

GRNSW Agency Information Guide

This Agency Information Guide has been developed in accordance with the NSW [Government Information \(Public Access\) Act 2009](#) (GIPA Act) to give greater access to information.

GRNSW's Agency Information Guide tells you in general terms:

- What our structure and functions are;
- How we engage with the public;
- What kind of information we have;
- What kind of information is made available to the public and how; and
- Whether or not there is a charge to access specific kinds of information.

Our Structure and Functions

GRNSW is a body corporate established under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* (NSW) (Act) and is an autonomous non-government body responsible for both the regulatory and commercial functions of the greyhound racing industry in NSW.

It is the peak body of the sport in NSW and is responsible for providing strategic direction and ensuring the competitiveness and long-term commercial viability of greyhound racing for the benefit of participants, business partners and the community.

GRNSW has the following functions conferred to it under the Act:

- to control, supervise and regulate greyhound racing in the State;
- to register greyhound racing clubs, greyhound trial tracks, greyhounds, owners and trainers of greyhounds, bookmakers for greyhound racing and other persons associated with greyhound racing;
- to initiate, develop and implement policies considered conducive to the promotion, strategic development and welfare of the greyhound racing industry in the State;
- to distribute money received as a result of commercial arrangements required by the *Totalizator Act 1997* (NSW); and

- to allocate to greyhound racing clubs the dates on which they may conduct greyhound racing meeting.

The business structure of GRNSW covers both the commercial and regulatory responsibilities with six core business units:

- Regulatory
- Operations
- Legal and Policy
- Media, Communications and Wagering
- Welfare
- Finance, People and Culture

Information on the current structure and functions of GRNSW is publicly available in the [About Us](#) section of GRNSW's website.

The organisational chart below illustrates the structure of GRNSW:

- [GRNSW Organisation Chart](#)

How we engage with the public

GRNSW engages with industry, stakeholders and members of the public in developing its policy and strategic direction. This is done by:

- Publishing discussion papers for stakeholder comment;
- Stakeholder engagement and communication; and
- Consultation with the Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group (GRICG)

What kind of information we have

We hold a range of information, including:

- Policy and planning documents
- Documents on internal administration of GRNSW
- Correspondence with the public
- Documents concerning appointments to various official positions
- Information resources for the community, public sector and private sector.

What kind of information is made available to the public and how?

Open access information

GRNSW makes available, free of charge on its website, the following open access information:

- GRNSW [Annual Reports](#)
- All other documents and reports that are tabled in Parliament
- Current policy documents
- Disclosure log

Public interest test

When a person requests information from us, we must decide whether it is in the public's interest to disclose the information that has been requested. Access will be granted if the public interest in favour of disclosure outweighs the public interest against disclosure. This is called the 'public interest test'.

Making an informal request

A request may be made at any time for other information held by GRNSW. While GRNSW reserves the right to require a formal access application to be made under the GIPA Act, GRNSW will generally provide the following types of information in response to an informal request without the need to make a formal access application:

- Copies of correspondence, where the person requesting the correspondence was the person who sent it to GRNSW
- Documents that contain only personal information about a particular individual, and that is the person who is requesting the information.
- Documents that have already been made public in some other way
- Other reasonable requests for information that would not raise any potential concerns in terms of public interest considerations against disclosure.

We may impose conditions in relation to the use or disclosure of information that is released in response to an informal request.

Making a formal access application

If the information you are looking for is not published by us or available by informal request, you may wish to make a formal access application in writing under the GIPA Act. Access applications are subject to application fees and processing charges in accordance with the GIPA Act. We will not however release information if there is an overriding public interest against disclosure.

Click here for the [GRNSW Access Application form](#)

Information which may not be disclosed

An access application cannot be made for information specifically excluded under Schedule 2 of the GIPA Act. For some categories of information, while an access application may be made there is a presumption against release. The list of categories is set out at Schedule 1 of the GIPA Act.

Other information we make available

We try to make additional information about the work we do easily available through our website. We also provide information about our work through the latest news section of our website, a link to which is included below

- [Latest GRNSW News](#)
- [Greyhound Racing Injury Reports](#)
- [GRNSW Codes of Conduct](#)
- [Fact Sheets](#)

Application fees and processing charges

The application fee for making an access application is \$30. Processing charges can also be imposed at the rate of \$30 per hour. Certain discounts may apply, including financial hardship and public interest grounds.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) has been established to oversee the GIPA Act. The IPC provides information about the right to access information and can be contacted via:

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