

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

Date	Friday 23 August 2024
Time	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan, Glenn Midson, Luke Brown GWIC – Steve Griffin, Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Anya Whitelaw, Abi Groves
Apologies:	Tracy Hindmarsh, Bryan Young
Absent:	Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on xx 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- #4 - *Look at the GRNSW rehoming assistance form (reference to desexing)* - to be marked as completed
- #6 - *Provide insights into what may be contributing to the decrease in the serious injury rate* – sand and moisture content are key factors; moisture data is available for each track; more maintenance has been undertaken at Richmond / the track seems more consistent- would be interesting to see any correlation with injury data. GWIC: Factors may include painting of safety rails, skill of curator, large body of work to be done using data analytics and looking at change points. Mark as completed.
- #7 – *re use of own thermal race rugs*; Participants are advised to speak to the Stewards on each occasion as some rugs are very worn/tatty looking. To get back to Tracy on this.
- #8 - *remaking of Marty's old checking video* - to be dealt with off line. Item to be marked as closed

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nil – it's been very quiet

5. Emerging industry issues

- GWIC reported on the following:
 - GRNSW Inquiry - Lea Drake has compiled her team. A dedicated website has been set up www.nsw.gov.au/greyhoundinquiry, can also be accessed via GWIC website; template is available for making submissions, collecting documents from GWIC and GRNSW, next step will be interviews. Hearings will be confidential /in camera / no public hearings. Deadline for completion of the inquiry is 13 December 2024.
 - Race Well - is working well and take up has been good. Other jurisdictions are interested. More drugs are being added, feedback (be email) capability now enabled, working on future capability to connect with a vet for discussions.

6. Regulatory changes – SAI, Tattooing / Nose print

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- GA looking at change of Rules to discontinue SAI and move to TCI. Working towards 31 December 2025 rule change. Submissions regarding the timing of the change can be made to GA.
- GA will also be changing the Rules to ban tattooing as a means of identification, to be replaced by Nose Print.
- Nose Print – Working with Korean firm and looking to implement in October. Involves scanning nose of a greyhounds via a phone app to confirm identity. Has been in use elsewhere overseas for dogs and cats. Will be integrated into eTrac. Will eliminate the need to take retired dogs to the track for check in – can scan using the phone app.

Action:

1. Kristy to share a video of nose print technology being demonstrated and a short Power Point.

7. Nose Print costs

- The Korean firm will be charging GWIC a license fee for activities using the technology: \$35 to enter a greyhound on the Register, \$25 annual renewal of registration fee. This will result in a cost for Participants, we are looking at applying a flat fee for a litter.

8. Tiered Registration

- GWIC – We will be consulting actively over the next few weeks. Propose 3 tiers; entry 10 or under dogs; intermediate 10 to 25 dogs, and greater than 25 dogs, to commence 1 January 2025. Will apply to new entrants; existing Participants will be grandfathered. Tiers 2 and 3 will include a financial capacity component. Aim is to mitigate not being able to adequately care for greyhounds, and increase professionalism of the sport. We welcome any feedback.

9. Amended Rehoming Policy

- Has been amended to close a loophole in Clause 9, and will prevent the transfer of a greyhound from a participant to an unregistered person who resides with them, or to an unregistered person who resides at a registered kennel address.

Action:

1. Nina to share the marked up version.

10. Other business

- GIPAC - Overheating at Wentworth Park kennels. Has this been solved?
 - GWIC – They may have been changed to swab kennels. Wade will double check
 - GIPAC – Is an Operating Standard to have a thermometer in the kennel area but none are on display at Wentworth Park. Wade to check

Action:

1. Wade to check the status of the kennels that were overheating at Wentworth Park, and the location of the thermometer in the kennels.

11. Next meeting: Friday 27 September 2024

12. Record of action items

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
	24/11/2023	Compile a list of tracks with shade sails and cool pools	Wade Birch		In progress. WB to discuss use of cool pools with Tony Kuipers
	15/12/2023	Look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a	Wade Birch		Currently in development. Will be ready for use in 3 – 6 month's time (Aug – Nov 24)

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		swab result can be sent to the trainer.			
	25/1/2024	Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency. M.Tutt to discuss with GRNSW offline	GWIC		In progress. GWIC Policy Team to develop a paper
	26/7/2024	Circulate the new website look and feel options to GIPAC for feedback	Kristy Harper		
	26/7/2024	Wade will speak with Dean Degan and either will get back to Tracy re whether Participants can use their own thermal race rugs.	Wade Birch & Dean Degan		Participants are advised to speak to the Stewards on each occasion as some rugs are very worn/tatty looking.
	23/8/2024	Check the status of the kennels that were overheating at Wentworth Park, and the location of the thermometer in the kennels.	Wade Birch		
	23/8/2024	Share the marked up version of the amended Rehoming Policy	Nina Beeston		
	23/8/2024	Share the video of nose print technology being demonstrated and the Power Point	Kristy Harper		