

Communique

Meeting No: 2019.01
11 April 2019

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held a meeting on 11 April 2019 in Melbourne. Present at the meeting were members and guests, including State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

This was the first meeting for 2019 and the IRC welcomed three new members (organisational nominees) onto the committee and thanked former representatives.

Draft Racing and Breeding Case for Endorsement

Skills Impact provided the first draft of the national *Racing and Breeding Training Package Case for Endorsement Version 3.0* for the consideration and endorsement of the IRC.

The revisions and changes for IRC discussion and consideration were:

- Retraining Horses and Greyhounds to New Environments
- Horse Breeding Skills
- Greyhound Health Assistance Services
- Certificate III in Racing Services (Previously RGR30418 track maintenance)

Skills Impact outlined the extensive work undertaken on their behalf since the projects commenced in August last year.

The IRC discussed in detail each of the proposed components of each of the projects. The IRC agreed to make some amendments to the Greyhounds Transition to New Purposes components. The recommendations within the draft Case for Endorsement was supported as presented.

Skills Impact was thanked by the committee for its work throughout the projects on their behalf.

Draft IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019 - 2022

Skills Impact thanked IRC members for their input towards the draft Skills Forecast document. The draft has been up for public consultation since early March, with no further feedback received to date. The IRC discussed the Skills Forecast as a whole and provided additional feedback and changes to be made prior to submission.

The IRC reiterated the importance of the proposed Case for Change – Creation of National Assessment Tools and Associated Resources and Materials and how critical they are to the industry. The committee also discussed the difficulties raised by registered training organisations (RTOs) in respect to the teach out period and support for extension requests. The IRC supported Skills Impact to continue assisting RTOs with support letters, should such a request be received.

The IRC also had a discussion around the difficulties to contextualise the imported generic public sector 'conflict resolution' unit of competency. The IRC agreed that an alternate generic 'conflict resolution' unit would be more appropriate in the RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package.

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General Business

The IRC was briefed on the Review of Australia's VET system through discussions around the Joyce Report and the AQF Review.

The current Greyhound Racing NSW representative, Cecilia Huynh formally announced her resignation from the IRC with organisational replacement. The Chair and committee thanked Cecilia for her participation and contributions.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Racing and Breeding IRC is to be advised.