

Media Release

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UPGRADES FOR WARRAGUL GREYHOUND RACING

The Andrews Labor Government is improving integrity and animal welfare at the Warragul and District Greyhound Racing Club with the installation of a new digital PA system and catching pen CCTV.

The Labor Government partnered with Greyhound Racing Victoria and the club as part of a \$105,000 joint funding package – to deliver the infrastructure upgrades, as well as three community-themed race meetings.

The Government is contributing almost \$50,000 towards the series along with the infrastructure upgrades.

The club is providing almost \$18,000 for the race meetings, with Greyhound Racing Victoria contributing more than \$37,000 towards the infrastructure projects.

The series begins with the women’s focused race meeting *Ladies on Track* on Saturday 23 June, followed by the *St Leger* race day on Sunday 12 August, and the *Love Our Seniors* race meeting on Thursday 18 October.

The *Ladies on Track* race meeting will include live music from Clint Wilson and DJ Trevor Jones, and women heading to the track will be treated to a range of competitions and prizes.

Warragul & District Greyhound Racing Club will recognise the contributions of its members and supporters at the *St Leger* race meeting, with patrons receiving a complimentary gift bag.

The *Love Our Seniors* race meeting will take place during the Victorian Seniors Festival from 7 to 14 October, and racegoers will be entertained with live music from the Rusty Rockers.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has provided more than \$140,000 to support two infrastructure projects and seven race day events at Warragul.

The racing industry in the Gippsland region generates more than \$59 million for the Victorian economy and helps to sustain more than 590 full-time local jobs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Martin Pakula

“We’re investing in racing at Warragul because the industry helps to create hundreds of local jobs and contributes to the local economy.”

“Community race days provide a great opportunity to bring the community together, and these infrastructure upgrades are important additions to the track.”

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

“We’re improving the Warragul and District Greyhound Racing Club and making sure that even more people can visit the region and enjoy a great day out at the races.”

Quote attributable to Warragul & District Greyhound Racing Club Manager Adrian Scott

“These infrastructure investments from the Victorian Government and Greyhound Racing Victoria will strengthen the race day experience and animal welfare at Warragul.”

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