



## General Manager

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### *Board adds \$88,000 to feature races*

**GREYHOUND** racing in Queensland will benefit from an increase in prizemoney for a number of feature races in the next 12 months, and state-bred dogs can earn their owners and breeders big bonuses.

The Board at its recent meeting approved the increases which will add \$88,000 to 25 of the state's glamour races. It felt there had not been significant increases in these races for some time, and in fact a number of clubs had been forced to drop some feature races.

The demise of the QBIS scheme some time ago prompted the Board to look at adding incentives to owners and breeders of Queensland-bred dogs winning any of these feature races.

A full list of the races and the additional prizemoney and bonuses is printed on Page 5.

Back in January the Board also approved an additional \$300,000 for prizemoney throughout the state to June this year, and have agreed to continue this for the next financial year at an additional cost of \$420,000.

The base prizemoney increase will be as follows: 50% to the winner, 25% to second, 15% to third and 10% for fourth.

The GRA will become involved in the Queensland Greyhound of the Year.

The Board will commit financially to assisting the running of the function and is looking at making it a statewide event. While the Greyhound of the Year will be announced as usual, the Board will also present each club's individual awards at the same function.

It is expected each club will send their greyhound of the year to attend with its connections and they will be presented with the award on the night in Brisbane. Of course, all annual awards will continue through the Brisbane Club.

The Board hopes to have a gala night included entertainment etc.

ALREADY the GRA is receiving positive feedback about the Qdog performances now available on our website. All form for every dog that has raced in this state in the past six years is available at no cost to anyone utilising the facility on the GRA's website.

It is envisaged our web designer will have an added bonus for those using our site.

Within the next few weeks, we hope to be able to have form accessed through each dog engaged at a race meeting i.e. if a dog is engaged in a race, call up the form on the web, click on the dog's name and it's career form will be displayed.

I AM anxious to bring greyhound racing in this state under one corporate branding.

The GRA has already registered the name "Greyhounds Queensland" for such use in the future.

At the moment, many of the clubs throughout the state have their own logos, brands etc and it is my thought that this should be contained in a common statewide logo.

I have already spoken to most TAB clubs and have received a generally favourable response.

Our next likely step will be to develop a number of designs for comment.

GREYHOUNDS Australasia recently announced a surcharge for registering DNA (see this page).

However, the GRA will absorb this increase and not pass it on to licensees.