

Queensland Harness Centre

Initial Concepts





QLD HARNESS CENTRE



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OVERVIEW

Initial Concepts for the Queensland Harness Centre have been identified through various discussions with industry representatives. Initial concepts that have been identified and presented include the following:

- State-of-the-art track designed for fast, fair racing with horse care at the forefront;
- Contemporary patron facilities that seamlessly connect with racing infrastructure such as raceday stabling to ensure a racing experience when on track;
- Stabling for more than 150 horses on-course (constructed in stages so the venue grows with usage);
- Consideration to cater for different trainer preferences (eg: barns or walk-in, walk-out stables);
- Multiple training tracks, in addition to the main racetrack, to enable flexibility and to ensure training and racing can be staged concurrently;
- The installation of training aids such as aqua exercise (horse swim), treadmills, and walkers; and
- Incorporation of modern technology to enable owners to remotely see their horse stabled and during track work.
- Venue aesthetically and functionally to draw on Queensland's sub-tropical climate e.g. lush landscaping and indoor and outdoor dining.

DETAILED INITIAL CONCEPTS

Racetrack

- 1000m - 1400m track with or without chute
- Wide to enable 10 horses across the front
- Double or triple sprint lane
- Camber on turns to ensure animal welfare
- Track surface to be a lighter shade of material
- Presentation area in close proximity to the grandstand with capacity to accommodate winning horse



DETAILED INITIAL CONCEPTS

Raceday Stalls / Parade Ring

- Similar to Menangle, with a public viewing area/deck
- Walk in/walk out stalls, with sulkies and gear stored behind the horse
- 150 stables/stalls
- Rubber flooring/mats
- Wash bays/sand rolls/swab areas & walkers
- Swab area and vet bays to be close to stables
- Separate stallion and quarantine areas
- World class owners/trainers and drivers lounges
- Theatre of horse style parade ring
- Digital horse signage
- Latest innovation in ventilation
- Lock up compound for sulkies
- Undercover path from grandstand to stables



DETAILED INITIAL CONCEPTS

Patron Facilities

- Seamless connectivity with horse areas to create an immersive experience.
- Dedicated facilities/areas for families/kids
- Multiple bars and eating/food options e.g. roof-top bar
- Function space/restaurant for non-race day events
- Big infield screen
- Corporate boxes
- Owners/members/VIP exclusive areas
- Victory bar for winning connections
- Smart venue / interactive screens and connection points for patrons
- Pop-up facilities to cater for large crowds and events
- Hall of fame walk / historical references to Harness Racing
- Merchandise shop
- Positioning of grandstand to take into consideration environmental factors i.e. weather/sun



DETAILED INITIAL CONCEPTS

Training Centre

- 10-20 boxes per barn / stable block
- Capacity to cater for different training preferences i.e. Barns and Walk-in Walk out stabling to be offered
- Allocation of stabling for short term stays e.g. carnival participants
- Barns to have wash bays, offices, feed rooms, rubber floors and individual walkers
- Barns to have covered walk out yards
- Separate stallion yards
- Training paddocks per barn including shelter
- Training tracks – sand jog track, straight track, fast work track & hill track
- Jogging machine / treadmill
- Water walker / swimming pool
- Camping facilities or other accommodation
- Sufficient parking for floats, vehicles and joggers
- Cater for owners i.e. viewing platform and CCTV system to allow remote viewing of horse

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