

HIF – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday 20th September
The Grange Campbell Town
Meeting commenced at 11:07am

- ORI advised that the reviewed Harness Racing Integrity Policies and Procedures document will go out for industry consultation in October.
- Discussion around nominating Concession Drivers to progress with Tasracing and ORI to investigate options.
- Discussions held around the need for stricter guidelines on horses stood down for poor performance.
- Overview of Code Funding, with prizemoney to remain at current levels.
- Discussion around changes to the Minimum Nominations Policy to assist with getting programmed races up.
- TTC 2YO Ready to Run Sale proposal discussed with consensus to progress to the next step of taking the proposal to the Tasracing Board.
- Amendments to the Breeders Support policy approved, effective 1 January 2024. Consensus from the group that to be eligible for the Foal Born payment foals must be born in Tasmania.
- Discussion on the reduction of field sizes to 10 runners carried forward until a paper can be provided by BOTRA.
- Harness Wagering Update taken as noted with Harness wagering, year to date, the strongest of all three codes.
- Animal Welfare Update paper taken as noted.
- Marketing Update paper taken as noted with comment from Tasracing CEO on how Tasracing is taking a more assertive approach to correct the public record.
- Assets and Facilities Update provided with Council decision on representations made on the North West track expected 9th October with an appeal time of 2 weeks post decision.
- Industry Development and Participation Update highlighting courses available to industry participants to upskill and the promotion of our current industry participants.
- An update on the success of the Eureka with the Beautide conditions from this year to be locked in for the next two years. Request put forward for the Barrier Draw to reflect that of the Eureka. Tasracing to discuss.
- Update on the effects of the Equity and Participation Policy taken as noted.
- Harness Academy update provided, advising Neville Webberley has been employed as the new Harness Academy and Mini Trot Instructor.
- Discussions around Tasracing looking into strategies to help with the rise in the cost of feed.
- Discussions around horses not arriving to the mounting yard, or on the track, at the right times before races with ORI to investigate.
- Tasracing advised that the Interim Murrhiy report has been released.
- Tasracing advised that with the Review of the Racing Regulations Act, it would now be known as the Racing Regulations and Integrity Bill.
- Concerns raised around the time it takes for appeals to be heard. ORI advised that the Appeals Board manage themselves and if there are concerns, they should be addressed directly to them.
- An update on the change to horses arriving early was provided by ORI who advised that they are noticing an improvement with permission required for arriving outside the 3hr period to ensure a steward is present.

Meeting closed at 1:40 pm