

GRG – MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, 20th March 2019
Studio One, The Grange Campbell Town
Meeting commenced at 11:06am

- Tasracing advised that a feasibility on different models and different options to determine if Pontville is the best option for the future GAP Facility was being undertaken.
- There was a visual presentation and a verbal report on the concept of Tasmania holding a Speed Star Racing Program. After discussion it was decided that further research be done before another presentation be completed for the June GRG Meeting.
- There was discussion regarding unexpended funds and whether to utilise those funds for stakes for the remaining 3 months of the year or carrying the funds forward to 2019/20 season to boost the funding available for next season, bearing in mind that the welfare items (GAP and the Injury Rebate Scheme) would need to be funded from the Code Funding Allocation next season. The recommendation was to carry the funds forward to next season on the provision that it does not affect the amount the code would otherwise receive under the funding model.
- A report on the wide arm lure development was tabled. Following a discussion, it was recommended to introduce the wide arm lure at trials in Devonport initially in conjunction with trials with the current lure. This way trainers have an option with the restriction that it cannot be used for run-on trials at this time, having been developed as a race lure.
- Discussions were tabled regarding all tracks in the State becoming uniform in their sand, soil, irrigation and maintenance requirements. GRG supported Tasracing continuing with the maintenance and the implementation of the required steps to ensure uniform standard and presentation.
- Race dates, including Feature Races were discussed and suggestion that the Greyhound Carnival should take measures to pull away from the Thoroughbred Carnival dates were made. It was also noted that the name change for the Devonport Cup to the Devonport Chase was in place for 2019/20. It is currently in development for the 2020/21 Greyhound Carnival be named The Tasmanian Chase Carnival.
- It was recommended by GRG that Tasmania not return to hosting the finals of the Nationals but continue to pay the required levy to have a Tasmanian representative in the events.
- Discussions were had regarding the Tasracing offer of Whelping Funding Assistance for Breeders, for caesarean sections in emergency circumstances. GRG resolved that this not go ahead and instead be left with the breeder to obtain advice and support from the inseminator providing service.
- GOTBAT tabled a paper to consider reducing the number of Semi Finals conducted according to the number of nominations received for the Breeders Classic and Maiden Thousand Series. Following a discussion, it was resolved the current conditions remain unchanged.

- Tasracing advised they intended to review a proposal for handlers to wear bibs displaying advertising during meetings as done by handlers in the other codes.
- Breeding statistics for the last five calendar years were updated by ORI to the members. Members requested that at the next meeting, in June, information on how many pups whelped in Tasmania remained in Tasmania and how many of them made it to the track be provided.
- Updates on Greyhounds Australia and Greyhound Clubs Australia were provided highlighting the RSPCA's current review on the Greyhound Industry, South Australia's proposed six dog races and State Distance Championships being held as a Best 8 only.