

# Media Release

**The Hon Anthony Carbines MP**  
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Minister for Racing



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## DIRECTORS APPOINTED FOR RACING VICTORIA BOARD

The Allan Labor Government has finalised appointments to the board of Racing Victoria with two new Directors set to strengthen the state's racing industry with decades of leadership, business experience and thoroughbred management know-how.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today congratulated Mark Player and Tim Rourke on their appointments.

Mr Player has more than 25 years of experience in the racing industry and is currently the Executive Chairman of Macedon Lodge, an equine training facility.

He is also the founding Director of Weanling Solutions, providing advice on the purchase and marketing of thoroughbreds.

Previously he was head of international sales and development for the Hong Kong Jockey Club and prior to this held the role of Director of Equine Business Development at Racing Victoria.

Mr Player also founded International Thoroughbred Solutions in 2011, a consultancy that provides strategic advice on the investment in and management of thoroughbreds.

Mr Rourke has served as the Chief Executive Officer for CitiPower and Powercor since 2013 and in May 2017 also became the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of United Energy.

Prior to this, he concurrently held the roles of Chief Executive Officer at GE Energy Infrastructure Australia and New Zealand and as the Asia Pacific Regional Executive for GE Aero Energy. Mr Rourke currently serves as a director on the boards of Energy Networks Australia and United Energy.

He is also a keen racing enthusiast with extensive ownership and breeding interests in the Victorian thoroughbred racing industry.

The Board will now nominate a Director to be the Chair for the Minister's approval and will also select a Deputy Chair, with announcements expected later this month.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

*"Mr Player has dedicated his career to the advancement of the racing industry - he is recognised internationally as an expert in the field whose knowledge and experience will now benefit Victorian racing."*

*"Mr Rourke's passion for thoroughbred racing, his highly regarded expertise and leadership in the business world, and his ability to build strong relationships will be an enormous asset for Racing Victoria's board of directors."*