



Media Release

Review into Jockey Safety Vests

The safety of racing participants remains of paramount importance to Racing Australia. Jockey health and safety is a critical issue with a need to find a balance between effective protection from injury and comfort.

Racing Australia's Board of Directors are pleased to announce that the forecast review of Jockey Safety Vests will be undertaken.

With Racing Australia Board Approval reached on Tuesday 14 June 2023, the review is scheduled to commence mid July 2023 and be undertaken by Dr Andrew McIntosh.

Dr McIntosh is a recognised expert in biomechanics and ergonomics with a special interest in impact injury biomechanics, safety and personal protective equipment performance standards with over 30 years experience in these areas.

The Terms of Reference for the Review are:

- Evaluate the performance of safety vests as a means of preventing the severity of injuries amongst jockeys and others in Australian racing.
- Determine whether there is a risk that one or more of the types of currently used safety vests may cause neck or spinal injuries.
- Review and identify factors that may be contributing to the type of injuries sustained in racing.
- Determine if current safety standards are suitable.
- Evaluate alternative safety vests and equipment.

The review will include both technical components and interviews / meetings with stakeholders to ensure all aspects are considered.

Racing Australia anticipates that the review will be completed by the end of September 2023 for consideration at the Board's next Meeting.

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