

GWIC Industry Participant Advisory Council



Minutes - GIPAC Monthly Meeting

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| Date | Friday 9 May 2025 |
| Time | 10:00am -11:00am AEDT |
| Present: | GIPAC – Glenn Midson (Chair), Bryan Young, Luke Brown, Martin Hallinan, Tayt Corless, Maree Smith GWIC – Matt Tutt, Michael Cooper, Craig Townsend, Alex Grant, Richard Sollorz (Item 8) |
| Apologies: | Kristy Harper |
| Absent: | Gayle Masterson, Brian Barton |
| Secretariat: | Nina Beeston |

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 28 March 2024 were formally adopted by the participants.

3. Outstanding action items

The following have been completed and to be marked closed:

- Issue of Rapid Gel rubbed on a greyhound.
- Concerns about 'heavy sand' at Gosford.
- Terms of Reference – feedback from GIPAC

4. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- GIPAC: Some feedback from Participants that GWIC Inspectors have been disrespectful; that inspections are more punitive than educational
- GWIC: Participants may be affronted by unannounced inspections, which are necessarily unannounced for operational reasons. The Inspector will contact a Participant and invite them to attend if they are absent from the property. Body worn cameras serve two purposes; to collect evidence and to protect both Participants and Inspectors. In the event of a complaint against an inspector, the footage can be reviewed.
- GWIC: Most inspections result from an issue detected by OTV when greyhound is presented to race, for eg flea infestation. If a Participant is compliant with the Rules and Code of Practice, it is very unlikely they will be subject to a routine inspection.
- GWIC: Many Participants have been in the industry for a long time but still have compliance issues. If there is any education you think we could provide the industry, please let us know.

5. Emerging industry issues

- GIPAC: Preferred Box Draws (PBD) – not happening at all tracks
- GWIC: PBD will continue as a pilot until a decision is made following handing down of the report from the Drake Inquiry.
- GIPAC: Greyhounds veer in and out on a straight track so PBD may have more merit on straight tracks than on circle tracks.

6. Draft GIPAC Charter

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- The CIPAC Charter was adopted by members.

7. Kennel Inspection Protocol

- Members noted the Protocol

8. Digital ID card

- Members indicated support for the Digital ID card proposal
- Members also indicated in principle support for future digitisation of greyhound health books

9. Matters Presented to GWIC from External Organisations

GWIC: There have been some uninformed comments from those opposed to the industry in response to televised footage of Participant's handling of an excitable greyhound. Participants need to be aware they are televised when handling their greyhounds at race meetings.

GIPAC: Greyhounds known to be hard to box will be boxed before others. Possibly consider using a harness rather than collar, however this may be difficult to unclip. May still need to hold a dog that is excited, keen to race and jumping.

10. Other business

- Nail care
 - GIPAC: Greyhounds with long nails can cause spike wounds in other greyhounds. Should nails be clipped by OTVs/greyhounds with long nails scratched, or a fine imposed?

Action:

1. GWIC to discuss the issue of long nails causing spike wounds with the Chief Vet at the next executive leadership team meeting

- Rehoming
 - GIPAC: How to manage issue of rehomed greyhounds not being adequately cared for
 - GWIC: We encourage a process of familiarisation (try before you buy) to ensure a particular dog is the 'right fit' for a prospective new owner. As part of the transferal of ownership process we also contact the new owner. We also flag known dog hoarders.
- E-swabbing notifications
 - Process is now operational

11. Next meeting

The meeting scheduled for 23 May is to be cancelled. The next meeting will be 27 June 2025

12. Record of action items

| Action Ref | Meeting date | Action | Person responsible | Due date | Comments |
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| 1 | 25/1/2024 | Tracking of interstate greyhounds racing in NSW – increased transparency. M Tutt to discuss with GRNSW offline | GWIC | | In progress. GWIC Policy Team to develop a paper. To be raised at the next GWIC/GRNSW meeting |
| 2 | 9/5/2025 | Discuss the issue of long nails causing spike wounds with the Chief Vet at the next executive leadership team meeting | GWIC | | Will be raised at ELT meeting 12 May |