

TRACK MAINTENANCE PERSON



Do you want to work in a fast paced, exciting industry that actively encourages women to apply and provides the following opportunities?

- get paid to attend race meetings
- build your landscaping & gardening skills
- build networks & industry contacts
- advance your career
- advance your education
- work outdoors & contribute to the safety & enjoyment of others



OVERVIEW OF INDUSTRY

The Racing industry in Australia incorporates a diverse range of businesses including horse breeding/farming, horse racing (thoroughbred and harness), greyhound racing, and management of the facilities used specifically for those activities. Almost all occupations in racing require relevant industry licences, which are coordinated through the industry's peak bodies. Each code has its own state and national body that supports employment and training for industry participants. The racing industry is an exciting and vibrant industry that contributes approximately \$1.4 billion to the Australian Gross Domestic Product and employs thousands of people either directly or in related service industries.

WHAT DOES A TRACK MAINTENANCE PERSON DO

A track maintenance persons role is to work as part of the team that prepares and maintains the track and surrounding facilities at a racetrack. This role is varied and may require you to complete any one of a range of practical tasks such as completing track repairs (devoting) and repositioning rails, mowing of grassed areas and racing surface, raking, wetting or levelling sand surfaces, planting, pruning and watering flower beds, repairing and installing running rails, gates or starting stalls/boxes, installing and maintaining irrigation systems as well as operating a range of machinery and equipment. In addition to this you may be required to clean stalls or kennel areas and assist with the setting up of race day and non-race day events that are scheduled to be run. Within this role there is the opportunity to become a specialist in a particular aspect of the job by progressing from a general maintenance assistant through to managing the turf or gardens or track surface at a larger club.

"I enjoy working as a track maintenance person because I love the atmosphere at the races and enjoy making the racetrack safe and attractive for visitors to enjoy"

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Selection Criteria:

- *Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- *Positive attitude, high level personal ethics, initiative and a flexible approach to work.
- *Proven ability to work independently and as part of a small team.
- *Understanding of the racing industry and work, health and safety issues applicable
- *Current NSW Drivers Licence and willingness to undertake frequent travel and to work outside normal business hours.
- *Able to undertake training to learn to operate a tractor & medium rigid machinery.
- *Capacity to obtain other licences if required such as Forklift or skid steer.
- *High level of detail and precision applied to work completed
- *Pass a criminal record check

TASKS YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DO

- *deep and shallow harrowing- blading or grading of track surfaces
- *mowing and whipper snipping grassed areas
- *planting and maintaining garden beds
- *operating a range of machinery and equipment
- *monitoring and maintaining irrigation system and timers as well as watering surfaces
- *checking track conditions and conducting core sand/soil samples
- *reporting and record keeping of track and facility conditions
- *checking track equipment to ensure that it is safe to use maintenance of starting boxes and or stalls.
- *repairing and maintaining running rails and other safety barriers
- *cleaning and sanitising animal housing areas

Training Requirements and Pathways

New entry or school-based trainee qualification: [RGR20221 - Certificate II in Racing Industry](#) or [RGR20117 - Certificate II in Racing \(Greyhound\)](#)

Trade qualifications:

Depending on which racing code you are employed in you will complete either of the following two qualifications -

[AHC31021 - Certificate III in Parks and Gardens](#) - This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for trade level roles in the parks and gardens industry including gardener, greenkeeper and grounds person.

[AHC31319 - Certificate III in Sports Turf Management](#) - This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for trade level roles carried out under general direction within sports turf management.

Traineeships generally take between twelve to twenty-four months to complete and require the successful completion of all units of competence in this qualification as well as meeting employer expectations for attendance and application in the workplace.

Licensing requirements:

All persons working in the Racing industry must meet the licencing requirements of code that they are going to commence employment with. Your employer will provide you with further details relating to these requirements.

Income and future opportunities

This role offers a broad range of skills that are transferrable to other occupations and industries. Depending on the role you are employed in and the size of the track that you are working at your skills and knowledge may be very broad or specialised in a particular area. This provides the opportunity to work across a variety of industries or to progress in your current position on completion of your training.

Wages: entry level approx. \$45,000 per annum up to \$91,000 per annum. A track manager can earn as much as \$200,000 per annum.

Racing industry ground maintenance award:

[MA000014: Racing Industry Ground Maintenance Award 2020 \(fwo.gov.au\)](#)

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