

Community Engagement

GRSA has maintained its partnerships with the Little Heroes Foundation (LHF) and Operation Flinders (OF), both organisations having been founded upon the need to care for young South Australians suffering from illness or hardship.

In an Australian first, young South Australian cancer patients will soon form part of an international registry, which aims to better inform radiation treatments and help counter long-term side effects. The collaboration between the Radiation Oncology Department at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and its American partners has been made possible by way of a grant from The Little Heroes Foundation, funded by GRSA. The research grant has enabled the Radiation Oncology Department to recruit Research Nurse Kelly Skelton onto the project.

In January 2020, GRSA formed a partnership with Novita, one of South Australia's largest and most respected community-based disability service organisations, supporting clients of all ages. On non-racing nights, GRSA provides Novita with access to Chasers Restaurant to run bingo events. Such events form an important part of Novita's fundraising efforts, helping them to support clients in Adelaide and regional South Australia.

The Murray Bridge Community Club (MBCC) performs the catering function for greyhound race meetings at Murray Bridge. From the commencement of greyhound racing in December 2018, this partnership has provided the MBCC with a new revenue stream and provided its staff with more hours and consistent work. The MBCC, which was first established in 1962, is a not-for-profit entity which invests any surplus back into the business for the benefit of its Members.

CASE STUDY

STERILINE SAFECHASE LURE SYSTEM



In 2014, Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) initiated a project with local engineering firm, Steriline Racing, to design a modern and innovative replacement for existing cable and bramich lure systems. With the assistance of Kovey Engineering, the first steps were taken towards developing a self-propelled, battery-operated lure carriage, operated by remote control, that could be used on existing lure rail infrastructure. The unit eliminates the need for a high-speed cable to propel a lure, thereby mitigating one of our most significant operational risk elements for both racing greyhounds and raceday (human) operatives.

GRSA's commitment to build a new facility in Murray Bridge provided the perfect opportunity to progress this new lure technology and introduce it on the new straight track. Over many months, the teams at Steriline Racing and Kovey Engineering worked in unison with the staff at Murray Bridge to refine the technology to a point wherein it was ready for trialling and racing. On 24th July 2019, the new remote/battery lure was successfully launched at the first ever race meeting conducted on the Murray Bridge straight track.

Given the overwhelming success of this new technology, GRSA has embarked on a program of progressively rolling out the SafeChase lure to all SA tracks.