



General Manager

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Greyhound racing will miss Bev's expertise

IT is with my deep regret that in June we farewelled long-serving executive assistant Bev Elliott.

Bev (*pictured right*) had been with the GRA for almost 13 years and came to us following a stint at the Gabba Club. She has assisted Ross Edmonds, Paul Cross, Ross Drayton, Peter Corke, Ron Kilpin and for the past five years with myself.

Bev felt she needed a change in career path and will be working for a Woolloowin-based company as office manager.

I sincerely thank Bev for the assistance and guidance she has given me for the past five and her extensive knowledge of the industry has been of invaluable help to me.

Her place will be filled by Ordet Lowe who was previously the grading department's secretary.

I wish Bev all the best and know Ordet will be a worthy replacement.

THE first staging of the Q.L.D. Group Statewide Challenge won by Jock's Girl proved to be a great success.

The GRA felt the Fifth Grade Class 3 series was a winner considering the standard of the final field and the future prospects of all those dogs.

The Board will review the series and look at its format later in the year, but at this stage we feel we are on a winner. The Directors of Q.L.D. Group were impressed with the night and we are certain they will feel they received maximum exposure and benefit from the sponsorship.

THE annual North Queensland conference will be held in Townsville on July 30 to coincide with the running of the Townsville Cup final.

The Board will attend and meet with representatives of Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay and Bundaberg clubs.

In the past we have found this to be an excellent forum for

clubs to discuss issues they have, and meet personally with the Board members.

Issues such as race dates, funding allocations, feature race carnivals etc will be on the agenda.



The Board is looking at employing a fulltime coordinator for the Greyhound Adoption Program.

Sheree Buckley currently runs the program on behalf of the GRA but on a voluntary basis, and the Board feels GAP requirements have increased and a fulltime position is needed.

Advertisements for the position will appear on the GRA website and in the Board Journal in the near future.