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MEDIA RELEASE

CALLING ALL INDIGENOUS DRIVERS

FOR the first time in Australian harness racing history an indigenous drivers' race will be held at Tabcorp Park Menangle's Fishers Ghost meeting on October 30.

This special race for drivers with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island heritage is just one of the many highlights on the unique Sunday afternoon meeting.

And one reinsman that will be one of the "favoured runners" in the race is none other than Jimmy Brown.

To say the multiple Group One winning reinsman is excited about it would be an understatement.

"I'm wrapt they have a race like this and it will be an honour to drive in it," said the man with the biggest smile in harness racing.

"You would be surprised how many indigenous people are touched by harness racing.

"Most of them are more involved in the punting side of things but there are still a few drivers out there like Ricky Thurlow and Joel Pengilly that have an Aboriginal background.

"I'm in awe of the Maltese drivers when they have their invitational race at Fairfield and I'm glad to see Aboriginal drivers get their chance."

And if there aren't enough Aboriginal reinsmen to go around, the NSW Harness Racing Club and HRNSW have added another "clause" to the race.

Should a full field not be forthcoming, back-up conditions include adding horses trained by someone of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and officials may possibly also add "owned or part-owned" by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island heritage as well.

For further information on this innovative day's pacing contact TPM Chief Executive John Dumesny on 0438 398 210.

