

**GRG – MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Wednesday 2 December 2020**  
**The Grange, Campbell Town**

The meeting opened at 10.30am.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 were tabled confirmed as a true and correct record.

Tasracing advised that the Injury Protocol Procedure policy is still under development and is being progressed to include both the Injury Protocol procedures and the Injury Rebate Scheme policy.

Tasracing advised publishing deadlines do not allow for the results to be published in the next day's newspaper.

Tasracing confirmed that Susan Gittus had resigned from her position at GAP and Dr Adam Richardson had now been engaged to conduct collar assessments.

Tasracing provided a verbal precis of the adoption statistics for the past 3 months.

Tasracing advised that the building of additional kennels for GAP was planned in the next round of infrastructure projects.

A schedule of the GRG meeting dates for 2021 was recommended.

Draft amendments to the Local Welfare rules and policies were tabled. Following a discussion, it was resolved Tasracing and ORI undertake a review of the comments from today's meeting.

There was a discussion on the funding that would be required to cater for the number of greyhounds the industry expected to process through the GAP program and it was highlighted that GAP alone cannot rehome the number of greyhounds required.

Tasracing advise it was in discussions with the Dog's Home regarding participation in the rehoming of greyhounds.

It was suggested that when the next stakes increase is provided, the industry should consider injecting significant funding towards GAP to assist it to achieve the level required to meet the rehoming requirements of the industry.

Tasracing outlined the process being commenced for the development of the new tracks on the North West Coast and advised that the development is expected to be completed within two years.

Professor Eagar spoke of the complexities related to each different track and suggested that the ideal height of the lure was that it almost touched the track at the highest point of the camber. He advised that on his analysis of injuries the Tasmanian tracks were amongst the top twelve safest tracks in Australia. Tasracing advised that Professor Eagar had been engaged for the build of the new track on the North West Coast as well as providing a report on the other two tracks.

Following a discussion, it was noted that there was a lack of interest in hosting the National Sprint & Distance Championships and it was resolved that the matter be removed from future agendas.

Tasracing advised that the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has now been extended to all industry participants.

Tasracing provided a report on the desexing programme statistics and advised that the 28-day desexing authority was able to be extended on application.

A wagering turnover summary report for the period ended 30 October 2020 was tabled.

ORI provided a verbal report on the number of litters and pups for the current financial year.

ORI undertook to review the process regarding the issue of Pink Cards.

Tasracing undertook to review the availability of frozen semen in the State.

A copy of the Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meeting held on 3 September 2020 was tabled.

A copy of Assets and Facilities Update report was tabled.

The Greyhound Marketing Report for Quarter 2 of FY2021 was tabled.

There was a discussion on the challenges the management of the Covid requirements were imposing on clubs and the restrictions of numbers at events.

Tasracing undertook to review the inclusion of the Devonport Chase in the Summer of Racing campaign next year.

Tasracing advised that the GA website is currently being updated, the national database project is continuing with a review of the jurisdictional data being examined and the economic impact study of greyhounds nationally is almost completed.

It was resolved the funding of the costs of the Formguide be listed for consideration in the allocation of Code Funding in future.

LGRC advised they were adding member bonuses for both owners and trainers across all races on Launceston Cup night except for the Cup Final and Consolation.

NWGRC advised they will be scheduling memorial race names at the Australia Day meeting on January 26 and would be providing additional prize money.

NWGRC advise consideration is being given to moving the Devonport Chase to take advantage of the November Show Day Public Holiday in 2021.

HGRC sought advice from ORI on the procedure in the case of a greyhound being deceased on a long weekend. ORI advised they were investigating the possibility of a 7 day a week phone service and that in such cases as outlined it would be permissible for the person to bury the body and ORI would determine whether the body would be exhumed.

NWGRC reported that the security tag was broken on the kennel when being collected for the swab and that that the week previous a greyhound had got out of one of the swab stalls. ORI undertook to investigate the actions taken by other jurisdictions and would review their procedures.

ORI advised they were reviewing swabbing practices with a view of developing procedures that may allow the handler to collect the sample.

Tasracing advised that the 15 minutes gap between races was a national issue and Trainers should arrange to get assistance to handle their greyhounds to ensure they meet their welfare obligations.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm.