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AN UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We wanted to provide members with an update on discussions between WRC and RACE regarding the future.

WRC has decided, with the agreement of RACE, to leave the consortium. The decision is very new and both parties are currently working through details to formalise the arrangements. While there is still work to complete, including approval by our members and NZTR, we are pleased that we have reached agreement in principle and can now focus on the next chapter for WRC.

A Special General Meeting will be held at 5.30pm at Trentham Racecourse on Wednesday 26 August to give members the opportunity to consider and ratify the proposed arrangements. Further information will be provided to members ahead of the meeting.

Importantly, this does not mean the end of our relationship with RACE. WRC and RACE will continue to work closely together to strengthen racing across the Central Districts, with Trentham scheduled a number of RACE meetings over the coming season.

At the same time, it is important that the WRC now charts its own course, allowing us to focus clearly on securing our future. The recent release of Project Stamina has made that need even more pressing, with the future of Trentham now very much in the spotlight.

We are determined to ensure that the voice of our members is heard and that the significant role Trentham plays in Wellington and New Zealand racing is recognised. There is much work ahead, but we believe this next step provides WRC with an opportunity to focus on our own future, strengthen the club, and continue making the case for Trentham.

We thank members for their continued support and look forward to sharing more information with you over the coming months. In the meantime, we recommend you make the effort to watch part two of the Project Stamina update on Trackside at 8pm tonight (or later on YouTube).

Simon Barber

President, Wellington Racing Club



RACE



Dear Sponsors, Members, Investors, and Industry Participants,

We would like to share an important update regarding the future relationship between RACE and the Wellington Racing Club (WRC).

Following careful consideration, it has been agreed that RACE and WRC will separate. This decision has been made to provide WRC with the opportunity to independently present its position following the release of the Project Stamina Report.

While there is still considerable work to be undertaken as we progress through this transition, both parties have approved a Heads of Agreement that outlines how the separation will be structured and how we will work together moving forward.

Importantly, this change does not signal the end of our collaborative relationship. In many areas, particularly in relation to racing activities, RACE and WRC will continue to work closely together to support and strengthen racing in our region.

We recognise that this announcement may raise questions, and we want to reassure all our supporters, members, investors, sponsors, and industry participants that plans are in place to ensure stability and to create opportunities for our industry to continue to grow and thrive.

We greatly value your ongoing support and commitment, and we look forward to sharing further updates as details are finalised.

Kind regards,

R. Simpson

Richard Simpson
RACE Board Chairman

