

## Stakeholder Reference Group Minutes of Meeting

<b>Group</b>	Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG)
<b>Chair</b>	Shane Gillard – QRIC Commissioner
<b>Secretariat</b>	Patrice Reid, Legal and Governance (QRIC)
<b>Date and location</b>	Monday 13 March 2023, via MS Teams & Newstead Room, Quest, Breakfast Creek
<b>Timing</b>	2:30pm – 4:30pm

### Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Area of Business</b>	<b>Attendance Mode</b>
Shane Gillard	Racing Integrity Commissioner	Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC)	In person
Natalie Conner	Deputy Commissioner	QRIC	In person
Chris Reid	GM External Affairs	QRIC	In person
Adam Wallish	Executive General Manager	Racing Queensland (RQ)	MS Teams
Jim Byrne	President	Queensland Jockeys' Association (QJA)	In person
Cam Partington	QLD State Executive	Australian Trainers' Association (ATA)	In person
Gaylene Teichmann	President	Standardbred Association Queensland	MS Teams
Peter Laird	President	Queensland Bookmakers	In person
Michael Geraghty	President	Queensland Greyhound Breeders' Owners' and Trainers' Association	MS Teams
Karl deKroo	Executive Director	Entain Group	MS Teams
Matt Rudolph	GM Racing	Brisbane Racing Club	In person
Ian Brown	Racing Manager	Gold Coast Turf Club	MS Teams
John Miller	CEO	Sunshine Coast Turf Club (SCTC)	MS Teams
Lizzy King	CEO	Toowoomba Turf Club	In person
Natalie Rintala	General Manager	Townsville Turf Club	MS Teams
Rob Essex	President	Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club	MS Teams
Rhonda Stevens	Country Racing Rep.	FNQ Country Racing	MS Teams
David Woodhouse	Representative	Leichardt Country Racing	MS Teams

Dr Peter Reid	Veterinarian	Australian Veterinary Association (AVA)	In person
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## Apologies

Dr Mandy Paterson	Principal Scientist	RSPCA Qld	
Dean Shannon	CEO Australia	Entain Group	
Lydia Deutscher	GM Government & Industry	Tabcorp	
Tony Partridge	CEO	Brisbane Racing Club	
Peter Flynn	Representative	Downs Region Country Racing	
Ian Mill	CEO	Rockhampton Jockey Club (RJC)	
Daren Garrard	QLD President	Breeders', Owners' Trainers', Reinspersons' Association (BOTRA)	
Tim Dunn	CEO	Ipswich Turf Club (ITC)	
Karl deKroo	Executive Director	Entain Group	
Shatha Hamade	Legal Counsel	Animal Australia	
Erin Cameron	Treasurer	Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club	
Selena Rumble	Racing Manager	Tabcorp Limited	
Ben Mannion	CEO	Queensland Thoroughbred Owners' Association (QTOA)	
Bernie Ring	President	Redcliffe Peninsula Harness Racing and Sporting Club (RPHR&SC)	

## Guests

Dominique Murphy	General Counsel	QRIC	In person
Jen Rossiter	General Manager Corporate Services	QRIC	In person

## Agenda

Item #	Description	Topic Lead	Timing (minutes)
1.	Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Attendance (welcome/apologies)	Chair	5
2.	Previous Minutes	Chair	5
3.	Offensive / Defensive	Chair	10
4.	Industry Participant Conduct	Chair	10
5.	Licensing Standards Review	Jen Rossiter	10
6.	Penalty Guidelines (THB, GHD, Traceability)	Dominique Murphy	10
7.	Racing Appeals Panel Update	Dominique Murphy	10
8.	Animal Care Strategy	Natalie Conner	10
9.	Substance Control Strategy Video	Chris Reid	10
10.	Key Issues / Opportunities	All	20
11.	Closing	Chair	5

### **3. Offensive / Defensive**

QRIC spoke about the concept of offensive/defensive public comment, whereby clubs and industry representatives provide comment in the media, particularly when there's an incident that brings the industry into disrepute.

The feedback from attendees was that they're happy to help QRIC with external communications but they would be hesitant to comment on individual cases.

### **4. Industry Participant Conduct**

QRIC discussed concerns with some negative behaviour by industry participants, and proposed to work with industry representatives to identify collectively what type of conduct is expected.

The group acknowledged that the Rules of Racing outline expected participant conduct, however the rules are inconsistent across the three codes of racing, and it agreed that a clear set of standards would be beneficial.

QRIC proposed a consultative approach to explore the possibility of developing a policy or statement which outlines the expected conduct. The group agreed with this approach.

QRIC will seek nominations from SRG members to be involved in the consultative working group.

### **5. Licensing Standards Review**

QRIC provided an update on the Licensing Standards Review, including that one of the key elements to be reviewed is the 'fit and proper person'.

QRIC will engage in open consultation with industry representatives to identify what's working and what needs improving. As part of the review, QRIC will conduct a jurisdictional analysis to compare Queensland's standards with other racing jurisdictions nationally and internationally.

The intended outcome of the Review is to establish a contemporary set of standards for Queensland whilst considering the Queensland context and what is best for our State.

### **6. Penalty Guidelines (THB, HAR, GHD) and Traceability Standard**

QRIC provided an update on the draft Penalty Guidelines for GHD and THB and the updated HAR Penalty Guidelines as well as the new Equine Traceability Standard.

QRIC provided the group with an opportunity to submit feedback prior to the guidelines and standard coming into effect on 31 March 2023.

It is intended the guidelines will be utilised by the Racing Appeals Panel.

The Traceability Standard implements elements of the Martin Inquiry.

### **7. Racing Appeals Panel update**

QRIC provided an update on the Racing Appeals Panel (RAP). QRIC advised RAP will establish an independent set of practice notes and it is expected the panel will sit multiple times per week.

QRIC provided an outline of how a RAP hearing is likely to operate.

## **8. Animal Care Strategy**

QRIC proposed working with industry to discuss what animal care should look like across the three codes of racing. This discussion would help inform the development of a new industry strategy.

The group acknowledged that industry compliance with animal welfare standards needs to improve, although industry members generally know what is expected, an education campaign was touted as being beneficial.

QRIC will seek nominations from SRG members to be involved in an education program about better animal care.

## **9. Substance Control Strategy Video**

QRIC shared the the Substance Control Strategy video as an educational piece that will assist industry to better understand how swabs are taken across Queensland.

## **10. Key Issues / Opportunities**

The attendees discussed the Alligator Blood issue, and QRIC provided an update noting it has gone to the Court of Appeal and a hearing date is yet to be set.

Greyhound on-track injury management was discussed and QRIC advised that it is undertaking additional training and education for on-track vets.

The topic of rehoming of greyhounds was discussed by the attendees. QRIC shared process improvements at the Greyhound Adoption Program to improve efficiencies. The benefits of these changes are coming through.

QRIC advised that there is a need for more people to adopt and foster retired greyhounds and reiterated the importance of appropriate greyhound care and welfare, including socialisation, through all aspects of the greyhound's life which will make a smooth transition for rehoming of retired greyhounds.

**ENDS**