

**Submission
No 501**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

Organisation: Gunnedah Branch GBOTA

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Gunnedah Round Table discussion by volunteers on Regional Development/Animal Welfare convened by Geoff Rose Area Director GBOTA 27.10.2013.

Attendance G Rose

Shaun Morrison, Danny Hubbard, Joseph Kennedy, Jeanette Jaegar, Kevin Kingdom, Cherie Rosier, John Tracey.

All attendees have lodged personal submissions to the Greyhound inquiry.

The Gunnedah Greyhound voluntary workers have completed most of a total revamp of the Gunnedah track complex and facility over the past decade. The productivity gains to greyhound racing produced from these workers would exceed more than half of the replacement costs of the complex estimated to cost three million by private contract.

The club is confident that its workers can change focus and offer the same productivity gains to greyhound racing by completing a project involving the update of a memorial statue of Chief Havoc to Bronze www.greyhoundsgunnedah.com and the completion of the Chief Havoc Memorial Gardens, gravesite, dedicated walls and Museum.

Gunnedah previously applied for funding under the Prime minister's partnership fund and was accepted for assessment before the fund was abandoned when the Liberal/National Federal Government was defeated in 2007.

The Gunnedah project was a dream of the previous Chairman of the GBOTA Russ Westerweller and was clearly in line with the Labor Premiers memorandum 2001-18 which encouraged NFP including sporting bodies to apply for private and public partnerships. The scheme is also an advance on current animal reforms and supplements the 138 animal cemetery/crematoria places in Australia and the normalization of the canine as a companion animal through honour by monument.

The inquiry is requested to consider recommending a wider range of regional development action and resources to schemes in the wider public interest that could be also conducive in the long run to more interest in greyhound racing and the wagering as well.