

New website up and running



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LICENSEES who are on the worldwide web will now doubt be aware of the new-look GRA website.

Designed by Aceway Software Ltd, the new site looks great, is easy to navigate, contains a number of new features i.e.

The Journal in full PDF format, the weekly "six-pack" of news, feature events, racing calendar, merchandise and all our regular items.

In the coming months licensees will also be able to nominate their greyhounds on line and view greyhound performances. A full explanation of on-line nominations will be made to licensees through The Journal.

CONGRATULATIONS go to southeast Queensland marker and earbrander Graham Haswell who has achieved a milestone in his links with greyhound racing. Graham has been handling this role for the past 20 years.

In the same period he has also been an owner, lure driver and Ipswich committeeman.

As of July last year, Graham became a GRA contractor for marking and earbranding, a service which is now free to Queensland licensees.

THE steering committee to review the future of the Albion Park complex has been formed. It comprises: Phil Bennett, Allan Henderson (greyhound racing), Keith Hamburger, Bob Lette (harness racing), and Don Davies, Brian Moss (Raceway Management).

Assisting the committee will be Project Services from the State Government to review the current and future use of the facility.

The review is to focus only on the Albion Park site. It is expected to be completed by the end of April.

My congratulations also goes to the connections of 2003 Queensland Greyhound of the Year Elite State.

Owner Jim Osborn and trainer Reg Kay had a great year with the dog and their efforts have been recognised with this prestigious award.

As mentioned in other publications, this was a most difficult year in which to be a judge for the award and either Bogie Leigh nor Elite State deserved to lose.

I would also like to congratulate the other three finalists and the impact they had on Australian racing in the year.

And to all those who received awards, specially the connections of Just The Best and Heart Spark who also had such an enormous influence. It was a job well done by all.