

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

Date	Friday 28 February 2025
Time	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
Present:	GIPAC - Martin Hallinan, Bryan Young, Glenn Midson, Luke Brown GWIC – Kristy Harper (Chair), Matthew Tutt, Anya Whitelaw, Alex Grant, Richard Sollorz (item 10)
Apologies:	Tracy Hindmarsh, Barry Ward
Absent:	Amanda Ginn, Gayle Masterson
Secretariat:	Nina Beeston

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting on 22 November 2024 were formally adopted.

3. Outstanding action items

- Action Items held over till next meeting

4. GWIC Leadership changes

- Steve Griffin commences as GRNSW CEO next Monday 3 March 2025
- Matthew Tutt is Acting CEO. Recruitment to the CEO role will be deferred until after the Drake Inquiry report has been handed down.
- Wade Birch has resigned. His last day is Friday 7 March 2025. A member from the leadership team will step into the Chief Operating Officer role in an acting capacity pending recruitment to the role.
- The leadership team is strong. We are confident of our ability to maintain a good level of stability during this period of change.
- Our activities with GIPAC will continue and we look forward to your continuing support. The contact points, for any issues, are Matthew or Kristy. Racing matters may be directed to Dean Degan.

5. GIPAC Reconstitution

- There has been a delay in reconstituting GIPAC.
- Expressions of interest (EOI) were sought from existing members.
- Fifteen responses to a call for EOI for new members. Three new members are to be appointed.
- Commissioners will be considering recommendations next week. Appointments should be in place by the March meeting.
- We will be asking for completion of declaration of conflicts of interest forms soon.
- Will call for Chair nominations; will look at the Workplan and governance structure. Meeting attendance commitment can be discussed at the next meeting.

6. GWIC Communications update

- Alex Grant from the Communications Team was introduced
- Anya Whitelaw gave a presentation on changes to the website to enhance and improve engagement

7. Nose Print Recognition (NPR) Update

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- GWIC project team is working with IsciLabs (Korean company) on increasing accuracy of the verification process. NPR will be rolled out once we are 100% satisfied with its accuracy.

8. Veterinarian fees

- GIPAC members report concerns from Participants about the cost of vet services, such as caesarean, and the impact this may have on breeding. Are GWIC veterinarians able to provide these services?
- GWIC: It is not the role of Commission veterinarians to provide these services. As a regulator, we don't have the ability to influence fees charged by private veterinarians

9. Swabbing process

- GWIC explained how the new (paperless) swabbing process will operate
 - Trainers will be sent an electronic acknowledgment confirming sample has been sent for testing, and will be notified immediately of a negative result
 - Trials of the new process will be conducted over the next 4 weeks at Wentworth Park, Casino and Grafton. If results are positive, the new process will be broadened across the state.

10. Other

- GIPAC: issue of Rapid Gel rubbed on a greyhound; Participant was asked to wash it off and dog was allowed to race. Race Well lists this as 'prohibited substance'.

Action:

1. GWIC to look into this and respond to Bryan offline

- GIPAC: Participants report concerns about 'heavy sand' at Gosford

Action:

1. GWIC to look into this and respond to Marty offline

- Meeting schedule. It was agreed that the current schedule, meetings on the last Friday of each month, should continue

11. Next meeting: Friday 28 March 2025