

# THE MANY ROLES IN RACING ON DISPLAY TO STUDENTS

A SELECTED GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM NEWCASTLE AND THE HUNTER AREAS WERE GIVEN A BEHIND-THE-SCENES RACEDAY TOUR AT NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE, DISPLAYING THE MANY CAREERS ON OFFER



As part of a wider partnership with Training Services NSW Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP), the Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy together with Newcastle Racecourse hosted a Racing Industry Showcase Day for more than 20 selected local Newcastle and Hunter school students in late August.

"The aim was to promote the qualifications we can deliver through our Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and to promote all of the different pathways in the racing industry," explained Stu Rich, Executive Officer for Racing NSW's Team Thoroughbred NSW Training Academy.

"Students will be offered work experience off the back of this with the main aim being part-time and full-time employment into fully funded traineeship qualifications."

The showcase day at Newcastle Racecourse was also featured locally on NBN News.

Students were given a behind the scenes tour on raceday and heard about the roles of stablehands, trackwork riders, jockeys, (cadet) stewards, barrier attendants, track managers, vets, SKY media personnel among many other race club staff positions.

The Training Academy has hosted similar showcase days in the past to school students, careers advisors, indigenous groups, etc.

"With the assistance of RIEP support in attracting selected students who have shown interest in Thoroughbreds, the Training Academy is starting to roll out these showcase days across the State," said Mr Rich.

"The plan is to promote careers in the racing industry to all Metropolitan, Provincial and a number of Country clubs using this as a pilot.

"The ultimate goals are to engage students in work experience resulting in employment and then a sign up into a fully funded traineeship towards career progression.

"From stablehands to jockeys to cadet stewards, all the traineeships are available, and we have all those interesting little roles in racing that many attendees would not have seen before."

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## QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED INCLUDE:

### RGR20221

Certificate II in Racing Industry (SBAT)

### RGR30218

Certificate III in Racing (Stablehand)

### RGR30518

Certificate III in Racing (Trackwork Rider)

### RGR30419

Certificate III in Racing Services (Cadet Steward, Track Maintenance, Racing Administration)

### RGR40221

Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)

### RGR40118

Certificate IV in Racing (Racehorse Trainer)

