



## Industry Update: Outcomes of Harness Racing Trials Consultation

Racing Western Australia (RWA) would like to thank all stakeholders who participated in the recent consultation process regarding proposed changes to the scheduling and conduct of harness racing trials. The feedback provided was invaluable in shaping the following outcomes, which were also discussed and supported during a meeting with the Donald Harper, President of Breeders, Owners, Trainers, and Reinspersons Association (BOTRA), as well as Craig Murphy, representative of the Byford Trotting Club and Dale Putland, Manager of the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club.

### Key Outcomes

#### 1. Byford Trials

- From **1 February 2025**, Byford trials will move from Sundays to **Saturday mornings** on a three-on, one-off basis.
- This scheduling change will be **reviewed in March 2025** to assess its effectiveness.
- Seasonal considerations and participation numbers will be monitored starting **April 2024** to determine the ongoing regularity of trials at Byford.

#### 2. Pinjarra Trials

- Pinjarra trials will **remain unchanged**, continuing on a three-on, one-off schedule every Wednesday.

#### 3. Stand Down Trials

- From **1 February 2025**, Pinjarra will host a stand-down trial on **Monday mornings** prior to the running of the first race if required.
- Further details on the logistics of this initiative will be provided by the Harness Racing Office.

### Next Steps

RWWA will continue to work closely with industry stakeholders to monitor the implementation of these changes and ensure they meet the needs of participants and RWA commercials. Your ongoing feedback will play a vital role in refining these initiatives and maintaining the integrity and success of harness racing in Western Australia.

Should you have any further questions or require clarification, please contact the Harness Racing Office.