

# GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



## Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Friday 27 June 2025
<b>Time</b>	10:00am -11:00am AEDT
<b>Present:</b>	GIPAC – Glenn Midson (Chair), Bryan Young, Luke Brown, Tayt Corless, Brian Barton, Maree Smith  GWIC – Matthew Tutt, Kristy Harper, Chris Psillis, Pan Van Gestel, Michael Cooper, Anya Whitelaw, Alex Grant, Miranda Gott
<b>Apologies:</b>	Martin Hallinan, Jordan Hughes
<b>Absent:</b>	Gayle Masterson
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Nina Beeston

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel was introduced to GIPAC members and welcomed to the meeting.

### 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on 9 May 2025 were formally adopted by the participants.

### 3. Outstanding action items

- Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – has been discussed with GRNSW. GWIC is looking at adding 'custodian' on eTrac – to indicate possession of an interstate greyhound, in circumstances where there has been no formal transfer. Work on this is in progress and updates will be provided.
- Issue of long nails – If the OTV assesses nails as overly long or dangerous, he/she will notify the Steward who will determine the greyhound's suitability for racing. The OTV will not trim the nails pre race, but would notify the trainer that the nails need to be trimmed. The greyhound will be scratched if the nails are assessed as dangerous. Item to be marked completed

Action:

1. GWIC Communications team will send a notice to Clubs regarding nail care.

### 4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Some feedback received about kennel bays and distractions caused to greyhounds by others walking to and from races. Shade cloth has been placed at some kennels to minimise distractions.
- Fostering – some 3<sup>rd</sup> party non participants are being told that fostering prior to committing to a rehomed greyhound is not possible.
  - GWIC: There is a process for this. The traceability team works with participants and we encourage familiarisation which helps ensure successful rehoming. We will circulate information on what participants need to do.
- If the microchip in an older retired greyhound has stopped working, can the time and cost of having a new chip inserted be avoided? Is a new chip necessary, as the greyhound can be identified by its ear brand?
  - GWIC: A waiver can be granted if a vet assesses insertion of a chip would not be in best interests of the greyhound
  - GIPAC: This would however incur a vet consult fee.

Action:

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1. The issue of replacing microchips in older greyhounds to be considered by GWIC ELT

## 5. Emerging industry issues

Nil

## 6. Update from GWIC

- Drake Inquiry – The Inquiry report is due to the Minister 31 July 2025. We will not be given advance notice of the Inquiry findings or recommendations, but anticipate there may be some change to our responsibilities.
- Project Team technologies –
  - E-swabbing module, which will digitise swabbing processes, is at testing stage
  - External Vet Portal - is now available to vets participating in the industry. If your vet is not aware of the portal, please invite them to contact Richard Sollorz for information
  - Nose Print Recognition – is still in testing phase. Roll out has been delayed to ensure it is fit for purpose.
- We are consulting on Greyhound Australasia proposed new Rules. GIPAC's feedback is invited.
- Preferred Box Draw - assessment will be deferred until after the Drake Inquiry findings have been handed down.
- Going Stick pilot at Wentworth Park. We are working closely with GBOTA on this new track rating system and will do a presentation at a future meeting.
- Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) has been newly reconstituted and met recently. Bryan Young has joined AWC as the newly appointed industry representative. Congratulations Bryan.

## 7. Breeder-Whelping premises

GWIC: We have updated our processes to clarify that breeder whelpers may only whelp at their own premises or the premises of another breeder whelper.

## 8. Standards for injury reporting

GWIC: We are revising the Standards to include an explanation of the criteria used in respect of Table 2 reporting of off track mortalities arising from on track injuries. The change will be reflected in the April – June 2025 Quarterly Injury Report.

## 9. Fit and Proper Person Framework

GWIC: The Fit and Proper Person Framework has been amended to align with spent convictions legislation, and allows for registration refusal if a former participant is not able to properly account for greyhounds held in their care when they were last registered. We encourage people to undertake self assessment with the checklist when considering registration.

## 10. Other business

- Transition from SAI to TCI
  - GA established a working group on the change which is to be implemented on 1 January 2026
  - Dr Tony Kuipers will attend the next GIPAC meeting to address this issue.
  - GA is planning a forum for stud masters/breeders. We will circulate more information as it is provided to us.
- GIPAC members
  - Kristy will circulate the members' contact list
  - Creation of a platform for informal discussion - the Communications Team will consider options.
- Inspection Protocols – where are these up to?

Action:

1. Chris Psillis to look into and provide an update

## 11. Next meeting: Friday 25 July 2024

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## 12. Record of action items

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
	25/1/2024	Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency. M Tutt to discuss with GRNSW offline	GWIC		In progress. GWIC is looking at adding 'custodian' on eTrac – to indicate possession of an interstate greyhound, in circumstances where there has been no formal transfer
	27/6/2025	Send a notice to Clubs regarding nail care.	GWIC Communications Team		
	27/6/2025	The issue of replacing microchips in older greyhounds to be considered by GWIC ELT	GWIC		
	27/6/2025	Look into where Inspection Protocols are up to and provide an update	Chris Psillis	27/7/2025	