

26<sup>th</sup> August 2005

To: The Australian Racing Board

**Re: Toe Stoppers Trial**

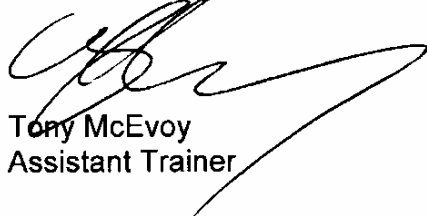
For some time Lindsay Park Racing Stables at Angaston have been trialling the horse riding safety product, Toe Stoppers. This follows a number of incidences at Lindsay Park over the last few years where riders have been dislodged from the saddle but have had their feet caught in the leg irons. We have an active health and safety committee and it was at it's recommendation that a safety product should be investigated to eliminate this risk.

Over a period of time, various models of Toe Stoppers have been trialled and most recently our riders have trialled a softer and more flexible model with a rubber tread. The feedback we have received on this model has been very positive, even from those riders who were reluctant to trial them initially.

Lindsay Park places a great deal of importance upon the safety and wellbeing of it's workforce and has a strong commitment to it's developing health and safety program. We welcomed the introduction of compulsory wearing of riding vests a few years ago and strongly urge you to consider the same for Toe Stoppers. Any safety measure that can be taken to reduce the possibility of injury and death needs to be seriously considered.

We have noted the comments from our riders from the trial and these are available for perusal on request.

Yours sincerely



Tony McEvoy  
Assistant Trainer