

# GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



## GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Friday 24 November 2023
<b>Time</b>	11:00am -12:00pm AEDT
<b>Present:</b>	GIPAC - Bryan Young, Ben Talbot GWIC – Steve Griffin, Matthew Tutt, Shae Courtney
<b>Apologies:</b>	Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Martin Hallinan, Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson
<b>Absent:</b>	Glenn Midson, Barry Ward, Wade Birch, Kristy Harper
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Nina Beeston

### 1. Welcome and apologies

### 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 27 October 2023 were formally adopted by the participants.

### 3. Outstanding action items

- Trainer/owner contract template: Has been considered by Fiona Geary and is currently back with GWIC. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.
- Puppy trials: Kristy Harper to give an update at the next meeting on the status of correspondence to be sent to clubs
- Shade sails and cool pools: The letter has been drafted but is not to be sent as races are held at night so shade sails and cool pools are not needed. Tracey to provide further information on her discussions with John Corrigan at the next meeting.

#### Action:

- Shae to consult with Wade Birch and compile a list of tracks with shade sails and cool pools.

### 4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nil
- GIPAC: Feedback has been received about the time taken for GRNSW to pay veterinarians for desexing; leading to Participants' dissatisfaction
- GWIC: Steve spoke to Rob Macaulay recently about this issue. Rob has undertaken to look into it.

### 5. Emerging Industry issues

- Nil

### 6. Verbal update from Chair

- Nil

### 7. Regulation of greyhound transporters

The issue of greyhound transporters was discussed; the following points noted:

- Transporters are used to transport greyhounds from participant to participant, within NSW and interstate.
- Greyhound transporters must comply with general animal welfare legislative requirements but are otherwise unregulated; with no specific compliance requirements in respect of greyhounds

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- The quality of the transport varies greatly; with poor quality transport resulting in greyhound welfare issues
- Issues with transporters are not reported to GWIC; GWIC is not being made aware of welfare issues

There was agreement that further work be undertaken to explore options for greater oversight / regulation of greyhound transporters

## Action:

1. Matthew Tutt to draft a letter from Tracey addressed to the Commissioners recommending consideration be given to regulation of greyhound transporters.

## 8. Confirmation of 2024 meeting dates

- It was agreed that meetings be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month in 2024, with meetings to start from 10am; a change from the current start time of 11am.

## 9. Other Business

- Race Injury Reduction
  - Double arm lures - discussions were held about implementation with Wentworth Park to start this evening
  - Reporting
    - GWIC publishes quarterly reports, including Life Cycle reports
    - Serious injury rates have decreased
    - Breeding is increasing
    - Rehoming numbers are increasing – through non GAP organisations

- Shae Courtney

It was noted that this is Shae's last GIPAC/GWIC meeting as he will be leaving GWIC at the end of next week. Shae's involvement in increasing stakeholder communications and engagement was acknowledged and he was thanked for his input into the work of this joint group.

## 10. Next meeting: Friday 15 December 2023 from 10am

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
	11/8/2023	Distribute a deidentified example of a trainer/owner contract to the group	Kristy Harper		Final draft provided to GWIC by F.Geary (GBOTA) is under consideration - update to be provided at Dec meeting.
	22/9/2023	Find out what happened to the puppy trial proposal	Kristy Harper		GWIC to send an email to each track/club recommending they consider whether or not to run puppy trials – update to be provided at Dec meeting
	22/9/2023	Find out what happened to the money donated to clubs for shade sails and cool pools	Tracey Hindmarsh		A letter to John Corrigan seeking update on installation of the pool was drafted but not sent. Night races only are held so cool pools and shade sails are not required. Tracey to provide more information on her discussions with John.
	24/11/2023	Consult with Wade Birch and compile a list of	Shae Courtney		

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		tracks with shade sails and cool pools			
	24/11/2023	Prepare a short options paper (regulation of greyhound transporters), and draft letter from Tracey addressed to the Minister and Commissioners	Matthew Tutt		