

## Communique

Meeting No: 2018.04  
26 July 2018

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Melbourne on 26 July. Present at the meeting were members and guests, including State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

### **AISC Communique 5 June 2018**

The IRC, welcomed the endorsement of the RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package and embracing the recommended name change to include 'Breeding' in the title.

As a result, the Department of Education supported the request from the IRC to change its name to the Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee.

### **IRC Skills Forecast**

The IRC were pleased the AISC had approved the latest Skills Forecast and in particular supporting their three priority cases for change.

The IRC discussed the timing of the Skills Forecast and collection of industry intelligence. The Skills Forecast is an evolving document and the committee agreed that key information relevant to the Skills Forecast of industry trends, skills gaps, barriers and challenges need to be collected now. The Committee will advise Skills Impact of industry events and activities to assist them with work going forward.

### **2018 / 19 Projects Update**

Skills Impact provided three (3) proposed project plans for the consideration and endorsement of the IRC.

The IRC agreed and supported the following plans for:

- Greyhound Health Assistance Services Project
- Horse Breeding Skills Project
- Retraining Horses & Greyhounds to New Environments Project

The IRC discussed in detail, key aspects of the proposed plans in terms of their consultative approach, timelines and proposed Subject Matter Experts. The IRC were active in enhancing the original plans to ensure expertise and wide industry participation is involved throughout projects.

### **General Business**

The IRC discussed the possibility of an industry wide audit of assessment tools and materials owned by the industry including Harness Racing. 457 visa's were discussed in a broader conversation of Industry recruitment practises and improving the uptake of and attracting local workers to the industry.