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TRSA appoints new Chairman of Stewards

Thoroughbred Racing SA has appointed **Johan Petzer** as its new Chairman of Stewards following the departure of Graham Loch who has taken up a senior position with the Macau Racing Club.

Johan Petzer joined Thoroughbred Racing SA in 2004 as Deputy Chairman of Stewards, moving from Tasmania where he had held their top Stewards' position for four years following nine years as Steward and Deputy Chairman of Stewards for the Jockey Club of South Africa.

Thoroughbred Racing SA CEO Jim Watters said Mr Petzer's appointment had followed a thorough recruitment process.

"With this position being the key integrity role for thoroughbred racing in South Australia, it was important that it be advertised and we received a range of applicants from virtually every State as well as applications from overseas," Mr Watters said.

"To ensure an appropriate selection process we also used a highly respected former interstate Chairman of Stewards to assist as part of the selection panel.

"Johan's appointment would undoubtedly come as no surprise to many South Australian participants and clubs as he is highly regarded and well respected across the industry.

"With the even greater focus on integrity issues in racing, the role today goes beyond that of traditional stewarding and Johan's skill set sees him ideally suited, having both a Law degree and Graduate Certificate in Project Management.

"He was also a sound contributor to the National Chairman of Stewards while in his role in Tasmania, and I'm sure his expertise will be welcomed back onto that group."

Mr Petzer will commence in the role immediately.

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