

The Hon Martin Pakula MP
Minister for Racing

RACING PORTFOLIO

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

17 May 2022



State of the sector



\$4.3 billion

Generated by the Victorian racing industry (pre-COVID)



33,800 jobs

Directly from racing in Victoria (FTE)

Victorian Racing Industry Fund – Infrastructure

Since 1 July 2021 the Government has provided more than **\$12.4 million** through the VRIF to support infrastructure projects, including:

- **\$1.57 million** to upgrade the inside grass track at Warrnambool Racecourse (Total Project Cost \$3.14 million)
- **\$1.05 million** to upgrade the synthetic track at the Pakenham Racecourse. (Total Project Cost \$3.5 million)
- More than **\$850,000** to support the upgrade to Stainless Steel Raceday Kennels in Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Sale and Shepparton (Total Project Cost \$1.71 million)

Victorian Racing Industry Fund – Raceday Attraction Program

- Crowds returned to the races at Warrnambool and Flemington in October 2021 as a part of the Vaccinated Economy trial.
- With crowds returning to racetracks, the Government has provided funding to support 94 events since July 2021, including:
 - Colac Gold Cup
 - Cobram Pacing Cup
 - Woolamai Cup Day
 - Seaside Festival at the Warrnambool Greyhounds
 - Stony Pony Kids Day Out
 - Bendigo Golden Mile Raceday

Racing Integrity

- A continued focus during the past year on racing integrity within the industry
- Essential that participants are treated with respect and fairness and that the industry upholds the highest standards of integrity.
- Independent Review into Victorian Racing Industry Victim Support and Complaint Processes.