

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 15 December 2023
Time	10:00am -11:00pm AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Martin Hallinan, Bryan Young, Luke Brown GWIC – Steve Griffin, Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper
Apologies:	Ben Talbot, Gayle Masterson, Glenn Midson, Wade Birch
Absent:	Barry Ward, Amanda Ginn
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

New GIPAC member Luke Brown was congratulated on his appointment and welcomed to his first meeting.

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 24 November 2023 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

- GWIC legal has finished its review of the trainer/owner contract proforma. Fiona Geary/GBOTA will manage its distribution to trainers and owners and promote its use. Action item to be closed.
- Puppy trial proposal item has been actioned. Action item to be closed.
- Money donated to clubs for shade sails and cool pools: John Corrigan advised Tracey that the money was put towards prize money. Shade sails and cool pools were unnecessary as races are being held at night. Action item to be closed.
- Compile a list of tracks with shade sails and cool pools – Wade to provide an update in the new year.
 - All GBOTA tracks have cool pools
 - A shade sail in the parade area at Casino would be good.
 - Kristy took videos of dogs in the cool pools at Maitland
 - Bryan – horses have misters that can be purchased from Bunnings; that connect with a hose
- The letter about greyhound transporters was drafted and sent to Tracey. Action item to be closed.

Actions

1. Tracey to talk to Donna about whether a shade sail could be installed in the parade area at the Casino track.
2. Kristy to post the videos taken of greyhounds in the cool pools at Maitland on social media
3. GWIC to raise the issue of use of shade sails, cool pools and misters at next meeting with GCNSW

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Nil

5. Emerging Industry issues

- Nil

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6. Verbal update from Chair

- Nil

7. Greyhound Transporters

- The discussion paper was noted and discussed
- GWIC - have been some instances of transporters and poor welfare outcomes; should transporters be made participants; would require a change to the Regulations. Transporters are subject to Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (POCTA) but query level of oversight; currently sitting outside of Code of Practice.
- GIPAC – concern that if transporters subject to regulation, may be unwilling to provide service. We need a process to deal with poor service providers
- GIPAC – can GWIC develop a preferred suppliers list?
- GWIC – as a Government agency we can't be seen to endorse particular commercial operators; this is something that GBOTA could do
- GWIC – currently Stewards can look into POCTA breaches; if a report is made; but can't conduct audits in the absence of a welfare report
- GWIC – Regulatory change would need to be substantiated by evidence / something to indicate a systemic issue; if not a significant problem, we will continue to investigate in response to adverse reports, we will also push out communications to participants
- It was agreed not to send a letter from GIPAC to the Chief Commissioner; and comms to be pushed out reminding trainers of the need to report issues with transporters to GWIC

Action:

1. GWIC to push out communications – reminder to report issues/concerns involving transporters
2. GWIC to raise the issue at next GBOTA meeting – suggestion to make a list of transporters available to participants

8. Other Business

- Inquiry into SA greyhound industry – report released; very positive comments about GWIC and the industry in NSW
- GIPAC – main issue is rehoming; people think GWIC is GAP. Vets won't do vaccinations or teeth checks as payment by GRNSW to vets is slow
 - Rob Macaulay has previously advised that GRNSW make payment within 24hrs unless there is a query on costs; GWIC's recommendation to introduce a schedule of fees has not been adopted
 - Pets to America – aiming to export 800 dogs this year
 - GWIC:
 - Will share the population model next year
 - Getting dogs pet ready and socialised is an issue
 - Needs some transparency on cost to export v rehoming locally
- Issue of tracking greyhounds that arrive from interstate and stay to race; should know where they are while they are here; may need to locate for swabbing purposes; transparency
- GWIC to recast website to make it more informational; may consult with GIPAC in February
- GWIC - Rule reform; trying to keep changes to one or two a year; changes consulted on over the past few months will be implemented early next year.
- Ear Branding – Greyhounds Australasia are considering phasing out ear branding in 2024
 - GWIC is working with Korean company to implement nose print technology possibly by April 2024
- GIPAC – can swab test results be included in eTrac? In Victoria Fast Track sends an email with the result; the negative swabs used to be published on the website.
- February 2024 Summit – rehoming; track rationalisation; performance trials;
- Super scheme - something for GRNSW to pursue;
- GWIC/GIPAC joint meetings to commence at 10am in 2024

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Action:

1. Add tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW as item for discussion next meeting
2. GWIC to look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a swab result can be sent to the trainer.

12. Next meeting: January 2024 on a date to be determined

Meeting closed

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		For discussion January 2024 meeting
	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	Post the videos taken of greyhounds in the cool pools at Maitland on social media	Kristy Harper		
	15/12/2023	Raise the issue of use of shade sails, cool pools and misters at next meeting with GCNSW	GWIC		
	15/12/2023	Push out communications – reminder to report issues/concerns involving transporters to GWIC	Kristy Harper		
	15/12/2023	At next meeting with GBOTA suggest GBOTA make a list of suitable transporters	GWIC		
	15/12/2023	Add tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW as item for discussion next meeting	GWIC		
	15/12/2023	Look into eTrac functionality and whether notification of a swab result can be sent to the trainer.	Wade Birch		