

Media Release

The Hon Anthony Carbines MP

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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE VICTORIAN RACING INTEGRITY BOARD

The Victorian Racing Integrity Board has appointed two new members to uphold racing integrity in Victoria.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today welcomed the five appointments to the Victorian Racing Integrity Board, taking effect from 1 August.

Elizabeth Clarke AM has been reappointed to her role as Deputy Chair. Ms Clarke has extensive experience in the harness racing industry and was honoured in last year's Queen's Birthday Awards for her service to the harness racing industry.

She will be joined by two new Deputy Chairs - John Barrett and Bryan Gurry who have previously served as members of the Board.

Mr Barrett has more than 20 years of board-level experience across the public and not-for-profit sectors, and a knowledge of the greyhound racing industry gained through his experience as an independent member of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Integrity Council.

Mr Gurry has an extensive legal and business background, and a long association with the thoroughbred industry.

They replace former Deputy Chairs Magistrate Jacqueline Billings and Peter Young QC who did not seek reappointment to the Board. Minister Carbines thanked them for their significant contribution to the Board over the past three years.

Emmett Dunne has been appointed as a new member and brings significant experience in greyhound racing administration. He previously served as a police officer for over 40 years and was awarded the Australia Police Medal for distinguished service.

Tim Lyons has also been appointed a new member. He is a company director with significant experience managing complex industrial, integrity and policy issues.

The Victorian Racing Integrity Board was established by the Andrews Labor Government in 2019 to ensure racing in Victoria is subject to independent and transparent rules and regulations.

The board provides oversight of the activities of Racing Victoria, Harness Racing Victoria, and Greyhound Racing Victoria, and complements the work of the Racing Integrity Commissioner.

The racing industry in Victoria generates \$4.7 billion for the Victorian economy and helps sustain 34,900 full time equivalent jobs locally.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

"I congratulate Elizabeth Clarke, John Barrett and Bryan Gurry on their reappointments, and welcome Emmett Dunne and Tim Lyons, both of whom bring significant experience to the Board."

"The Government's creation of the Victorian Racing Integrity Board and Victorian Racing Tribunal were both significant events for racing in Victoria, helping ensure our industry maintains its reputation through the highest level of integrity and independent oversight."

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