

Media Release

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NEW HORSE WALKER FOR CRANBOURNE HARNESS RACING CLUB

Harness racing trainers in Melbourne's east now have access to more specialised equipment as the Andrews Labor Government continues to support animal welfare in the industry.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today inspected the newly completed six-horse walker at Cranbourne Harness Racing Training Centre made possible thanks to a Labor Government investment of more than \$30,000 from the *Victorian Racing Industry Fund* and \$32,000 from Harness Racing Victoria.

The 12-metre circular horse walker enables six horses to be walked at pace and can be used for training and rehabilitation.

The walker is also fitted with a concrete base, non-slip rubber flooring and lined walls to prevent injury.

Located at the Cranbourne Harness Racing Club, the new walker will enhance the Centre's reputation as a high-class training facility and increases its capacity for trainers.

The Cranbourne Harness Racing Club currently holds 25 race meetings and 25 trial meetings each year.

Since December 2014, the Government has invested more than \$690,000 to support racing and infrastructure projects at the club.

The harness racing industry in Victoria generates \$613.5 million for the economy and helps sustain almost 4,500 full time equivalent jobs locally.

Quote attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

"Our investment at Cranbourne will help the harness racing industry drive participation in Melbourne's east and continue to prioritise safety and animal welfare."

Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards

"This will encourage more trainers to base themselves in Cranbourne, boosting jobs and the local economy."

Quote attributable to Harness Racing Victoria Chair Dale Monteith

"This centre will really help build harness racing in the region – that's a win for the industry and win for our fans, and I'd like to thank the Victorian Government for its support."

Quote attributable to Cranbourne Harness Racing Club President David Scott

"This is a tremendous boost to our training centre and we're in a great position now to attract more trainers and horses to base themselves here at Cranbourne."

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