



## General Manager

### Darren Beavis

**THE** GRA was recently approached by trial track operators regarding the inability to obtain public liability insurance.

To be registered as a trial track with the GRA it is a requirement of the trial track operator to have some form of insurance cover.

A meeting was held with representatives of registered trial tracks and the GRA in an attempt to formulate a group trial track insurance policy. It is hopeful something can be achieved from this to enable these tracks to remain registered and open to licensees.

**NOW** that the GRA has classified owners only and syndicates as registered persons and no fee applies, these persons will no longer receive a copy of The Journal.

However, it is pointed out to these groups a Journal is sent to licensed persons i.e. attendants, owner-trainers and public trainers. Should an owner or member of a syndicate want to continue receiving a Journal each month, they are recommended to either take out Journal subscription for \$44 per year (11 editions) or become a licensed person.

Our current fee for Attendants is \$20.

**THE** Board recently approved a grant of \$17,000 to the Gold Coast club for the purchase of a new tractor to be use in track preparation. The new semaphore board at the Ipswich club is due to be installed this month. The GRA contributed half the cost of \$17,000.

Also at Ipswich, improvements have been made

to the running rail and lure system by local contractor Bevan Williamson through A.I.M.S. Industrial. The Board's contribution was \$20,000.

New promotional gear has been ordered for the GRA. This will include newly designed polo shirts, caps etc.

**OWNERS** and trainers are reminded of the Q.L.D. Group Fifth Grade Statewide Challenge which starts in the middle of this month.

Conditions of the race are:

For greyhounds eligible to be nominated for Class 3 5th Grade at close of nominations.

\$22 nomination fee applies (payable at kennelling)

**Heats and Finals to be conducted at:**

*1st Pref*

Gold Coast Tuesday (3) May 18-25

*2nd Pref*

Ipswich Wednesday (3) May 19-26

Townsville Thursday (4) May 20-27

*3rd Pref*

Albion Park Friday (3) May 21-28

**Grand Final at Albion Park June 3**

1st \$25,000

2nd \$8000

3rd \$4000

4th - 8th \$600

**Eligibility/Conditions:**

\* The Q.L.D. Group 5th Grade Statewide Challenge is open to greyhounds eligible for **Class 3 5th Grade at close of nominations.**

\* Nominations for all Heats conducted

at Gold Coast, Ipswich, Albion Park and Townsville will close on May 13 at 8.30am with the GRA.

Greyhounds must be specifically nominated for the Q.L.D. Group Statewide Challenge.

**A written nomination is required to ensure eligibility for the series.** The number of heats conducted will be determined by the number of nominations received per club.

\* A \$22 nomination fee is payable at kennelling on the conduct of each club's heats.

\* Greyhounds are eligible to compete in a series at one track **ONLY**.

\* To be eligible, greyhounds **Must** have been domiciled in Queensland **(3) three months** prior to the close of nominations i.e. **February 13**.

\* To be eligible to compete in the Townsville Series, greyhounds **Must** have been domiciled from **Gympie and North (3) three months** prior to the close of nominations i.e. **February 13**.

\* Heats and Finals will be conducted over the following distances: Gold Coast 457m, Ipswich 520m, Albion Park 520m and Townsville 498m. The Grand Final at Albion Park will be conducted over 520m.

\* First and second greyhounds from Gold Coast and Ipswich Finals shall represent their respective clubs in the Grand Final at Albion Park on June 3.

\* First, second and third from the Albion Park Final shall represent that club in the Grand Final at Albion Park on June 3.

\* First placegetter in the Townsville Final shall represent that club in the Grand Final at Albion Park on June 3.

\* \$500 shall be applied to the Townsville Final winner to assist in travelling expenses to Brisbane.

\* Third placegetters from Ipswich and Gold Coast will be balloted as reserves for the Grand Final at Albion Park on June 3.

\* Trophies shall be presented to each club's Final winner with a presentation rug provided to all greyhounds representing their club for use in the Grand Final.

**WHAT** wonderful ambassadors for Queensland greyhound racing Bogie Leigh and her connections have become.

Her all-the-way victory in the Group 1 Golden Easter Egg at Wentworth Park was enjoyed by all Queenslanders.

Owner Les Bein and trainer Tony Brett have not been afraid to take on the best Australia-wide and her four Group 1 victories are testament to her greatness.

Many are claiming her Queensland's best ever. And congratulations to Peter Bellamy and Tony Zammit on Surf Lorian equalling of Flying Amy's long-standing track record at Albion Park.