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Harness Racing SA acknowledges the traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past andpresent. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today. And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

DR CARLO D'ORTENZIO |
CHAIR HRSA

> ***" OUR INDUSTRY'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND PROGRESS IS EVIDENT IN OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT TO CHANGING MARKET DYNAMICS AND UPHOLD HIGH STANDARDS OF INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE. "***
>
> DR CARLO D'ORTENZIO

I am proud to present the Chairman's Report for Harness Racing SA, which highlights both the achievements and challenges of the past year, particularly focusing on the sound progress made in 2024.

This year has been a defining period for the harness racing industry nationwide, as we navigate a landscape filled with opportunities and considerable challenges. Nationally, the sport continues to captivate audiences, especially through prestigious and innovative events like the TAB Eureka, Interdominion, Miracle Mile, Great Southern Star, A.G. Hunter Cup etc the industry still faces significant financial hurdles..

The harness racing industry, particularly in vital regions like Victoria, is experiencing challenges due to a declining wagering market. Since wagering constitutes a major portion of revenue, these downturns are creating significant repercussions throughout the sport. In response to these revenue issues, Victoria has announced reductions in prizemoney and operational costs for the 2023-24 season.

In New South Wales, Harness Racing NSW is effectively navigating global economic pressures, thanks to investment income and support from programs like the Point of Consumption Tax, which helps mitigate revenue declines.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of harness racing, several states are revamping their financial frameworks. For example, Harness Racing Victoria is transitioning to a self-sustaining model after years of dependence on government grants, while also focusing on operational efficiencies and lowering prizemoney to achieve balanced budgets.

Most state governments have offered sporadic support and, in certain instances, debt relief. However, it is clear that ongoing government assistance is limited, with a growing emphasis on encouraging the sport to achieve self-sufficiency.

Despite these obstacles, state racing authorities remain hopeful about transforming the sport. Their key strategies involve implementing cost-saving measures, diversifying revenue streams, enhancing media rights, and innovating race structures. The coming years will be crucial in shaping the future sustainability of Australian harness racing.

In South Australia, the outlook is even more promising. Harness Racing SA has been dedicated to boosting competitiveness, streamlining operations, and fostering unity within the industry. Through strategic partnerships and effective management, we have not only maintained but also strengthened our standing in the national harness racing scene, with market share numbers increasing this financial year from under 5% to 6.4%.

One of the year's standout initiatives is our collaboration with the South Australian Harness Racing Club and Kevin Seymour of the Seymour Group to revitalise the racing track at Globe Derby. This ambitious project is focused on modernising the facility and ensuring its long-term sustainability. Key aspects of this redevelopment include:

- The redevelopment project prioritises the safety of our horses and drivers. The new track design incorporates state-of-the-art safety features, ensuring a secure racing environment.
- Beyond safety, the redevelopment includes upgrades to infrastructure facilities, amenities for participants, contributions to prizemoney, and technological enhancements to streamline race-day operations.
- This initiative not only benefits stakeholders directly involved in harness racing but also strengthens our ties with the local community. By upgrading the facility, we aim to attract broader audiences and support the growth of harness racing as a sport of choice.

The South Australian harness racing industry has undoubtedly experienced positive growth, driven by rising public interest, increased investment in facilities, and strong governance. However, our efforts go beyond this. We are committed to supporting the growth of member clubs–our key stakeholders–and advancing the development and upgrading of racetracks.

Similar to our interstate counterparts, HRSA Directors have been dedicated to developing a self-sustaining model and improving operational efficiencies. We have also made significant efforts to increase prize money while maintaining a balanced budget. With industry support along with member clubs, we anticipate that 2024 will be recognised as the year of:

- Improved financial position
- Increase in POC Tax
- Proposed new Constitution
- Increased networking opportunities
- Increase in prize money
- Racetrack upgrade – Globe Derby
- Increased media coverage and sponsorship

There is no question that through these initiatives South Australian Harness Racing stands out as a leader in innovation and sustainability within the industry. Our industry's commitment to excellence and progress is evident in our ability to adapt to changing market dynamics and uphold high standards of integrity and performance.

While celebrating our achievements, it is crucial to acknowledge the challenges that lie ahead. Economic uncertainties, regulatory changes, and evolving consumer preferences present ongoing challenges. However, these challenges also present opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and strategic planning.

Perhaps the greatest showcase of our state on a national stage however was via the inaugural running of the worlds richest harness race, The Eureka. A slot race with an attached $2m purse attracted some of the best talent in this corner of the world, and it was a South Aussie bred and raised mare, Encipher, who conquered the event and reign victorious in a result which enjoyed added local flavour. Congratulations to breeder/owner Tyson Linke and slot holders Aaron Bain Racing/Summit Bloodstock, this was a truly incredible feat which can't be understated.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our member clubs, the cornerstone of our mission. Your resilience and ongoing growth are a testament to the strength and potential of Harness Racing SA. Together, we have not only met but surpassed expectations in numerous areas of the industry.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to driving the advancement of the harness racing industry, fostering growth, and delivering sustainable value for all stakeholders.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the State Government, Treasurer Hon. Stephen Mulligan MP, and Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing Hon. Katrine Hildyard MP for their ongoing support.

CEO REPORT

DEAN ELLIOTT | HRSA CEO

> ***“ I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTORS WHO HAVE HELPED ACHIEVE A LEVEL OF SUCCESS WHILST SWIMMING AGAINST THE NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC TIDES.”***
>
> DEAN ELLIOTT

It’s once again a pleasure to contribute to the Annual Report of Harness Racing South Australia (HRSA), this for the Financial Year of 2024.

The themes of growth and injection in SA were to the fore during this period that in turn assisted to counter the headwinds felt firstly by way of declining turnover nationally in a challenging economy, and secondly by harness racing’s national decline in comparison to the other racing codes.

Such a national landscape called for HRSA to set measures around offsetting and protection such as growing population, boosted support to participants, and prioritised expenditure.

The significant growth in horse population across a single financial year by 21.3% was a strong indicator of optimism for the local industry and in turn allowed HRSA to increase the number of races conducted (up 19.8%), and average field size (up 4%).

The injection of support to participants came in the form of an unprecedented increase to prizemoney YoY of 33.4%. Such a number was able to be achieved due to several main factors including an increase to Point of Consumption Tax pass through (also referred to as POC rebate), an increase of market share (which determined the level of rebate received), growth in horse population, and a renegotiated agreement with corporate bookmakers on HRSA’s race fields fees (arguably the most collaborative agreement in Australia).

Prioritizing expenditure in the current marketplace is a prudent move, and one that HRSA has been conscious of. During a period of rising costs and overall growth, spending has been diligent and efficient. A great figure to promote under this umbrella is the prizemoney to revenue ratio, which sits relatively high compared to other jurisdictions and codes 62.6%.

South Australia is now in a position to capitalise on these encouraging KPIs. As always, this cannot be achieved without the buy-in, unity, and support of all stakeholders, members, and participants. For that, I would like to thank all our wonderful contributors who have helped achieve a level of success whilst swimming against the national and economic tides. Without this, we would simply not be in a position to thrive and sustain.

The 2024 Financial Year saw the first of the rejuvenated SA Cup, held in October with heats leading into finals. This led to a resurgence in national coverage and added further strength to what has now taken shape as a peak period of metropolitan feature racing from mid-October to early December.

Likewise, the Country Cups circuit and regional racing seasons continued to attract wonderful participation showcasing harness racing to our various corners of the state.

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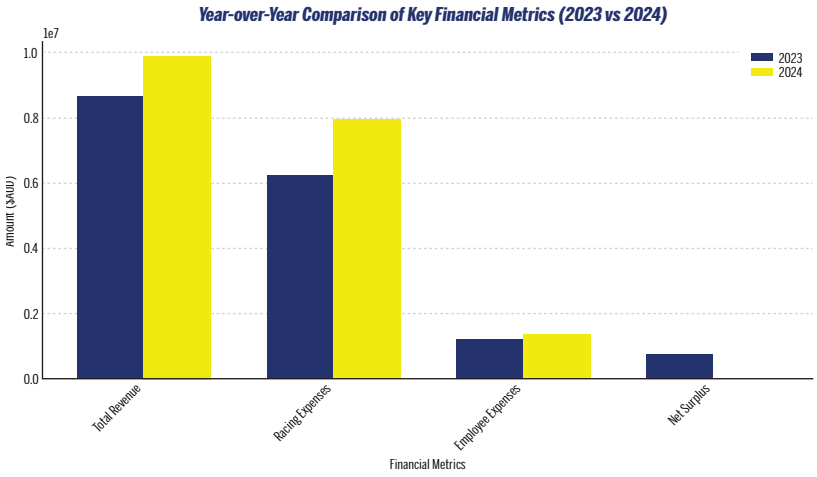
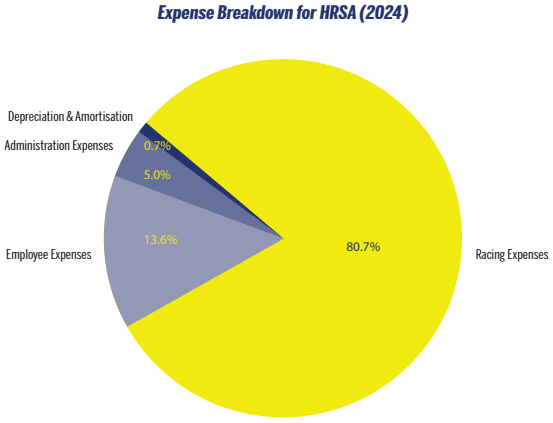
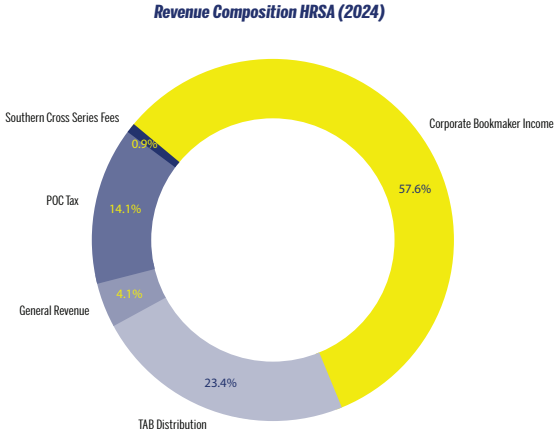
Speaking of great achievements, I would like to thank the HRSA Board, led by Chair Dr Carlo D'Ortenzio for their guidance, support, and ongoing contribution. The level of acumen and experience the Board provides is of the upmost value to the industry.

To my team, a dedicated group of staff who go above and beyond to ensure the conduction of harness racing in the state. Led on raceday by Chairman of Stewards Trevor Styles, and in the racing office by Operations Manager David Thuen. Mr Styles has made significant inroads to integrity processes across the state to ensure a safer and fairer playing field, whilst David continues to be the heart and soul of our organisation with his meticulous and thoughtful approach to a complex role, meeting daily challenges and deadlines.

The next 12 months for our industry will be a defining time, and one we should all be looking forward to embracing.







CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS REPORT

TREVOR STYLES |
CHAIR OF STEWARDS

> ***‘ RACE DAY OFFICIALS DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR PART IN ENSURING OUR RACE MEETINGS ARE RUN IN A SAFE AND TIMELY MANNER ’***
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> TREVOR STYLES

Financial year 2023/2024 for Harness Racing South Australia has been one in which the industry can reflect on and appreciate the hard work and efforts of those who have been tireless in their dedication to ensure that in these challenging times our Industry is progressing.

To the HRSA Board, Dean Elliott and all HRSA staff my sincere thanks for your valuable help in providing the industry with a professional service second to none.

Throughout the year I have been supported by Stewards Simon Ewen, Ian Devitt, Daryl Southgate, Paul Fitzgerald, Patrick Fricker, Richard Shepherd along with Jamie Williams who has joined our team, and I am fortunate having them not only at race meetings but assisting in various other roles.

Race day officials deserve recognition for their part in ensuring our race meetings are run in a safe and timely manner and our Starters James Short, David Clarke, Gary Clayton, and Denis Barker along with all track staff including Clerks of the Course, Veterinary Surgeons, Swabbing Officials, Medical Care, and those who prepare and look after the racetracks. I appreciate your efforts and look forward to continuing working with you all.

My thanks extend to all who work tirelessly at our trials thus ensuring trainers are given opportunity to qualify their horses on a weekly basis.

A necessary part of our Integrity Control is Swabbing both for Human and Equine.

Human Samples: Saliva Test 86. Breathalyser 14.
One (1) Positive Test.
Horse Samples: 1,264. TCO2 668. Pre-Urine 44. Out of Competition 1.
Four (4) Positive Tests.
Licenced Actions: Fines $47,500. Suspensions 46. Disqualifications 2.
Appeals: Four (4). All Dismissed. One (1) Penalty Varied.

The redevelopment of Globe Derby Park is one which I would hope all Licenced Persons accept whilst a short-term inconvenience the result is one to look forward for the future and support the Club in their efforts during this time.

Stewards appreciate the Gawler, Port Pirie, Victor Harbor and Mount Gambier Clubs support throughout the season but unfortunately, we lost the meeting set down for Kapunda.

To Licenced Persons, your role is pivotal in always presenting conduct of highest standard, respect for welfare to our horses which will ensure that the industry is seen by all persons as one entitled in today’s world worthy of recognition and support from all levels of public.

2024

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RACING OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

DAVID THUEN |
HRSA RACING OPERATIONS MANAGER

> **‘ THE CLUB’S TRACK UPGRADE IS VERY EXCITING FOR THE INDUSTRY AND THE RACING OFFICE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE SAHRC IN THIS NEW CHAPTER OF RACING.’**
>
> DAVID THUEN

RACING AND PROGRAMMING

During the 2023-24 Financial Year, 1125 races were conducted at 132 TAB and Sky Racing covered Harness racing meetings in South Australia. This resulted in an increase from the previous financial year of an additional 7 race meetings and an additional 183 races conducted. Venues which conducted race meetings during this period were: Globe Derby Park, Port Pirie, Gawler, Mount Gambier and Victor Harbor.

NEW INITIATIVES

In 2023 HRSA announced a new format, along with increased prizemoney for the 2023 SA Pacing and Trotters Cups. In a first, heats were held in both categories on October 20, where horses were competing to qualify for the $60,000 SA Pacing & $40,000 SA Trotters Cup. Additionally, two ‘Win And You’re In’ races were conducted whereby the winners automatically gained entry into the respective SA Cup Finals.

Heats and Finals of the SA Pacing Derby and 2yo Golden Nursery were also conducted at the same meetings.

The SA Pacing Cup was ultimately won by WHERES THE GOLD NZ, driven by Allan McDonough for Trainer Emma Stewart, whilst victory in the SA Trotters Cup went to BLUE COMAN NZ, trained by former local Greg Norman and driven by Ryan Sanderson.

The SA Pacing Derby was also taken out by the Emma Stewart, Allan McDonough combination with OUR VINNIE and the Golden Nursery was won by MISS IDAHO for trainer/driver Ryan Hryhorec.

Other new initiatives introduced in the 2023/24 financial year included:

- July 2023 – Increased the number of $6,999 races programmed at Saturday meetings.
- July 2023 – Introduced a minimum of one race programmed at Saturday meetings each week of $9,999 or more.
- July 2023 – Increased maximum prizemoney level of midweek racing from $4,000 to $4,500 and increased the number of $4,500 races programmed.
- July 2023 – Increased driver fees for $3,000 races from $30 to $40.
- July 2023 – Increased driver fees for races over $3,000 from $45 to $55.
- October 2023 – Introduced a minimum of two $3,500 races at Globe Derby Park midweek meetings, increased from $3,000.
- January 2024 – Introduced a ‘Breeder Bonus’ for Southern Cross Bonus winners.
- January 2024 – Introduced a ‘Place Bonus’ for Southern Cross horses.
- January 2024 – Commenced programming ‘open age’ Southern Cross races.

SOUTHERN CROSS

In 2024, HRSA introduced a number of initiatives to stimulate and reward local breeding.

Firstly, a $500 Breeder Bonus was introduced to any horse which was either bred in SA or Bred wholly by SA residents and was the recipient of a Southern Cross Win Bonus.

Secondly, a Place Bonus was created for any 2yo or 3yo, whereby a portion of the Southern Cross Bonus would be paid out if a horse finished second or third prior to winning a Southern Cross Bonus in 2024. Horses can be awarded up to $3,000 in place bonuses, with the remaining portion of the Southern Cross Bonus to be paid out should they subsequently win a race in SA.

Finally, commencing in January 2024, open age Southern Cross races were programmed. These races were for a horse of any age which was paid up for the Southern Cross Series in their 2yo and 3yo career.

Winners of the respective Southern Cross Series Finals in 2023 were:

- 2YO Pacing Fillies – Miss Idaho, trained & driven by Ryan Hryhorec.
- 2YO Pacing Colts & Geldings – No Notthebuttons, trained by Emma Stewart, driven by Ken Rogers.
- 3YO Pacing Fillies – Delightfull Tammy, trained by Toby Ryan, driven by Lisa Ryan.
- 3YO Pacing Colts & Geldings – Lifeisbutadream, trained & driven by Anthony Robinson.
- 2YO Trotters – Illawong Martini, trained by Robin Maguire, driven by Ryan Hryhorec.
- 3YO Trotters – Skew Whiff, trained by Jill Neilson/Katie Wilson, driven by Wayne Hill.

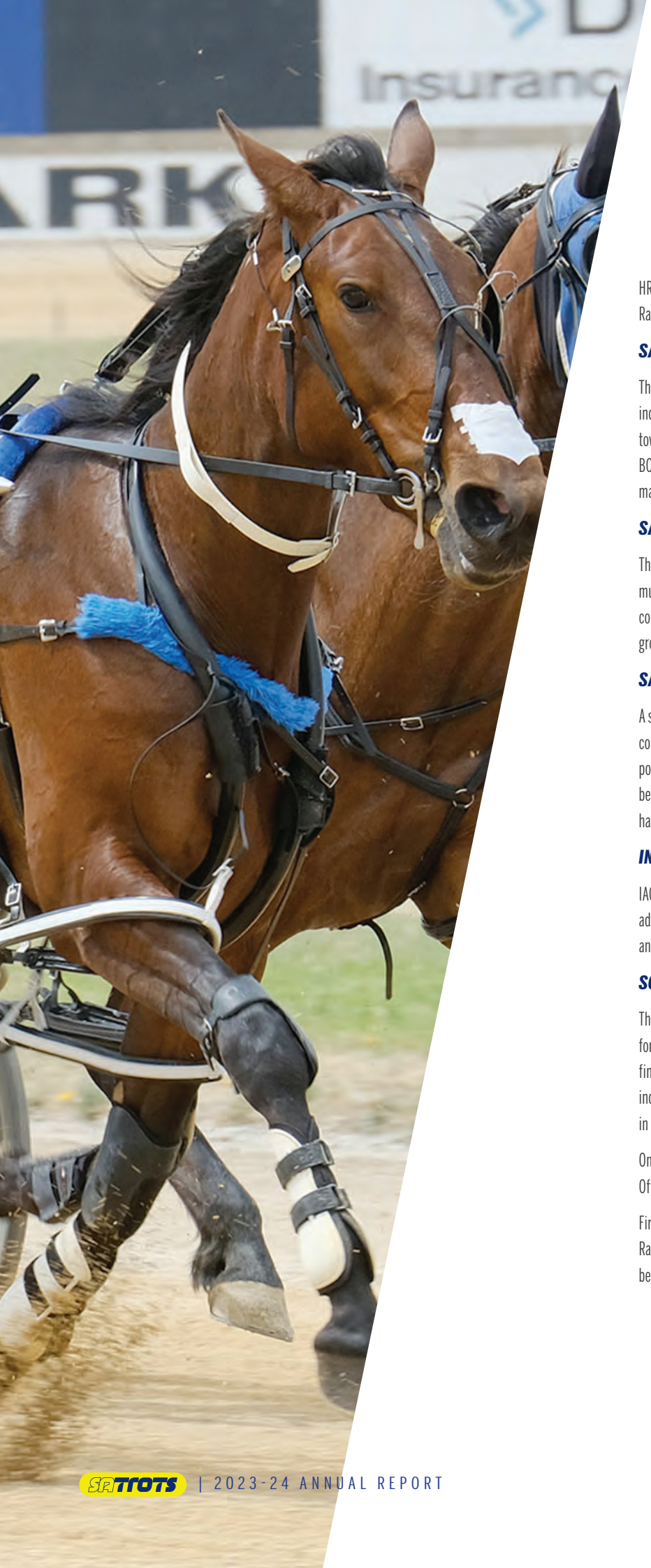
Horse Of The Year

The 2023 Horse Of The year awards were held at the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club on Friday March 8, 2024. Award Winners presented on the night included:

HRSA HOTY CATEGORY WINNERS	
SA 2YO Pacer (Filly)	MISS IDAHO
SA 2YO Pacer (C&G)	BAY JIM MAJOR
SA 3YO Pacer (Filly)	DELIGHTFULL TAMMY
SA 3YO Pacer (C&G)	LIFEISBUTADREAM
SA 4YO Pacer (Mare)	MALUKA MISS
SA 4YO Pacer (Entire/Gelding)	HANGING FIRE
SA 5YO & Older Pacing Mare	MOSAIC ART
SA 5YO & Older Pacing Entire/Gelding	ASSASSINATOR
SA 2YO Trotter	ILLAWONG MARTINI
SA 3YO Trotter (Filly)	BULLION GIRL
SA 3YO Trotter (C&G)	ALDEBARAN STILES
SA 4YO Trotter (Mare)	SO VOGUE
SA 4YO Trotter (Entire/Gelding)	ALDEBARAN DEXTA
SA 5YO & Older Trotting Mare	MILLYS MAGIC
SA 5YO & Older Trotter Entire/Gelding	UNCLE LOUIS
SA Broodmare of the Year	OUR CAVORT

HRSA PREMIERSHIP WINNERS	
SA Leading Young Driver	Samantha Pascoe
SA Leading Concession Driver	Samantha Pascoe
SA Leading State Driver	Ryan Hryhorec
SA Leading State Trainer	Aaron Bain
SA Claimer of the Year	SECRET OPERATION
SA Leading State Pacer	HANGING FIRE
SA Leading State Trotter	PIESRIDINGSHOTGUN

HRSA MAJOR AWARDS	
2023 Cups Series Pacing R ecognition Award	MAHARAJAH
2023 Cups Series Trotting Recognition Award	MILLYS MAGIC
Nevada Smoke Special Achievement Award	REBECCA TAYLOR
Jim Hurley Medal	RYAN HRYHOREC
Chairman's Award	WAYNE HILL
Chairman's Award	ENCIPHER
SA Horse of the Year	MISS IDAHO



HRSA relies on the support of volunteer groups and associations and the Racing Office would like to acknowledge a number of these groups:

SA BOTRA

The SA BOTRA Committee continue to live up to their motto of 'the voice of the industry'. Not only do they represent industry participants, their contributions towards events such as the 2023 Alabar SA BOTRA Golden Nursery, 2024 SA BOTRA Kindergarten Series and 2024 Southern Stars Yearling Sale, amongst many others, has been invaluable.

SA COUNTRY CLUBS ASSOCIATION

The SA Country Cups Series was a highlight of the racing season, as a result of much hard work from all Clubs involved. Also, the number of regional meetings conducted each year continues to increase in recent years, highlighting the growth in these regions.

SA SQUARE TROTTERS ASSOCIATION

A significant reason for an increase in horse population and races conducted this financial year has been due to the ever-expanding trotting population. HRSA enjoys a strong working relationship with the SA STA and between the two bodies an attractive programming and handicapping system has been implemented.

INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IAC meetings have been the brainchild of many of the recent initiatives adopted by HRSA. This committee provides a great insight into the thoughts and ideas from the point of view of the industry participants.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING CLUB

The Racing Office is grateful to the South Australia Harness Racing Club for hosting the majority of race meetings conducted in SA in the 2023/24 financial year. The Club's upcoming track upgrade is very exciting for the industry and the Racing Office are looking forward to working with the SAHRC in this new chapter of racing.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those who assisted in the Racing Office over the past year.

Firstly, Emma Johnson who had worked tirelessly over the past few years in the Racing Office, took up a role with HRV in November 2023. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Danielle Hill was an asset to the Racing Office during her short employment with HRSA, whilst recuperating from her injuries. Unfortunately for the Racing Office, but fortunately for the industry, Dani has returned to the racetrack.

James Short has commenced working in the Racing Office during this financial year and his efforts have been much appreciated.

Peter Lawrence has returned to the Racing Office in a part time capacity and his knowledge of the industry is a valuable commodity.

I would also like to thank Leanne Ewen, Carolyn McCusker, Simon Ewen and Kathryn Nicolai for their assistance to the Racing Office. Furthermore, I would like to thank the integrity department for their assistance throughout the year, led by Trevor Styles.

Finally, I wish to thank CEO Dean Elliott for his leadership throughout this year, and also a thank you to the HRSA Board for allowing me to continue to perform this role.

	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	ANNUAL VARIANCE
RACING STATISTICS			
Number Of Meetings Conducted	132	125	5.6%
Number Of Races Conducted	1125	942	19.8%
Number of Starters	8829	7093	24.5%
Number Of Individual Horses	893	736	21.3%
Average Field Size	7.83	7.53	4%
PRIZEMONEY STATISTICS			
Prizemoney Paid	5.762m	4.320m	33.4%
Southern Cross Bonuses Paid	484,000	377,500	28.2%
WAGERING STATISTICS			
SA TAB Total Turnover	4.650m	4.482m	3.7%
SA Market Share	8.653	8.248%	4.9%
Total Turnover (all other)	183.178m	182.030m	0.6%

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DEAN ELLIOTT

HRSA SNAPTSHOT

PRIZEMONEY PAID

$5.762m

INCREASE 33.4%

STARTERS

8829

INCREASE 24.5%

RACES CONDUCTED

1125

INCREASE 19.8%

SOUTHERN CROSS BONUSES PAID

$484,000

INCREASE 28.2%

SA MARKET SHARE

+8.653%

INCREASE 4.9%

CORPORATE TURNOVER

$183.2m

INCREASE 0.6%

GAWLER

PRESIDENTS REPORT

KAYE HALLIDAY

Once again the Gawler Harness Racing Club has had a busy year with property upgrades and improvements.

Throughout the year we have continued to conduct trials fortnightly, assisted the young Pony Trots drivers with practice sessions and again provided the grounds and track to assist the Veterinary Students from Roseworthy Campus.

In anticipation of renovations at Globe Derby, we commenced preparation for new horse stall to cater for the large number of horses racing. The towers were also enclosed to reduce weather damage and debris.

Again we conducted our 2 signature meeting The Platinum Cup in October 2023 and The Gold Cup in March 2024

The Fashions on the Field competition conducted by Melissa Gregarace was one of the highlights of Cup Day.

Increasing our income has continually been in the forefront of the committee. The committee and volunteers set about cleaning and repairing sheds to render them suitable for rental. Some final work needs to be undertaken as we currently awaiting approval from the Light Regional Council to proceed.

When completed we estimate that the income could be a substantial amount giving the Club the ability to further improve the track and facilities.

Again I would like to thank our committee.

Their contribution to the Club has been way and above the call of duty. They are a diverse group of people with a passionate belief in Harness Racing and to the wellbeing of the Club.

At the last election we welcomed Brian O'Reilly and Lee-Ann Pangrazio to our committee.

Jeremy Seal has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election. Thank you is not enough to say as he has been a major force throughout the year in the continued running of the club as well being a very competent Treasurer.

To our volunteers, be it track maintenance, ground maintenance, repairs, trial day assistants and Canteen duties, thanks you are just 2 humble words that say so much.

Our goal has always been and continues to be the return of the Gawler Harness Racing Club to a major role in the Harness Racing Industry with the guidance from Harness Racing SA Chairman & CEO.

We look forward to the coming year 2024/2025.

KAPUNDA HRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

STEPHEN NORMAN

The past financial year has been one of great positivity for our club.

The unfortunate weather postponement of the much anticipated Kapunda Cup meeting in March was very disappointing. Fortunately, HRSA backed up its promise to reprogram the event and as many of you would now know, it was conducted on October 6th.

It was an outstanding success – one of the biggest and best Kapunda Cup events in memory - with outside caterers, a punter's club and fashions on the field among the new innovations for this Cup day. The committee have been assured that the club will still have a Cup meeting programmed for the regular date in March 2025, and it will be one not to miss.

Once again, our rodeo and swap meet were a great success. Both functions were the most financially profitable ever for the club. In addition, throughout the year the club facilities were extensively hired by people looking for a function venue.

The committee continues to implement improvements to the overall facility. The grassing of the parade ring is almost complete and painting and cladding in the betting ring has tidied it up considerably.

The dilapidated terrace in front of the main grandstand has been fully renovated at a cost of around $18 000 and was finished in time for Cup day. This will be a huge improvement in safety and aesthetics for that area.

One interesting proposal for the future lies with Light Regional Council, which has an (as yet) informal plan for an extensive redevelopment of Dutton Park sporting precinct, including the harness racing facility. Kapunda has been earmarked by the state government as a "medium growth" township, with a likely doubling of the town population by 2035.

To accommodate the necessary rise in need for recreation spaces, this proposal may see sporting fields inside the track, a lengthening of the racing surface and the reinstallation of lights.

Any actual works are a long way away, with specific planning and then the obvious funding requirements still to be worked out, but it is a potentially exciting prospect.

The improving fortunes of harness racing in SA gives the club hope of possibly gaining more race meetings in the future. The issue of fibre optic connection for Sky Channel broadcasting appears to be evolving due to changes in technology and the committee is keeping abreast of the opportunities it may present.

All in all, Kapunda Harness Racing Club is in great shape and will continue to seek ways of improving in every way possible.

Kapunda Harness Racing Club

MOUNT GAMBIER HRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

SIMON PHILLIPS

I present the President Report of the Mount Gambier Harness Racing Club sharing some of the highlights and successes during 2023/24 season.

The Mount Gambier Club conducted 13 race meetings during the 2023/24 racing season. In what was a 5 meeting increase from the previous year.

The Matthews Petroleum Mount Gambier Pacing Gold Cup was the highlight of our season, held on Saturday the 16th of March 2024, The cup was won by Hez All Rock, trained by Bec East and driven by Mark Phillips. Congratulations to Bec, Broughy and the team who continue to support our club. We had a fantastic crowd that evening and the club received great feedback from the industry and the general public.

The continued support from our major sponsors, Matthews Petroleum is very much appreciated, and we welcome their participation and involvement in our Club and to harness racing in the South East region. Our Club and Regular sponsors form a valuable part of our club for which we are very grateful. The club also benefited from the HRSA / Ladbrokes deal which is a key sponsorship for us and the industry into the future.

The Club again had a busy season – Some fundraisers included the major 'beer" raffle, sponsors dinner, Rump and Red night, South Eastern club dinners and gold cup Calcutta which was ran in a new format in conjunction with our Trophy Presentations.

The Cattle Rearing Scheme continues to be a very valuable source of income for the Club – many thanks to all those involved - who donate and who rear cattle. Cattle prices have been on the decline, so the Club will need to build its stock numbers again..

The "100" Club again provides a great income to the Club – thanks to all ticket holders and to Anthony Rice for running and organising. The final draw and break up was held and the Major winner was Zac Rice.

The main racing track provided a good racing surface. Thanks to the track curators and volunteers for your equipment, advice and support during the season. The club continues to invest money on product and groundworks to create a safe and consistent track for racing and training.

To the Club's volunteers – many thanks for your continued contribution throughout the season – on race days, at trials, and in particular cup week – your contribution is very much appreciated – many thanks.

The involvement of the Pony Harness Club continues to be a feature at our race meetings – many thanks for your involvement.

The Border Watch, SE Voice, Lifestyle and 5GTR FM - thank you for your coverage of our sport.

Racing will re commence on the 5th of November 2023. We have been advised that racing needs to be where possible on Sky1 to capture the punting dollar. We have been allocated 16 race meetings which again is an improvement on our last season.

To Dean Elliott, David Thuen and HRSA, thankyou for continued support and the industry in SA seems to be improving month on month.

In closing I would personally like to thank all involved who have helped me throughout the year, and the past four years as President. I will be stepping down as of tonight, but look forward to continuing at a committee level to help pointing the club in the right direction.

PORT PIRIE HRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

MICK DARLING

On behalf of the committee it is my pleasure to present to you the profit/ loss accounts and balance sheets of the club for the year ending 30th June 2024 I would like to thank all persons who have contributed to our club although showing a loss for the year I am sure our club is in a strong financial position. A lot this credit must go to Rebecca Taylor who has successfully chased up the money owing on our leased land.

A special mention must go to Chris, Julianne, Rebecca and all other people who contributed to not only racing but also keeping up with the maintenance in our off season.This season has been a year a year where a lot of maintenance has been performed including a track upgrade septic tank replacement and repainting of furniture in the betting shed.

The Port Pirie Harness Racing Club conducted another successful season of harness racing due to good support from owners and trainers from near and far. We continue to have excellent support on our feature night Port Pirie Cup. Unfortunately we lost our Saturday night cup night to the weather and although we had a very good cup night the atmosphere was or the crowd was not the same as a Saturday night. Unfortunately we also had to abandon the Kadina cup meeting due to vandalism to the lights and the remainder of the meeting was held at GDP. I would like to acknowledge all persons who gave their time to have our track in prime condition for racing at all times especially for getting our track ready for the Cup after all the rain.

Port Pirie Harness Racing Club is very grateful to all sponsors who have supported us and without them we would not be in the position we are in now.Aspecial thanks must go to Rebecca Chris Trent and Dale for their efforts in obtaining new sponsors again this year. We trust our members and friends support those who support us.

Fundraising remains a strength of a very successful harness racing club and I would like to thank all people who make this possible, the bar staff Julianne and canteen workers along with all other people who help at other fundraisers. Due to the decreasing numbers in these areas if there is anyone who can spare a small amount of time to assist with fundraisers it will be greatly appreciated?

To all staff who helped on race nights we thank you for your continued help. Thanks must also go to Radio, Television and the Press.

Thanks goes to Dean Elliott and staff, Carlo D'Ortinzio and all board members for their support throughout the year. I would especially like to thank David Thuen ,Danni Hill and James Short for the effort they put in to getting enough nominations to keep each club racing week after week.

During the year we lost some much loved and valued Life members, Members, Workers, Friends and supporters of our club.

Our deepest sympathies goes to all their families

Finally thanks to all others who contributed to keeping our club running smoothly and successfully'

Port Pirie Harness Racing Club

SAHRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

ANNE MOWDAY

2023-2024 year has been a year of growth, a lot has been achieved with the relocation of the training track and the redevelopment of the racetrack to an approved standard. This work also included an upgrade of the fencing, rewiring the underground lighting cables and repairs to the semaphore board. It is a pleasure to look out across the track and see the lift this renovation has given the Club.

Stephen Lawson from the Seymour Group managed the track project alongside Wayne Edgeloe, we thank them both for their knowledge and expertise. Stephen is now busy with the Club's Land Development; many of you may have seen the notices in the Advertiser requesting expressions of interest in the allotments. Feedback at this stage is all positive. We will keep all members updated on progress; this is an exciting time for our Club!

The financial result for this current year ending is not what we had hoped for, rising costs have hit us just as they have impacted other Businesses in SA. The introduction of a Club CEO, David Grenvold in August this year has already given us confidence that we are moving in the right direction, the period during the track renovation did have an impact, but we are pleased to see many familiar faces returning to the Club.

The Committee sincerely thank our Country Club Committees and Volunteers for their tireless efforts in keeping our Industry buoyant during our Racetrack's closedown period, without Volunteers we would not have an Industry, we often forget the effort and workloads they take on, THANK YOU!

Once again, as I write this report, the Committee elections we are under way, on behalf of the current and past Committee members we sincerely thank our retiring member John Kelly for his support and tireless work during his time on our Club Committee, John is a great supporter of our Industry and will be missed by the Committee members who have worked alongside him.

The current Committee have continued to work hard for your Industry, please consider this when you cast our vote.

STRATHALBYN HRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

MAX BEASLEY

SHRC ran its cup meeting at Globe Derby Park on the 2nd March ' 24. Elevated stake money across the board, the cup was increased to $14999 and another 4 races to $9K . The meeting attracted unprecedented nominations with 12 races on the card, most with full fields.

A series of marquees covering the front of the grandstand provided a great launching pad for all the sponsors on the night. Special thanks to the SAHRC who were more than willing to work together with our club to make not only us welcome but help assist on the evening.

The Norwood Football Club / Strathalbyn Pacing Cup was won by Culture King with the runner up Artillery both trained by Paul Cavallaro. The Trotters Cup was won by Ryan Hryhorec trained Regal Attire.

The club remains committed to our long-term business goals through our project management company and hopes to relocate in the near future.

VICTOR HARBOR HRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

LYNTON BISHOP

Highlights

The highlight for our club during the year was the new flooring in the Pavilion that was on show at our Cup meeting and it continues the opportunity for the club to encourage more patronage in using our facility for other events.

Race Meetings

We had two race meetings the first on December 27th where we had 9 races with Wayne Hill driving 4 winners, Ryan Hryhorec had a double and SA leading trainer Aaron Bain trained 4 winners.

The Country Cups meeting on Easter Sunday also had 9 races with stakes distributed totalling $67992. The Skyvalley @Alderbaran Park Victor Harbor Trotters Cup was won by Regal Attire trained and driven by Ryan Hryhorec. In doing so he broke the track record which had stood for 8 years. Given his national rating of 119 compared to the other runners, he was always going to be the one to beat. This was his 18th win from 59 starts and his stake earnings over $211 000.

Ryan also had the Favorite in the Marion Bay Seaside Apartments Victor Harbor Pacing Cup in Lord Zarias but unfortunately, he had an issue and ran last at a $1.60. Ironically, he was to win the Country Cup pacers final at Port Pirie on April 13th with this horse.

The winner of our cup was Artillery, trained and driven by Paul Cavallaro. He sustained a long run from the back and kept going to the line for an impressive performance. Paul admitted after the race that his drive was not the best but the horse was good enough to handle what he was asked.

Ken Rogers and Gaita Pullicino drove doubles for trainers Claire Goble from Wasleys and Greg Scholefield from Naracoorte showing that trainers will travel with their horses when the stakes are attractive.

People leaving

Penny Smith is leaving us on October 1st so we will have a new Secretary/Treasurer for the upcoming season. We thank her for her contribution over the last 2 years in that role.

Andrew Eckert resigned from the committee about 1 month ago and is a major loss for our club and we are all saddened to see him go. His expertise in the building and project management side was so instrumental in us achieving the kitchen/canteen and the flooring of the main pavilion.

Committee

Thank you to the committee for your support and help during the year especially to Kevin Byrt who does so much for our club and is so appreciated for his time and patience. We would be lost without him. He told me recently that he does not get involved with the politics of our club and just likes to come for a couple of hours and then go home. If he does not see anyone that is fine with him. I am with you on that one Kevin. Thanks also to Max for maintaining the track, Sue, Merridee and Steve for your valued contribution.

Much Appreciated

Thank you to John Dennis for helping with the mowing during the year its certainly a big help to Kevin and I. To the ladies in the canteen Nola, Merridee, Christine, Caroline, and Eileen thank you. Beau Groke for attending some of the race meetings as a back up should we have any issue with our electrical circuits.

Special thanks to Robert Barry for your valued advice and assistance recently. His expertise is well respected and most valued certainly by me.

Standing Down

Today I wish to announce that I will be standing down as the President of the club after 9 years in that role and another 3 years as a committee member. Twelve years as a volunteer is enough. I no longer have the passion or desire to continue in that important role. Whatever I have done in my life whether it be my job, football, or horses I have been either all in or not in. That is my mantra.

I do not want the stress at this time in my life and I have found that I have less tolerance at times for some people. When your younger you let it go over your head but as you age you have less patience for some.

YORKE PENINSULA HRC

PRESIDENTS REPORT

TODD MUMFORD

I would like to thank the committee for their continued support of the YPHRC.

Our main aim is to support the local and northern owner, breeders and trainers.

We thank our sponsors for their ongoing support and we have welcomed new sponsors. We were able to do this when PPHRC allowed our Club the race naming rights on one of their meetings which in turn allowed us to promote more sponsors.

It was unfortunate that our Cup meeting held at Pt Pirie had to be abandoned when the track lights failed to come on however we do thank the SAHRC for making their venue available that week to hold the remaining races. A huge thank you to our sponsors who travelled to Port Pirie for the event and then made the effort to be present at Globe Derby. It is harness racing fans such as the Wombat Hotel Social Club who make the most of these events when having travelled to Port Pirie for the event where they were faced with only two races. Not one person complained or said they were disappointed on the night. They actually grabbed the rug and had a foot race to the finish line. These are the type of people we must work hard to keep their interest in our sport so that Harness Racing will continue to grow.

We are continuing to support local trainers with two major trainers still providing strong numbers to the pool of horses as well as some smaller trainers using the town track. Thanks to Wally Bulyga and Graham Fischer who are kind enough to provide photos and articles for the local paper. These stories have been very popular and I would say we are one of the only areas where there are waiting lists of people who wish to become owners.

We strongly support the CEO and Board and congratulate them on their efforts to date. We recognise the difficulties in the current environment however as participants we do see a future as we continue to grow.

HARNESS RACING SA LTD

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Harness Racing SA Ltd
Directors' report
30 June 2024

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors
The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Mr Carlo D'Ortenzio (Chair)
Mr Chris Illman
Mr Jasen Murray
Ms Sandra Willis (commenced 24 August 2023)
Ms Alison Surjan (commenced 12 October 2023)
Mr David Stobbe (commenced 7 November 2023
Mr Heath Pocock (resigned 31 August 2023)
Mr Scott Barclay (resigned 7 November 2023)

Principal activities
During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the company consisted of:
- To encourage, promote and conduct the sport of harness racing
- To provide industry control and direction for the harness racing industry
- To effectively market harness racing

Review of operations
The profit for the company for the financial year amounted to $13,596 (2023: $721,288)

Significant changes in the state of affairs
There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the company during the financial year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year
No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Dividends
As the company has been formed as a company limited by guarantee, for the benefit of the harness racing industry in South Australia, no dividend is payable to its members.

Contributions on winding up
In the event of the company being wound up, there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property, it must not be paid or distributed amongst the members. Instead, it must be given or transferred to an institution (or combination of institutions) having objects similar to the objects of the Company and whose constitution prohibits the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company.

Indemnity and insurance of officers
The company has indemnified the directors and executives of the company for costs incurred, in their capacity as a director or executive, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

During the financial year, the company paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the directors and executives of the company against a liability to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

Indemnity and insurance of auditor
The company has not during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the company or any related entity.

Proceedings on behalf of the company
No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the company, ore to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings.

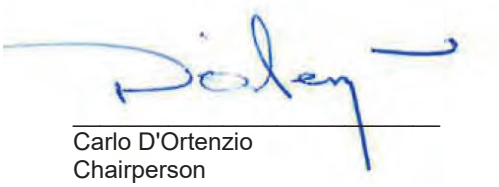
Harness Racing SA Ltd
Directors' report
30 June 2024

Auditor's independence declaration
The auditor has performed no other services during the year, except as otherwise disclosed in the financial statements.

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this directors report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors



Carlo D'Ortenzio
Chairperson

9 October 2024

HLB MANN JUDD

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

HARNESS RACING SA LTD

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Harness Racing SA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

(a) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and

(b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

HLB Mann Judd

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Harness Racing SA Ltd
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
Revenue from ordinary activities	4	9,844,607	8,609,021
Total revenue		9,844,607	8,609,021
Operating expenses			
Racing expenses	5	(7,917,614)	(6,220,677)
Employee expenses		(1,338,695)	(1,201,869)
Administration expenses		(487,932)	(418,902)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(67,089)	(37,347)
Finance costs		(19,681)	(8,938)
Total expenses		(9,831,011)	(7,887,733)
Surplus before income tax expense		13,596	721,288
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus after income tax expense for the year		13,596	721,288
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		13,596	721,288

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Harness Racing SA Ltd
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	958,403	904,618
Trade and other receivables	8	202,278	115,630
Other current assets	9	562,426	589,757
Total current assets		1,723,107	1,610,005
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	178,631	41,596
Right-of-use assets	11	39,803	43,823
Total non-current assets		218,434	85,419
Total assets		1,941,541	1,695,424
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	499,824	382,301
Borrowings	13	30,109	-
Lease liabilities	14	23,956	30,306
Provisions	15	117,888	160,193
Total current liabilities		671,777	572,800
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	13	133,265	-
Lease liabilities	14	18,957	18,678
Provisions	15	41,456	41,456
Total non-current liabilities		193,678	60,134
Total liabilities		865,455	632,934
Net assets		1,076,086	1,062,490
Equity			
Retained surpluses		1,076,086	1,062,490
Total equity		1,076,086	1,062,490

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Harness Racing SA Ltd
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Retained profits $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2022	341,202	341,202
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	721,288	721,288
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	721,288	721,288
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,062,490	1,062,490

	Retained profits $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2023	1,062,490	1,062,490
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	13,596	13,596
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	13,596	13,596
Balance at 30 June 2024	1,076,086	1,076,086

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Harness Racing SA Ltd
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		10,114,034	8,794,141
Payments to suppliers and employees		(10,011,919)	(8,003,303)
Interest income		6,456	2,860
Finance costs		(19,681)	(8,938)
Net cash from operating activities		88,890	784,760
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		-	(6,199)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		18,182	-
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		18,182	(6,199)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(34,468)	(25,095)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(18,819)	(27,928)
Net cash used in financing activities		(53,287)	(53,023)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		53,785	725,538
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		904,618	179,080
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	7	958,403	904,618

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Harness Racing SA Ltd
Notes to the financial statements
30 June 2024

Note 1. General information

The financial statements are for Harness Racing SA Ltd as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Harness Racing SA Ltd's functional and presentation currency.

Harness Racing SA Ltd are a company limited by guarantee and domiciled in Australia. A description of the nature of Harness Racing SA Ltd's operations and principal activities are included in the Directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 9 October 2024. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the company are set out either in the respective notes or below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted
The company has adopted the AASB 2021-6 - Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and other Accounting Standards from July 1 2023. The amendments require disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies and whilst this did not change the accounting policies themselves, it has impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. This has assisted the company in providing useful and entity-specific policy information to users of the financial statements.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation
These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), and the Corporations Act 2001.

Historical cost convention
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates
The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

Income tax
Harness Racing SA Ltd is exempt from paying income tax as a tax exempt institution in terms of subsection 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimation of useful lives of assets
The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Employee benefits provision
As discussed in note 2, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Note 4. Revenue from ordinary activities

	2024 $	2023 $
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Corporate bookmaker income	5,667,170	5,937,656
TAB distribution	2,298,608	1,808,954
	7,965,778	7,746,610
Other revenue		
General	405,429	435,745
Grant	1,382,407	342,584
Southern cross series fees	84,537	81,223
Interest income	6,456	2,859
	1,878,829	862,411
Revenue from ordinary activities	9,844,607	8,609,021

Accounting policy for revenue recognition
The company recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers
Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company is expected to be entitled in exchange for its services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the services promised.

Rendering of services
Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Interest
Other revenue
Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Note 5. Racing expenses

	2024 $	2023 $
Racing expenses	1,752,124	1,523,146
Stakemoney	5,699,634	4,320,031
Southern Cross Series expenses	465,856	377,500
	7,917,614	6,220,677

Note 6. Employee expenses

	2024 $	2023 $
Salaries and wages	1,169,529	1,055,890
Superannuation	128,497	108,428
Workcover	40,669	37,551
	1,338,695	1,201,869

Note 7. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 $	2023 $
Current assets		
Cash at bank	461,836	262,616
Cash on deposit	496,567	642,002
	958,403	904,618

Note 8. Trade and other receivables

	2024 $	2023 $
Current assets		
TAB Product Fee	162,078	115,630
Other receivables	40,200	-
	202,278	115,630

Accounting policy for trade and other receivables
Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost.

Note 9. Other current assets

	2024 $	2023 $
Current assets		
Accrued revenue	466,719	494,050
Security deposits	7,500	7,500
Investment in RISE	88,207	88,207
	562,426	589,757

Note 10. Property, plant and equipment

	2024 $	2023 $
Non-current assets		
Motor vehicles - at cost	462,797	330,002
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(292,288)	(299,693)
	170,509	30,309
Computer equipment - at cost	291,038	291,038
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(284,132)	(281,372)
	6,906	9,666
Office equipment - at cost	80,844	80,844
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(79,628)	(79,223)
	1,216	1,621
	178,631	41,596

Reconciliations
Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below:

	Computer Equipment $	Motor Vehicles $	Office Equipment $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2023	33,408	6,568	1,620	41,596
Additions	-	182,193	-	182,193
Write off of assets	-	(49,398)	-	(49,398)
Writeback depreciation	-	38,912	-	38,912
Depreciation expense	(2,760)	(31,507)	(405)	(34,672)
Balance at 30 June 2024	30,648	146,768	1,215	178,631

Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment
Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Motor vehicles	4 years
Plant and equipment	2-5 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Note 11. Right-of-use assets

	2024 $	2023 $
Non-current assets		
Right of Use Asset	111,439	83,042
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(71,636)	(39,219)
	39,803	43,823

Accounting policy for right-of-use assets
A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the company expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Note 12. Trade and other payables

	2024 $	2023 $
Current liabilities		
Trade Creditors	79,373	99,468
Accrued expenses	90,274	121,907
Other payables	330,177	160,926
	499,824	382,301

Accounting policy for trade and other payables
These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Note 13. Borrowings

	2024 $	2023 $
Current liabilities		
Hire purchase	30,109	-
Non-current liabilities		
Hire purchase	133,265	-
	163,374	-

Accounting policy for borrowings
Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Note 14. Lease liabilities

	2024 $	2023 $
Current liabilities		
Lease liability	23,956	30,306
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liability	18,957	18,678
	42,913	48,984
Future lease payments		
Future lease payments are due as follows:		
Within one year	25,516	37,210
One to five years	20,862	46,378
	46,378	83,588

Accounting policy for lease liabilities
A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the company's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

Note 15. Provisions

	2024 $	2023 $
Current liabilities		
Provisions for Infrastructure Improvements	71,685	71,685
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	46,203	88,508
	117,888	160,193
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	41,456	41,456
	159,344	201,649

Accounting policy for provisions
Provisions are recognised when the company has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Note 16. Economic dependency

A significant volume of the Company's revenue is derived from TAB Corp Ltd, as a monthly Product Fee under the current Racing Distribution Agreement.

Note 17. Contributed equity

HRSA Ltd is a company limited by a guarantee of $2 per member. As at 30 June 2024, the number of members was 6 (2023: 6).

Note 18. Contingent liabilities

Harness Racing SA Ltd provides incentives to the owners of winning mares in the form of certificates (SA Mare Owners' Scheme or 'SAMOS'), which entitle the owner to a discount to a contribution on services fees incurred at participating studs.

Where the liability arising from the issue of these certificates can be reasonably estimated, a provision has been included in these financial statements.

A contingent liability exists, however, in relation to other certificates where a future obligation arises, which cannot be measured with sufficient reliability to enable a provision to be made.

In August 2017, the board resolved that no further certificates would be issued after 1 September 2017.

Note 19. Commitments

The company has no commitments for the year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: none).

Note 20. Related party transactions

Key management personnel
Details of the key management personnel remuneration are disclosed in Note 20. Members of the Company or Board of Directors, or their relatives, may from time to time receive prize money for successful horses owned or trained by them. The prize money is paid by HRSA Ltd on the same terms and conditions as apply to any other owner or trainer.

Transactions with related parties
There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year (2023: none).

Note 21. Key management personnel

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the company is set out below:

	2024 $	2023 $
Key management personnel	381,166	345,958

Note 22. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by , the auditor of the company:

	2024 $	2023 $
Audit services -		
Audit and preparation of the financial statements	21,900	20,500

Note 23. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

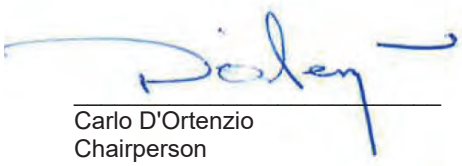
Harness Racing SA Ltd
Directors' declaration
30 June 2024

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors



Carlo D'Ortenzio
Chairperson

9 October 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Harness Racing SA Ltd

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Harness Racing SA Ltd ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001.* The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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