Racing, Gaming and Licensing Minister Syd Stirling today announced the members of the new Principal Racing Club of the Northern Territory.

Mr Stirling said he had appointed Darwin insurance broker Stewart Cox as Chairman and Katherine businessman Richard Sallis as the country club representative.

Both Darwin and Alice Springs turf clubs have also chosen their representatives for the new Committee.

From Darwin Turf Club they are:

- Ted Bailey (one year appointment)
- Tony Watkins (two year appointment)
- Gordon Simmons (three year appointment)

From Alice Springs Turf Club they are:

- David Lillecrapp (one year appointment)
- Gerard Daffy (three year appointment)

“I am extremely impressed by the high calibre and expertise of each of the new Committee members. They each have many years of involvement with the NT racing industry and bring a wide range of crucial business skills to their new role.

“I would like to congratulate each of them on their appointments.”

Mr Stirling said Stewart Cox would bring a wealth of business and racing industry experience to the Chairman position.

“Mr Cox has lived in the Territory since 1954.

“He is an owner and major shareholder of ZIB Insurance Brokers Limited and sits on their Australian Board. He is also Managing Director of their Northern Territory, South Australian and Western Australian operations.

“Mr Cox has previously served on the NT Branch of the Insurance Council of Australia as well as Chairing the NT Branch of the National Insurance Brokers Association.

“He has also been heavily involved in the administration of hockey in the NT since the 1980s, serving as President of the NT Hockey Association for a period of nine years.

“He has had a long association with the Territory horse racing industry. He was Vice President of the Darwin Turf Club from 1996 to 1999 and is currently a member of both
the Darwin and Alice Springs turf clubs. He has owned racehorses since 1975 and is an inaugural founding member of the Carbine Club of the Northern Territory.”

Country club representative Richard Sallis has extensive experience in the hotel industry and currently has a number of business and development interests in both Katherine and Darwin.

He was the founding President of the NT Branch of the Australian Hotels Association serving for seven years and also served as a member of the former Racing and Gaming Commission for a period of seven years.

Mr Sallis is well-known and respected by the country racing industry throughout the Territory. He was on the Katherine Turf Club Committee for close to 20 years, serving as President for eight years. He was also a member of the Darwin Turf Club Committee for 13 years.

Ted Bailey is the current President of the Darwin Turf Club as well as a Director of the Australian Racing Board. He is a foundation member of the Carbine Club NT and has had racehorses for over 30 years. He is also a Director of Henry Walker Elton.

Tony Watkins is Treasurer of the Darwin Turf Club and has been a racehorse owner for 10 years. He has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants since 1996. He is a Director of Nair Watkins Chartered Accountants and has been a Director of Group Training Pty Ltd since Feb 2000.

Gordon Simmons has lived in Darwin for 30 years and been in the fuel industry since 1975. He is a Director of Northern Fuels Ltd. He has owned racehorses for 15 years and has been a member of the Darwin Turf Club Committee for 12 years.

David Lillecrapp is an Alice Springs businessman. He has been involved with Territory racing since 1970 and is currently Treasurer of the Alice Springs Turf Club.

Gerard Daffy has been a Territory resident for 11 years. He is currently the Sportsbetting Manager for Centrebet.

The Committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow morning.

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