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Advisory Council welcomes fresh industry faces

The GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council (GIPAC) has welcomed three new members in 2023, adding to the group's immense knowledge and experience.

The Chief Commissioner for the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission, Alby Taylor, has welcomed the new members and highlighted the importance of the role of industry representatives.

"The GIPAC was created to enhance our engagement and collaboration within the greyhound racing industry at a regulatory level, and it's crucial we have a range of industry experts and participants who can be part of the early stages of developing policies and other projects," Commissioner Taylor said.

"We have participants from all areas of the industry who give up their time to support the consultation process and provide a voice to the priorities and concerns of fellow participants in their region."

"I'd like to officially welcome Ben Talbot, Glenn Midson and Bryan Young, who join Martin Hallinan, Gayle Masterson, Barry Ward, Amanda Ginn, Mark Bell and Tracey Hindmarsh."

The new members bring vast experience from different regions of the state, including:

- Ben Talbot, Riverina – Public Trainer;
- Glenn Midson, South Coast – Track Manager, Greyhound Health Assistant, Race Official and Owner Trainer; and
- Bryan Young, Hunter – Breeder and Public Trainer.

"Of course, this means we farewell Jennifer Barnett and Jason Lyne who have decided to take a step back this year, and Bruce Williams who finished up last year. Thank you for all your hard work and for volunteering your time to contribute to the industry," Commissioner Taylor said.

"There is much to discuss in relation to greyhound welfare and racing integrity over the coming months, and I look forward to hearing the advice and ideas the Council will bring from a grass-roots level."

The GIPAC was established by the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission in 2020 to allow industry participants to provide greater input into its work. The GIPAC's role is to:

- Provide advice to the Commission in relation to the likely impact on the greyhound industry of regulatory and operational policies it has under consideration;
- Provide advice to the Commission in relation to the likely impact of changes to rules, policies and programs under consideration and the effectiveness of its delivery of services to the industry; and
- Ensure the industry has early engagement in relation to policy and rule changes.

The GIPAC meets monthly with the minutes of their meetings published to the GWIC website. For more information visit www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/gipac.

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