

Communique

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (RGR IRC) met online on 24 August 2021. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

RGR IRC 2022 Skills Forecast

The IRC considered the submission of an updated Skills Forecast in 2022. The IRC discussed the potential benefit to industry and to guide continuity if potential reforms are introduced. The IRC agreed a submission of a Skills Forecast covering industry issues, challenges, emerging skills, and training (both through VET and informal/unaccredited providers) would provide value to industry.

Industry Round up

All IRC members and guests provided an update on industry matters. The racing industry continues to experience labour shortages. The RGR IRC are starting to see results of the efforts members have applied to promotion of VET. They continue to work on licencing attached to formal training, promotion of VET through schools and pilot programs in the Hunter Valley. While working to attract RTOs, the effects of Covid have slowed down the process and limited success.

The IRC discussed the gaps identified in the *Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)*. Jockeys are considered to be and perform as elite athletes, which is not adequately reflected in the current qualification. Discussions will continue to further identify the gaps and potential work required.

Prioritisation Framework

The IRC was updated on the qualifications flagged for deletion in 2020. It is expected that a deletion list will be presented again in 2021. The IRC understand substantial evidence will need to be provided of enrolments in qualifications and units, including through current or planned initiatives and programs, or of products being used outside the VET system (due to inability to engage RTOs). This evidence can also include information on the impacts of Covid.

Next Meeting

Thursday 11 November 2021