



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Geelong and Meadows race meetings cancelled due to extreme heat

Morning race meetings scheduled for **Geelong** and **The Meadows** on Wednesday 13 January have been cancelled due to predicted extreme hot weather conditions.

Under Greyhound Racing Victoria's recently reviewed Hot Weather Policy, greyhound racing or trialling cannot be conducted if the temperature exceeds 38 degrees.

As at 12.00 noon today the Bureau of Meteorology has predicted 42 degrees Celsius in Geelong by 2pm and 41 degrees in Broadmeadows by 2pm.

A decision about whether to proceed with the two night meetings scheduled for Wednesday at **Cranbourne** (40 degrees Celsius forecast) and **Ballarat** (39 degrees Celsius forecast) will be made at 3pm today.

Decisions to cancel meetings are made after careful consideration and consultation with the weather bureau and with the welfare of the greyhounds being paramount.

All GRV decisions to reschedule or cancel Victorian greyhound race meetings and trial sessions now also take into account the predicted temperature for travel times to and from the venue as well as at the track.

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