

Media Release

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NEW TRAINING TRACK FOR PAKENHAM RACING CLUB

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting the construction of a new training track at the Pakenham Racing Club to improve training conditions for horses.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today announced more than \$283,000 from the Labor Government's *Victorian Racing Industry Fund* to build the new track. The Pakenham Racing Club is investing almost \$85,000, and Racing Victoria are contributing more than \$198,000.

The new 600-metre stand-alone training track will be six metres wide and will provide trainers the opportunity to start light training activity, for slow work and trotting, and to take work off other training tracks at the club.

The project will help meet the increased demand for training facilities at Pakenham following the relocation of trainers and horses from Caulfield.

The new training track will create 20 jobs during construction, with the track expected to be open for training in December.

Since December 2014, the Labor Government has invested more than \$9.6 million through the *Victorian Racing Industry Fund* to support racing infrastructure projects and thoroughbred racing events at the Pakenham Racecourse.

The thoroughbred racing industry in outer Melbourne generates more than \$863 million for the Victorian economy and supports over 7,000 jobs locally.

Quote attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

"Pakenham Racing Club is a valuable racing venue for the south-east — that's why we are backing in these works to ensure the course continues to have world class facilities for the growing number of trainers and horses."

Quote attributable to Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin

"We're investing in the Pakenham Racing Club to ensure it continues to be a destination of choice for trainers, bringing more local jobs to our community."

Quote attributable to Pakenham Racing Club Chief Executive Officer Blair Odgers

"The new training trot track is a much-needed facility, and we thank the Victorian Government for continuing to support the club and the growth of the racing industry in Pakenham."