

Minutes - Race Injury Review Panel

Date	Tuesday 21 January
Time	10.00am to 12.00pm
Location:	<hr/>
Attendees:	<p>Wade Birch (WRB) – GWIC COO, Chair Tony Kuipers – GWIC Chief Veterinary Officer Miranda Gott – GWIC Senior Data Analytics Officer Dean Degan – GWIC Senior Steward Tanya Stephens – AWC Wayne Billett (WFB) – GRNSW Acting CEO Andrew Thomas – GRNSW Stephen Bowes – GRNSW Matthew Webber – GWIC OTV</p>
Apologies	<p>Miranda Gott – GWIC Senior Data Analytics Officer Wayne Billett (WFB) – GRNSW Acting CEO</p>
Minute taker:	Siobhan White

1. Welcome and Apologies

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4. Category E Incidents for review

1. Knighted Storm fell heavily following contact in its race at Wentworth Park. This track is reviewed in the following section of these minutes as the high injury rates sustained here have been noted by the panel.
2. Shirl's Rocket was squeezed for room in running and although deemed a race incident, the dog was easily forced onto and over the lure rail, where it subsequently connected with the steel uprights and flipped headfirst into the infield.
 - a. The height of the rail and lack of safety rail at Taree was discussed and the panel determined to recommend to GRNSW that a safety rail be installed as a matter of urgency
 - b. As Nowra has identical infrastructure as Taree, the panel also determined to recommend that the same safety rail be installed there to avoid any similar injuries being seen.



3. Ramblin' Ethics was involved in a race incident that caused it to fall at Muswellbrook. The injuries it sustained to its front leg were too extensive to support life. Discussion revealed that this track had the highest injury rate for the month of November, so the action item relating to this incident is listed in the next section of the minutes. AT mentioned that a GRNSW track inspection was already planned for tomorrow (Jan 22).
4. Brocky's Ethics finished and won its race; then when approaching the catching pen, stopped abruptly and turned around, leading to an unavoidable collision with another runner, Gail Unleashed. The injuries sustained by Brocky's Ethics were too substantial to support life, while Gail Unleashed showed no apparent injury. When questioned about the incident, trainer Paul Sutton advised that the dog had never shown any signs of stopping before the catching pen before and had no reason to behave the way it did.
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Next Meeting - Tuesday 18 February



Minutes - Race Injury Review Panel

Date	Tuesday 25 February
Time	1.00pm to 3.00pm
Location:	<hr/>
Attendees:	<p>Wade Birch (WRB) – GWIC COO, Chair Tony Kuipers – GWIC Chief Veterinary Officer Miranda Gott – GWIC Senior Data Analytics Officer Dean Degan – GWIC Acting Chief Steward Chris Psillis – GWIC Racing Integrity Manager Siobhan White – GWIC Executive Assistant (Acting Chair) Tanya Stephens – AWC Wayne Billett (WFB) – GRNSW Acting CEO Andrew Thomas – GRNSW Stephen Bowes – GRNSW John Zorzo – GRNSW Billy Ralph – GRNSW</p>
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- Ted Robbo
 - o Upon review it was determined this death, although initially a result of a race incident, was due to the absence of a safety rail at Taree. In similar circumstances to the incident involving Shiril's Rocket last month, the dog was easily propelled over the top of the lure rail after being squeezed for room in running and came in contact with the lure supports in the inside of the track.
 - o The stewards on the night abandoned the remainder of the meeting, deeming the track unsafe.
 - o The recommendation made by the panel to install a safety rail urgently after the last meeting was received by GRNSW and racing suspended at the track until the rail was installed.
 - o Feedback after the first race meeting held on the track post installation of the safety rail (22/2/25) indicate the rail may be set too high, but it can be adjusted.

- Panama Girl
 - o OTV advised there was a cardiovascular event& loss of spinal reflexes
 - o The dog was referred to Green Cross Vet in Tamworth. They found that the dog was paralysed in hind end & was diagnosed with fibrous emboli in the spine. CT scan clear. This condition has a 50% full or partial recovery rate.
 - o Presumptive diagnosis. Some dogs can fully recover after a time.
 - o GRNSW questioned why the dog was sent home with owner even though the owner took the dog to the vet later that evening. Why was it not sent to vet using the dog ambulance and GCS referral vet. TK to follow up. Also, the stewards report did not have a 90-day standdown, so the dog did not appear on the auto generated injury report.

- Aston Bolivar
 - o AT advised that the catching pen is fully padded and will arrange to have padding added asap as required.
 - o DD/TK to follow up with stewards/OTV that was on that night to confirm where the dog impacted the fence and advise GRNSW if padded or not.

- Ninja Moon
 - o Racing incident with contact between runners and dog was stabilised on the track. Holbrook Through x-ray and deeper diagnosis, the vet determined that the injury was too severe and decided euthanasia was the most humane option for this dog.

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8. **Next Meeting – Tuesday 18 March**