

26 August 2022

## Stewards' Notice

### Inquiry commenced in relation to live baiting

#### A Registered person

**On 23 August 2022, Stewards commenced an Inquiry in relation to allegations that a registered person engaged in live baiting practices, contrary to the rules of racing.**

On 23 August 2022, GRSA received evidence that a registered person recently engaged in conduct that involved the use of animals during greyhound training on a private property. After examining the evidence, GRSA commenced an Inquiry and immediately notified the RSPCA.

On 24 August 2022, RSPCA and GRSA officers, and assisted by SAPOL, attended the property to continue investigations into breaches of the rules of racing and the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*.

Engaging in live baiting is a breach of rule 159 of the *Greyhounds Australasia Rules* that carries a mandatory penalty of disqualification for life and a fine up to \$20,000.00. Offences of cruelty and engaging in prohibited activities under the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* can result in periods of imprisonment being imposed by a court.

GRSA cooperates and fully assists the RSPCA and SAPOL with respect to prosecutions under the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* or other criminal law.

Three registered persons are now suspended until the determination of the inquiry by the Integrity Hearings Panel. Stewards will also consider further action, generally under the rules of racing, with respect to the property subject to the inquiry. This may be subject to related investigations conducted by the RSPCA and SAPOL.