



GBOTA News

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AT the GBOTA branch meeting held in April, it was decided to write to the Brisbane Club seeking reasons for the club's continued refusal to trial in an early AM timeslot which would benefit our greyhound's welfare in hot summer months.

No other club in Australia shows such contempt for licensee's requirements.

Now that daylight saving has ended and the colder months are with us, there should be no reason for continuing the chaos of waiting one race to go home has created.

Forced to wait one race in winter would be the height of stupidity.

Some months ago the GRA gave the thumbs up to a trial of preferential draws for Capalaba. The GBOTA will seek a progress report.

The Australian Federation of Greyhound Owners and Trainers Association held its 24th annual conference in Sydney in April.

Some issues discussed were:

* The NSW GBOTA is drafting a letter re all the states' affiliation with the NSW Branch of the GBOTA. The main reasons being its 1400 members and the fact it conducts meetings at 11

TAB tracks and has 30 branches throughout the state. It also has representation on GRNSW.

* Work towards standardization of penalties throughout Australia.

* Hot weather policy to be in place in all states.

* Wording in Australian Rules "where a greyhound in the opinion of stewards" be changed to "where a greyhound on the evidence of the stewards".

* Queensland licensees concern about the amalgamation by stealth the GRA Governance model submitted to the Government without the required industry meeting being called for discussion.

The major concern is the ambiguity of KPMG's revised document, which leaves the Queensland greyhound industry at the disposal of the whims of the Queensland Racing Office.

* Discussion of the National Animal Welfare strategy.

* Discussion of various state breeding schemes.

* Quarantine policy.

* Minimum number to make up fields.

The next GBOTA branch meeting will be held at 6pm at Albion Park on May 3.