



# Media Release

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## Equine Welfare Program supports Ekka Thoroughbred Day

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Equine Welfare Program (EWP) will have a major role in support of Thoroughbred Day at this year's Brisbane Ekka on Monday 13 August.

The QRIC EWP supports life after racing for Queensland's equine racing animals.

Commissioner Ross Barnett said racehorses were elite athletes who received optimum care throughout their career and the Commission was committed to ensuring that they were afforded the appropriate care and attention both during and after their racing career.

"It is events such as those held on Thoroughbred Day at the Ekka where we show our support through sponsorship to provide opportunities for these magnificent animals to take on a new career after racing," he said.

"Horses from all over the state will come to Brisbane for this event and many of them have had a racing career that has now been transformed into one where they excel in led classes or as equestrian champions."

The EWP has sponsored four of the led classes on Thoroughbred Day including the Champion Thoroughbred Race Horse in Training and one of the jumps for the show jumping events in the main arena during the Ekka.

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