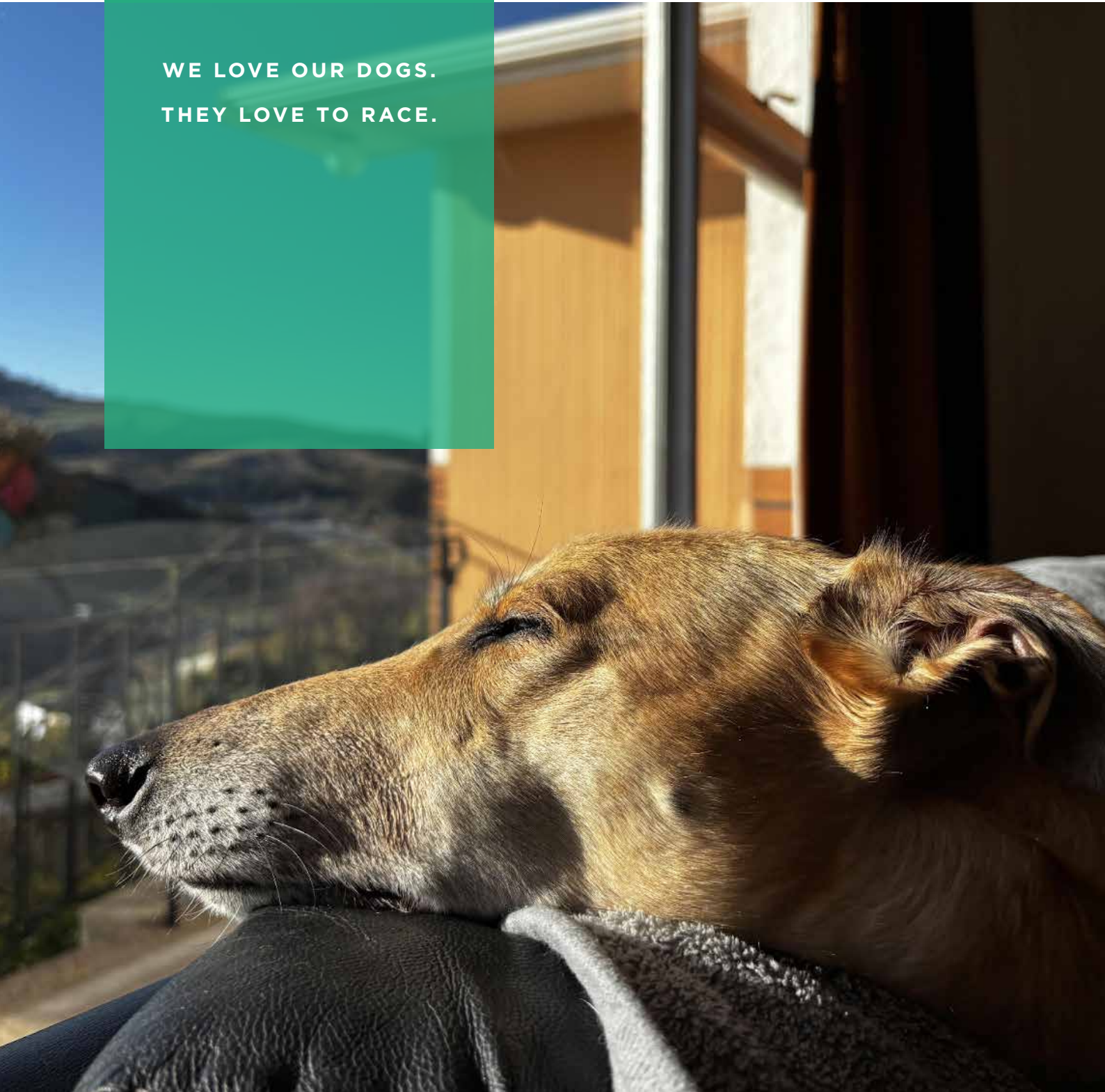




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# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

WE LOVE OUR DOGS.  
THEY LOVE TO RACE.







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# Chairman Review

## Sean Hannan

It is with a mixture of pride and deep frustration that I write this year's Chairman's Review.

Despite being a year marked by increasing uncertainty and unprecedented political hostility, our industry has once again proven its resilience, commitment to welfare, and operational excellence. Greyhound racing in New Zealand continues to demonstrate strength in its people, its animals, and its communities — even as the Government appears determined to dismantle it without fairness, transparency, or proper consideration of the facts. It has been nearly 150 years since New Zealand's first greyhound race in Southland, a history that is about to be erased with a stroke of the woke pen.

### A Year of Success Under Pressure

Throughout the 2024/25 racing year, our clubs, participants, and supporters continued to deliver a strong and consistent racing product, underpinned by some of the most stringent animal welfare measures in the southern hemisphere. Despite mounting regulatory and political pressure, race meetings were delivered professionally, safely, and with a continued focus on the welfare and integrity of our sport.

We saw promising improvements across key welfare metrics, including lower race injury rates, improved rehoming outcomes, and compliance with new track safety standards. These advances were not accidental. They are the direct result of sustained investment, robust reforms, and the dedication of people who care deeply about the wellbeing of the animals in our sport.

Let me be unequivocal: no other racing code in New Zealand has implemented reforms to the extent, or at the pace, that greyhound racing has over the past four years. In terms of greyhound welfare, we have led the industry. That this has gone unacknowledged — even actively dismissed — by the Government is both disheartening and unjust.

### Political Decisions Without Justification

The Government's ongoing push to ban greyhound racing is a decision that flies in the face of evidence, engagement, and the principles of natural justice. The process has lacked objectivity, transparency, and any meaningful engagement with the very people whose lives and livelihoods depend on the sport.

The decision has been executed with an alarming disregard for the improvements our industry has made, the hundreds of New Zealanders involved in our code, and the regional communities that benefit from it. It has become abundantly clear that this is not about animal welfare — if it were, the same scrutiny would be applied to all racing codes. Instead, it has become a political calculation, one that trades away livelihoods for populist gain.

The hypocrisy in comparing greyhound racing to equine codes cannot be overstated. While all racing codes face their own challenges, the uneven application of standards, the absence of equivalent scrutiny, and the failure to credit the greyhound code for its reforms reveal a systemic bias that cannot be ignored.

### Financial and Operational Highlights

Despite the political challenge, the 2024/25 season delivered solid financial results. GRNZ maintained a balanced budget while continuing to invest in welfare, infrastructure, and participant support. Stakeholder returns were protected where possible, and strategic reserves were preserved prudently.

Key highlights of the year include:

- Continued reduction in serious race injuries, exceeding previous targets.
- Expansion of the Great Mates rehoming programme, with adoption numbers reaching a record high.
- Launch of pilot track safety innovations.
- Upgraded data systems to improve transparency and traceability of greyhound welfare outcomes.

The resilience of our participants has been extraordinary. Trainers, owners, club volunteers, and support staff have endured uncertainty, emotional stress, and diminishing political support — yet they continue to show up for the animals and the sport they love.

### A Commitment to Truth and Integrity

GRNZ remains steadfast in its commitment to truth, fairness, and integrity. We have operated in good faith throughout the reform process, meeting every regulatory request, submitting to every review, and engaging constructively with all parties.



We are not blind to past issues in the sport — we have faced them head-on. But reform must be met with recognition, not retribution. Sadly, the current political climate offers little room for reason, evidence, or engagement. The Government's course of action sends a chilling message to any industry seeking to evolve: no matter how hard you work to improve, it may never be enough if the politics turn against you.

### Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the challenges ahead, GRNZ will continue to advocate for our people, our animals, and our place in New Zealand's sporting landscape. We will stand up for fairness and for the hundreds of New Zealanders who have built their lives around this sport — not as an afterthought, but as a proud and legitimate industry.

We will also continue to honour our responsibilities, both to our animals and to the integrity of the sport. Should the Government proceed with its intention to ban greyhound racing, it must be held to account for the lives disrupted, the jobs lost, and the welfare burden it will inevitably shift elsewhere — with no clear plan, infrastructure, or accountability.

To our participants: thank you. Your perseverance, professionalism, and passion are the backbone of this industry. Regardless of the challenges we face, you continue to show what it means to be part of a community that cares deeply about its sport and its animals.

Greyhound racing in New Zealand deserves better — from its Minister, from its regulators, and from this Government.

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Sean Hannan  
Chairman

# Chief Executive Review

## Edward Rennell

### Overview

The 2024/25 year has been one of the most challenging in Greyhound Racing New Zealand's (GRNZ) history. On 10 December 2024, the Government, through Minister for Racing Winston Peters, announced its decision to ban greyhound racing in New Zealand, effective 31 July 2026.

Disappointingly, this announcement was not communicated to GRNZ directly. It was only through media inquiries that we became aware an announcement was imminent, prompting a call to the Department of Internal Affairs. This marked the beginning of a process that has lacked transparency, fairness, and respect for the people within our industry.

The Government's plan is not limited to banning racing but extends to forcibly winding up GRNZ and Clubs via legislation, and taking control of our assets without compensation. This unprecedented move undermines the integrity of New Zealand's long-standing Incorporated Societies framework and raises significant legal and ethical concerns.

### Organisational Standing and Compliance

GRNZ is a legally compliant, independent incorporated society that has operated since 1953. We have a long track record of adherence to statutory obligations, with a particular focus in recent years on improving greyhound welfare.

We have worked constructively with the Racing Integrity Board (RIB), the Government's appointed welfare monitor. While early assessments cited "slow" progress in reducing race injury rates (December 2022), subsequent reviews have rated GRNZ's efforts as "adequate" (from June 2023 onward) – and that rating has been maintained in every quarterly report since. Despite this, the Government has chosen to ignore these independent assessments in its rationale for closure. One can only conclude that the decision to end greyhound racing in New Zealand is politically driven and the industry's total exclusion from the process is a disappointing reflection of that.

### Conduct of the Closure Process

GRNZ and its participants have consistently been placed at a disadvantage throughout the closure process. This includes:

- Repeated denial of access to the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) interim report, despite numerous formal requests.

- Media leaks ahead of official communication, resulting in confusion and reputational harm.
- Public comments by the Minister for Racing likening industry participants to "sinners," contributing to an atmosphere of hostility and disrespect.

The Government's actions have not only been procedurally unfair but also represent a serious challenge to the rule of law. If allowed to proceed, the legislation will require Parliament to undermine the existing legal protections of Incorporated Societies and charities, setting a dangerous precedent for all voluntary organisations in New Zealand.

### Strategic Priorities

GRNZ has adopted a dual-path strategy in response to the Government's decision:

#### 1. Industry Continuity and Welfare Leadership (to 31 July 2026)

- Maintain a safe, compliant, and competitive greyhound racing environment.
- Ensure greyhound welfare remains our top priority.
- Support sustainability and resilience for all participants and foster professional development.
- Uphold strong governance practices across GRNZ and member clubs.

#### 2. Defending Industry Rights and Legal Position

- Challenge the ban and the proposed asset seizure through GRNZ's application for a judicial review and promote high engagement with the parliamentary select committee process.
- Advocate for a fair and lawful process that respects the contributions of our members and the thousands of New Zealanders who rely on this industry for their livelihood.
- Highlight the broader implications of this precedent for property rights and the not-for-profit sector in New Zealand.
- Raise awareness among Incorporated Societies of the risks to the rule of law.

If the ban is ultimately upheld, GRNZ will work to ensure a responsible, ethical, and orderly wind-down of operations, with support structures in place to assist industry participants and ensure the continued welfare of all greyhounds.



### Looking Ahead

While the future of greyhound racing in New Zealand remains uncertain, our commitment to our people, our animals, and the integrity of our industry is unwavering. Regardless of the outcome, GRNZ remains focused on responsible leadership, advocacy, and the continued promotion of welfare and compliance standards that reflect our values.

We acknowledge the deep uncertainty and frustration this year has brought for many, and we thank all participants, staff, volunteers, and supporters for their continued resilience and dedication during this unprecedented time.

The welfare of our people is paramount and risks need to be addressed carefully and appropriately. Despite the MAC interim report identifying risks to wellbeing of industry participants facing closure, GRNZ inquiries of Mental Health Minister Matt Doocey have revealed nothing has been done by the Government to consider or mitigate the impacts to wellbeing on people legislated out of their livelihoods.

I am particularly grateful to my leadership team who have remained cohesive and loyal throughout this time despite not knowing what their future prospects look like. It is a triumph to retain such a talented and knowledgeable team during a period of profoundly disruptive change. The support of the GRNZ Board is also acknowledged and appreciated, working tirelessly with management in the interests of the sport, its people, and of course our beloved greyhounds.

Here's hoping in a year's time I can report more positively on the survival and success of the sport, should we be allowed to prevail over the political theatrics we are currently subject to.

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**Edward Rennell**  
Chief Executive

# Government's proposed roadmap to closure

In December 2024, the Government announced its in-principle decision to end greyhound racing in New Zealand by 31 July 2026 (end of the 2025/26 season).

A Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) was established to provide independent advice on the transition and oversee closure.

## MAC's Interim Report (May 2025) outlines:

- Legislative/regulatory changes needed.
- An operational transition plan.
- A timeline for closure.
- A Final Report (July 2026) will document progress, remaining steps, and lessons learned.

## Current Industry Overview

- Governance: GRNZ (Greyhound Racing New Zealand) oversees 7 racing clubs.
- Numbers: an estimated 2,500 greyhounds registered at start of 2025; an estimated 35,000 race starts annually.
- Funding: Largely from TAB NZ betting revenue, distributed to GRNZ and clubs.

## Rehoming:

- Average 650-700 dogs annually via the Great Mates programme. \$8m spent on welfare and rehoming in 2024.
- With breeding effectively stopped, an estimated 1,500 greyhounds will need rehoming when racing ends.

## Key Issues Identified

### 1. Livelihoods & Wellbeing

- 138 trainers (80% have <20 dogs); an estimated 1,050 employees; 238 volunteers.

- Racing is a community and lifestyle, not just income.
- Mental health risks are high; OnTrack warns closure will exacerbate problems.
- Retraining and employment pathways needed (some via rehoming contracts).

### 2. Greyhound Welfare

- Current rehoming pipeline under pressure.
- Rehoming capacity exists but needs better coordination, branding, and promotion.
- From 1 August 2026, owners will lose racing income but still need to care for dogs, contracts required to ensure welfare during transition.

### 3. Closure of Organisations

- GRNZ and clubs (incorporated societies) will lose purpose.
- Assets, liabilities, and obligations must be fairly managed.

## Legislative and Institutional Proposals

Amend the Racing Industry Act 2020 to:

- Remove greyhound racing as a lawful activity (effective 1 August 2026).
- Dissolve GRNZ and clubs.
- Provide for asset/liability management.
- Establish a Greyhound Racing Transition Agency (independent, Crown not liable)
- Oversee wind-down, manage assets, administer rehoming.
- Board of up to 4 members, skill-based appointments.
- Operate for 3 years (max 5 years).
- Funded by TAB NZ revenues, continuing after racing ends.

## Funding and Costs

- TAB NZ revenue from overseas greyhound racing will continue.
- GRNZ reserves are insufficient to rehome.
- Estimated transition cost up to \$60m (over 3 years).
- Largest cost is rehoming.
- Contracts with owners/kennels will provide interim care and some income.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

- Closure by July 2026 is achievable, but requires timely legislation (introduced October 2025, passed by 1 April 2026).
- Recommend establishing the Transition Agency early, with an establishment board to prepare a detailed transition plan.
- Ensure ongoing welfare protections (s 53A) apply until every greyhound is rehomed.
- Fund the transition through TAB NZ levies, with government oversight.

## Final Committee Report

The Committee is to provide its final report to the Minister for Racing no later than 31 July 2026. The purpose of the Committee's final report is to:

- document the steps taken up until that time to facilitate the closure;
- outline any further steps that need to come to complete any remaining aspects of the closure - including any operational steps as well as recommendations for further required regulatory or legislative changes; and
- provide advice about any general lessons learnt from this process should Government consider disestablishing any other industry in the future.



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# Our **purpose, vision, mission** are the cornerstones of GRNZ

Greyhound Racing New Zealand is the governing body for greyhound racing in New Zealand and provides governance, support and assistance to the affiliated clubs in the sport of greyhound racing. GRNZ is responsible for all the administration of all supporting functions such as racing and breeding support, animal welfare, promotion of greyhound racing, to race stakes and schedules.

## **OUR MISSION**

To lead and grow the sport of greyhound racing.

## **OUR VISION**

Greyhound racing is a trusted, respected and vibrant entertainment sport in New Zealand.

## **OUR PURPOSE**

We love our sport.  
We love our dogs.  
They love to race.



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# GRNZ Board

The Board is made up of three independent Directors and four elected representatives. The Board has five formally constituted committees, these are:

**Racing Committee** - discusses and reviews various racing and rule-specific matters on behalf of the Board;

**Dates Committee** - establishes dates allocations to Clubs for the coming racing season;

**Finance and Audit Committee** - responsible for advising the Board on the financial policies and the financial position of the Association;

**Personnel and Remuneration Committee** - reviews the Chief Executive's performance and remuneration, including all performance incentive arrangements and attends to any employment matters as raised by the Chief Executive; and

**Integrity Committee** - discusses all integrity and judicial related matters on behalf of the Board.



**Sean Hannan** Chair



**Wayne Steele** Deputy Chair



**Fred Guillemont** Director



**David Kingston** Director



**Craig Roberts** Director



**Steve Mander** Director



**Mike Austin** Director



**Katie Wyllie** Emerging Leader

# GRNZ Emerging Leader



To the industry participants,  
thank you.

For your strength,  
your spirit, and  
your care for the dogs.

## Katie Wyllie Emerging Leader

It's difficult to find the words to sum up my time as an Emerging Director on the Board of Greyhound Racing New Zealand, especially as I write this at a time of enormous change and deep sadness for our industry.

When I was given the opportunity to join the Board in this role, I saw it as a chance not only to grow as a person, but to give something back to a sport and a community that has helped shape who I am today. One of my main responsibilities was to assist in the selection of Board Award recipients, promoting a fair and balanced view that considered under-recognised individuals.

I learned a great deal about governance, strategic planning, and the complex challenges our sport has faced from public perception to regulatory scrutiny, and everything in between. These were not always easy conversations, but they were important ones. I was

fortunate to have the guidance and support of experienced board members who welcomed my contributions. I also had the privilege of engaging with the GRNZ team, which gave me a deeper appreciation for the complexity and passion that drives our sport forward.

To the industry participants, thank you. For your strength, your spirit, and your care for the dogs. Your contribution deserves to be recognised and respected far beyond this moment. For all of us, this sport is more than a profession, it is our life. Generations of families, countless friendships, and deep bonds between people and animals have grown through greyhound racing.

The emerging director's role is established to develop future governance talent, bring fresh perspectives to the board, promote succession planning and strengthen leadership pathways, and to support innovation and adaptability. I believe this

role has served its intended purpose, and I commend GRNZ for recognising the importance of developing future leaders through direct boardroom exposure.

Greyhounds are not just animals I work with, they're family. This sport, and these dogs, have shaped who I am. From early mornings in the kennels to the thrill of race days, every moment spent with greyhounds has brought me purpose, pride, and connection. Their gentle nature, loyalty, and incredible athleticism never cease to amaze me. Being part of their lives, caring for them, training them, celebrating their wins and supporting them through setbacks has given me so much more than I could ever give back. Greyhounds are my life, and that will never change, no matter what the future holds.

Thank you to all for the support,

**Katie**

# Greyhound Welfare and Rehoming

Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ) remains firmly committed to upholding the highest standards of greyhound welfare. The safety and wellbeing of all participants, staff, and greyhounds across the industry continues to be a top priority—particularly as GRNZ navigates the challenges associated with the industry’s impending closure.

A cornerstone of this welfare commitment is GRNZ’s Great Mates rehoming program, which achieved a record-breaking 697 adoptions in the 2024/25 year. This is an extraordinary accomplishment, especially against the backdrop of a nationwide decline in dog adoptions reported by animal shelters and councils.

Great Mates serves as a highly effective, centralised channel for the rehoming of retired racing greyhounds. Through a strong network of trusted rehoming partners and people with deep understanding of the breed, GRNZ ensures each greyhound is thoughtfully matched with a suitable forever home—ensuring their wellbeing and happiness long after racing ends.

## Welfare rules and policies

- GRNZ leads the racing codes in New Zealand in this respect with a comprehensive Greyhound Euthanasia Policy which prohibits the euthanasia of greyhounds except on animal welfare grounds. This policy was updated twice in the 2024/25 year. GRNZ notes that the legislation the government enacted on greyhound euthanasia when the industry closure was announced was effectively the existing GRNZ Greyhound Euthanasia Policy. In GRNZ’s view, this legislation was unnecessary political grandstanding to paint the industry and its people in a bad light, in an attempt to justify the industry’s closure.
- GRNZ implemented a new Sudden Death Policy to strengthen the controls around greyhound sudden death, primarily following a race or trial, and also strengthened the existing Cramping and Hypoxia Policy.
- GRNZ consulted with the industry throughout the 2024/25 year on a range of important rule changes relating to welfare (including restricted and prohibited practices), racing safety and integrity (including prohibited substances). These rule changes were implemented throughout the year, with the most recent implemented on 1 August 2025.

## Traceability

- GRNZ will continue to use its systems and processes to ensure 100 percent traceability and can account for every registered greyhound, its status, whereabouts and history (including those retired in the industry) through its check-in processes and the scanning of greyhounds using Gallagher scanners.

## Track safety and race injury reduction

GRNZ’s track safety and injury reduction strategy will continue to be the foundation of our efforts to further reduce and mitigate race injuries.

- Racing at the Whanganui Straight Track is fully integrated into the racing calendar. The number of race meetings held at the straight track will be increased to three meetings each month.
- The track diagnostic program continues to provide actual real time data relating to the external factors that contribute to presenting consistent track conditions in an ever changing environment - water content, water content variation, surface firmness and softness, surface grades and levels, evaporation rates and arguably the most important consideration when investigating greyhound injury, profile shear. Data is provided for all race meetings and trial sessions and is used when investigation into possible track contribution to injuries is necessary but more regularly to ensure consistency in both presentation and performance as well as providing the opportunity for the track management team to make evidence based decisions as opposed to opinion based. NZ tracks continue to present on par with Australian tracks and in many KPI’s, exceed them.
- GRNZ will review the merits of reducing the number of greyhounds running in a race from eight to seven across all distances on circle tracks. The data is showing that seven dog fields with vacant box 1 for sprint races is effective in reducing injury rates.
- Twin-tail lures will be implemented at all race tracks - this will complete the rollout of these lures which are currently used at Addington, Manukau and Cambridge. These lures are designed to prevent greyhounds bunching together as they pursue the lure.

- Years of sustained effort by GRNZ to implement and evolve welfare-focused initiatives has revealed the introduction of world-leading 7-dog race fields with a vacant Box 1 as the most effective race configuration to help reduce race injuries.
- Should GRNZ be successful in its challenge to the Government’s proposed closure of greyhound racing, such that the industry is given a future beyond 31 July 2026, GRNZ would immediately start work on building a new straight track and one-turn track in Canterbury, to further improve racing safety.

Other more recent racing safety initiatives include:

- The Safe Return to Racing Policy and guidelines which ensure that greyhounds returning to race after a significant rest period are fit to do so.
- The pre-race veterinary report provided to on-track Veterinarians which identifies those greyhounds that should have additional veterinary checks prior to the race. This includes for example, greyhounds that are returning to race after a stand down period.

## Serious Injury Review Committee

The Serious Injury Review Committee will continue to convene bi-monthly or as required, with its role being to review serious injuries and to discuss ways of reducing and mitigating the occurrence of such injuries.



## Great Mates Rehoming Programme

- In 2024/25 GRNZ and its trusted adoption partners rehomed a record 697 greyhounds, up from 673 in the previous year. The transportation and adoption of retired greyhounds into America through the American Rehoming Programme was again a success. This means the greyhound industry is the second largest rehomer of dogs in New Zealand.
- Until 31 July 2026, GRNZ will continue to invest significant time and resources into both our domestic adoption programme and the American Rehoming Programme.
- The Government's proposal for greyhound racing to cease on 31 July 2026 will see an estimated 1,500 greyhounds needing to be rehomed after 1 August 2026. This will be the responsibility of the Government's proposed Transition Agency to manage over the subsequent two to three years should GRNZ not be successful in overturning the proposed ban.

### Desexing and Dental Scheme

All greyhounds that retire, be they kept by owner or trainer, privately rehomed or entered on the waitlist to join Great Mates, are required to be desexed and have a dental assessment. This is paid for by GRNZ. The veterinarian also completes the health check form. These are retained by the owner or trainer, and forwarded to GRNZ. The desexing of greyhounds remaining after 31 July 2026 will be the responsibility of the Government's proposed Transition Agency should GRNZ not be successful in overturning the proposed ban.

### Rehabilitation to Rehoming (RTR) Programme

- The RTR Programme has been an integral part of our overall welfare strategy since its inception in early 2021. In this programme, GRNZ assumes financial responsibility for greyhounds who incur career ending injuries in races or trials. These greyhounds are given good long-term welfare outcomes, by provision of expert veterinary care, usually by specialist veterinary surgeons, then rehomed

through the Great Mates Rehoming Programme.

- GRNZ will continue with the RTR programme until racing ceases on 31 July 2026 (assuming the closure proceeds). If GRNZ ceases to exist after 31 July 2026, the ongoing costs for greyhounds still in rehabilitation at that time will need to be met by the Government's proposed Transition Agency.
- Should GRNZ be successful in its challenge to the ban, then GRNZ will continue the RTR programme to provide the best possible care for greyhounds that are injured in a race or trial.

### Animal Health and Welfare Committee

- The Animal Health and Welfare Committee will continue to meet bi-monthly and provide independent advice to the GRNZ Board and Management on greyhound welfare improvements that can be made to the industry's programmes. GRNZ will continue to publish the minutes of these meetings on its website.



# GREYHOUNDS CHANGE LIVES



*"I adopted mine from you guys at the start of the year after an incredibly tough period of my life. I'd gone through a difficult separation, had to move house twice, was struggling with my mental health and at work. I had never had a dog before but saw Kayla and couldn't stop thinking about her. When I met her I knew instantly and she is the best thing that has happened to me this year."* **Beth Vale**

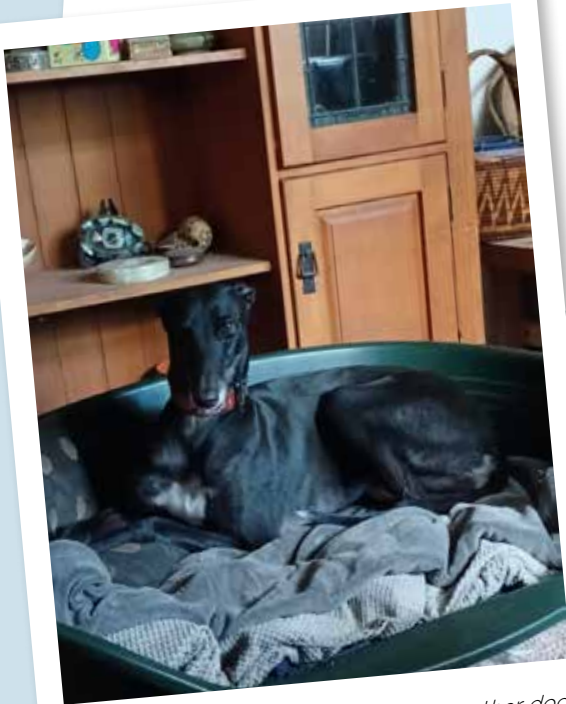
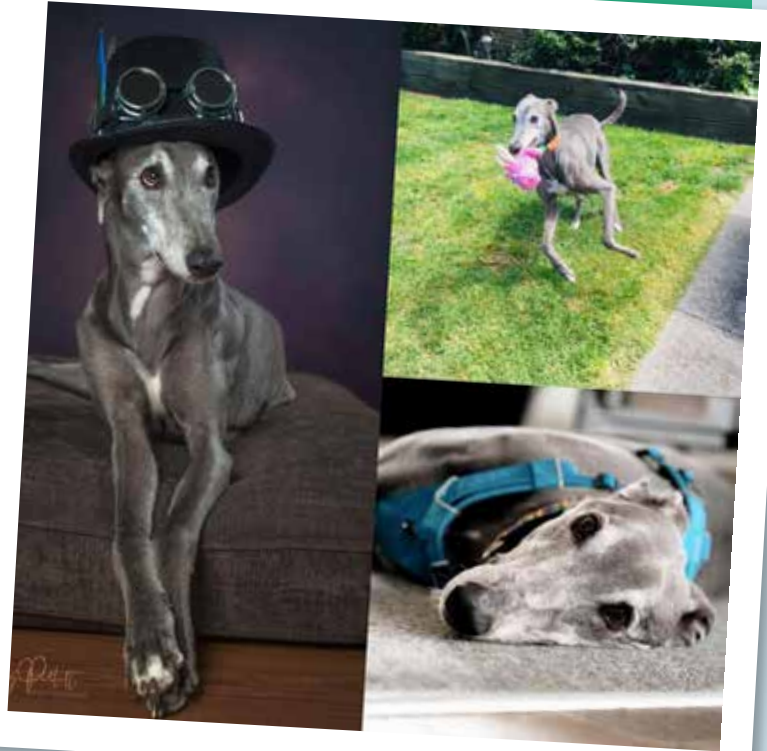


*"Both Katie and Wilson have been in the St John Therapy Pets Programme. During our time in the programme we have visited rest homes, the airport, hospital, elderly respite care, Ara (polytech in Christchurch) during mental health week, reading with young children at the local school, and many, many public events in the region."* **Andrew Kennett**

*"It said on the Nightrave website that Leo was 'Prince Charming in the flesh' and never a truer word was spoken. He is such a loving dog - always happy to meet new people and new dogs (not so keen on meeting cats mind you!). He's a great advertisement for the breed and we encourage most people we meet to investigate welcoming a greyhound into their lives."* **Natasha Bond**



*"He brought a whole new level of energy, craziness and mayhem to our life. I met new people through our local GH walks and made some amazing friends. We volunteered at a local canine friends group."* **Jane Browne**



*"She greets me on a morning with the other dogs and has a real sense of fun. She was a breeze to train and learnt everything required very quickly. She looks forward to her dinnertime and will come and bark to remind me if I am 10 minutes late. She is now very much part of a family with me and my two other dogs."* **David Bumby**

## Rehoming greyhounds (Ministerial Advisory Committee overview)

- Greyhounds typically race from around the age of 18 months old for 18–24 months. After that, they retire from racing.
- In recent years GRNZ has developed a programme – branded as Great Mates – aimed at finding rehoming opportunities for greyhounds when they retire from racing. Over the last 24 months, this programme has managed to rehome approximately 650–700 dogs per annum.
- GRNZ spent \$8.03m on welfare and rehoming in the 2024/25 financial year.
- The announcement by the Government that racing is to end in July 2026 has largely led to the cessation of breeding of greyhounds in New Zealand. Therefore, the total stock of greyhounds is not growing. GRNZ estimates that as at 31 July 2026 there will be approximately 1,500 greyhounds still in need of immediate care and eventual rehoming.

## Issues arising from the decision to end racing (MAC)

**Three main issues were identified by the Committee in the course of its work: -**

- The livelihoods and wellbeing of people in the greyhound racing community – including trainers, owners, kennel-operators, track officials, and volunteers – will be severely impacted. These effects will be financial, personal, and social, and will need to be considered and, where possible, ameliorated as the transition occurs.
- As noted above, as racing reduces and eventually ceases, so does the income of participants and GRNZ, and along with that the funding for caring for the greyhounds. The ongoing welfare of the greyhounds must therefore be addressed. The cessation of racing will remove the purpose of the organisations which have been running greyhound racing.
- Decisions will need to be taken on the management and/or distribution of the assets, obligations and liabilities associated with these organisations, to ensure they are managed and distributed, in a fair and orderly fashion.

# GRNZ Award Winners

The 2025 GRNZ Awards have been run and won.

The ceremony at Te Papa in Wellington was hosted by Trackside presenters Pip Morris & Blake Stothart.

Trainer of the Year

Lisa Cole

Strike Rate

Trainer of the Year

Jean & Dave Fahey

NZ Bred

Greyhound of the Year

Jerry Cola

Dam of the Year

Isavana

NZ Sire of the Year

TIE Bigtime Paddy  
& Federal Morgan

Sprinter of the Year

Opawa Marsh

Middle Distance

Greyhound of the Year

One Hot Bandit

Stayer of the Year

Chief Dribble

TAB Run of the Year

Goldstar Ginny

Overall GRNZ Board Award

Jack Johnson

Greyhound of the Year

One Hot Bandit



Blake Stothart and Pip Morris



GRNZ Board Chair Sean Hannan



Arlica Laing - handler, Nastassia Archer - handler/trainer, Kelly Lincoln-Papuni - trainer

# Awards night celebrations



Jo Bull and sister Becky Domonkos



Xanthe Newman and Roger Moore, TAB Run of the Year, Goldstar Ginny



Sarah and Mark Harrison and Hannah Hegarty



Sarah Clausen and Jack Johnson accepting Stayer of the year Chief Dribble



Board Award winner Jack Johnson with Sean Hannan



Mark Rosanowski with Michael Dore  
Sire of the Year, Bigtime Paddy and Federal Morgan



Team Fahey/Wyllie

# GRNZ Racing Season and Annual Awards

*Chief Dribble*

Dam of the year, Isavana, was the only unanimous winner of a voting category at the 2025 Greyhound of the Year awards.

This was not because there were no other worthy finalists, the progeny of Opawa Tab and Know State had both amassed close to \$350,000 in prize money as they collectively won 179 races.

However in the 2024/25 season, Isavana's progeny, particularly from her third litter, took things to another level. Between them, they won 164 races with a scarcely believable 70 of those wins coming in Class 5 (or equivalent) races.

The extraordinary consistency of success from greyhounds with Isavana as their mum, saw them play a hand in a number of other awards including an uncanny photo-finish for the Strike Rate Trainer of the year award.

Perennial contenders, Jean and Dave Fahey dominated the first part of the season, but with December's threat of closure, kennel deputy Katie Wyllie joined Dave Fahey in partnership from New Year's day.

The Strike Rate Award was decided on the final day of racing with Dave and Jean prevailing by a whisker over the Fahey/Wyllie partnership.

Spearheading team Isavana, were a trio of sprint stars in the care of the Faheys and Wyllie, Jerry Cola, Everest Sky and Dingo Night.

Jerry Cola was also strong enough to claim the glamour NZ Derby Final in March and the North Island Challenge Stakes at Group II level in April. These, along with his sprint successes, saw him edge staying queen Grande Vue Ace for the NZ Bred Greyhound of the Year title.

One of the few Group I races to elude Jean Fahey in her career as a trainer was the Railway Sprint at Auckland. Remarkably in January, Everest Sky adapted well to the Manukau circuit and cleared out to take the Railway Final but in the name of Fahey/Wyllie. Jean did share in the satisfaction of success as breeder and owner.

Everest Sky and Jerry Cola were pipped for the Sprinter of the Year title by another kennelmate, Opawa Marsh, who took out the Group I Galaxy Final on NZ Cup night in November.

The Faheys and Wyllie also put the polish on Middle-Distance Greyhound of the Year, One Hot Bandit, who was voted a majority winner over finalists Jerry Cola, Xisco Bale and He's All Go.



*Opawa Marsh*

*One Hot Bandit*



Aussie import, One Hot Bandit enjoyed a remarkable season at his new home track of Addington, winning all fifteen of his races there, including the 2024 Springston Hotel NZ Cup in November. One Hot Bandit also delivered Group I placings behind Fear to Tread in the Spion Rose and More Magic in the Auckland Cup. This was enough to see him take a narrow decision for the 2025 Greyhound of the Year title.

Xisco Bale was the only greyhound to win more than one Group I race through the season, taking both the Waterloo Cup in June and South Island Champs in July.

Chief Dribble continued the South Island domination of the awards for greyhounds by going back-to-back in the Stayer of the Year category for trainer Matt Roberts.

Chief Dribble won the Group I Stayers Cup in November and took out both runnings of the Group II Ray Adcock Memorial (2024 October and 2025 July) as well as finishing runner-up in June's Silver Collar Final.

Once again Chief Dribble pipped the people's darling Grande Vue Ace, known affectionately as GVA. The only dog in the kennels of Geraldine trainer, Bob Pringle, GVA won the Group I Whanganui Distance, Group II Whanganui Stayers and two other recognised races. In addition to this, she remarkably placed in a further seven staying finals at Group I or II level.

Fellow staying finalist, Johnny Football, deserves a mention as he chalked up 21 staying wins including the Group II Nancy Cobain Memorial in April.

Johnny Football was prepared by the Lisa Cole training juggernaut which marched to another Training Premiership win by recording 772 wins and over \$3.1 million in prize money.

The Cole breeding operation was also recognised when two of their sires, Bigtime Paddy and Federal Morgan tied for NZ Sire of the Year.

Runner-up on the Training Premiership was again Jonathan McInerney with 586 wins and a tick under \$2 million in stakes.

Holding on to third place with 691 wins and \$797k was Riley Evans of Goldstar Racing. Goldstar reacted boldly following December's closure announcement and by April had moved a team of eighty racing and breeding greyhounds plus pups, to Queensland where they have enjoyed encouraging success at the spectacular 'The Q' racing complex.



Dingo Night

However even in their absence Goldstar Racing were still the fore at the Awards as Goldstar Ginny picked TAB Run of the Year by virtue of her last-to-first burst to pip GVA in March's Group II Teresa McDonald Stakes at Cambridge.

Rounding out Awards Night was the GRNZ Board Award for the Under 30s which was taken out by Jack Johnson who replaced Riley Evans as the youngest trainer to win the prestigious Silver Collar in June.

Johnson was 274 days past his 20th birthday when his charge Opawa Corban scored an impressive upset in the Collar. This also made Johnson the youngest to train any Group I winner in NZ, taking over that honour from Daniel Lane.



Jerry Cola

# Group Race Winners 2024/25

## GROUP 1 WINNERS

Fri 06 Sept	Whanganui	\$30,000	520m	Whanganui Cup	C5	He's All Go
Thu 03 Oct	Addington	\$30,000	520m	2024 South Island Champs	C5	Jay Walker
Thu 14 Nov	Addington	\$40,000	295m	Galaxy Final	C5	Opawa Marsh
Thu 14 Nov	Addington	\$100,000	520m	NZ Cup Final	C5	One Hot Bandit
Thu 14 Nov	Addington	\$40,000	732m	Stayers Cup Final	D2	Chief Dribble
Fri 06 Dec	Whanganui	\$50,000	520m	Spion Rose	C5	Fear To Tread
Fri 06 Dec	Whanganui	\$30,000	755m	Whanganui Distance	D2	Grande Vue Ace
Sun 26 Jan	Manukau	\$30,000	318m	Railway Final	C5	Everest Sky
Sun 26 Jan	Manukau	\$80,000	527m	Auckland Cup Final	C5	More Magic
Thu 20 Feb	Addington	\$30,000	525m	NZ St Leger	R/A NZ Dogs	Original Warrior
Thu 20 Feb	Addington	\$30,000	525m	NZ Breeders Stakes	R/A NZ Bitches	Our Erin
Thu 13 Mar	Cambridge	\$50,000	457m	2025 NZ Derby Final	R/A NZ Dogs	Jerry Cola
Fri 28 Mar	Whanganui	\$30,000	520m	Hatrick Classic	C5	Johnny Football
Thu 08 May	Addington	\$50,000	525m	NZ Oaks Final	R/A NZ Bitches	Big Time Zip
Sun 08 Jun	Manukau	\$30,000	527m	Waterloo Cup	C5	Xisco Bale
Sun 08 Jun	Manukau	\$80,000	779m	Silver Collar	D2	Opawa Corban
Fri 27 Jun	Whanganui	\$30,000	520m	NZ Futurity Final	R/A	Boom Dynamite
Thu 17 Jul	Addington	\$30,000	525m	South Island Champs	C5	Xisco Bale

## GROUP 2 WINNERS

Fri 06 Sept	Whanganui	\$20,000	755m	Whanganui Stayers	D2	Grande Vue Ace
Thu 03 Oct	Addington	\$30,000	520m	2024 Canterbury Futurity	R/A	Opawa Archer
Thu 03 Oct	Addington	\$20,000	732m	2024 Ray Adcock Memorial	D2	Chief Dribble
Wed 18 Dec	Invercargill	\$20,000	732m	Galway Cup	D2	Know Defence
Thu 09 Jan	Cambridge	\$20,000	457m	Waikato Classic	R/A	Boom Dynamite
Thu 13 Mar	Cambridge	\$20,000	375m	Angus Wright	C5	Lion's Den
Thu 13 Mar	Cambridge	\$20,000	457m	Lois Henley	C5 Bitches	Russian Ahead
Thu 13 Mar	Cambridge	\$20,000	747m	Teressa McDonald	D2	Goldstar Ginny
Thu 17 Apr	Palmerston North	\$20,000	457m	North Island Chall Stks	C5	Jerry Cola
Thu 17 Apr	Palmerston North	\$20,000	720m	Nancy Cobain Mml	D2	Johnny Football
Thu 08 May	Addington	\$20,000	732m	Kingston Cup	D2	Little Dodo
Wed 21 May	Invercargill	\$20,000	457m	Far South Challenge	C5	Opawa Marsh
Thu 17 Jul	Addington	\$30,000	525m	Canterbury Futurity	R/A	Zestful
Thu 17 Jul	Addington	\$20,000	732m	Ray Adcock Memorial	D2	Chief Dribble
Wed 30 Jul	Invercargill	\$20,000	457m	Colin Keen Memorial Final	C5	Paw Bradley

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# Racing Operations Report

10 December 2024 - a date which will live in infamy in the annals of New Zealand racing history - the date on which the Minister for Racing announced the intention to close the greyhound racing industry due to race injuries.

Since the release of the Robertson Review four years earlier, injuries had been one of fifteen race focus areas that GRNZ was tasked by the RIB Greyhound Working Group to improve. In the RIB's view, the other fourteen were equally important:

- Population Management
- Death and Euthanasia
- Track Standards
- Rehoming
- Registrations (People/ Greyhounds)
- Rules and Policies
- Industry Education
- GRNZ Information Systems
- Governance
- Stakeholder Engagement
- GRNZ/RIB Engagement
- Information Management
- Investigation of Animal Welfare Breaches
- Kennel Standards

At the time of the announcement, the RIB was not reporting red flags against any of these fifteen focus areas.

Arguably the most significant injury mitigation action in greyhound racing is the development of straight tracks. In March 2020, COVID restrictions prevented GRNZ from accessing the Australian expertise needed to plan and commence construction.

As reported in GRNZ's 2022 Annual Report, these experts came to New Zealand as soon as border restrictions were lifted. This led to the development of our first straight track at Whanganui – chosen not for strategic location, but because it could be brought into operation fastest, thanks to the existing raceday infrastructure at neighbouring Hatrick.

Plans for the second straight track were drawn up in readiness for the end of the uncertainty brought by the RIB Working Group, prior to committing the required capital.

## The Rest of the Operational Year

The start of the new season in August saw racing return to a revamped Addington. The 600m boxes were gone, the 520m start was now 525m, the rail had been modified to take the Safechase lure and all cambers and crossfalls were back to specification.

A similar surface upgrade was then carried out at Manawatu Raceway in October, with their weekly meetings transferring to the straight track.

Mid October saw an issue arise with the surface at Invercargill that saw racing abandoned after four races on 16 October. Racing did not resume at Southland until 27 November.

At that time Safechase lures had been rolled out to all tracks except Invercargill, making it the final track to be operating an ageing Bramwich lure system. Unfortunately the Southland Bramwich lure failed during the running of the Far South Challenge on 18 December, before its scheduled replacement. Racing resumed with the Safechase installed on 12 February.

All GRNZ fees to LPs, except relicensing, were reset to zero from February. The relicensing fee was reduced to \$5 for all licences.

The race injury section of this report covers the key mitigations introduced from January.



## Greyhound Population Audit

The table below provides an Audit of all New Zealand born greyhounds, and those imported from Australia, that were born between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2025.

These greyhounds are listed according to the season in which they were born.

Note: imported greyhounds are listed in the season of their birth.

The top part of the Table counts all greyhounds from that season that entered the NZ greyhound racing industry.

The bottom part of the table shows the current status of all of these greyhounds.

The table also shows the proportion of NZ born greyhounds that make it to the races, noting that they must reach the age of sixteen months before they are allowed to race.

Right at the bottom, the table details the rates of neo-natal mortality seen in NZ greyhound pups, that is those live born pups who fail to survive to eight weeks of age. Published research into canine neo-natal mortality typically uncovers rates in the range of 12% to 15%, with some as high as 40%.

GRNZ first produced the Greyhound Audit Report for Sir Bruce Robertson's Greyhound Review in 2021, but it was ignored, with no reason given.

The Greyhound Audit Report has subsequently appeared in all GRNZ Annual Reports since 2021. All numbers in this report are backed up by over 35,000 microchip scans on raceday, over 2,000 scans from RIB kennel audits, over 3,000 veterinary-endorsed vaccination certs and hundreds of greyhounds flowing through GRNZ's Great Mates rehoming program.

### GREYHOUND AUDIT BY BREEDING SEASON

Birth Season	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
NZ	712	893	744	471	513	209
AUS	83	49	39	10	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>209</b>
#NZ Born to Race	542	688	548	366	168	0
%NZ Born to Race	76.1%	77.0%	73.7%	77.7%	32.7%	0.0%

#### Current Status

Unraced in NZ	0	3	16	22	277	153
Racing	22	209	342	297	162	0
Retired for Breeding	16	3	0	0	0	0
Exported	10	4	15	31	18	16
Industry Pet	10	12	6	1	0	0
Rehoming/Wait List	103	189	142	50	19	22
Adopted to Forever Home	429	348	162	39	7	0
Exported as Pet (USA)	51	60	12	1	0	0
Died	55	60	42	22	26	16
Euthanised	99	54	46	18	6	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>209</b>

#### Neo Natal Mortality (within 8 weeks of birth - included above)

Before 8 Weeks	12	13	9	7	20	14
% of Births	1.7%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	4.1%	7.2%

## Race Injury Report

As reported in our 2024 Annual Report, the long term use of Preferred Box Draw (PBD) racing decreased the incidence of natural wide runners and increased the incidence of natural railers.

When PBD commenced, around 32% of greyhounds were deemed railers but by September 2024 this had grown beyond 60%.

The reasons for this were postulated as: without the early interference caused by random box draws, young greyhounds were rapidly becoming more confident at accelerating and cornering, leading to more and more racing at close quarters.

These evolving racing habits resulted in a steadily increasing race injury rate during the first half of the season.

One mitigation put forward to provide more racing space was to reduce the field size from eight to seven. However, this mitigation came with one obvious risk - the injury rates for seven dog fields in both the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons were higher than those for eight dog fields.

Data assimilated by GRNZ suggested strongly that seven dog fields with Vacant Box One (VB1) was safer than other configurations. The University of Technology, Sydney, backed up GRNZ's insight by confirming that the difference was statistically significant.

Encouraged by these results, GRNZ adopted VB1 as the default configuration for seven dog fields at the start of the season.

This configuration continued to outperform others so from 30 January, the field size for standard PBD sprints was reduced to seven and this had an immediate positive impact on the rate of race injuries.

Another mitigation to create more racing space was the introduction of 'twin tail' lures. As their name suggests, these lure arms have two tails which lead to greyhounds spreading their attention and therefore running lines during races.

These were deployed to Addington and Manukau in April, Cambridge in June and Hatrick in July.

This contributed to a 'season of two halves' for injuries with the count of 86 Major II or above injuries in the opening six months, falling 47% to 45 in the closing six months.

## Race Injuries 1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025

01 Aug 2023 to 31 Jul 2024		COMPARISON TO LAST SEASON	01 Aug 2024 to 31 Jul 2025	
<b>Starters: 36,063</b>			<b>Starters: 34,303</b>	
Count	per 1,000 starters	INJURY CATEGORY BY STAND DOWN	Count	per 1,000 starters
480	13.3	Minor 1-10 days	338	9.9
188	5.2	Medium 11-21 days	179	5.2
129	3.6	Major I 22-42 days	125	3.6
93	2.6	Major II more than 42 days	117	3.4
9	0.2	Euthanised due to Race Injury	9	0.3
4	0.1	Medical Event after a Race	5	0.1
<b>903</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>Total Exams detecting Injury</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>22.5</b>
<b>2,414</b>		<b>Examinations Cleared of Injury</b>	<b>2,442</b>	

## Race Injuries Reported by Trainers

In addition to the routine scratching of greyhounds for minor issues notified daily in RIB Stewards' reports, a further eleven injuries were notified by trainers to Stewards post-raceday as required under Rule 122 (of the GRNZ Rules of Racing).

These injuries were attributed to a race and were published as supplementaries in the RIB Stewards' reports. One of these injuries subsequently resulted in euthanasia and eight were given stand downs. Four were given 90 days stand downs and two each given 60 days, and 42 days stand downs.

Last season 34 such injuries were notified by trainers to Stewards post-raceday with twelve stand downs issued; seven of these were for 42 days, two for 90 days and one each for 21, 10 and 5 days respectively.

01 Aug 2024 to 31 Jan 2025		A SEASON OF TWO HALVES	01 Feb 2024 to 31 Jul 2025	
Starters: 17,813			Starters: 16,490	
Count	per 1,000 starters	INJURY CATEGORY BY STAND DOWN	Count	per 1,000 starters
211	11.8	Minor 1-10 days	127	7.7
102	5.7	Medium 11-21 days	77	4.7
65	3.6	Major I 22-42 days	60	3.6
79	4.4	Major II more than 42 days	38	2.3
7	0.39	Euthanised or Medical Event	7	0.42
<b>464</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>Total Exams detecting Injury</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>18.7</b>

## Ten Years of Greyhounds - Zero Cases of Doping

Doping - the deliberate use of drugs to enhance or inhibit the performance of an athlete, is not a topic that has been associated with greyhound racing in New Zealand for at least the last ten years.

The number of drug tests carried out was more than double the number of individual greyhounds that raced in NZ last season. These did result in three positives, one each for arsenic, dexamethasone and meloxicam, but these were due to greyhounds accidentally coming into contact or a lack of vigilance - not deliberate administration.

Greyhounds are the only dogs in NZ that are routinely subject to testing.

RIB DRUG TESTING OF GREYHOUNDS			
Season	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total Starts	36478	36063	34303
Total Tests	3815	3858	3535
Percentage Tested	10.5%	10.7%	10.3%
Positives	5	7	3
Percentage	0.13%	0.19%	0.09%
Doping Charges	0	0	0
Presentation Charges	5	7	3

## Death and Euthanasia Report

Having reduced the annual number of raceday euthanasias due to an injury in race from over 60 in the 2018/19 season, to seven in both 2021/22 and 2022/23 it was disappointing to record nine in both 2023/24 and 2024/25.

It was also disappointing to have five greyhounds suffer a medical event shortly after racing, with four of them dying suddenly and one requiring euthanasia. Post mortems revealed all were for issues that displayed no symptoms - four internal haemorrhages and one congenital lung issue.

In addition to the cases previously reported, another greyhound suffered

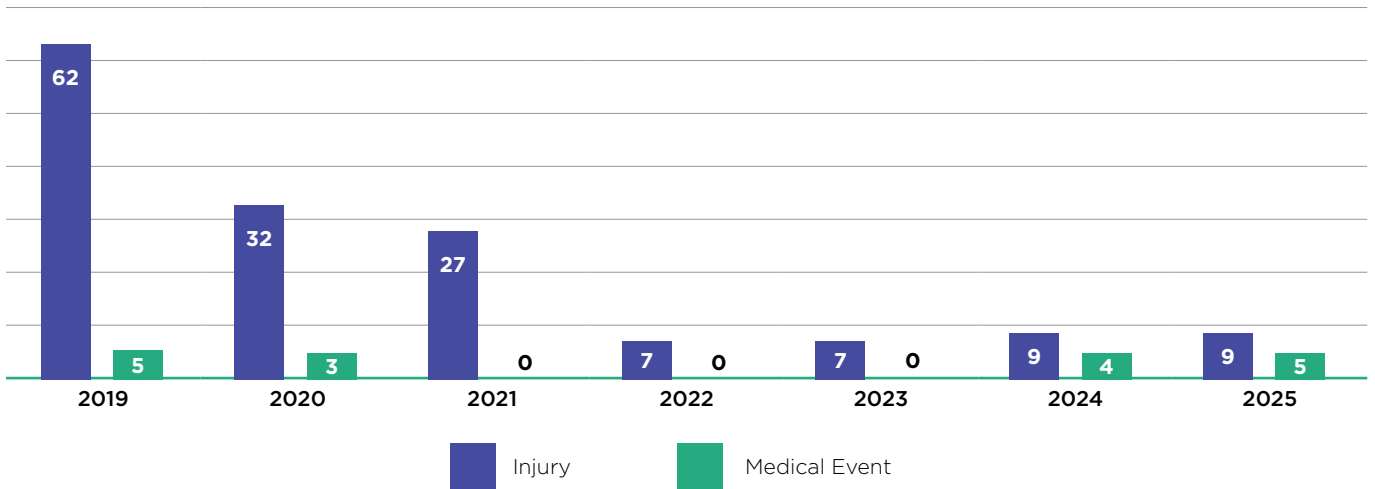
a medical event and passed away following a trial. A second greyhound died shortly after undergoing successful surgery to repair a fracture sustained during a race, while a third was euthanised after x-rays revealed a fracture that carried a poor prognosis. Although there were no visible signs of injury on raceday, it is likely that the fracture occurred during the race.

Outside of racing, the GRNZ Greyhound Euthanasia Policy – which, in an unexpected turn of events, was incorporated into New Zealand law on 10 December – continues to serve its intended role within the industry.

Its inclusion in legislation is expected to ensure that greyhound euthanasia data remains transparent and distinct, rather than absorbed into the SPCA's unreported figures.

Sadly, the industry also farewelled several of its oldest pets during the season. The Steeles' Kiki Rhode, aged 14.6 years, was humanely euthanised in February. The title of the industry's oldest pet then passed to Brett Conner's Thrilling Marty (14.2 years), who was humanely euthanised in March, followed by the Cleeves' Know Attempt, who reached 14.5 years before being euthanised in July due to age-related decline.

**GRNZ ANNUAL FATALITIES FOLLOWING A RACE**



# Mortality Report

2023/24		MORTALITY TYPE & CAUSE	2024/25	
Count	% All euthanasia / deaths	EUTHANASIA	Count	% All euthanasia / deaths
9	11.1%	Euthanasia for Race Injury	9	11.5%
0	0.0%	Medical Event following a Race	1	1.3%
4	4.9%	Behavioural Euthanasia	2	2.6%
38	46.9%	Medical Euthanasia-Illness	32	41.0%
15	18.5%	Medical Euthanasia-Accident/Injury	11	14.1%
0	0.0%	Euthanasia (no valid reason)	0	0.0%
15	18.5%	Euthanasia due to Age	23	29.5%
<b>81</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
		<b>DEATH</b>		
4	6.3%	Medical Event following a Race	4	6.6%
11	17.2%	Accident / Injury	10	16.4%
49	76.6%	Age or Illness	47	77.0%
<b>64</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>145</b>		<b>Total Mortality</b>	<b>139</b>	

2023/24		AGE RANGE	2024/25	
Count	%	MORTALITY	Count	%
24	16.6%	Up to 3 months old	18	12.9%
13	9.0%	3 months to 18 months old	9	6.5%
77	53.1%	18 months to 5 years old	64	46.0%
13	9.0%	5 to 8.5 years old	17	12.2%
18	12.4%	Over 8.5 years old	31	22.3%
<b>145</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# Summary Annual Report

## For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

**New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (Incorporated)**  
Operating as Greyhound Racing New Zealand

## Summary Annual Report was authorised by the Board on 22 October 2025



A summary of the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association's (the Association's) audited general purpose financial report for the year ended 31 July 2025 is shown in this summary annual report. The summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements.

The full general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 2013 and Racing Industry Act 2020, which require compliance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP").

As the primary objective of the Association is not towards making financial returns but the promotion, conduct and control of greyhound racing, it is a not-for-profit public benefit entity (PBE) for financial reporting purposes.

The General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PBE IPSAS") and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate that have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-For-Profit entities. For the purposes of complying with NZ GAAP, the entity is a public benefit not-for-profit entity and is applying Tier 1 Not-For-Profit PBE IPSAS as it has expenditure of more than \$33 million. The Association has elected to report and is in compliance with Tier 1 Not-For-Profit Accounting Standards and were authorised by the Board on 22nd October 2025.

The Audited summary annual report are in addition to, and has been extracted from, the Association's full general purpose financial report of 31 July 2025 which are available from the Association's offices.

The summary annual report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full general purpose financial report of the Association.

The summary annual report include a statement of significant accounting policies which should be read in conjunction with the complete statement of accounting policies and notes disclosed in the full audited general purpose financial report.

The auditor has examined the summary annual report for consistency with the audited general purpose financial report and has issued an unqualified opinion.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Sean Hannan and the signature on the right is for Steven Mander.

**Sean Hannan**  
Chairman

**Steven Mander**  
Board member

# Summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

For the year ended 31 July 2025



	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	(\$000)	(\$000)
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Racing NZ / TAB NZ distribution	37,196	35,332
Industry related grants / sponsorships	1,919	1,835
Rendering of services	30	91
Finance revenue	516	529
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>39,661</b>	<b>37,787</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Club funding	5,449	5,154
Stakes and owners returns	18,210	18,200
Racing related costs	2,370	2,002
Greyhound care costs	7,856	8,309
Impairment charges	440	-
Share of (revenue)/expense of associate	23	(146)
Other operating expenses	5,037	3,483
<b>Total operating and other expenses</b>	<b>39,385</b>	<b>37,002</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>785</b>

The above statement of comprehensive revenue and expense should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full general purpose financial report.

## Summary statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 July 2025



	ACCUMULATED REVENUE & EXPENSE (\$000)	INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVES (\$000)	TOTAL EQUITY (\$000)
<b>BALANCE AS AT 31 JULY 2023</b>	<b>6,225</b>	<b>8,811</b>	<b>15,036</b>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	785	-	785
Movements and transfers in reserves	1,356	(1,356)	-
<b>BALANCE AS AT 31 JULY 2024</b>	<b>8,366</b>	<b>7,455</b>	<b>15,821</b>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	276	-	276
Movements and transfers in reserves	7,455	(7,455)	-
<b>BALANCE AS AT 31 JULY 2025</b>	<b>16,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,097</b>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full general purpose financial report.

# Summary statement of financial position

As at 31 July 2025



	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	(\$000)	(\$000)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,965	5,971
Receivables from exchange transactions	1,802	1,592
Term deposits	7,500	6,500
Prepayments	199	155
Property, plant and equipment	2,371	-
Intangible assets	59	-
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>17,896</b>	<b>14,218</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	-	3,417
Intangible assets	-	200
Investment in associate	-	146
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,763</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>17,896</b>	<b>17,981</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Taxes and transfers payables	12	23
Payables under exchange transactions	859	1,491
Employee entitlements	454	379
Provisions	474	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>1,893</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provisions	-	267
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>2,160</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>16,097</b>	<b>15,821</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated revenue & expense	16,097	8,366
Infrastructure reserves	-	7,455
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>16,097</b>	<b>15,821</b>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full general purpose financial report.

The summary annual report has been approved by the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Board on 22nd October 2025.

# Summary statement of cash flows

As at 31 July 2025



	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	(\$000)	(\$000)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Racing NZ / TAB NZ distribution	36,942	36,673
Industry grants, funding and other similar receipts	1,919	1,835
Receipts from providing goods or services	42	142
GST receivable	61	(57)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(4,390)	(3,006)
Stakes and distributions to Clubs	(23,659)	(23,354)
Other racing related payments	(10,123)	(10,232)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>2,001</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Cash was received from:</b>		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	332
Proceeds from disposal of other financial assets	6,500	6,500
Interest received	489	464
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(63)	(1,410)
Payments for purchase of intangible assets	(224)	(129)
Payments for purchase of other financial assets	(7,500)	(6,500)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(798)</b>	<b>(743)</b>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>1,258</b>
Opening cash	5,971	4,713
<b>Closing cash</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>5,971</b>
<b>THIS IS REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Cash on hand and in bank	5,965	5,871
Short-term deposits	-	100
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>5,971</b>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the full general purpose financial report.

# Summary of Statement of service performance

For the year ended 31 July 2025



This report has been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS 48 Service Performance Reporting. The New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Board believes that the statements contained in this report accurately reflect the overall performance of the Association for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Our statement of service performance reports our non-financial performances against our key strategic focus areas using indicators that measure our performance. The Association has reported these measures to assess performance against our vision and purpose as outlined below.

## Our vision

Greyhound racing is a trusted, respected and vibrant entertainment sport in New Zealand.

## Our purpose

To be the national governing body for the administration, promotion and development of Greyhound racing in New Zealand.

## Our objectives and functions

The Racing Industry Act 2020 (the Act) reformed the law relating to New Zealand racing. The Act also sets out the objectives and functions of all codes:

- To develop and promote racing conducted by the code
- To govern racing clubs, racing venues, and participants, including by-
  - Monitoring the performance and finances of those racing clubs and racing venues and their approach to managing risks to health and safety
  - Making racing rules
  - Approving the constitution of a racing club and any amendments
  - Registering or licensing racing clubs, participants and greyhounds
  - Taking measures to ensure adequate representation and involvement of small racing clubs in code's decision making
- To develop and implement policies that are conducive to the overall economic development of racing and the economic wellbeing of people who derive their livelihood from that racing
- To use its resources to directly or indirectly benefit racing conducted by the code
- To develop and implement animal welfare policies in respect of racing
- To distribute revenue received by the code to the racing clubs
- To manage any assets or surplus venues transferred to the code
- To undertake research, development and education for the benefit of NZ racing
- To enter into commercial agreements with TAB NZ
- To carry out any other functions necessary to assist the code in achieving its objectives

## What we do

In addition to ensuring good governance in what we do, GRNZ are guided by the following strategic focus:

- Sustainability for participants
- Ensuring animal welfare
- Improving the quality of greyhound racing

### Sustainability for participants

The NZ greyhound racing industry aims to be financially sustainable with the economic wellbeing of the people who derive their livelihood from racing maintained.

	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Average stakes per starter	\$531	\$507

### NUMBER OF RACE MEETINGS BY REGION:

Northern	101	103
Central	115	106
South	189	185

Number of races completed	4,901	4,879
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### Ensuring animal welfare

We aim to ensure that greyhound racing has the highest standards of animal safety and care.

	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Number of known euthanasias outside of GRNZ's Euthanasia Policy	-	1

The Euthanasia Policy was updated during FY2025 to provide better clarity of existing requirements and processes, provide more consistent terminology and reference the new Racing Industry (Unlawful Destruction of Specified Greyhounds) Amendment Act 2024. Note for further detail regarding the Euthanasia Policy this is available to view on the Association's website under Rules, Standards and Policies

Reduce the number of injuries in races incurring stand downs of 22+ days (Benchmark of 7.02)	7.46 per 1,000 starts = 6.3% reduction	6.57 per 1,000 starts = 6.4% reduction
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% of total races conducted as Preferred Box Draws	76%	67%
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All retired greyhounds have access to enter the Great Mates rehoming programme in a timely fashion	N/A	43% within 90 days
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Note that following the government announcement the above measure is no longer considered applicable as the rehoming process is currently in transition and no alternative measure is present at this stage.

GRNZ supported rehoming kennels in use at 31 July	138	208
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Note this measure was previously referred to as 'GRNZ supported kennels in use at 31 July' but has been updated to provide further clarity to this measure.

### Improving the quality of greyhound racing

We aim to ensure that greyhound racing continues to grow and attain increased revenue.

	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Gross Betting Revenue percentage on Greyhound Code as advised by TAB NZ:		
Domestic	11.78%	12.42%
Australia and overseas	22.59%	22.66%

Average starters per race	7.00	7.36
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Total Greyhound racing turnover as advised by TAB NZ	\$350.23m	\$337.7m
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# Notes to the financial statements

## For the year ended 31 July 2025



### 1. BASIS FOR PREPARATION

#### Reporting entity

New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (henceforth, "the Association") is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and domiciled in New Zealand. The primary objective of the Association is to promote, conduct and control greyhound racing. The Association is a recognised industry organisation in accordance with the Racing Industry Act 2020.

#### Statement of compliance

The General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ("NZGAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PBE IPSAS") and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate that have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-For-Profit entities. For the purposes of complying with NZ GAAP, the entity is a public benefit not-for-profit entity and is applying Tier 1 Not-For-Profit PBE IPSAS as it has expenditure of more than \$33 million. The Association has elected to report and is in compliance with Tier 1 Not-For-Profit Accounting Standards.

The General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared on a realisation basis and the comparative period on a historical cost basis. They are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Association's functional currency rounded to the nearest dollar.

The 2025 Summary Annual Report complies with PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements. Please note that the information in the summary annual report does not provide a complete understanding of the general purpose financial report of New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association. The information in the summary annual report has been extracted from the general purpose financial report dated 22nd October 2025. For more information, see our full 2025 General Purpose Financial Report which is available from the Association's offices.

#### Measurement basis

The summary annual report has been prepared on a realisation basis and the comparative period on a historical cost basis and are presented in New Zealand dollars which is also the Association's functional currency rounded to the nearest thousand.

#### Going concern

Due to the events outlined in the subsequent events note the Association is not a going concern. The General Purpose Financial Report reflect the estimated recoverable amounts as of the reporting date. As a result the summary annual report has been prepared on a realisation basis for the current year. In the comparative period these were prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the summary annual report are consistent with those of the previous financial year except where explained below which addresses changes in accounting policies.

#### Change in accounting policies

##### Changes due to the initial application of new, revised, and amended PBE Standards

For the year ended 31 July 2024, the Association prepared its financial statements using Tier 2 Not-For-Profit PBE IPSAS RDR. As the Association has now exceeded the requirements for this level of reporting, the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025 has been restated to Tier 1 Not-For-Profit PBE Standards. This has not resulted in any accounting policy changes but has resulted in a number of amended and additional disclosures throughout these financial statements.

##### Financial instruments

###### (a) Recognition and initial measurement

Trade receivables are initially recognised when they are

originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. At initial recognition, an entity may measure short-term receivables and payables at the original invoice amount if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The Association derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Association neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

###### (b) Classification and subsequent measurement

###### Financial assets

On initial recognition, all of the Association's financial assets are classified and measured at amortised cost.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a management model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in surplus or deficit.

###### Financial liabilities

All of the Association's financial liabilities are classified and measured at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in surplus or deficit.

###### (c) Impairment of financial assets

The Association recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Association measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- bank balances for which credit risk (i.e., the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Association assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Association considers a financial asset to be in default when the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e., the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the

Association expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

### Change in accounting estimates

The Association reviewed the useful lives of its intangible assets and property, plant and equipment. As a result of this review, the Association revised the useful lives to be 19 months effective from 1 January 2025. The exception to the revision of the useful lives was in relation to the Association's property.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential will flow to the Association and it can be reliably measured, regardless of when the payment is being made. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty.

Revenues are classified as to whether they arise from an exchange or non-exchange transactions. An exchange transaction is one in which the Association receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value to another entity in exchange and includes sale of goods, rendering of services and charges for the use of the Association's assets (e.g., interest and dividends). The Association recognises revenue from exchange transactions when the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied. A non-exchange transaction is any other transaction not classified as exchange.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is measured initially at cost which includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Subsequent to initial recognition, property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost model. Under the cost model, the item is carried at cost net of accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

### Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset. Depreciation is charged at rates calculated to allocate the cost of the asset less any estimated residual value over its remaining useful life. The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end.

### Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Association considers its property, plant and equipment as cash generating assets and performs annual impairment testing for those class of assets carried using the cost model to determine whether there is any indication that the asset may be impaired. If such indication exists, the Association estimates the recoverable amount which is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. When the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount of the asset, it is considered impaired and written down to its recoverable amount. Any impairment losses are included in surplus or deficit.

### Provisions, commitments and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The Association is required to restore the leased site of the straight track in Whanganui to its original condition at the end of the respective lease. Following the events as outlined in the subsequent events note there was a change to the assumption regarding the timing that the obligation will occur. The previous

assumption was that this would be incurred at the end of the lease in January 2043 and this has now been updated to July 2026. A provision has been recognised for the present value of the estimated expenditure required to remove any leasehold improvements at 31 July 2025 of \$474,000 (2024: \$267,000).

The Association has no contingent assets as of 31 July 2025 (2024: nil).

Following the events outlined in the subsequent events note there is a possibility that the Association will be required to make a number of staff redundant. In the event that all qualifying staff were to be made redundant would result in redundancy payment obligations of \$1,100,000. Not all staff may qualify for a redundancy payment due to various factors including whether employment agreements are transferred to any future Transition Agency entity that may be established in the future.

The Association has operating commitments of \$404,000 (2024: \$449,000) arising from non-cancellable lease arrangements.

### Review into greyhound racing

On 10 December 2024 the Minister for Racing announced the Government's plan to end greyhound racing in New Zealand. A bill to amend the Racing Industry Act 2020 to make the necessary changes will be introduced following a select committee process. Greyhound racing will continue over the period to 31 July 2026 followed by a period to enable the rehoming of all greyhounds.

On 26 May 2025 the Association applied for a Judicial Review of the Government's decision as the decision broke many fundamental rules of administrative law. The hearing of the Judicial Review is anticipated to be held in December 2025.

### Subsequent events

On 20 August 2025 the Minister for Racing announced Cabinet has formally agreed to the closure of the greyhound racing industry in New Zealand from 31 July 2026. Cabinet also agreed to the recommendations contained in an interim report of the Ministerial Advisory Committee.

On 13 October 2025 the Minister for Racing introduced the Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Bill and the first reading of the Bill was held. The Bill amends the Racing Industry Act 2020 to close commercial greyhound racing in New Zealand.

In the event that the Bill is passed it would result in the establishment of a new agency (Greyhound Racing Transition Agency) specifically responsible for the winding up of the Association and greyhound racing clubs. It will receive the Association's relevant functions and staff, facilitate the rehoming of greyhounds, and provide advice to industry participants as they exit the industry. The surplus assets of the Association will also transfer to the Transition Agency after all creditors' claims have been satisfied. The Transition Agency would among other things:

- Create, administer and enforce a transition plan for the Association
- Oversee and facilitate the rehoming of greyhounds
- Receive and manage the assets and property of the Association
- Transfer the greyhound clubs assets to the Association once all creditors' claims have been satisfied
- Determine when the Association has no further functions to perform and apply to remove the Association from the register of incorporated societies
- Following the removal of the Association from the register of incorporated societies all rights, liabilities, contracts, entitlements and engagements become that of the Transition Agency

The next steps for the Bill prior to Royal Assent is for a select committee process to be undertaken followed by a second and third reading. As a result it has been agreed that the Association is not a going concern and the General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared on a realisation basis.

# Auditor's report

## For the year ended 31 July 2025



BDO Wellington Audit Limited

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW ZEALAND GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

The summary annual report was derived from the general purpose financial report of New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association (Incorporated) ("the Association") for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The summary annual report comprises summary financial statements on pages 2 to 5 and pages 8 to 10 and summary statement of service performance on pages 6 to 7. The complete set of summary financial statements comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 July 2025, the summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, summary statement of changes in equity and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary annual report, which includes the summary financial statements and the summary statement of service performance, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited general purpose financial report, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements* issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### Emphasis of Matter — Basis of preparation

We draw attention to Note 1 and the subsequent event note to the summary financial statements, which explains that, following events outlined in the subsequent events note, the Association is not a going concern and the current year information has been prepared on a realisation basis. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Summary Annual Report

The summary annual report does not include all the disclosures included in the general purpose financial report. Reading the summary annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited general purpose financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the general purpose financial report.

#### The Audited General Purpose Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited general purpose financial report in our report dated 22 October 2025. That auditor's report includes an Emphasis of Matter drawing attention to the realisation basis described in Notes 1 and 19 to the financial statements; our opinion was not modified in respect of that matter.

#### Board's Responsibility for the Summary Annual Report

The Board is responsible on behalf of the Association for the preparation of the summary annual report in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements*. This responsibility includes the preparation of the summary statement of service performance in accordance with PBE FRS 48: *Service Performance Reporting*.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary annual report, which includes the summary financial statements and the summary statement of service performance, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited general purpose financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Association.

#### Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Association's Members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Association and the Association's Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

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## FINISHING LINE IN SIGHT FOR GREYHOUND RACING

4:55 pm on 20 August 2025



Greyhound racing is set to be a contentious issue in the lead-up to the 2025 general election, with the Government's decision to ban the sport facing a challenge from the industry.

**newsroom.**

## Political prerogative or unlawful process? Greyhound racing faces off against Crown

Former attorney general Eric Ripstein is just again reporting of against his former colleagues. This time it's in a legal case where he's representing the greyhound racing industry against what they claim was an unlawful process to ban the 200-year-old sport.



**Star News**  
WELLINGTON

## Born to run: Canterbury greyhound trainers hopeful ban will be overturned

The Ashburton Courier



Government is on the verge of a ban on greyhound racing, those in the industry believe are not going to without a fight. However, Susan Sandys says to trainers and the owner of the sport.

## Greyhound racing sector urges Peters to meet with them as ban looms

Greyhound trainers, veterinarians and racing officials are holding out hope for a last-minute reprieve from the Government as the sport enters what is likely its final season.



Racing Minister Winston Peters announced earlier this year that the Government would ban the sport from July 21, 2026, leaving just eight days before being finalised and passed.

**Community Scoop**  
Diversity Education Employment Environment

## Government Plans To Seize Greyhounds Assets, Force People Out Of Work And Gift Millions To Horse Racing Laid Bare

August 20, 2025

Press Release - Greyhound Racing New Zealand

It is not just our people who are harmed, reasonable and look after their dogs. We need to see requirements the Government makes of us, imposed by their own integrity. Minister, Chief Executive Edward Rossell said.

**newsroom.**

## A race to change laws sees a sprint to the courts

From a ban on greyhound racing to dismantling the Animal Health Authority, the Government's policies to ban the sport and the industry and owners in the dog industry have seen a sprint to the courts.



Greyhound racing is set to be a contentious issue in the lead-up to the 2025 general election, with the Government's decision to ban the sport facing a challenge from the industry.

## Waiting to meet the minister

SUSAN SANDYS  
Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ) is publicly sharing its head office address and the personal phone number of its chief executive Edward Ripstein, in a bid to force a meeting with Racing Minister Winston Peters.



Ripstein said in a statement last week repeated attempts to engage with the minister had been covered despite the organisation's willingness to meet at Parliament, on track, or anywhere else.



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