

# Minutes QRIC Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG)

Meeting Type	Quarterly		
Date	28 February 2024	Time	11:00hrs – 12:30hrs
Venue	40CS Boardroom or TEAMS		
Attendance	Shane Gillard (SG) <b>Chair</b> , Vicky Luo (VL), John Miller (JM), Mandy Paterson (MP), Peter Reid (PR), Cam Partington (CP), Ian Brown (IB), Hyrendo Anderson (HA), Luke Gatehouse (LG), Adam Gardini (AD), Stephen Nugent (SN).		
Apologies	Natalie Conner (NC), Selina Rumble (SR), Jason Scott (JS), Grant Sheather (GS), Tony Partridge (TP), Karl deKroo (KdK), Bernie Ring (BR), Peter Laird (PL), Andrew Nicholl (AL), Gary Heath (GH), Stephen Bell (SB), Gaylene Teichmann (GT), Lydia Deutscher (LD), Tim Dunn (TD). David Woodhouse (DW), Dean Shannon (DS), Peter Flynn (PF), Darren Garrard (DG), Wayne Croton (WC), Glen Prentice (GP), George Clegg (GC), Jason Ward (JW), Erin Cameron (EC), David Aldred (DA), Shatha Hamade (SH), Steve Woods (SW), Rhonda Stevens (RS).		
Guest	Will Colwell (WC), Rachel Vagg (RV), David Farquharson (DF), Adam Yem (AY).		
A/Secretariat	Nicole Rowles (NR).		
Agenda Item	Matters to note/Outcomes/Actions	Action Officer	Action Due Date
1.	<b>Opening Address</b> The meeting was opened by the Chair, noting: - Acknowledgement of Country Meeting open at 11:04am		
2.	<b>QRIC Review – KPMG update (Will Colwell)</b> - Overview of review’s objective to gain an understanding of QRIC’s effectiveness and efficiency. - Outline of project process, including stakeholder engagement within QRIC and across the industry. Stakeholder engagement process is nearing its end. - Overview of KPMG’s internal control process, including project updates to Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) Director General, and review steering committee. - Any feedback may be emailed to QRIC Review KPMG email address provided. - Report will be submitted back to DAF at the end of March. KPMG is currently on track to conclude by this deadline.		
3.	<b>Previous Minutes and Actions</b> - A query regarding the Extreme Weather Policy. QRIC and RQ in consultation, and further industry consultation to make the policy more code-specific and region-specific. - Previous minutes were accepted. - Discussed progress on outstanding action items - no additional actions identified at this time.		

4.	<b>SRG Future Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Now that the SRG has provided stakeholders with an opportunity to connect at a high level with QRIC, it may now have a deeper purpose and require a restructure. Should the SRG be code-specific? This may be a challenge for stakeholders who are across all three codes. Discussions pertinent to individual codes may be beneficial to share with all stakeholders, so remaining as all three codes in one meeting.</li> <li>- Feedback from members was to maintain current forum with a defined agenda with time markers so that people can enter and leave the meeting as required and interested.</li> <li>- Contact the SRG mailbox or the Commissioner directly with any further feedback about structure of meeting or what you would like to hear from the SRG.</li> </ul>		
5.	<b>Emerging Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KPMG review is creating awareness of organisation across the industry.</li> <li>- Dr Reid from AVA raised concerns about QRIC budget and the presence of vets on race days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Work completed late last year to reassess budget requirements.</li> <li>o Stewards' modernisation and retention, including Grow Your Own strategy has been invested in.</li> <li>o Regional hubs are decentralising operations and decreasing travel by stewards and operational staff and employing locally.</li> <li>o GAP is achieving its best results, but it is a costly operation.</li> <li>o Race day rosters remain unchanged, and all integrity and welfare operations will continue.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
6.	<b>Finance Budget 2024</b>	Pending KPMG review.		
7.	<b>Q2 Industry Highlights</b>	<p><b>GHD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GAP adoption numbers are higher than ever. Adoption events/activations are increasing. Big thank you to Capalaba and BrisGreys for offering their venues for adoption events. Industry can't rely on GAP as the sole operation in relation to greyhound rehoming – industry change and engagement is required.</li> <li>- Mobilising rehoming effort is allowing GAP to rehome from off-site locations. QRIC is sending re-trainers and behaviouralists to properties for pre-assessment.</li> <li>- Developing rehoming and euthanasia rules in consultation with Racing Queensland.</li> <li>- USA adoption exports – there is opportunity, however the logistics are costly. Definite need to work with third party operators, such as working with other rehoming groups. RSCPA raised concerns about this activity and will like to see more detail.</li> <li>- Brief overview of major races, which went ahead successfully despite weather issues.</li> <li>- Thanks to the work of participants and clubs, these major events ran smoothly.</li> </ul>		

		<p><b>THB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Magic Millions racing was first-class, and response to Sydney Bowler incident was smooth thanks to the GCTC and QRIC veterinary teams. Dr Anil Prabhu controlled situation thanks to extensive experience.</li> <li>- Weather challenges required us to work closely with clubs to ensure race days have run smoothly. Thanks to stakeholders who have made good decisions. Reminder that we have a raceday abandonment protocol and we are continuously working to improve it for better outcomes for racing, rider safety and animal welfare.</li> </ul> <p><b>HAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- - Inter Dominion was incident-free in terms of sample collection and analysis.</li> <li>- - Weather challenges on the first night were overcome.</li> <li>- - No veterinary issues during event.</li> </ul> <p>TCO2 publication – no longer publishing figures online as people were using to gain competitive advantage. Testing still occurs and people found to use method are supervised on track, however numbers are not published.</p>		
8.	<b>Concussion Protocols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Never had a concussion protocol in harness code before in QLD.</li> <li>- QRIC has collaborated with RQ and industry to put procedures in place when a driver has an incident that involves their helmet making contact with the track.</li> <li>- 12 day stand down period will be mandatory for any driver diagnosed with concussion during formal assessment by a medical practitioner.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
9.	<b>RSC Relocation</b>	Project Director Adam Yem provided a thorough overview of the project which included detailed plans, concept design imagery and project status.		
10.	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	No questions at this time.		
11.	<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extreme weather policy update</li> <li>- Availability of vets on track – combating statewide vet shortage</li> </ul>		
12.	<b>Meeting close</b>	Meeting closed at 12:30pm.		