



GBOTA News

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THE greatest danger to the Queensland greyhound industry is apathy.

The QGBOTA and the GRA can only do what participants request. The GRA has shown an eagerness to listen to problems and do its best to rectify them. It is up to the participants to shrug off their indifference and help solve the problems they constantly whinge about.

As mentioned in the April Journal, the QGBOTA wrote to the Racing Minister requesting a meeting to express greyhound racing participants' concerns about the future direction of the industry in this state. Unfortunately the Minister is not available until the Racing Review Panel has concluded its review. However, a submission will be prepared by the QGBOTA to relay our concerns over the previous Minister's staff and GRA blackout of greyhound racing participants' input to the revised Governance model.

KPMG's revised Governance document denied greyhound racing participants' any input and is not a true reflection of their aspirations.

Let's hope the Racing Review Panel ignores the bureaucrats in the racing industry pushing the amalgamation barrow who think greyhounds are stabled and pacers are kenneled and training facilities are shared evenly. Albion Park is the prime example of how wrong they are. The QGBOTA, as your representatives, are eagerly looking forward to enlightening the Panel of the true situation in the greyhound industry.

The QGBOTA recommends all owners, Global Greyhound members included, take out an attendances license (\$20) because under the new fee structure owners will not be on the GRA Journal mailing list. An annual subscription is \$44.

The compiler of the "Walk And Talk" has resigned and if a replacement cannot be found, publication will cease.

The QGBOTA wishes to apologise for an article by "Diogenes" in the February "Walk And Talk" regarding an allegation of misconduct by officials of the GRA. The article was the subject of a CMC inquiry that exonerated the GRA officials. Report from May meeting with GRA. The GRA has informed the QGBOTA that:

** Trial period for preferential draws for Capalaba will start sometime in June.*

** Thirty-six Queensland races will carry Qld-bred owners and Qld-bred breeders bonuses besides prizemoney reviews.*

** Present preview policy will be reviewed in six months.*

** Kennel practices for going home will be looked into.*

** All submissions to the Racing Review Panel to be in by May 28.*

The next branch meeting of the QGBOTA is at 6pm on June 7 at Albion Park. All participants are welcome but only members have voting rights.

The QGBOTA URL has changed to <http://users.bigpond.com/qgbota>