

**GRG MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Wednesday 14 September 2022**

Tasracing stated that vehicles are currently being assessed to use as a greyhound ambulance on track.

Tasracing spoke to the Animal Welfare report which had been circulated to members.

Tasracing discussed the upcoming participant forum with Dr Chris Boemo and Robert Britton.

Members spoke positively about the influence Chris has had in Tasmania since he has been coming over to race meetings.

The LGRC asked for an agenda item regarding the Barking Muzzle Policy.

ORI explained that the policy in place is consistent with most states around Australia, with some jurisdictions not allowing for muzzle use in any way.

The policy relating to Postponed and Abandoned meetings was again presented with a random draw option if needed as per participant feedback. The policy changes were agreed upon and accepted.

An updated Code Funding paper was presented to GRG members following the initial out of sessions discussion where an initial code funding paper was tabled.

LGRC does not support increases to the three Group races only the heats.

A paper was submitted outlining the discussions at the recent GCA meeting about Group racing and stakes needing to be increased for each Group level.

The HGRC talked to the paper regarding race day swabbing. The concern is that the OTV is being used to assist with swabs when they have vet duties to perform.

The action going forward will be a change in race day procedure to allow a steward the time to do the swabs.

The NWGRC raised a concern about the swabbing procedure at Hobart and the lack of supervision back to the kennel.

ORI suggested that there is a level of care that trainers need to take with their dogs to ensure correct practises are followed following a race.

Tasracing spoke to the paper on the GRG charter needing to be updated. It was stated that the charter needs to enforce a working together aspect. A redraft will be available for the next meeting.

The EOFY turnover reports for the three codes were tabled along with July results.

ORI provided the breeding statistics to the group:

Total pups whelped 2022 – 192 against 205 for 2021

Total litters whelped 2022 – 28 against 27 in 2021

A copy of the Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meeting held on 30 May 2022 were tabled and noted.

Tasracing provided the group an overview of the new North West site and what the next steps are with the project. The North West tracks working group are still meeting on a regular basis.

LGRC asked a time frame of completion, it was stated Tasracing are hopeful of a Christmas 2024 completion date.

The Assets, Project and Operations Update report was tabled for noting.

The Marketing report was tabled.

Tasracing have secured a full-page advert in the AFL record for Preliminary finals and Grand Final.

Greyhound Australasia will do an economic impact study nationally next year.

GA are looking to develop a closer relationship with GCA. This includes hosting their meetings at the same time in the same location. As part of this, GA are going to be programming the GA national meeting will be held in Hobart on the Friday after the Hobart Thousand.

Some jurisdictions are providing adopted greyhounds with rugs saying retired elite athlete which could be rolled out nationwide.

GCA backed the Tasmanian greyhound code in assisting to get true facts into the wider community. The Greyhound facts Oz site was getting around 5,000 visits daily. The Tasmanian views were from all different places in Tasmania.

Group race levy is going up by 5% in the next 12 months.

HGRC showed the group polo shirts that have been developed in State colours. There is an opportunity to have the uniform policy changed and have these shirts worn by all handlers.

HGRC raised the point that there is an unbalance in the stories published in the papers.

Tasracing wanted to commend Steve Lockley and the HGRC on the written piece published in the Mercury newspaper.

ORI are currently recruiting for 2 Full Time Stewards to back fill departures. There is also advertising for 2 Cadet Stewards.

Justin Helmich wanted to thank Ben Plunkett for his job as Acting Chief Steward.