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REIMBURSEMENT OF ADDITIONAL COSTS DUE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY

Racing NSW's Chief Executive, Peter V'landys, today confirmed that no determination has been made about the amount or the criteria for the reimbursement of trainers and others affected by the events of World Youth Day at Royal Randwick Racecourse in July this year.

"Racing NSW has always insisted that Randwick trainers should not be financially worse off due to circumstances beyond their control. It must be remembered that the business and lives of Randwick trainers will be severely interrupted by the need for them to relocate due to the World Youth Day events.

"Once Racing NSW finalises an agreement with the NSW Government, we will then consult with Randwick trainers to determine the criteria by which payments will be made.

"The likelihood is that the payments will be made in a similar fashion to the Federal Government's CHAPS scheme whereby reimbursements are made on a per-horse basis.

"Racing NSW is also very sympathetic to the plight of Warwick Farm trainers and will ensure they are no worse off financially by the interruptions occurring at their racecourse due to the World Youth Day event.

"Ray Murrehy (RNSW Chairman of Stewards), Greg Rudolph (GM-Racing & Commercial) and I will again arrange to meet with Warwick Farm trainers next week to progress this issue," Mr V'landys concluded.

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