

Communique

Meeting No: 2019.02
16 October 2019

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held its second meeting for 2019 on 16 October in Sydney. Present at the meeting were members and guests, as well as State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

The IRC welcomed new members (organisational nominees) onto the committee and thanked former representatives for their valuable contributions.

Actions

The IRC discussed the issues raised by Greyhound Racing NSW around the unit *ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour* within the *Certificate II in Racing Industry* and its impact on training delivery.

The IRC also received feedback regarding *BSBSMB303 Organise finances for the micro business* and *BSBSMB305 Comply with regulatory, taxation and insurance requirements for a micro business* in the core of *Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)*.

The IRC recognised the current delivery issues emanating from both matters and considered action was necessary and urgent.

The IRC agreed that a Case for Change to review the *Certificate II in Racing Industry* and *Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)*, be submitted to the department for AISC consideration as a priority.

The IRC also discussed a skill set for Trackwork Rider containing around five units of competency, industry appropriate WHS units and units that can be assessed in the workplace would be of industry benefit and a better understanding of the various national training and activities occurring across the states. This was also considered a priority action item.

Developing the Draft Skills Forecast

Skills Impact reported the anticipated change to the way the Industry Skills Forecast document is developed. The IRC will continue to verify content is current to ensure its relevance and accuracy as well as include new and changed industry challenges, opportunities and identified skills gaps in the new Annual Update template to be confirmed at next AISC meeting.

Joyce Report update

Skills Impact updated the IRC on recommendations emanating out of the Joyce Report, noting the Federal Government had been moving ahead with changes, through the Co-Design Workshops of which Skills Impact had attended three to date. Topics included:

- The establishment of a National Skills Commission (NSC), with an appointment of a Commissioner to be made soon
- Seeking feedback on Skills Organisations and potential piloting
- The appointment of a National Careers Ambassador and establishment of the National Careers Institute (from within a section of the Department)

The National Regional, Rural, Remote (RRR) Education Strategy and map was also discussed.

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General business

The IRC had a general discussion about the IRC membership renewal process. Skills Impact will draft paper for IRC consideration and further discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Racing and Breeding IRC will be in March / April 2020. Exact date to be advised.