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APPOINTMENTS TO HARNESS AND GREYHOUND RACING BODIES

Minister for Racing, George Souris, has welcomed the appointment of new members to the boards of the State's harness and greyhound racing bodies to replace outgoing members.

Mr Souris said Mr Rex Horne has been appointed to the board of Harness Racing NSW for a period of two years, and Mr Peter Davis and Ms Megan Lavender have been appointed to the board of Greyhound Racing NSW for four years.

The appointments have been made due to the expiry of the terms of office of outgoing members Mr Graeme Campbell from Harness Racing NSW and Mrs Joyce Alamango and Mr Murray Nicol from Greyhound Racing NSW.

Mr Souris said the Board appointments were recommended by an independent panel.

"Harness Racing NSW and Greyhound Racing NSW are the independent bodies that carry the important responsibility of controlling, supervising and regulating the harness racing and greyhound racing industries respectively," Mr Souris said.

"Congratulations to Mr Horne, Mr Davis and Ms Lavender on their board appointments and I thank them in advance for their future contributions.

"I have no doubt that both boards will be well served by the appointment of these three directors following a public expression of interest process to attract suitably qualified candidates, followed by an independent panel selection and probity process.

"I also thank outgoing board members, Mr Graeme Campbell, Mrs Joyce Alamango, and Mr Murray Nicol, for their time and professional efforts in supporting harness and greyhound racing in our State."

Mr Souris said Mr Horne, who had served as a member of Harness Racing NSW from 2006 to 2012, has been re-appointed for another two years, replacing outgoing member and chairman Mr Graeme Campbell.

"Mr Horne has extensive industry experience not only as a former board member but, also as the current chairman of the Harness Racing NSW Infrastructure Development Group, as a former chair and deputy chair of the NSW Harness Racing Club Ltd, a former president of the harness racing industry's NSW TAB Clubs' Association, an Alternate Director of Racingcorp Pty Ltd and as a Member of the Inter Dominion Steering Committee," Mr Souris said.

Mr Souris said Mr Davis and Ms Lavender replace two outgoing members of the Greyhound Racing NSW board, Mrs Joyce Alamango and Mr Murray Nicol.

“Ms Lavender is a management consultant and a former CEO of Australian Lawyers Alliance, a former CFO of SFX Sports Group Australia, and former national head of corporate affairs of Tianda Group Australia,” Mr Souris said.

“Ms Lavender is also a director of the Royal Automobile Club of Australia, Friends of First Government House Site, has held various positions on a number of boards, and is currently a committee member of the Bankstown Harness Racing Club.

“Mr Davis has been involved in the greyhound racing industry for some 40 years. He is a regional racing editor for Fairfax Media based at the Illawarra Mercury, and a member of the Topgun (greyhound racing series) Selection Panel, NSW Greyhound of the Year Panel and the Australian Greyhound of the Year Panel.

“Mr Davis also co-hosts Sky Racing’s television program ‘The Catching Pen’ and hosts Sky Racing Radio’s ‘Going Greyhounds’.”

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