

Ian Kitchin speech in point format Breeders Component Forum 27th February 2008

Introduction Background

Small Business Background

Enter Harness Industry as a Breeder in 1992 and Establish Macray Lodge in Undera in 1993

2005 Ian Daff Memorial Breeder of the Year Bred many winners incl Group One winners and APG Final winner. Winners have won well over \$1 million in stakes

Current Secretary of VSB&SA

Apology

Effects of EI in Victoria

Acknowledge the effort of DPI , HRV and AHRC in achieving and outstanding result

Victoria loss of revenue from betting turnover

Breeder's confidence in breeding this season sapped

Combined effect with long term drought impact

Alarm bells ringing as foaling numbers decline 2004-5 2505 2005-6 2451 2006-07 2320
live foals on the ground in Victoria What will this seasons figure be?

Harness Racing Victoria needs a steady supply of new foals to carry on the race program and sustain the Harness Racing Industry in Victoria . Less foals ,less race horses , less races ,less turnover etc

VSB&SA has been very concerned over the last few years about the state of the breeding industry and has been working closely with HRV on a number of fronts

Installation of a breeder's bonus component into the Vicbred scheme a great incentive but continually needs rejigging to be at the forefront of Australian Breeding Schemes

Push to improve yearling sales particularly with input to APG sales

Creation of a Broodmare Register for breeders to lease mares which they are not breeding with

Dialogue on drought relief and Taxation relief both with HRV and AHRC

How do we reinvigorate the Breeding Industry?

First understand what motivates it

Combination of Passion and Money

At the end of the day 'it's about the money honey'

Need a healthy and Vibrant Racing Sector

Supply and Demand drives the yearling market

How do we encourage New Breeders into the Industry or re invigorate existing breeders

Strong and vibrant racing sector

Vicbred Breeders Bonus Scheme

Strong Yearling market

Taxation Incentives

Be Ambassadors for the Industry