

MYRACEHORSE AUSTRALIA

MYRACEHORSE ANNUAL TRANSITIONED HORSE AUDIT 2023



BACK GROUND.

Traceability is the cornerstone of equine welfare and the MyRacehorse commitment as you can only account for a horse's welfare by knowing where they are and who is responsible for them. Therefore, my first task as Equine Welfare Consultant for MyRacehorse Australia was an audit of all the horses that have transitioned out of their ownership since their launch in 2021.

During this time, MyRacehorse Australia has had shares in 72 horses. 43 of these horses are still racing under their ownership leaving 29 that have transitioned into new ownership within the last 16 months (Transitioned Horses). The inaugural Annual Transitioned Horse Audit (2023 ATHA) was conducted over the course of August and September 2023 and so reflects a point in time and is based on information known by the end of September 2023.

OVERVIEW.

The 29 Transitioned Horses ranged from age 3 to age 7 with the majority of horses (69%) aged 4 at the time of transitioning into new ownership.

Of those 29 horses, 12 were able to be identified through open source as actively continuing their racing career within Australia. The criteria for this was if they had a race start with their new owner in the previous 5 months.

These horses are labelled 'Continued Racing' in the table on the following slide and no further enquiries were made. An email was sent to the new owner/trainer to provide information

in relation to the Horse Super Fund and equine welfare commitment and request updates in relation to any future transitions.

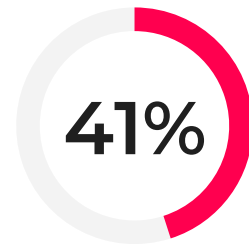
This left 17 horses requiring further investigation.

MyRacehorse have always kept a record of the purchaser of their horses and any further updates they receive so this was a great place to start. These records indicated that one horse was deceased following a paddock incident, leaving 16 horses to be followed up via email and/or phone call.

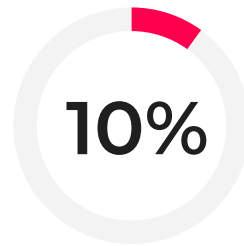


THE CURRENT STATUS OF TRANSITIONED HORSES

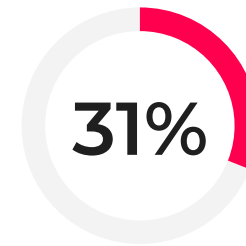
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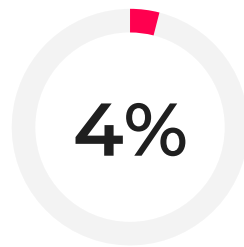
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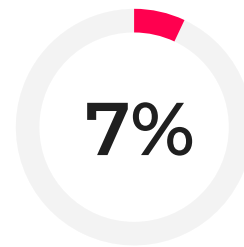
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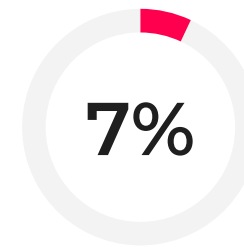
9 HORSES ARE
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1 PLEASURE
HORSE



2 HORSES IN THE
PADDOCK RETIRED



2 HORSES
DECEASED

You can find a complete list of these Transitioned Horses in Appendix A

KEY FACTS.

Surrounding the transitioning horses.

CONTINUED RACING

The majority of Transitioned Horses (51%) either have already continued racing or there are plans to and these horses were aged 3 or 4 years old at their time of transition.

BROODMARES

31% of Transitioned Horses have gone on to become thoroughbred broodmares meaning a total of 82% have stayed in the thoroughbred industry after their first transition.

RETIREMENT

The two horses were paddock retired due to health/injury.

PLEASURE RIDING

The horse that has gone on to pleasure riding was unraced.

These are only small numbers of horses, but they can start to paint a picture of what we can expect for our Transitioned Horses in the future, and we will build on this picture each year.

Throughout the process I have discovered some interesting stories that add colour and perspective to the numbers, enhancing the picture. I have selected a few to share in more detail.



EVERYTHING NICE

Everything Nice was recorded as being sold to micro-share owner Dave. I spoke to Dave on the phone and he confirmed that she was still in his care and would be for life. Dave visits her most days and you can tell how much he cares about her from the way that he speaks. She is about to enter her first season as a broodmare. Dave and I stay in touch regularly via email and I look forward to news of her first foal next year.



EXPLOSIVE STYLE

Explosive Style, was not so straightforward but an equally happy ending. When I called the original purchaser, she had originally travelled to Queensland to continue racing but it had not worked out, so she had been sold again in the online sales. After some internet research I got in touch with Craig who confirmed she was in his care and back down in Victoria. Her stable name is 'Blue' and Craig is looking for a small local trainer to suit her needs. She has started pre-training and is going well. She too has a home for life with Craig's daughter already lining Blue up for a post-racing career.



BERNASCONI

Bernasconi's story is not so happy but an interesting one and a great example of international cooperation and a shared desire to be accountable for our horses. Bernasconi was sold to a trainer licensed by the Malayan Racing Association (MRA) in December 2022, but I was unable to find any indication that he had continued to race. I was also unable to contact the trainer after a few attempts, so I reached out to the Chief Stipendiary Steward at MRA. He was keen to help but after a short time he was sadly able to confirm that in early January 2023 Bernasconi was bitten by a cobra in the stable and was dead by the time the vet arrived. Snake bites are not uncommon in Malaya with horses being bitten on the muzzle as they sniff or nuzzle the snake or sometimes the snake is searching for rodents in the feed bucket. It is a sad outcome, but it is important to know. Knowing this information meant MyRacehorse were able to notify the Australian racing authorities so they could update their records. For Bernasconi, all accounts are that the trainer who bought him 'likes his horses better than he likes his friends' so we are reassured that Bernasconi was cared for during his short time in Malaya.



SO UNUSUAL

So Unusual was not originally included as he was actively in training with Tony McEvoy. Unfortunately, in late September, So Unusual was diagnosed with a heart condition that prevented him from continuing his racing career and even entering a ridden post-racing career. As a fan favourite, he had a couple of options for paddock retirement but in the end, we settled on the Adelaide Hills to be his retirement destination, where he will spend his time in a property managed by an owner that was involved in the gelding.

ONGOING TRACEABILITY.

Traceability of our horses is an ongoing commitment. Horse movements are ever evolving, day to day. Every year from 1 August MyRacehorse will conduct a 'point in time' audit of transitioned horses (ATHA). This will include all horses from previous years' audits and all those who have transitioned in the previous 12 months.

In the meantime, we also anticipate ongoing updates via the following channels:

NEW OWNERS

All new owners of Transitioned Horses are aware of the MyRacehorse commitment and have been asked to notify us if anything changes with their horse.

PRA's

All Principal Racing Authorities (PRAs) have been made aware of the MyRacehorse commitment and will flag any horses that may require assistance.

FOLLOWING

MyRacehorse are 'following' all Transitioned Horses on Racing Victoria's [Off The Track Community](#) so will see updates if they are 'claimed' by new owners.

FULL CIRCLE CONTACT

For all 72 MyRacehorse horse's past and present MyRacehorse are registered as a 'Full Circle' contact on the [OTT Community](#). As 'Full Circle Contact' MyRacehorse have already received a notification of one Transitioned Horse being sold through an online sale allowing us to update our records and reach out to the new owner.

SALES

MyRacehorse will monitor the Inglis and other online sales.

OWNER UPDATES

MyRacehorse welcome any updates from our owners who become aware of horse movements or sales.

BIGGER PICTURE.

There is no silver bullet to maintaining traceability of horses throughout their life. It takes time and effort and a network of people. We are fortunate that within the thoroughbred racing industry we have many levers to make lifetime traceability possible:

- ✓ A national stud book that requires all horses to be microchipped and have transparent branding
- ✓ National racing records
- ✓ [National traceability rules](#)
- ✓ Accessible online sales information
- ✓ PRAs traceability supporting programs such as OTT Community and Full Circle and the [RWWA OTT Passport](#)



Further, we have networks of trainers, owners, breeders, racing officials, vets, stable staff, retrainers and more that all have thoroughbreds' best interest at heart. Here at MyRacehorse we are particularly fortunate to have a 20,000 strong team of owners committed to equine welfare not just of their horses but of all MyRacehorse horses.

Through this process we have provided racing authorities with new information for six horses enabling them to update national horse records which is an important part of traceability for the entire industry.

Our vision is that in years to come all thoroughbred owners will take advantage of the traceability levers available to them and contribute to industry wide accountability of thoroughbreds from birth to death and accurate national records that support the ongoing social licence of this vibrant industry.



APPENDIX A.

Transitioned Horse status as at 30 September 2023

Horse Name	2023 Audit - Status
Archer County	Continued Racing
Arctic Jewel	Continued Racing
Bernasconi	Deceased
Crystalist	Continued Racing
Darksaber	Continued Racing
Deep Point	Continued Racing
Emilia Romagna	Broodmare
Everything Nice	Broodmare
Explosive Style	Plans to continue racing
Faraway Tree	Continued Racing
Freewheeler	Continued Racing
Gotebo	Plans to continue racing
Imperial Frontier	Plans to continue racing
Inclement	Broodmare

Horse Name	2023 Audit - Status
Incredulity	Broodmare
King of Swords	Paddock Retired
Lipstick Lies	Continued Racing
Mac 'N' Cheese	Broodmare
Navy Strength	Deceased
Not So Shy	Pleasure Horse
Poetic Whisper	Continued Racing
Rock Chant	Broodmare
Rocked	Continued Racing
Silent Angel	Continued Racing
So Unusual (NZ)	Paddock Retired
Softly Spoken	Broodmare
Sting Jet	Continued Racing
Sword of Honour	Broodmare
Syncretism	Broodmare