



**Welcome to the first of our new quarterly Facilities Updates - 4
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Last year's funding reset decision has allowed Tasracing, for the first time since it was established, to consider investment in appropriate infrastructure for racing and training.

One of our short to medium-term priorities will-therefore be addressing a number of infrastructure issues that have emerged in recent years.

While the ability to invest in infrastructure following the reset decision is an important outcome, communicating with you and other industry stakeholders about our progress on these various projects is also important.

I am therefore pleased to welcome you to the first of our new quarterly Facilities Updates, and I encourage you to take the time to review this first edition, as it contains important information about our various infrastructure investments.

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Dr. Eliot Forbes
CEO
Tasracing



Tasracing Infrastructure Master Plan



In line with Tasracing's new five-year corporate plan, and featuring 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, provides quality in both racing facilities and public amenity, and assists both Tasracing and the state's racing clubs to turn the tide on declining 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 attractive in order to secure the next generation of participants.

Updates on the Infrastructure Master Plan will be provided via the From the CEO's Desk Infrastructure Update.

Harness Lights Replacement

After completing a successful lighting upgrade trial on two poles on the harness track at Elwick, Tasracing is progressing with an upgrade of all harness lighting at the venue.

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

Once all lights have been replaced, a lighting performance review will be undertaken to ensure lighting levels meet required levels as outlined in the design, and as required by participants.

Tracks update



The thoroughbred tracks at Elwick and Mowbray have “come through” the Tasmanian Summer Racing Carnival very well.

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

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

We have specifically reduced “kickback” at Spreyton thanks to a regime of mist spraying in between races during race meetings.

Tasracing also completed profile renovations to the greyhound tracks at Devonport and Hobart.

As a result of this work the surfaces have more cushion and the moisture levels are easier to maintain.

Air Conditioning in Kennels

A consultant engineer employed by Tasracing has redesigned the air conditioning system for the greyhound kennel buildings at Elwick and Mowbray.

The redesign was required as the previous system failed to cope with peak loads (highest and lowest temperatures).

With the design work now signed off, the contract to install the systems has been advertised.

It is proposed that the new system will be installed in Hobart during April and in Launceston during May.

Brooker Highway



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

The plans for the \$32 million highway upgrade include 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.

As a result, traffic conditions on site have changed and temporary car parking arrangements have been introduced.

The project is expected to be finished by the middle of 2017.

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.