



NEW CHAIR FOR RACING AUSTRALIA

Mr Greg Nichols has been elected Chair of Racing Australia and Mr Russell Balding AO was re-elected as Deputy Chair during today's Board meeting in Sydney.

Mr Nichols has been a Director of Racing Victoria for 7 years and has served on the Board of Racing Australia since January 2017.

Greg Nichols brings to the role extensive experience of Australian racing. Mr Nichols' career in racing began as Secretary/Manager of the Murrumbidgee Turf Club and he went on to senior roles at the South Australian Jockey Club, Thoroughbred Racing SA, Racing Victoria and as CEO of the British Horseracing Board. Greg was also Managing Director of Sport at Betfair.

"I feel honoured to be elected as Chair and I'm committed to making Racing Australia the 'can do' and proactive organisation needed to ensure the continued growth and success of Australian Thoroughbred racing.

"As Chairman, my focus will be on the sustainability of Thoroughbred racing nationally, the critical importance of the welfare of participants and, given the global footprint of racing, using Australian racing's scale and success to responsibly contribute and influence international racing.

Mr Nichols follows Frances Nelson QC who had previously indicated that she did not intend to seek re-election.

Mr Nichols thanked Ms Nelson on behalf of Racing Australia for her tremendous contribution, dedication and leadership during her term in office.

"Frances presided over an overhaul of Racing Australia's governance, strengthened links with international racing bodies and maintained a strong focus on the needs of industry participants, especially the welfare of Thoroughbreds," Mr Nichols said.

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