

**GRG MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Wednesday 1 December 2021**

The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021 were confirmed.

Tasracing advised that the order for the Race Rugs was received and the rugs delivered to each club.

Tasracing advised that Duncan Dornauf had accepted the invitation to be a member of the GOTY panel and an announcement of the composition of the panel had been announced.

Tasracing advised that a letter signed by Michael Gordon on behalf of the GRG had been provided to David Simonetti who had responded with his appreciation.

HGRC & GOTBAT raised questions about the wait list for GAP with Tasracing to provide a report.

GOTBAT expressed his concerns around the GAP facility. Discussion followed regarding making the facility look more welcoming to the public.

LGRC suggested that GAP should be opened longer hours on a weekend, including Sundays.

HGRC suggested the program is not suitable to service the Tasmanian greyhound industry.

GOTBAT asked why GAP was not looking at subcontracting out the behaviouralist work if no one had yet been employed.

HGRC sought an update regarding the building of new kennels and facilities at GAP.

GOTBAT suggested that the website shows there are currently 11 dogs in the program with behavioural problems.

There was a discussion around Brightside and the facilities they have with all types of animals for socialisation. Tasracing advised the group that GAP is highly scrutinised and needed to ensure the integrity of the program is upheld.

The GRG meeting dates and venue for 2022 were recommended.

A revised Postponed and Abandoned meeting policy was tabled and Tasracing was requested to further the prizemoney level referenced.

ORI advised it had been agreed that on-track vets should be a Tasracing operational issue.

HGRC advised they had been in contact with the Brighton Vets and they have some staff members who are interested in working at race meetings.

ORI advised they have employed a regulatory vet on a contract basis. He will be assisting where required, but his main role is with Animal Welfare, and he is working 3 days a week.

Tasracing tabled a paper reviewing the number of Short Sprint Races held since 1 October to determine whether further sanctions need to be imposed. It was recommended that no further restrictions be placed on Short Sprint races at this stage. Tasracing agreed to provide an updated paper at the June 2022 meeting.

A late paper was tabled following the announcement by the Minister for Racing of a 4% increase in stakes from 1 January 2022. The group recommended that the stakes for all races (excluding Group Race Finals) be increase by \$140 from 1 January.

Tasracing provided an update to the group regarding the relocation from DAPS. Grading is the key issue and ORI is meeting with OzChase to get a quote and timeframe on having an additional set of grades for the relocated Devonport meetings.

Tasracing advised there is still nothing from the developer as to the lease being extended past 28 February 2022 and planning was proceeding as though we are relocating as of this date.

The wagering report for the period ending 31 October 2021 was tabled.

ORI provided the following breeding statistics:

- Breeding Females – 51 actively registered
- Breeders Licences – 81
- Pups Whelped (from 1 Jan 21) – 271
- Reported Litters (from 1 Jan 21) – 37
- Named Pups (from 1 Jan 21) – 169

ORI advised that the issue of Pink Cards is the same nationally. Tasracing advised that under the new draft Local Rules the pink card will be cancelled if the greyhound is sold to someone who does not have a breeder's licence.

ORI undertook to prepare an information sheet on requirements for a breeding female for participants.

A copy of the Minutes of the Programming Sub Committee meeting held on 2 September 2021 were tabled and noted.

Tasracing advised that the Programming Sub-Committee will be meeting face to face in late February to work through Feature Race Programming for the 2022/23 season.

Tasracing advised that a meeting had been held with Latrobe residents to discuss the track development in Latrobe.

The Asset & Facilities update report was tabled.

Tasracing advised that the Safechase lure system for Launceston is scheduled to arrive in mid-December and there will be official trials held to test the lure system upon its implementation.

A discussion on the Safechase lure system being implemented at Hobart ensued. Tasracing undertook to provide a timeframe for the implementation of the Safechase lure for Hobart.

Tasracing provided an update on the upgrade to the participant facilities at the kennels in Hobart.

The Sales and Marketing update report was tabled.

Tasracing advised Marketing is currently running one page ads in Statewide newspapers focussing on the positives from the recent IER report.

A discussion ensued around greyhound media and the lack of positive publicity for greyhound racing, particularly on social media. GOTBAT stated that clubs have a budget provided to them by Tasracing to spend on marketing anyway they wish.

Tasracing advised that the last GA meeting was an annual general meeting and there is ongoing work on injuries, particularly bone fatigue with data expected to be available soon.

It was noted there are still issues around greyhound exports with current investigations ongoing around the illegal exportation out of Australasia.

GA are reviewing protocols and determining the communication they can provide on the fertility of stud dogs and their performance.

HGRC informed the group that GCA has launched a new media campaign on the facts around greyhound racing.

HGRC stated that there is still a number of participants who are not happy with the way they are treated by ORI administration staff. It was suggested that when these issues occur, participants should inform the Director and Integrity Manager immediately.

Tasracing advised the Local Rule review has almost been finalised and will be sent to clubs and GOTBAT for feedback. The new rule book will look totally different with the Local Rules being included in the same rulebook as the National Rules making it easier for participants to follow.

Tasracing to discuss with OTV's the pain relief provided for injured greyhounds on race night being aware that some medications can only be administered by a vet.

Tasracing advised that all feedback on the 5 year plan is being collated and put into a final draft that will be distributed when finalised.

GOTBAT stated the industry needed reminding that the cost of injuries covered by the injury rebate scheme can be paid directly by Tasracing. Tasracing to consider reminding participants of the scheme via notice in the formguide.

The meeting closed at 2:15pm.