

VICTORIAN TRADESMAN'S & DELIVERY HORSE
GROUP INC
Reg No A0051720M



April 9th 2012

Dear Members & the Wider Community,

On behalf of the Committee and Members of the Victorian Tradesman's & Delivery Horse Group Inc. (VT&DHG), I wish to offer a statement of retraction regarding the contents of the notice of special meeting for 11th May 2012, which was delivered to members. In this notice the allegations made against Mr Matthew Marriott using his position on the Horse Council Committee of the RASV to influence decisions made regarding the schedule and the running of the Royal Melbourne Show. Were unfounded and made without clear knowledge of all the facts, but instead made upon assumptions and hear say. The VT&DHG sincerely regrets these allegations and extends a formal apology to Mr Marriott, and is hopeful that amends can be made with Mr Marriott and that a working relationship may be developed between the two parties. So that together we can improve this relationship and continue to promote and grow the harness horses/ponies and vehicles attending shows around the state and nation. The VT&DHG withdraws all statements made about Mr Marriott in its notice of special meeting, including that he has a legal responsibility to advise the RASV of any intentions to be an exhibitor and all allegations made against Mr Marriott. Instead we wish to congratulate Mr Matthew Marriott on his appointment to the Horse Council Committee of the RASV and welcome any ideas he may have.

It was not the intention of the VT&DHG to cast a shadow of incompetence on the RASV, its Horse Council Committee and Mr Matthew Marriott. Nor was to impact upon the previously strong, productive, working and friendly relationship which the VT&DHG shared with the RASV. It can be said that emotion has played its role in the issue, when it was not the place to display such cause. The VT&DHG withdraws allegations and assumptions made against the RASV and sincerely regrets and apologises for any such issues arising from this indifference. The RASV was built partly on the Australian heritage, which was stated by the VT&DHG that they were helping to wipe away this history. Not only that, but the RASV is

proud of its roots and I'm sure wish to continue to establish and grow from its past. There was no place to make comments regarding the inner workings of the RASV, the Horse Council Committee and all representatives. Also the VT&DHG can't make comment on the delivery of information to and from the RASV, but can only state that, yes the information was sent, but that ultimately did not reach its desired destination for both parties.

It is the wish of the Victorian Tradesman's & Delivery Horse Group that a resolution can be made regarding the scheduling issues and repair the damage to the relationship shared by the RASV, the Horse Council Committee, Mr Matthew Marriott and the VT&DHG, which these issues have caused. The VT&DHG apologises for all actions and allegations as stated in the notice of special meeting and sincerely regrets the position it has placed its members, the RASV (including all representatives) and Mr Matthew Marriott in.

Yours Sincerely,



Courtney Mullenger
VT&DHG Secretary