MEDIA STATEMENT

24 OCTOBER 2019

Commission statement in relation to 'Cop A Chevy'

The Commission is issuing this statement in relation to a racing incident that saw a greyhound injured at the Goulburn track on Tuesday 22 October 2019, as it has become aware of inaccurate information being circulated on social media alleging that the Commission's veterinarian failed to provide adequate treatment and that the owner was forced to agree to take the greyhound to a local surgery for further treatment. These allegations are unfounded.

The injured greyhound, named Cop A Chevy, sustained a fracture to its foreleg during a race. Within 4 minutes of the injury occurring, the greyhound had been taken to the treatment room at the track and administered pain relief by the Commission's vet.

Discussion then took place with the greyhound's trainer who requested that the greyhound be euthanased. He was advised that euthanasia was not an appropriate course of action. The Commission's vet continued to care for the greyhound whilst the trainer attended to another greyhound racing at the meeting and while attempts were made to contact the registered owner.

Over the next few hours multiple attempts were made to contact the owner, with contact eventually being made. In the intervening period arrangements were made to transport the injured greyhound to a local veterinary practice in Goulburn for further treatment. These arrangements were made between the trainer, Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club staff and the Commission's vet.

Since then, the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club has facilitated discussions about the greyhound's access to their local rehoming program once he has fully recovered from his surgery.

The Commission extends its thanks to the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club, the Commission veterinarian and the local Clinton St veterinary clinic for their prompt and proficient action in providing the very best care to this greyhound.

The Commission will be following up on the condition of Cop A Chevy throughout his recovery.