

Tasmanian Harness Industry Presentation



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HRA EQUINE TRACEABILITY, HEALTH & WELFARE STRATEGY

HRA's Equine Traceability and Welfare strategy can be broken down into 8 segments:

- Amendments to the Notification of Deregistration and Deceased procedures and documentation and shortening the associated timelines related to these events;
- Amendments to the HRA Welfare Code of Conduct;
- An increase in focus and resourcing at a State level for traceability related work including rule changes as required;
- A strong focus on traceability of horses within the industry at all life stages from foaling to yearling stage, breaking in, through to racing and spelling;

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- Changes to licensing including introduction of new categories to encompass all participants and compulsory online training modules relevant to the licence category;
- The investigation and development of tailored rehoming programs in each state that suit the industry size and demographic;
- KPI setting and regular reporting on key industry traceability statistics; and,
- HRA working in collaboration with government and other equestrian bodies to progress other broader welfare strategies including a national horse registry; transportation; and, equine specific destruction standards for knackeries and abattoirs.

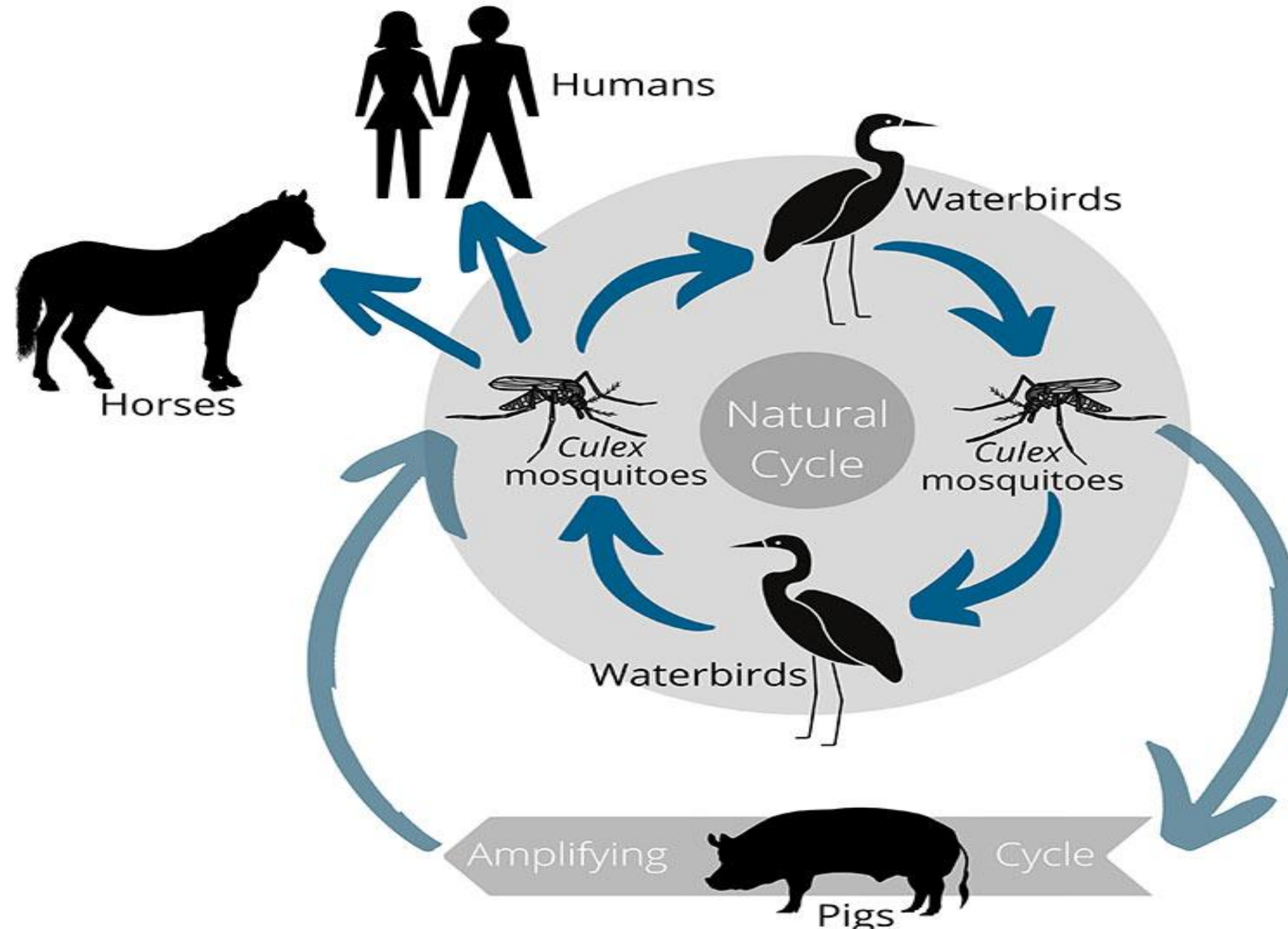
PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Equine Industry Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Discussion Exercise
- Horse Status Update
- Retirement Process
- Stewards Portal:
 - Transition of Incident & Injury data and reporting
 - Microchipping App
- Update of approved Gear and Equipment List - incl. changes to HarnessWeb functionality, inclusion in Stewards Portal and updated HRA online list
- Whip study with Insight Engineering
- Embryo Transfer Regulation

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS

- Emergency Animal Disease Alert
- Cases Numbers Update
- Signs of JEv in horses – very similar to Hendra
- Advice for Participants
- Risk to Harness Racing
- HRA Activities
 - Communications
 - Vaccine Access
 - Vaccine Rollout
 - Government Assistance

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS



INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION

HRA Representation of the Harness Racing Industry in various forums:

- RSPCA National Equine Roundtable (quarterly)
- Horse Industry Consultative Committee (twice yearly)
- Animal Health Australia (via EADRA Legislation - quarterly)
- Animal Health Committee (current Chair is Dr Alison Crook from Qld)
- International Trotting Association (annually):
 - Breeding
 - Integrity & Equine Welfare
- Recommended Consultative Groups from Senate Inquiry (Traceability):
 - National Horse Traceability Working Group (NHTWG) – Vic Govt. led
 - Animal Welfare Task Group – Qld Govt. led

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

~ OUTSTANDING ~

HARNESS RACING IN AUSTRALIA - HEALTH AND WELFARE STATS

FIRST RACE START

2YO
RACING



LONGER SUCCESSFUL CAREERS



A 2018 STUDY HAS SHOWN THAT STANDARDBRED WHICH HAVE THEIR FIRST RACE START AT TWO YEARS OF AGE END UP HAVING SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL RACING CAREERS THAN THOSE THAT BEGIN RACING LATER.

BANNED SUBSTANCES

28,777
DOPING
TESTS
> 0.3%
POSITIVE
TO DRUGS

2018/19
SEASON



EACH HORSE IS DRUG TESTED AN AVERAGE 2.9 TIMES PER RACING SEASON

LESS THAN 0.3% POSITIVE TO BANNED SUBSTANCES

LIFE AFTER RACING



69.9%

AFTER RETIRING FROM RACING MORE THAN 69% OF STANDARDBRED GO ON TO EQUESTRIAN, PLEASURE RIDING OR BREEDING CAREERS

86.3%

REHOMED

86.3% OF RETIRED STANDARDBREDS ARE REHOMED TO EQUESTRIAN, PLEASURE RIDING HOMES OR A RETIREMENT PROGRAM

16.4%

16.4% OF RETIRED STANDARDBREDS GO ON TO A BREEDING CAREER

WORLD'S STRICTEST WHIP RULES



INTRODUCED
1 SEPTEMBER 2020
WRIST ONLY ACTION
AND PROHIBITION
ON OVER FORCE



BREEDING

13%



3335 STANDARDBRED FOALS WERE BORN IN 2018/19 SEASON **13.6% DECREASE** SINCE 2014/15 BREEDING SEASON

INJURIES 2018/19

RACE INCIDENT
0.52%

FATAL
0.003%

14,087
RACES

127,346
STARTERS

2018/19

OVER 14,000 HARNESS RACES ARE CONDUCTED ACROSS AUSTRALIA EACH YEAR WITH AN INCIDENT/INJURY RATE OF 0.52% AND FATAL ACCIDENTS AT 0.003%



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National Statistics

Annual On-Line

National Stakemoney* Statistics - Starts, Starters, Winners, Licenceses 1987-2021**



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SEASON	TOTAL STAKEMONEY*	TOTAL RACES	IND. STARTERS	STARTS	AVERAGE STARTS PER HORSE	AVERAGE STAKEMONEY* PER STARTER	IND. WINNERS	DRIVERS LICENCED	NUMBER WINNING DRIVERS	TRAINERS LICENCED	NUMBER WINNING TRAINERS
2021/2021**	\$139,353,472	14,720	9,819	130,519	13.3	\$14,192	5,970	TBA	752	TBA	1,556
2020/2020*	\$45,598,239	4,933	7,094	44,360	6.3	\$6,428	3,006	N/A	550	N/A	1,077
2019-2020**	\$116,404,754	13,720	9,690	122,973	12.7	\$12,013	5,720	2,002	769	2,970	1,561
2018-2019	\$127,411,059	14,068	9,831	127,101	12.9	\$12,960	5,696	2,054	809	3,006	1,552
2017-2018	\$118,886,256	14,087	10,162	127,437	12.5	\$11,699	5,689	2,247	829	3,192	1,591
2016-2017	\$116,626,469	14,085	10,328	129,151	12.5	\$11,292	5,818	2,278	897	3,289	1,623
2015-2016	\$118,197,700	14,225	10,724	130,405	12.2	\$11,022	5,845	2,437	912	3,484	1,681
2014-2015	\$115,961,057	14,474	11,054	131,707	11.9	\$10,490	5,954	2,581	990	3,684	1,785
2013-2014	\$111,597,756	14,861	11,377	133,303	11.7	\$9,809	5,952	2,609	1,013	3,710	1,780
2012-2013	\$108,054,025	14,909	11,837	138,387	11.7	\$9,128	6,052	2,712	1,055	3,860	1,811
2011-2012	\$105,208,951	15,189	12,175	141,714	11.6	\$8,641	6,199	2,760	1,118	3,939	1,904
2010-2011	\$98,706,696	15,125	12,496	140,177	11.2	\$7,899	6,230	2,771	1,190	4,030	2,022
2009-2010	\$101,270,522	15,619	12,521	144,890	11.5	\$8,088	6,430	2,930	1,238	4,249	2,121

National Statistics

2021 – Outstanding Results

- In 2021, total races 14,720 is best since 13/14
- Individual starters 9,819 is best since 2017/18
- Starts of 130,519 is best since 2014/15
- Starts per horse 13.3 best since records were taken for this in 93/94
- Ave prizemoney per starter best since records were taken for this in 93/94
- Individual winners 5,970 best since 13/14
- Breeding – record Stallions, record Services

National & Tasmanian Statistics

Short Priced Favourites

2019 Ratings Implementation to 2021:

- \$1.90 or worse decreased by 22%;
- \$1.60 or worse decreased by 26%;
- \$1.30 or worse decreased by 22%.

Tasmania 2019 to 2021:

- \$1.90 or worse decreased by 40%;
- \$1.60 or worse decreased by 37%;
- \$1.30 or worse decreased by 26%.

Tasmanian Statistics

Turnover Results – Harness (FY)

- 2018/19 – 721 races for \$92m (\$128k ave.)
- 2019/20 – 550 races for \$73m (\$133k ave.) (+4%)
- 2020/21 – 724 races for \$121m (\$167k ave.) (+26%)
- 2021/22 – YTD – 359 races for \$71m (\$197k ave.) (+18%)

48% increase since the introduction of the National Rating System

National Statistics

NATIONAL CROP UTILISATION

2YO – AUS BRED

- 36% starters to crop = 9% more 2yo starters (as % of crop size) than previous full 12-months and 11% more than previous 10-year average
- 1209 starters = 5% more 2yo starters than previous full 12-months and 96 more starters than the previous 10-year average of 1113 (7-year average even better at 177 more than the 1032 ave.)
- 16% winners to crop = 5% more 2yo winners (as a % of crop size) than previous full 12-months and double the previous 10-year average of 8%
- 545 winners = 140 more 2yo winners than previous 12-months and an enormous 154 more winners ahead of the previous 10-year average of 391

National Statistics

NATIONAL CROP UTILISATION

3YO – AUS BRED

- 47% starters to crop = 2% more 3yo starters (as % of crop size) than previous full 12-months and 8% more than previous 10-year average
- 29% winners to crop = 8% more 3yo winners (as a % of crop size) than previous full 12-months and 11% more than the previous 10-year ave of 18%
- 985 winners = 32 more 3yo winners than previous 12-months and 76 winners ahead of the previous 10-year average of 909

National Ratings System Benefits

- Delivering improved racing product
- Presenting more competitive racing for punters
- Presenting more even fields and opportunities/chances for owners to win
- Driving improved wagering & revenue results across all States (except WA)
- Running more races as a result
- More horses in the active racing pool
- Spreading Prizemoney across more trainers (and owners!)
- National 4.3% increase individual winners in 2021 (12 months) – the largest increase in more than 10-years

3YO Racing

3YO	2021	19/20*	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16
Crop Size	3,456	3,651	3,865	3,869	4,206	4,529
Starters	1,641	1,762	1,745	1,564	1,651	1,703
Starters/Crop	47%	48%	45%	40%	39%	38%
Aus Bred Winners	985	1,079	953	901	966	932
% Winners - Foals	29%	30%	21%	20%	19%	17%

Juvenile Racing

Average \$PM Per Horse

Year	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+	Total
2017	\$8,285	\$10,985	\$14,862	\$11,602	\$11,654
2018	\$9,045	\$12,207	\$14,210	\$11,884	\$12,009
2019	\$9,985	\$13,093	\$16,285	\$13,197	\$13,324
2020	\$8,739	\$12,690	\$15,215	\$13,189	\$12,852
2021	\$10,646	\$14,122	\$16,973	\$14,197	\$14,269

% Horses Winning

Year	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+	Total
2017	40.7%	58.0%	67.9%	56.1%	56.6%
2018	41.9%	60.2%	68.0%	55.1%	56.8%
2019	45.4%	61.8%	70.8%	57.8%	59.4%
2020	45.7%	63.1%	72.1%	58.1%	60.0%
2021	47.1%	63.2%	71.0%	61.0%	61.6%

3YO Racing - Tasmania

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	21/21
TOTAL RACES HELD (ALL)	710	708	689	801	733
3YO STARTERS	674	659	612	709	708
3YO INDIV STARTERS	106	93	88	98	101
3YO WINNERS	97	100	78	85	97
RACES WON BY 3YO (% OF TOTAL ST)	13.7%	14.1%	11.3%	10.6%	13.2%
3YO INDIVIDUAL WINNERS	44	46	43	48	48
3YO MULTIPLE WINNERS - 2	17	12	9	5	16
3YO MULTIPLE WINNERS - 3	6	5	6	7	7
3YO MULTIPLE WINNERS - 4	2	5	2	6	5
3YO MULTIPLE WINNERS - 5	1	3	2	0	1
3YO MULTIPLE WINNERS - 6	1	1	0	0	0
3YO MULTIPLE WINNERS - 7+	1	0	0	0	0
3YO INDIV WINNERS (% 2+ WINS)	63.6%	56.5%	39.6%	37.5%	60.4%
3YO INDIV WINNERS (% 3+ WINS)	25.0%	30.4%	23.3%	27.1%	27.1%
STAKES WON BY 3YO - TOTAL	\$750,227	\$843,135	\$752,797	\$810,108	\$969,116
STAKES WON BY 3YO - AVERAGE	\$7,078	\$9,066	\$8,554	\$8,266	\$9,595

National Ratings Review Team

Ratings Review Team (RRT) consists of representatives from each State Controlling Body and continues to review and meet regularly.

From the most recent Review:

- Data reflects a healthy industry
- Investigating if there is a fairer starting point for 2 year olds
- Addressing lower levels of racing
- Sharing programming ideas and philosophies – most issues appear to be handled via programming tailored to the racing crop



**THERE IS NO
FINISH LINE**