

HIF – MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, 6th June 2019
The Grange Campbell Town
Meeting commenced at 2:04pm

- Tasracing committed to undertake a three-stage Industry Development Plan for Harness Racing in Tasmania with investigations conducted both internally and externally.
- Tasracing confirmed that after the Board Meeting on 1 May Trotting in Tasmania would continue until 31 December 2019, an assessment will be made as part of the Harness Development Plan.
- Tasracing agreed to review the Abandoned or Postponed Race Meeting Policy.
- Tasracing are working on a policy Use of Joggers to be submitted for further feedback from Industry during July 2019.
- Harness Wagering Turnover was positive and Tasracing will continue to work with Sky Channel to best deliver our product.
- Tasracing committed to contacting Burnie Harness Club and Carrick Park Pacing Club to discuss and review the safety of swab boxes and urinal stall.
- The Off the Track Program was discussed with the HIF members. It was noted that there have been 58 educational events held by Off the Track since February 2019, with 100 participants at a 50/50 standardbred and thoroughbred split. The events and clinic have received industry participant involvement and 12-15 standardbreds have been rehomed recently with the assistance of Off the Track.
- There was agreement from the group to leave the Concessions Drivers time period to 7 years with the removal of the age stipulation. A new policy was tabled to fall in line with the Harness Ratings Handicapping System, effective 1 July.
- The 2019/20 Race Dates have been finalised and are now available on-line. It was noted that Tasracing are working closely with Sky Channel to deliver the best possible broadcasting outcomes.
- The 2019/20 Trial Dates and Feature Race Calendar are currently under consultation with the Clubs with an expectation to be finalised in July.
- A review on safety at Trials has been undertaken and as a result Tasracing has agreed to cover costs for first aid kits and for a person on track to have a minimum Level 2 Apply First Aid certificate. It was also agreed that St Johns will be contacted and discussions held regarding feasibility on their attendance at Trials.
- The next HIF meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 12th September at The Grange, Campbell Town.