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Chief Executive & Chairman Review



Sean Hannan – Chairman | Glenda Hughes – Chief Executive

The 2020/2021 season has continued to raise challenges for all racing codes. Thanks to the ongoing work within Racing New Zealand which is Chaired by GRNZ Chair Sean Hannan, the codes have been able to work together and support each other during this time of major change within the TAB.

The clear focus on the common good referred to in last year's annual report continues with the three racing codes working together in a pragmatic and constructive way.

Also like other small to medium size businesses throughout New Zealand we recognise, due to the impact of Covid-19 and the lockdowns, the many difficulties faced and the changes that have had to be made by our communities to overcome the many challenges placed in their way.

It was inevitable that following the change of Government GRNZ was again going to come under close scrutiny and following the Robertson Review this scrutiny still remains.

Sir Bruce Robertson's report notes that "an unrelenting focus on data recording, transparency of all activities and animal welfare generally could see this industry continue despite the vocal pressure". We have included in this report details of all the current data recorded and would like to thank those of you who have assiduously kept your records and kept us informed of the changes in relation to the lives of your greyhounds. This has enabled us to get an even clearer picture of the progress made since the Hansen Review.

Over the past two years with your help we have targeted a reduction in the euthanasia of our dogs. The actions taken by all including the focus on the socialisation of your dogs has led to a substantial improvement in these numbers both on and off the track. It is great to see so many of our retired racers enjoying life on the couch, playing in the parks, walking around the waterfronts and even sitting under the tables at restaurants.

Public support and confidence in our operations will always be of major importance to ensure that our sport continues. We know you all share the government's determination to ensure care of our animals is a priority and continue to focus on the well being of our dogs.

The care that our licensed persons have for their dogs and the lengths they go to ensure they have a good and happy life is impressive and you continue to keep up the good work. We are the most regulated animal activity in New Zealand with the publication of a comprehensive activity report after every race meeting. We continually raise our frustration with the lack of publication of any data in relation to the activity of other animal focussed organisations. With no benchmarks set in relation to these other organisations it makes it very hard to measure our performance in relation to the wider dog population.

There are no published statistics for other dog breeds in New Zealand, however research suggests that for dogs worldwide, neonatal mortality (within the first three weeks after birth among live-born puppies) ranges from 11 to 13% (Gill, 2001; Nielen et al., 1998; Potkay and Bacher, 1977).

If these worldwide percentages applied to the NZ Greyhound population, in an average year, around 100 greyhound pups would not survive to three weeks of age. Clearly the NZ greyhound population is faring far better than other dogs in this respect, and with greyhounds not being among the

thousands of dogs euthanised each year by council pounds and the SPCA, it is easy to argue that NZ greyhounds may have the lowest mortality rate among NZ dog breeds.

The care and love administered by our owners, trainers and rehomers has never been properly recognised and we continue to be challenged by both historical and misinformed commentary. It is time to close the perception to reality gap which currently exists so we can reach the minds of everyday New Zealanders willing to change their perception of the industry and support its ongoing positive change and right to operate.

We are all in a position to do this and successfully doing this will encourage New Zealanders to advocate for the Greyhound Industry and create a new positive reality that is different from the past.

Thank you to all participants, fellow directors, GRNZ staff, kennel staff, club staff, vets, volunteers and supporters for your contribution, co-operation and advice during these difficult times.

We wish you every success for the season ahead.

Sean Hannan
Chairman

Glenda Hughes
Chief Executive

Our Board



David Emerson - Director | **Fred Guillemont** - Director | **Jean Fahey** - Deputy Chair

Sean Hannan - Chairman | **Kevin Brady** - Director | **Trevor Taylor** - Director | **Wayne Steele** - Director

Our purpose, vision, mission and values are the cornerstones of GRNZ



OUR PURPOSE

We love our sport. We love our dogs. They love to race.

We celebrate and respect our greyhounds, their deep heritage and wonderful personalities. We care about them. Greyhounds are born to run and they love to compete. Our sport allows them to express themselves in their purest and fullest form. We love our sport, the camaraderie, the thrill of competition, the passion. This is our sport and we're proud of it.

OUR VISION

Greyhound racing is a trusted, respected and vibrant entertainment sport in New Zealand.

We are an exciting and enduring sport, full of passionate people, with an international audience and athletic greyhounds, who love to race. We will be a recognised leader in animal husbandry and welfare, known as a sport with integrity, that is supported and valued in the community.

OUR MISSION

To lead and grow the sport of greyhound racing.

Everything we do is about improving and protecting the racing experience and the welfare of our greyhounds. This is our duty of care as guardians of the sport.

OUR VALUES

Care.

We will act with integrity and set the standard for a life worth living.

Trust.

We will be open, honest, respectful and do what we say we will.

Courage.

We will take ownership, be accountable, abide by the rules and code of conduct, and challenge the status quo.

Great Mates Rehoming Programme



August 2021 marked the end of the second year of GRNZ's Great Mates Rehoming Programme being operative and it remains a top priority. We have continued to supplement the programme with more resources to ensure each of our retired greyhounds is successfully adopted. Improvements implemented have resulted in a crucial increase in the number of greyhounds rehomed and the elimination of unjustified euthanasia from our programme.



This year the rehoming capabilities of the programme were enhanced with the addition of a 4th Great Mates Rehoming kennel located in Christchurch and managed by Kerry Hurst, a qualified behaviourist. Kerry also provides Great Mates with their South Island Red Dog training facility for those greyhounds needing qualified behaviour training. Both the North and South Islands each now have two rehoming kennel bases and a training facility available. These supplementary resources have given GRNZ the ability to accommodate all greyhounds expected to retire from the industry each year as well as provide tailored resources for those with special needs.

The addition of the new rehabilitation scheme is one of the largest and most significant investments in enhancing the overall welfare of our greyhounds and all other participants in our industry. The welfare of our greyhounds is paramount and so GRNZ has committed to ensuring that both economic and resource factors are eliminated as reasons for euthanasia. The new rehabilitation scheme provides all our greyhounds and their trainers with the insurance cover to meet all veterinary and rehabilitative care needs should an injury occur during their involvement in our sport. The scheme funds immediate veterinary care on track, as well as highly qualified surgeons to complete diagnostics and any subsequent treatment needed, plus dedicated teams in locations across the country to provide them with full rehabilitation care until fully recovered and in a pet home. This scheme has eliminated unnecessary euthanasia and ensured all racing greyhounds now enjoy a full life in retirement.

The Great Mates Prison Programme was temporarily suspended during the year due to the Covid restrictions, but two beneficial intakes were completed before lockdown was imposed. GRNZ plans to commence the next intake as soon as Corrections can accommodate it. Andrew, the Mental Health Therapy dog, continues to be sponsored by GRNZ as a permanent foster at the Whanganui Mental Health Hospital.

The launch of new rehoming and tracking software in 2020 has facilitated accurate reporting and management of the greyhound population and ensured GRNZ is fully accountable for every greyhound within our care. Data collected also provides GRNZ with information to continually improve our processes. The following reports detail adoptions and assessments in the Great Mates Rehoming Programme for the 2021 season:

765 greyhounds were deregistered as pets during the 2021 season, including: Great Mates Rehoming Programme, Privately Rehomed, and Owner/Trainer Keeps as Pet. (Note: additional 86 retired for breeding).



638 greyhounds were deregistered to enter the Great Mates Rehoming Programme during the 2021 season.



607 greyhounds were adopted through the programme (difference being the greyhounds currently in the programme).



Rehoming Kennel	Rehomed
GreatMates Cambridge	187
GreatMates Christchurch	6
GreatMates Levin	173
GreatMates Rangiora	241
Total Rehomed through Great Mates	607

An additional **32** were kept by owner as a pet, **38** kept by trainer as a pet and **57** privately rehomed = **Total 127**

Total number of greyhounds adopted as pets in the 2021 season = 734

Note: Due to the live nature of our tracking system, adoptions and movements can be amended when appropriate meaning numbers are dynamically updated.

The socialisation of our greyhounds throughout their racing career has greatly improved with only 17 of 774 dogs assessed as red/in need of extensive training during the 2021 season.

Assessment Status	Count	%
Green	589	76.1%
Amber	168	21.7%
Red	17	2.2%

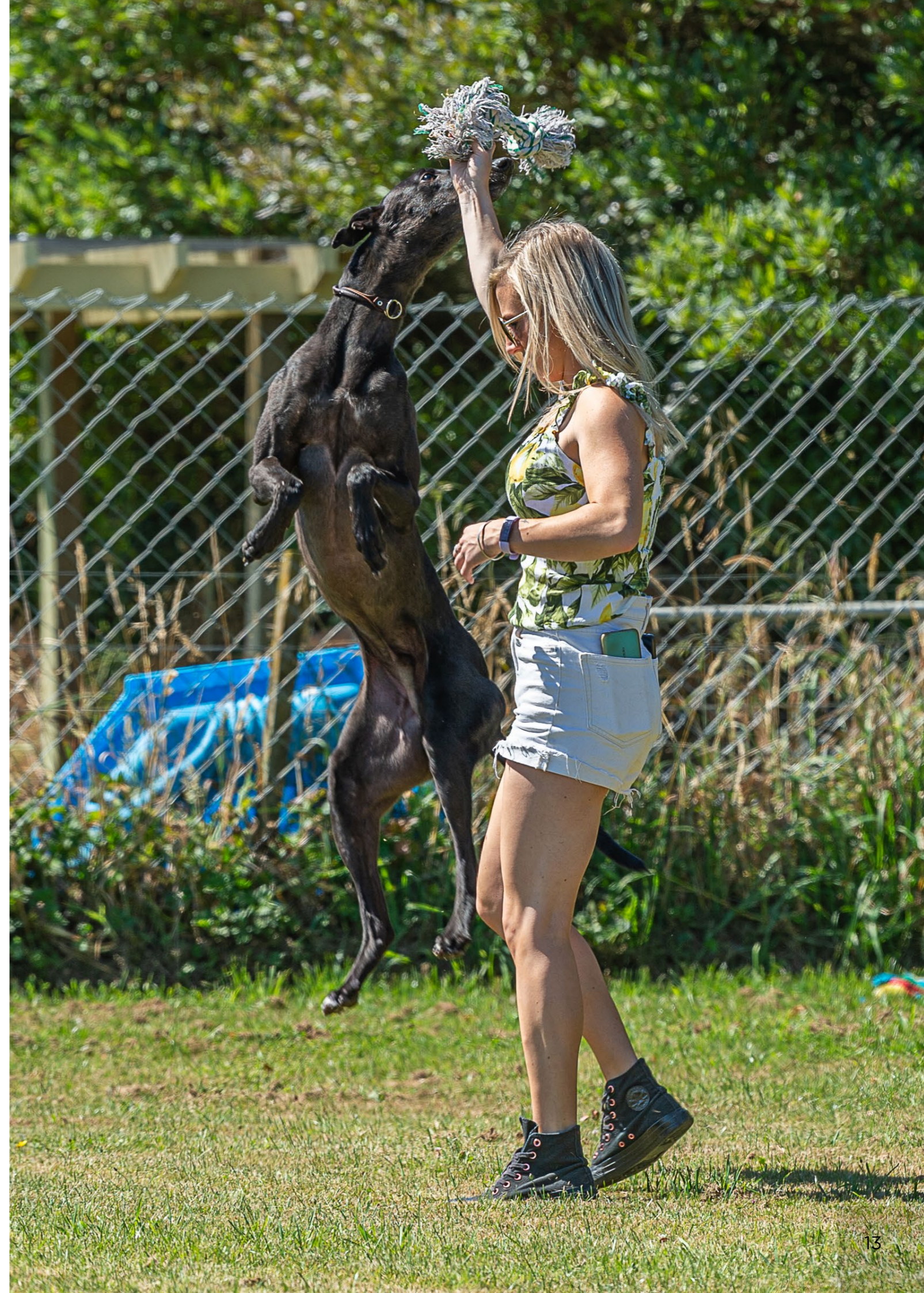
Between the Great Mates Rehoming Teams, the Nightrave Red Dog training facility, and the Qualified Behaviourist Kerry Hurst, the Great Mates programme is adequately equipped to give those greyhounds in need of some additional training

that they need to be rehomed successfully. The following report shows the graduation to green (ready for adoption status) and the average time needed to do so.

From Initial Assessment	To	Count	%	Average Days Between Status
Red	Green	12	1.9%	120
Amber	Green	71	11.0%	42
Pending Assessment	Green	560	87.1%	2

The focus for the 2022 season will be to increase capabilities in both our rehabilitation and rehoming programmes to continue to allow capacity for every greyhound in our industry that will come through our programmes. We anticipate this to be achieved by introducing additional Rehabilitation

to Rehome teams across the country, extending our marketing reach to build public interest in adopting a greyhound as a pet, and increasing staff and License Person education on greyhound behaviour, training and care to ensure all greyhounds adoptions are successful.



A Greyhound's journey through rehoming

A large % of greyhounds who get rehomed are retired racers and a small % have never raced.



Rehoming waiting list

Greyhounds are put onto the rehoming waitlist until a spot opens up at one of our three Great Mates kennels.

Prison Programme
Some amber greyhounds are chosen to be part of the prison programme and receive additional training.



Greyhound is accepted into the Great Mates Rehoming Programme

After a spot opens up, greyhounds are transferred to one of our three Great Mates kennels and get settled in.



Initial Assessment

Greyhounds are assessed using traffic light system. If green, they are ready for pet life. If amber they need a bit of training and if red they need a full behaviour modification plan.



Final Assessment

Greyhounds have their final assessment and, if green, they are ready for their life as a pet.



Foster Homes

A profile is written up on each greyhound and given to the adoption agencies. While they wait for their forever home, they go into a foster home.

Specialist training by Nightrave Greyhounds

by Nightrave Greyhounds

If greyhounds are reassessed and still red, they are sent to Nightrave for specialist training.



Wellbeing Package

All greyhounds receive grooming, de-sexing, an overall health check, vaccinations, teeth scaling, polishing and dental work if needed.



Adoption Agencies



Adoptions

Adoption agencies match greyhounds with their perfect family for their personality and lifestyle needs.

Private Rehoming

Some greyhounds get privately rehomed through their trainers or owners.



Forever home

Success! Greyhounds get adopted into their forever home and the adoption agencies are there for any support the family or individual may need.



Forever home



Racing Highlights

Recognised Race Winners



GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR

Federal Morgan

WINS **14** | RACES **19** | 2 2nd placings
0 3rd placings

TOTAL STAKES: \$114,270

SPRINT GREYHOUND & NZ BRED GREYHOUND

Trojan Hoarse

WINS **24** | RACES **47** | 9 2nd placings
5 3rd placings

TOTAL STAKES: \$90,495

MIDDLE DISTANCE GREYHOUND

Leonard Bale

WINS **13** | RACES **31** | 8 2nd placings
4 3rd placings

TOTAL STAKES: \$100,445

DISTANCE GREYHOUND

Shaynee

WINS **13** | RACES **22** | 2 2nd placings
4 3rd placings

TOTAL STAKES: \$71,172

2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Steiny Blue (Thomas Earl x Handola)

WINS **37** | RACES **93** | Owner: Thayne Green
Trainer: Thayne Green

TOTAL STAKES: \$33,000

Swift Fantasy (Premier Fantasy x Swift Flyer)

WINS **14** | RACES **36** | Owner: Fenemor, Herbert & Walker
Synd, Clark Family
Trainer: Steve Clark

TOTAL STAKES: \$152,000

Ring the Bell (Kinlock Brae x Absolute Stunna)

WINS **38** | RACES **98** | Owner: Frothys Syndicate
Trainers: Gerald O'Keefe & Ray Adcock

TOTAL STAKES: \$450,000

Peter Earley "The Voice of the North"

Radio Host, TV Presenter and Race Caller
Called the 50th Silver Collar in 2021

Magic Command (Clubs Colours - Tredeka Lass)

WINS **50** | RACES **73** | Owner: R D & R J Blackburn
Trainer: Rosemary Blackburn

TOTAL STAKES: \$43,500

Group 1

WANGANUI CUP Wanganui GRC

WINNER
Big Time Lantao

STAKE \$30,000

WATERLOO CUP Auckland GRC

WINNER
Leonard Bale

STAKE \$30,000

NZ CUP FINAL Christchurch GRC

WINNER
Rock on John

STAKE \$100,000

STAYERS CUP FINAL Christchurch GRC

WINNER
Student Loan

STAKE \$30,000

GALAXY FINAL Christchurch GRC

WINNER
Trojan Hoarse

STAKE \$30,000

SPION ROSE FINAL Wanganui GRC

WINNER
Jilliby Litsa

STAKE \$45,000

NZ BREEDERS STAKES Christchurch GRC

WINNER
Big Time Kaylee

STAKE \$30,000

HATRICK CLASSIC Wanganui GRC

WINNER
Federal Morgan

STAKE \$30,000

WANGANUI DISTANCE Wanganui GRC

WINNER
Shaynee

STAKE \$30,000

AUCKLAND CUP FINAL Auckland GRC

WINNER
Federal Morgan

STAKE \$80,000

RAILWAY FINAL Auckland GRC

WINNER
Trojan Hoarse

STAKE \$30,000

NZ DERBY FINAL Waikato GRC

WINNER
Pedro Lee

STAKE \$45,000

NZ OAKS FINAL Christchurch GRC

WINNER
Jelly Fish

STAKE \$45,000

NZ ST LEGER Christchurch GRC

WINNER
Know Keeper

STAKE \$30,000

SILVER COLLAR Auckland GRC

WINNER
Thrilling Amelia

STAKE \$100,000

NZ FUTURITY Wanganui GRC

WINNER
Federal Ranger

STAKE \$30,000

Group 2

RACE	WINNER
Wanganui Stayers Final	Shaynee
Dash for Cash Final	Big Time Fairy
Far South Challenge	Pepper Chimes
Southern Oreti Stretch	Gem
Waikato Classic	Thrilling Izzy
Colin Keen Memorial	Pearls Are Us
Nancy Cobain Final	Thrilling Nina
Lois Henley	Big Time Lantao
Teressa McDonald	Shaynee
Angus Wright	Big Time Fairy
North Island Chall. Stakes	Federal Morgan
Kingston Cup	Shaynee
Canterbury Futurity	La Rochelle
South Island Champs	Quincy Bale

Special

RACE	WINNER
NZ Nationals 500 Final	Leonard Bale
NZ Nationals Distance Final	Emgrand Rose
Golden Chase Final	Federal Morgan
Amazing Chase	It's A Blaze

Provincial Cups

RACE	WINNER
Waikato Cup	Drink Shoey's
Invercargill Cup	Zipping Sheldon
South Waikato Cup	Federal Morgan
Dunedin Cup	Ozzie
Taranaki Cup	Bigtime Cooper
Ashburton Cup	Leonard Bale

Racing Operations



A year of Opportunity with the Odd Roadblock

The passing of the Racing Industry Act gave the NZ Racing Industry access to a new funding stream in the form of "Racefields" fees from overseas corporate bookmakers.

Whilst Australian TAB's had paid "Overseas Racing Rights" fees for over twenty years the corporates had not and the new Act now brought them to the table. This new income stream, combined with the repeal of gaming duty, post-Covid cost management by RITA (TAB) followed by the post-Covid betting boom created a very optimistic mood for the start of the 20/21 season.

However the optimism was punctuated by Covid lockdowns for Auckland in August and February and outbreaks of kennel cough and canine coronavirus in December and July respectively.

The Auckland Covid lockdowns were different to the March 2020 outbreak. For the first time part of the country was at a more restrictive lockdown than

the rest with a roadblock in between. These were particularly frustrating for the group of greyhound trainers stuck well away from 'locations of interest' but unfortunately North of the roadblock, which meant that they were unable to race.

Premier Calendar

The most significant change to the season's racing calendar was the launch of monthly Premier meetings which carried enhanced prizemoney to the support races running alongside the Group and Feature events.

Modelled on the successful trial run at the 2019 Spion Rose night, Premier meetings were designed to be New Zealand meetings, bringing together the country's best dogs right across the card.

The first Premier was NZ Nationals night in August, with the Nationals themselves being switched to Invitation status so that visitors did not have to travel twice for heats prior to a final. August also hosted the special running of the NZ Derby, NZ Oaks and Canterbury Futurity for 2020 as Covid had forced them off their traditional timeslot.

The special NZ Oaks is worthy of particular mention as Lisa Cole managed to qualify the entire field for the \$45,000 Final, a feat thought to be impossible for a visiting trainer at Addington.

Craig Robert's Leonard Bale was the individual star of the early Premiers. He followed up wins in the Nationals 500 Final and 2020 NZ Derby with a second in the Wanganui Cup before winning the Waterloo Cup Final at Manukau.

Although only October, Leonard looked to have established an unassailable lead in the Middle Distance Greyhound of the Year category, but remarkably he would surrender this lead but then take it back by winning the Ashburton Cup in the final week of the season.

NZ Cup night in November was boosted by the addition of the Group 1 NZ Stayers Cup, ex July, appropriately making it the only meeting to host a Group 1 race for Distance, Middle Distance and Sprint journeys.

The Galaxy Final was won by incumbent Sprinter of the Year, Trojan Hoarse who also ran down arch-rival Buddy Boom late to take the Railway Final in March. Thus the veteran matched Buddy's Group 1 Sprint double from the season before and helped him to a clear-cut second sprinting title.

The NZ Breeders Stakes was moved to Addington in January in order to address the imbalance of Group 1 races between the North and South Islands.

Federal Morgan was the dominant force through the Summer and Autumn taking the Hatrick Classic, Auckland Cup, Golden Chase, North Island Challenge Stakes and Waikato Cup as well as lowering superstar Little Mother's 457m track record around Palmerston North.

Matching Morgan's feat of winning a first Group 1 on Hatrick Classic night was staying star Shaynee who was too strong for her opposition in the night's Wanganui Distance Final. Shaynee had won the Group 2 Wanganui Stayers in September and went on to add the Teressa McDonald Memorial and Kingston Cup, also at Group 2, to cement Stayer of the Year.

The running of the 2021 NZ Oaks and St Leger Finals on the same night in May created an historic feature for greyhound purists the week prior. With both classics attracting four 520m heats, two heats for the 732m Kingston Cup and two grade races over 520m - for the first time this century New Zealand had a greyhound meeting with no race less than 500m.

The 2021 Amazing Chase won by It's A Blaze at Manukau exposed two key operational issues with the running of the special event. The manual closing of nominations and the inclusion of a Withdrawal Time that was dated after the qualifying period will need to be addressed prior to future runnings.

Stakes Increases

In addition to the increase brought by the Premier meetings, stake increases were also enacted on February 1 and July 1. February saw the payment for fifth and sixth place increase from \$20 to \$50 as well as a \$1,000 increase to the first placed stake for all middle distance maiden races.

This latter increase was to provide an incentive to breeders following the removal of a similar bonus-payment pre Covid. Breeding numbers fell around 15% during the first Covid season and were down a further 10% by the end of November 2020. The goal of the maiden increase was to have the number of pups born grow back above 800, which was easily achieved by season's end.

July brought a more substantial increase with the minimum winning stake being raised to \$1,000. Effectively this meant a 20% increase to total stakes.

Participants were further assisted with the launch of the injury scheme pilot in January. The paying for treatment of serious raceday injuries was taken over by GRNZ and this was quickly widened to include trials.

Track Improvements

The most ambitious task undertaken through the season was the sand replacement project at Addington. GRNZ and the Christchurch GRC committee met with a sand consultant who was able to qualify the physical characteristics of the sand used at Ascot Park, Invercargill, and all present were unanimous that the change should happen.

Fifty truck and trailer loads of sand were stockpiled at Addington Raceway prior to the greyhound track being closed, stripped, resealed and resanded. Perfect weather in April saw the project wrapped up within three weeks.

By season's end the performance of the new surface was very encouraging as borne out by these injury statistics on the following page.

Addington Injuries per 1,000 starts – Old/New Track

Stand Down	1-10 days	11-21 days	22-42 days	43-90 days	Euth/Died	Total
OLD TRACK	3.0	6.0	5.2	1.2	0.5	15.9
NEW TRACK	3.1	3.8	3.8	1.1	0.2	12.1
CHANGE	3.7%	-36.2%	-26.0%	-8.6%	-54.3%	-23.7%

New track groomers were deployed to Palmerston North, Wanganui and Addington, and two new starting boxes installed at Wanganui.

Forbury Park

For a brief period after the 2020 Covid lockdown, no Harness licences were issued to race at Forbury Park. A number were eventually issued after negotiations but conditional on there being a review of racetracks in Otago and Southland.

As a result of this review the process to deem Forbury Park a surplus venue was initiated and

Otago GRC was informed that the venue would not be available for racing after July 31 2021.

This leaves just two greyhound venues in the South Island, an issue that will need to be addressed in the new season.

RIB Drug Testing of Greyhounds

Season	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Total Starters	46,353	40,419	41,743
Total Tests	3,715	3,160	3,983
Positives	8	-	5

With less than 2000 individual greyhounds actually racing last season, the number of tests taken was more than double this number of greyhounds.

Following the previous season's clean sheet, there were five positives in the season under review. One was for caffeine, one for diclofenac (voltaren), one for ketoprofen and two for methamphetamine.

With our zero tolerance, the risks of environmental contamination that trainers now face was highlighted by Justice Gendall in his summation of the second methamphetamine case:

"The issue of penalty or sanction in any case involving strict liability can be vexed. Where, as here, there is no deliberate wrongdoing on the part of a Respondent, he or she may argue that any disqualification is unwarranted. But the purpose

of a sanction in such a case, is not so much as to punish, but to provide a deterrence to others participating in the Code so that they must be vigilant and take every precaution necessary to ensure that their greyhound does not ingest a prohibited substance before being presented to race."

Wastewater screening attests to the proliferation of drugs in New Zealand society meaning that Greyhound trainers must work overtime to avoid contamination.

As greyhounds are the only dogs subject to routine testing, it creates a strong sense of concern for what harm such drugs may be having on other dogs whose owners do not have the same sense of vigilance. Animal lovers will see it as a blessing that the 2020 cannabis referendum was a failure.

Greyhound Audit

After preparing last years Annual Report it became evident that after an initial greyhound census by the RIU, no regular audit of the status of all greyhounds was in place. A report was designed to facilitate the Audit process which came on stream in late February.

This report provides a chronological listing of all greyhounds by birth date, with a number of parameters for each, the most pertinent being the current status of each greyhound, be it; Preparing for Racing, Racing, Retired for Breeding, Retired as Pet, Exported, Died or Euthanised.

Immediately it became obvious where audits were required; greyhounds over three years old with a status of Preparing to Race and greyhounds listed as Racing who had not raced for six months or more. The connections of these dogs were sent an audit request and the dogs updated appropriately, thus creating an accurate picture of the NZ Greyhound Population:

This population picture formed part of GRNZ's submission to the Government Review. The Reviewer sought further information in regard to unraced greyhounds so we are presenting the greyhound population in two parts, firstly a listing of all greyhounds who have had at least one race by July 31 2021:

Greyhound Population to have Raced

Birth Season	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
NZ born	546	655	557	149	0
AUS import	138	118	84	3	0
Total	684	773	641	152	0

Current Status

Birth Season	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Racing	124	439	555	151	0
Retired for Breeding	38	13	3	0	0
Retired as Pet	367	202	47	1	0
Exported	5	3	2	0	0
Died	9	18	10	0	0
Euthanised	141	98	24	0	0
Total	684	773	641	152	0

NOTE: This is an Audit Statement that reports on greyhounds against their Birth Season, so if a 3 year old dog was imported on January 1 2021 it would be accounted for in the 2017/18 season list.

Secondly, a breakdown of those greyhounds who as at July 31 2021 had never started in a race:

Unraced Greyhound Population

Birth Season	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
NZ born	199	188	254	563	887
AUS import	9	10	20	12	0
Unraced	208	198	274	575	887

Current Status

Birth Season	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Preparing to Race	0	3	108	500	861
Retired for Breeding	1	1	0	0	0
Retired as Pet	92	89	75	33	8
Exported	1	3	3	0	0
Died	46	50	39	27	15
Euthanised	68	52	49	15	3
Total	208	198	274	575	887

Greyhounds must be at least 16 months old before they are permitted to race, so obviously those pups that do not make it through their first days or succumb to an illness as young dogs, all form part of this unraced category and are shown here as either died or euthanised.

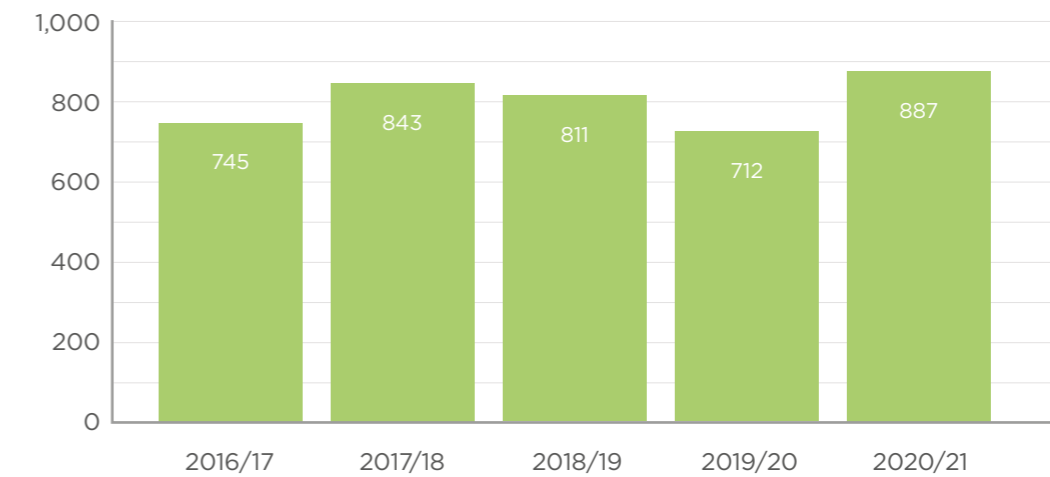


2020/21 Season Statistics

Breeding

Following the shortfall during the 2019/20 (Covid) season, breeding numbers have bounced back, particularly during the second half of the season which took the five year average to just under 800 pups per year.

Greyhound Pups Born in NZ by Year



Race Injuries and Euthanasia

When requested by the stewards, greyhounds are examined by a vet post-race in order to determine if they have an injury. For the minor injuries there is often no physical signal of their presence, the examination is carried out in order to prevent something minor possibly leading to something more serious.

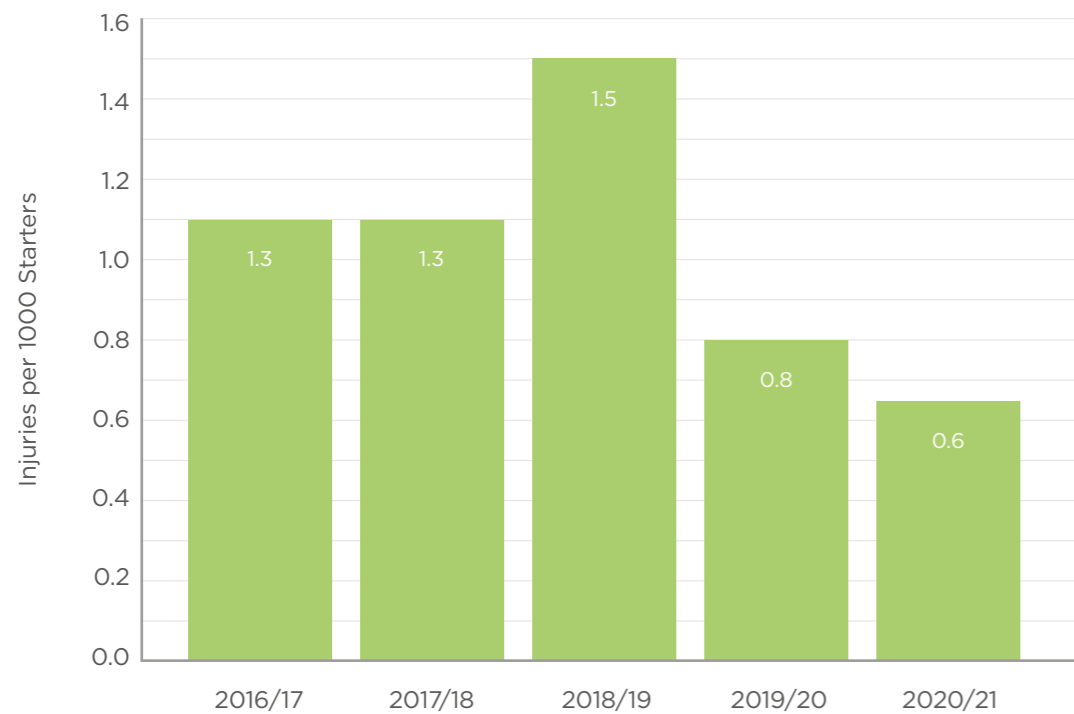
Injury Category & Stand Down Period in 2020/21 from 41,743 starts		Injuries per 1000 starts	Cumulative Proportion
Count			
27	Euthanised by vet on track or sudden death	0.6	3.0%
53	Major II more than 42 days	1.3	8.9%
207	Major I 22-42 days	5.0	31.9%
265	Medium 11-21 days	6.3	61.3%
348	Minor 1-10 days	8.3	100.0%
900	Total Veterinary Exams detecting Injury	21.6	

In order to provide a benchmark for comparison, here are the figures for the NSW greyhound industry as published by GWIC, the NSW government's regulatory body.

NSW from 78,946 starts (GWIC 2019/20 Annual Report)		Injuries per 1000 starts	Cumulative Proportion
Count			
52	Euthanised by vet on track or sudden death	0.7	2.1%
146	Major II more than 42 days	1.8	8.1%
329	Major I 22-42 days	4.2	21.5%
744	Medium 11-21 days	9.4	51.9%
1,176	Minor 1-10 days	14.9	100.0%
2,447	Total Veterinary Exams detecting Injury	31.0	

The introduction of the injury scheme during the second half of the season brought about a significant reduction in the number of greyhounds euthanised on raceday. This will be borne out in a stronger fashion in next season's report as it takes effect for the full year.

Annual Rate of Race Injuries Resulting in Euthanasia



Greyhound Mortality Not Involving a Race

Away from the racetrack Euthanasia rates also continue to fall, particularly for those in the category of Owner/Trainer Choice. The ten such cases reported here all occurred in the first half of the season so there were none in the second half. Having achieved zero for over six months GRNZ are determined for it to remain at that level.

2020/21 Season Mortality Data		
Count	%	Mortality Type & Cause
Euthanasia		
18	14.2%	Medical Euthanasia-Aggression
45	35.4%	Medical Euthanasia-Illness
54	42.5%	Medical Euthanasia-Accident/Injury
10	7.9%	Non-Medical (Owner/Trainer Choice)
127	100.0%	Total
Death		
6	10.0%	Accident / Injury
54	90.0%	Illness, Age or Natural Causes
60	100.0%	Total

And again here is the equivalent data from the latest GWIC Annual Report, to allow for a comparison in terms of the ratios of Illness to Injury and of Death to Euthanasia.

GWIC 2019/20 Season Mortality Data		
Count	%	Mortality Type & Cause
Euthanasia		
59	12.6%	Medical Euthanasia-Aggression
188	40.2%	Medical Euthanasia-Illness
192	41.0%	Medical Euthanasia-Accident/Injury
1	0.2%	Emergency
28	6.0%	Non-Medical (Owner/Trainer Choice)
468	100.0%	Total
Death		
81	37.3%	Accident / Injury
136	62.7%	Illness, Age or Natural Causes
217	100.0%	Total

The greatest impact from the 2017 Hansen Report and the 2019 launch of Great Mates Rehoming can be seen in the reduction in cases of greyhound euthanasia. During the season that the Hansen Report was released, 346 greyhounds were euthanised outside of racing. This has fallen to 127 in the season under review.

Perspective

There are no published stats for other dog breeds in New Zealand, however research suggests that for dogs worldwide, neonatal mortality (within the first three weeks after birth among live-born puppies) ranges from 11 to 13% (Gill, 2001; Nielen et al., 1998; Potkay and Bacher, 1977).

If these worldwide percentages applied to the NZ Greyhound population, in an average year, around 100 greyhound pups would not survive to three weeks of age. Clearly the NZ greyhound population is faring far better than other dogs in this respect, and with greyhounds not being among the thousands of dogs euthanised each year by council pounds and the SPCA, it is easy to argue that NZ greyhounds may have the lowest mortality rate among NZ dog breeds.

Retirements

Launched in August 2019, the Great Mates rehoming programme has become an essential part of the NZ Greyhound Industry. With the waiting list to enter Great Mates growing in the South Island, another Great Mates centre opened in Canterbury in June 2021.

2020/21 Season Retirement Data		
Count	%	Destination
70	9.2%	Retained as Pet by Owner or Trainer
57	7.5%	Privately Rehomed Outside of Industry
638	83.4%	Sent to Great Mates Rehoming
765	100.0%	Total

Again GWIC data can be used to provide a comparison, this time highlighting just how significant the impact of Great Mates is in NZ.

GWIC Comparison 2019/20		
Count	%	Destination
547	38.9%	Retained as Pet by Owner or Trainer
239	17.0%	Privately Rehomed Outside of Industry
619	44.1%	Sent to Rehoming Agency
1,405	100.0%	Total

FEATURE STORY

Greyhounds Win Over Kelli's Heart.

If you ask English trainer Kelli Windebank how she became involved in greyhound racing, the answer will surprise you.

"I started off being anti greyhound racing and anti the industry. I really didn't like it at all. I had never been involved so all I had heard about it was from others that were anti-racing", Kelli says on a YouTube interview compiled by Racing Post TV.

Remarkably it was Kelli's attendance at an anti-racing protest at the Henlow racetrack that started her change of heart.

Kelli self-confessed she was opinionated and outspoken against greyhound racing but had an epiphany when the racetrack vet came out to hear the protesters' concerns.

Anti-racing mantra had preached to Kelli that "there were no vets,full stop", so the appearance of a vet started Kelli's quest for the truth.

"I talked to her (the vet) and she seemed quite nice and sensible, most of the people (protesting) didn't want to know, they weren't interested, but I wanted to listen then one of the trainers came out and said you don't know what you're talking about, come and see my kennels."

"So I did."

It wasn't an overnight transformation, but a transformation it was. Kelli became a greyhound trainer and then married a greyhound trainer.

Throughout her change of mindset, one thing never changed in her mind - her love for the greyhounds.

But don't just believe it because you read it here, visit YouTube and enter: www.youtube.com/watch?v=erplPhz6Wfl to make your own mind up about Kelli's full story.



Financial Statements

Summary Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 July 2021

**New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (Incorporated)
Operating as Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ)**



Summarised financial reports were authorised by the Board on 22nd September 2021.

A summary of the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association's (the Association's) audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 is shown in the Financial Summary section of this annual report. The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements.

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 2013 and Racing Industry Act 2020, which require compliance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP").

As the primary objective of the Association is not towards making financial returns but the promotion, conduct and control of greyhound racing, it is a not-for-profit public benefit entity (PBE) for financial reporting purposes.

The Association has elected to report in accordance with the Tier 2 PBE accounting standards on the basis that it is not publicly accountable and not considered large for financial reporting purposes as defined under XRB A1.

The full financial statements of the Association comply with the Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (PBE Standards RDR) as appropriate for Tier 2 not-for-profit public benefit entities and disclosure concessions have been applied and were authorised by the Board on 22nd September 2021.

The Audited summarised financial statements are additional to, and have been extracted from, the Association's full financial statements of 31 July 2021 which are available from the Association's offices.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the Association.

These summarised financial statements include a statement of significant accounting policies which should be read in conjunction with the complete statement of accounting policies and notes disclosed in the full audited financial statements.

The auditor has examined the summary financial report for consistency with the audited financial statements and has issued an unqualified opinion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Hannan".

Sean Hannan
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trevor Taylor".

Trevor Taylor
Board Member

Summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

For the year ended 31 July 2021

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
REVENUE		
TAB NZ distribution and grants	28,383	21,976
Subscriptions, fees, fines & licence fees	215	229
Other operating revenue	29	77
Total operating revenue	28,627	22,282
EXPENSES		
Club funding	4,133	3,976
Stakes and owners returns	14,210	12,623
Racing related costs	434	2,296
Greyhound care costs	2,664	1,901
Other administrative costs	1,852	1,741
Total operating and other expenses	23,293	22,537
Operating surplus / (deficit)	5,334	(255)
OTHER GAINS / LOSSES		
Other losses	-	(1)
Share of surplus / (deficit) of associate	(36)	(12)
Total other gains / (losses)	(36)	(13)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	5,298	(268)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (Incorporated)	5,298	(268)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	5,298	(268)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR	5,298	(268)

The above statement of comprehensive revenue and expense should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full financial statements.

Summary statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 July 2021

	ACCUMULATED COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE & EXPENSE (\$000)	INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVES (\$000)	TOTAL EQUITY (\$000)
Balance as at 31 July 2019	4,726	-	4,726
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(268)	-	(268)
Movements and transfers in reserves	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 July 2020	4,458	-	4,458
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	5,298	-	5,298
Movements and transfers in reserves	(5,000)	5,000	-
Balance as at 31 July 2021	4,756	5,000	9,756

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full financial statements.

Summary statement of financial position

As at 31 July 2021

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,174	1,698
Receivables from exchange transactions	40	30
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	110	47
Other current financial assets	4,500	1,700
Other current assets	78	111
Investment in associate	-	-
Total current assets	8,902	3,586
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1,197	1,293
Intangible assets	96	116
Investment in associate	-	36
Total non-current assets	1,293	1,445
Total assets	10,195	5,031
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Taxes and transfers payables	1	1
Payables under exchange transactions	322	505
Employee entitlements	116	67
Total current liabilities	439	573
Total liabilities	439	573
Net assets	9,756	4,458
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (Incorporated)	9,756	4,458
Total equity	9,756	4,458

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full financial statements.

These financial statements have been approved by the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Board on 22nd September 2021.

Summary statement of cash flows

As at 31 July 2021

	2021 (\$000)	2020 (\$000)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
TAB NZ distribution	27,490	21,437
Other receipts	1,050	1,132
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,878)	(2,048)
Stakes and distributions to clubs	(18,343)	(16,459)
Other racing related payments	(3,041)	(4,289)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(5,278)	(227)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
CASH WAS RECEIVED FROM:		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1	-
Proceeds from disposal of other financial assets	1,700	3,244
Interest received	15	114
CASH WAS APPLIED TO:		
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(18)	(26)
Payments for purchase for intangible assets	-	(68)
Payments for purchase of other financial assets	(4,500)	(1,700)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(2,802)	1,564
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH	2,476	1,337
Opening cash	1,698	361
Closing cash	4,174	1,698
THIS IS REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash on hand and in bank	4,174	1,698
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	4,174	1,698

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 July 2021

1. BASIS FOR PREPARATION

REPORTING ENTITY

New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (henceforth, "the Association") is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The primary objective of the Association is to promote, conduct and control greyhound racing. The Association is a recognised industry organisation in accordance with the Racing Industry Act 2020.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Racing Industry Act 2020, which requires compliance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP") applicable to not-for-profit entities (PBE Standards). These comply with PBE FRS 43, *Summary Financial Statements*.

Please note that the information in the summary financial report does not provide as complete an understanding as the full financial report of the financial and service performance, financial position and cash flows of the Association. For more information, see our full 2021 Annual Report which is available from the Association's offices.

MEASUREMENT BASIS

The summary financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis and are presented in New Zealand dollars which is also the Association's functional currency rounded to the nearest thousand.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these summary financial statements are applied consistently for all periods reported.

The Association has adopted the PBE standards (applicable to Tier 2 not-for-profit entities) in the financial statements.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REVENUE

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential will flow to the Association and it can be reliably measured, regardless of when the payment is being made. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty.

Revenues are classified as to whether they arise from an exchange or non-exchange transactions. An exchange transaction is one in which the Association receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value to another entity in exchange and includes sale of goods, rendering of services and charges for the use of the Association's assets (e.g., interest and dividends). The Association recognises revenue from exchange transactions when the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied. A non-exchange transaction is any other transaction not classified as exchange.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. This includes TAB NZ held funds which represents unrestricted bank deposits of the Association held with TAB NZ for settlement purposes.

INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE

Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method under which the investment is initially recognised at cost and subsequently adjusted to recognise post acquisition changes in the Association's share in the associate's comprehensive revenue and expense; the adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment is included in the Association's statement of comprehensive revenue and expense. The Association assesses at each balance date whether the investments are impaired and when there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit. The Association's investment in associates represents 25% interest in the Racing Integrity Unit Ltd (RIU).

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is measured initially at cost which includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Subsequent to initial recognition, property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost model. Under the cost model, the item is carried at cost net of accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset. Depreciation is charged at rates calculated to allocate the cost of the asset less any estimated residual value over its remaining useful life. The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end.

IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Association considers its property, plant and equipment as cash generating assets and performs annual impairment testing for those class of assets carried using the cost model to determine whether there is any indication that the asset may be impaired. If such indication exists, the Association estimates the recoverable amount which is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. When the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount of the asset, it is considered impaired and written down to its recoverable amount. Any impairment losses are included in surplus or deficit.

PROVISIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. There are no outstanding provisions as of balance date (2020: nil).

The Association has operating commitments of \$31,000 (2020: \$29,000) arising from non-cancellable lease arrangements and operating funding commitments.

CONTINGENCIES AND OTHER MATTERS

The Association's associate investments have no contingent liabilities as of balance date (2020: nil) for which the Association may have an exposure to as being severally liable for the investee's liabilities.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On 2 September 2021, the Review into Greyhound Racing in New Zealand was released by the Minister for Racing. No conclusions were made as a result of the review. However, it was confirmed a further report by the Racing Integrity Board to the Minister for Racing will be produced before the end of 2022. Greyhound racing will continue whilst the Racing Integrity Board undertakes the review.

Auditor's report

For the year ended 31 July 2021



BDO Wellington Audit Limited

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ZEALAND GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 July 2021, and the summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, summary statement of changes in equity and summary statement of cashflows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Incorporated for the year ended 31 July 2021. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 22 September 2021. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not include all the disclosures included in the financial statements. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Incorporated.

The Board's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: *Summary Financial Reports* ("FRS-43").

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810 (Revised, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements").

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Incorporated.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Incorporated for the year ended 31 July 2021 are consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements in accordance with FRS-43.

Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Association's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Association and the Association's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

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Wellington
New Zealand
22 September 2021

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