GREYHOUND REFERENCE GROUP Meeting Summary Wednesday 6 December 2023

Tasracing confirmed the 1% additional code funding would be available again for 2023/2024.

LGRC queried greyhounds being able to race whilst being on the GAP waitlist. Tasracing replied that there is a 1st Jan 2024 start date planned.

LGRC raised concerns with the Statewide Form guide. Tasracing have investigated this previously and suggested that the clubs plan a meeting to discuss.

LGRC asked for an update on rule GAR 159 from last meeting. Tasracing said work had commenced reviewing the rule and have received advice it would be negligent to make any changes before the TRAB findings, if any. LGRC would like this raised again at the next meeting. ORI to consider an industry incident procedure notice.

Tasracing provided a summary of the Animal Welfare report which included a rundown of the new Greyhound Retirement Preparation Scheme, the new express entry policy that is being implemented at GAP and about grants for third party rehoming facilities.

Tasracing provided a summary on the unexpended funds recommendations tabled. HGRC are supportive of the recommendation and asked for an additional funding for the Maiden Thousand to be run in January. LGRC would like to present a paper with a proposal for the unexpended funds. Tasracing to facilitate a meeting to discuss the unexpended funds.

Greyhounds Australasia provided an update which included significant research into injuries and the termination of ear tattoos for greyhound identification.

Tasracing gave a summary of the Wagering Turnover provided in the tabled report.

ORI provided breeding statistics for the group and reminded everyone that these stats are available quarterly on the ORI website.

Tasracing provided some specifics on the major projects that were included in the tabled report including an update on the North West track project.

The group were provided with a GCA update including the planned strategy workshop to bring all parties together to formulate a plan as to who responds to any negative publicity.

Tasracing provided an update on workers compensation and there will be more information communicated as it becomes available.

HGRC asked if there was a Position Description for the ambulance driver on race nights and about on-track vet training. Tasracing will discuss the ambulance driver and are looking at options for on-track vet training.

NWGRC asked if Tasracing could review the possibility of pre-race trials for North West Participants in Hobart. Tasracing replied that it will be looked at again.

HGRC suggested that the rule in place for grading feature events needs reviewing by the PSC.