1. The Parklands Gold Coast venue is located at Southport and is managed by the Trustees of Parklands Gold Coast (the Trust). The venue is used as a harness racing venue and for a number of community, entertainment and recreational purposes, including the annual Gold Coast Show and the ‘Big Day Out’ event.
2. Mr John (Jim) Callaghan (chairperson), Mr John Howe and Ms Susan Forrester were appointed as trustees for a period of four years from 1 July 2009 up to and including 30 June 2013 to align the expiry of the appointments with the proposed resumption of the Parklands Gold Coast site necessary to progress the construction of what was expected to be Stage 2 of the new Gold Coast University Hospital, originally scheduled for 30 June 2013.
3. However, the resumption of the Parklands Gold Coast site is now required for the construction of the Commonwealth Games Athletes’ Village, with construction works scheduled to commence from 30 September 2013 (announced by the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games in May 2012).
4. The extension of the term of two existing trustees will allow the Trust time to undertake any actions, such as disposal of assets and finalisation of accounts, necessary to finalise the operations of the Trust.
5. Mr Howe did not wish to seek re-appointment.
6. Cabinet endorsed that the following persons be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment to the Trust for a term commencing from 1 July 2013 up to and including 28 February 2014:
* Mr John (Jim) Callaghan, chairperson and trustee; and
* Ms Susan Forrester, trustee.