

Communique

Meeting No: 2017.02
14 November 2017

The Racing Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Melbourne on 14 November. Present at the meeting were members and guests, including State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The MOU provides an agreed framework of operation between the IRC and Skills Impact, the supporting Skills Service Organisation (SSO), including agreed outcomes and expectations of both. The document was discussed by the IRC and provisionally approved with a minor amendment. The amendment the IRC asked to be included was that Skills Impact inform the IRC of projects in Training Packages other than the *RGR Racing Training Package*, which relate to horses or dogs.

Draft IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work

The committee discussed the draft *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work*. The IRC confirmed skill priorities that have not been funded in 2017 are still a priority for the racing industry. The wording of the skill priorities will be adjusted slightly.

The AISC have requested that each IRC order 13 generic skills. The 13th skill can be defined by each IRC. The Racing IRC has defined this skill as “animal welfare, social license, integrity and ethical conduct”. This was determined to be the most important skill area.

Projects

Draft qualifications, skill sets and units or competency for the *Racing Industry Review Project* were available for stakeholder feedback from 19 October – 10 November 2017. Due to the large number of items that needed IRC direction prior to the project entering the validation stage, a special teleconference has been convened for Thursday November 23 to discuss each item.

The Racing IRC would like to develop a suite of national training resources to help ensure consistently high levels of training across jurisdictions. The members of the IRC are working together to scope what resources to prioritise and possible funding sources. The information will be added to the *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work* under the “Additional Skills Priorities”.