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RACING PORTFOLIO

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State of the sector



\$4.3 billion

Generated by the Victorian racing industry (pre-COVID)



33,000 jobs

Directly from racing in Victoria (FTE)

Racing in Victoria continued without crowds through the pandemic under strict biosecurity protocols, including health checks for participants

Our achievements

Key Victorian Racing Industry Fund – Infrastructure Projects

- Construction of a new J track at the **Traralgon Greyhound Racing Club**
- New stabling and community facilities at the **Terang Harness Racing Club**
- Refurbishment to the course proper at the **Seymour Racing Club**
- Construction of new stables at the **Geelong racecourse**

Our achievements

Victorian Racing Industry Fund – Raceday Attraction Program

- Government has provided funding to support a number of events where spectators were able to attend racetracks, including:
 - the Terang Harness Pacing Cup
 - the Tricodes Raceday at Cranbourne
 - the Yarra Valley Cup
 - Mildura Pacing Cup Carnival
 - Warrnambool Greyhound Cup
 - Easter Extravagance Raceday at the Sale Greyhounds

This budget – key initiatives

- \$4.1 million for the **Harness Racing Victoria Transformation Program** to increase investment in the code
- Backing Victoria's racing industry with an increase in the **Victorian Racing Industry Point of Consumption Tax Payment**