

GRG – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, 12th September 2019
Studio One, The Grange Campbell Town
Meeting commenced at 10:33am

- Information was provided to GRG on the Code Allocation for Financial Year 2019/20 noting a 2% increase. Thorough discussion was had regarding the forecasted budget overspend with a decision made to monitor the budget monthly.
- The meeting was advised the Launceston Greyhound Racing Club (LGRC) had confirmed the conditions of The Showdown in the 2020 Feature Events Calendar.
- Tasracing advised that the Feature Event Calendar has been approved and is being distributed.
- Tasracing noted that they are in discussion with Dr David Eager regarding review of Tasmanian tracks. Though a date has not yet been set it is hoped that the visit will coincide with the next GRG Meeting so Dr David Eager may also attend and advise the group first hand on his review findings.
- ORI advised they are investigating options to ease the financial discrepancies breeders in the Launceston area are facing when taking pups to receive their ear brands. They are currently waiting on feedback from vets in the area before moving forward with a solution.
- Discussions were held regarding the 2018/19 FY statistics of the Greyhound Adoption Program including but not limited to the of dogs rehomed and the current waitlist.
- Tasracing gave the meeting an update on the current standing of the Devonport Showground sale/development, highlighting that after legal advice Tasracing are still confidently in a position to continue racing at the venue for the remainder of the lease.
- Tasracing advised that the EOI period for a dedicated GAP facility had closed and they were currently in negotiations with a location in Southern Tasmania. Further information will be provided to Industry in the near future.
- Tasracing advised that after several tests the prototype wide arm lure is ready to progress to trial with a full field. The GRG members noted their support.
- A suggestion that nominations be online only (including email or fax) eliminating the option for phone calls to ORI was met with concerns from GRG members. Further investigation has been requested from ORI prior to the next GRG meeting.
- Conversation regarding the conduct of short sprint races at each meeting was raised. Several members questioned whether there should be a higher number of distance races programmed. Tasracing noted that races are programmed to suit the current population of dogs nominating but committed to review the possibility of increasing distance races in the future.

- An update on the latest GA and GCA meetings were provided to the meeting.
- ORI and Tasracing committed to review the current time frame in effect that dictates how long a trainer may be inactive before the trainer's licence is revoked.
- The meeting farewelled Tania Price. After 10 years on the Tasracing Board and as a member of GRG Tania is stepping down. The Chairman expressed thanks to Tania for her time and effort over the past 10 years and wished her the best for future endeavours.