

# GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



## Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Friday 27 September 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00am -10:45am AEDT
<b>Present:</b>	GIPAC - Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan, Amanda Ginn, Bryan Young, Luke Brown GWIC – Steve Griffin (Chair), Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Anya Whitelaw
<b>Apologies:</b>	Wade Birch, Glenn Midson, Gayle Masterson, Tracy Hindmarsh
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Siobhan White

### 1. Welcome and apologies

### 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 23 August 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

### 3. Outstanding action items

- Action Items held over till next meeting

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 swab result can be sent to the trainer.	Wade Birch		Currently in development. Will be ready for use in 3 – 6 month's time (Aug – Nov 24)
	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
	23/8/2024	Share the video of nose print technology being demonstrated and the Power Point	Kristy Harper		

### 4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nose Print Recognition (NPR) implementation has received negative feedback about cost. GRNSW is considering potential subsidisation of ongoing costs. The fees for owners (\$25/dog) not being implemented in Nov 2025. GWIC comms to go out to breeders. Overall negative feel about breeding due to rehoming issues, discontinuation of surgical AI and now the rollout of NPR.

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- US program stalled but has recommenced. GRNSW rehoming numbers were actually up this year and helped to start clearing the backlog of retired dogs still being housed in racing kennels. Another good year will help clear the backlog of retired dogs
- Taree 400m start, GWIC being blamed for it being non-operational.
- Steve advised that:
  - GRNSW started construction without informing GWIC
  - GWIC advised that 400m start was in contradiction with MTS
  - Poured slab anyway and built start
  - GRNSW put forward a proposal to trial soft sand track to offset risk of corner start. The Commission agreed to trial 400m start if soft sand track installed
  - Track is safe and great to use, other than the start location
  - GWIC does not have power to prevent GRNSW utilising the non-compliant start
  - MTS does not cover automatic closing gate
  - Update every 5 years, due Jan 25
- Wagga kennel bays being fixed within the next fortnight. Currently one race bay non-operational so are currently running 11 race meetings.

## 5. Emerging industry issues

- Nil

## 6. Verbal update from Chair

- Nil

## 7. Industry Communication re introduction of GA Rule changes 1 November 2024

- Confirming that the rules remain unchanged from the planned implementation as at 1 July. GWIC comms to come out this week to remind participants of the planned 1 Nov commencement date, namely the termination of ear tattoos, which is a nationwide rule and has already been widely accepted by the industry
- GA continuing to prepare for the discontinuation of surgical AI, giving 18 months to breeders to prepare for the rule change, namely using up stores of semen straws they may be holding. Also allows time for veterinarians to change their processes relating to greyhound breeding practices
- Reminder that on 1 Oct the revised rehoming policy will come into play with the main two updates relating to disciplinary action around the surrendering of dogs to GWIC and rehoming dogs to unlicensed third parties living at licenced participants premises.
  - Question raised regarding private rehoming trials between trainers and third party individuals, that if offering a private trial, to let GWIC know so they can put a file note on the dog in case an issue arises while the dog is away from the registered trainer.

## 8. GWIC Media releases for the month

- Marked as read

## 9. Other business

- US Rehoming a good opportunity to meet rehoming needs. Other jurisdictions (NZ & VIC) exploring markets and further opportunities in this area

## 10. Next meeting: Friday 25 October 2024

## 11. Record of action items

- No additional action items recorded