

Communique

Meeting No: 2018.03

19 April 2018

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee met via teleconference on 19 April 2018. Below is the discussion and outcomes of that meeting. Present at the meeting were members and guests including several representatives from State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

Racing and Breeding IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2018-2022

Priority Skills listed in the draft IRC Skills Forecast were confirmed in the following order:

1. Re-educating/rehoming of ex-racing animals
2. Racehorse breeding skills
3. Greyhound health assistant
4. Skills in management of incidents involving horses and Greyhounds
5. Self-management of jockeys
6. Review of the Certificate IV in Racing (Greyhound Trainer)

The key priorities that the Racing and Breeding IRC believe should be undertaken in the financial year, starting 1 July 2018 are:

1. Re-educating/rehoming of ex-racing animals
2. Racehorse breeding skills
3. Greyhound health assistant

The remaining skill priorities can be undertaken in subsequent years.

Feedback was received about the terms “social license” and “wastage” being used in relation to the Greyhound racing industry. The Racing and Breeding IRC believe that these terms should continue to be used for the following reasons:

Social license – this term is used across numerous industries.

Wastage – to use terms such as “unwanted euthanasia” could possibly confuse people about the term euthanasia. Euthanasia is undertaken to relieve an animal’s suffering. The word should only be used when it is in relation to animal welfare.

Project update

The *RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Case for Endorsement* was considered at the AISC meeting on 10 April 2018. The AISC requested additional feedback from the Racing and Breeding IRC in regards to the recently endorsed units of competency around “falls safety” in the *ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package*.

The Racing and Breeding IRC is currently drafting a response for the AISC and this will be submitted when confirmed by the Racing and Breeding IRC.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Racing and Breeding IRC is expected to be held 26 July 2018.