

Clubs, pubs lose dog, trot form

GREYHOUND punters who bet at clubs and pubs have lost a paper form guide service from the TAB.

The introduction of Infotab computer terminals into agencies, club and pub TAB outlets, has seen the TAB drop all paper form guides for night trot and greyhound race meetings into clubs and pubs.

Kate Bishop, marketing manager for Arana Leagues Club, said the TAB decision was a concern for the club.

“As a venue we are concerned punters will not know how to use the computer terminals,” she told *The Journal*. “We have had to employ extra staff just to guide punters through their use.”

Bishop was certain the TAB move would scare away some punters, specially elderly patrons who would not be prepared to learn the computer terminal use.

“The positive is that it may attract younger clientele, but the negative is that existing punters may be scared off and we may never get them back.”

Bishop said the club would relay its fears to the TAB, but she was not certain there would be any response.

“We have an obligation to tell the TAB of any faults, and they have an obligation to try to remedy them,” she said.

The Arana Leagues Club attracts on average 80 punters to its ClubTAB operation on a Saturday afternoon.

The club has a number of regular greyhound and trot punters who have already complained about the lack of form guides for night meetings.

Bishop defends the TAB saying most serious punters will bring their own form guides.

“Obviously we will monitor the effect this has on the turnover on greyhound and trotting meetings,” she said.



Kate Bishop listens to punter David Cornwall's complaints.