



## **To NSW Trainers**

Firstly thank you for the opportunity to come on board as the CEO of the NSW Trainers Association.

I am excited at the challenge ahead and, with your backing, I am confident we will make some positive steps.

You trainers are the linchpin of the industry and myself and the board will be doing everything we can to help you, which in turn will help the entire industry.

The line of communication is open so if there is a matter you need help with, or wish to discuss, let me know and we can do it together. Times aren't easy but I do know it's a lot easier handling things as a team than individually.

The board is aware of some of the hurdles you face as trainers in the industry, but I am sure there are others, so feel free to let us know how we can assist.

I have always believed as a united team we can clear almost any hurdle.

I will be out around the state in the next month, so I look forward to catching up face to face and having a good chat and asking what the Association can do better to help you.

The board will be putting together a survey in the next week. We need to know what you as a person at the coal face believes needs urgent attention and what as an association we need the industry to address.

With the board's help I will be looking to build a solid foundation with Racing NSW and Peter V'landys, but, as you would expect, the needs and wants of the NSW trainers will be front and centre.

We need Racing NSW to understand what issues are important for the trainers and the important role you all play in making the industry the success it is.

It doesn't matter if you are a metro, provincial or country trainer we are here to help and support you.

The board may not be able to fix every problem, but I am sure they will give it a shake.

Respected businessman and owner Richard Pegum has rejoined the board of the NSWTA as Chairman and we are lucky enough that distinguished legal mind Michael Callanan has also agreed to return. Both men offer us, as an association, the knowledge and board room strength so the voices of you trainers can be heard.

There will be further announcements regarding additions to the board in the coming weeks and I will update as that happens.

If we can as an association make racing more vibrant and economically sustainable then it's a win for all of us.

If you have any matters you wish to discuss or want raised please shoot them through ASAP.

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Again thank you all and I look forward along with the board in helping you all have a better environment as a trainer and every opportunity of success.

The board has many thoughts on how to support you all as trainers and to help promote the profession of being a thoroughbred trainer but we would love to hear your opinions.

Again thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to catching up with everyone shortly.

Kindest regards,

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