

Welcome to the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission

A Message from Chief Commissioner, Alan Brown

As Chief Commissioner of the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission, I am excited about the challenge that lies ahead. It's no secret that the industry has had a difficult few years but the aim of the Commission is to ensure greyhound racing in NSW thrives and public confidence is restored. The Commission will have wide-ranging powers to help the industry continue on its reform journey and in doing so restore confidence and integrity along the way. We also need to ensure people can enjoy racing their dogs with the best returns possible by having an industry with a level playing field that's well-resourced and delivers on community expectations.

The vast majority of people involved in greyhound racing love their dogs and love the industry. However, they want reform, they want a clean slate and they want a restoration of public confidence so they can be proud to be an industry participant.

We will be working collaboratively with all those involved in greyhound racing to implement change and improve the industry. The Commission's aim is not to shut the industry down but on the contrary, our aim is to ensure the industry flourishes by setting the highest animal welfare standards supported by a vigorous licensing and registration framework. Animal welfare is paramount to the Commission and work is well underway to prepare a Code of Practice for the Welfare of Greyhounds. There will be a new licensing, registration and accreditation system developed in consultation with the industry. All greyhound racing industry participants will be required to register with the Commission.

The Commission is currently in the process of being established with much work going on behind the scenes. Judith Lind has commenced as CEO, and I, and the other Commissioners look forward to working with her as we establish the independent regulator. We will be depending on people involved in the industry to assist us along the way by engaging in an open and transparent dialogue so we can continue to implement reforms. By working together, we can ensure the greyhound racing industry is one which makes participants proud to be involved in.

Judith Lind Appointed CEO

Former senior executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), Judith Lind has been appointed CEO of GWIC and commenced the role in February.

Judith Lind has 30 years' experience working in the public sector and held senior leadership roles with the Australian Federal Police, Australian Crime Commission and Australian Taxation Office.

Judith's goal as CEO is to implement the reform program to restore community confidence while building a fair, open, transparent and ethical regulator.

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Functions of the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC)

The Greyhound Industry Reform Panel recommended that commercial and regulatory functions carried out by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) be separated.

Regulatory functions will transfer to the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) while GRNSW will retain all commercial functions. The commission will work closely with GRNSW to ensure the smooth transition of functions.

GRNSW will be responsible for the following functions:

Commercial functions including organisation of race days from a commercial point of view, Greyhounds as Pets, track safety and design standards and training and education for industry participants.

Regulatory functions will transfer from GRNSW to the GWIC.

GWIC's functions include:

- **Stewarding**
- **Monitoring and Inspections**
- **Animal Welfare**
- **Licensing, Registration and Accreditation**

GWIC will be responsible for the following functions:

Stewarding:

Ensuring compliance with Greyhound Racing Rules relating to race days across NSW.

Monitoring and Inspections:

Controlling, supervising and regulating greyhound racing and ensuring compliance with regulations, the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Greyhounds and Greyhound Racing Act 2017.

Animal Welfare:

Initiating, developing and implementing policies relating to the welfare of greyhounds including a new code of practice.

Licensing, Registration and Accreditation:

Ensuring those responsible for the care of greyhounds have clear, enforceable obligations and are required to meet accreditation requirements to obtain and retain a licence. Developing a whole of life cycle tracking system.

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