

Media Release

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NEW CHANGE ROOMS FOR NEXT GEN OF FEMALE RIDERS

Kyneton Racecourse will soon have upgraded jockey rooms thanks to a funding boost from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today announced a \$260,000 grant from the Victorian Racing Industry Fund to help refurbish and expand the jockey rooms at Kyneton Racecourse.

The Kyneton and Hanging Rock Racing Club is also providing \$130,000 towards the project, with Racing Victoria matching their contribution with a further \$130,000.

As part of the redevelopment the toilets, showers, and change rooms will be upgraded to accommodate the number of jockeys that use the facilities.

Due to be completed in coming weeks, the works will also significantly increase the size of the female jockeys' room and deliver better facilities for the growing number of female riders.

This project will provide all jockeys racing and training at Kyneton with the high-quality, accessible and well-designed facilities they deserve to race to the best of their ability.

The thoroughbred racing industry in regional Victoria generates \$711 million for the Victorian economy and helps sustain almost 5,600 full time equivalent jobs in the region.

Since December 2014, the Government has provided more than \$1.8 million towards 17 infrastructure projects and one raceday event to Kyneton and Hanging Rock Racing Club.

Quote attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

"We are proud to support jockeys, especially the up and coming female riders, by creating an inclusive environment at Kyneton."

Quote attributable to Local Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"The expanded and refurbished jockey facilities at Kyneton will ensure the club remains an important contributor to Victorian racing and the Kyneton community."

Quote attributable to Kyneton and Hanging Rock Racing Club President Gary O'Meara

"Our facilities required these much-needed upgrades, especially after experiencing damages from the 2022 floods. We are thankful for the generous grant towards our club that will help to serve our growing number of jockeys attending the club."