the risk of last-minute withdrawals on raceday, set standards of acceptable musculoskeletal soundness, encourage proper veterinary input, enhance the consistency of racing performances and protect the interests of the betting and broader public;
 - b. Prohibited substance control;
 - c. The management of hot weather racing protocols and safety measures;
 - d. The review of health, safety, and welfare of racehorses in stable and training environments, and
 - e. Pre and post-race inspections and ongoing monitoring to protect horse and rider safety, welfare and integrity, and provide potential explanation for poor racing performance

Equine Welfare Program and Assurance

To ensure public confidence and compliance with Racing NSW's high standards and expectations of the lifetime care and welfare of horses in retirement, Welfare Veterinarians Dr Rose Bensley and Dr Carly Garling, together with Racing NSW Officials implement retired racehorse inspections and property audits to ensure the welfare of retired Thoroughbreds, together with education and compliance with Racing NSW's Minimum Standards and Guidelines.

Charles Sturt University Final Year Student Sponsorship and Post-Graduate Intern Program

Australia is experiencing an overall shortage of veterinarians, particularly in rural areas and in large animal and equine practice. This places horses, veterinarians and the future and sustainability of the racing industry at risk.

To help address this issue, Racing NSW has entered into a sponsorship agreement with Charles Sturt University (CSU) to encourage students interested in working with horses.

The aim is to facilitate exposure to equine practice and the racing industry before they graduate.

Racing NSW is also proud to announce a Veterinary Racing Internship opportunity which will be offered to CSU graduates to support the next generation of equine veterinarians working in the racing industry, with a particular focus on veterinary racing regulation.

Students interested in equine practice, sports medicine and animal welfare in their final year of Bachelor of Veterinary Biology / Bachelor of Veterinary Science studies at CSU are encouraged to apply for four Racing NSW scholarship positions administered through the CSU Foundation.

On graduation, scholarship recipient(s) will be eligible for employment as a Veterinary Racing Intern providing an opportunity to acquire first-hand experience in those areas directly applicable to racehorse practice and racing regulation.

This initiative aims to provide veterinary students and graduates with a structured pathway into equine practice and racing to encourage a new generation of veterinarians to become ambassadors for horse health and welfare and the integrity of the racing industry.

Racing Equine Veterinary Nurse

To support the Veterinary, Stewarding, and Integrity Departments, Racing NSW has appointed a Racing Equine Veterinary Nurse to assist with:

- Protecting and improving horse health and welfare through increased raceday supervision, veterinary support and facility audits.
- The collation and analysis of statistical information related to horse health, injury and prohibited substance forensic sample collection.
- Increasing the number of raceday and Out of Competition prohibited substance tests in Provincial and rural areas on both regular and major racedays.
- Supporting the relevant teams in retired horse and welfare audits and assessments.

Veterinary Assessment of International and Visting Horses arriving through Canterbury Park Quarantine

As part of its ongoing commitment to protecting horse and jockey health, safety and welfare, Racing NSW has enhanced its monitoring and assessment of international horses imported to the Canterbury Park Quarantine facility by implementing several measures to monitor and assess musculoskeletal health.

These measures include the use of advanced markerless objective gait analysis software, an increase in veterinary pre-travel evaluations and the requirement for pre-travel diagnostic images to be obtained and reviewed by an independent expert in equine limb injury prevention.

In addition to the long-standing pre-travel veterinary assessment requirements and trainer declarations, connections are now required to upload longitudinal recordings of their horses moving at a trot in hand to enable trainers, veterinarians and regulators to consider each horse's motion patterns over time and allow for a more consistent and evidence-based approach to pre-travel and pre-race assessments.

This technology combines video images with precise biometric data points to analyse a horse's movement.

The data captured allows for the appraisal of an individual horse's gait objectively and, where required, remotely and over an extended period (critical control points) to facilitate detecting any changes which can be used to prompt open and informed conversations about a horse's health and musculoskeletal soundness and direct additional veterinary or diagnostic imaging examination requirements.

Advances in the Pre and Post-Race Assessment of Horses

Racing NSW has commenced using markerless objective gait analysis software to help manage and evaluate horses' musculoskeletal health in training, returning to racing after injury and on racedays after racing.

Activity Summary – Racing NSW Animal Care and Ethics Committee (ACEC)

The ACEC was created in accordance with the NSW Animal Research Act of 1985. Its primary role is to oversee and manage the team responsible for conducting prohibited substance administration trials on research horses as part of the investigation and development programs of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL).

In addition, the ACEC is also responsible for approving other relevant research and population studies necessary to maintain the integrity of horse racing.

The Committee is chaired by Racing NSW Chief Executive, Mr Peter V'landys AM; its external members are Mr Tony Gregory and Mr John Muir. Other committee members include Dr Craig Suann (veterinarian) and ARFL General Manager Mr John Keledjian (researcher). Racing NSW Veterinarian Dr Carly Garling is the Executive Officer to the Committee. In addition, Mr Keith Bulloch (General Manager-Regulatory, Racing NSW) and Dr Peter Curl (Chief Veterinary Officer, Racing NSW) both attend meetings as observers to provide advice in their areas of expertise to assist the ACEC with its functions.

During the reporting period, the Committee gave its approval to various research proposals. One of these proposals involves conducting a welfare assessment of retired racehorses, which has been scientifically validated.

This assessment will be carried out in addition to the retirement audits that are already being conducted on Thoroughbreds once they have finished their racing career.



Jockey Safety Officer – Role

To improve communication between officials, medical staff and families where jockeys (or apprentices) are injured in a race fall, Racing NSW has the position of Jockey Safety Officer (“JSO”).

In the event of a race or training accident, the JSO is immediately advised of any injuries by the relevant Stewards or reporting Officials.

The JSO then contacts the family of any affected jockey(s) to advise them of the accident and to provide any necessary support.

The JSO acts as a liaison between the Stewards, Racing NSW, Race Clubs, treating hospitals, Doctors and the family, to ensure that the family quickly has all possible information about the injured jockey’s condition, location and any action that may be required.

The Racing NSW Medical Liaison Officer, Dr David Duckworth, is another important link in the process.

Dr Duckworth keeps in contact with the hospital and liaises between specialists and injured persons to determine the best course of treatment, also undertaking surgery and delivering consultation on some cases.

Phillip O’Brien, Racing NSW Safety and Welfare Officer, acts as JSO supported by Debbie Winter-Bonnici, the alternate.

JOCKEY SAFETY OFFICER INCIDENT REPORTS

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
August	11	10	24	14	10
September	11	9	14	14	13
October	7	15	12	10	10
November	12	17	24	6	15
December	16	13	16	10	25
January	10	18	13	14	9
February	11	12	20	15	19
March	17	15	15	21	32
April	16	13	14	13	17
May	6	15	21	9	10
June	12	13	4	4	23
July	10	12	11	11	19
Total	139	162	164	141	202

Riding Skills Panel

Under the Australian Rules of Racing, each State Principal Racing Authority may form a Riding Skills Panel to review and mentor apprentice jockeys/jockeys who may be referred by Stewards for issues with their riding, which may include issues of safety.

Racing NSW Skills panel members are Corey Brown, Pat Webster, Rodney Quinn and in regional areas assisted by local Stewards and by Jockey Coaches Jamie Whitney, Dale Jeffries, Scott Thurlow, Cameren Swan and John Powell.

Hearings are convened throughout NSW with the attendance of referring Steward and in accordance with Australian Rule of Racing AR 144.

The Panel may make recommendations to Stewards for a remedial training program or restricted return to riding schedule.

RIDING SKILLS PANEL HEARINGS

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
August	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	2	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	1
December	0	0	0	0	1
January	1	0	0	0	1
February	0	1	0	1	0
March	0	0	0	0	0
April	2	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0
July	1	0	0	0	0
Total	4	3	0	1	3

Racing Mates

Racing Mates continues to promote mental health awareness and empower mates to look out for mates.

Established by Racing NSW in 2016, services provided through the Racing Mates program include access to Clinical Psychologists, Counsellors and Assistance Hotlines.

People are often more likely to initially reach out to a trusted peer or colleague for support. This is why Racing NSW has appointed Ambassadors for the program who are available as a port of call when industry participants are in need of a mate.

The Ambassadors possess a wealth of industry knowledge allowing them to relate to multifaceted concerns people may be experiencing.

Industry specific expertise combined with accredited training ensures Ambassadors can provide a crucial link between those in need and the required support.

Racing NSW mentor and welfare support contact Pat Webster is the face of the Racing Mates program, delivering regular workshops and visits to racetracks and stables to promote mental health and well-being in the racing industry.

As an accredited drug and alcohol mentor, Pat also raises drug and alcohol awareness to industry participants, and also delivers workshops annually at Racing NSW Apprentice Jockey Schools across New South Wales.

Racing Mates’ face-to-face BBQs gatherings were again hosted throughout the season at Narromine (15 September), Wagga Wagga (2 April) and Coffs Harbour (23 July).

Further information can be found on the Racing Mates website – www.racingmates.com.au



John Keledjian
General Manager
ARFL

Function and Accreditation

The primary role of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) is to provide accurate and independent analytical services to Racing NSW Stewards to assist in upholding the relevant rules pertaining to prohibited substances in the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

Similar services may be under contract to other racing codes or competitive animal sports organisations.

Non-racing contract work which does not affect the performance of these integrity functions may also be undertaken.

As an arm of the integrity functions of Racing NSW, the laboratory serves to control the use of prohibited substances by the provision of sampling kits and protocols of their use, analysis of received samples, and participation in research programs to improve capabilities, respond to new challenges as they arise and assist veterinarians in the legitimate use of medications.

ARFL is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities to ISO/IEC 17025 standard, assessed to ILAC G7 and is also a member of the Association of Official Racing Chemists.

It is one of only five laboratories in the world selected as an approved reference laboratory to analyse samples for the Fédération Equestre

Internationale (FEI), the others being in the United Kingdom, France, Hong Kong and Japan.

Sampling Kits

Assembling, packaging and dispatch of sample collection kits is performed by Beehive Industries Co-operative.

In an enrichment of an already 19-year partnership with Racing NSW, the contract work has allowed Beehive Industries to support a greater number of seniors and persons with a disability.

Sampling kits for urine and blood collection are distributed to all racing regional areas in New South Wales and to other clients around Australia.

The kits involve several layers of security and are uniquely numbered to enable tracking to ensure that all kits are accounted for.

Non-compliance with sampling protocols during the collection process is monitored and reported to the Stewards for investigation.

Analysis of Samples

Over 28,000 animal samples were tested in 2022/23 with only a very small percentage found to contain prohibited substances (Table 1).

Negative samples are generally reported within 10 working days of receipt at ARFL. Positive findings are confirmed on the 'A' sample and then by referee

TABLE 1 – ANIMAL SAMPLE STATISTICS 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023

	Total urine	Total Blood	TCO ² tests	OC tests	Cobalt tests	Enhanced testing	Prohibited Substances Detected
Metro T'breeds NSW	1818	4402	2525	-	1908	8542	3
Provincial T'breeds NSW	1533	1468	975	-	1546	970	3
Country T'breeds NSW	3188	3511	1372	-	3537	4484	15
Other clients	4152	8063	4274	-	4485	11696	47
TOTAL	10691	17444	9146	-	11476	25692	67
Out of Competition T'breeds				3244			
Out of Competition Others				1999			
Hair samples	15						
TOTAL				5223			

analysis of the 'B' sample at another accredited racing laboratory.

OC – Out of Competition tests

Human urine samples collected from jockeys, track riders and stablehands are also tested for banned substances in accordance with AR 136.

Horse handlers were tested this year in accordance with AR 137. Approximately 7.0% of these samples found to contain banned substances (Table 2).

TABLE 2 – HUMAN SAMPLES STATISTICS 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023

Human Samples	Urine	Banned Substances Detected
Metropolitan NSW	46	7
Provincial NSW	45	3
Country NSW	225	14
Other Racing NSW	9	0
Other clients	12	0
TOTAL	337	24

The ARFL also performs 'B' sample referee counter analyses to confirm the findings of other Australian and International racing laboratories. From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 this totalled 160 confirmatory requests.

The number of special exhibit samples tested by the ARFL this year totalled 193. These included unregistered products seized by Stewards and members of the Surveillance and Intelligence Unit such as powders, feed, liquids and syringes.

Significant findings included an injectable liquid found to contain cocaine and levamisole as well as a confiscated syringe located at a racetrack from an external client found to contain Myo-inositol trispyrophosphate (ITPP) a substance reported to increase oxygen to body tissue.

Research and Development

The ARFL conducts R&D internally and in collaboration with universities, research institutions and other racing laboratories into the detection of new drugs and the improvement of analytical methodologies for equine blood, urine and hair samples.

The quality of ARFL research is reflected by publication of three scientific papers in leading international peer-reviewed journals during the past year. This covers substances that may not be amenable to conventional extraction methods.

With the approval from the Racing NSW Animal Care and Ethics Committee and in collaboration with the Racing NSW Veterinary Department, an administration study into the detection of doping with sodium bicarbonate following a single administration to a horse was performed.

Continued development of the analytical component for the Racing NSW Equine Biological

Passport (EBP) has enabled the ARFL to investigate controlling dopaminergic manipulation by measuring 3-methoxytyrosine in equine plasma samples to complement the established threshold for 3-methoxytyramine in equine urine.

At the request of Racing NSW Stewards, certain samples are frozen at minus 80 degrees Celsius for re-testing at a later stage when new equipment and testing methods incorporating additional EBP biomarkers are implemented.

Quality Assurance

ARFL holds accreditation to ISO 17025 and ILAC G7, and accordingly participates in internal and external quality assurance programs to monitor its performance.

Quality control samples are analysed as part of every sample batch to ensure proper operation, and all analytical data is checked by two analysts to minimise the chance of human error.

Procedures are also regularly assessed through the blind analysis of spiked samples or samples obtained from drug administration trials.

The ARFL scored 100% in the 2023 International Proficiency Testing Program used to assess all horse racing laboratories worldwide.

ARFL also participates in a human urine external proficiency testing program to monitor laboratory analytical testing procedures.

Key Milestones

The ARFL undertakes a comprehensive enhanced surveillance testing strategy on all samples collected statewide from 'Cup' day carnivals.

Following on from attaining NATA accreditation last year for the confirmation of erythropoiesis stimulating agents (e.g., erythropoietin (EPO)) using liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry last year, two Thoroughbred blood samples were reported to have present unique tryptic peptides indicative of the administration of a substance from this class of blood boosting agents.

Certain endogenous markers identified from the ARFL equine urine anabolic screen can determine if a post-race sample is from a pregnant mare.

Notification to Racing NSW Stewards enables checks to be carried out to ensure compliance to AR 84.

From a welfare perspective, an irregular finding of elevated testosterone in a raceday sample from a mare from the Hunter region led to extensive follow up veterinary examinations identifying the presence of an ovarian tumour.

Additional Clients

ARFL's major external clients during 2022/23 were Harness Racing NSW, Darwin and Alice Springs Turf Clubs, Equestrian Australia State and Canberra Race Club.

Other clients include Royal Agricultural Society, Show Horse Council of Australia and Inglis Bloodstock.

In addition, the ARFL's analytical testing capabilities are utilised by external clients undertaking drug pharmacokinetic studies.



Graeme Hinton
Chief Operating Officer

Major Events

The Everest in 2022 again captured the attention of Sydney through a week of events, culminating in a modern-day record crowd of 46,221 at Royal Randwick.

The Everest barrier draw, which has become a focal point of the Sydney spring, went to new heights with a never before seen drone show above Sydney Harbour. Vision and images of the show were beamed across the globe, raising the profile of The Everest and racing in Sydney.

The iconic singing of Sweet Caroline before the horses jump from the barriers in The Everest has now become synonymous with the race and developed a 'fear of missing out' moment driving attendance.

The inaugural Big Dance was held at Royal Randwick on Tuesday, 1 November 2022 as the newest addition to the expanding Sydney Everest Carnival.

The concept for The Big Dance was to incorporate the leading NSW Country Cup races in the Sydney spring by providing a qualifying process and an aspirational race to target.

The Big Dance race meeting itself saw a 68% increase in turnover as compared to the corresponding meeting in 2021. The Big Dance race established itself as the 11th highest turnover race in NSW in its first year.

However, what the Big Dance also created was increased engagement, awareness and wagering on the qualifying Country Cups races.

Wagering on these race meetings consistently set record levels following the additional awareness and familiarity with the trainers, horses and jockeys.

Announced during the year was an increase in Big Dance prizemoney to \$3 million, along with an increase in prizemoney for the Little Dance to \$750,000, providing an opportunity for even greater prizemoney for the pool of horses competing in the qualifying races.

In June 2023, Racing NSW in partnership with Destination NSW hosted a function in London to announce the increase in prizemoney for The Everest to \$20 million and the new King Charles III Stakes. This function was part of a strategy to grow the awareness of NSW Thoroughbred racing among UK owners and punters.



International Wagering

Wagering from overseas markets represents a significant growth opportunity for the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

As a wagering product we are able to offer large field sizes and high levels of integrity, which greatly assists overseas operators in attracting customers to bet on NSW Thoroughbred racing.

The United States in particular represents an opportunity to capture a share of the exponential growth in wagering following the increasing legalisation of sports betting.

Already, wagering revenues from the United States are increasing, albeit off a low base. However, through improved integration of the NSW Thoroughbred racing product with US wagering operators and through greater promotion into the US market there is potential for substantial continued growth.

New Zealand is currently the largest contributor to NSW's international wagering revenues due to the familiarity with the NSW product and suitable time zone.

The recent restructure of the New Zealand wagering market, with Entain taking over the running of the New Zealand TAB, is already resulting in increased revenues from New Zealand.

Property and Capital Projects

The expansion in the number of horses in training remains a key strategic objective of Racing NSW to ensure maximum field sizes and wagering revenues.

Importantly, however, Racing NSW has taken steps to ensure that existing training properties are retained in the racing industry, rather than risk stables and facilities being developed for non-racing purposes.

Acquisition of properties surrounding Kembla Grange, Gosford, Hawkesbury, Ballina and Warwick Farm Racecourses has ensured these sites remain productive contributors to horses in training.

Prior to leasing these sites to trainers, Racing NSW has often undertaken repair works that have seen a net increase in over 80 stables in use.

The acquisition and lease of Bong Bong Farm to leading trainers Ciaron Maher and David Eustace has seen a further increase in horses in training in NSW and ensured

that this property continues to contribute to the industry.

During the year, Racing NSW continued to invest in training infrastructure across all sectors. This included the opening of a new Polytrack at Newcastle, to complete the process of all Metropolitan and Provincial tracks now having this all-weather surface for the conduct of daily training.

The Kembla Grange track project has also commenced which will first see a new inner track completed, followed by a major renovation to the course proper. Similar to the design at Newcastle, this will allow racing on the inner track during the course proper renovation and will then provide Kembla Grange with two high quality racing surfaces.

Development Applications have also been lodged for the major stable construction projects funded under the NSW Government's Racing for the Regions fund, with construction commencing pending council approvals.

Additional capital projects during the year funded by Racing NSW and NSW Government Grants included:

- **Casino:** Reconstruction of a sand training track and re-camber and drainage upgrade of course proper
- **Manning Valley (Taree):** New raceday tie-up stalls
- **Tuncurry-Forster:** Upgrades and improvements to road entrance to the racetrack and irrigation system upgrade
- **Coonamble:** New visiting horse stables
- **Pooncarie:** New visiting horse stables and male and female amenities
- **Tabulam:** Multipurpose buildings, raceday offices, Jockeys and Stewards buildings
- **Grafton:** Water recourse project
- Sand training track upgrades for **Wellington** and **Albury**
- New Irrigation systems for **Queanbeyan, Cowra** and **Coffs Harbour**
- New starting barriers for **Muswellbrook, Mudgee, Orange** and **Albury**
- Jockey amenity upgrades for **Shoalhaven (Nowra), Dubbo** and **Corowa**
- PVC rail upgrades for **Murrumbidgee (Wagga), Goulburn, Tweed River (Murwillumbah)** and **Wentworth**



Leonie Ferreira
General Manager
Marketing

The Marketing, Media and Digital Department plays a pivotal role in providing Racing NSW with corporate marketing and editorial support. This report provides a comprehensive insight into Racing NSW's marketing initiatives led by the marketing team.

The Racing NSW Magazine, distributed to 2,250 recipients monthly, offers insightful content including articles, race diaries and industry insights while maintaining high standards of quality and accuracy.

The marketing team consistently delivers industry updates and expert insights through social media, creating engaging content like tips, barrier draws and race analysis for informed wagering decisions.

The team produces advertising campaigns across print, digital, TV and radio, enhancing the visibility of major events such as The Everest, The Golden Eagle, The Big Dance and The Championships.

NSW Spring Racing Carnival

The marketing team effectively boosted The Kosciuszko ticket sales through a diverse range of content channels, including digital, print, social media, explainer videos, and EDMs. Furthermore, a targeted social media campaign was conducted in collaboration with NSW Country Clubs.

Our strong partnership with TAB enabled us to align our branding effectively, resulting in a robust brand identity for The Kosciuszko. We created engaging video content in partnership with Sky Thoroughbred Central which gained traction on Racing NSW's social platforms. The outcome of the Kosciuszko campaign was extraordinary; ticket sales reached an impressive total of 302,000, surpassing the target of 250,000 tickets.

The 2022 TAB Everest achieved enormous success, driven by a highly effective multi-platform campaign that resulted in a record-breaking attendance of over 46,000 at Royal Randwick on Everest Day.

To promote The Golden Eagle, we strategically placed flags across Parramatta and executed an extensive print, digital, and social media campaign, aiming to engage and encourage Western Sydney residents to participate.

The inaugural Big Dance along with The Little Dance, marked a triumph for Country horses, trainers and racing enthusiasts. This unique race brought together first and second placed horses from 25 NSW Country Cups.

The campaign featured a captivating logo depicting three dancing horses and embraced the 'Bigger Than' theme, establishing a compelling connection between the event and iconic landmarks throughout regional New South Wales.

The Daily Telegraph's Homepage Takeover (HPTO) campaigns for marquee events, The Everest and The Golden Eagle, impressively garnered over 5.8 million impressions.

The Sydney Morning Herald's digital campaign for The Everest, The Golden Eagle, and The Big Dance achieved outstanding results. With 11.23 million impressions generated through Homepage Buyouts, over 24,000 plays from digital Video Wraps, and a significant 1.5 million views from EDM placements, our digital advertising efforts have demonstrated unparalleled effectiveness in reaching and engaging our target audience.

Racing NSW's social media channels experienced ongoing growth. X (formerly known as Twitter) saw a 43.7% rise in impressions, with 32,604 followers. Facebook's followers surged to 32,069 making a remarkable 62.7% growth in impressions.

On Instagram, we achieved an 82.9% increase in followers reaching 24,000. TikTok gained substantial traction during the carnival attracting 3,537 followers, and a 2875.3% rise in impressions.

Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival

The campaign spotlighted world-class racing, hospitality, fashion and a lively carnival atmosphere. Focusing primarily on engaging individuals under 35 years old, the marketing team effectively utilised social media, print, and digital platforms.

The Daily Telegraph's digital ad campaign saw mobile homepage sponsorship gaining the highest eCPM and CTR. Mobile and desktop impressions totalled 978,145 with 551 clicks.

Sydney Morning Herald's one-day campaign on April 4 generated 2,618,908 impressions and 1,217 clicks, yielding a 0.05% CTR.

Daily Mail's campaign exceeded expectations, achieving 108% of the 10.6 million impressions booked, totalling 11.47 million impressions with a 0.83% CTR, successfully engaging the target audience.

On TikTok, views skyrocketed from 1,890 in February 2023 to 9,560 in March 2023, a 405.82% growth during the Autumn Carnival.

In partnership with Brian Charman, CEO of Racing NSW Country, the marketing team collaborated with NSW Country clubs to strengthen their online visibility. Our support included creating and posting content that resonated with the local audience, effectively promoting the Country Championships on platforms like Facebook and Instagram.



Warren Mitchell
Operations Manager
Workers Compensation

Racing NSW is a specialised insurer licensed under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 (NSW) ("the Act") to provide workers compensation insurance to certain employers (racing clubs and licensed trainers) in the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

The Fund also extends workers compensation indemnity to jockeys injured in the Australian Capital Territory. Additionally, Racing NSW administers the run-off of claims under the former self-insurance licence, which covered industry participants prior to 30 June 1998.

The Racing NSW Insurance Fund ("the Fund") had been managed internally since 1 July 2006.

From 1 July 2022, Racing NSW has engaged the services of the independent provider Gallagher Bassett to assist with the claims and injury management of all claims within the Racing NSW workers compensation scheme.

The engagement of Gallagher Bassett has been supported and approved by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority of New South Wales.

Gallagher Bassett, in partnership with Racing NSW, will manage the claims of all injured workers who fall within the coverage of the Racing NSW Scheme.

Notwithstanding the outsourcing of the claims management function, Racing NSW continues to be the licensed specialised insurer for all relevant participants within the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry and remains responsible for all workers compensation matters.

The object of the Fund is to provide affordable insurance to participants and deliver industry-specific

claims, injury and risk management services to assist employers and injured workers in what is a unique and inherently dangerous industry.

2022/23 Performance

During 2022/23 the Racing NSW Workers Compensation Fund received 551 new claims which represented an increase of 9.4% on the 504 claims that were received during 2021/22, noting that the 2021/22 year had a lower number of claims reported than average.

The Fund experienced a claims revenue to claims costs deficit of \$3.9 million during 2022/23.

The result was adversely impacted by an increase in claims incidence compared to the previous year and the finalisation of some large claims where the outstanding liability is now extinguished.

External economic factors and the statutory indexation of compensation benefits also impacted.

Despite the unfavourable costs to revenue outcome, the Fund maintains a surplus of \$1.5 million.

The Fund has continued to perform soundly over time having overcome an accumulated deficit which peaked at \$9.2 million at the end of the 2010/11 financial year. We will be working to reach the \$5 million surplus target set by the Board of Racing NSW

2021/22 Actuarial Assessment

The 2022/23 actuarial assessment was conducted by Finity Consulting Pty Ltd ("Finity").

At 30 June 2023 the net provision for outstanding claims liability (inclusive of a 15% prudential margin) is \$49.4 million. The table below summarises the movement in the actuarial provision in recent years.

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ESTIMATE OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS LIABILITIES

	Estimate of Liability as at 30 June 2023 (\$m)	Projected Estimate of Liability as at 30 June 2023 (2022 Valuation) (\$m)	Estimate of Liability as at 30 June 2022 (\$m)	Projected Estimate of Liability to 30 June 2024 (20223 Valuation) (\$m)
Net Central Estimate ¹	43.0	36.8	37.3	41.9
Risk Margin	764	7.4	7.5	763
Outstanding Claims Provision ²	48.4	44.1	44.7	48.2

¹ Including claims handling expense and net of reinsurance and other recoveries

² Including risk margin of 15% of the net central estimate
Note: Amounts referred to have been rounded

Claims Incidence

There were 551 workers compensation claims received during 2022/23 which was 9.4% higher than the 2021/22 new claims incidence of 504 claims. The new claims incidence during 2022/23 was 3.4% higher than the average claims incidence of 533 claims across the previous five claim years.

Claims Profile

Racing NSW is committed to identifying injury trends and formulating prevention strategies specific to the Thoroughbred Racing Industry to ensure the welfare and safety of participants.

Analysis of claims data by injury type, claimant characteristics and body part are crucial to Racing NSW's ongoing development of risk mitigation strategies and industry safety standards.

The following tables provide an insight into the nature of workers compensation claims lodged during

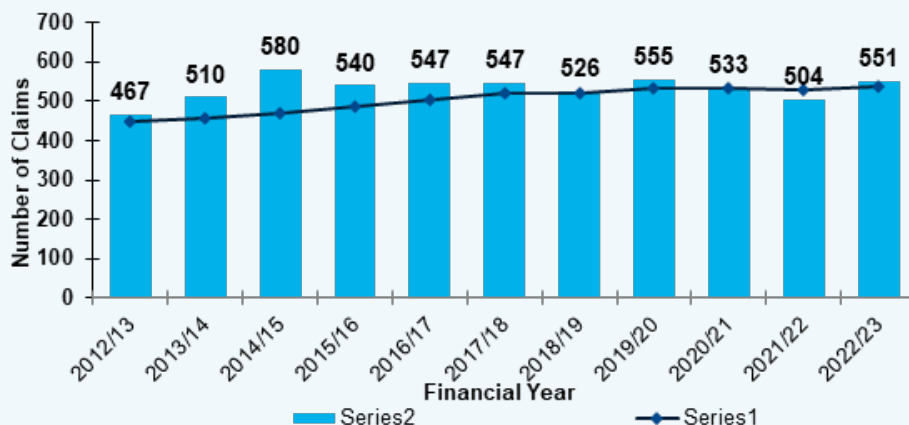
2022/23 CLAIMS BY INJURY TYPE		
Sprain, Strain or Soft Tissue Injury	155	18.13%
General Fractures	116	21.05%
Superficial injury	51	9.26%
Contusion, bruising and superficial crushing	46	8.35%
Trauma to muscles and tendons	39	7.08%
Laceration or open wound	31	5.63%
Trauma to joints and ligaments	28	5.08%
Concussion	27	4.90%
Dislocation	15	2.72%
Fractured skull and facial bones (including teeth)	14	2.54%
Multiple injuries	8	1.45%
Fractured vertebrae	8	1.45%
Psychological injury	8	1.45%
Foreign body in eye	3	0.54%
Internal injury of chest, abdomen or pelvis	22	0.36%
TOTAL	551	100.00%

2022/23. The profile of the 2022/23 claims portfolio is similar to that of previous years insofar as:

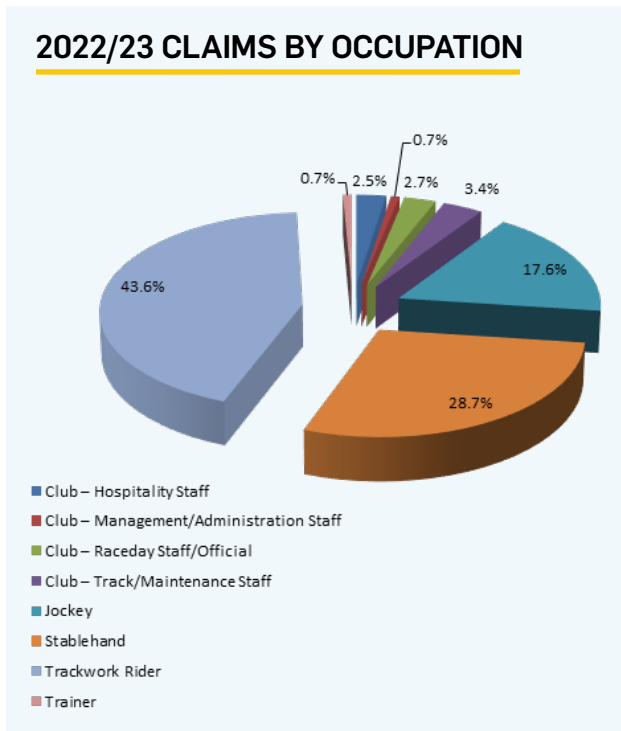
- The highest incidence of injuries arises out of trackwork riding (43.6% of injuries)
- The most common mechanisms of injury arise from falls from a horse (36.4%) and being struck by in some manner by a horse (30.1% of injuries)
- Injuries most commonly sustained are sprains, strains and soft tissue injuries (28.1% of all injuries), general fractures (21.0%) and superficial injuries (9.2%).

2022/23 CLAIMS BY BODY PART		
Shoulder	55	9.98%
Hand/Fingers	50	9.07%
Back	49	8.89%
Knee	43	7.80%
Leg	37	6.72%
Foot/Toes	37	6.72%
Head with concussion	27	4.90%
Arm	27	4.90%
Ribs	26	4.72%
Ankle	24	4.36%
Head (simple frank injury)	22	3.99%
Specified multiple locations	22	3.99%
Face/Nose	18	3.27%
Elbow	16	2.90%
Neck	15	2.72%
Hip	15	2.72%
Wrist	12	2.18%
Chest/Trunk	11	2.00%
Mouth/Tooth	10	1.81%
Psychological	9	1.63%
Pelvic Bone, Muscles and Tendons	9	1.63%
Abdomen	8	1.45%
Eye	5	0.91%
Internal organs	4	0.73%
TOTAL	551	100%

INCURRED CLAIMS BY FINANCIAL YEAR



2022/23 CLAIMS BY MECHANISM OF INJURY		
Falls from a horse (or other height)	201	36.48%
Being struck by a horse	166	30.13%
Muscular stress while lifting, carrying or handling	47	8.53%
Being trapped between stationary and moving objects	44	7.99%
Falls on the same level (slips and falls)	38	6.90%
Repetitive Movement	13	2.36%
Being bitten by a horse	12	2.18%
Workplace conflict/stress	9	1.63%
Being hit by falling objects	9	1.63%
Hitting stationary objects	5	0.91%
Contact with machinery or moving objects	3	0.54%
Exposure to Chemical Substances	2	0.36%
Exposure to noise	1	0.18%
Exposure to environmental heat	1	0.18%
TOTAL	551	100%



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Siva Sivalingam
General Manager
Information Technology
(IT)

Introduction

This annual IT report outlines the accomplishments, challenges and future of the IT Department for the year 2023.

The report covers key areas including role and responsibilities, cyber security, data integrity, remote support and other significant aspects of our operations.

The IT Department continues to play a crucial role in supporting the organisation's technology needs. The following are a few key areas we focus on:

- **Infrastructure Management:** Maintaining and enhancing the organisation's IT infrastructure, including servers, networks and cloud services.
- **Application Support:** Ensuring the availability, security and functionality of critical applications for seamless business operations.
- **End-user Support:** Providing technical assistance to employees, resolving hardware and software issues and facilitating a positive user experience.
- **Cybersecurity Monitoring:** Cybersecurity remains a top priority for the IT Department. We implemented several measures to enhance our organisation's

resilience against cyber threats, implementing and overseeing security measures to safeguard against cyber threats and unauthorised access. We also strengthened endpoint protection mechanisms to reduce the risk of malware and ransomware attacks.

The Department has implemented an online Employee Training module and is about to roll it out to educate employees about cybersecurity best practices, thereby reducing the risk of social engineering attacks.

- **Data Management:** Ensuring data integrity, confidentiality and accessibility while complying with relevant regulations and standards is essential. Preserving the integrity of organisational data is crucial for business continuity and decision-making. Key efforts in 2023 to maintain data integrity included data backups and redundancy, as well as access control and permissions.

Conclusion

The IT Department has made significant strides in fulfilling its role and responsibilities, particularly in the realms of cybersecurity, data integrity and remote support.

Looking forward, we will continue to adapt and innovate, staying ahead of evolving technology trends and cyber threats, to best serve the organisation's needs in the coming year. Thank you for your continued trust and support.



An independent two-tier system of Appeal exists for persons aggrieved by penalties imposed by a Racing Authority in NSW.

Appeal Panel Members

Richard Beasley SC (Principal Member)	Kevin Langby	John Rouse
Judith Foley	Peter Losh	Phillip Santucci
Sandra Hudson	James Murphy	Sharon Skeggs
Paul Innes	John Nicholson	Colin Tuck
Anthony King	Steve Parr	Leo Vellis

Executive for Appeal Panel

Peter V'landys AM, Secretary

Kathy Reece, Appeals Coordinator

Avenue of Appeal

At the first level of Appeal, any person aggrieved by a decision of a Racing Authority has the choice of appealing to either one, but not both, of the following Appeal Bodies:

- The Appeal Panel, constituted under Section 45 of the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 (NSW), or
- In limited circumstances, the Racing Association in the region where the decision was made.

The second and final avenue of Appeal, the Racing Appeals Tribunal, is constituted under its own Act and can hear Appeals on certain matters from persons aggrieved by decisions of the Appeal Panel or Racing Authorities.

Appeal Panel

The Sydney-based Appeal Panel sat on 27 occasions during 2022/23, the Panel was chaired on those occasions as follows

Chaired By	Number of Occasions
Richard Beasley SC (Principal Member)	23
Leo Vellis	3
Phillip Santucci	1

Within those 27 sittings there were 44 charges Appealed. The Appeal on a further 7 charges were withdrawn either prior to or at the time of hearing.

Appellants are required to lodge a \$200 deposit, which may be refunded at the discretion of the Panel.

DECISION ON CHARGES

Area	Upheld	Dismissed	Penalty Varied	Withdrawn	\$200 Refunded	Total Charges
Appeal Panel	22	22	37	7	20	51
Racing Association	2	-	2	-	1	2

SUMMARY OF CHARGES APPLICABLE TO APPEAL CASES LODGED

Rule	Description	Amount
AR104(1)	A trainer must record any medication or treatment administered to any horse in the trainer's care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given.	1
AR115(1)(b)	A jockey or apprentice jockey must not, other than from his or her nominator, accept or agree to accept any money, gift, or other consideration in connection with a horse in a race without the consent of the Stewards and his or her nominator;	1
AR129(2)	A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that the rider's horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field	2
AR131(a)	A rider must not, in the opinion of the Stewards engage in careless, reckless, improper, incompetent or foul riding.	12
AR131(b)	A rider must not, in the opinion of the Stewards fail to ride his or her horse out to the end of the race and/or approaching the end of the race.	2
AR132(7)(a)(ii)	Subject to the other requirements in this rule prior to the 100 metre mark in a race, official trial or jump-out the whip must not be used on more than 5 occasions except where there have only been minor infractions and the totality of the whip use over the whole race is less than permitted under subrules (7)(a) and (b) and also having regard to the circumstances of the race, including distance and context of the race (such as a staying race or a rider endeavouring to encourage the rider's horse to improve).	2

SUMMARY OF CHARGES APPLICABLE TO APPEAL CASES LODGED

Rule	Description	Amount
AR139(1)(a)	A rider breaches these Australian Rules if a banned substance under AR 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider.	3
AR218(4)(b)	Without the permission of the Stewards, a person (including but not limited to a jockey) must not have in that person's possession in the jockeys' room any mobile telephone, tablet, radio transmitter, radio transceiver or any other appliance, apparatus, instrument, or equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information.	1
AR218(4)(c)	Without the permission of the Stewards, a person (including but not limited to a jockey) must not use in the jockeys' room any mobile telephone, tablet, radio transmitter, radio transceiver or any other appliance, apparatus, instrument or equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information.	1
AR227(b)	Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who attempts to commit, aids, abets, counsels, procures, connives at, approaches or requests another person to commit, conspires with another person to commit, or is a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules	1
AR228(a)	A person must not engage in conduct prejudicial to the image, interests, integrity, or welfare of racing, whether or not that conduct takes place within a racecourse or elsewhere.	4
AR228(b)	A person must not engage in misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour.	4
AR228(c)	A person must not engage in improper or insulting behaviour at any time towards a PRA, the Stewards, a Club, or any official, employee, contractor or agent of any of them in relation to the relevant person's functions, powers or duties.	1
AR229(1)(a)	A person must not engage in any dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, improper, or dishonourable action or practice in connection with racing.	2
AR231(1)(a)	A person must not commit or commission an act of cruelty to a horse or be in possession of any article or thing which, in the opinion of the Stewards, is capable of inflicting cruelty to a horse.	1
AR231(1)(b)(ii)	A person must not if the person is in charge of a horse – fail at any time to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to alleviate any pain inflicted upon or being suffered by the horse;	2
AR231(1)(b)(iii)	A person must not if the person is in charge of a horse – fail at any time to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment is necessary for the horse	2
AR232(a)(i)	A person must not obstruct or interfere with, or attempt to obstruct or interfere with, the conduct of a race meeting, race, official trial or jump-out.	1
AR232(c)(i)	A person must not while the Stewards are exercising their powers, performing their functions or carrying out their duties refuse to obey a reasonable direction of the Stewards.	1
AR232(c)(ii)	A person must not while the Stewards are exercising their powers, performing their functions or carrying out their duties, obstruct, hinder or delay the Stewards in exercising their powers, performing their functions or carrying out their duties.	1
AR233(c)	A person must not engage in sexual harassment of a person employed, engaged in, or participating in the racing industry.	1
AR240(2)	Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.	2
LR51(2)(a)(ii)	Racing NSW may grant any licence or permit upon such terms and conditions and for such period and for such locality as they may see fit, and may refuse to grant any such licence or permit without assigning any reason for such refusal, and may at any time cancel or suspend or vary without giving any reason any such licence registration or permit before the termination of the period for which such licence or permit was granted. It is a condition of any Licence that the licensee must notify Racing NSW within 14 days if the licensee is convicted of a criminal offence.	1
LR71A(a)	Except with the written permission of Racing NSW, any rider's agent who bets, has an interest in a bet, or facilitates a bet on any NSW race in which a rider whom the rider's agent represents (in accordance with AR2) is engaged to ride, commits an offence and may be penalised.	1
LR114(2)(c)	A registered owner, trainer or any person that is in charge of or has in his or her possession, control or custody of any horses (Eligible Horses, Unnamed Horses and Named Horses) must ensure that any such horses are provided at all times with stabling and paddocks of a standard approved by Racing NSW, which are adequate in size, which are adequately maintained and kept in a clean and sanitary condition	1
TOTAL		51

REPRESENTATION TABLE

	Dismissed	Upheld
Represented by Solicitor/Master	15	18
Represented Self	7	4
Totals	22	22

The Board gratefully acknowledges the time, effort and expertise that Appeal Panel members give towards this important part of the racing industry.

Racing Appeals Tribunal

Racing Appeals Tribunal comprised of:

David Armati, Racing Appeals Tribunal

Anthony Lo Surdo SC, Acting Racing Appeals Tribunal

Peter V'landys AM, Secretary Racing Appeals Tribunal

Kathy Reece, Appeals Coordinator

There were 4 Appeals determined by the Racing Appeals Tribunal during 2022/23 which comprised 4 charges:

Presided Over By	Dismissed	Upheld	Withdrawn
Mr D Armati	3	1	-
Total	3	1	-



RACING INDUSTRY CONSULTATION GROUP (RICG)

The Racing Industry Consultation Group ("RICG") was established by the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 with the main function of consulting with, and making recommendations to, Racing NSW concerning horse racing in the State.

RICG until recently was comprised of the following representatives of the following associations / organisations:

- NSW Trainers Association: Michael Callanan (Chairman)
- Australian Turf Club: Steve McMahon (Vice Chairman)
- Australian Turf Club: James Ross
- Provincial Racing Association: Peter De Vries
- Racing NSW Country: Bob Pavitt
- NSW Jockeys Association: Kerrin McEvoy (Tony Crisafi)
- NSW Racehorse Owners Association: Tony Mitevski
- Thoroughbred Breeders NSW: Hamish Esplin
- Unions NSW: Jeff Buhler

We thank all members of RICG for their valuable time and contributions throughout the financial year on all matters currently impacting the industry.

Each representative has an ear to, and voice for their members, which informs RICG of matters which should be explored with Racing NSW.

A special thank you to Peter De Vries for his years of contribution at Kembla Grange and as representative for the Provincial Racing Association. His measured and experienced critiques were always well received and his presence at RICG meetings will be missed, but predictably not at race meetings! RICG wishes Peter and his family the very best for the future.

Peter has been ably replaced by Daniel Lacey, Chief Executive Officer of Gosford Racing Club.

During the financial year 2022/2023 either Peter V'landys AM (CEO of Racing NSW) or Graeme Hinton (Chief Operating Officer for Racing NSW) have made their valuable time available at every meeting of RICG to inform member representatives of current initiatives and issues, and receive constructive feedback from member participants.

These initiatives and issues included interstate conflicts and comparatives, revenue trending, horse welfare initiatives, prizemoney uplifts, and strategic real estate acquisitions, where appropriate, to insulate currently racing facilities from adjoining communities.

The industry is concerned with improving the attraction for younger employees by introducing later commencing hours, also a Work, Health and Safety initiative.

Recently, Racing NSW announced the Equimillion partnership with Equestrian Australia for participation of retired racehorses for reward, a partnership foreshadowed many months earlier, and new weekly maiden races ('Super Maidens') which will financially assist Provincial and Country trainers and their owners recoup their respective investment and business costs that continue to rise.

On behalf of RICG, and the bodies it represents, we wish to record our thanks to Russell Balding AO (Chairman of Racing NSW) and his Board, Peter V'landys AM, Graeme Hinton and all of the staff of Racing NSW, and all race club managements for their dedicated commitment to the annual analysis and improvement of the racing industry in NSW.

Michael Callanan (Chairman) 13 August 2023

BREEDER OWNER BONUS SCHEME (BOBS)

Racing NSW's Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme has become the most popular racing incentive scheme in Australia since it began paying bonus prizemoney back in 2002.

BOBS has entered its 21st year and gets stronger each season, having paid out 1225 BOBS Silver bonuses during the 2022/23 racing season for a total of over \$11.2 million including bonuses and Double Up vouchers.

These figures show how successful the BOBS scheme is, but even more impressive when paired with BOBS Extra where last season an extra \$526,000 was distributed to owners of BOBS Extra horses.

BOBS continues to grow each season, with more breeders and owners nominating stallions and two-year-old horses – this, in turn, leads to more bonuses being paid out and therefore, more nominations.

And the fact that BOBS bonuses can be won at all NSW tracks (except in Group and some Listed Races), means that trainers and owners racing outside of the Metropolitan tracks can continue to race their horses closer to home, reducing travel and increasing the competition and class of racing at Provincial and Country racecourses.

BOBS SILVER BONUSES WON BY NUMBER PER MONTH

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
August	50	52	57	57
September	73	69	69	51
October	83	74	81	63
November	79	80	79	77
December	81	86	105	102
January	98	114	102	108
February	92	107	92	112
March	121	98	107	99
April	125	145	125	118
May	153	151	126	139
June	151	124	128	139
July	142	164	140	160
TOTAL	1248	1264	1211	1225



BOBS Horse of the Year, Insurrection (Zac Lloyd) lands a BOBS Silver Bonus at Royal Randwick. Image by Bradley Photographers

BOBS EXTRA BONUSES WON BY NUMBER PER MONTH

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
August	13	9	7	11
September	3	8	4	5
October	8	10	7	4
November	4	4	4	8
December	9	1	7	5
January	5	6	8	7
February	5	6	4	5
March	6	5	7	5
April	2	4	0	6
May	4	6	3	4
June	5	3	6	4
July	4	8	2	6
TOTAL	68	70	59	70

SEASON 2022/23

BOBS SILVER BONUS WINNERS SIRES BY VALUE

Stallion	Standing At	Bonuses	Wins
Capitalist	Newgate Stud	\$466,875	56
Snitzel	Arrowfield Stud	\$450,000	50
I Am Invincible	Yarraman Park Stud	\$430,313	54
Zoustar	Widden Stud	\$423,281	48
Russian Revolution	Newgate Stud	\$292,500	32
Hellbent	Newgate Stud	\$272,813	34
Sebring	Widden Stud	\$213,750	30
Winning Rupert	prev. Newgate Stud	\$210,937	19
Smart Missile	Twin Hills Stud	\$203,906	32
Deep Field	Newgate Stud	\$194,063	27
Lonhro	Godolphin Stud	\$191,250	20
Shalaa (IRE)	Arrowfield Stud	\$188,437	28

SEASON 2022/23

BOBS EXTRA BONUS WINNERS SIRES BY VALUE

Stallion	Standing At	Bonuses	Wins
Maurice (JPN)	Arrowfield Stud	\$45,000	4
Shamus Award	Widden Stud	\$40,000	4
Kermadec (NZ)	Godolphin Stud	\$40,000	3
Dundeel (NZ)	Arrowfield Stud	\$35,000	6
American Pharoah (USA)	Coolmore Stud	\$30,000	6
Sebring	Widden Stud	\$30,000	2
So You Think (NZ)	Coolmore Stud	\$25,000	4

**SEASON 2022/23
BOBS SILVER BONUS WINNING HORSES BY VALUE**

Horse	Sire	Trainer	Bonuses	Wins
Insurrection	Russian Revolution	Michael Freedman	\$78,750	4
Iowna Merc	Winning Rupert	Bjorn Baker	\$73,125	4
Mogo Magic	Duporth	Scott Collings	\$56,250	5
Semana	Winning Rupert	Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	\$50,625	5
Dashing Legend	Snitzel	Michael, Wayne & John Hawkes	\$50,625	4
Passagiata	Winning Rupert	Bjorn Baker	\$50,625	3
Token Capitalist	Capitalist	Annabel Neasham	\$50,625	3
Flashing Steel	Not A Single Doubt	Annabel Neasham	\$45,000	5
Brundenell	Russian Revolution	Kris Lees	\$45,000	4
King Of Naples	Your Song	John O'Shea	\$45,000	4
Kote	Choisir	Anthony Cummings	\$45,000	3
Rediener	Redoute's Choice	Chris Waller	\$45,000	3
Fire Lane	Hellbent	Brad Widdup	\$45,000	2
Yoshino	Lonhro	James Cummings	\$45,000	2

**SEASON 2022/23
BOBS EXTRA BONUS WINNING HORSES BY VALUE**

Horse	Sire	Trainer	Bonuses	Wins
Kirkeby	Kermadec (NZ)	Chris Waller	\$40,000	3
Rondino	Shamus Award	Gregory Hickman	\$30,000	2
Secret Glamour	Sebring	Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	\$30,000	2
Mikasa	Maurice (JPN)	John Thompson	\$20,000	2
Camaquey	Teofilo (IRE)	Kim Waugh	\$20,000	1
Global Ausbred	Maurice (JPN)	Brad Widdup	\$20,000	1
Raging Bull	Bull Point	David Payne	\$20,000	1
Thalassophile	Not A Single Doubt	Chris Waller	\$20,000	1
Too Much Cover	All Too Hard	Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	\$20,000	1

**SEASON 2022/23
LEADING BOBS SILVER WINNING TRAINER**

Trainer	Location	Bonuses	Wins
Chris Waller	Rosehill Gardens	\$675,000	57
James Cummings	Royal Randwick	\$534,375	54
Bjorn Baker	Warwick Farm	\$421,875	49
Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	Royal Randwick	\$399,375	41
Kris Lees	Newcastle	\$390,938	55
Annabel Neasham	Warwick Farm	\$376,875	45
Michael Freedman	Royal Randwick	\$320,625	35
Peter & Paul Snowden	Royal Randwick	\$264,375	35
John O'Shea	Royal Randwick	\$208,125	21
Ciaron Mahoner & David Eustace	Warwick Farm	#196,875	21

**SEASON 2022/23
LEADING BOBS EXTRA WINNING TRAINER**

Trainer	Location	Bonuses	Wins
Chris Waller	Rosehill Gardens	\$60,000	4
Gregory Hickman	Warwick Farm	\$45,000	5
Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	Royal Randwick	\$40,000	3
Brad Widdup	Hawkesbury	\$35,000	4
John Thompson	Royal Randwick	\$30,000	4
Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	Warwick Farm	\$30,000	2
Richard & Will Freedman	Rosehill Gardens	\$25,000	5
Kim Waugh	Wyong	\$25,000	2
David Payne	Rosehill Gardens	\$20,000	1

SOME QUICK FACTS ON BOBS

- In 2022/23 there were 1225 BOBS Silver bonuses paid
- Racing NSW has paid out more than \$185 million in bonus prizemoney since BOBS began 21 years ago
- Of the BOBS Silver bonuses won, two-year-old horses won 151 (8%) and three-year-old horses accounted for 1074 (92%) wins
- Some 14 of the 16 leading sires by value of bonuses are Australian-bred, and
- Since the double-up option was introduced in January 2005, more than \$60 million has been put back into the NSW Breeding Industry through this scheme, benefitting not just breeders, but also owners and trainers

NSW GROUP AND LISTED WINNERS

GR	FEATURE RACE	DIST	PRIZE \$	WINNER	TRAINER
1	WINX STAKES	1400	750,000	ANAMOE	JAMES CUMMINGS
1	GEORGE MAIN STAKES	1600	1,000,000	ANAMOE	JAMES CUMMINGS
1	GOLDEN ROSE STAKES	1400	1,000,000	JACQUINOT	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT JR
1	EPSOM HCP	1600	1,500,000	TOP RANKED (IRE)/ELLESBERG	RYAN&ALEXIOU/NEASHAM
1	THE METROPOLITAN	2400	750,000	NO COMPROMISE (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
1	FLIGHT STAKES	1600	750,000	ZOUGOTCHA	CHRIS WALLER
1	SPRING CHAMPION STAKES	2000	2,000,000	SHARP 'N' SMART (NZ)	GRAEME & DEBORAH ROGERSON
1	CHIPPING NORTON STAKES	1600	600,000	ANAMOE	JAMES CUMMINGS
1	SURROUND STAKES	1400	600,000	SUNSHINE IN PARIS	ANNABEL NEASHAM
1	RANDWICK GUINEAS	1600	1,000,000	COMMUNIST	MICHAEL FREEDMAN
1	CANTERBURY STAKES	1300	600,000	ARTORIUS	ANTHONY & SAM FREEDMAN
1	COOLMORE CLASSIC	1500	600,000	ESPIONA	CHRIS WALLER
1	GOLDEN SLIPPER STAKES	1200	5,000,000	SHINZO	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN
1	GEORGE RYDER STAKES	1500	1,000,000	ANAMOE	JAMES CUMMINGS
1	RANVET STAKES	2000	1,000,000	DUBAI HONOUR (IRE)	WILLIAM HAGGAS
1	ROSEHILL GUINEAS	2000	600,000	LINDERMANN	CHRIS WALLER
1	THE GALAXY	1100	1,000,000	MARIAMIA	JOSEPH PRIDE
1	THE BMW	2400	1,500,000	ARAPAHO (FR)	BJORN BAKER
1	VINERY STUD STAKES	2000	600,000	PROWESS (NZ)	ROBERT JAMES & ROBERT WELLWOOD
1	DONCASTER HANDICAP	1600	4,000,000	MR BRIGHTSIDE (NZ)	BEN & JD HAYES
1	T J SMITH STAKES	1200	3,000,000	I WISH I WIN (NZ)	PETER MOODY
1	ATC AUSTRALIAN DERBY	2400	2,000,000	MAJOR BEEL (NZ)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
1	ATC SIRES PRODUCE STAKES	1400	1,000,000	MILITARIZE (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
1	QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES	2000	5,000,000	DUBAI HONOUR (IRE)	WILLIAM HAGGAS
1	ATC OAKS	2400	1,000,000	PENNYWEKA (NZ)	JIM WALLACE
1	SYDNEY CUP	3200	2,000,000	EXPLOSIVE JACK (NZ)	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE
1	COOLMORE LEGACY	1600	1,000,000	ATISHU (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
1	ALL AGED STAKES	1400	1,500,000	GIGA KICK	CLAYTON DOUGLAS
1	CHAMPAGNE STAKES	1600	600,000	MILITARIZE (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
2	MISSILE STAKES	1200	250,000	HARD EMPIRE	TOBY & TRENT EDMONDS
2	SILVER SHADOW STAKES	1200	250,000	ZOUGOTCHA	CHRIS WALLER
2	CHELMSFORD STAKES	1600	250,000	KNIGHTS ORDER (IRE)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
2	FURIOUS STAKES	1200	250,000	NORTH STAR LASS	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
2	TRAMWAY HCP	1400	250,000	ZAABI (GB)	ANNABEL NEASHAM
2	THE RUN TO THE ROSE	1200	250,000	IN SECRET	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	THEO MARKS STAKES	1300	250,000	KIKU	CHRIS WALLER
2	SHERACO STAKES	1200	250,000	SHADES OF ROSE	BJORN BAKER
2	THE SHORTS	1100	1,000,000	NATURE STRIP	CHRIS WALLER
2	TEA ROSE STAKES	1400	250,000	ZOUGOTCHA	CHRIS WALLER
2	SHANNON STAKES	1500	250,000	SURF DANCER (IRE)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
2	GOLDEN PENDANT	1400	400,000	NIMALEE	MATTHEW SMITH
2	HILL STAKES	2000	1,000,000	CASCADIAN (GB)	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	PREMIERE STAKES	1200	1,000,000	LOST AND RUNNING (NZ)	JOHN O'SHEA
2	ROMAN CONSUL STAKES	1200	300,000	BEST OF BORDEAUX	KACY FOGDEN
2	CALLANDER PRESNELL	1600	1,000,000	GOLDEN MILE	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	THE INGHAM	1600	2,000,000	KIRWAN'S LANE (NZ)	JOHN O'SHEA
2	EXPRESSWAY STAKES	1200	200,000	MARIAMIA	JOSEPH PRIDE
2	APOLLO STAKES	1400	250,000	ANAMOE	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	LIGHT FINGERS STAKES	1200	250,000	IN SECRET	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	SILVER SLIPPER STAKES	1100	250,000	CYLINDER	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	HOBARTVILLE STAKES	1400	400,000	OSIPENKO (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
2	MILLIE FOX STAKES	1300	250,000	ELECTRIC GIRL	M, W & J HAWKES
2	SKYLINE STAKES	1200	250,000	CORNICHE	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	SWEET EMBRACE STAKES	1200	250,000	LAZZAGO	CHRIS WALLER
2	GUY WALTER STAKES	1400	200,000	HOPE IN YOUR HEART	KERRY PARKER
2	CHALLENGE STAKES	1000	500,000	PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE	GRAHAME BEGG
2	REISLING STAKES	1200	300,000	LEARNING TO FLY	ANNABEL NEASHAM
2	TODMAN STAKES	1200	300,000	CYLINDER	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	PHAR LAP STAKES	1500	250,000	ZOUGOTCHA	CHRIS WALLER
2	AJAX STAKES	1500	250,000	CEPEHUS (GB)	MATTHEW DUNN
2	TULLOCH STAKES	2000	250,000	TAPIDOODLEDO (NZ)	KERRY TAPLIN
2	EMANCIPATION STAKES	1500	250,000	ROOTS	CHRIS WALLER
2	CHAIRMAN'S HANDICAP	2600	300,000	SUREFIRE (GB)	CHRIS WALLER
2	ARROWFIELD 3YO SPRINT	1200	1,000,000	AFT CABIN	JAMES CUMMINGS
2	PERCY SYKES STAKES	1200	1,000,000	KRISTILLI	ANNABEL NEASHAM



GR	FEATURE RACE	DIST	PRIZE \$	WINNER	TRAINER
2	SAPPHIRE STAKES	1200	300,000	ZAPATEO	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	SHOW COUNTY QUALITY HCP	1200	200,000	SHOWMANSHIP (NZ)	DANNY O'BRIEN
3	TOY SHOW F-&-M QLTY HCP	1100	200,000	ZAPATEO	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	PREMIER'S CUP	1900	200,000	ARAPAHO (FR)	BJORN BAKER
3	UP AND COMING STAKES	1300	200,000	KIBOU	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	SAN DOMENICO STAKES	1100	200,000	SWEET RIDE	ANNABEL NEASHAM
3	CONCORDE STAKES	1000	500,000	EDUARDO	JOSEPH PRIDE
3	MING DYNASTY QUALITY HCP	1400	200,000	GOLDEN MILE	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	CAMERON HCP	1500	200,000	WILD CHAP	BRETT LAZZARINI
3	NEWCASTLE CUP	2300	250,000	DURSTON (GB)	CHRIS WALLER
3	TIBBIE STAKES	1400	200,000	HOPE IN YOUR HEART	KERRY PARKER
3	KINGSTON TOWN STAKES	2000	200,000	ALEGRON	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	BILL RITCHIE HANDICAP	1400	200,000	TOP RANKED (IRE)	ANNABEL NEASHAM
3	COLIN STEPHEN QUALITY	2400	160,000	GROVE FERRY (IRE)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	BREEDERS' PLATE	1000	200,000	EMPIRE OF JAPAN	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN
3	GIMCRACK STAKES	1000	200,000	PLATINUM JUBILEE	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	THE NIVISON	1200	200,000	SKY COMMAND	GARY PORTELLI
3	GLOAMING STAKES	1800	500,000	SHARP 'N' SMART (NZ)	GRAEME & DEBORAH ROGERSON
3	ANGST STAKES	1600	200,000	HOPE IN YOUR HEART	KERRY PARKER
3	CRAVEN PLATE	2000	750,000	CASCADIAN (GB)	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	SPRING STAKES	1600	200,000	PIEROSSA	CHRIS WALLER
3	FESTIVAL STAKES	1500	200,000	DAJRAAN (GB)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	SUMMER CUP	2000	200,000	DIAMIL (IRE)	JOHN O'SHEA
3	BELLE OF THE TURF STAKES	1600	240,000	DENY KNOWLEDGE (IRE)	MICHAEL KENT
3	WIDDEN STAKES	1100	160,000	LEARNING TO FLY	ANNABEL NEASHAM
3	CANONBURY STAKES	1100	160,000	RED RESISTANCE	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	ESKIMO PRINCE STAKES	1200	200,000	AFT CABIN	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	SOUTHERN CROSS STAKES	1200	200,000	QUANTICO	JOHN O'SHEA
3	TRISCAY STAKES	1200	200,000	PO KARE KARE (NZ)	BRYCE HEYS
3	LIVERPOOL CITY CUP	1300	200,000	THINK ABOUT IT	JOSEPH PRIDE
3	NEWCASTLE STAKES	1400	200,000	CROSS TALK (NZ)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	ASPIRATION QUALITY	1600	200,000	THALASSOPHILE	CHRIS WALLER
c	WENONA GIRL QUALITY	1200	200,000	JAL LEI	JOHN O'SHEA
3	KEITH F NOLAN CLASSIC	1600	200,000	PAVITRA	RICHARD & WILL FREEDMAN
3	MAGIC NIGHT STAKES	1200	200,000	STEEL CITY	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE
3	PAGO PAGO STAKES	1200	200,000	SHINZO	CHRIS WALLER
3	SKY HIGH STAKES	2000	350,000	PROTAGONIST (FR)	WILLIAM HAGGAS
3	MAURICE McCARTEN STAKES	1100	200,000	CANNONBALL	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN
3	BLACK OPAL STAKES	1200	200,000	AUTUMN BALLET	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	BIRTHDAY CARD STAKES	1200	200,000	ZAPATEO	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	EPONA STAKES	1900	200,000	GIN MARTINI (NZ)	JOHN SARGENT
3	N E MANION QUALITY CUP	2400	200,000	TIMOUR (FR)	CHRIS WALLER
3	T L BAILLIEU HANDICAP	1400	200,000	AMUR	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	NEVILLE SELLWOOD STAKES	2000	200,000	ZEYREK (FR)	M, W & J HAWKES
3	STAR KINGDOM STAKES	1200	200,000	BACCHANALIA	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	DONCASTER PRELUDE	1500	200,000	BANDERSNATCH	M, W & J HAWKES
3	ADRIAN KNOX QLTY STAKES	2000	200,000	ARTS	EDWARD CUMMINGS
3	CARBINE CLUB STAKES	1600	200,000	THE FORTUNE TELLER	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE
3	KINDERGARTEN STAKES	1100	200,000	LIBERTAD	ANNABEL NEASHAM
3	P J BELL STAKES	1200	200,000	MAGIC TIME	GRAHAME BEGG
3	JAPAN RACING ASSOC PLATE	2000	200,000	DIAMIL (IRE)	JOHN O'SHEA
3	FRANK PACKER PLATE	2000	200,000	OSIPENKO (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
3	JAMES H B CARR STAKES	1400	200,000	OLENTIA	CHRIS WALLER
3	HALL MARK STAKES	1200	200,000	VILANA	JAMES CUMMINGS
3	HAWKESBURY GOLD CUP	1600	200,000	NEW MANDATE (IRE)	CHRIS WALLER
3	HAWKESBURY CROWN	1300	200,000	PRINCESS GRACE (USA)	CHRIS WALLER
3	HAWKESBURY GUINEAS	1400	200,000	HAWAII FIVE OH	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
3	DARK JEWEL CLASSIC	1400	200,000	MORE PROPHETS	JOHN THOMPSON
LR	THE ROSEBUD	1100	160,000	ZOUKERINO	JAMES CUMMINGS
LR	ROWLEY MILE	1100	185,000	SKYMAN (GB)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	WYONG GOLD CUP	2100	200,000	DURSTON (GB)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	MONA LISA STAKES	1350	160,000	MEG	MATTHEW DALE
LR	HERITAGE STAKES	1100	160,000	ECONOMICS	ANNABEL NEASHAM
LR	DULCIFY 3YO QUALITY HCP	1600	250,000	WILLIAMSBURG	GERALD RYAN & STERLING ALEXIOU
LR	REGINALD ALLEN QLTY HCP	1400	160,000	A LOT MORE LOVE	GERALD RYAN & STERLING ALEXIOU

NSW GROUP AND LISTED WINNERS

GR	FEATURE RACE	DIST	PRIZE \$	WINNER	TRAINER
LR	SYDNEY STAKES	1100	2,000,000	ROCKETING BY	DAIVD PFIEFFER
LR	BRIAN CROWLEY STAKES	1200	200,000	KOTE	ANTHONY CUMMINGS
LR	SKIN FITNESS CUP	1400	160,000	KIRWAN'S LANE (NZ)	JOHN O'SHEA
LR	STARLIGHT STAKES	1100	160,000	ZETHUS	JAMES CUMMINGS
LR	ATC CUP	2000	160,000	BONNY EZRA (NZ)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	RAZOR SHARP HCP	1200	160,000	SKY COMMAND	GERALD RYAN & STERLING ALEXIOU
LR	CHRISTMAS CUP	2400	160,000	TORRENS	MARC CHEVALIER
LR	GOSFORD GUINEAS	1200	160,000	ANAVINCI	ANNABEL NEASHAM
LR	CANTEBURY SPRINT	1200	160,000	I AM ME	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE
LR	CARRINGTON STAKES	1400	160,000	CUBAN ROYALE	ROBERT & LUKE PRICE
LR	AUSTRALIA DAY CUP	2400	160,000	CHALK STREAM (GB)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	INGLIS MILLENNIUM	1200	2,000,000	LEARNING TO FLY	ANNABEL NEASHAM
LR	LONHRO PLATE	1000	160,000	MADEIRA SUNRISE	MICHAEL FREEDMAN
LR	PARRAMATTA CUP	1900	160,000	KING FRANKEL (IRE)	MARK NEWNHAM
LR	RANDWICK CITY STAKES	2000	160,000	SIR LUCAN (IRE)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	FIREBALL STAKES	1100	160,000	DASHING LEGEND	M, W & J HAWKES
LR	NATIONAL SPRINT	1400	150,000	ANOTHER ONE	GARY COLVIN
LR	CANBERRA CUP	2000	200,000	ARAPAHO (FR)	BJORN BAKER
LR	CANBERRA GUINEAS	1400	150,000	AVEBURY (NZ)	JOHN O'SHEA
LR	DARBY MUNRO STAKES	1200	160,000	OPAL RIDGE	LUKE PEPPER
LR	ALBURY CUP	2000	200,000	BELTORO	ROBERT HICKMOTT
LR	SOUTH PACIFIC CLASSIC	1400	160,000	RAZETA	KRIS LEES
LR	FERNHILL HANDICAP	1600	160,000	TOM KITTEN	JAMES CUMMINGS
LR	HAWKESBURY RUSH	1100	160,000	MALKOVICH	BJORN BAKER
LR	WAGGA WAGGA GOLD CUP	2000	200,000	WICKLOW (IRE)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	TAKEOVER TARGET STAKES	1200	200,000	THINK ABOUT IT	JOSEPH PRIDE
LR	GOSFORD GOLD CUP	2100	250,000	ESTI FENY (HUN)	MATTHEW SMITH
LR	SCONE CUP	1600	200,000	COMMANDO HUNT	CAMERON CROCKETT
LR	LUSKIN STAR STAKES	1300	160,000	OPAL RIDGE	LUKE PEPPER
LR	WOODLANDS STAKES	1100	160,000	HIP HIP HURRAH	MICHAEL FREEDMAN
LR	DENISE'S JOY STAKES	1100	160,000	RED CARD	JAMES CUMMINGS
LR	LORD MAYOR'S CUP	2000	160,000	BOIS D'ARGENT (GB)	ANNABEL NEASHAM
LR	ORTENSIA STAKES	1100	160,000	ATHELRIC	JAMES CUMMINGS
LR	WINTER CUP	2400	160,000	AL AABIR (IRE)	CHRIS WALLER
LR	BOB CHARLEY AO STAKES	1100	160,000	SPACEWALK	JAMES CUMMINGS
LR	W J MCKELL CUP	2400	160,000	ZOUMON	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
LR	CIVIC STAKES	1350	160,000	UCALLEDIT (NZ)	KRIS LEES
LR	WINTER STAKES	1400	160,000	UCALLEDIT (NZ)	KRIS LEES
LR	RAMORNIE HANDICAP	1200	200,000	THE BIG GOODBYE	ROBERT HEATHCOTE
LR	GRAFTON CUP	2350	200,000	ZOUMON	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT
LR	WINTER CHALLENGE	1500	160,000	BARBIE'S FOX	BEN & JD HAYES
RL	MM WYONG 2YO CLASSIC	1100	200,000	SOVEREIGN FUND	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN
	SILVER EAGLE	1300	1,000,000	VILANA	JAMES CUMMINGS
	THE EVEREST	1200	15,000,000	GIGA KICK	CLAYTON DOUGLAS
	THE KOSCIUSZKO	1200	2,000,000	FRONT PAGE	GEOFF DURYE A
	ST LEGER	2600	500,000	STOCKMAN (NZ)	JOSEPH PRIDE
	THE INVITATION	1400	2,000,000	PROMISE OF SUCCESS (GB)	JOHN O'SHEA
	GOLDEN EAGLE	1500	10,000,000	I WISH I WIN (NZ)	PETER MOODY
	NATURE STRIP STAKES	1300	3,000,000	PRIVATE EYE	JOSEPH PRIDE
	ROSEHILL GOLD CUP	2000	750,000	STAR OF INDIA (IRE)	ANNABEL NEASHAM
	HOT DANISH STAKES	1400	500,000	SHEEZA BELTER	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN
	GOLDEN GIFT	1100	1,000,000	BARBER	JAMES CUMMINGS
	THE HUNTER	1300	1,000,000	VILANA	JAMES CUMMINGS
	THE GONG	1600	1,000,000	RIODINI (NZ)	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT

Sadly, the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry lost many administrators and participants over the past year:

Mr Alan Barton
Mr Peter Bloomfield
Mr John Brien (Coonamble)
Mr Leslie Bryant
Mr Darryl (John) Cooper
Mr Robert Davies
Mr Rodney de Smet
Mrs Katrina Dimitropoulos
Mr Ian Finn
Mr Michael 'Tex' Gillham (Gulgong)
Mr Des Gollan Snr

Mr Tommy Good
Mr Greg Hook
Mr Jim Johnstone
Mrs Anne Kelly
Mr Richard Kimpton
Ms Gwenda Markwell
Mr Bob Milligan
Mr Graham Orr
Mr Reg Paine (Cowra)
Mr Phil Sweeney
Mr Norm Thomason



Kembla Grange institution, trainer Gwenda Markwell [with former jockey Corey Brown], sadly passed away in October last year. Image by Bradley Photographers



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME



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	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Sale of Goods - Publications	4(i)	299,464	369,649
Sale of Services	4(ii)	40,327,246	26,749,712
Workers Compensation Fund Premiums & Other Revenue	4(iii)	17,649,412	15,688,552
First Charge	4(iv)	9,237,073	9,928,153
Interest other parties	4(vi)	8,807,507	1,582,968
Wagering Revenue	4(v)	335,002,506	314,108,882
Outside Broadcast	4(xxxi)	6,265,146	5,924,862
Horse Welfare (1.5% of prize money)	4(xxxii)	3,946,238	4,320,723
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		421,534,592	378,673,501
EXPENSES			
Management of Capital Expenditure	4(viii)	2,587,532	2,640,756
Board	4(x)	741,748	662,674
Analytical	4(xi)	204,609	183,164
Finance	4(xii)	748,975	712,471
Administration and Executive	4(xiii)	6,809,518	6,456,797
Legal	4(xiv)	693,093	245,634
Licensing	4(xv)	462,322	342,596
Payments made to sustain minimum prizemoney, promotions, and other commitments	4(xvi) & 17(d)	303,255,775	250,982,197
Collection of Race Fields receipts	4(xvii)	236,027	196,839
Race Results	4(xviii)	15,000	15,006
Cost of Goods Sold - Publications	4(xix)	380,986	316,771
Laboratory	4(xx)	3,556,942	3,469,566
Handicapping	4(xxi)	422,500	445,199
Stewards & Integrity	4(xxii)	6,373,313	5,665,532
Veterinary	4(xxiii)	1,446,343	1,017,533
Syndicates	4(xxiv)	119,748	184,228
Stakes Payments	4(xxv)	242,255	264,164
Information Technology	4(xxvi)	1,156,265	1,141,090
Racing Office	4(xxvii)	58,091	70,165
Marketing and media	4(xxviii)	1,381,217	1,311,052
Outside Broadcast	4(xxxi)	6,427,484	6,194,190
Workers Compensation Fund Expenses	4(xxxix)	23,514,893	17,427,042
Financing Costs	4(xxx)	128,593	97,649
Horse Welfare	4(xxxii)	3,948,111	4,313,712
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Assets	4(vii)	(142,009)	(123,488)
Drawdown on Race Fields provision	17(b)	(239,512)	(700,998)
Provision for Prizemoney Sustainability	17(g)	41,105,697	65,382,000
Provision for possible future Workers' Compensation liabilities	18	4,646,872	(910,688)
TOTAL EXPENSES		410,282,388	368,002,853
Share of profit of associate (Racing Australia "RA")	10	747,723	764,540
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX		11,999,927	11,435,187
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		-	-
PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		11,999,927	11,435,187
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		11,999,927	11,435,187

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

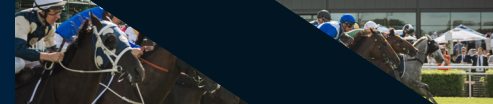
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	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	65,729,049	169,015,851
Trade and Other Receivables	7	63,313,041	37,982,987
Other Current Assets	8	170,810	180,428
Other Financial Assets	9	251,667,281	92,998,923
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		380,890,181	300,178,189
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other Financial Assets	9	1,834,647	85,886,620
Investment Accounted for Using the Equity Method	10	14,175,018	13,427,295
Other Non-Current Receivables	14(a)	18,978,579	26,468,014
Intangible Assets	14(b)	1,517,161	12,884
Property, Plant and Equipment - Land & Buildings	11	152,660,346	122,008,014
Property, Plant and Equipment - Other	12	15,937,411	14,079,145
Investment Property	13	2,634,601	2,689,821
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		207,737,763	264,571,793
TOTAL ASSETS		588,627,944	564,749,982
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	15	66,023,401	98,487,486
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	16	27,688,711	25,470,093
Employee Provisions	17(a)	2,005,995	2,113,562
Race Fields Provisions	17(b)	7,500,000	7,500,000
Capital Expenditure Provision	17(c)	7,000,000	7,000,000
Clubs Sustainment Provision	17(d)	22,000,000	7,000,000
Horse Welfare Provision	17(e)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	17(g)	16,345,500	16,345,500
Workers Compensation Provisions	18	17,097,977	15,498,866
Other Liabilities	19	8,853,112	9,143,720
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		175,514,696	189,559,227
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	16	3,029,947	2,837,709
Employee Provisions	17(a)	1,134,703	1,443,226
Race Fields Provisions	17(b)	31,634,179	31,873,690
Capital Expenditure Provision	17(c)	109,404,415	120,298,812
Clubs Sustainment Provision	17(d)	14,012,058	21,532,574
Horse Welfare Provision	17(e)	18,153,468	17,193,773
Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	17(g)	90,142,197	49,036,500
Workers Compensation Provisions	18	44,678,246	42,020,933
Other Liabilities	19	142,590	172,020
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		312,331,803	286,409,237
TOTAL LIABILITIES		487,846,499	475,968,464
NET ASSETS		100,781,445	88,781,518
EQUITY			
Reserves	20	100,781,445	88,781,518
Accumulated Surplus	21	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY		100,781,445	88,781,518

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY



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	Note	Reserves \$	Accumulated Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 30 June 2021		77,346,331	-	77,346,331
Profit for the year		-	11,435,187	11,435,187
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	20	11,435,187	(11,435,187)	-
Balance at 30 June 2022		88,781,518	-	88,781,518
Profit for the year	-		11,999,927	11,999,927
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	20	11,999,927	(11,999,927)	-
Balance at 30 June 2023		100,781,445	-	100,781,445

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW



	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		453,017,641	389,390,971
Payments to suppliers and employees		(448,388,400)	(282,432,850)
Interest received		8,623,294	1,398,755
Finance costs		(128,593)	(97,649)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5(b)	13,123,942	108,259,227
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Short term Investment		(74,626,385)	(174,607)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(36,687,249)	(52,039,720)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		261,048	410,529
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(111,052,586)	(51,803,798)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of loans to/(from) related parties		(5,358,158)	(383,952)
NET CASH PROVIDED / (USED) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(5,358,158)	(383,952)
(DECREASE)/NET INCREASE IN CASH		(103,286,802)	56,071,476
Cash at beginning of the year		169,015,851	112,944,375
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	5(a)	65,729,049	169,015,851

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements cover Racing NSW as an individual entity. Racing NSW is a not-for-profit entity that was established by the Thoroughbred Racing Act, 1996 of the NSW State Parliament.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take account of the changing values of money, or except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

(b) Accounting Policies

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of Property, Plant and Equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Plant and equipment

At each end of reporting period, the directors review a number of factors affecting plant and equipment, including their carrying values, to determine which of these assets, grouped into cash-generating units, may be impaired. If impairment indicators exist, the recoverable amount of the assets, being the higher of the assets' "fair value less costs to sell" and "value in use", are compared to the carrying values. Any excess of the assets' carrying value over their recoverable amount is expensed as an impairment expense.

As the future economic benefits of Racing NSW's assets are not primarily dependent on their ability to generate net cash inflows and if deprived of the asset, Racing NSW will replace the asset's remaining future economic benefits. "Value in use" is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of the asset, rather than by using discounted future cash flows]

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is calculated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to Racing NSW commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each end of reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the profit or loss.

	Depreciation Rate
Laboratory Equipment	10.00-33.33%
Building Fitout, Furniture & Equipment	10.00-33.33%
Office & Other Equipment	2.50-33.33%
Motor Vehicles	20.00%
Buildings	2.00%

Leases:

Lease payments for short term leases where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor are charged as expenses on a straight line basis over the lease term in the period in which they are incurred.

(d) Financial assets

Classification

Racing NSW classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through the profit or loss and loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

(i) Financial Assets designated at Fair Value through the Profit or Loss:

Cash on Deposit is a financial asset designated at fair value through the profit or loss. This financial asset supports the Workers Compensation and Race Fields Capital Development provision, Capital Expenditure Provision and Retained Earnings. In line with AASB 1023 'General Insurance Contracts', fair valuing these assets through the profit or loss eliminates recognition inconsistencies that would arise if the assets were classified as available for sale or measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Loans and Receivables:

Loans and Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets. Loans and receivables are included in Trade and Other Receivables (Note 7) in the statement of financial position.

Recognition and Derecognition

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date - the date on which Racing NSW commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial Assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through the profit or loss. Financial assets carried at fair value through the profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the profit or loss. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and Racing NSW has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Subsequent Measurement

Loans and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets designated at fair value through the profit or loss' category are presented in the profit or loss within other income or other expenses in the period in which they arise. Dividend income from financial assets designated at fair value through the profit or loss is recognised in the profit or loss as part of revenue from continuing operations when Racing NSW's right to receive payments is established. Details of how the fair value of financial instruments is determined is disclosed in Note 29.

Impairment

Racing NSW assesses at each end of reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

e) Receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. All trade receivables, with the exception of those relating to Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme "BOBS", are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition. BOBS receivables are able to be deferred for 12 months.

Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. An allowance account is used when there is objective evidence that Racing NSW will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor



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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

e) Receivables (cont.)

will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the profit or loss. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectable in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the provision.

(f) Investment in Associates

Associates are those entities over which Racing NSW is able to exert significant influence but which are not subsidiaries.

A joint venture is an arrangement that Racing NSW controls jointly with one or more other investors, and over which Racing NSW has rights to a share of the arrangement's net assets rather than direct rights to underlying assets and obligations for underlying liabilities. A joint arrangement in which Racing NSW has direct rights to underlying assets and obligations for underlying liabilities is classified as a joint operation.

Investments in associates and joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. Interests in joint operations are accounted for by recognising Racing NSW's assets (including its share of any assets held jointly), its liabilities (including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly), its revenue from the sale of its share of the output arising from the joint operation, its share of the revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation and its expenses (including its share of any expenses incurred jointly).

Any goodwill or fair value adjustment attributable to Racing NSW's share in the associate or joint venture is not recognised separately and is included in the amount recognised as investment.

The carrying amount of the investment in associates and joint ventures is increased or decreased to recognise Racing NSW's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate and joint venture, adjusted where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies of Racing NSW.

Unrealised gains and losses on transactions between Racing NSW and its associates and joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of Racing NSW's interest in those entities. Where unrealised losses are eliminated, the underlying asset is also tested for impairment.

(g) Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances

Foreign currency transactions during the year are converted to Australian currency at the rates of exchange applicable on the date the invoice is paid.

(h) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for Racing NSW's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to end of reporting period. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. Contributions are made by Racing NSW to accumulation employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

A liability or asset in respect of defined benefit superannuation is recognised in the provision for employee benefits, and is measured as the difference between the present value of employee's accrued benefits at the reporting date and the net market value of the superannuation fund's assets at that date.

The present value of accrued benefits is based on expected future payments which arise from membership of the fund to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employees' departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms of maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. The amount charged to the profit or loss in respect of superannuation represents the contributions made by Racing NSW to the superannuation fund, adjusted by the movement in the liability.

(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and at bank, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

(j) Revenue

The entity recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the entity: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

(k) Trade, Stakes Payments and Other Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to Racing NSW prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(l) Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme

Racing NSW administers the Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme ("BOBS") on behalf of the Industry. BOBS is an incentive scheme designed to develop the NSW racing and breeding industry. Stallions standing in New South Wales and their progeny conceived in New South Wales are eligible to be nominated for the scheme. Stallion owners pay a fee to nominate their stallion to participate in BOBS. Owners of eligible progeny of participating stallions also pay nomination fees

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(l) Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme (cont.)

in respect of each eligible progeny which participates in the scheme. Racing NSW supplements the scheme funds with a First Charge from the TAB distributions.

Where a participating progeny of a participating stallion wins a race at a registered meeting in New South Wales, a BOBS bonus is paid to the owners of the horse and of the stallion according to published criteria. Owners may supplement the amount of the bonus by electing to credit the bonus towards the purchase of BOBS - eligible yearlings at designated sales rather than receive a cash payment. A management fee is applied to cover the costs of administering BOBS. Any deficit in the funds allocated to BOBS as at the end of a financial year is covered by increasing the funding to BOBS in the next financial year. Any surplus at the end of a financial year is carried forward to be applied under the scheme in future periods.

(m) Finance Costs

Finance costs are expensed when incurred.

(n) Workers Compensation Insurance

Premiums received are recognised from the attachment date and are measured over the period of insurance in a pattern in accordance with the incidence of risk. Liabilities for outstanding claims are recognised for direct and inwards reinsurance business and measured as the central estimate of the present value of the expected future payments for claims incurred with an additional risk margin to allow for the inherent uncertainty in the central estimate. The expected future payments include amounts in relation to unpaid reported claims, claims incurred but not reported (IBNR), claims incurred but not enough reported (IBNER) and costs, including claims handling costs, which the insurer expects to incur in settling these incurred claims. The outstanding claims liability is discounted for the time value of money using risk-free discount rates that are based on current observable, objective rates that relate to the nature, structure and term of the future obligations.

(o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the costs of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(p) Government Grants

Grants from the Government are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and Racing NSW will comply with all attached conditions. Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

(q) Provisions

Provisions for Race Fields Infrastructure, Capital Expenditure, Club Sustainment, Horse Welfare, Prizemoney Sustainability, legal claims, service warranties and make good obligations are recognised when Racing NSW has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

(r) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

No critical accounting estimates and judgements have been required to be made in the preparation of the financial report other than:

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(i) Estimation of Insurance Liabilities (Refer Note 30)

(ii) Control of Workers' Compensation Fund: Management have determined that Racing NSW ultimately has the underwriting risk of the workers compensation fund and therefore has control of the fund (Refer to note 18).

(iii) Race Fields provision (Refer Note 17(b))

(iv) Capital Expenditure Provision (Refer Note 17(c))

(v) Club sustainment provision (Refer Note 17 (d))

(vi) Horse Welfare provision (Refer Note 17 (e))

(vii) Prizemoney Sustainability provision (refer Note 17 (g))

(s) Investment Property

Investment Properties are held to generate long-term rental yields and/or for capital appreciation. All tenants' leases are on an arm's length basis. Investment properties are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation calculated at a straight line depreciation rate of 2.00% (Refer Note 13).

(t) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

(i) Changes in Accounting Policy and Disclosures

New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements

Racing NSW has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

The impact of these changes is immaterial.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

New standards adopted as at 1 July 2019

Racing NSW has applied the following standards, interpretations and amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 July 2019:

- AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
Racing NSW has adopted AASB 15 from 1 July 2018. The standard provides a single comprehensive model for revenue recognition. The core principle of the standard is that an entity shall recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard introduced a new contract-based revenue recognition model with a measurement approach that is based on an allocation of the transaction price. This is described further in the accounting policies below. Credit risk is presented separately as an expense rather than adjusted against revenue. Contracts with customers are presented in an entity's statement of financial position as a receivable.

(u) Accounting standards issued, not yet effective

Certain new and revised accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2023 reporting period. These accounting standards are expected to have no impact upon Racing NSW.

NOTE 2: CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS

Racing NSW - Administration includes the administrative functions of Racing NSW in accordance with the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996. Racing NSW provides the independent integrity functions of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry including Licensing, Stewards, Veterinary and Laboratory. In addition it provides the co-ordination of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry including race programming, stakes payments and industry training. Also included are Racing Colours Registration, NSW Racing Magazine, Syndicates, Leases and Transfers and the Racing NSW Insurance Fund separately. The consolidated results encompass all divisions noted above.



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NOTE 3: INCOME TAX

Racing NSW being a non-profit organisation established for the promotion of thoroughbred racing is exempt from Income Tax pursuant to the provisions of Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1997), as amended.

NOTE 4: STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

- (i) Sale of Goods - Publications represents income derived from the sale of advertising space in the NSW Racing Magazine as well as subscriptions to NSW Racing Magazine by industry participants and customers.
- (ii) Sale of Services represents income derived from the sale of services to the racing industry - including stewards, handicapping, laboratory, veterinary, race results, syndicates and stakes payments.
- (iii) Workers Compensation Fund Premiums and Other Revenue represents premiums, charges, reinsurance recoveries and other revenues of the Racing NSW Workers Compensation Fund other than those disclosed elsewhere in the profit or loss. (Refer to Note 30).
- (iv) First Charge represents a charge to the industry based on the budgeted expenditure for the year.
- (v) Wagering Revenue includes Race field fees and interest, tax parity revenue, point of consumption tax revenue, odds and evens revenue, Everest slot revenue, revenue from Kosciusko ticket sales, sponsorship revenue and prizemoney subsidies.
- (vi) Interest other parties represents interest income as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest from Cash at Bank	6,762,693	1,064,994
Interest from Cash on Deposit	2,044,814	517,974
	8,807,507	1,582,968

- (vii) (Gain) / Loss on Disposal of Assets represents net amounts received on sale or trade in of assets, less the carrying value of these assets.
- (viii) Management of Race Fields capital expenditure includes staff, motor vehicles and travel expenses associated with the management of Race Fields Capital expenditure and other Capital Expenditure on race tracks throughout New South Wales.
- (ix) Interest from workers compensation includes interest earned from workers comp term deposits.
- (x) Board includes directors' fees and office costs associated with the board of Racing NSW.
- (xi) Analytical includes staff, software and office costs associated with providing specialised analytical information.
- (xii) Finance includes staff, software and office costs associated with providing finance and accounting support.
- (xiii) Administration and Executive represent the administrative costs of Racing NSW including executive, property, human resources, appeals, consultants as well as support to the Provincial Association and Racing NSW Country.
- (xiv) Legal represents the cost of managing legal matters and litigation, including staff costs and external representation.
- (xv) Licensing expenditure represents staff and office costs associated with the derivation of this income stream.
- (xvi) Payments made to sustain minimum prize money, promotions and other commitments.
- (xvii) Collection of Race Fields receipts represents staff and office costs associated with the management of Race Fields information use and collection of fees.
- (xviii) Race Results expenditure represents staff, consultants and office costs associated with the deriving of income for the provision of race result information.
- (xix) Cost of Goods Sold - Publications expenditure includes staff and office costs as well as all production, distribution and selling costs.
- (xx) Laboratory expenditure includes staffing, depreciation of capital expenditure, consumables and occupancy costs.
- (xxi) Handicapping expenditure includes staff and office costs.
- (xxii) Stewards' expenditure includes staffing costs, shorthand writers and office costs.
- (xxiii) Veterinary expenditure includes staff, research horses, consumables and office costs.
- (xxiv) Syndicates expenditure includes staffing and office costs.
- (xxv) Stakes Payments costs include staffing, consultants, system development, bank charges and office costs.
- (xxvi) Information Technology represents the cost of providing an IT platform to Racing NSW and supporting staff costs.
- (xxvii) Racing Office represents the cost of coordinating race dates and programming throughout NSW.
- (xxviii) Marketing and media costs include staff, consultants and promotional costs.
- (xxix) Workers Compensation Insurance Fund. This Fund is designed to provide workers compensation insurance cover for employees of NSW Racing Clubs, Associations, owners and trainers of racehorses against liability relating to injury, loss or damage either sustained or caused by jockeys, apprentices, stable hands, workers, servants, employees or agents in their employment or acting on their behalf pursuant to NSW Work Cover legislation. Effective from 1 August 2022 the Claims Management of the fund has been outsourced to Gallagher Bassett. (Refer to Note 30).
- (xxx) Financing costs include interest expense, bank charges and bank guarantee fees.
- (xxxi) Outside broadcast revenue includes revenue from clubs for providing broadcasting services, revenue from Sky Racing television network and revenue from providing broadcasting services and equipment for hire. Outside broadcast expense includes staffing, travel costs associated with providing Broadcasting images.
- (xxxii) Horse Welfare income includes income from 1.5% of prizemoney from 1 Sept 2022 and income from sale of retrained thoroughbred horses. Horse welfare income is allocated to staff costs, office costs, horse feed, veterinary, and horse welfare costs associated with retraining and sale of thoroughbred horses. Costs for Horse welfare reduced during the year due to efficiencies from providing hay from Racing NSW owned farms and also due to a lower number of horses on Racing NSW properties during the year.

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NOTE 4: STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CONT.)

(xxxiii) Other income includes fair value adjustments on properties purchased by Racing NSW, grants and other income received
(xxiv) Racing NSW's revenue disaggregated by pattern of revenue recognition is all revenue is recognised at a point in time (\$421,534,592).

The profit has been determined after:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Finance Costs		
Bank Charges	40,833	31,372
Bank Guarantee	87,760	66,277
Total Finance Costs	128,593	97,649
Depreciation and impairment expense of non-current assets		
- Land and Building Depreciation Expense	203,879	203,881
- Plant and Equipment Depreciation Expense	3,853,730	3,552,575
- Investment Property Depreciation Expense	55,220	55,220
Total Depreciation and Impairment Expense	4,112,829	3,811,676
Rental Expense on Operating Leases	44,810	43,222
Bad and Doubtful Debts		
- Trade Debtors written off / (recovered)	5,717	10,943
Total Bad and Doubtful Debts	5,717	10,943
Total (Gain)/Loss on disposal of non-current assets:		
- Property, Plant and Equipment	(142,009)	(123,488)
Total (Gain)/Loss on disposal of non-current assets:	(142,009)	(123,488)
Remuneration of Auditor		
- Audit Services	120,510	112,320
Total Remuneration of Auditor	120,510	112,320
Employee Benefits Expense (excluding Superannuation)	22,332,998	20,377,045
Defined Contribution Superannuation Expense	1,869,255	1,643,141
Insurance Claim Liability Expenses (Refer Note 18):		
Gross Increase / (Decrease) in Provision relating to Insurance Claims Liability as recommended by the Actuary	4,256,424	4,255,535
Less Gross (Decrease) / Increase in Reinsurance Recoveries relating to Insurance Claims Liability as recommended by the Actuary	390,448	(5,166,223)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Provision relating to Insurance Claims Liability as recommended by the Actuary	4,646,872	(910,688)

NOTE 5: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash and Cash Equivalents	65,729,049	169,015,851
	65,729,049	169,015,851

As at 30 June 2023, Racing NSW had no credit facilities in place.

b) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operating Activities

Profit after Income Tax	11,999,927	11,435,187
Profit / (Loss) on Sale of Assets	142,009	123,488
Depreciation	4,112,829	3,811,676
Share of (profit) in associate (RA)	(747,723)	(764,540)
Increase in value of Asset through fair value	-	-
	15,507,042	14,605,811
(Increase)/ Decrease in Trade Debtors	(22,172,816)	(5,257,889)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Prepayments	9,618	(14,860)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Trade Creditors and Other Creditors	(32,467,546)	38,089,508
(Increase)/ Decrease in Other Non-Current Receivables	7,489,435	(20,500,680)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Race Fields Provision	(239,511)	(628,998)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Capital Expenditure Provision	(10,894,397)	(2,084,139)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Workers Compensation Provision	4,256,424	4,255,535
Increase/ (Decrease) in Other Liabilities	(320,039)	(1,706,183)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Club Sustainment Provision	7,479,484	14,993,366
Increase/ (Decrease) in Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	2,410,856	2,513,563
Increase/ (Decrease) in Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	41,105,697	65,382,000
Increase/ (Decrease) in Horse Welfare Provisions	959,695	(1,382,128)
	(2,383,100)	93,659,096
Cash Flows from operating activities	13,123,942	108,259,227

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	24,608,353	100,382,828
Cash at Bank - Redevelopment Grant (Restricted)	17,742	17,742
Cash at Bank - Term Deposits (Maturity of less than 90 days at time of investment)	41,102,954	68,615,281
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	65,729,049	169,015,851

The Cash at Bank bears floating interest rates between 2.45% and 4.15% (2022: 0% and 1.45%). Cash at bank - Redevelopment Grant (Restricted) bears interest rates of between 2.45% and 4.10% (2022: 0.20% and 0.95%). The Cash on Deposit - Workers Compensation are pledged as security for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited ("CBA") to Work Cover (Note 18).

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade Debtors	11,673,920	9,551,291
Provision for expected credit losses	(486,166)	(480,450)
Sundry Debtors	39,496,819	23,525,181
Amounts receivable from associated entities:		
- Racing NSW Country Limited	507,364	(4,854,255)
Reinsurance Recoveries Receivable	3,426,970	3,441,541
Amounts receivable - Loans to Clubs	6,220,000	6,220,000
Stakes Payment Debtors	2,474,134	579,679
Total Receivables	63,313,041	37,982,987

Sundry Debtors includes outstanding Race Fields fees, accrued interest, accrued Tabcorp receipts.

Amounts Receivable - Loans to Clubs is made up of the following:

- Loan to Ballina Jockey Club	180,000	180,000
- Loan to Lismore Turf Club	40,000	40,000
- Loan to Australian Turf Club (Construction of Winx Grandstand)	6,000,000	6,000,000
	6,220,000	6,220,000

NOTE 8: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	120,098	114,216
	120,098	114,216
Total cost of purchase of Inventory	150,591	146,831
Total Costs of Goods Sold	(99,879)	(80,619)
Total value of stock available for sale	50,712	66,212
Total Other Current Assets	170,810	180,428

NOTE 9: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Current	251,677,281	92,998,923
Non Current	1,834,647	85,886,620
Total Financial Assets	253,511,928	178,885,543
Cash on Deposit - Workers' Compensation Insurance	32,189,415	299,568
Cash on Deposit	221,322,513	178,585,975
	253,511,928	178,885,543

Other financial assets include term deposits with maturity of greater than 90 days. A portion of this balance is subject to bank guarantees as stated in Note 23.

NOTE 10: INVESTMENT IN RACING AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED ("RA")

Investment in RA	14,175,018	13,427,295
	14,175,018	13,427,295

Racing NSW has one material joint venture

Name of the Joint Venture	Country of Incorporation & Principal Place of Business	Principal Activity	Proportion of Ownership Interests Held by the Group	
Racing Australia Pty Ltd (RA)	Australia	Maximising benefits of racing Information	35%	35%

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 10: INVESTMENT IN RACING AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED ("RA")(CONT.)		
The investment in RA is accounted for using the equity method in accordance with AASB 128.		
Summarised financial information for RA is set out below:		
Current assets (a)	14,082,921	13,781,822
Non-current assets	32,404,158	31,284,582
Total Assets	46,487,079	45,066,404
Current liabilities (b)	5,847,394	6,426,854
Non-current liabilities (c)	228,237	364,454
Total Liabilities	6,075,631	6,791,308
Revenue	15,946,248	16,544,475
Profit for the year	2,136,352	2,184,399
Depreciation and amortisation	2,888,357	2,531,419
Interest income	119,493	11,447
a) Includes cash and cash equivalents		
b) Includes financial liabilities (excludes trade and other payable provisions)		
c) Includes financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)		
Movement in carrying amounts:		
At the beginning of the financial year	13,427,295	12,662,755
Share of RA profit current year	747,723	764,540
At the end of the year	14,175,018	13,427,295
NOTE 11: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - BUILDINGS		
Buildings - at cost	10,184,085	10,184,085
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,765,666)	(2,561,787)
Total Buildings	7,418,419	7,622,298
Movement in carrying amounts:		
Balance at beginning of year	7,622,298	7,826,179
Additions	-	-
Transfers from investment to owner-occupied property	-	-
Depreciation expense	(203,879)	(203,881)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	7,418,419	7,622,298
Equine Welfare property includes the following:		
Equine Welfare Property - at cost	26,792,753	26,792,753
Less accumulated depreciation	(139,130)	(113,544)
Total Equine Welfare Property	26,653,623	26,679,209
Equine Welfare property includes the following:		
Equine Welfare Property - at cost	26,679,209	26,704,795
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(25,586)	(25,586)
Total Equine Welfare Property	26,653,623	26,679,209
Other property includes the following:		
Other Property - at cost	118,588,304	87,706,506
Less accumulated depreciation	-	-
Total Other Property	118,588,304	87,706,506
Other property includes the following:		
Other Property - at cost	87,706,506	40,512,743
Additions	30,881,798	47,193,762
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-
Total Other Property	118,588,304	87,706,506
Total Equine Welfare and other property	145,241,927	114,385,715
Movement in carrying amounts:		
Balance at beginning of year	114,385,716	67,217,538
Additions	30,881,798	47,193,764
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(25,587)	(25,586)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	145,241,927	114,385,716
Total Property, Plant and Equipment - Land & Buildings	152,660,347	122,008,014

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 12: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - OTHER		
Plant and Equipment - at cost	43,987,111	38,497,835
Less accumulated depreciation	(28,049,700)	(24,418,690)
Total Plant and Equipment	15,937,411	14,079,145
Movement in Carrying Amounts		
Balance at Beginning of Year	14,079,145	13,987,967
Additions	5,821,831	3,646,670
Disposals	(119,039)	(287,041)
Depreciation Expense	(3,828,144)	(3,526,990)
Transfer from WIP	(108,860)	(35,154)
Movement in WIP	92,478	293,693
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	15,937,411	14,079,145
Plant and equipment above is comprised of the following categories:		
Laboratory Equipment - at cost	7,579,451	6,503,929
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,778,087)	(5,485,420)
Total Laboratory Equipment	1,801,364	1,018,509
Movement in carrying amounts		
Balance at beginning of year	1,018,509	1,121,911
Additions	1,075,522	128,047
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(292,667)	(231,449)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	1,801,364	1,018,509
Building Fit-out, Furniture and Fittings - at cost	3,942,846	3,942,846
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,255,664)	(2,961,679)
Total Building Fit-out, Furniture and Fittings	687,182	981,167
Movement in carrying amounts		
Balance at beginning of year	981,167	1,245,253
Additions	-	28,700
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(293,985)	(292,786)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	687,182	981,167
Office and Other Equipment - at cost	7,258,210	5,783,681
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,158,755)	(3,699,678)
Total Office and Other Equipment	3,099,455	2,084,003
Movement in carrying amounts		
Balance at beginning of year	2,084,003	989,840
Additions	1,476,815	1,476,815
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(461,363)	(382,652)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	3,099,455	2,084,003
Outside broadcast Equipment - at cost	16,578,992	16,548,833
Less accumulated depreciation	(12,230,596)	(10,390,579)
Total Outside Broadcast Equipment	4,348,396	6,158,254
Movement in carrying amounts		
Balance at beginning of year	6,158,254	8,001,948
Additions	30,159	-
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(1,840,017)	(1,843,694)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	4,348,396	6,158,254
Capital Works - at cost	1,504,909	1,268,814
Less accumulated depreciation	(268,464)	(132,883)
Total motor vehicles	1,236,445	1,135,931
Movement in carrying amounts		
Balance at beginning of year	1,135,931	1,175,596
Additions	236,095	83,339
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(135,581)	(123,004)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	1,236,445	1,135,931
Motor Vehicles - at cost	5,001,346	4,139,778
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,351,424)	(1,743,882)
Total motor vehicles	2,649,922	2,395,896
Movement in carrying amounts		

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 12: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - OTHER (CONT.)		
Balance at beginning of year	2,395,896	1,406,573
Additions	1,169,105	1,929,769
Disposals	(110,547)	(287,041)
Depreciation expense	(804,532)	(653,405)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	<u>2,649,922</u>	<u>2,395,896</u>
Capital Works in Progress - at cost	397,861	340,537
Less Transfer from WIP	(108,860)	(35,154)
Total WIP	<u>289,001</u>	<u>305,383</u>
Movement in carrying amounts		
Balance at beginning of year	305,383	46,846
Additions	92,478	293,691
Disposals	-	-
Transfer from WIP	(108,860)	(35,154)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	<u>289,001</u>	<u>305,383</u>
NOTE 13: INVESTMENT PROPERTY (COST MODEL)		
Level 11, 51 Druitt St Sydney NSW 2000 - at cost	1,683,539	1,683,539
Less accumulated depreciation	(517,935)	(462,715)
Total Investment Property - at cost	<u>1,165,605</u>	<u>1,220,824</u>
Level 11, 51 Druitt St Sydney NSW 2000 - at cost		
Balance at beginning of year	1,220,825	1,276,045
Depreciation expense	(55,220)	(55,220)
Carrying Amount at the end of the year	<u>1,165,605</u>	<u>1,220,825</u>

Level 11 was originally purchased with the intent of leasing out to external parties, however due to a change in circumstances, the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory was relocated from Royal Randwick to Level 11. Accordingly, in 2015 level 11 was reclassified from solely being an investment property to 77% of floor being classified as PPE for operational purposes. The remaining 23% of Level 11, is leased to Racing Australia on arm's length terms and classified as an investment property.

Other Investment Properties

Total Investment Properties	<u>1,468,997</u>	<u>1,468,997</u>
Opening Balance	1,468,997	528,250
Acquisitions	-	940,747
Total Investment Property - at cost	<u>1,468,997</u>	<u>1,468,997</u>
Total Investment Property - at cost	<u>2,634,602</u>	<u>2,689,822</u>

NOTE 14 (a): OTHER NON CURRENT RECEIVABLES

Non Current Reinsurance Recoveries Receivable	8,954,920	9,330,797
Loan to Australian Turf Club (Construction of Winx Grandstand)	10,023,659	17,137,217
	<u>18,978,579</u>	<u>26,468,014</u>

NOTE 14 (b): INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Trademarks - Golden Eagle & Everest	17,161	12,884
Water Licenses	1,500,000	-
Total	<u>1,517,161</u>	<u>12,884</u>

NOTE 15: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade Creditors	5,082,808	8,896,868
Other Creditors and Accruals	24,772,720	58,814,093
Amounts payable to associated entities:		
- RacingCorp Pty Limited	(52,684)	(56,145)
- Jockey's Benefit Scheme Trust	76,800	76,800
Employee Leave	2,005,156	1,779,996
Jockeys Welfare Fund	6,869,262	6,472,398
Equine Welfare Fund	-	-
Canberra Equine Welfare Fund	311,310	260,110
Stakes Payment Creditors	18,176,974	15,011,428
Stable Hand Fund	7,843,262	6,187,135
Rosehill Redevelopment Fund	17,742	17,742
Benevolent Fund	920,051	1,027,061
Total Creditors and Accruals	<u>66,023,401</u>	<u>98,487,486</u>

	2023 \$	2022 \$
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NOTE 15: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CONT.)

Stakes Payments Creditors represent balances owed to industry participant accounts that are due to be paid with the exception of Stable Hands which is shown separately.

The Jockeys Welfare Fund represents amounts to be applied to payment of Jockey Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurances, welfare and career benefit schemes, and other payment for the benefit of jockeys.

Opening balance	6,472,398	5,397,301
Contributions from prizemoney and BOBS extra prizemoney	3,354,421	2,855,076
Less Jockeys welfare (including superannuation for rider payments) payments made in 2023 Financial Year	<u>(2,957,557)</u>	<u>(1,779,979)</u>
Closing balance	6,869,262	6,472,398

The Equine Welfare Fund represents unspent fund in relation to the 1.5% of prizemoney held for the rehabilitation of thoroughbred horses (increased from 1% starting September 1, 2022).

Opening balance	-	-
1.5% of the total prizemoney paid in 2023 Financial Year in NSW	4,843,275	2,803,235
Less Equine payments made in 2023 Financial Year	<u>(3,883,580)</u>	<u>(4,185,362)</u>
Drawn from/(Raised) provision for Horse Welfare	<u>(959,695)</u>	<u>1,382,127</u>
Closing balance	-	-

The Stable Hands Fund represents 2% of total prizemoney. Eligible stable hands are paid their portion of this prizemoney on a quarterly basis. In instances where a trainer does not have any stable hand employed, the money is used to fund welfare claims from trainers and stable hands in the industry such as drought assistance or bushfire assistance program.

Opening balance	6,187,135	5,344,767
2% of the prizemoney paid in 2023 Financial Year in NSW	6,264,559	4,061,797
Less payments made to Stable Hands & Welfare Payments	<u>(4,608,432)</u>	<u>(3,219,429)</u>
Closing balance	7,843,262	6,187,135

Redevelopment Fund represents amounts received in relation to redevelopment Rosehill race courses, less progress payments made to 30 June 2023.

	Rosehill \$
Redevelopment funds received to 30 June 2014	24,000,000
Less: Progress payments made to 30 June 2023	<u>(23,982,258)</u>
Balance of Redevelopment liability	17,742

The Benevolent Fund is an amount to be applied to eligible industry participants under significant financial hardship and is funded from fines revenue from industry stakeholders.

Opening Balance	1,027,061	967,951
Fines	69,950	106,750
Benevolent payments	<u>(176,960)</u>	<u>(47,640)</u>
Closing Balance	920,051	1,027,061

NOTE 16: BREEDER OWNER BONUS SCHEME

Current		
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	27,688,711	25,470,093
Non-Current		
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	<u>3,029,947</u>	<u>2,837,709</u>
	30,718,658	28,307,802

BOBS current liabilities are those amounts expected to be settled within the next 12 months or within Racing NSW's normal operating cycle. BOBS is funded by stallion owners who pay a fee to nominate their stallion to participate in BOBS and owners of eligible progeny of participating stallions who also pay nomination fees in respect of each eligible progeny which participates in the scheme. Racing NSW supplements the scheme funds with a First Charge from the TAB distributions. (Refer Note 1(l))

NOTE 17(a): EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS

Current		
Employee Benefits	2,005,995	2,113,562
Non-Current		
Employee Benefits	<u>1,134,703</u>	<u>1,443,226</u>
Total Employee Provisions	3,140,698	3,556,788

NOTE 17(b): RACE FIELDS PROVISIONS

Current		
Race Fields provision	7,500,000	7,500,000
Non-Current		
Race Fields provision	<u>31,634,179</u>	<u>31,873,690</u>
Total Race Fields Provisions	39,134,179	39,373,690
Balance at beginning of the year	39,373,690	40,002,688
Provisions made during the year	-	72,000
Provisions used during the year	<u>(239,511)</u>	<u>(700,998)</u>
Provisions reversed during the year	-	-
Balance at end year	<u>39,134,179</u>	<u>39,373,690</u>

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NOTE 17(b): RACE FIELDS PROVISIONS (CONT.)

Of the \$98,004,216 Race Fields provision raised as at 30 June 2012, the following amounts were subsequently written back due to the assets being provided for the development of the Industry by Racing NSW rather than part of the Race Fields Capital development program.

Purpose	Amount \$	Year
Purchase of Outside Broadcast Equipment & Laboratory Equipment	10,000,000	2015
Purchase of Laboratory Equipment	3,250,000	2015
Tracking & Timing system for tracks throughout NSW	6,067,000	2016
Purchase of Horse Welfare Land	5,394,785	2017
Total	24,711,785	

Refer to Note 31 for further information.

NOTE 17(c): CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROVISIONS

The capital expenditure provision will be invested in capital projects across NSW in accordance with the 2017-2019 Racing NSW Strategic Plan to benefit the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry.

Current

Capital Expenditure provision	7,000,000	7,000,00
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Non Current

Capital Expenditure provision	109,404,415	120,298,812
Total Capital Expenditure Provisions	116,404,415	127,298,812
Balance at beginning of the year	127,298,812	129,382,951
Provisions made during the year	-	-
Provisions used during the year	(10,894,397)	(2,084,139)
Balance at end year	116,404,415	127,298,812

NOTE 17(d): CLUB SUSTAINMENT PROVISIONS

Clubs sustainment provision will be used to support to Thoroughbred Race Clubs with financial hardship they may run into.

Current

Club Sustainment Provision	22,000,000	7,000,000
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Non Current

Club Sustainment Provision	14,012,058	21,532,574
Total Club Sustainment Provisions	36,012,058	28,532,574
Clubs Sustainment provision		
Balance at beginning of the year	28,532,574	13,539,208
Provisions made during the year	25,000,000	25,000,000
Provision used during the year	(17,520,516)	(10,006,634)
Total Club Sustainment Provision	36,012,058	28,532,574

NOTE 17(e): HORSE WELFARE PROVISION

Horse Welfare provision has been established to provide welfare to former NSW Thoroughbred Race Horses.

Current

Horse Welfare Provision	1,000,000	1,000,000
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Non Current

Horse Welfare Provision	18,153,468	17,193,773
Total Horse Welfare Provisions	19,153,468	18,193,773
Horse Welfare Provision		
Balance at beginning of the year	18,193,773	19,575,901
Provisions made during the year	959,695	-
Provision used during the year	-	(1,382,127)
Total Horse Welfare Provision	19,153,468	18,193,773

NOTE 17(f): JOCKEY'S SUPERANNUATION PROVISION

Current

Jockey's Superannuation Provision	-	3,060,000
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Non Current

Jockey's Superannuation Provision	-	-
Total Jockey's Superannuation Provision	-	3,060,000
Jockey's Superannuation Provision		
Balance at beginning of the year	-	3,060,000
Provisions made during the year	-	-
Provision used during the year	-	(3,060,000)
Total Jockey's Superannuation Provision	-	-

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 17(g): PRIZEMONEY SUSTAINABILITY PROVISION		
Prizemoney Sustainability Provision has been established to sustain increases in Racing NSW Prizemoney		
Current		
Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	16,345,500	16,345,500
Non Current		
Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	90,142,197	49,036,500
Total Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	106,487,697	65,382,000
Prizemoney Sustainability Provision		
Balance at beginning of the year	65,382,000	-
Provisions made during the year	41,105,697	65,382,000
Provision used during the year	-	-
Total Prizemoney Sustainability Provision	106,487,697	65,382,000

NOTE 18: WORKERS COMPENSATION PROVISION

Current		
Provision for Insurance Outstanding Claims	17,097,977	15,498,866
Non-Current		
Provision for Insurance Outstanding Claims	44,678,246	42,020,933
Total Provisions for Workers Compensation	61,776,223	57,519,799
Workers Compensation Provisions		
Opening Balance of Workers Compensation Provisions	57,519,799	53,264,264
Gross Movement in Workers Compensation Provisions	4,256,424	4,255,535
Closing Balance of Workers Compensation Provisions	61,776,223	57,519,799
The movement in the Workers Compensation Provision is shown at a Gross of any Reinsurance Recoveries.		
Gross Movement in Workers Compensation Provisions	4,256,424	4,255,535
Less Decrease/ (Increase) in Reinsurance Recoveries	390,448	(5,166,223)
Net Movement in Workers Compensation Provision	4,646,872	(910,688)

Provision for Insurance Outstanding Claims

An actuarial valuation of the Insurance Funds' outstanding claims was performed by independent actuaries, Finity Consulting Pty Limited, as at 30 June 2023 in the amount of \$49,400,000 (2022 \$44,700,000). The CBA Bank had issued guarantees amounting to \$45,700,000 as at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$42,300,000) in favour of WorkCover Authority of NSW. This guarantee is required under the terms of Racing NSW's insurance licence. In accordance with the Workers Compensation Act 1987 Clause 7.3.6 and actuarial recommendations, Racing NSW has provided for a prudential margin of 15% (2023: 20%) in respect of the net central estimate of liabilities relating to the specialised insurer's license and a prudential margin of 15% (2022: 20%) in respect of the net central estimate of liabilities relating to the self insurer's license.

The increase in provisions for outstanding claims has been predominantly due to decreasing interest rates and recent court decisions reducing Racing NSW's recovery entitlements.

The directors have determined that these prudential risk margins are appropriate to increase the likelihood that the provision will be adequate to meet the cost of claims. Due to the small amount of claim data and the difficulties in determining a mathematical distribution appropriate to Racing NSW, the probability of adequately corresponding to the margin cannot be reliably estimated.

The movement in Workers Compensation Provision is recognised as either income or an expense of the period.

NOTE 19: OTHER LIABILITIES

Current		
Contract liabilities	8,853,112	9,143,720
Non-Current		
Contract liabilities	142,590	172,020
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,995,702	9,315,740

Monies received by Racing NSW at the end of the reporting period for products or services to be provided in more than 12 months time are classified as non current contract liabilities. These items include subscriptions received for registration of racing colours, license fees, Workers Compensation Insurance premiums and subscriptions to NSW Racing magazine.

NOTE 20: RESERVES

The following reserves have been set aside in accordance with a resolution of Racing NSW.

Reserves		
General Reserve	184,088,023	151,648,145
Industry Distribution Reserve	(84,810,889)	(68,286,514)
Workers Compensation Reserve	1,504,311	5,419,887
Total Reserves	100,781,445	88,781,518

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 20: RESERVES (CONT.)		
Movement in Reserves		
General Reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	151,648,145	104,231,418
Transfers to accumulated surplus	32,439,878	47,416,727
Transfers from accumulated surplus		
Balance reserve at the end of the year	<u>184,088,023</u>	<u>151,648,145</u>
Industry Distribution Reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(68,286,514)	(32,687,440)
Payments to Industry Participants	(16,524,375)	(35,599,074)
Transfers to accumulated surplus	-	-
Balance reserve at the end of the year	<u>(84,810,889)</u>	<u>(68,286,514)</u>
Workers Compensation Reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	5,419,887	5,802,353
Transfers (from)/to accumulated surplus	(3,915,576)	(382,466)
Balance reserve at the end of the year	<u>1,504,311</u>	<u>5,419,887</u>
Total Reserves	<u>100,781,445</u>	<u>88,781,518</u>

The Industry Distribution Reserve and General Reserve represent monies that have progressively been accumulated by Racing NSW from its operation since inception, to fund different areas of its general activities segment. The Workers Compensation Reserve represents accumulated profit/ (losses) from Racing NSW Workers Compensation segment.

NOTE 21: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus at beginning of the financial year	-	-
Total Funds transferred (to)/from Reserves	11,999,927	11,435,187
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	(32,439,878)	(47,416,727)
Transfer from/(to) Industry Distribution Reserve	16,524,375	35,599,074
Transfer (to)/from Workers Compensation Reserve	3,915,576	382,466
Accumulated surplus at end of the financial year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 22: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

Operating lease Commitments		
Non-cancellable operating lease contracted for but not capitalised in the Financial statements	-	-
Payable not later than 1 year	45,706	44,086
Payable later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>45,706</u>	<u>44,086</u>

NOTE 23: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Of the \$24,000,000 received from the New South Wales Government for the purpose of the Rosehill Gardens Racecourse development, \$17,742 remains on hand as at 30 June 2023 and is due to be paid out during subsequent periods. The accounting treatment will be on a cash basis to reflect when economic benefits and obligations will be received. Payments to the Australian Turf Club (owner of the aforementioned Rosehill Racecourse) will be made on receipt of certified progress claims.

There are currently guarantees provided by the CBA in favour of WorkCover Authority of NSW amounting to \$45,700,000 (2022: \$42,300,000) at the end of the reporting period, against a facility of \$54,933,893 (2022: \$50,690,590). Based on the most recent actuarial valuation, Racing NSW expects WorkCover NSW to vary the guaranteed amount to \$44,700,000 an increase of \$3,400,000 subsequent to year end Racing NSW has pledged to CBA to maintain a minimum balance of 100% cash cover security for the WorkCover NSW bank guarantee \$44,700,000 (2021: \$44,100,000).

NOTE 24: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

a) Key Management Personnel

The following persons were key management personnel of Racing NSW during the financial year:

Name	Position Held
Russell Balding AO	Chairman
Saranne Cooke	Vice-Chairman
Simon Tuxen	Board Member
Tony Shepherd AO	Board Member
George Souris AM	Board Member
Michael Crismale	Board Member
Garry Charny	Board Member (from 19 December 2022)
Peter V'landys AM	Chief Executive Officer
Marc Van Gestel	General Manager - Integrity, Chairman of Stewards (resigned 31 October 2022)
Steve Railton	General Manager - Integrity, Chairman of Stewards (commenced 1 November 2022)
Graeme Hinton	Chief Operating Officer
Scott Kennedy	General Manager - Industry & Analytical
Pete Sweney	General Counsel

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NOTE 24: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (CONT.)

a) Key Management Personnel (cont.)

Keith Bulloch	General Manager - Regulatory
Jacqueline Johnstone	General Manager - Integrity
Alice Gibson	General Manager - Equine Welfare
Adam Cawley	Laboratory Director - Scientific (resigned 31 December 2022)
John Keledjian	Laboratory Director - Operations
Craig Barnes	General Manager - Finance
Ariel Paez	General Manager - Information Technology (resigned 17 January 2023)
Siva Sivaruban	General Manager - Information Technology (commenced 1 March 2023)

b) Key Management Personnel Compensation

Salary, Bonuses and Fees	5,730,660	4,891,581
Non-Cash Benefits	200,405	183,967
Other Long Term Benefits	63,886	66,596
Superannuation	357,005	322,200
Total	6,351,957	5,464,345

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity.

c) Policy for determining the nature and amount of key management personnel compensation

The remuneration of Board Members is established by the Thoroughbred Racing Act, 1996.

The remuneration of the Chief Executive is subject to a contract for executive services, with the level of remuneration subject to annual review by the Board of Racing NSW.

The remuneration of the other key management personnel is determined by the Chief Executive Officer, with the level of remuneration subject to annual review by the Chief Executive Officer. Remuneration whilst being performance based, is not tied to the achievement of specific objectives and no formal bonus structure is in place.

Due to the nature of Racing NSW as an entity, no Board Member or employee receives compensation in the form of equity instruments.

There are no loans to key management personnel and their related parties.

NOTE 25: ENTITY DETAILS

Racing NSW was established as the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Board, an entity under the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996. As such it is an entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Board is: Level 7, 51 Druitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000.

NOTE 26: SEGMENT REPORTING

	2023			2022		
	Racing NSW \$	Insurance \$	Total \$	Racing NSW \$	Insurance \$	Total \$
Primary Reporting - Business Segments						
Revenue						
External Sales	398,473,610	17,649,412	416,123,022	361,401,981	15,688,552	377,090,533
Other Revenue	6,762,693	2,044,814	8,807,507	1,064,994	517,974	1,582,968
Share of profit of associate (Racing Australia "RA")	747,723	-	747,723	764,540	-	764,540
Total Segment Revenue	405,984,026	19,694,226	425,678,252	363,231,515	16,206,526	379,438,041
Expenditure	381,708,822	28,256,674	409,965,496	347,602,187	16,588,992	364,191,178
Depreciation	4,112,829	-	4,112,829	3,811,676	-	3,811,676
Total Segment Expenditure	385,821,651	28,256,674	414,078,325	351,413,863	16,588,992	368,002,854
Segment Result	20,162,375	(8,562,448)	11,599,927	11,817,652	(382,466)	11,435,187
Assets						
Segment Assets	502,627,944	71,824,982	574,452,926	483,392,335	67,930,352	551,322,687
Investments in Assets Accounted for using the Equity Method	14,175,018	-	14,175,018	13,427,295	-	13,427,295
Total Assets	516,802,962	71,824,982	588,627,944	496,819,630	67,930,352	564,749,982
Liabilities						
Segment Liabilities	426,458,276	61,788,223	488,246,499	418,302,805	57,665,659	475,968,464
Total Liabilities	426,458,276	61,788,223	488,246,499	418,302,805	57,665,659	475,968,464
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	90,344,686	10,036,759	100,381,445	78,516,825	10,264,693	88,781,518
Purchase of Non-Current Assets	36,687,248	-	36,687,248	52,039,720	-	52,039,720
Impairment Losses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Significant Non Cash Expenses other than Depreciation	-	4,256,424	4,256,424	-	4,255,535	4,255,535

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NOTE 26: SEGMENT REPORTING (CONT.)

The primary business activity of Racing NSW is provision of racing services to the industry. The secondary activity is the Workers Compensation Fund. All income and expenditure is incurred within the thoroughbred racing industry within the state of New South Wales, Australia.

Segment revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are those that are directly attributable to a segment and the relevant portion that can be allocated to the segment on a reasonable basis. Segment assets include all assets used by a segment. While most of these assets can be directly attributable to individual segments, the carrying amounts of certain assets used jointly by segments are allocated based on reasonable estimates of usage.

The entity operates in one geographical segment, being NSW Australia.

NOTE 27: RELATED PARTIES

(a) Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the entity are disclosed in note 24(a).

The names of the key management personnel who were members of the Board at any time during the year were as follows:

R. Balding AO	G S Charny
Dr S. Cooke	P V'landys AM
S. Tuxen	M Crismale
G Souris AM	T. Shepherd AO

Mr R Balding and Mr P V'landys, both board members of Racing NSW, are also directors of Racingcorp Pty Limited and each beneficially own for Racing NSW one Class A1 share unit in Racingcorp Pty Limited.

Mr R Balding is also a director of Racing Australia.

(b) Other Related Parties

Racing NSW undertakes accounting, administrative, banking and payroll services and support for Racing NSW Country Limited, NSW TRB Training Limited, Racingcorp Pty Limited, Jockeys Benefit Scheme Trust and NSW Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Trust. Refer to Notes 7 and 15 for amounts due from/payable to these related entities. Amounts disclosed below detail transactions with these related entities during the year. These transactions are on normal commercial terms. These are summarised as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
	Expenses Paid on behalf of entity	Receipts taken on behalf of entity
- Racing NSW Country Limited	119,648,125	118,733,461
- Racingcorp Pty Limited	106,837	146,211
- NSW TRB Training Limited	998,988	998,988
- The Jockeys Benefit Scheme Trust	10,000	5,970
- Thoroughbred Horse Rehabilitation Trust	-	10,309

NOTE 28: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

a) General objectives, policies and processes

Activities undertaken by Racing NSW may expose the business to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk and insurance risk. The Board has overall responsibility for the determination of Racing NSW's financial risk management objectives and policies. Racing NSW's financial risk management policies and objectives are therefore designed to minimise the potential impacts of these risks on the results of Racing NSW where such impacts may be material.

Racing NSW has a central treasury function which implements the financial risk management policies approved by the Board of Directors.

There have been no substantive changes in Racing NSW's exposure to financial instrument risk, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated.

b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to the financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligations resulting in Racing NSW incurring a financial loss.

Racing NSW trades only with recognised, credit worthy third parties. Receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that Racing NSW's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at the end of the reporting period to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade Debtors	11,187,753	9,070,841
Other Receivables	68,629,732	54,800,481
Other Financial Assets	167,625,308	92,998,923
Stakes Payment Debtors	2,474,134	579,679
Cash at Bank	65,729,049	169,015,851
	315,645,976	326,465,775

NOTE 28: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

b) Credit risk (cont.)

Whilst Racing NSW has a material credit risk exposure to Other Receivables through Amounts Receivable from NSW Country Racing Council Limited, the Board is of the view that this risk is negligible due to control over the funding stream through the Racing Distribution Agreement, Inter-Code Agreement and Intra-Code Agreements.

Objectives and Policies	Process for Managing the Risk	Methods used to Measure the Risk
Policies require that Cash at Bank and Cash on Deposit be placed with major banks approved by the Board.	No changes to investments are made without Board approval. Deposits and term investments are placed with major banks with rating AA or above.	The holdings and performance of Cash at Bank and Cash on Deposit are reported to the Board on a monthly basis.
Debtors are assessed as to likely recovery prior to advancing credit. Stakes Payment Debtors and Trade Debtors are reviewed and treated separately.	Debtors are reviewed on an ongoing basis depending on type of debt. Collectability is assessed on a regular basis.	Aged Debtors Balances are reviewed on a regular basis.
Policies require that all Investments be placed with major institutions approved by the Board.	No changes to investments are made without Board approval.	The holdings and performance of Investments are reported to the Board on a monthly basis.

Concentration of Debtors

Racing NSW determines the credit risk from the type of debtor and type of debt. Stakes Payment debtors are recoverable as Racing NSW has significant control over industry funding and acts as the facilitator between industry participants for the distribution of these funds. Impairment

Impairment is determined based on the type of debtor and the type of debt. Normal trading terms are 30 days from date of invoice, however in respect of Stakes Payment debtors this may vary depending on the debtor type. In general the major Stakes Payment debtors have 30 working days following the fortnightly prize money pay run to clear their accounts. This is generally automatic as Racing NSW facilitates distribution of the TAB Product Fees to Stakes Payment debtors.

Unpaid Trade debtor's accounts over 90 days are reviewed for impairment. Outstanding Other Receivables are reviewed for impairment on an individual basis. The provision for impairment is based on the likelihood of recovery after contact with the debtor and assessment of recourse action available.

	Total	Current	30 days	60 Days	90 Days
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2023 Trade and Other Receivables ageing are as follows:					
Maximum Exposure - Trade Debtors	11,673,919	9,584,549	573,216	73,123	1,443,031
Maximum Exposure - Other Receivables	68,629,732	68,629,732	-	-	-
Maximum Exposure - Other Financial Assets	253,511,928	253,511,928	-	-	-
Maximum Exposure - Trade Debtors	336,289,713	334,200,243	573,216	73,123	1,443,031
Amount past due but not considered Impaired	2,591,770	2,089,370	573,216	73,123	1,443,031
Amount past due considered Impaired	486,167	-	-	-	486,167
	3,077,937	2,575,537	573,216	73,123	1,929,198
Impairment provision	(486,167)	-	-	-	(486,167)
2022 Trade and Other Receivables ageing are as follows:					
Maximum Exposure - Trade Debtors	9,551,291	8,827,639	457,075	22,071	244,506
Maximum Exposure - Stakes Payment Debtors	579,679	579,679	-	-	-
Maximum Exposure - Other Receivables	54,800,481	54,800,481	-	-	-
Maximum Exposure - Other Financial Assets	178,885,543	178,885,543	-	-	-
	243,816,994	243,093,342	457,075	22,071	244,506
Amount past due but not considered Impaired	723,652	-	457,075	22,071	244,506
Amount past due considered Impaired	480,450	-	-	-	480,450
	1,204,102	-	457,075	22,071	724,956
Impairment provision	(480,450)	-	-	-	(480,450)

Trade debtor amounts are unsecured. Stakes Payment debtor and Other Receivable amounts are primarily Racing Clubs and are indirectly secured through industry agreements.

Trade debtors are primarily Race Fields fees receivable and are subject to 'Information Use' agreements. The Board does not believe there is any material credit risk on the debtor balances that are past due but not considered impaired due to the mutually beneficial ongoing business associations in place.

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NOTE 28: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

b) Credit risk (cont.)

Allowance for Impairment Loss

Trade Receivables and stakes debtors are non-interest bearing and are generally required to be settled with 30 days. BOBS receivables may be deferred for 12 months. A provision for impairment loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. Movements in the provision for impairment loss were as follows.

Opening Balance	480,450	469,644
Bad Debts written off during year	-	(137)
Provision for Doubtful Receivables	28,562	27,795
Add back money recovered	(22,845)	(16,852)
Closing Balance	486,167	480,450

Concentration of Investments

Racing NSW determines the credit risk from the bank or institution that retains funds of the business. There is a concentration of credit risk with respect to current bank deposits and investments in the following institutions.

Institution

Commonwealth Bank (A-1+ rated by S&P)	243,347,154	288,093,800
National Australia Bank (A-1+ rated by S&P)	75,893,322	59,807,594
Total	319,240,977	347,901,394

c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Racing NSW may encounter difficulties raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments.

Objectives and Policies	Process for Managing the Risk	Methods used to Measure the Risk
Board policies require that Racing NSW maintain adequate cash reserves to meet the liquidity demands when due and payable.	Racing NSW monitors liquidity risk by daily monitoring of the cash position and regular review of the annual cash flow.	Racing NSW manages purchases and staff remuneration within an expenditure budget.
Borrowings are not generally undertaken by the Board. Any borrowing must be approved by the Board.	Borrowings must be 100% supported by the investment.	
Trade Creditors are assessed as to quality of service provided and paid within due date following General Manager Authorisation.	Trade Creditors are paid weekly based on due date and managerial authorisation.	Trade Creditors' ledger is reviewed on a monthly basis
Stakes Payment Creditors are paid on a fortnightly basis.	Stakes Payment Creditors are paid fortnightly in arrears following authorisation by the Chief Executive.	Industry Creditors are reviewed every fortnight when they are paid.

Concentration of Creditors

Racing NSW determines the credit risk from the type of creditor and type of payable. Stakes Payment creditors are generally offset by Stakes Payment debtors. Racing NSW acts as the facilitator between industry participants for the distribution of these funds. There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to current payables.

	Carrying Amount \$	Contractual Cash Flows \$	< 6 Months \$	6-12 Months \$	1-4 years \$
Maturity Analysis for Financial Liabilities - 2023					
Trade and Other Payables	39,985,423	39,985,423	39,985,423	-	-
Stakes Payment Creditors	26,020,236	26,020,236	26,020,236	-	-
Breeder Owner Bonus Schemes	30,718,658	30,718,658	16,130,240	11,558,471	3,029,947
Redevelopment Funds	17,742	17,742	17,742	-	-
Total	96,742,059	96,742,059	82,153,641	11,558,471	3,029,947
Maturity Analysis for Financial Liabilities - 2022					
Trade and Other Payables	77,271,181	77,271,181	77,271,181	-	-
Stakes Payment Creditors	21,198,563	21,198,563	21,198,563	-	-
Breeder Owner Bonus Schemes	28,307,803	28,307,803	16,413,555	9,056,539	2,837,709
Redevelopment Funds	17,742	17,742	17,742	-	-
Total	126,795,289	126,795,289	114,901,041	9,056,539	2,837,709

Economic Dependency

Racing NSW received 2.17% (2022: 2.62%) of its income via a First Charge on the TAB distributions to the Thoroughbred Racing Industry. This distribution is governed by the NSW Racing Distribution Agreement as entered into by Racingcorp Pty Limited and TAB Limited. Consequently, Racing NSW is economically dependent on TAB Limited.

NOTE 28: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

d) Market Risk

Market Risk includes interest rate risk and price risk and arises from the use of interest bearing financial instruments. Racing NSW is exposed to fluctuations in interest rates on its cash holdings and cash deposits. Racing NSW is exposed to price risk on its investments.

Interest Rate Risk

Racing NSW is exposed to fluctuations in interest rates on its cash at bank balances. Cash on Deposit have short term fixed interest rates. There are no interest bearing financial liabilities. The effective weighted average interest rate on financial assets is shown below.

Objectives and Policies	Objectives and Policies	Methods used to Measure the Risk
Board policies require that Racing NSW review and negotiate interest rates on Cash at Bank on a regular basis in order to maximise their return.	Racing NSW negotiates an interest rate in line with market rates.	Racing NSW checks interest rates received against market leading interest rates offered by competing financial institutions of a similar credit rating.
Board policies require that Racing NSW review and negotiate interest rates on Cash on Deposit on roll-over of the deposit.	Racing NSW negotiates an interest rate in line with market rates at the time of roll-over.	Racing NSW checks interest rates received against market leading interest rates offered by competing financial institutions of a similar credit rating.

	Effective Weighted Average Rate	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Maturing < 1 Year	Non Interest Bearing	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
2023					
Financial Assets:					
Cash at Bank	3.50%	65,729,049	-	-	65,729,049
Other Financial Assets	4.53%	-	253,511,928	-	253,511,928
Other Receivables	4.50%	-	-	82,291,619	82,291,619
Total Financial Assets		65,729,049	253,511,928	82,291,619	401,532,596
Financial Liabilities:					
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	-	-	-	(30,718,658)	(30,718,658)
Trade and Other Payables	-	-	-	(66,023,401)	(66,023,401)
Total Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost		-	-	(96,742,059)	(96,742,059)
Net financial assets/(liabilities)		65,729,049	253,511,928	(14,450,440)	304,790,537
2022					
Financial Assets:					
Cash at Bank	0.85%	169,015,851	-	-	169,015,851
Other Financial Assets	1.00%	-	178,885,543	-	178,885,543
Other Receivables	1.50%	-	-	64,451,001	64,451,001
Total Financial Assets		169,015,851	178,885,543	64,451,001	412,352,395
Financial Liabilities:					
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	-	-	-	(28,307,802)	(28,307,802)
Trade and Other Payables	-	-	-	(98,487,486)	(98,487,486)
Total Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost		-	-	(126,795,288)	(126,795,288)
Net financial assets/(liabilities)		169,015,851	178,885,543	(62,344,287)	285,557,107

Interest Rate Sensitivity

Racing NSW performs a sensitivity analysis to measure market risk exposures at the time of each maturity of the investment to assess the reinvestment opportunities. There is no interest rate sensitivity for trade receivables or payables. Interest rate sensitivity only applies to Racing NSW Cash at Bank, Cash on Deposit, other financial assets and loans.

Based on the calculations as at 30 June 2023, the net profit impact for a 100 basis points movement in interest rates would be \$3,192,409 (2022: \$3,479,014)

	Current Weighted Average	Amount	100 basis points Increase in	100 basis points Decrease in
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2023				
Cash at Bank	3.50%	65,729,049	657,290	(657,290)
Other Financial Assets	4.53%	253,511,928	2,535,119	(2,535,119)
Total		319,240,977	3,192,409	(3,192,409)
2022				
Cash at Bank	0.85%	169,015,851	1,690,159	(1,690,159)
Other Financial Assets	1.00%	178,885,543	1,788,855	(1,788,855)
Total		347,901,394	3,479,014	(3,479,014)

NOTE 28: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

d) Market Risk (cont.)

The method used in determining the sensitivity was to evaluate the interest revenue based on the timing of the interest repricing on the deposits for the next 12 months. The following assumptions were applied:

- a) the rate at the beginning of the 12 month period would apply for the whole period.
- b) the cash on deposit would all reprice to the new interest rate at the same time.
- c) the base rate is the weighted average across the cash on deposit.

Insurance Risk

Pursuant to section 13(1)(d) of the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 (NSW), Racing NSW's functions include "insuring of participants in the horseracing industry". Racing NSW holds a specialised insurer's licence issued by WorkCover NSW that permits it to offer compulsory workers compensation insurance for employers and employees engaged in activities incidental to thoroughbred horse racing.

The rights and obligations of Racing NSW as a specialised insurer, are regulated by the Workers Compensation Act 1987 (NSW) and the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 (NSW). These Acts define the circumstances in which an employer has a liability to an injured worker, the manner and timing of any decision by Racing NSW as to the granting of indemnity, and the quantum of benefits payable in response to a claim.

Racing NSW provides an annual actuarial report to WorkCover NSW for the period to 30 June each financial year that covers issues such as:

- 1. The quantum of outstanding liabilities.
- 2. The predicted development of such liabilities, payments on new claims and other expenses during the subsequent financial year.
- 3. The number of new claims expected and an estimate of Incurred but Not Reported (IBNR) claims for the preceding financial year.
- 4. The amount of the bank guarantee that Racing NSW must arrange to be executed by an established financial institution in favour of WorkCover NSW to support its ability to fund the thoroughbred racing industry's accumulated and expected workers' compensation liabilities. (Refer Note 18)

Racing NSW is committed to managing legal, operational and financial risk in the conduct of its workers' compensation activities. Financial payments made by the fund are initially approved by the relevant claims manager. Payments are then entered by a different department and returned to the Insurance Manager for authorisation before being randomly audited and processed by the General Manager – Finance and the Chief Executive.

Established practices and procedures govern the internal management of claims, the selection and remuneration of service providers and the manner in which critical decisions are made in relation to individual claimants (such as decisions to contest liability and/or litigate appropriate cases). These practices and procedures are regularly reviewed and, in conjunction with the Occupational Health & Safety and Workers Compensation summary publicly available on Racing NSW's website, are available for review and comment by WorkCover NSW upon request.

NOTE 29: FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair value has been determined on the basis of the present value of expected future cash flows under the terms and conditions of each financial asset and liability.

The information is only relevant to circumstances at balance date and will vary depending on market rates and conditions at the time. The carrying value less impairment provisions for trade receivables and payables approximates their fair values due to their short term nature. The carrying value of other short term financial assets and liabilities is assumed to approximate their fair value due to their short term nature. The fair value of financial liabilities, that are maturing in more than 12 months, for disclosure purposes, has been estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest that is available to Racing NSW. Significant assumptions used in determining the cash flows are that they will be consistent with the contracted cash flows under their respective contracts. Other specific assumptions used are:

- a) the interest rate used for discounting is the published CBA Reference Rate as at 30 June each year 2023: 11.08% (2022: 7.83%)
- b) payments are made evenly throughout the period.
- c) BOBS has been discounted over 2 years (2022: 2 years) due to the nature of the BOBS agreement.

	Fair Value	2023 Carrying Value	Variance	Fair Value	2022 Carrying Value	Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:						
Cash at Bank	65,729,049	65,729,049	-	169,015,851	169,015,851	-
Receivables - term deposits	253,511,928	253,511,928	-	178,885,543	178,885,543	-
Other Receivables	82,291,619	82,291,619	-	64,451,001	64,451,001	-
Total Financial Assets	401,532,596	401,532,596	-	412,352,395	412,352,395	-
Financial Liabilities:						
Breeder Owner Bonus Scheme	30,718,568	(30,718,658)	168,070	(28,195,279)	(28,307,802)	112,523
Trade and Other Payables	(66,023,401)	(66,023,401)	-	(98,487,486)	(98,487,486)	-
Total Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost	96,742,059	(96,742,059)	168,070	(126,682,765)	(126,795,288)	112,523

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 30: INSURANCE ACTIVITIES		
Premium revenue	14,650,439	14,305,666
Reinsurance recoveries and other recoveries revenue	2,104,991	901,089
Other Income	313,075	279,950
	17,068,505	15,486,705
Interest Income	2,044,814	517,974
Rental Income	580,906	201,846
	2,625,720	719,820
Underwriting expenses	2,574,322	1,780,912
Direct claims expense	20,160,480	15,212,467
Outwards reinsurance premium expense	875,000	506,301
	23,609,802	17,499,680
Underwriting result for the financial year excluding investments revenue and expense	(6,541,298)	(2,012,975)
Investments		
Investment Property	-	-
Operating Assets		
Bank	59,443,092	55,158,014
Reinsurance recoveries	12,381,890	12,772,338
	71,824,982	67,930,352
Total Assets	71,824,982	67,930,352
Liabilities		
Outstanding claims	61,776,223	57,519,799
Unearned Premiums	12,000	145,860
	61,788,223	57,665,659

Refer to Note 18 for bank guarantee and other information relating to Workers Compensation Provision.

a) Outstanding Claims

Gross undiscounted claim liability	72,889,496	67,672,037
Discount to present value	(17,556,012)	(17,610,149)
Third party recoveries		
Reinsurance recoveries	(12,381,890)	(12,663,832)
Central estimate of the expected present value of future payments for claims incurred	42,951,594	37,289,550
Prudential margin	6,442,739	7,457,910
	49,394,333	44,747,460
Current	13,671,007	12,057,325
Non-current	35,723,326	32,690,135
	49,394,333	44,747,460

The average weighted term to settlement of the outstanding liabilities is 6.2 years (2022: 7.1 years).

The following average inflation rates and discount rates were used in measuring the liability for outstanding claims:

	2023		2022	
	Next Year	Thereafter	Next Year	Thereafter
Inflation rate	2.75%	2.75%	2.25%	2.25%
Discount Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%

b) Net claims incurred for current year and change in incurred for prior years.

	Current Year Incurred \$	Reassess Prior Years \$	Current Year Incurred \$	Reassess Prior Years \$
Gross undiscounted incurred claims	20,169,608	3,154,498	16,746,303	20,205,737
Undiscounted reinsurance & other recoveries	(726,726)	129,149	(321,863)	(10,334,816)
Net undiscounted incurred claims	19,442,882	3,283,648	16,424,440	9,870,921
Discounting of incurred claims	(2,770,727)	3,862,609	(2,288,811)	(14,623,577)
Discounting recoveries	257,561	(603,875)	110,323	5,025,919
	(2,513,166)	3,258,733	(2,178,488)	(9,597,658)
Gross discounted incurred claims	17,398,881	7,017,107	14,457,491	5,582,160
Discounted reinsurance & other recoveries	(469,165)	(474,726)	(211,539)	(5,308,897)
Net discounted incurred claims	16,929,716	6,542,381	14,245,952	273,263

The claim cost incurred consists of paid to date plus estimate of outstanding liabilities plus claim management expenses, being 9% of the gross discounted liability.

NOTE 30: INSURANCE ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

- a) the interest rate used for discounting is the published CBA Reference Rate as at 30 June each year 2023: 11.08% (2022: 7.83%)
- b) payments are made evenly throughout the period.
- c) Claim Development

	Prior	Accident year										Total	
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Claims cost estimate	\$	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
At end of accident year	n/a	11,499	11,661	11,693	12,561	12,968	12,813	11,672	12,277	15,730	14,927		
One year later	n/a	9,786	11,123	11,078	12,473	12,781	12,516	11,598	12,970	17,630			
Two years later	n/a	8,987	10,913	10,484	9,877	12,127	12,511	12,430	13,355				
Three years later	n/a	8,742	10,157	9,910	9,393	11,571	13,178						
Four years later	n/a	8,063	7,387	8,976	9,807	11,594	13,968						
Five years later	n/a	8,061	6,909	8,718	10,135	12,705	13,968						
Six years later	n/a	8,367	6,510	9,162	10,272	(9,211)	(10,388)						
Seven years later	n/a	8,090	6,820	9,755									
Eight years later	n/a	8,491	7,003										
Nine years later	n/a	8,724											
Current estimate of claims cost		8,724	7,003	9,755	10,272	12,705	13,968	13,175	13,355	17,630	14,927	121,513	
Cumulative payments		(7,252)	(5,553)	(7,883)	(8,326)	(9,211)	(10,388)	(8,691)	(7,562)	(10,863)	(4,347)	(80,075)	
Undiscounted central estimate		1,471	1,450	1,872	1,947	3,495	3,579	4,484	5,793	6,767	10,580	50,026	
Effect of discounting	(1,786)	(385)	(379)	(488)	(407)	(870)	(556)	(973)	(1,035)	(1,301)	(1,705)	(9,884)	
Discounted central estimate	6,802	1,087	1,071	1,384	1,540	2,625	3,023	3,511	4,758	5,465	8,875	40,142	
Claims handling expense	476	76	75	97	108	184	212	246	333	383	621	2,810	
Risk margin	1,092	174	172	222	247	421	485	564	764	877	1,424	6,443	
Present value recognised in the statement of financial position	8,370	1,337	1,318	1,703	1,895	3,230	3,720	4,320	5,855	6,725	10,920	49,394	

d) Maturity Analysis for Outstanding Claims

	2023					2022				
	All Years	< 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	> 5 years	All Years	< 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	> 5 years
Workers Compensation Claim Payments - Undiscounted	\$ 50,025,798	\$ 11,341,121	\$ 8,008,534	\$ 10,724,979	\$ 19,951,163	\$ 43,798,973	\$ 9,486,807	\$ 6,484,119	\$ 8,248,843	\$ 19,579,203

This table shows the maturity analysis for the remaining contractual maturities of the workers' compensation liabilities. The management of insurance risk and liquidity risk are disclosed in Note 29.

Amounts shown are undiscounted and exclude claims handling expenses.

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NOTE 31: RACE FIELDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

As result of Race Fields High Court case decision of 30 March, 2012 the Board of Racing NSW commenced a capital development program for the State's racecourses over a sustained period. The focus of the program is improvements to racing surfaces and training facilities at major provincial and country racecourses throughout the State. In the year ended 30 June 2023, the following clubs benefited from the program in the current financial year and since the High Court case as follows:

	2023	Cumulative Total	Racing NSW Board Approved project balance remaining
	\$	\$	\$
- Albury Racing Club		1,236,517	13,483
- Australian Turf Club (Kensington Track)		1,701,539	-
- Quarantine facility		1,003,208	6,996,792
- Ballina Jockey Club		295,911	1,874,089
- Bathurst Thoroughbred Racing		577,843	172,157
- Coffs Harbour Racing Club		1,175,434	2,566
- Dubbo Turf Club		1,504,428	45,573
- Goulburn & District Racing Club		2,139,068	810,932
- Gosford Race Club		238,600	22,200
- Hawkesbury Race Club (Home Straight)		4,516,295	233,705
- Hawkesbury Race Club (Polytrack)		2,200,000	1,800,000
- Illawarra Turf Club		5,203,882	6,296,118
- Muswellbrook Racing Club		463,188	86,812
- Murrumbidgee Turf Club		1,304,950	-
- Newcastle Jockey Club		11,266,868	-
- Racing Orange		1,235,795	64,205
- Port Macquarie Race Club		4,434,213	31,729
- Scone Race Club		1,049,654	430,346
- Tuncurry-Forster Jockey Club	(157,652)	871,582	28,418
- Manning Valley Race Club		94,201	1,105,799
- Tamworth Jockey Club		2,117,724	683,778
- Wyong Race Club		1,448,763	51,237
- ATC - Capital Development Fund		4,000,000	-
- ATC - Rosehill Training Track		1,500,000	-
- Sapphire Coast Turf Club	15,180	353,888	6,112
- Treadmills - Narromine Turf Club/Albury Turf Club		58,470	110,530
- Clarence River Jockey Club		106,891	-
	(142,472)	52,099,182	20,866,581

The Race Fields funding to clubs was provided by way of interest free interminable loans with certain conditions attached allowing Racing NSW to recover these funds should these conditions be breached. The above amounts have been utilised from the Race Fields provision for the year ended 30 June 2023 on the basis that it is not probable that these loans will ever be recovered by Racing NSW

NOTE 32: RACECOURSE REDEVELOPMENT FUND & OTHER LOANS TO NSW THOROUGHbred RACE CLUBS

On 1 July 1998, the operations of the Racecourse Redevelopment Fund were transferred to Racing NSW, including the right to interminable loans. These interminable loans are repayable only on the sale of properties which have benefited from the expenditure of the funds, or in the event of the Company ceasing to perform its current operations. As such, the aforementioned amounts were expensed in the respective year on the basis that it is not probable that these loans will ever be recovered by Racing NSW as follows:

	2023 \$
Albury Racing Club	1,236,517
Australian Turf Club	139,809,811
Ballina Jockey Club	295,911
Bathurst Thoroughbred Racing	579,643
Canterbury - Quarantine Centre	1,003,208
Coffs Harbour Racing Club	1,175,434
Clarence River Jockey Club	106,891
Dubbo Turf Club	1,504,428
Gosford Race Club	1,946,132
Goulburn & District Racing Club	2,139,068
Illawarra Turf Club	5,330,603
Hawkesbury Race Club	6,760,180
Muswellbrook Race Club	477,943
Murrumbidgee Turf Club (Wagga)	1,304,950
Newcastle Jockey Club	13,136,280
Scone Race Club	2,784,974
Tuncurry-Forster Jockey Club	871,852
Port Macquarie Race Club	5,424,019
Narromine Turf Club	73,650
Racing Orange	1,235,795
Sapphire Coast Turf Club	338,708
Tamworth Jockey Club	3,356,838
Taree-Wingham Race Club	94,201
Wyong Race Club	5,127,222
	195,111,051

NOTE 33: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the organisation, the results of those operations or the statement of affairs of the organisation in future financial years. We will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the Group's operations.

DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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The Members of the Board declare that:

- the financial statements comprising the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and accompanying notes:
 - give a true and fair view of the financial position of Racing NSW as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
 - are in accordance with the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 (NSW) and comply with Accounting Standards.
- as at the date of this declaration there are reasonable grounds to believe that Racing NSW will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of Racing NSW.

Mr R Balding AO
Chairman

Mr P N V'landys AM
Chief Executive

Dated at Sydney this 20 October 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RACING NSW BOARD

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited pages 57 to 81 of the accompanying financial report of Racing NSW (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Declaration by the Members of the Board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Racing NSW:

- presents fairly, in all material respects, the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- complies with Australian Accounting Standards and the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibility of management and those charged with governance for the financial report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996. This responsibility also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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