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# Media Release



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## Racing Australia

A new national body incorporating racing's key national functions and assets has commenced this week as Racing Australia.

Racing Australia merges the Australian Racing Board (ARB), Racing Information Services Australia (RISA) and the Australian Stud Book (ASB) into one entity. Importantly, it consolidates the databases of the industry which will lead to substantial cost savings and greater efficiencies in the future.

Whilst it will be business as usual in the delivery of services, industry participants will have the convenience of dealing with a single organization. The shareholders of Racing Australia are the eight Principal Racing Authorities representing every State and Territory.

Racing NSW Chairman, John Messara AM, was elected the Chairman of Racing Australia by his fellow Directors at the inaugural Racing Australia Board meeting on 13 April 2015.

*"The formation of Racing Australia promises to be an exciting period for the industry. There is enormous scope to better utilise the industry's combined assets for the benefit of industry participants. The integration of the databases will significantly enhance integrity and transparency and a number of initiatives in this regard will be announced in coming months"* Mr Messara said.

*"Racing Australia represents a long held desire by the Australian racing industry for greater unity and cohesion between jurisdictions. I believe that the goodwill which brought Racing Australia about will see it serve the interests of the industry into the future"* Mr Messara concluded.

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