



TASMANIAN THOROUGHBRED  
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## PRESS RELEASE

The Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Council (TTRC) today announced the introduction of a 6 month Rating Based Programming trial to commence 1 October 2007.

Rating Based Programming is a natural progression forward following the introduction of Ratings Based Handicapping in Tasmania. The trial will include a range of new ratings based races in conjunction with the current restricted class system.

The TTRC in conjunction with RVL has completed a detailed analysis of the current Tasmanian horse ratings population and implemented a range of rating based races designed to maximise opportunities for owners.

Rating Based Programming is a flexible programming system that will enable the TTRC to program races to cater for the current horse population trends.

Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia have all committed to Rating Based Programming and it is expected that the other national jurisdictions will progress towards this system.

TTRC CEO Rohan Mitchell said "It is anticipated that Rating Based Programming will enable far more opportunities for owners and prolong the careers of many horses".

"Rating Based Programming is being embraced globally, trials in Australia have proven extremely successful, particularly in Victoria".

"A recent survey conducted by RVL after their six month trial revealed that **82%** of trainers said their horses had more opportunities and **89%** of trainers believed their horses careers would be extended with the addition of Ratings Races".

Detailed information on Rating Based Programming will be published on the TTRC's website [www.tasracing.com.au](http://www.tasracing.com.au) and distributed to all trainers and industry stakeholders through a mail out. Information sessions for trainers and industry participants will be conducted at Hobart, Launceston and Devonport in the coming weeks.

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