

**GRG MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Wednesday 16 June 2021**

The meeting opened at 10.00am.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021 confirmed.

Tasracing advised that the development of the Injury Protocol policy which is intended to incorporate the Injury Rebate policy is still ongoing at this time and that the requirement for x-ray prior to euthanasia is being considered under the new policy.

Tasracing sought advice whether the current model for the employment of On-Track Vets is the best option. Tasracing and ORI to hold further discussions.

Tasracing advised that the Hobart lure had been tested and there are no noted issues with the reported problems in the front straight.

ORI confirmed the need to have a Council kennel licence as part of the licence conditions for new applicants.

Tasracing raised discussion on the Desexing Program and the suggestion to amend eligibility for Interstate greyhounds that have not had a start in Tasmania. It was suggested that they needed to be with a Tasmanian trainer for at least 6 months.

There was a discussion on owners retiring greyhounds to themselves and it was noted the wind-down requirements may be relaxed with prior approval from ORI.

Tasracing spoke to the euthanasia rates at GAP and noted that in the past GAP did not have the services of a behaviouralist to assist with difficult dogs. It was noted that society has evolved and GAP needs to be seen to be giving greyhounds every possible opportunity to be rehomed.

Tasracing advised there are currently 5-6 foster carers and GAP has been working with the marketing team to get some diversity amongst the foster carers ranks.

Tasracing outlined the marketing and promotional campaigns around GAP Tasmania which are expected to commence in mid to late July.

Tasracing advised they were not aware of the saturation point of adoptions and when saturation will be reached but options need to be available as euthanasia will not be acceptable.

Tasracing advised that Brightside and The Dogs Home are now accredited for muzzle free assessments.

Tasracing advised that there is funding available in the new financial year to expand and improve GAP.

ORI advised that GAP is allocated a green collar while orange collars are allocated to other organisations and purple collars are allocated to greyhounds that were adopted prior to 30 November 2018.

It was Moved that the motion at the last meeting that a sixth person be appointed to the GOTY panel with that person being a member of the GRG, be rescinded. The Motion was carried.

Proposed amendments to the Annual Awards policy were tabled and recommended.

Tasracing advised that the GOTY Co-Ordinator had decided to step away from the panel at least in the near future.

It was Moved that Peter Hayes be invited to the position of Coordinator of the panel.

The proposed amendments to the Local Welfare Rules and Policies were tabled.

There was a discussion on the requirement of rule 36.5 (e) (ii) to provide the wind-down record to ORI and it was resolved this requirement be deleted from the proposed amendments.

There was a discussion on the proposal to rescind Local Rules 36.14 & 36.15.

It was resolved the proposed amendments to the rules and policies be recommended for adoption. GOTBAT expressed their objection to the rules in part.

Brad Clark, Lead Race Scheduler for Sky Channel provided an on-screen presentation and verbal precis around the challenges and intricacies relating to the scheduling of two racing channels which include contract obligations, jurisdiction requests, wagering turnover and both National and International race meetings.

There was a discussion on the 15min gaps between races.

Brad Clark advised that Sky 1 on a Saturday night for the Launceston Cup is a definite no, however the possibility of Sky 2 with maybe the Cup Final on Sky 1 could be investigated.

Brad Clark advised that with the Catching Pen and In the Gig programmes are on Sky 2 Tuesday nights, this night is not an option when Devonport closes. He advised that Sky 1 is already exhausted and not an option and the only other possibility may be a twilight meeting that would need to be finished by 6pm.

A report on the quotation for the development of a program to enable electronic payments of an unplaced trainer subsidy which was proposed from January's additional funding meeting was tabled. It was recommended that the payment of the subsidy no longer be progressed.

A submission for new race rugs for each track from unexpended funding was tabled., and it was resolved an order be placed with the funding being part of the Code Funding Allocation for 2021/22.

Tasracing provided a verbal precis on the development of the new tracks on the North-West Coast.

NWGRC provided a verbal update on the first project committee meeting

Tasracing advised that the master plan is expected soon however the main concern is going to be the construction due to a lack of civil construction options available.

Tasracing suggested that the new track on the North-West Coast will have lights and are planning to run night meetings.

Tasracing suggested an out of sessions meeting with the clubs be convened to discuss the planning of the transferred meetings from Devonport.

The turnover report as of 31 May 2021 was tabled.

ORI reported that there have been 38 litters with 266 pups whelped with 19 deceased this financial year to date.

Tasracing suggested that GA would maintain sire statistics.

A copy of the Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meeting held on 11 March 2021 and 21 April 2021 were tabled and noted.

A copy of the Race Dates for 2021/22 as recommended by the Programming Sub Committee were tabled and noted.

A copy of the Feature Events Calendar for 2021/22 as recommended by the Programming Sub Committee were tabled.

HGRC provided a verbal report on the reason to add the John Pearce Memorial race to the calendar.

NWGRC advised that the Memorial Day on 25 January will be the Gary Sutton Memorial Day and will include other memorial race names.

A copy of the Feature Events Conditions for 2021/22 as recommended by the Programming Sub Committee were tabled and noted.

Tasracing tabled and provided a verbal precis of the Asset & Facilities update paper which was received.

Tasracing provided an overview of the battery operated Safechase lure and the trial of the equipment in Launceston which had been successful. The clubs recommended that the implementation of the Safechase lure be progressed.

Tasracing advised of the new portal that has been developed to record track information.

ORI agreed to review the suggestion of having each section of the tracks clearly identified with indicators on the fence to enable data on injury locations to be maintained.

It was suggested that the old boxes from Launceston be put on the Ulverstone Straight Track.

Tasracing advised that a number of improvements to help with the catching pen gate at Hobart would be implemented.

Tasracing undertook to review the possibility of having someone in the catching pen at Hobart to distract the dogs when they come in.

Tasracing tabled and provided a verbal precis of the Marketing update report.

Tasracing undertook to instigate the establishment of the group to determine the feature events to be targeted for marketing.

GOTBAT advised that GCA have put together a publicity campaign trying to answer the miss-truths that are in the community about greyhound racing.

The next meeting at The Grange on Wednesday 15 September 2021 commencing at 10.00am was confirmed.

ORI undertook to review the pink card requirements.

Tasracing again advised that the signage at GAP is in the development plans and requires Council approval.

ORI advised there will be plenty of opportunity to schedule workshops in respect to the Grading Review once initial feedback had been received.

It was suggested that further assistance to breeders be considered in the code funding allocation.

ORI provided a verbal report on the licencing requirements and explained that each case is different and the Director has discretion as to the requirements required to be met.

Tasracing advised that there will be a change in entry requirements to GAP in respect to the C5 vaccination.

The meeting closed at 3:10pm.