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Bob Douglas Honoured with BGRGA Life Membership

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The Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association (BGRGA) proudly announces the award of a life membership to Bob Douglas, in recognition of his outstanding contributions spanning over half a century in the greyhound racing industry.

Bob Douglas, a luminary figure in the sport, has recently been bestowed with the prestigious life membership by BGRGA, underscoring his profound impact on the organisation and his dedication to the growth of greyhound racing in Victoria.

Mr. Douglas assumed the presidency of BGRGA in 2010 during a challenging period of administration for the club. Over his remarkable 11-year tenure, he was instrumental in the revival of the club, lifting it from the shadows of administration to its current status as one of Victoria's most celebrated greyhound racing clubs. His visionary leadership and steadfast commitment have left an indelible mark on the BGRGA, elevating it to new heights.

Mr. Douglas' journey in greyhound racing commenced at the age of 17 when he acquired his first greyhound for \$40. Despite initial setbacks and a lack of industry connections, his perseverance and passion led to a breakthrough victory with a dog called Mixer in Tamworth, marking the end of a 15-year drought.

A true maestro in breeding and training, Mr. Douglas has etched his name in greyhound racing history with notable achievements, including the 1992 Sapphire Crown win with Dashing Eagle and the sensational career with Carlisle Jack, a Group 1-winning star.

In recent years, despite training fewer dogs, Mr. Douglas' profile has been further elevated with the emergence of Baby Jaycee, a sprinting sensation with 28 victories in 48 starts, including the 2023 Group 1 Sapphire Crown.

In August, Mr. Douglas was honored with the prestigious Ken Carr Medal at the Victorian Greyhound Racing Awards, a fitting tribute to his nearly 60 years of multifaceted contributions as a trainer, studmaster, and administrator.

Beyond his on-track success, Mr. Douglas' impact extended to the administrative realm, where he served as BGRGA president from 2011 to 2021, overseeing significant improvements to Lord's Raceway and club operations. His enduring commitment to the sustainability of greyhound racing has earned him praise and admiration from the racing community.

Mr. Douglas credited his numerous accomplishments to the unwavering support of his wife, Faye, who has been a constant presence by his side throughout his entire journey in the greyhound industry.

BGRGA General Manager Charlton Hindle lauds Bob Douglas as a "true gentlemen of the sport" and a mentor whose wisdom has shaped the careers of many in the industry.

"Bob is highly regarded in the industry and when he talks everyone listens," said Mr. Hindle. "He is passionate about the sustainability and longevity of greyhound racing and has a collaborative vision for its future."

Bob Douglas's life membership stands as a testament to his enduring legacy and the profound influence he has had on the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association and the broader greyhound racing community.