

# CAREERS IN THE HARNESS RACING INDUSTRY

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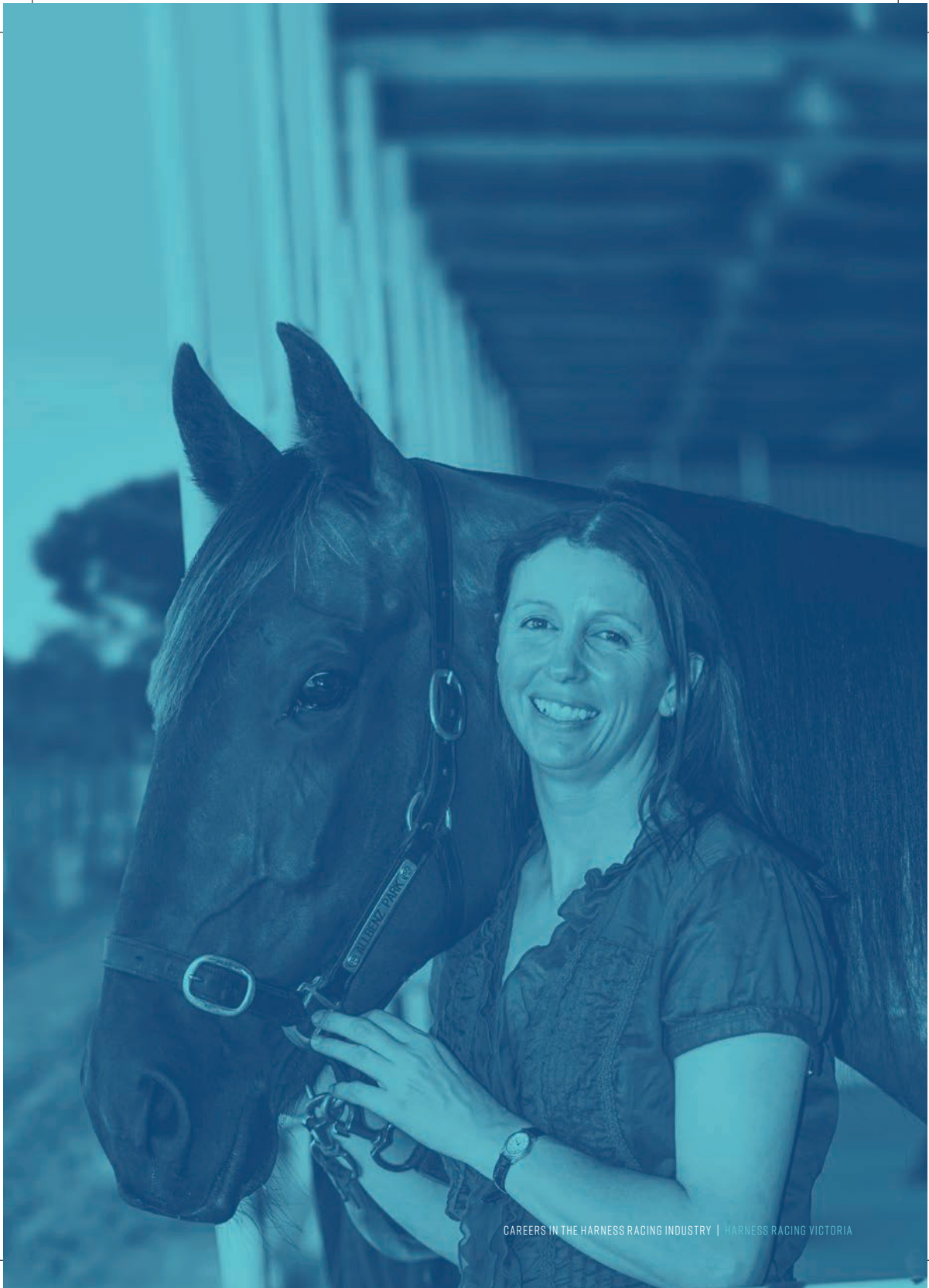


HARNESS RACING VICTORIA

The Victorian Harness Racing industry offers a range of exciting career opportunities in an industry that's a major player in the global sports, entertainment and wagering markets.

Harness Racing Victoria is committed to employing a highly skilled and capable workforce to deliver its mission to administer, promote and develop harness racing within Victoria.

WE OFFER A BROAD RANGE OF  
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO  
PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE  
AND DEDICATED ABOUT HELPING  
US ACHIEVE OUR MISSION.



# EDUCATION AND CAREERS IN THE HARNESS RACING INDUSTRY

	ROLE	DESCRIPTION
RACING	<b>Horse Breaker and Educator</b>	A Horse Breaker and Educator prepares young horses for race training.
	<b>Stablehand</b>	The tasks of Stablehand involve handling horses, preparing them for their daily routine, attending to stable duties such as feeding and walking horses as well as assisting the horses on race day.
	<b>Foreperson</b>	A Foreperson is a senior stablehand who looks after the daily organisation of the stable and takes instructions from the trainer to ensure the smooth running of the stable.
	<b>Pre-trainer</b>	A Pre-Trainer is responsible for conditioning and preparing horses for racing after they have been spelled and before they return to the trainer.
	<b>Assistant Trainer</b>	An Assistant Trainer is delegated to assist a permit trainer who operates an independent harness racing business.
	<b>Racehorse Trainer</b>	A Racehorse Trainer is responsible for the care, maintenance and racing performance of racehorses.
	<b>Driver</b>	The harness race Driver is an independent professional sportsperson licensed by harness racing industry authorities to compete in industry-regulated competition. A high degree of skill in handling large animals racing at speed is required of a harness driver and income depends on competition with peers and marketing services effectively. Knowledge of rules and legal procedures is essential.
	<b>Steward</b>	A Steward oversees all aspects of horse racing and wagering to ensure that the rules of racing are adhered to.
	<b>Veterinarian</b>	A qualified Veterinarian with a keen sense of the harness racing industry and specialised equine training.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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<p><b>RGR40118</b> Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> On the job training</p>	√	√
<p><b>RGR20218</b> Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stablehand) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i></p>	√	√
<p><b>RGR20218</b> Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stablehand) <b>RGR30218</b> Certificate III in Racing (Stablehand) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i></p>	√	√
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<p><b>RGR40318</b> Certificate IV in Racing (Harness Race Driver) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> On the job training</p>	√	√
<p><b>RGR20218</b> Certificate II in Racing Industry (Administration) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> Racing and industry experience required. On the job training</p>	√	√
<p><b>Bachelor of Veterinary Science</b></p>		

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	Role	Description
BREEDING	Stud Hand	Stud Hand positions are usually the beginning of a career in the horse breeding industry. Duties include basic horse handling; feeding; cleaning and maintenance of stables, paddocks and equipment; maintaining property; operating machinery and equipment.
	Stud Manager	A Stud Manager is a skilled stud hand and is involved in coordinating a wide range of horse breeding activities such as: caring for and foaling-down broodmares; carrying out mare mating procedures; care of stallions; establishing and conserving pastures and crops.
	Stallion Handler	The Stallion Handler is a highly developed horseperson with experience developed during time as a stud groom. The role may include control of stallions during the mating of mares; control of mares during the mating process; preparation and presentation of stallions to clients at stud parades; ensuring quarantine procedures are adhered to.

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<p><b>RGR20218</b> Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stud Hand) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i></p>	✓	
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	Role	Description	
ADMINISTRATION	Racing Administrator	Several administrative roles exist which support the operation of harness racing clubs and the harness racing industry.	
	Licensing/Registration Clerk	A Licensing/Registration Clerk performs the licensing administration duties of harness racing's governing body.	
	Race Programmer	A Race Programmer develops all race programming and analysis statistics relating to race programs. The role provides innovative recommendations to improve the overall harness racing calendar, which includes development of race series', and race condition analyses.	
	Handicapper	A Handicapper is responsible for assembling the fields for each race meeting.	





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RACEDAY	<b>Judge / Photo Finish Operator</b>	A Judge/Photo Finish Operator provides digital images of all horses competing in a race and is responsible for placing each horse in their correct finishing order after each race.
	<b>Race Caller</b>	The primary purpose of this position will be to work within the HRV media team - providing accurate and informative race calls of harness races in Victoria and to optimise wagering turnover and participation for Victorian harness racing by delivering form analysis and engaging racing content to customers and stakeholders.
	<b>Clerk of Course</b>	A Clerk of Course provides high quality horsemanship to assist with the punctual, orderly and safe running of races for HRV. This position helps race day officials and industry participants of HRV.
	<b>Barrier Attendant</b>	On race day a Barrier Attendant provides essential support for the drivers and horses at the start and ending of a race and assists in the event of a race fall.
	<b>Swab Attendant</b>	A Swab Attendant works with on course Equine Veterinarians and assists in the coordination and collection of samples from racehorses for drug screen analysis.
	<b>Starter</b>	A Starter conducts mobile and standing starts at harness racing meetings throughout Victoria.
	<b>Track &amp; Grounds Curator</b>	A Track & Grounds Curator looks after the harness racing track to ensure it is in optimum condition for all races.

## LIFE AFTER RACING

HERO	<b>HERO Retainer</b>	A HERO Retainer assists retired Standardbred horses to transition into life after racing through re-education and training for recreational pursuits – principally riding and pleasure harness.
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<p><b>Skill Set HRV : Judge, Timekeeper and Photo Finish Operator</b> Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i></p>	✓	✓
<p>No specific training but industry experience and broadcasting favourable.</p>		
<p>Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i></p>		
<p><b>Skill Set HRV : Track Attendant</b> <i>On the job training</i></p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Skill Set HRV : Swab Attendant</b> Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i></p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Skill Set HRV : Starter</b> Racing and Industry experience required. <i>On the job training</i></p>	✓	✓
<p><b>RGR20218</b> Certificate II in Racing Industry (Track Maintenance) <i>This qualification has national recognition and may attract Victorian or Commonwealth funding for eligible students.</i> <i>On the job training</i></p>	✓	

<p>Racing and industry experience is highly recommended. Appropriate horse training skills and experience essential.</p>		
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