

Welcome to the first of our new Facilities Updates.

Following the adjustments to Tasracing's business model last year, Tasracing is now in the position where it can consider investment in appropriate infrastructure for racing and training.

Our short to medium-term priority is to address a number of the more operationally important infrastructure issues that have emerged over the last five years. At the same time we are in the process of finalising a long term infrastructure strategy designed to deliver Tasmania the racing infrastructure required to operate a quality, customer focused, globally competitive racing industry.

The ability to invest in infrastructure following the reset decision represents an extremely positive outcome and one that I strongly believe all Tasmanian racing participants will benefit from in time.

I am committed to communicating with you and other industry stakeholders about our progress towards achieving our long term infrastructure vision, and am therefore pleased to welcome you to the first of our new Facilities Updates.



Dr. Eliot Forbes
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Tasracing Infrastructure Master Plan



In line with Tasracing's new five-year corporate plan, and after considering industry feedback received during the 2020 and Beyond Consultation process undertaken earlier in the year, Tasracing is in the process of finalising a new Racing Infrastructure Master Plan.

The plan will outline Tasracing's vision for racing infrastructure that will form the basis for an industry that is customer focused and provides quality racing facilities. This will assist both Tasracing and the state's racing clubs to grow public attendances across all three codes.

The plan will recognise the importance of racing venues and related activities that make racing in all three codes appealing and attract the next generation of participants.

Harness Lights Replacement

After completing a successful lighting upgrade trial on three poles on the harness track at Elwick, Tasracing has decided to upgrade all harness track lighting at this venue.

While it was originally intended to undertake the replacement program over a five-year period, the works have been fast-tracked with completion scheduled for Spring this year.

Once all lights have been replaced, a lighting audit will be undertaken to ensure lighting levels meet Tasracing's design specification which will deliver complete uniformity.

Tracks update



The thoroughbred tracks at both Elwick and Mowbray performed well throughout the Tasmanian Summer Racing Carnival.

Feedback received from trainers and jockeys regarding the presentation of the tracks immediately after the carnival was positive.

At all times, we are focused on providing a safe and consistent surface for all industry participants regardless of the code of racing. Revised management systems have been introduced across the board and are delivering positive outcomes.

Taracing continually audits surfaces across all three codes utilising best practise techniques to present safe and consistent surfaces.

Air Conditioning in Kennels

Consultant engineers employed by Tasracing have redesigned the air conditioning system for the greyhound kennel buildings at both Elwick and Mowbray.

The redesign was required as the previous system failed to meet demand during extreme temperatures.

With the design completed the project at Mowbray has been tendered and awarded. Completion is due prior to the end of May.

Once the system has been tested at Hobart the works at Mowbray will proceed.

Brooker Highway



The Brooker Highway roadworks near Elwick racecourse are well and truly underway.

The \$32 million highway upgrade includes works at the junctions at Elwick, Goodwood and Howard Roads to improve traffic flow and minimise peak-hour bottlenecks.

A parcel of land on the western edge of Elwick has been acquired by the Tasmanian Government as part of the project.

The works here resulted in changed traffic conditions on site and temporary car parking arrangements have been introduced.

The main project is expected to be finished by the middle of 2017 and the phase 1 car park works at Elwick by late July 2016.

As part of the project, Tasracing worked with the Department of State Growth (DSG) and engineers GHD to implement a stormwater harvesting system to help reduce reliance on town water once the project is completed.

Tasracing has worked closely with DSG and the Tasmanian Racing Club at every step of the project with the aim of optimising outcomes for participants and race-goers.

Tasracing will keep participants updated on the progress of the project via this Infrastructure update email.