



REFLECTING
ON A GREAT YEAR

Annual Report 2013





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..... 1877 New Zealand Federation of Coursing clubs formed

OUR MISSION

To become recognised as a world-class racing entertainment package



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CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

John McArthur

GAP continues to do a great job. I think we all know the loving nature of many greyhounds and the fact that they do make great companions.

This year has been extremely busy. An independent panel was set up to review the welfare and performance of GRNZ. The review has pointed out where we need to improve.

Number one on the list was to appoint a Welfare Officer, introduce some rule changes and adopt a welfare code of practice.

All these steps are in the right direction. It is disappointing that some licence holders and owner trainers continue to resist change. We must all accept that the expectation of society and the public is paramount to our survival as an industry.

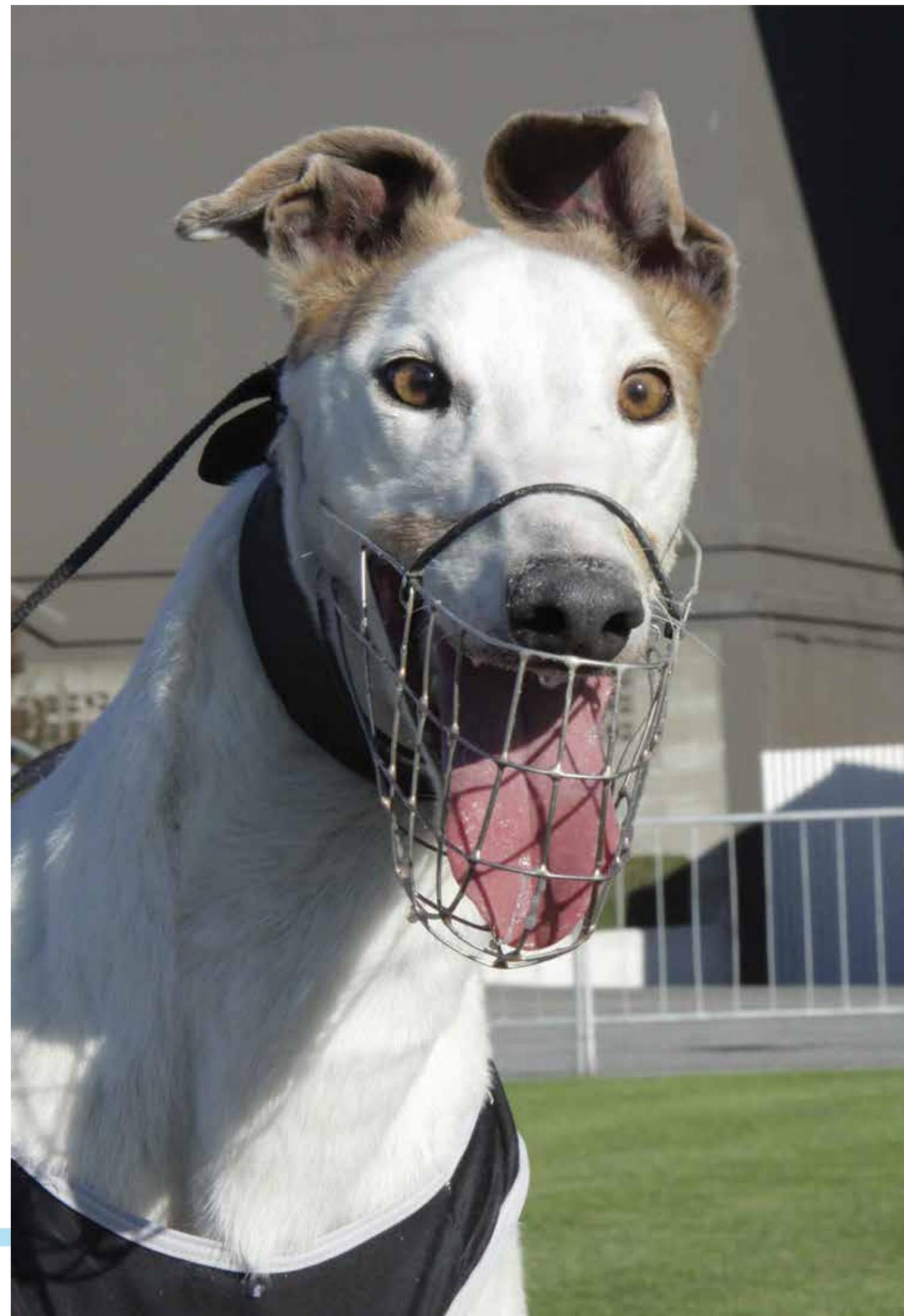
GAP continues to do a great job. I think we all know the loving nature of many greyhounds and the fact that they do make great companions, but not all dogs are suitable for adoption. Phil Green has been appointed by the Board to GAP, giving us a direct link. While GAP is a charitable organisation, we continue to heavily fund it - GAP will require an on-going commitment from the industry. While on the area of welfare, we all need to understand that we are not alone in this. The Australian states are addressing the same issues. We must be pro-active in dealing with this important issue.

It is disappointing that a number of our race meetings are not being exported for various reasons. If this was to continue this would not only be a blow to greyhound racing but also the entire racing industry. We continue to build market share within NZ.

The Board will continue its efforts to establish links with Asia through our Vietnam connection, and will explore any other opportunities within Asia as they arise. During the course of the next six months, clubs and licence holders will be receiving a visit from Graeme Nahkies who is to undertake a review of the constitution of GRNZ, and also the clubs' constitutions. During the course of the year at club meetings held by the GRNZ the clubs requested this. It will be a comprehensive review of the constitutions of our clubs and board. I would urge all participants be they licence holders, club officials, or just interested parties - this is your opportunity to have your say.

The board has continued its review of track surfaces by the NZ Sports Turf Institute who have continued this work for us, and we are continuing to collate all the results of the penetrometer readings. They are also continuing their analysis of sands and long term it may be that a different type of sand may be found.

The fitting of safety rails to tracks which require them is now being considered. South Australia has fitted these rails and they appear to give considerable protection to the dogs. Also, padding has been fitted to bends on the tracks where it was required. We will continue to try to be innovative in finding ways to protect our dogs.





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Some years ago when the number of dogs being registered in NZ had continued to drop, the then Board took a number of steps to address this issue by the introduction of the NZ Racing Series, breeders incentives, and frozen semen. It's not often that one can say that these were so successful that now we need to review some of these.

To club executives, secretaries and CEO's, I extend my thanks on behalf of the Board for your continued efforts in producing and delivering the races required, and the management of their clubs.

To Jim Leach and staff of the GRNZ, along with my Board I extend our thanks. A small team which works way beyond expectations, you continue to deliver.

To my board, a big thanks for your support during the year.

To outgoing board member John Apanowicz, I thank you for your contribution over your four year term.

I welcome Sean Hannan to the executive.

I wish all participants in the industry all the best for the coming season.

From left; Marguerite Pienaar, Debbie Sollitt, Jim Leach, Stuart Cashen, Keith Coppins, Stuart Cunningham



..... 1908 Bookmakers banned at
greyhound racing venues



..... 1908 National Coursing
Association formed

GENERAL MANAGER'S REVIEW

Jim Leach

Demands for greater TV coverage of domestic races has made the Australian market more difficult to manage this season.

The 2012/13 racing season has been another successful year in spite of many challenging issues with our export product.

Serious concerns over animal welfare tended to overshadow the significant amount of work that has taken place recently on improving track surfaces and generally improved course safety.

The independent review of animal welfare carried out this season raised 72 points that need to be addressed, and these recommendations have been accepted by the GRNZ Board and will be put in place without delay.

Some of these require rule changes and these will be reviewed at the AGM in October.

Demands for greater TV coverage of domestic races has made the Australian market more difficult to manage this season, and this looks no closer to being resolved in the coming months. The financial benefits from export plays a key role in the sustainability of our industry and therefore considerable resources are being put into encouraging the Racing Board's agents, TAB CORP to keep applying pressure so these avenues stay open or even expand.

In addition to the Australian market, some trial product has been exported to the UK, and we are hopeful that this may grow into a more regular market.

Asia, particularly Vietnam is the big opportunity on our doorstep, but obtaining legal access with secure payment is still elusive - we will continue to explore all realistic options. There is no doubt that dog racing has strong appeal to Asian customers, but access issues will not be easy to resolve.

We are still frustrated at government inaction over offshore 'leakage' by some of our major domestic betting customers as technology enables a global choice of betting options. The New Zealand Industry derives no income from this in spite of having to bear the cost of maintaining a viable racing infrastructure.

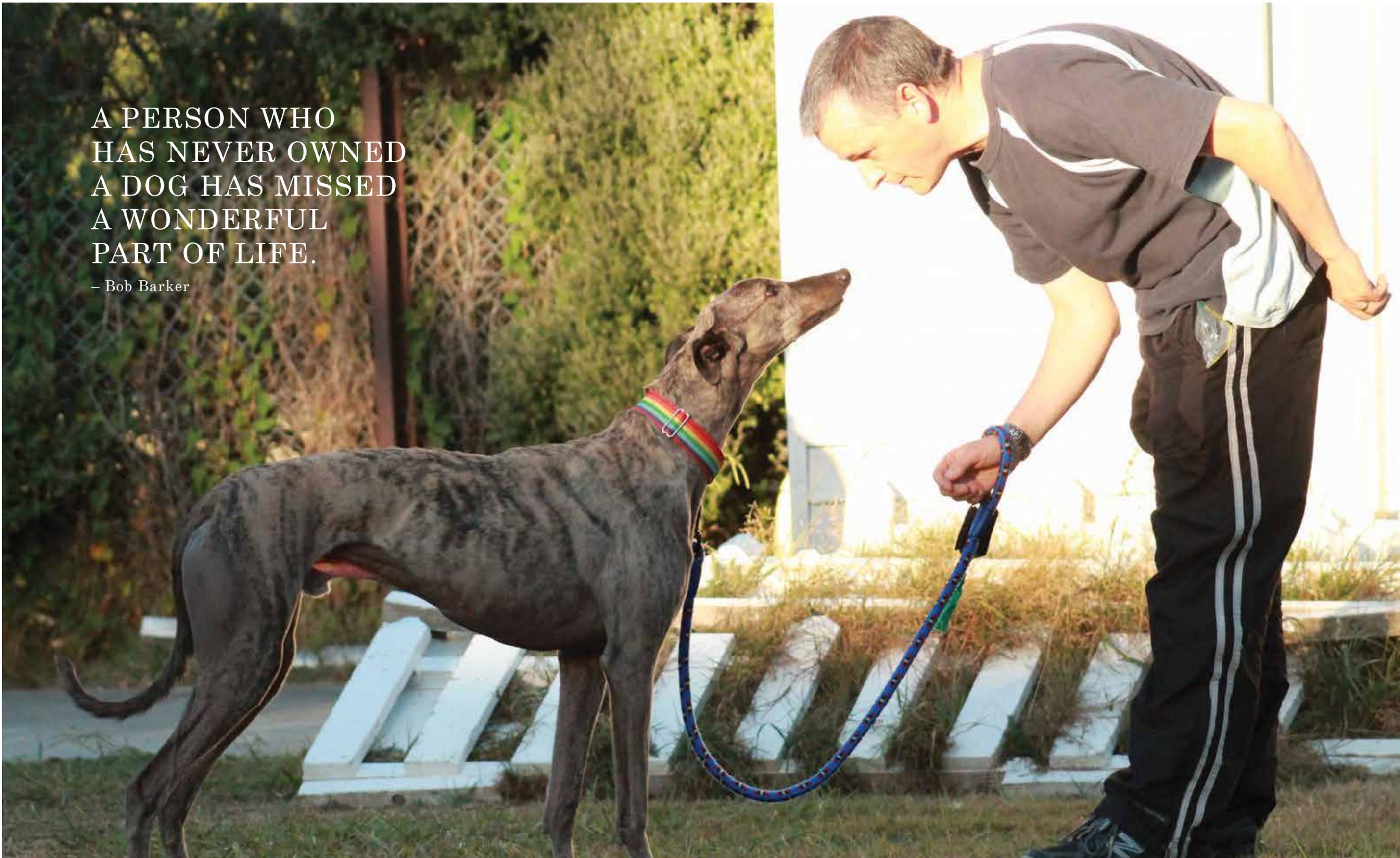
The activities of the RIU and the JCA were reviewed by an independent consultant this season and the recommendations from that are still being considered. We must remain vigilant and deal decisively with any prohibited substance that is detected in a dog, and with this in mind the number of dogs tested this season is at a record high.

I would like to thank the GRNZ Board for their patience and guidance during the season and the GRNZ and club staff who in the face of natural disasters such as weather and earthquakes keep the races running.



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HAS NEVER OWNED
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PART OF LIFE.

– Bob Barker



1954 *Coursing banned in New Zealand*

RACING MANAGER'S REVIEW

Stuart Cashen

Greyhound Racing had another successful year and looks well placed to build on this for the next season.

Racing

THE 2012/2013 SEASON

With a record stakes pay out this season of over \$11 million an increase of \$1,400,000 on the previous season, strong turnovers, ownership and running a record number of races, greyhound racing had another successful year and looks well placed to build on this for the coming season.

We saw some great racing through the year, not only in the group races but also through a very competitive NZRS series across all grades. The vision of the Board in setting up these races to encourage NZ breeding has been very successful; in fact, trying to juggle some of the nominations from time to time has been difficult because of the popularity of the races.

Thrilling Brat, with some outstanding performances, captured the three distance group one races and was a very authoritative and popular winner for Gary Harding and Karen Walsh. *Thrilling Brat* has been very good for New Zealand greyhound racing, attracting plenty of interest on both sides of the Tasman with his exploits in Australia in 2012 and attracting a lot of interest in his NZ appearances this year. To be part of the crowd who gave him a standing ovation after his Silver Collar victory was a memorable moment in the sport for me this year.

The remaining eight group one races were shared out evenly, all being won by different dogs, a reflection on the strength of the fields and the evenness of the competitors which made for some extremely exciting racing.

Pretty Good was the leading stake earner in a close finish from *White Air* and *Thrilling Brat*, and in total, seven greyhounds won stakes in excess of \$50,000 and another 60 stakes in excess of \$20,000.

Bright Star and *Dixie Lee* shared the most wins for the season with 22 each, *Dixie Lee* getting her wins from just 32 starts.

The sport isn't only about the champions, and without the support of all the owners and trainers, greyhound racing wouldn't be the success it is today, every winner no matter what the grade is an occasion to celebrate.

Venues and communities

Our greyhound clubs successfully ran over 5,200 races this year, 48% of all races held in New Zealand, and in particular Wanganui and Christchurch had a very busy year, with additional races and meetings being held at their tracks. The hard work and planning that go into ensuring that over 99.99% of these races are run on time and without incident is often taken for granted by the sports participants.



..... 1969 Racing Minister Alan Highet agrees betting for greyhound racing is worth another look



While we do have the isolated equipment breakdown, and each and every one of these is taken seriously and investigated, the fact is, day in and day out the race meetings operate very smoothly and successfully. I would like to thank the hard working club officials and volunteers who ensures that our Licensed Persons raced their dogs in a safe and secure environment this season; you have done a great job!

In October 2012, Wanganui opened their new grandstand to take greyhound racing to a new level in the Central Districts. The new complex is a great asset both to the community and greyhound racing, and a tribute to the hard work and passion of the Board and members of the club. Most Friday nights the stand is full, and the Wanganui club has made a success of the NZRB Xmas at the Races concept with three Friday Nights scheduled for Xmas 2013.

Integrity

The RIU test a higher percentage of greyhounds for drugs than any other racing jurisdiction in the world they test winners, beaten favourites and also select runners at random, last year over 3,000 greyhounds were tested. Samples are sent to overseas laboratories from time to time to ensure that there aren't any new substances that aren't being detected in NZ.

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Despite this rigorous testing the only positives returned over the past few seasons have been at the low end of offending and not deliberate. I am still surprised at the number in our industry who think that some trainers are 'cheating'.

At the forefront of our racing days and nights, making sure racing is fair and the rules are followed, the RIU do an unenviable job with very little thanks, but have played an integral part in the success of our 2012/2013 racing year.

Many thanks to the RIU team.

IT and Website

This year GRNZ continued to enhance both our website and database to provide more information to the customers and Licensed Persons. The regular polls we now run on our home page have attracted some very positive comments, as have the replays and sectional timing. The website continues to attract increased traffic including international visitors.

Improvements are planned to continue through the next season with a mobile site, email response to nominations when they successfully make the field, and full integration with Greyhounds Australia that will allow all Australian form to be imported into our database.

The sport isn't only about the champions, without the support of all the owners and trainers, greyhound racing wouldn't be the success it is today.



1969 A petition of 16,000 signatures is raised in support of betting for greyhound racing



Strategic Plan 2013 - 2018

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This document is Greyhound Racing New Zealand's strategic plan for the period to 31 July 2016. It was adopted by the Board of Greyhound Racing New Zealand, following extensive consultation with members of the greyhound racing industry.

The Board of GRNZ will reconvene in January 2014 to revisit the Strategic Plan.

- John McArthur Chairman

overview

Vision

To present our domestic and international customers with an attractive wagering experience by delivering the best quality greyhound racing.

This document is our Strategic Plan to achieve this vision by July 2016.

To grow greyhound racing in NZ by creating a sustainable business which effectively delivers and promotes the sport to our customers, and maximises returns to stakeholders.

Strategic priorities

We will achieve our Vision by focusing our effort in four key areas:

GROWTH: Grow revenues. Increase participation.

DOGS: World class animal welfare. Selective NZ breeding program.

ENVIRONMENT: Strong Industry relations. Reform constitutional arrangements.

OPERATIONS: Professional, inclusive culture. Sustainable, ethical business.

Core values

The following values underpin how we behave in everything we do:

- Exemplary personal and professional integrity.
- Open, transparent communications.
- Easy and enjoyable to work with.
- Community focused and honest.
- World class animal welfare.

planning progress 2013

Measuring progress

We will use the following standards to measure progress towards our Vision and Strategic Priorities:

	2014	2016
General objective	Consolidate	
Gross revenue	0%	0%
NZ market share	17%	18%
Animal welfare	Well regarded	World-class
Environment	Reforms commenced	Cohesive sector

Industry Funding Policy

The Greyhound Industry's Funding Policy for the 2013/2014 racing season comprises a number of different funding streams. These are detailed below:

1. INFRASTRUCTURE, VENUE & TRACK MAINTENANCE

All Clubs, who own, rent or provide a track will be provided with tiered levels of funding to assist them with meeting the costs of track surface and venue maintenance. Clubs must submit a compliance package that includes business plans, financials and budgets before payments are released.

This is based on GRNZ's commitment to maintaining the highest level of integrity.

2. STAKE LEVELS

GRNZ will fund 100% of all clubs' standard minimum stakes.

GRNZ also fund 90% of the Board approved group and feature races.

To support NZ breeding the GRNZ funds breeder bonus payments and the NZ racing series.

Stakeholders are further assisted by \$40 MTA vouchers paid to all non-stakes winning places and no nomination fees are charged.

3. TURNOVER FUNDING

All clubs will receive 16% of all on-course turnover recorded for each race.

They also get paid 5% on FOB sales recorded at the track.



1970

The Greyhound Royal Commission is gifted to the Duke of Edinburgh. The Silver Collar trophy, crafted by the royal jewellers, is sent to New Zealand



1971

First Duke of Edinburgh Silver Collar race

objectives



This section contains the imperative actions that must be executed to achieve our Vision and Strategies Priorities:

Maximise growth of greyhound racing internationally

With the assistance of the NZRB we plan to grow our revenues by expanding our reach (particularly through the sale of racing footage and the expansion of wagering offshore).

This will help us fund further growth and development of greyhound racing in New Zealand.

ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Work with NZRB, Sky TV (Australia) to identify potential export markets.	✓			
Create a plan to promote wagering and racing footage internationally.	✓			
Implement improved plan.	✓	✓		
Pursue strategic partnerships and formal distribution agreements in priority markets.	✓	✓		
Review partnerships and distribution agreements for effectiveness and value.	✓			

Promote greyhound racing

To effectively manage the brand for greyhound racing in New Zealand.

ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Develop a brand strategy (including a brand story) from audit and analysis, strategy development, testing and approval, implementation and communication to management and measurement.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop a digital strategy including internet, mobile and tablet applications for information, ownership, replays etc.		✓		
Develop a small number of major events aligned with the brand which act as the focal story for the brand story.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop a brand marketing campaign with key activations for the NZ domestic market.	✓			
In conjunction with NZRB understand in greater detail what the customer wants in terms of key drivers to engaging with the greyhound product (e.g. ease of use, winning feeling, information, entertainment etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop sponsorship and other opportunities to increase awareness amongst general public.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Commission independent surveys to assess effectiveness of promotional programmes.		✓	✓	✓



1971 Greyhound Racing awarded equaliser betting



1974 Kiwi bred, owned and trained Greyhound "Kwik Metal" wins the 1974 Melbourne Cup

objectives

Embrace world-class animal welfare practices

Questionable animal welfare (indeed anything less than exemplary) practices have the potential to completely destroy greyhound racing in New Zealand.

We are totally committed to embracing and enforcing world-class animal welfare practices.

IMPERATIVE ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Undertake major independent welfare review.	✓			
Implement findings as appropriate.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enforce over-racing and exploitation policy.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design and implement professional development programme for vets.	✓	✓		
Promote responsible breeding programme.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Commission independent annual track reviews and implement findings.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Continue to develop and grow the number of greyhounds adopted through the GAP programme.	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sustainable breeding programme

We will encourage and support the development of a sustainable breeding programme in New Zealand that reflects the quality and quantity required to meet racing opportunities.

IMPERATIVE ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Review options to subsidise importation of frozen semen from world-class sires.	✓			
Develop and promote races and prizes that reward NZ-bred dogs.	✓	✓	✓	✓

Strong racing industry relations

We seek strong and close relations with industry stakeholders – including NZRB, NZTR, HRNZ, RIU, JCA, greyhound clubs, and media organisations – to enable GRNZ to be seen as a valued and integral member of the New Zealand racing industry.

IMPERATIVE ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Negotiate long-term revenue sharing agreement with key stakeholders. 2015 the current tri-code funding model will need to be renegotiated.		✓		
Review club funding model and adjust as appropriate.		✓		
Develop capital investment programme to support long-term development of operating infrastructure.		✓		
Continue to hold club meetings, seminars and Industry communication meetings.	✓	✓	✓	✓

Reform constitutional arrangements

We wish to reform the structure of the greyhound code to ensure a strong and cohesive industry with positive working relations between the participant groups (clubs, breeders, owners, trainers, GRNZ).

IMPERATIVE ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Commission independent review of governance and constitutional arrangements.	✓	✓		
Review and adopt recommendations as appropriate.		✓		
Empower GRNZ Board to make racing rule changes (in consultation with clubs).		✓		
Publish reformed code and governance structure.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adjust GRNZ organisational structure to ensure alignment with governance structure.				
Conduct annual participant surveys to identify opportunities for improvement.				



objectives

Embrace professional and inclusive culture

A fully professional industry, characterised by transparency, an inclusive culture and high integrity, is critical to gaining and maintaining the support of stakeholders, participants and audiences.

IMPERATIVE ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Review culture, values and behaviours.		✓		✓
Ensure culture, values and behaviours are embraced across the code.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Implement club communications plan including visits.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conduct formal GRNZ Board assessment annually.		✓	✓	✓
Regularly measure culture and performance via annual stakeholder surveys.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conduct formal integrity review with RIU annually.	✓	✓	✓	✓

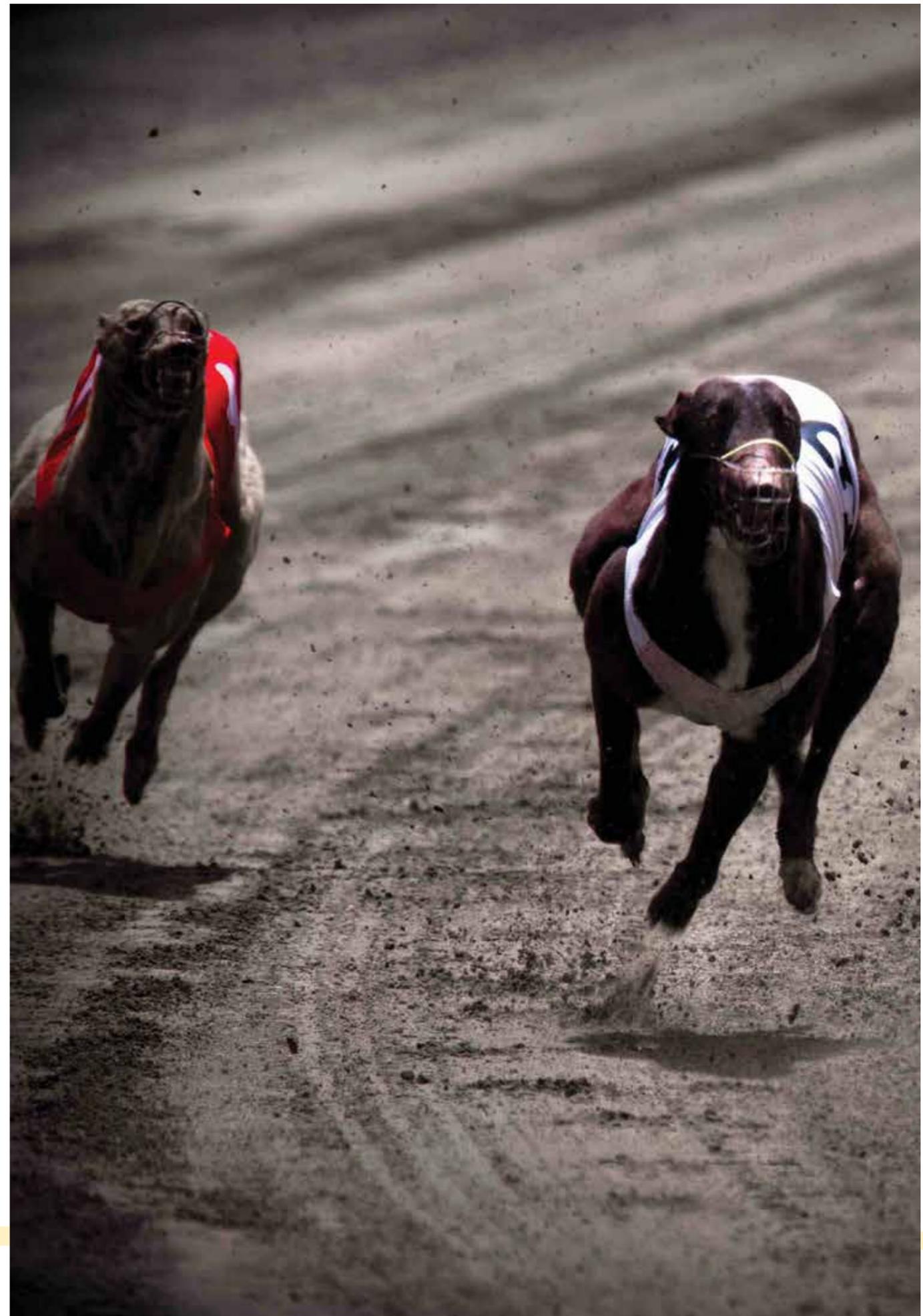
A sustainable, ethical and profitable business

Fundamentally, the greyhound racing industry needs to operate profitably and ethically.

IMPERATIVE ACTION	FY13/14	FY14/15	FY15/16	FY16/17
Establish formal performance benchmarks and manage business to achieve them.		✓		
Ensure core systems and processes are optimally configured to support business operations and maximise productivity.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Formalise and document operational processes and procedures.	✓			
Implement effective recruitment, succession and professional development systems.		✓		
Review organisational structure and adjust as necessary.	✓		✓	
Recruit 'high' people (of outstanding capability) into core roles.	✓	✓	✓	✓



1979 "Sarkan Sal" wins first NZ cup



financial information

GRNZ operating forecast

Forecast NZD ('000)		actual 2012/13	forecast 2013/14	forecast 2014/15	forecast 2015/16
Domestic income - NZRB	(1) (2)	20,840	21,076	21,200	23,000
NZRB Class 4 gaming proceeds		875	-	-	-
GRNZ subscriptions & levies		121	81	81	81
Other income		288	120	120	120
TOTAL REVENUE		22,124	21,277	21,401	23,201
Club Funding		4,069	4,473	4,335	4,401
Stakes and Owners Returns	(3)	11,341	12,374	11,751	12,768
Racing Related Costs (incl NZRB venue services)		3,272	3,393	3,083	3,093
Welfare (incl GAP)	(4)	479	476	569	583
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS		19,161	20,716	19,758	20,845
GROSS MARGIN		2,963	561	1,643	2,356
Other administration costs		1,799	1,781	1,612	1,670
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(5)	1,164	(1,220)	31	686

Forecast assumptions

- (1) Based on NZRB actual (July 2013), and 'NZRB Statement of Intent 2013-2016.'
- (2) Existing funding model ends July 2015. New funding model for 2015/16 not yet agreed, therefore assume NZRB income based on current market share.
- (3) Stake payments for races have increased by 5% from 1 August 2013, and growth in future years.
- (4) Costs include Welfare Officer and initiatives proposed by Welfare Review.
- (5) GRNZ has agreement with NZRB to hold 32 extra race meetings in 2013/14 only.

NOTE: Budget for next few years is at a planned 'deficit', however GRNZ has adequate retained earnings to cover this.

action plan 2013 - 2014

The key focus for 2013/2014 will be implementing the recommendations arising from the independent review into Animal Welfare.

1. Animal Welfare will have an impact on balance sheet and a new role Animal Welfare officer will be created.
2. Raise standard of all tracks to benchmark levels of animal safety.
 - a. Invest in sand/surface research/improvements.
 - b. Introduction of cushion barrier walls.
 - c. Trial/invest in protective flexible running rails.
3. Stifle growth in dog numbers:
 - a. Review animal import policy (Introduce fees/restrictions).
 - b. Review the numbers of dogs bred every year.
 - c. Introduce education and a managed breeding programme (per Victoria, Australia).

KPI for measuring the success of the implementations will be;

- Reducing the number of greyhounds bred in New Zealand;
- Reducing the numbers of greyhounds never making it to the track;
- Reducing serious injury numbers;
- Making safety improvements to tracks;
- Safety pads, Steriline safety fence, surface improvements
- Increasing the duration of the average racing life of a greyhound;
- Increasing the number of greyhounds re-homed after their racing career has finished.

As these measures require support from key stakeholders at the GRNZ AGM in October, the Strategic Plan will be updated in early November with specific measurements against the KPI.

(1) Maximise growth of greyhound racing internationally

- Work with NZRB, TABCORP's Sky Racing TV to identify potential export markets – Vietnam, UK, Ireland and Europe develop export plan and strategy.
- Implement approved export plan.
- Pursue strategic partnerships and formal distribution agreements in priority markets.

(2) In conjunction with NZRB actively promote greyhound racing to attract new audiences and participants in New Zealand.

- Develop marketing programme to raise awareness and motivate attendance at race meetings, develop brand.
- In conjunction with clubs and NZRB offer innovative on-course entertainment packages to raise appeal of race meetings.
- Promote GAP and other programmes to raise awareness of greyhounds and highlight strong welfare standards in place for greyhound racing.
- Develop sponsorship and other opportunities to increase awareness amongst general public.

(3) Enhance world class animal welfare practices

- Audit adherence to drug rules in conjunction with the Racing Integrity Unit.
- Develop and enforce over-racing and exploitation policy.
- Design and implement professional development programme for vets.
- Promote responsible breeding programme ensure that greyhound numbers meet racing needs.
- Commission independent annual track reviews.
- Monitor world's best animal welfare practices and incorporate as appropriate.
- Implement a plan that encompasses implementing review recommendations, appoint Welfare Manager to oversee plan.



action plan 2013 - 2014

(4) Encourage and support the development of a sustainable breeding programme in New Zealand

IMPERATIVE ACTION

- Review options to subsidise importation of frozen semen from world-class sires.
- Develop and promote races and prizes that reward NZ-bred dogs.

(5) Strong racing Industry relations

- Review club funding model and adjust as appropriate.
- Form strong relationships with NZRB, codes, RIU and JCA.
- Develop capital investment programme to support long-term development of operating infrastructure.
- Develop tri-partisan operating model.
- Annual code / industry conference (more than AGM + prizegiving).

REFORM CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Empower GRNZ Board to make racing rule changes (in consultation with clubs).
- Publish reformed code and governance structure.
- Adjust GRNZ organisational structure to ensure alignment with governance structure.
- Conduct annual participant surveys to identify opportunities for improvement.

EMBRACE PROFESSIONAL AND INCLUSIVE CULTURE

- Ensure culture, values and behaviours are embraced across the code.
- Implement club communications plan including visits.
- Conduct formal GRNZ Board Assessment annually.
- Regularly measure culture and performance via annual stakeholder surveys.
- Conduct formal integrity review with RIU annually.

A SUSTAINABLE, ETHICAL AND PROFITABLE BUSINESS

- Ensure core systems and processes are optimally configured to support business operations and maximise productivity.
- Formalise and document operational processes and procedures.
- Implement effective recruitment, succession and professional development systems.
- Review organisational structure and adjust as necessary.
- Recruit 'high' people (of outstanding capability) into core roles.



1985

A Cobain wins the trainers premiership with 45 wins. R Adcock is second with 28

GOVERNANCE

Greyhound Racing New Zealand

Members of the Board

*Back from left: John Apanowicz, Khoa Nguyen, Phil Green, Graeme Calverley
Front from left: David Emerson, John McArthur*



Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ) is the trade name of the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (NZGRA or The Association). The GRNZ is an incorporated society consisting of the ten registered member greyhound racing clubs throughout New Zealand.

The GRNZ and its ten clubs are recognised in the Racing Act 2003 as a constituent part of the New Zealand racing industry.

The racing industry is governed by the New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB) in accordance with the Racing Act 2003. The NZRB is required to provide governance and oversight to the industry and the GRNZ through approval of the annual GRNZ statement of intent and business plan.

Role of the GRNZ Board

The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of GRNZ in accordance with its ultimate responsibility, that being to promote and advance greyhound racing, registration, breeding, safety and welfare in New Zealand.

The Board takes a disciplined commercial approach to its role which includes reviewing and approving the Statement of Intent and annual Business Plan, approving major infrastructure decisions and club investments, monitoring the financial performance of the Association, appointing and reviewing the performance of the General Manager and ensuring the integrity of governance and greyhound advocacy at an industry and political level.

The Board has delegated some of its powers to Committees of the Board, and the day-to-day management of the Association to the General Manager and Management. These delegations are summarised in a Governance Charter (which documents the terms of reference of each Committee and the Association's Delegations Policy to the General Manager) and by relevant minuted meetings and resolutions of the Board.

Board committees

The Board has six formally constituted committees, these being - the Racing Committee, the Dates Committee, the Finance Committee, the Integrity Committee, the Animal Welfare Committee and the Personnel and Remuneration Committee.

A brief overview of the matters dealt with during the year is as follows:

Racing Committee

CHAired BY GRAEME CALVERLY

The Committee met in advance of each respective Board meeting to discuss and review various racing and rule specific matters on behalf of the Board.

Dates Committee

CHAired BY JOHN APANOWICZ

The Dates Committee met during the year in conjunction with the NZRB process to establish licence allocations to clubs for the 2012/2013 season.



Finance Committee

CHAired BY KHOA NGUYEN

The Finance Committee met on an as-required basis and was responsible for advising the Board on the financial policies and the financial position of GRNZ.

The Committee developed and reviewed the stake level changes and the draft funding policy to the clubs as prepared by Management. The Board approved the updated funding policy once clarity of the updated NZRB funding had been received. In addition the Committee reviewed and recommended the 2012/13 operating and capital budgets for adoption.

Personnel & Remuneration Committee

CHAired BY MAURO BARSÌ

The Committee during the year advised the Board on the process of reviewing the General Manager's performance and remuneration, including the performance incentive arrangements.

Integrity Committee

CHAired BY MAURO BARSÌ

The Integrity Committee reviewed matters relating to our judicial rules, individual Licence Person registration applications, and other matters of integrity for the Code. The Committee reviews approaches proposed by Management in relation to integrity matters.

Animal Welfare

CHAired BY PHIL GREEN

The committee has been charged with ensuring that "All greyhounds in New Zealand are protected and promoted by the adoption and development of sound animal welfare standards and practices."

The committee reviews all matters relating to animal welfare across all aspects of the industry.

Conflicts of interest

Where any GRNZ director has a conflict of interest, or is otherwise interested in any transaction, that director is required to disclose his or her conflict of interest and there after will generally not normally be able to vote in relation to the relevant matter. The Association maintains disclosure of interests declared in its minutes.

Each of the racing members of the Board has potential conflicts of interest by virtue of their appointments process and the stakeholders of their constituency. These potential conflicts are all known around the Board table and the Board has taken the approach that each member can speak to, and on behalf of a specific club on general code issues. Specific club matters or requests to the Board are required to be put in writing through Management.

All greyhounds in New Zealand are protected and promoted by the adoption and development of sound animal welfare standards and practices.

Industry Relationships

The continuing functional relationship between GRNZ and the NZRB operates well with Mauro Barsi acting as our code representative.

The Board has a policy of active participation in Greyhounds Australasia with Mr Jim Leach attending GA Board meetings on a regular basis.



1987 First stand-alone TAB Greyhound meeting held - hosted by the Auckland GRC at Claudelands Raceway (Hamilton)

RACING GREYHOUND WELFARE PROGRAMME

A modern sport needs good intentions to be backed with good clear rules and close management.

A future for racing dogs

We are proud to announce our plan for the health and well-being of our dogs.

The Racing Dog Welfare Programme consists of eleven components that improve monitoring and tracking of all dogs from birth, and enforce and clarify rules about dog welfare. It also clarifies how we will reduce the number of dogs that need to be euthanised.

Our sport loves its dogs. The Independent Review found that we have no major welfare issues at all.

But it has said we must get much better at guarding welfare using rules, rather than relying only on the good intentions of people in the industry.

It said the wider community expects the industry, not just its individual members, to show clearer commitment to welfare.

So we've developed the Racing Dog Welfare programme – a set of rules, guidelines and funding that ensures our dogs are raced humanely. You will be proud to talk to others about this programme.

JOHN MCARTHUR
Chairman, GRNZ

Why we have a scheme

The Racing Dog Welfare Programme is the culmination of various efforts to do best by the dogs at the heart of our sport.

We have relied on each other to love and care for our dogs, and our faith has been well placed. There have been no prosecutions of our members for mistreatment of racing greyhounds.

The Board's Welfare Committee has been dealing with practical matters as they arise, such as regular kennel checks, race day checks by vets, and our growing sponsorship of the GAP re-homing project.

A modern sport needs good intentions to be backed with good clear rules and close management. Some in society want to find fault and point fingers. Our lack of transparency and absence of systems gives activists grounds to claim the worst, and gives the well-intentioned public no reason to disbelieve them.

So, in November 2012, GRNZ commissioned an independent review of the management of greyhound welfare. The Review team reported back in June 2013.

The team concluded that there is no current welfare problem; that our greyhounds are well cared for. It was however, disappointing to find that this was really due to the dedication and good will of our people, rather than meticulous planning. It said we should therefore place formal emphasis on welfare, and meticulously track and monitor dogs from the start of their life, until retiring and re-homing - and stringently apply rules for their welfare.

*"Its not the size of the dog in the fight,
its the size of the fight in the dog."*



The Programme summary

DAILY HEALTH

1. Appoint a Welfare Officer

- To ensure dog tracking processes are adhered to by everyone.
- To run all dog health checks.
- To apply a specific welfare code.

2. Welfare code

- A set of standards covering conditions in which greyhounds are kept (enshrining the common practice on kennel and travel facilities size, similar to the Australian model).

BREEDING

3. Register breeders, increase breeding fees and require training

- To improve the quality of dogs being bred (which lowers the total number of dogs by preventing breeding of dogs unsuited to racing).
- Fees will help fund additional retirement programmes run by GRNZ.
- Provide breeders with best practice lessons, tips and research on improving the racing quality of dogs (which in turn lowers the total number of dogs being bred).

ADMINISTRATION

4. Database of all dogs.

- Registration of all dogs from shortly after birth, after which they must be under care of registered people, in approved facilities.

- Complete birth to retirement tracking and enforcement of current requirements to annually report what has happened to each dog.

5. Registration of Licensed Persons; proof of identity required and financial references for all licensed trainers and owner trainers.

6. Introduce Welfare related key performance indicators for GRNZ.

EUTHANASIA

7. Fund GAP to place up to 350 dogs a year

- To provide more homes for post-racing dogs.

8. Examine tiered racing

- A racing category for slower dogs, which provides them with an extended career.

9. Introduce performance objectives for the organisation focussed on dog death reduction

10. Joint work with Australia to research and set track standards

- Reduce track injuries that necessitate euthanasia.

11. Euthanasia policy

- Euthanasia is a last resort, after other avenues have been exhausted.
- Dogs can only be euthanised by a vet.
- Race injury euthanasia only in cases of severe pain, where dogs will not recover.



1989 Manakau Stadium opens as the first sole-purpose Greyhound track



1992 'Misty Anna' makes national news by becoming the first Greyhound to win over \$100,000 in stakes

Programme implementation tasks and topics for discussion

Starting August

A WELFARE OFFICER

- Direct contact with all owners and trainers, tracking each dog.
- Establish a working relationship with key welfare bodies such as RNZSPCA, National Animal Welfare Advisory Group (NAWAC), NZ Veterinarian Association and Dog Control Officers.
- Liaise with and assist GAP.
- Review and report on all injury statistics, with a view to continuous improvement of injury causes and conditions.
- Liaise with Racing Integrity Unit and monitor and report on injury statistics.
- Prepare and monitor all industry KPIs.

BREEDING

Registration system for breeders and all dogs shortly after birth, addressing information such as;

- How.
- When.
- Requirements.
- Fee level.
- Education programme.

ADMINISTRATION

Database of all dogs

- Improve reporting.
- Compliance for submitting paperwork.
- Registration of Licensed Persons; proof of identity required and financial references for all licensed trainers and owner trainers.
- Identity types.
- Financial reference types.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Reducing the number of greyhounds bred in New Zealand.
- Reducing the numbers of greyhounds not making it to the track.
- Reducing injury numbers.

- Making safety improvements to tracks.
- Increasing the duration of the average racing life of a greyhound.
- Increasing the numbers of greyhounds re-homed after their careers.

EUTHANASIA

Fund GAP to place up to 350 dogs a year

- Is there more GAP could do to encourage people to put their dogs up for adoption?
- Increase capacity to accept dogs by expanding facilities.
- Reduce waiting list times.

Examine tiered racing

- Estimate interest.
- Raise practicalities.
- Stakes, costs, regularity.

Introduce performance objectives for the organisation focussed on dog death reduction

- List planned targets.
- Seek input on alternatives and practicality of levels.

Joint work with Australia to research and set track standards

- Seek input on existing knowledge.

Racing Rules to be adopted at the AGM

WELFARE CODE

- Minimum standards for transport.
- Welfare standards from 2010 Code of Welfare issued by the Ministry of Primary Industries.
- Guiding principles for the general housing of greyhounds.
- Kennel construction and size.
- Environment and security.
- Hygiene.
- Nutrition and exercise.

EUTHANASIA POLICY

- Euthanasia is a last resort, after other avenues have been exhausted.
- Dogs can only be euthanised by a vet.
- Race injury euthanasia only in cases of severe pain, where dogs will not recover.

What the review said

CARE AND WELFARE OF RACING GREYHOUNDS

There are no issues relating to the care of greyhounds during their racing careers; owners and trainers are committed to the welfare and safety of their dogs and care passionately about them throughout their lives.

There has never been a conviction of a Licenced Person under the Animal Welfare Act.

There are no formal minimum standards of welfare in place that have been approved by any external welfare bodies, and there is both a lack of enforcement, and awareness of welfare standards.

POPULATION MANAGEMENT

Lack of effective reporting means it is unknown what happens to many greyhounds.

Approximately 200 greyhounds each year do not make it to the race track.

30% of the 2,305 greyhounds leaving racing between 2009 and 2012 are recorded as deceased but the potential is higher.

The issue of euthanasia of healthy greyhounds is a concern given changes in community expectations on animal welfare.

TRACK SAFETY STANDARDS AND INJURIES.

Concerned by the incidence of injuries occurring during racing.

The practice of recording and monitoring injuries in NZ is inadequate.

Note: there is now a system to identify the nature of injuries and the specific likely cause, such as racing collision or track surface.

There is no reference or international standard on possible injury-causing factors such as optimum track surface, the optimum bend camber, distance of starting boxes to turns, and the ideal number of turns on a track.

Consequently management of track issues will continue to be point of conflict until best practices are researched and documented.

The introduction of standards for moisture content and compaction readings for each track in New Zealand is a first step to establish measurable benchmarks.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF WELFARE

A number of welfare actions have been initiated by GRNZ. However, the GRNZ Board has not prioritised actions or commitment to the goal to have 'world class' welfare.

The creation of a welfare committee and the instigation of this review reflect an increased awareness and commitment by the GRNZ Board to address the gaps.

There is a culture of non-enforcement and non compliance of welfare rules.

GRNZ should lead a cultural change within the industry, to ensure welfare considerations outweigh any competitive or commercial consequences.

CORE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

- Education programs in breeding to manage the number of greyhounds whelped.
- Alternative racing programs to accommodate a greater range of dogs.
- Transparency and awareness of the tracking of the life-cycle of the greyhounds with improved database management and monitoring.
- Development of improved injury reporting.
- Development of formalised and contemporary welfare standards.
- Better enforcement of the current rules with regards to the retirement of the greyhound.
- A review of the service agreement with RIU.
- A review of the retirement options for greyhounds when not racing.
- A funding commitment by participants and industry to achieve better retirement outcomes.



1992

Trackside Television begins

statistics, records & results

auckland

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/13 SEASON RECORDS	
318 metres	Mercy	18.02 (20/5/07)		
318 metres	Another Gale	18.02 (28/2/08)		
318 metres	Hifi Allegro	18.02 (26/4/09)	Bright Star	18.05 (2/6/13)
527 metres	Winsome Ashley	29.77 (06/03/08)	Ate to Much	30.18 (26/5/13)
603 metres	In Tom's Memory	34.97 (06/03/09)	Thrilling Brat	35.31 (4/4/13)
779 metres	Thrilling Quest	46.08 (5/06/11)	Thrilling Brat	46.23 (2/6/13)

waikato

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/13 SEASON RECORDS	
375 metres	Blue Paragon	20.64 (22/4/04)	Zebidiah	20.79 (3/1/13)
457 metres	Sergio	25.07 (20/03/11)	Piggy Back	25.27 (24/12/12)
650 metres	Teegan	37.05 (25/09/08)	Thrilling Brat	37.41 (1/5/13)
747 metres	Buddy Broke	42.57 (19/04/12)	Thrilling Brat	42.8 (18/4/13)

wanganui

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/13 SEASON RECORDS	
305 metres	Punish	17.14 (21/12/07)		
305 metres	Winsome Light	17.14 (21.02.09)	Guru Goose	17.16 (7/12/12)
520 metres	Little Mother	29.28 (30/4/10)	Speed Legend	29.46 (31/5/13)
645 metres	Mc Deebee	37.01 (29/4/04)	Ate to Much	37.39 (1/5/13)
755 metres	Dangle The Carat	43.86 (11/2/11)	Thrilling Brat	44.22 (3/5/13)



..... 1995 Ray Adcock wins the trainers premiership with 116.5 victories

statistics, records & results

palmerston north

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/2013 SEASON RECORDS	
375 metres	Semenya	21.06 (15/11/10)	Inishfree	21.26 (20/8/12)
457 metres	Little Mother	25.43 (21/2/11)	Speed Legend	25.71 (24/6/13)
766 metres	Thrilling Brat	43.46 (24/10/11)		

christchurch

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/2013 SEASON RECORDS	
295 metres	Another Gale	16.84 (2/10/07)	Clone your Own	16.87 (14/9/12)
520 metres	Miss Koonawarra	29.78 (30/5/08)	Jinjarango	29.93 (4/4/13)
645 metres	Groovy Eye	37.75 (13/9/07)	Unshaken	38.21 (9/5/13)
732 metres	Emulate	43.09 (22/2/07)	Thrilling Brat	43.34 (4/7/13)

otago

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/2013 SEASON RECORDS	
310 metres	Homebush Lad	17.93 (12/6/3)	Oscar Tuivasa	18.10 (2/7/13)
545 metres	Starzan Bale	31.85 (28/3/02)	Raw Energy	31.85 (30/4/13)
770 metres	Winsome Dosh	46.93 (20/12/07)		

southland

DISTANCE	GREYHOUND	TIME (DATE)	2012/2013 SEASON RECORDS	
390 metres	Cawbourne Ocky	22.09 (6/9/11)	Little Midnight	22.28 (23/7/13)
457 metres	Apatche Jet	25.74 (15/3/11)	Gordon Bale	25.82 (23/4/13)
630 metres	Winsome Bucks	36.60 (34/4/09)	Jinjarango	37.09 (11/6/13)



..... 2000 'Aqua Mouse' sets a record over 987 metres completing the trip in 61.55 seconds - the one and only time the distance has been raced

group winners 2012-13

GROUP 1 WINNERS

WINNER	RACE	CLUB	STAKE
Have A Yap	Waterloo Cup	Auckland	\$21,000
White Air	NZ Cup	Christchurch	\$100,000
Koko Whiz	Spion Rose	Wanganui	\$37,000
Pretty Good	Wellington Cup	Wgtn@Wang	\$21,000
Fancy Tip	Auckland Cup	Auckland	\$80,000
Spitfire Osti	NZ Derby	Waikato	\$21,000
Fancy Jill	NZ Oaks	Christchurch	\$21,000
Thrilling Brat	Wanganui Distance	Wanganui	\$21,000
Thrilling Brat	Silver Collar	Auckland	\$80,000
Know Class	Breeders Stakes	Wanganui	\$26,000
Thrilling Brat	Stayers Cup	Christchurch	\$21,000

GROUP 2 WINNERS

WINNER	RACE	CLUB	STAKE
Know Peace	Wanganui Stayers	Wanganui	\$12,000
Alabaster	Angus Wright	Waikato	\$12,000
Yella Mustard	Kingston Cup	Christchurch	\$12,000
Mr Chino	Nancy Cobain Distance	Palmerston North	\$12,600
Clone Your Own	Galaxy Sprint	Christchurch	\$30,000
Pretty Good	NI Challenge Stakes	Palmerston North	\$12,600
Guru Goose	Dash For Cash	Wanganui	\$12,600
Bornato	Waikato Classic	Waikato	\$20,000
Pretty Good	Far South Challenge	Otago	\$12,600
Opawa No Ear	Canty Futurity	Christchurch	\$12,600
Wild Punting	Railway Sprint	Auckland	\$20,000
Thrilling Brat	T McDonald Cup	Waikato	\$12,600
Bone Nerd	NZ Futurity	Wgtn@Wang	\$12,600
Know Attempt	S I Champs	Christchurch	\$12,600
Indi's Grace	NZ St Leger	Christchurch	\$12,600
Know Attempt	Sires Produce	Auckland	\$12,600

PROVINCIAL CUPS

WINNER	RACE	CLUB	STAKE
Benny Rox	Manawatu Cup	Palmerston North	\$5,250
Pretty Good	Waikato Cup	Waikato	\$10,000
Pretty Good	Invercargill Cup	Southland	\$5,250
Piggy Back	South Waikato Cup	Tok@Waik	\$5,250
Raw Energy	Dunedin Cup	Otago	\$5,250
Thrilling Blitz	Taranaki Cup	Tara@Wang	\$5,250
Raw Energy	Ashburton Cup	Ashb@Chch	\$5,250

NZRS WINNERS

WINNER	RACE	CLUB	STAKE
Opawa Swede	NZRS Novice	Palmerston North	\$7,000
Wayleggo	NZRS Novice	Christchurch	\$7,000
Riddle Mate	NZRS Novice	Waikato	\$7,000
Opawa Peekay	NZRS Novice	Otago	\$7,000
Thrilling Zoom	NZRS Novice	Wanganui x2	\$7,000
Thrilling Butcha	NZRS Novice	Wanganui x2	\$7,000
Thrilling Brave	NZRS Novice	Auckland	\$7,000
Jetsun Flame	NZRS Graduation	Auckland	\$8,000
Jinjarango	NZRS Graduation	Otago	\$8,000
Jinjarango	NZRS Graduation	Wanganui	\$8,000
Mick Mania	NZRS Graduation	Palmerston North	\$8,000
Opawa Swede	NZRS Graduation	Palmerston North	\$8,000
Opawa Jed	NZRS Graduation	Waikato	\$8,000
Opawa No Ear	NZRS Graduation	Otago	\$8,000
Grant A Wish	NZRS Graduation	Southland	\$8,000
Katcha Fire	NZRS Graduation	Waikato	\$8,000
Motherlee	NZRS Sprint	Auckland	\$8,000
Dixie Lee	NZRS Sprint	Christchurch	\$8,000
Blue Jean Alice	NZRS Sprint	Wanganui	\$8,000
Know Spunk	NZRS Advanced	Christchurch	\$11,000
Peking Tom	NZRS Advanced	Palmerston North	\$11,000
We're So Lucky	NZRS Advanced	Waikato	\$11,000
Thrilling Quest	NZRS Advanced	Auckland	\$11,000
Thrilling Quest	NZRS Advanced	Wanganui	\$11,000
Homebush Edith	NZRS Advanced	Southland	\$11,000
Thrilling Quest	NZRS Advanced	Waikato	\$11,000
Jinjarango	NZRS Advanced	Christchurch	\$11,000
Know Escape	NZRS Advanced	Palmerston North	\$11,000
Finn McMissile	NZRS Advanced	Otago	\$11,000
Speed Legend	NZRS Advanced	Wanganui	\$11,000
Thrilling Brat	NZRS Distance	Waikato	\$11,000
Know Peace	NZRS Distance	Wanganui	\$11,000
Know Revenge	NZRS Distance	Christchurch	\$11,000

clubs & venues

Ashburton County Greyhound Racing Club

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Waikato & Districts Greyhound Racing Club (Cambridge)

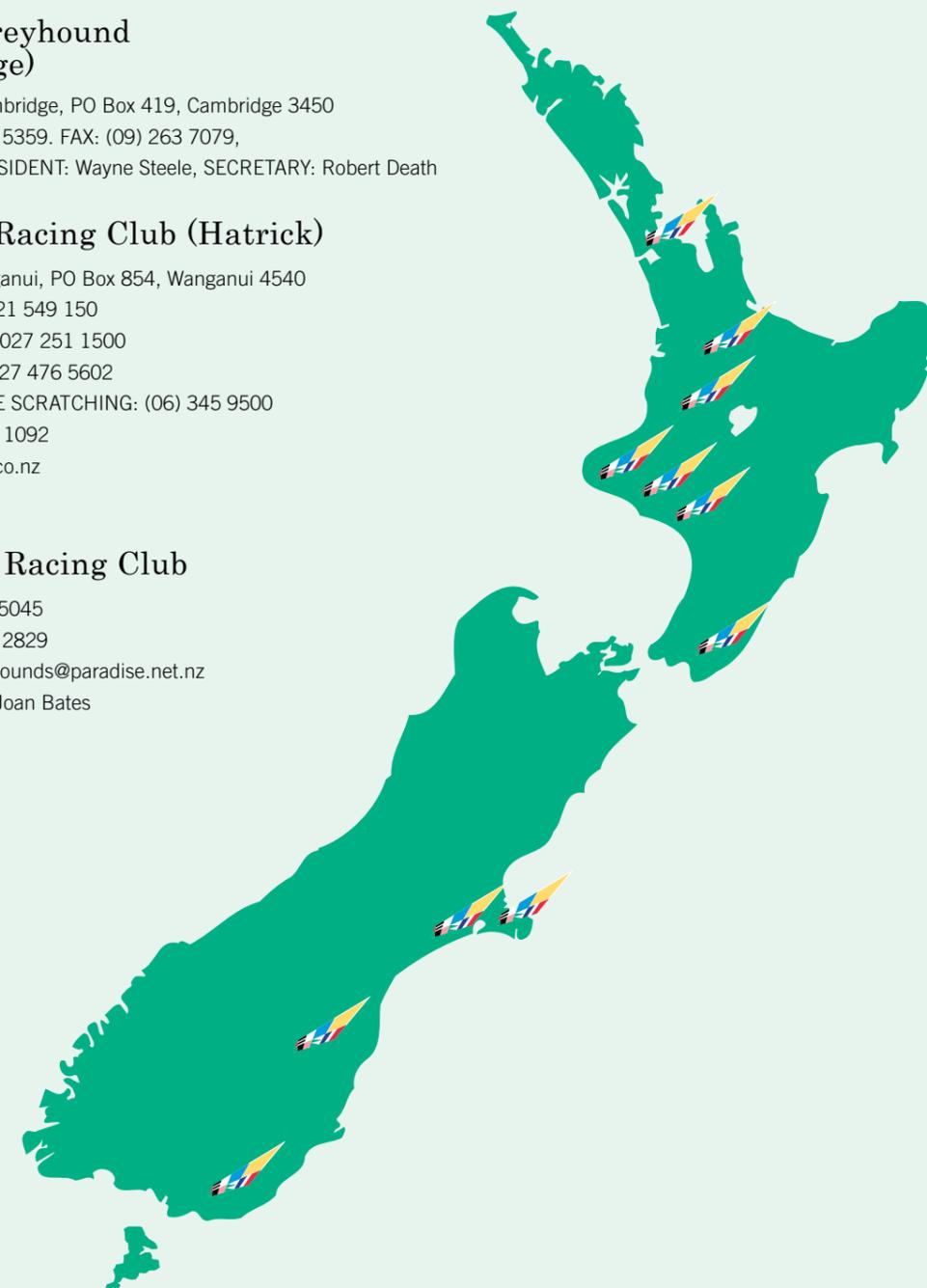
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2003

Racing act guarantees funding to all racing codes
according to percentage of annual domestic turnover

about our venues

Auckland Greyhound Racing Club

Long standing club with purpose built, stand alone venue. The first club in New Zealand to install a sand/loam racing surface. Hosts a number of the code's flagship races including the Auckland Cup and the time honoured Duke of Edinburgh Silver Collar.

Waikato & Districts Greyhound Racing Club

Shares its dual code racing venue at Cambridge Raceway with the Harness code. Provides a big, sweeping, one-turn track configuration, renowned for producing the country's fastest race times. Home of the NZ Derby, a classic event for restricted age greyhounds.

Wanganui Greyhound Racing Club

Another of the code's stand alone racing venues, Hatrick Raceway has recently been the 'pulse' of greyhound racing in the Central Districts region, hosting in excess of 90 race meetings each season. A tight circuit combined with a fast racing surface contribute to all-action race viewing, both on course and via Trackside. The club hosts such significant events as the NZ Breeder's Stakes, the Wanganui Distance and the Spion Rose.

Palmerston North Greyhounds

Located at Manawatu Raceway, a facility shared with the local Harness Club. It provides a big, roomy, one-turn track ideal for strong greyhounds. The license is held by Wanganui GRC as an interim arrangement until a new club is established.

Christchurch Greyhound Racing Club

The largest club in the country, the Christchurch club's base (shared with Harness) at Addington Raceway is an excellent facility for participants and enthusiasts alike and plays host to a number of the code's glamour events such as the NZ Cup, the NZ Oaks and the Kingston Cup. It is often said that it takes a 'strong greyhound' to win at Addington.

Otago Greyhound Racing Club

Located at one of the country's oldest racing venues, Forbury Park, the club provides a real community feel to its racing product. Consistently providing one of the code's best racing surfaces, the club frequently plays host to visitors bringing their charges to race from both North (Canterbury) and South (Southland).

Southland Greyhound Racing Club

Situated at Ascot Park, the only tri-code (all three racing codes) venue in New Zealand. The track provides all greyhounds competing with an 'even chance at the spoils' and the surface itself, with the beautiful sand sourced from a nearby beach, is very 'kind' to all competing greyhounds. Another club with a real emphasis on 'local flavour' and encouragement in participation.

Tokoroa Greyhound Racing Club

Mossop Road is the home of the Tokoroa Greyhound Racing Club. No totalisator race meetings are held at this venue but the club conducts one race meeting annually which is hosted at Cambridge Raceway. The rural based club has long been a production line for breeding, trialling and training of quality greyhounds.

Taranaki Greyhound Racing Club

Burnside Showgrounds is the home of the Taranaki Greyhound Racing Club. Taranaki is one of the oldest Greyhound racing clubs in New Zealand. No totalisator race meetings are held at this venue with the club conducting an annual two day Easter picnic meeting. Taranaki also run a totalisator race meeting at Wanganui. The rural based club has also long been a production line for breeding, trialling and training of quality greyhounds.

Ashburton County Greyhound Racing Club

Chertsey Domain is the home of the Ashburton County Greyhound Racing Club. No totalisator race meetings are held at this venue but the club conducts one race meeting annually which is hosted at Addington Raceway. The rural based club has also long been a production line for breeding, trialling and training of quality greyhounds.

Wellington Greyhound Racing Club

The Wellington Greyhound Racing Club has a proud history with the first non-tote racing meeting held at Hutt Park Raceway on Saturday 28 August 1976. The first race was won by Bluey & Curly for prize money of \$25. While Hutt Park Raceway no longer exists the club remains dedicated to greyhound racing. The club conducts a small number of race meetings which are run at Hatrick Raceway, Wanganui.



..... 2006 *Greyhounds As Pets (GAP) initiative launched in New Zealand*



..... 2006 *First FSI semen shipment to New Zealand*



GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

Kerry Marshall, Chair, GAP Trust

Since GAP was created seven years ago we will have retired nearly 1000 dogs as pets.

Greyhounds as Pets has had an interesting year.

Our focus, of course, is homing greyhounds which are no longer suitable for racing. It is our mission, and each year we have increased the number of dogs adopted as pets.

Since GAP was created seven years ago we will have retired nearly 1,000 dogs as pets.

We have introduced these wonderful pets to hundreds of owners throughout New Zealand. Greyhounds being led around suburban footpaths as much loved pets, are a common sight these days.

This year saw further changes to the GAP structure. It became clear that the move to operate the Trust from the South Island was not working as we had hoped. Also the Amberley kennels were closed to GAP. Accordingly we returned the core base operation to Petone, in the lower North Island - closer to Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ). We were then fortunate enough to re-employ our original programme director, Jacqui Eyley, who returned to us after a brief sojourn in the commercial sector.

Last year I indicated that we wished to expand our kennel network, as our current kennel model, which is working well, is still potentially vulnerable. We continue to have discussions with GRNZ in regards to this, and it is still a work in progress.

As mentioned last year, we have a stunning network of supporters who continue to help GAP achieve successful outcomes. I want to thank the trainers and owners, the regional and area co-ordinators, the fundraisers and donors, the foster home folk and the home checkers, the vets and the kennel owners, the GRNZ Board and staff and the GAP Board and staff, who have been singularly driven to provide homes for retired racing greyhounds.

The Network is in good heart under Jacqui's management and I am confident that with increased awareness in our communities, Greyhounds as Pets has an exciting future.





GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

Jacqui Eyley, Programme Director

The highlight of the year has been the placement of television and radio commercials, created by Saatchi & Saatchi, on community filler lists.

Overview

The programme's success continues with adoption numbers steadily increasing. Pet greyhounds are now becoming a frequent sight in the community, and with nearly 1,000 greyhounds successfully re-homed, many people either know of someone with a pet greyhound, or are at least aware that greyhounds make good pets.

This year has been a challenging one for the Trust with increasing adoption numbers putting pressure on resources. In particular, the increasing number of dogs being adopted to homes in the Auckland region put pressure on existing transport arrangements. Fortunately Greyhound Racing NZ helped us improve logistics with additional funding for transport and kennelling.

The year also saw several changes of personnel with Glenstar Kennels taking over as our South Island kennel base, the addition of subsidiary kennel facilities at Shannon and changes in two of the four Regional Co-ordinator roles.

This period of change has emphasised the risks facing the programme and confirmed the need for a third kennel base in the north of the country.

Overall however, the changes have been mostly positive, and with additional funding from GRNZ, the Trust is now able to grow into a stronger entity with an exciting future.

Promotion

GAP supporters have attended an increasing number of dog-friendly events around the country, including many A&P shows, lifestyle and pet expos, street fairs and galas. We are finding an increasing proportion of adoption applications are coming from areas into which a significant number of greyhounds have already been adopted. Our focus therefore is still on identifying opportunities where people can meet a greyhound and learn about the breed from people who are already smitten! To achieve this we are working with Animates on regular Adopt A Greyhound Days', and encouraging fund-raising events at supermarkets.

The highlight of the year has been the placement of television and radio commercials, created by Saatchi & Saatchi, on community filler lists. The combined airtime over the December to January period was valued at over \$500,000 and the advertisements are still being played today. This type of media advertising is generally outside of the Trust's budget and confirms that building relationships with supporters can be hugely beneficial as well as enjoyable.

This year saw the development of a new website and customer relationship management software with online application forms and improved integration with social media, Facebook and our new email newsletter, 'Hounding Around' which launched in November 2012, have become valuable tools, helping increase awareness and encouraging involvement.



Relationship with the racing industry

The programme's relationship with GRNZ was strengthened this year with the appointment of the Chair of GRNZ's Welfare Committee to the GAP Board. Phil Green provides valuable knowledge and experience to the Board and acts as a point of contact for both Boards on strategic direction and funding.

The programme continues to have good support from many racing owners and trainers. Users have expressed a preference for a flexible approach towards the waiting list, allowing trainers to submit entry forms for dogs early in their career and swap places between dogs entered by the same person. However, this is under regular review as we strive to ensure the waiting list works equally well for all users.

Financial summary

Funding from industry increased to \$176,000 this year, including the much needed additional grant for kennelling and logistics. Meanwhile donations from private individuals rose to over \$80,000, including nearly \$20,000 from two annual street appeals held in April 2012 and March 2013. The programme's regular donation scheme, Steadfast Friends, continues to expand with \$24,640 donated in this financial year, up 12% on the previous year. These donations are absolutely essential for covering our daily kennelling costs and additional veterinary treatment. Profit from the GAP shop was slightly lower at just over \$15,000.

Shop profit increased following the launch of the new online shop in January 2013. The online shop now also accepts credit cards. Community grants are proving difficult to obtain with just \$6,560 approved.

At the end of the year, assets held by the Trust had increased by \$23,421 to total \$140,023, including \$95,000 in cash. The Trust is holding these reserves as a deposit on a future purchase of a GAP owned kennel base.

Planning for the future

The GAP Trust is working with GRNZ to reduce the numbers of greyhounds euthanised at the end of their racing careers. The racing industry is looking into ways in which the dogs' useful racing lives can be extended and researching alternative careers for them post racing. This means the adoption of Greyhounds as Pets is an increasingly important part of the industry's welfare strategy, and we are working towards a realistic goal of 350 adoptions each year.

In the short term, to achieve this objective, we will need to establish a third kennel base in the north to improve access for prospective adopters, and allow our team to focus on promotion and adoption rather than logistics. There is great potential to increase the number of adoptions in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty region and the establishment of a kennel base here will help boost numbers in this region and further north.

In the long term, the Board firmly believes that the purchase of either an industry or GAP owned kennel base is essential to ensure the stability and longevity of the GAP programme.

The future is looking bright for greyhounds. The breed is becoming well known for its gentle, affectionate and lazy nature attributes which make it an ideal pet for today's busy lifestyles. We look forward to working with GRNZ and our supporters, to find more homes for greyhounds when their racing careers have ended.

The Board would like to thank Greyhound Racing New Zealand and all our supporters and donors for helping greyhounds find a new home after racing.



2007 Internationalisation agreement with the NZRB guarantees greyhound races exported to Australia



2007 First \$100,000 Greyhound race (NZ cup, Addington)

programme statistics

GREYHOUND MOVEMENTS

	Apr 12 - Mar 13	Apr 11 - Mar 12	Apr 10 - Mar 11
INCOMING			
Entered by racing owner/trainer	176	185	197
Welfare cases	20	12	2
Total greyhounds entered	196	197	199
Returned from adoptive home - unsuccessful adoption	23	25	10
- change in circumstances	19	21	11
Total greyhounds returned	42	46	21
TOTAL	238	243	220
OUTGOING			
Adoptions processed	228	214	175
Failed temperament assessment	18	28	30
TOTAL	246	242	205
NET GREYHOUNDS IN HOMES	186	168	154

ADOPTIONS BY AREA

AREA		2013	2012
Auckland & Northland	Northland	3	4
	Auckland	59	48
TOTAL		62	52
Waikato/BOP/Taupo	Waikato	14	14
	BOP	2	5
	Taupo	0	3
TOTAL		16	22
Central	Hawke's Bay	8	5
	Taranaki	11	5
	Wanganui	3	4
	Horowhenua/Kapiti	14	9
	Manawatu	24	10
	Hutt Valley	18	12
	Wellington	24	33
	Wairarapa	6	8
TOTAL		108	86
South Island	Nelson/Marlborough	9	8
	Canterbury	25	31
	Otago	7	7
	Southland	1	6
	West Coast	0	1
TOTAL		42	53
TOTAL		228	213

CURRENT LOCATION OF TRAINERS/LPS AND GAP OWNERS

AREA	TRAINERS/LPS		GAP OWNERS	
		Change on previous year		Change on previous year
Northern Districts	63	↑10%	280	↑ 19%
Central Districts	81	↑ 9%	334	↑ 18%
Southern Districts	43	↑9%	145	↑ 18%
Overseas			10	-
TOTAL	187		769	



2012 New Zealand's highest stakes earning greyhound
 'Little Mother' retires with career earnings \$377,751



lola

2 years retired

Changing tracks, from race hound to house hound, Lola learns the ropes

Recently I took a drive up to Woodville from Masterton to see the Simply Grey exhibition at Alias Grace (Beautiful – if you can get there go have a look!). I got chatting to Sonja and before I knew it had agreed to my first foster, a hound that needs to get her Canine Good Citizen Foundation certificate. She is set to go into a Pet Therapy Programme with the Kotuku Foundation in Wanganui. We already have two hounds and I really enjoy training, so thought why not, and then checked with the other half and he said yes.

So I picked up Lola (Kinetic Flyer) from the Sanson kennels. She is an absolute smooch, even more people orientated than our Blondie (Fancy Kate) which is saying something! We have attended two CGC classes already, with Charlie (Thrilling Web) Lola, and Piper (unraced) and we were much improved come class two.

Lola's play antics showed themselves quickly. Last Monday morning my partner got out of the shower and found a toilet roll demolished in the conservatory. There's no proof who did it but, as our two have never touched them, you'll know who my money is on! Made us laugh though.

She's a demon bed reorganiser, and started to 'play' with her cushions, biting them and dragging them about. So one night, I got out some toys out to see what she'd do. Lola got very into it (as did the other two) so I took her outside on her own and threw the toy for her. She grabbed it and took it right outside and ran round, I could hear her bush bashing at the back, so

assumed she was finding a spot to bury it. But no, she came back and practically gave it to me. So I threw it and she came back with it again... Greyhounds aren't natural retrievers so I thought this was a fluke. But no, I threw it another few times and she kept bringing it back in exchange for pats! I am wondering if someone has taught her to fetch already!

So far, Lola is going through the motions of adapting to pet life and what is to be expected of her going forward. To start with, she was all over the place on walks, distracted by people and smells, she would rush to see what was so exciting. Early last week she managed to get under my feet well and truly on a walk and I accidentally stood on her toe. Of course she squealed horrendously, like I had done something truly awful which would scar her for life, and of course it was on the main street outside McDonalds. I got a lot of stares from people, who I'm sure were thinking I had just done something horrible to her. Subsequently though she has been much more respectful of my space and much better behaved out walking. For some reason, crossing the road was tremendously exciting in the beginning. She would wiggle down low, and then launch into big bounds as we crossed. Thankfully, she has realised quickly that this sort of behaviour is undesirable, and today I had a go at walking the three dogs on my own, with a better result than I had hoped for. There is something quite satisfying about walking down the street with three hounds neatly trotting beside you on loose leads. Even though it was raining! – *Rebecca Conole*

"Greyhounds aren't natural retrievers so I thought this was a fluke! But no, I threw it another few times and she kept bringing it back in exchange for pats!"



summarised statement of COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 July 2013

	2013 \$000	2012 \$000
NZRB distributions	20,840	18,720
NZRB class 4 gaming proceeds	875	541
GRNZ subscriptions & levies	121	125
Other income	288	293
Total revenue	22,124	19,679
Clubs funding	4,069	4,152
Stakes & owners returns	11,341	9,779
Racing related costs	3,272	3,348
Greyhound adoption programme	197	162
Other dog welfare costs	282	57
Other administration costs	1,799	1,693
Total expenses	20,960	19,191
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	1,164	488

summarised statement of MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

	2013 \$000	2012 \$000
Balance at start of year	2,608	2,120
Net surplus for the year	1,164	488
EQUITY AT END OF YEAR	3,772	2,608

summarised statement of FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 July 2013

	2013 \$000	2012 \$000
MEMBERS FUNDS	3,772	2,608
represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	295	86
Term deposits	2,000	1,500
NZRB held funds	1,551	847
Prepayments	20	8
Receivables & loans	345	412
Inventory	57	147
Total current assets	4,268	3,000
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Loans & advances	18	21
Fixed assets	387	920
Intangible assets	140	284
Total non current assets	545	1,225
TOTAL ASSETS	4,813	4,225
Less:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade accounts payable	956	1,533
Other payables	85	84
Total current liabilities	1,041	1,617
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,041	1,617
NET ASSETS	3,772	2,608



2012 John McInerney trains
a world record 803 winners

summarised financial reports were authorised by the board on 10 September 2013

A summary of the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association's (the Association's) audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2013 is shown in the Financial Summary section of this annual report. The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS-43 summary financial statements.

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practise as appropriate to entities that qualify for and apply differential reporting concessions and were authorised by the Board on 10 September 2013.

The summary financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars.

The Audited summarised financial statements are additional to, and have been extracted from the Association's full financial statements of 31 July 2013 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 and financial position of the Association.

The summarised financial statements should be read in conjunction with the statement of accounting policies and notes to 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.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Inc ("Association")

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summarised financial statements as at 31 July 2013, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of the Association for the year ended 31 July 2013. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 10 September 2013.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required for full financial statements under generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Association.

Board of Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Board of Management are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Our firm and an entity associated with our firm were engaged by the Association to assist with a greyhound welfare review and provide taxation services to the Association; we have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Association.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of the Association for the year ended 31 July 2013 are consistent, in all material respects, a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with FRS-43.



Crowe Horwath New Zealand Audit Partnership
Chartered Accountants

10 September 2013

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2012 Gala Awards



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- 01** DISTANCE GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR
THRILLING BRAT
Karen Walsh accepting from Danny Garrick (MTA), Phil Green (GRNZ) and Mike Johnston (MTA).
- 02** NZ BRED GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR
BIGTIME KINVARA
Luke Harding, Andre Poutama accepting from John McArthur (Chair GRNZ).
- 03** SPRINTER OF THE YEAR
NIPPA MARY
Johnathon McInerney accepting from Graeme Calverley (GRNZ).
- 04** GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR
LITTLE MOTHER
Luke Harding, Andre Poutama (standing), Brendan Cole, Gordan and Lisa Sciberras.
- 05** MIDDLE DISTANCE GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR
LITTLE MOTHER
Gordon Sciberras accepting from Paul Conner (GRNZ) and John Sherwood (Mickeys Super Liquor).
- 06** TRAINER OF THE YEAR
JOHN MCINERNEY
John McInerney accepting award from Jim Leach (GM GRNZ).
- 07** STRIKERATE TRAINER OF THE YEAR
LINDA MARTIN
Linda Martin with husband Mike accepting from Khoa Nguyen (GRNZ).
- 08** DAM OF THE YEAR
EMULATE
Ray Adcock accepting from John Apanowicz (GRNZ).
- 09** PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR
JOAN BATES
Joan Bates accepting from Mauro Barsi (GRNZ).

SPONSORSHIP

Consistent with previous periods, the greyhound racing code in its entirety interacted with numerous individuals, organisations and businesses.



Again this has resulted in continued growth in the code through these sponsorships and other supportive relationships. The level of support is significant to the industry and certainly does make a difference.

As such it makes it all the more pleasing that individuals and organisations choose to stand by their support of this industry.

The racing safety development fund has also played its part in allowing clubs to apply for funds towards improving health and welfare of greyhounds.

So on behalf of the greyhound racing industry and all its clubs and supporters, Greyhound Racing New Zealand wishes to formally record its acknowledgment of the financial assistance and other support that has been received from a range of individuals, businesses and trusts. It needs to be expressly stated that this support is gratefully received and sincerely appreciated by all recipients.

thank you

hall of fame

2013 inductees



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other inductees



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2013 inductees (left)

Mega Legend, Thrilling Sam, Nancy Cobain

01. Peter Fenemor (Mega Legend),
Graeme Calverley (GRNZ Board),
Adrienne Charters (Mega Legend),
John McArthur (GRNZ Board chair),
Leigh Bell, Peter Early and Lenna Wall.

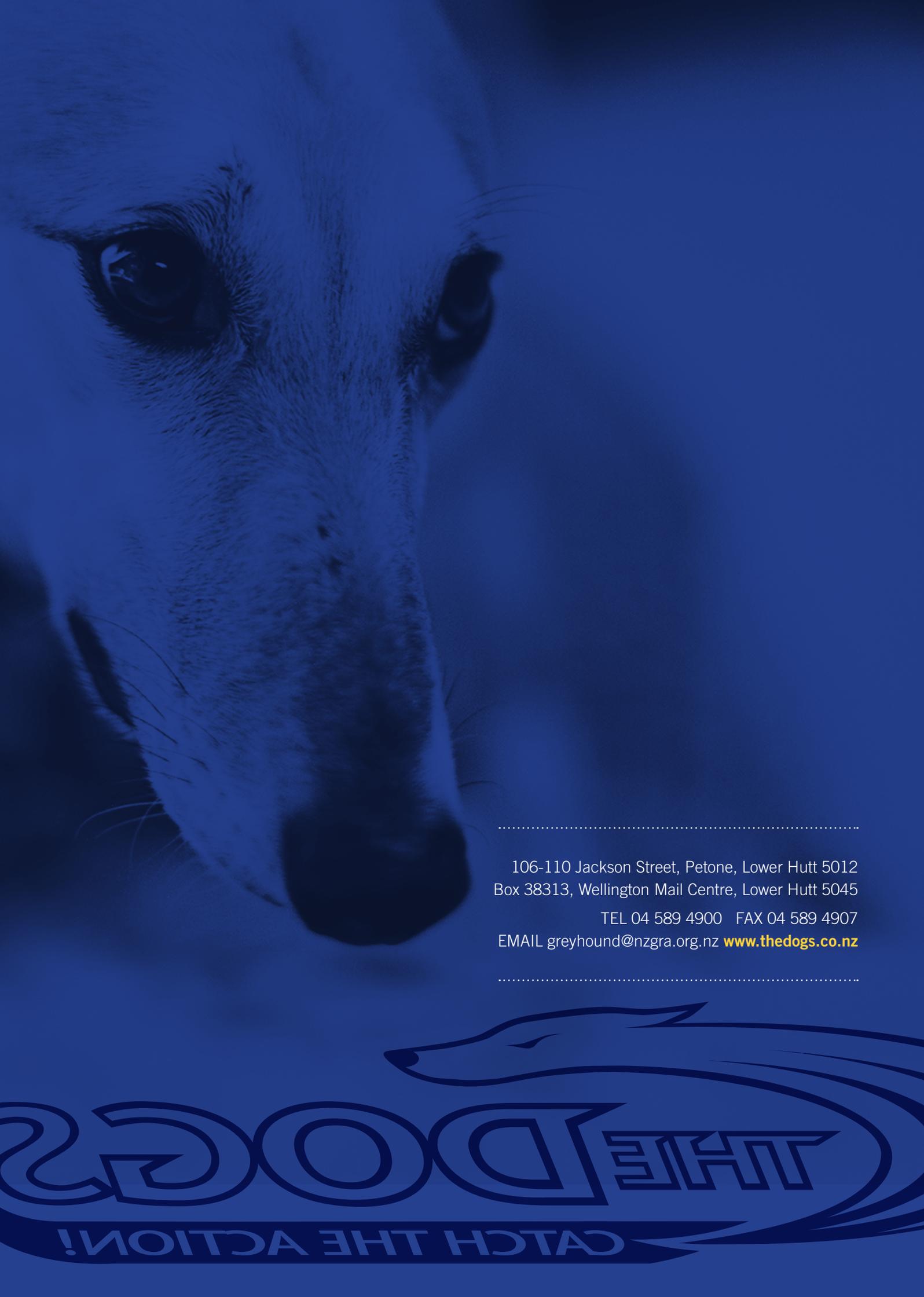
02. Leigh Bell (right), Peter Early (centre) and
Lenna Wall (left) accepting for the late Nancy Cobain

03. Adrienne Charters and Peter Fenemor
(owners of Mega Legend) and Ray Adcock
(trainer of Mega Legend) .

other inductees

04. *Cecilia Lloyd*

05. *Misty Anna*



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