

Media Release

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INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST FOR TERANG HARNESS RACING CLUB

Terang Harness Racing Club is getting a major infrastructure upgrade that will benefit the club and the local community, due to a funding boost from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Racing Martin Pakula today announced that the Labor Government would contribute \$730,000 from the *Victorian Racing Industry Fund* towards a \$1.7 million redevelopment that will deliver new stabling and community facilities.

The Federal Government is contributing \$250,000 and Corangamite Shire \$50,000 to the project, with the balance to be provided by the club and Harness Racing Victoria.

The project will see the construction of 100-stall stable complex with horse urinals, wash bays, veterinary room and swabbing facilities. The development will significantly improve facilities for local racing participants and attract new trainers to the club

The Silks Room/Community Hub function room will be enhanced and will offer significantly improved amenity on race days and make it more attractive as a venue for the local community.

The Terang Harness Racing Club has been an integral part of the local community for more than 100 years. It hosts 13 race meetings and 24 trial meetings each year and is a home base for 19 trainers.

Since 2015, the Labor Government has approved more than \$800,000 to support infrastructure projects and harness racing events at Terang Harness Racing Club.

The harness racing industry in regional Victoria generates \$255.3 million for the Victorian economy and helps sustain nearly 2,100 full-time-equivalent jobs.

Quote attributable to Minister for Racing Martin Pakula

"We're helping clubs develop modern, safe facilities for participants and to improve animal welfare outcomes. This is a significant project for the Terang Harness Racing Club and I look forward to seeing the completed works."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"Terang Harness Racing Club is a significant player in the local community – it's been a focal point for decades and investments like this ensure it will be around for many more years to come."

Quote attributable to Harness Racing Victoria Chair Dale Monteith

"I'd like to thank the Victorian Government for its support for this worthy project. It will improve health and safety, enhance the amenity of the venue for patrons, and help attract more trainers to locate here."

Quote attributable to Terang Harness Racing Club President Evan Savage

"Terang Harness Racing Club is a big part of the local community, and this project will make it more attractive as both a racing and community venue – it's a real win for the town."