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Commission calls for further cooperation

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has called for calmness and cooperation during these unprecedented and challenging times brought about by COVID-19.

Chief Commissioner, Alan Brown AM, said the industry should not take anything for granted and must continue to adhere to new protocols introduced in response to government requirements

“The racing industry has been very fortunate to be able to continue to operate when nearly all other sporting codes have ceased operating,” Mr Brown said.

“Given the very challenging circumstances and with government restrictions changing daily, we will continue to work with Greyhound Racing NSW and the State and Federal Health authorities to ensure our protocols continue to do their utmost to protect the health and safety of staff and participants so that racing can continue.”

The Commission appreciates that there is a lot of information going out to participants during this time of increased health measures, and that participants are having to make considerable changes very quickly.

“In the face of these challenging times we need everyone to work together. What I have observed to date proves that people in the industry are prepared to do that, which demonstrates a very admirable aspect of this longstanding industry,” Mr Brown said.

“Commission Vets and Stewards will continue to service race meetings and the Registration and Welfare team remain available online and over the phone to assist participants with various enquiries.”

“It is also important that participants remain informed about ongoing changes. Both the Commission’s website and the GRNSW website are updated frequently to communicate new information and important changes.”

“I ask all participants for your continued patience as the industry navigates through its temporary operating model so that we can ensure the welfare of participants and that of their greyhounds are not compromised in any way.”

“Times like this call for calmness, solidarity and the strict observance of all protocols. This is the time to show what makes this industry special.”

For more information on the latest industry changes visit www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

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