



TASMANIAN THOROUGHBRED  
RACING COUNCIL

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The Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Council (TTRC) today offered the Tasmanian Jockeys Association (TJA) an interim proposal from 1 August 2007 in an attempt to avert any potential strike action.

In a formal proposal sent to TJA Secretary Kevin Ring today the TTRC offered a number of initiatives for Tasmanian jockeys to ensure a satisfactory temporary solution can be resolved.

The TTRC offer included:-

- **From 1 August 2007 until such time that Workers Compensation or its equivalent is implemented Tasmanian jockeys cease to contribute \$5 per ride towards general insurance, the TTRC is prepared to cover the full amount.**
- **The TTRC will maintain its current commitment and continue to contribute \$5 per ride into the Jockeys Trust Fund.**
- **The TTRC will provide a one off \$180 subsidy to all licensed Tasmanian jockeys for the 07/08 season towards private health cover.**
- **From 1 August 2007 until such time that Workers Compensation or its equivalent is implemented the TTRC will continue maintain the current Private Accident policy with a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per week policy.**
- **From 1 August 2007 until such time that Workers Compensation or its equivalent is implemented the TTRC in conjunction with TJA instigate a new process to meet current upfront costs not covered by medicare when a jockey is injured.**

The offer clearly outlined the TTRC's continual commitment to gaining full Workers Compensation cover for Tasmanian jockeys.

TTRC CEO Rohan Mitchell said "The TTRC is fully aware of its duty of care towards Tasmanian jockeys. Today's offer signifies our commitment to Tasmanian jockeys, not only through the implementation of a satisfactory interim resolution but our continual dedication to ensure Workers Compensation or its equivalent is enacted for our licensed jockeys. This offer caters for all the TJA's requests within the current legal boundaries".

"The TTRC has financially supported the entire process, from the full costs associated with the Workers Compensation proposal to the additional assistance the TTRC is prepared to offer the jockeys from August 1. The TTRC have met all agreed timelines and expedited the process in all possible ways, we have met all agreed timelines and expect the jockeys to accept this interim offer with an understanding that the TTRC will continue to pursue the permanent solution with priority".