

Submission
No 479

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Greyhound Inquiry Submission.

Private citizen Submission from Joseph (Joe) Kennedy.

To the Inquiry,

I purchased a 1350 acre farm near Keepit Dam (Gunnedah) in earlier times and in 1973 I was talked into sharing a greyhound with a greyhound bookmaker. The greyhound that I trained was successful even though it could not catch a rabbit on the farm yet he won races over relatively long distances. Much of my success as a trainer was due to instructions from who was the President of the local club. My bookmaker friend told me that would put me on the right track even though he would leave out the most important points. I think however that told just about everything as he became a great friend.

My friendship with led to me getting involved in greyhound administration and I served in many positions on the Gunnedah Committee.

I spent many happy hours over a decade with as president and me as treasurer. We worked very hard on bringing the track from a flood ravaged facility to approaching the total refit done today.

During my short service earlier as President of the club I competed project to have the monument of Chief Havoc donated by the GBOTA and placed in a position on track closest to where the Chief's owner had been fatally struck when walking dogs on the road. Chief Havoc had been buried on the racecourse years earlier under a tree close to the same type of tree he used to shade under when the family lived at Carrol.

Since my retirement I have watched how the club has developed. I have been proud to be a part of the earlier development. The viability of greyhound racing depends a lot of the developments in the rural areas.

would have been proud of how the Greyhound Club has progressed if he was alive today. He was a great businessman but always supported the country racing and its racing participant.

Yours Faithfully,

Joe Kennedy

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