

## **TALBOT TIMELINE**

### **27 September 2022**

- Racing NSW Welfare Department received information reporting concerns for the welfare of thoroughbred horses allegedly being slaughtered for the purpose of dog meat. The person allegedly responsible was Mr Adrian Talbot. Not licensed or a registered owner with Racing NSW.
- Racing NSW contacted the informant to ascertain further information.

### **28 September 2022**

- Racing NSW contacted the NSW Police and requested assistance pursuant to the MoU between organisations.

### **29 September 2022**

- Racing NSW attended the property at with the NSW Police – Rural Crime Prevention Team, Detective Paul Clancey.
- No NSW thoroughbreds were present on the property. Mixed breeds of horses, including two microchipped thoroughbreds which had been identified as being predominantly domiciled in Victoria.
- NSW Police led the inspection and assisted by Racing NSW to identify horses at the property.
- Racing NSW advised Racing Victoria's Welfare Investigator, Ms Jennifer McIntosh of the Victorian Thoroughbreds identified.
- NSW Police made enquiries in person with Talbot regarding all animals on the property.

### **1-7 October 2022**

- Racing NSW conducted an investigation and interviewed Talbot via telephone.

### **12 October 2022**

- Racing Victoria requested photographs of the Victorian thoroughbreds. Racing NSW supplied photographs.

### **October 2022**

Harness Racing NSW identified.

### **4 November 2022**

- Racing NSW wrote to Talbot regarding investigation and advised matter had been referred to Equine Welfare Committee.
- Invited to make submissions in relation to Racing NSW preliminary view to be placed on the Excluded List.

### **7 November 2022**

- Racing NSW spoke with Talbot who confirmed receipt of correspondence. Equine Welfare Committee process explained and Racing NSW Excluded Person List.

### **20 January 2023**

- Racing NSW wrote to Talbot in respect to not receiving submissions. Notice to attend the Equine Welfare Committee scheduled Monday 30 January 2023.

### **30 January 2023**

- Racing NSW Equine Welfare Committee. Talbot failed to appear. Matter considered in his absence.

### **22 February 2023**

- A. Talbot placed on Racing NSW Excluded List
- Racing NSW notified NSW Police, Detective Paul Clancey that A. Talbot was placed on Racing NSW Excluded List.

### **7 September 2023**

- Intelligence received from Racing Victoria regarding thoroughbred horses being sent to a knackery in Wagga.
- Racing NSW drove past the location to ascertain if any thoroughbreds could be observed at the property of A. Talbot.
- No thoroughbreds were observed from the road. One horse appeared deceased in the paddock.
- Racing NSW referred the intelligence to RSPCA Inspector, Scott Meyers and requested RSPCA attend to ensure the welfare of all animals. RSPCA were advised that A. Talbot was placed on the Excluded List and not a registered owner or licensed person.
- Racing NSW referred the intelligence to NSW Police.

### **18 December 2023**

- An anonymous informant contacted Racing NSW concerning a large number of equine remains at the property of A. Talbot.
- Racing NSW advised informant that Talbot was on Excluded List.
- Racing NSW liaised with Racing NSW Police secondee.

### **20 December 2023**

- Racing NSW referred the matter to NSW Police – Rural Crime Investigator, Detective Paul Clancey.
- NSW Police advised they were making enquiries with other agencies including:
  1. RSPCA
  2. National Parks and Wildlife Services
  3. Department of Primary Industries
  4. Food Authority

## **January 2024**

- Racing NSW continued to liaise with NSW Police.
- The anonymous informant continued to contact Racing NSW regarding the equine remains advising that the remains were in the creek on the property.

## **5 January 2024**

- Racing NSW referred the information to the Environmental Protection Authority.

## **17 January 2024**

- Racing NSW followed up with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).
- EPA requested the information be referred to Wagga Wagga Council.

## **18 January 2024**

- Racing NSW contacted Wagga Wagga Council and referred information via email.

## **19 January 2024**

- Wagga Wagga Council – Environment Protection Officer contacted Racing NSW regarding the information.

## **23 January 2024**

- Racing NSW and NSW Police met with the Environmental Protection Officers to refer the information.
- Wagga Wagga Council General Manager, Peter Thompspon contacted Racing NSW Investigators to acknowledge receipt of the information.

## **13 February 2024**

- Racing NSW conducted a drive by of the location and observed Victorian thoroughbreds. Photographs obtained and referred to Racing Victoria.

## **26 February 2024**

- Racing NSW introduced the informant to NSW Police and Wagga Wagga Council.

## **5 March 2024**

- Joint agency inspection led by Police, DPI and Wagga Wagga Council, Local Land Services.
- Racing NSW on standby to help if needed for the purposes of identifying any NSW thoroughbreds. No NSW Thoroughbreds identified. Racing NSW had no further involvement.