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EXCELLENT DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH-STANDARD COVID-19 PROCEDURES AT RICHMOND

The Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission and Greyhound Racing NSW recently implemented strict COVID-19 bio-security procedures to be followed at all race meeting. Following last night's meeting at Richmond, the Commission wishes to congratulate the Richmond Club, staff and participants for demonstrating how best to follow the new protocols.

Chief Executive Officer, Judy Lind, said that the club staff, stewards and participants have implemented the procedures for tracks exceptionally well.

"It is great to see that the COVID-19 racetrack procedures that were introduced by the Commission and GRNSW are being practiced strictly by all in attendance. They are to be congratulated as they serve as a perfect example of what is required in the current environment", Ms Lind said.

"Kennelling staff, stewards and veterinarians conducted the race meeting by ensuring they followed the procedures by practicing good biosecurity measures such as a designated person handling a greyhound between examinations and cleaning of facilities and equipment was regular and in line with the procedures".

"Participants have also played a major role in the success of the race meeting by adhering to all procedures and protocols on track and in particular maintaining social distancing measures when kennelling and boxing their greyhounds".

The procedures had been created by the Commission and GRNSW to ensure that racing can continue operating in accordance with the health advice issued by state and federal governments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, only essential personnel are permitted to attend race meetings. This includes Commission and Greyhound Racing NSW staff, club officials, and trainers with greyhounds that are participating in the race meeting.

"It is important that we as an industry continue to follow protocols and look after one another," Ms Lind said.

"We all need to play our part in practicing good hygiene to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect our communities."

For more information on COVID-19 procedures and protocols for tracks, visit <https://www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/news-and-updates/gwic-updates/covid-19-stay-updated> .

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