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DISCLAIMER

The Monthly Report continues to evolve into an intelligence brief that analyses GRNSW's priorities – with a particular focus on animal welfare reporting. A report baseline is developing as we gain more statistical data, which also provides a better means of tracking activities against priorities e.g. reporting frameworks in relation to over breeding, live baiting, greyhound wastage and all other welfare-related matters.

INTELLIGENCE

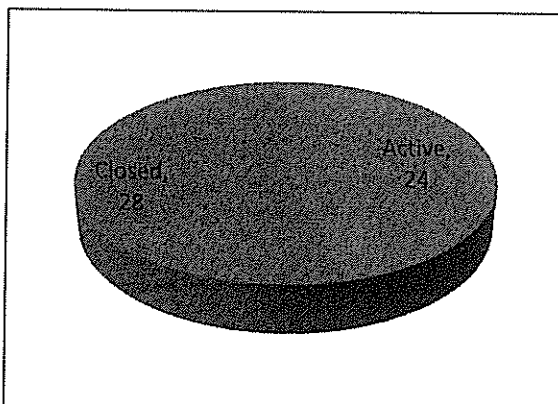
Intelligence – March Overview

GRNSW Intelligence and Investigation sections continue to assess that most complaints received involved vexatious or exaggerated claims against current participants, and are attributable to serial reporters including animal welfare groups or aggrieved individuals. Complaints referred internally are providing more actionable intelligence due to GRNSW Staff's ability to positively identify complainants or self-reporters, and their ability to acquire enough traceable detail to facilitate a compliance inspection or commence an investigation. Intelligence has continued to encourage GRNSW employees and Club officials to submit integrity and welfare concerns (forms now available on the new GRNSW website) to the new Intelligence email which is proving more popular than the Hotline.

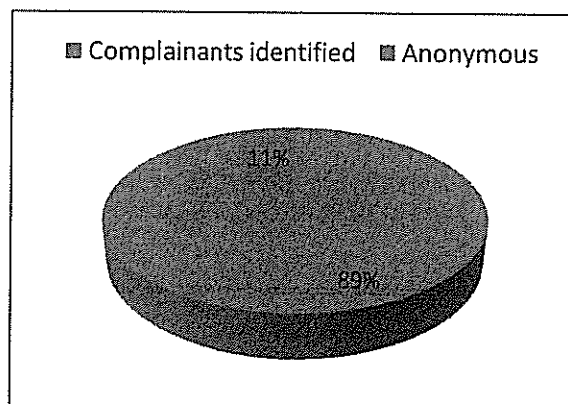
The majority of complaints submitted in March originated from coastal NSW. The largest number of reports concerned participants or greyhound clubs & tracks located in Western and South-Western Sydney (12 reports out of 59 report locations). In March, the majority of complaints or allegations concerned: Western and South-Western Sydney region (12), Newcastle-Maitland region (6), Taree-Kempsey region (6), and Casino-Lismore region (5).

The development of an intelligence collection plan for CEO endorsement, impending acquisition of an intelligence and investigation case management system, deployment of IBM i2 iBase analytical software (data visualisation) and improved Welfare and Integrity Hotline capability (Service NSW) will significantly improve GRNSW's ability to conduct intelligence-led investigations. GRNSW and Intellitek are liaising with Redshift to procure a functional case management system (amended CEO brief to be provided), and IBM to roll-out Analyst Notebook software.

Intelligence Reports: March 2016 (total 52)



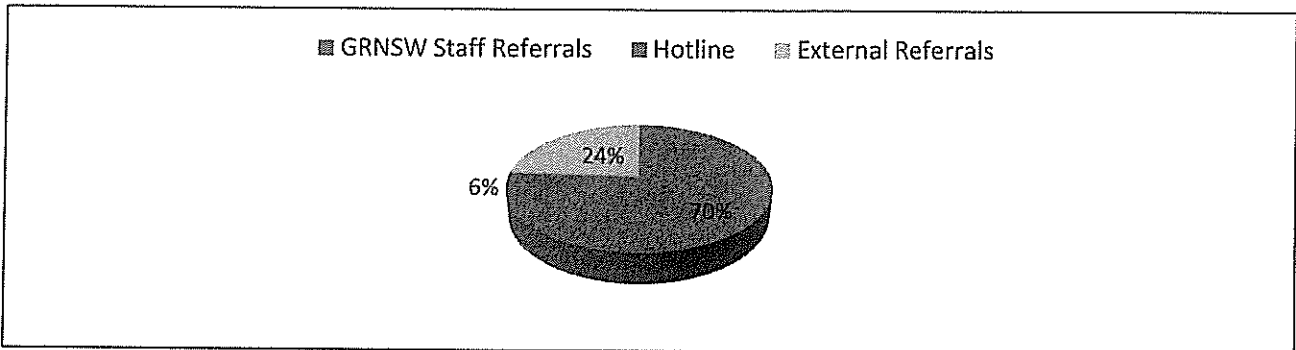
Identity of Complainants (March 2016)



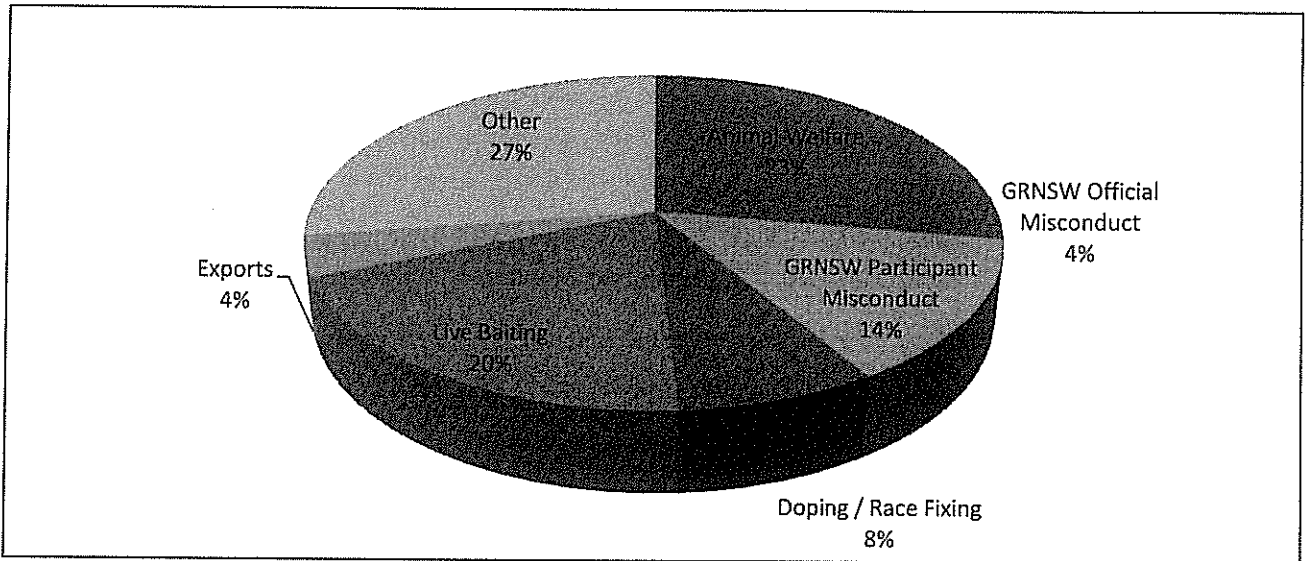
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Source of Intelligence Reports



Subject of Intelligence Complaints Received



Issues / Risks / Intelligence

<p>Issues of Concern</p>	<p>A trend continues from December 2015 with the majority of complaints concerning allegations of live baiting or animal welfare.</p> <p>Only 5% of complaints were received through the Hotline in March, two of which did not provide actionable intelligence. GRNSW is witnessing a growing trend towards receiving complaints via internal GRNSW staff referrals (utilising the intelligence email) indicating a growing awareness of the intelligence team's functions and GRNSW staff's responsibility to report serious issues relating to animal welfare and misconduct.</p> <p>The number of anonymous intelligence reports decreased in March, with GRNSW Intelligence able to identify around 90% of the informant/complainants. As a result the number of actionable intelligence reports increased.</p> <p>The number of reports received that were referred to the Investigation Review Committee (IRC) dropped this month from around 60% to around 40%. This was largely due to the</p>
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	increase in the number of intelligence reports that came from the Investigations/Compliance teams. In these instances, an investigation had already been opened or an inspection scheduled.
Risks identified	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participant Misconduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing complaints regarding participant and GRNSW Official misconduct demonstrates the continuing risk to GRNSW's reputation regarding its ability to regulate the industry effectively. Public complaints against GRNSW officials and NSW participants are likely to receive more intense media scrutiny as the Special Commission of Inquiry concludes. 2. Animal Welfare Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of intelligence complaints concerning greyhound welfare has increased. This includes matters concerning animal wastage, condition of greyhound kennels and living conditions, and the physical state of the animal. However, most of the intelligence received has been actionable and referred to Compliance or Investigations teams in a timely manner. 3. Live Baiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints concerning live-baiting practices decreased slightly; however, the fact that several allegations were received identifying remote NSW locations and participants who claim a reluctance to accept live baiting regulations indicates that live baiting could remain undetected by GRNSW.

LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Priority Areas

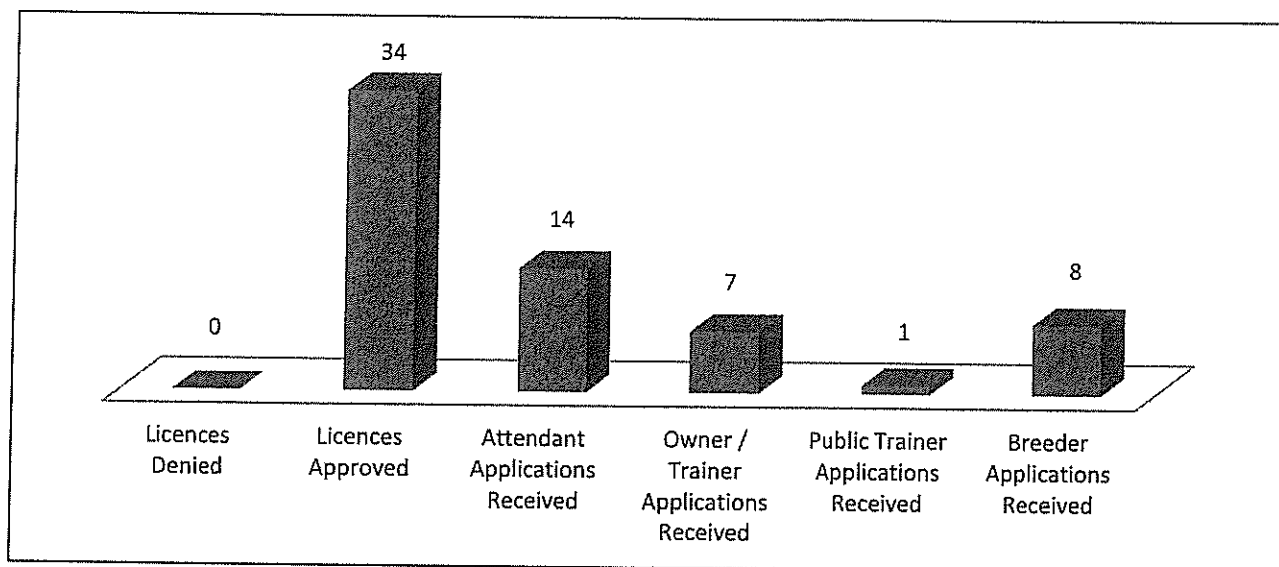
Intelligence (other)	<p>Vet in Coffs Harbour has an agreement with trainers to conduct free euthanasia to prevent inhumane methods (advised by Ken Storck following an RSPCA complaint).</p> <p>Zeke Kadir has submitted his renewal form and declared pending charges.</p> <p>Shannon Burgin's father was a rabbit breeder. Old cages found on property during new licence inspection > immediate direction to remove.</p>
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Licence Applications (March 2016)



COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

Priority Areas

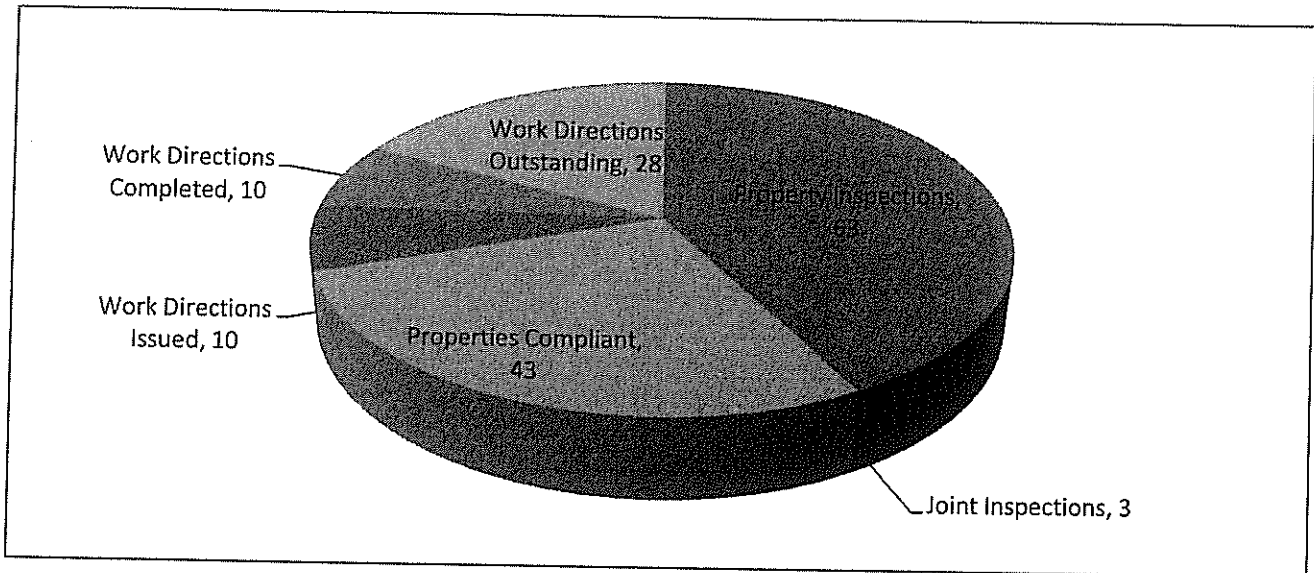
Live baiting	<p>Ricky Bourke – allegations of live baiting. Joint inspection with RSPCA. Unsubstantiated and no evidence of live baiting. All greyhounds on the property are retirees.</p> <p>Intell that live baiting at Kempsey track – Surveillance carried out. Nothing noted. Intell reports for both.</p>
Intelligence (other)	<p>Pamela & Timothy Caines – allegations of lack of vet treatment provided. During inspection three greyhounds found injured, most severe was a broken leg with treatment provided by Ted Humphries. Report sent to Compliance/Intelligence.</p> <p>Kylie-Anne Fahey/Ross Burton – allegations that Kylie-Anne Fahey is training greyhounds for Ross Burton unlicensed. Upon inspection three greyhounds found belonging to Ross Burton.</p> <p>Two Welfare Investigations Inglis – Iluka – Dog produced over table to Steward Gail Thorsby by Leon Torrens. Dog now in the ownership of Torrens from Inglis and looked in good condition. Had gained two kilos and no obvious signs of distress or mistreatment noted. Reports submitted for both.</p> <p>Call from RSPCA Coffs Harbour re Peter Dean euthanizing dogs at local vet. Dean contacted and supplied details of rescue groups to assist in re-homing. Both dogs involved have been signed over to local vet and now in the hands of RSPCA for re-homing.</p> <p>Intell re Kempsey track and poor practices occurring submitted. Intell re alleged live baiting at Wauchope track submitted.</p>

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Compliance Inspections (March 2016)



Inspections

	Northern	Central	Southern	Total
Property Inspections	25	12	26	63
Joint inspections	0	0	3	3
Properties Compliant	11	10	22	43
Work directions issued	6	0	4	10
Work directions completed	8	2	0	10
Work directions outstanding	23	2	3	28
Stakeholder Meetings	2	0	0	2
No Dogs, No Kennels	4	0	0	4

Properties Never Inspected (total 605)

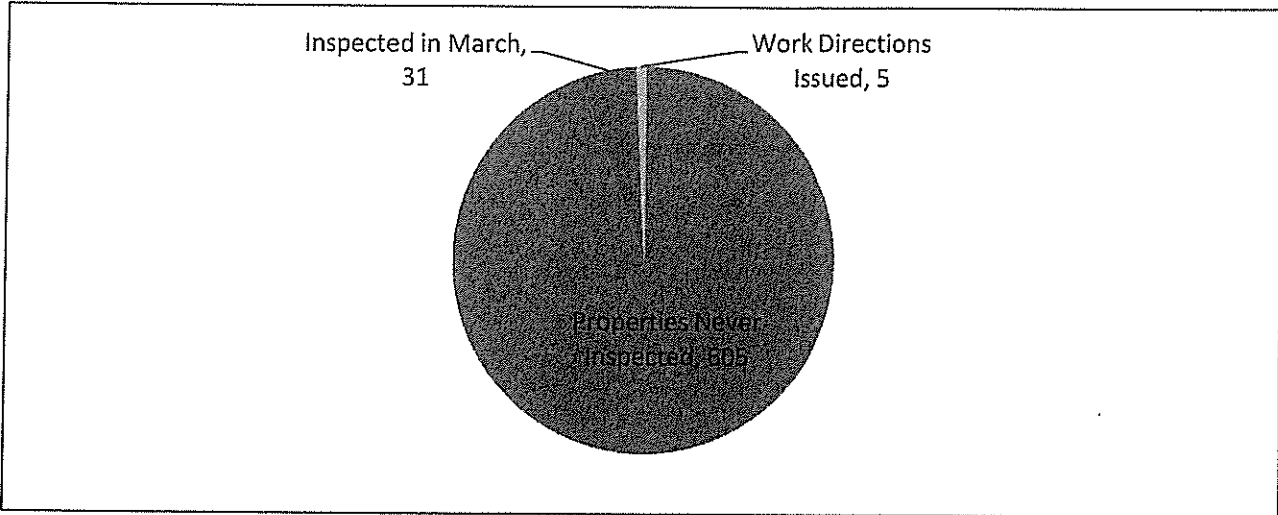
Themes identified on non-compliant properties	<p>4 of the 5 WDs issued included a direction to address kennel size. 4 of the 5 properties were issued more than 1 WD.</p> <p>1 property was issued a work direction in relation to animal carcass/ non-synthetic lures. 38% of those never been inspected compliant.</p>
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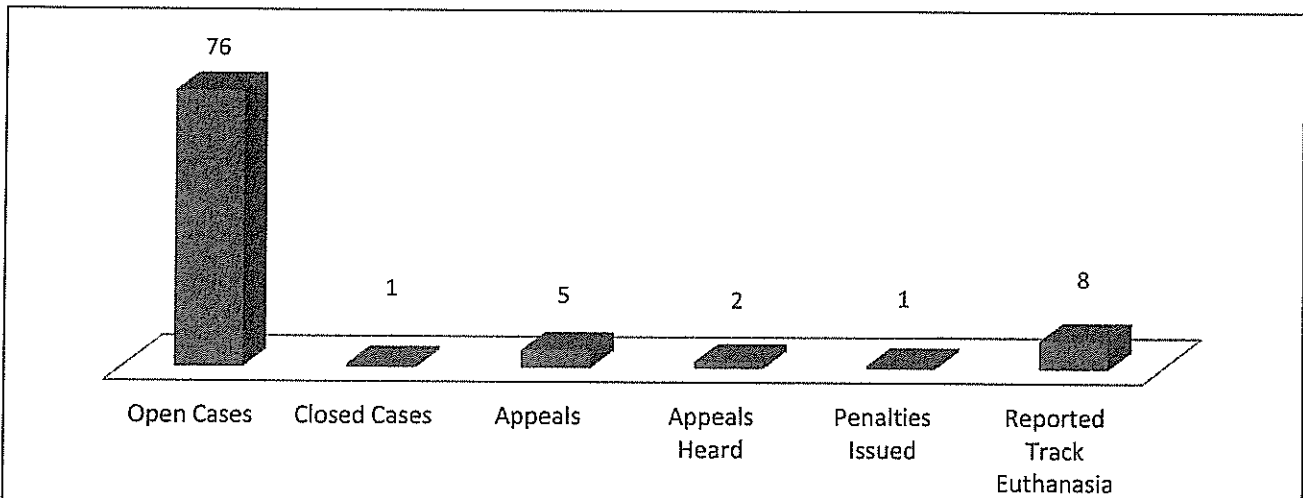


Properties Never Inspected – March 2016 Status



INTEGRITY

Fortnightly reporting of integrity issues is improving with all major issues being recorded and presented at the IRC to ensure inquiries are dealt with in a timely and procedurally correct manner. The IRC reviews the status of all outstanding cases (investigation & integrity); particularly high risk cases requiring direction, closing or a hearing.



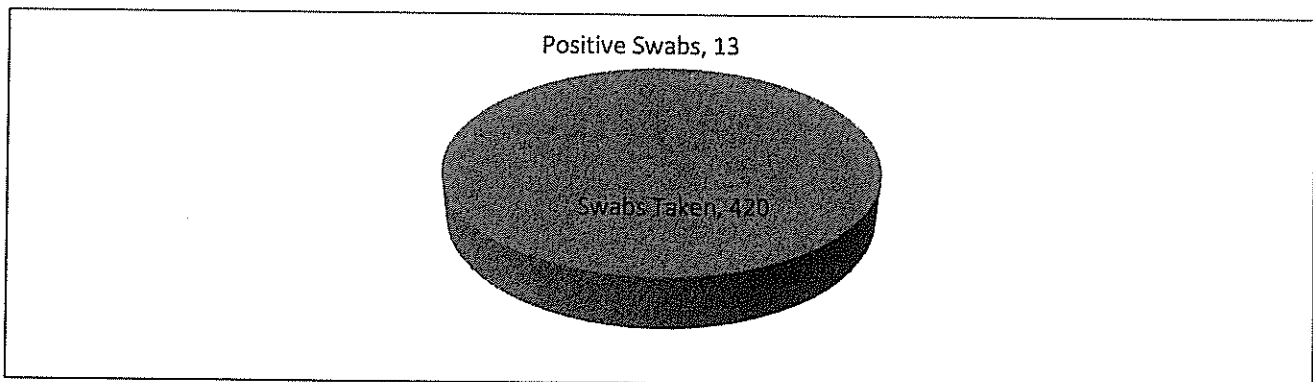
Number of Hearings held (due to Steward availability)	0
Open Cases (including Live Baiting, Footage & Positives & Appeals)	76
Closed Cases	1
Gary Smith – Refusal to Start Greyhound at Wagga \$500 “Has Appealed”	
Number of Appeals (M Moncrieff, H Sarkis, C Hughes, J Ayoub, and G Smith)	5
Penalties Issued	1

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Referrals to Investigation	0
Swabs taken	Month 420 YTD 1252
Positive swabs Kim Mulrine – Cobalt Leighton Winter – Meloxicam Kristy Simonetta – Pentobarbitone Stuart Barron – 6alpha-hydroxystonozolol Troy Vella – 5beta-androstane-3alpha, 17beta-diol Daniel Flanagan – Atenolol Jeffrey Eaton – O-desmethylenlafaxine Desmond Heilbronn – Cobalt Terry Hickson – Cobalt Robert Kemp – Cobalt Noelene Walsh – Cobalt Kenneth Burnett – Cobalt Fiona Geary - Cobalt	13
Number of Appeals heard Anthony Hoyland – Penalty Reduced from \$1250 to \$1000 Geoffrey Sheather – Penalty Varied from Cumulative to Concurrent DQ 6Mth	2
Number of reported incidents that occurred on track	8 greyhounds euthanized on track

Swabs Taken (March 2016)



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Inquiries Booked

Name	Date of Inquiry	Other Details
N/A		

Appeals Booked

Name	Date of Inquiry	Other Details
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INVESTIGATIONS

Trends / Patterns

Continual notifications being received via hotline and compliance inspections where complainants are not prepared to provide identities; allegations remain uncorroborated and unsubstantiated (often received third hand).

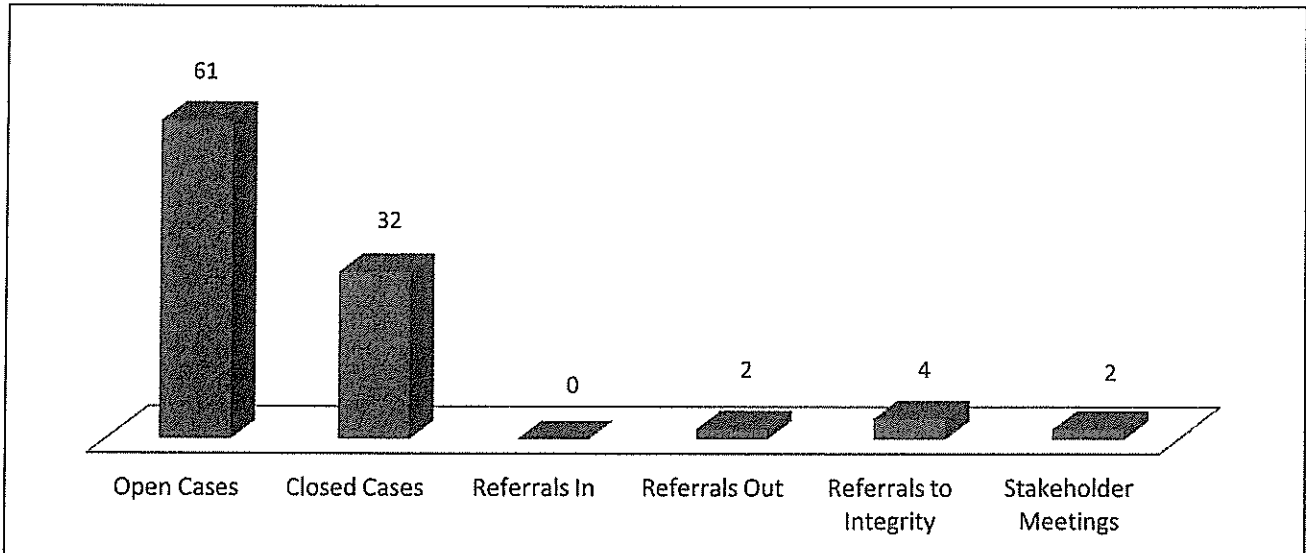
Priority Areas

Over-breeding	
Live baiting	<p>Investigation 2015127 (Lavis). Investigations continuing into animal hide located on property. Product being forensically examined.</p> <p>Cultivate Covert Human Source, re live baiting. Progress this investigation for presentation to CEO and General Council.</p> <p>2015050. (CARR) Report furnished. Carr currently the subject of Inquiry No. 15S82 of 2015.</p> <p>Investigation 2016046 Smigulski Animal Welfare. Continue investigation into several animal welfare issues. Utilise GRNSW Vet, RSPCA, NSW Police and external Vet. Two greyhounds have now been euthanized, two others seized are to be re-homed upon medical clearance.</p> <p>2016017 (Williams) kennel inspection conducted at Williams' property in Binda. Traps, bones and animal product on a drag rope located and seized. Williams currently overseas. Will be interviewed upon return.</p>
Greyhound wastage	Nil
Intelligence (other)	Five intelligence reports submitted in regards to animal welfare and live baiting.

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Investigations (March 2016)



Open Cases	61
Closed Cases	32
Referrals In (Who from)	0
Referrals Out (Who to)	2 (RSPCA, NSWPOL)
Referrals to Integrity	4
Stakeholder Meetings (Who with / purpose) RSPCA in regards to matter of Smigulski and NSWPOL regarding Lavis.	2

GREYHOUND EXPORT INVESTIGATIONS

Update on Inquiry into the Unauthorised Export of Greyhounds

Investigators have confirmed the identity of 953 Australian-origin greyhounds in Macau. Of these greyhounds:

- 544 greyhounds were subject to GRNSW Rules at the time of export and exported without a GA passport. Of these:
 - 408 were NSW-registered greyhounds

A total of 228 NSW-registered owners have been identified as having exported a greyhound without a GA passport, in breach of GRNSW Rule 124(1).

GRNSW A/GM Regulatory Stephen Dodd, General Counsel Madeleine Love and Investigators Paul Nahmias and Connor Dilleen met Adrian Anderson, Chairman of the Inquiry into the Unauthorised Export of Greyhounds on 24 March 2014, to discuss the outcomes of GRNSW's investigation.

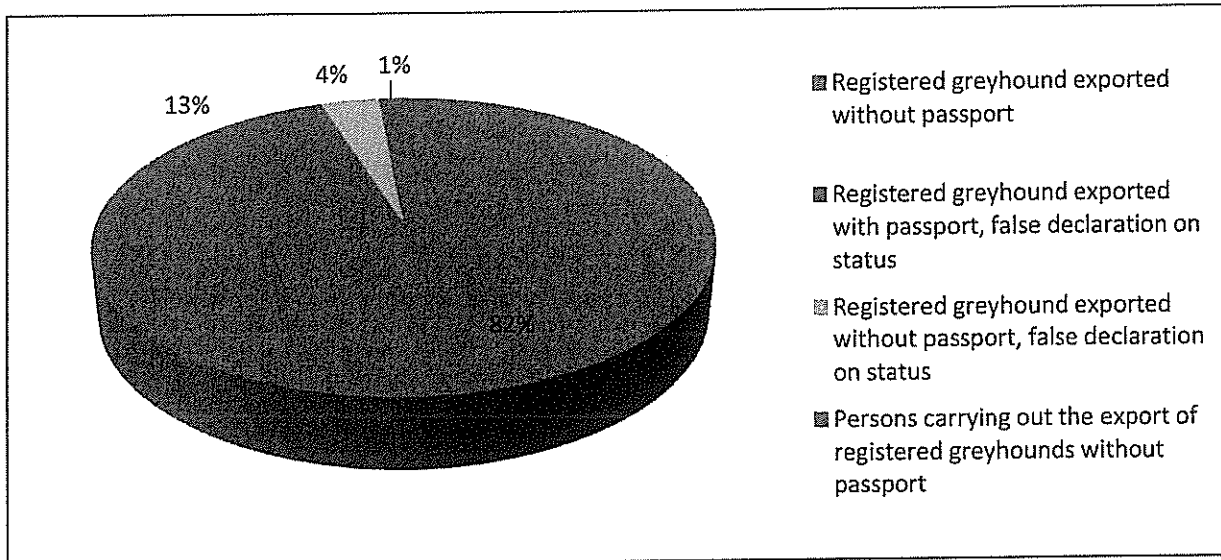
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It was agreed that Investigators have collated sufficient evidence of breaches of relevant GRNSW Rules to lay charges (in the form of penalty notices) against identified industry participants under the Rules over exportation of Australian greyhounds to Macau and China, in accordance with the terms of reference for the inquiry.

Investigators will submit a revised version of a draft penalty notice (reflecting discussions) to Adrian Anderson. Once this penalty notice template is finalised, Anderson will proceed to issue penalty notices to NSW-registered owners identified as having breached GRNSW Rules, with specific breaches divided into the following categories:



Priority*	Category	Rule Breached	Number of Owners/Dogs	Treatment Option
1	Registered greyhound exported without passport	124(1)	228 Owners 408 Dogs	Penalty / show cause letter
2	Registered greyhound exported with passport, false declaration on status	86(d) or (o)	37 Owners 44 Dogs	Show cause letter, explanation to determine whether owner called before inquiry
3	Registered greyhound exported without passport, false declaration on status	86(d) or (o)	10 owners 12 dogs	Brief to be submitted, participant to be called before the inquiry
4	Persons carrying out the export of registered greyhounds without passport	124(1) multiple breaches	Four (brokers / exporters)^	Subject to collection of further information from registered owner, persons to be called before the inquiry

* Penalty actions are to be addressed in order of priority, but priorities 3 and 4 are the most serious breaches and will be dealt with via brief / appearance before inquiry, and also subject to further investigation by GRNSW.

^ Greyhounds Australasia records indicate that only four individuals have applied for passports for the export of Australian greyhounds to Macau. While it is possible that other individuals have exported greyhounds to Macau, investigations will treat these four individuals as priorities for further investigation.

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- Owners of registered greyhounds exported with passports who did not update the status of the greyhound to reflect export / change of ownership will not be subject to any charges / penalties.
- Penalty notices will be issued per owner, with multiple breaches outlined and treated individually within the penalty notice.
- Owners who have more than five registered greyhounds exported will be treated as priorities, and possibly called before the inquiry.
- Penalty notices will include a “show cause provision”, inviting owners to provide further information relevant to the export of the dogs.
 - This provision will be used as a vehicle to collect further information on persons carrying out the export of registered greyhounds (category 4).
- With regard to registered dogs whose status was retrospectively amended to “Retired” during the GRNSW 106 Project (thus potentially exempting the dogs from the application of the Rules), it was agreed that the dogs would be treated as “Retired” from the date of the declaration, not/not from the date advised by the owner.
 - Therefore, dogs exported prior to the status update will be treated as subject to the Rules.

Next Steps

1. Stephen Dodd and Madeleine Love will draft a penalty structure covering identified breaches.
2. Investigators will confirm the number of current registered owners to be pursued, and will commence drafting individual penalty notices once Adrian Anderson has approved the notice template.
3. Draft individual penalty notices will be reviewed by Madeleine Love or Tammy Cootes, Manager Probity, Integrity & Inquiries, prior to issuing letters.
4. Investigators will continue developing briefs on Category 3 breaches.

Successful Import of Irish Greyhounds by the Canidrome

Investigators have also confirmed the arrival at the Macau Canidrome of three greyhounds from Ireland. The Irish greyhounds are listed as having undertaken trackwork, but are yet to be auctioned. They are the first new greyhounds to be identified at the Canidrome since December 2015, and are also the first non-Australasian greyhounds to be identified in Canidrome records. Should the Canidrome be able to establish a regular supply of greyhounds from Ireland, as an alternative to its historical supply of exclusively Australian greyhounds (barring one NZ dog), it may be able to sustain operations at the Canidrome irrespective of Australian efforts to cut off the supply of Australian greyhounds. But it remains to be seen if Ireland has the capacity to match the 200 dogs that (on average) Australia has supplied to the Canidrome annually over the last 2-3 years.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS THIS MONTH

1. Chairman of Inquiry into the Unauthorised Export of Greyhounds (Barrister Adrian Anderson)
2. IBM i2 iBase & Analyst Notebook deployment and implementation.
3. Redshift Solutions regarding case management system procurement.
4. Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) intelligence exchange visit.
5. Korda Mentha and Sector Seven consultation meetings.

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Next month:

1. Finalise and liaise with successful Case Management System tender.
2. Continued engagement with Korda Mentha and Sector Seven consulting.

PROJECT GAR106 (3) GREYHOUND RETIREMENT PROJECT

The GAR106 Compliance Project (the project) is complete. The project achieved the aims set out in the initial brief and also identified opportunities for improvement outside the scope of the project.

96% of owners in the data set were contacted and updated or confirmed the status of their greyhounds. The project was unable to confirm the status of the remaining 4% of greyhounds due to a variety of factors including owners who have left the industry (hold no current licence) or deceased.

In order to ensure continued compliance with R106, several recommendations were made in Chief Executive Brief PN9/2016. Project staff are implementing aspects of these recommendations.

Priority Areas

<p>106 Transfers</p>	<p>Following a meeting with Max Carveth and Katrina Chambers a formal request for data has been sent to RWWA Ozchase Support to supply the current status and ownership of all greyhounds identified as TRANSFERRED by the 106 Project. This data will also indicate if there has been any activity on these greyhound profiles (ie. Race activity, kennel notifications, naming, nomination or retirement).</p> <p>Once this data is supplied by Ozchase it will be matched to current project data to remove any greyhounds that have had any activity, changed status or transferred ownership. The current ownership of the remaining greyhounds will then end and the comments section of the data will be attached to the Ozchase profile.</p> <p>There is the option to follow up the ownership of any greyhounds where enough information has been provided to attempt to identify the new current owner. This project could reasonably be expected to take 1- 2 weeks with no additional cost or resources.</p>
<p>Data Cleanse</p>	<p>General Council is still of the opinion that we are required to request authorisation from owners prior to changing the status of their greyhounds in Ozchase, regardless of how careful the planning or our business rules has been.</p> <p>The communications logistics involved in such a request for authorisation would be significant. Michael East, Max Carveth and Steege Matthews propose conducting the data cleanse with minimal communications.</p> <p>Racing Queensland conducted a smaller cleanse in late 2015 to correct the status of approx 5000 greyhounds in QLD. They did not communicate their actions to the owners of these greyhounds prior to the data cleanse, thus setting a precedent.</p> <p>Steege Matthews is currently preparing a three tiered communication model in collaboration with Policy and Comms to address all these issues – for GM decision.</p>

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	<p>Katrina Chambers has suggested that the proposed data cleanse not requested from Ozchase before the 106 Ownership Transfers are complete due to financial implications i.e. outside their BAU remit and resulting in additional project costs.</p>
<p>Process handover</p>	<p>Improved processes are being carried out by the Greyhound Retirement Officer and both the quality and quantity of retirement data is increasing.</p> <p>Prior to the introduction of the R17 compliance strategy outlined in CEO Brief PN9/2016 the 106 owner transfers will need to be completed so they do not get caught up in our BAU approach.</p> <p>Welfare policy and processes are currently in the planning phase that will impact on the role of the Greyhound Retirement Officer. These include Emergency Euthanasia policy review. Additional requirements for euthanising a greyhound and the removal of "not for racing" from the acceptable reasons for euthanasia. The Notification of Retirement form is also currently under review as part of a larger form audit.</p>