

Dear Participants

THE GOTBA VIC PRESIDENT'S REPORT GRV DOES NOT WANT YOU TO SEE – GRV is falling behind on participant returns and infrastructure

Each month GOTBA Vic provides a short note for inclusion in GRV's Greyhound Monthly. This month's report was rejected by GRV, without reason. **That report is on the next page.** You be the judge of why it was rejected.

We will release the more detailed analysis of GRV's inadequate spending on participants and infrastructure later this month. All of it is drawn from GRV's own reported figures.

Participant share of wagering income has decreased from just under 60% in 2008/09 to 47% in 2016/17 (last available figures) – in today's terms that difference is almost **\$13m** in annual prizemoney. GRV's expenditure on itself, particularly employees, has exploded: GRV's 'other expenses' (excluding participants returns and infrastructure) has ballooned from **\$14.6m** in 2008/09 to **\$50.3m** in 2016/17.

You and your greyhounds deserve better. You have borne costs associated with changes to this industry too. You are not being properly compensated for doing so.

GRV cannot ignore this issue. It now has for far too long and we will not go away. It is an issue for participants and clubs. Clubs have not adequately participated in income increases. It is time participant and indeed club voices were properly listened to.

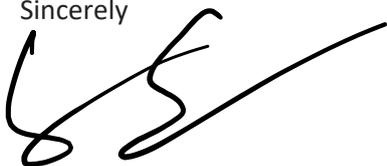
Participants could rightfully ask whether GRV suffers from the same issues as another sporting organisation whose ethics review very recently stated:

With the exception of ... own Board and senior executives, the broad consensus amongst stakeholders is that ... does not consistently 'live' its values and principles. ... is perceived to say one thing and do another. The most common description of ... is as "arrogant" and "controlling". The core complaint is that the organisation does not respect anyone other than its own. ... feel that they are treated as commodities. There is a feeling amongst some ...[stakeholder] Associations that they are patronised....¹

GOTBA VIC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 18 Nov 2018

GOTBA's AGM is coming up on Sunday 18 November 2018 at Sandown Greyhound Racing Club from 6pm (registrations from 5.45pm). More detail is available on GOTBA Vic's website – <https://www.gotbav.org.au>

Sincerely



¹ The Ethics Centre, *Australian Cricket – A Matter of Balance* October 2018, 11.

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President's Report – GOTBA Victoria – Nov 2018

If GRV receives wagering income of \$68m a year, how much of that should GRV spend on returns to participants (prize money, starter fees and bonuses)? On infrastructure? On staff? On its integrity function? Now what about if GRV has income of \$90m or even \$100m?

As I said in last month's report, what matters to GOTBA Vic, irrespective of change, is that all participants are fairly treated and fully rewarded for their participation and success.

What GRV spent on participant returns and infrastructure in 2012/13 on income of \$68m and in 2016/17 on income of \$90m (latest available figures) may surprise you.

In November 2018, GOTBA Vic will release an analysis of participant returns and GRV infrastructure spend using GRV's own reported figures. We have made a comparison between GRV and Racing Victoria Limited. While much has changed in our industry since 2012/13, and GRV does many things well, what we can say with absolute confidence is that GRV now simply does not return a satisfactory proportion of its income to participants. Its infrastructure spend is low.

That needs to change. Participants in 2018 race more and have more costs imposed on their participation. We are pressing for fairness. Participants must get a better return. Your voice helps us do that.

You can expect more analysis and action in future from us, as well as help.

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GOTBA Vic is committed to being an open, transparent organisation for its members, one that enhances and projects the voices and interests of greyhound racing participants at every level for the benefit of all of them. We best do that by hearing from you and from your active membership with us.