

OnTrack report to The Trainers' Association AGM – 7 September 2025

Please accept OnTrack's apologies for not being with you today, we hope you have a productive AGM. We want to thank you all your members for backing OnTrack since its inception. In just nine months, the industry has truly embraced this **people-led model**. We've been welcomed into stables across the country for real, unhurried conversations, especially with those who are rarely heard. A special **thank-you to Wendy and Shaun** for championing this approach. Southland and Otago this week said it all: more connections, honest yarns, a few tears, and clear momentum as your people lead and we walk alongside.

We are already seeing the difference, and this is because you own the programme. It's driven by our racing people, and OnTrack is supporting this to happen by fostering, everyday wellbeing, peer support, early intervention, and managing risks, with compassionate crisis response when needed. Support is built into our everyday lives, not bolted on. Our strategy review (2025) aligns closely with the plan co-developed with the wider community in 2024, confirming we're still on track and endorsed by our people.

The achievements are yours as much as ours, 500+ have completed awareness sessions (including short workplace "yacks"), 140+ Champions are active across the country, and around 20 now hold suicide-intervention skills. Most recently we have taken the step to include industry peers in our international training session, so they can coach and deliver alongside us. Retaining our funding is vital, we operate an extremely tight ship, and we steward every dollar and measure what matters. However, the human impact is real - in the past month alone, the team responded to three suicide attempts and several acute-risk situations. **There's no dollar value you can place on a life saved.**

With World Suicide Prevention Day (10 September) upon us, we're backing the global message of **"Changing the Narrative"** and amplifying our own message of **"One conversation could keep someone in the race"**. Watch out for us across the country and say G'day and grab a snag if we are on the BBQ"

Thank you to you and all the trainers for welcoming us in and helping build a safer, stronger, more sustainable future by letting your people lead.

We all know how this works, and Benjamin Franklin put it well

"Tell me and I forget.

Teach me and I remember.

Involve me and I learn."