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OFF THE TRACK WA AND EQUESTRIAN WA EVENTS AND CLINICS ANNOUNCED

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) is pleased to announce that it will be partnering with Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) through its Off the Track WA program, to present a series of events across the State in 2020.

The series, which covers both regional and metropolitan areas, will provide an opportunity for owners of retired racehorses to participate in clinics with EA accredited coaches and competitions across various disciplines.

RWVA General Manager Racing Charlotte Mills said the partnership forms part of RWVA's recently announced Racehorse Welfare Plan.

"The series will provide further assistance in the transition of retired racehorses to equestrian and pleasure pursuits," said RWVA General Manager Racing Charlotte Mills.

"RWVA is committed to ensuring that the best levels of care are given to thoroughbreds and standardbreds throughout all stages of their lives and we will continue to implement the various initiatives outlined in our Racehorse Welfare Plan over the next six to 12 months."

EWA Chief Executive Officer Dwight Pedlow said he was delighted with the new partnership.

"EWA is honoured to be working with RWVA's Off the Track program as we believe these competitions and clinics will play an important role in providing educational and encouragement events for owners of retired racehorses," said Mr Pedlow.

The events will be open to any thoroughbred and standardbred bred for the purposes of racing, including those who have not trialed or raced. Entry fees will be subsidised by RWVA's Off the Track program with prices capped at \$25 per rider per day, with no EWA membership or EWA horse registration requirements.

However, EWA are offering a \$25 discounted membership for new members who participate in the Off the Track events.

The series will kick off at the State Equestrian Centre on 18 January 2020, with a dressage and jumping encouragement day. For more information on the events being held visit <https://www.wa.equestrian.org.au/ewa-ott-events-and-clinics>