

Communique

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met online on Wednesday 19 January 2022. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

Industry Round up

All IRC members and guests provided an update on industry matters. The racing and breeding industries continue to experience labour shortages. Industry sectors are working on introductory programs for school age and new entrants and upskilling workers to encourage employment. These programs have had a difficult start due to Covid, however some are proving to be successful. The racing and breeding sectors are expanding these programs, working to engage more RTOs to be involved in delivery of the programs and facilitating further career pathways for employees. Finding RTOs willing to deliver training remains a key difficulty.

VET Reform

The IRC considered the Industry Cluster report and discussed potential involvement the Agribusiness and Food Production Cluster.

The IRC discussed the broader scope of work as part of the changing VET system and the role of industry within the new system.

2022 Skills Summary and Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Skills Report

Skills Impact IRC members were briefed on the requirement to submit a Racing and Breeding Industry Summary in September 2022. Skills Impact is also drafting an industry skills report as an overview of commonalities of the sectors covered by agribusiness, food and fibre industries.

General Business

The IRC supported continuation of engagement to further identify the gaps and proposed work required for the updating of *Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)* as a future project.

Next Meeting

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