

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 27 October 2023
Time	11:00am -12:00pm AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracey Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Martin Hallinan, Bryan Young, Glenn Midson GWIC – Steve Griffin, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Shae Courtney
Apologies:	Barry Ward, Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson, Ben Talbot, Wade Birch
Absent:	
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 22 September 2023 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- Distribute a deidentified example of a trainer/owner contract to the group
 - Minor enhancements are to be made to the template by GWIC Legal
 - Final draft version will be sent to Fiona Geary (GBOTA) for consideration
 - Once considered, final version will be distributed
- Find out what happened to the puppy trial proposal
 - This is something for each track to consider
 - GWIC to send an email to each track/club recommending they consider whether or not to run puppy trials
- Find out what happened to the money donated to clubs for shade sails and cool pools
 - Money is still available
 - Cool down tubs are available at Maitland and Gosford
 - Some concern that portable pools could be stolen; need to be able to be lifted and moved
 - Sponges left in pools can be an issue of concern for Stewards – cross contamination
 - Grafton is considering installing a pool

Actions:

1. Kristy to send an email to each club recommending they consider the issue of puppy trials
2. Shae to assist in drafting a letter from Tracey to John Corrigan, President of the Grafton Club seeking an update on installation of the pool

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Feedback when GWIC staff have visited race tracks has been positive

5. Emerging Industry issues

- Nil

6. Verbal update from Chair

- Cool down pools were discussed at item 3

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7. Demonstration of eTrac (Public Access) functionality

- GWIC gave a demonstration of the eTrac (Public Access) functionality and sought feedback from GIPAC members:
- GIPAC:
 - It's not clear what this will be used for
 - Concerns the information will be misused by opponents of greyhound racing
- GWIC
 - Is intended to be public facing and to provide Government transparency
 - There is no zoom function; pin location is limited to a 30km radius – to protect privacy of address information

8. Other Business

- GIPAC nominations
 - Seven nominations to sit as member of GIPAC received
 - Background checks being undertaken
 - Commissioners will consider recommendations and make a decision
 - Decision likely to be made before next meeting
- eTrac – 1 November
 - GIPAC is asked to remind Participants that from 1 November OneGov, Oz Chase etc will be turned off for all transactions - registrations and transfers, and eTrac must be used.
 - Any Participant not yet registered on eTrac is encouraged to download the eTrac App and register
 - eTrac app is now available for Android devices as well as Apple devices
 - Any problems – contact GWIC staff for assistance on 13 49 42
- Double arm lure and preferred box draw trials
 - GWIC: Questions raised by journalists at yesterday's Budget Estimates hearing suggesting that the trials at Dapto and The Gardens have not been successful are not borne out by the data which indicates a reduction in injury rates.
- Swabbing after the last race
 - GIPAC:
 - With some dogs it's difficult to obtain sufficient urine sample particularly after the last race. This is problematic as it can cause considerable delay in being able to leave the track and head home.
 - Lately, Masters races have been scheduled the last race of the night
 - GWIC
 - Blood sampling as an alternative to urine sampling would be an option under these circumstances; agree it is not ideal to have participants and greyhounds waiting at the track significant amounts of time after the last race
 - Suggest the issue of scheduling Masters be discussed with Richard Zoghbi
- Increasing heat and fire dangers
 - GWIC:
 - Recent fires have resulted in evacuations of trainers
 - In an emergency situation it is not ideal to have key operated kennel locks
 - Remote/wifi activated locks or combination locks are a better alternative
 - GRNSW is looking into what supplies can be provided to clubs to prepare for emergencies
 - Participants should have their own emergency plan
 - GWIC Communications team will be pushing out relevant messaging

Action: Steve will discuss with Wade Birch the issue of urine v blood sampling after a race in circumstances where the greyhound is not providing a sufficient sample

12. Next meeting: Friday 24 November 2023

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Meeting closed 11.30am

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		Draft template is being amended then will be sent to Fiona Geary for consideration
	27/10/2023	Send an email to each club recommending they consider the issue of puppy trials	Kristy Harper		
	27/10/2023	Draft letter to John Corrigan, President of the Grafton Club seeking an update on installation of the pool	Shae Courtney		Letter from Tracey
	27/10/2023	Discuss with Wade Birch the issue of urine v blood sampling after a race in circumstances where the greyhound is not providing a sufficient sample	Steve Griffin		