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Two more charged by GRV Stewards for actions at the Tooradin Trial Track

Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) Stewards have issued charges against two more suspended persons implicated in the allegations of being involved in live baiting at the Tooradin Trial Track. The persons charged with offences contrary to the GRV Local Racing Rules and Greyhounds Australasia Rules are: Douglas Wheeler and Kyle Smale.

Stewards have charged both Mr Wheeler and Mr Smale with offences that constitute a 'serious offence' under the GRV Local Racing Rules (LR) and Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR). Due to the nature of the offences, the independent Greyhound Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board (RADB) will hear the matters. The dates for the hearings have not yet been set.

GRV Stewards have issued Mr Kyle Smale with three charges:

- Charge 1 under GAR 86(n) & LR 18.5
- Charge 2 under GAR 86(n) & GAR 86(af)
- Charge 3 under GAR 86(o)

GRV Stewards have issued Mr Douglas Wheeler with two charges:

- Charge 1 under LR 18.5
- Charge 2 under GAR86 (af)

The GRV Local Racing Rules and Greyhounds Australasia Rules that relate to the charges are extracted below.

GRV Chairman Ray Gunston said that where any person is proven to have engaged in conduct that contravenes the rules, the appropriate penalties will be sought by GRV Stewards.

"Our investigations into the alleged activities at the Tooradin Trial Track are continuing.

"If proven, the actions of these people deserve the strongest penalty possible from the independent Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board.

"The behaviour that is alleged to have occurred at the Tooradin Trial Track has unfairly damaged the reputations of the good people within greyhound racing," Mr Gunston said.

Investigations are continuing into the actions of a further eight suspended persons.

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Greyhounds Australasia Rules and Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rules.

Greyhounds Australasia Rule

R86 Offences

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

- (n) knowingly aids, abets, counsels or procures a person to commit a breach of these Rules;
- (o) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which, in the opinion of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct;
- (ad) unless authorised by the stewards or controlling body, keeps on or brings onto a racecourse or trial track or a surrounding area, as defined by a Controlling Body, a live animal other than a greyhound;
- (af) uses an animal for any purpose connected with greyhound racing in a manner which is improper;

Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rule

18 Conditions of Operation

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

- 18.5 Without derogating from the provisions of LR 18.4 (Vic), no person shall use or cause to be used any live animal as a lure for greyhounds or for the exciting of greyhounds on any Greyhound Trial Track or any other location.