

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

Date	Friday 24 May 2024
Time	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Barry Ward, Martin Hallinan, Glenn Midson, Luke Brown GWIC – Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Anya Whitelaw
Apologies:	Ben Talbot, Bryan Young, Steve Griffin,
Absent:	Tracy Hindmarsh, Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson,
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees noted that Ben Talbot is standing down from GIPAC until further notice.

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 26 April 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- *Compile a list of tracks with shade sails and cool pools - ongoing*
- *Talk to Donna about whether a shade sail could be installed in the parade area at the Casino track - ongoing.*
- *GWIC to make a list of suitable transporters - GBOTA has been provided with the list to publish.*
- *Look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a swab result can be sent to the trainer - yes this is possible and is currently in development. Will be ready for use in 3 – 6 month's time*
- *Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – discuss with GRNSW - in progress. A paper is to be developed.*
- *Look at the GRNSW rehoming assistance form (reference to desexing) - recent discussions were held with GRNSW. Form has not yet been changed. GRNSW HAS does not have capacity to separate desexing from other parts of HAS.*
- *Concern about deep harrowing – link on GRNSW's deep harrowing page; request has been made that the page be kept up to date; availability of information has been promoted via social media*
- *GWIC Comms team to look at publishing details of participants with scanners, and where check ins can take place – GA has moved cessation of ear tattooing back to 1 November. GWIC Comms team will be distributing information about Rule changes.*
- *Caesarean rule - speak with Tony Kuipers to get clarity – ongoing.*
- *Scratching after the box draw. Table to be corrected – ongoing.*
- *Email any other comments about rule changes to Steve Griffin – ongoing.*

Action: Kristy to provide the list of transporters to Nina for sharing with GIPAC and GRNSW

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Feedback is positive; Stewards and club staff worked well together to keep things going recently during a few weeks of heavy rain.

5. Emerging industry issues

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- Serious injury rate has risen. GWIC is undertaking data analysis and seeks feedback on what could be contributing to the rise; and will write to GRNSW regarding the 4 race courses with higher than average injury rate
 - Suggestion that major injuries are happening in latter half of a program, after race 5; possibly related to number of footprints left in the track. May need to monitor, have the tractor run around again.
 - Possibly more greyhounds racing while waiting to be rehomed, which otherwise may not have raced
 - Is cost of living having an impact - more greyhounds being raced
 - Is there a correlation with decreased euthanasia rates; dogs that would have been euthanised in the past are now included in the serious injury data
 - Feedback from GRNSW Roadshows is that participants are asking for more short course races
 - GWIC will look at the issues at the next Race Injury Reduction Panel (RIRP) meeting
- Knackery at Wagga. Department of Primary Industry (DPI) is currently investigating. GWIC is not actively involved other than to assist DPI.
 - Has attracted media attention; sparked community concerns
 - Any questions or concerns please contact Matthew or Wade

6. Other business

- GWIC will have a presence at the Puppy Auction this weekend. Will promote Race Well and have puppy packs available

7. Next meeting: Friday 28 June 2024

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	Talk to Donna about whether a shade sail could be installed in the parade area at the Casino track.	Tracey Hindmarsh		
	15/12/2023	GWIC to make a list of suitable transporters	GWIC		In progress. GBOTA has been provided with the list to publish; Kristy to provide the list to Nina for sharing with GIPAC and GRNSW
	15/12/2023	Look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a swab result can be sent to the trainer.	Wade Birch		This is currently under development. Will be ready for use in 3 – 6 month's time
	25/1/2024	Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency. M.Tutt to discuss with GRNSW offline	GWIC		In progress. A paper is to be developed.
	16/2/2024	Look at the GRNSW rehoming assistance form (reference to desexing)	Wade Birch		Recent discussions were held with GRNSW. Form has not yet been changed. GRNSW HAS does not have capacity to separate desexing from other parts of HAS.

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	22/3/2024	Concern about deep harrowing	GWIC		Link on GRNSW's deep harrowing page; request has been made that the page be kept up to date; availability of information has been promoted via social media
	26/4/2024	GWIC Comms team to look at publishing details of participants with scanners, and where checks can take place.	Kristy Harper		GA has moved cessation of ear tattooing back to 1 November. GWIC Comms team will be distributing information about Rule changes.
	26/4/2024	Caesarean rule - speak with Tony Kuipers to get clarity.	Matthew Tutt		In progress
	26/4/2024	Scratching after the box draw. Table to be corrected	Matthew Tutt		In progress
	26/4/2024	Email any other comments about rule changes to Steve Griffin	GIPAC members		In progress