

## Enhancements to Greyhound Owners & Breeders Incentive Scheme (GOBIS)

**A joint initiative of the Victorian Coalition Government  
and Greyhound Racing Victoria**

### Victorian Greyhound Industry

- The Greyhound racing and breeding industry provides economic benefits to Victoria of \$200 million and close to 2,000 jobs.
- There are 13 greyhound racing tracks across the State.
- Approximately 3,000 trainers (full time, part time and hobby), more than 10,000 owners (large majority outside of Melbourne), approximately 700 breeders.

### GOBIS Background

- GOBIS was a joint initiative of the Victorian Government, GRV and the Greyhound Owners Trainers & Breeders Association (GOTBA) which started in 1994.
- The objective of GOBIS is to support and promote the Victorian greyhound breeding industry and to provide bonuses and incentives to the owners and breeders of qualified Victorian bred greyhounds.
- To be nominated for registration under the Scheme a greyhound must be whelped in Victoria.
- GRV schedules more than 740 GOBIS races each year across the State with bonuses totalling \$900,000
- Current GOBIS nomination fee: \$43 (if paid before dog reaches 9 months) or \$130 (if older than 9 months).
- Current bonuses: \$2,400 to connections for a metropolitan win; \$1,000 to connections for a country win.
- Payment of bonus:
  - If the Breeder is the Nominator, 50% of the bonus applicable to the winning greyhound shall be paid to the Breeder, and the other 50% shall be paid to the Owner.
  - If the Owner is the Nominator, 75% of the bonus applicable to the winning greyhound shall be paid to the Owner, and the other 25% shall be paid to the Breeder.

## New GOBIS Bonuses

- Enhanced GOBIS scheme to commence from 1 April 2012 with three new initiatives:
- **A \$500 Metro GOBIS Bonus for the winners of ALL races at main metropolitan meetings**
  - GOBIS registered winners of ALL races at each of the two main metropolitan meetings (The Meadows on Saturday nights and Sandown on Thursday nights) will receive a \$500 bonus. This bonus is in addition to any existing GOBIS bonus on scheduled main metropolitan races.
- **A \$10,000 Group GOBIS Bonus for the winners of all Victorian Group races**
  - GOBIS registered winners of the 32 Group races (includes all Country Cups and selected Metropolitan races) will receive a \$10,000 bonus.
- **50% GOBIS bonus if first placed greyhound is not GOBIS registered (for all 740 scheduled GOBIS races)**
  - If the winning greyhound of one of the scheduled GOBIS bonus races (currently about 740 scheduled) is not GOBIS registered, then 50% of the allocated bonus will be paid to the first placed (2nd or 3rd) GOBIS registered greyhound.
  - No bonus will be paid if there are no GOBIS registered greyhounds in the first three placegetters.
  - The 50% of bonus payment will also apply to the new \$500 metro bonus and the \$10,000 Group bonus.

<b>Enhanced GOBIS Scheme – Bonus payments</b>		
<b>Race Type</b>	<b>GOBIS registered winner</b>	<b>First placegetter (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) if winner is not GOBIS registered</b>
<b>Group Race Metro &amp; Country</b>	<b>\$10,000</b> (new Group GOBIS bonus)	<b>\$5,000</b> (50% of new Group GOBIS bonus)
<b>Main metro GOBIS race</b>	<b>\$2,900</b> = \$500 (new Metro GOBIS bonus) + \$2,400 (existing GOBIS Bonus)	<b>\$1,450</b> = \$250 (50% of new Metro GOBIS bonus) + \$1200 (new 50% of existing GOBIS Bonus)
<b>Main metro non-GOBIS race</b>	<b>\$500</b> (new Metro GOBIS bonus)	<b>\$250</b> (50% of new Metro GOBIS bonus)
<b>Country GOBIS race</b>	<b>\$1,000</b> (existing GOBIS Bonus)	<b>\$500</b> (new 50% of existing GOBIS Bonus)

## **Greyhound Ready to Run Auction Series**

- A 'Ready to Run' annual auction is to be established to (a) promote the sale of Victorian bred greyhounds and (b) encourage syndication.
- The Ready to Race Auctions will create a much easier pathway to enter the sport. Potential owners will be able to watch greyhounds trial before making an offer. This will drastically cut the waiting period between purchasing a greyhound and the time that greyhound races from about eighteen months to just a matter of months.
- The auction is broadly based on the successful bi-annual concept held in USA for un-raced pups. The concept sees greyhounds, between the ages of 13 and 18 months, race publicly prior to the auction.
- GRV, in consultation with the industry, will determine a location for the first auction and appropriate distances for the races prior to auction.
- Special consideration to participate will be given to GOBIS registered and/or eligible greyhounds.

## **Funding Details**

- The total cost of the new GOBIS program over the next four years will be \$2.8 million (with Government providing VRIF funds of \$1.55million and GRV \$1.25million)