INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Private submission to the Greyhound Inquiry.

I was a truck driver in Sydney and met my partner Jenny who was a country girl and we eventually went to live in Gunnedah area where I continued as a truck driver. Jenny's father was in greyhound racing and gave me a dog which was not successful but I continued to keep an interest and purchased a greyhound for a reasonable price which won fifteen races and later on I was given a greyhound which won five straight at Gunnedah.

My employment in Gunnedah came to an end and I first went onto benefits and assisted the Gunnedah greyhound club in my spare time. I further developed an airways disease and went onto a disability pension. I was by this time uncompetitive in the work force but could work at a pace suitable to volunteer work on the Gunnedah track were I looked after the racecourse and track attention at my own pace.

The above situation led me to attend the racetrack virtually every day barring medical procedures and holdups.

I have enjoyed my activity on the track, it has given me purpose and I have made many friends. Without this activity I would have gone around the bend. I am great supporter of the club and greyhound racing and really appreciate what the club is trying to achieve.

The volunteering activities in greyhound racing to people on disability allowances should be made known in the various magazines on the subject so that others can get the benefit of serving and being less depressed.

Yours Truly.

Danny Hubbard. 28.10.2013.

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