



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **GRV Media Release - Hundreds of Victorians and dogs to celebrate Greyhound Community Day at The Meadows on Sunday**

Hundreds of Victorians and their pet greyhounds are expected to converge at The Meadows race track in Broadmeadows for the third annual Greyhound Community Day on Sunday 12 November.

The day will celebrate all things greyhound with free activities including dog washing, dental checks and educational seminars delivered by the Greyhound Adoption Program's vet.

There will be live music, giveaways and tours for an insider's glimpse of The Meadows race track. Families are catered for with a free BBQ, jumping castles and other activities for kids.

The community day comes after a record re-homing year, with 1314 dogs adopted out through the Greyhound Adoption Program in the 1016-17 financial year.

It is the first time the program has adopted more than 1000 dogs in a financial year, smashing the previous record of 798 set in 2015-16.

Information about re-homing and GAP's volunteer foster care program will be available on the day. Foster carers provide a little extra help to prepare greyhounds for a new life beyond the racing track.

The day isn't only for greyhounds, all breeds are welcome. All dogs must be kept on the lead and non-green collar greyhounds are required to be muzzled.

Entry is free, but numbers are strictly limited. Book your free ticket by going to [gap.grv.org.au](http://gap.grv.org.au)

GAP Manager Larissa Darragh said greyhounds were becoming increasingly popular as pets.

"They are friendly, relaxed and affectionate dogs that make wonderful pets. The dogs that pass through the GAP program have been well prepared for a home environment away from the track," Ms Darragh said.

"This event is a fun way for greyhound owners and dog lovers to come together as a community. When you own a greyhound you really are part of a bigger community that appreciates these wonderful dogs.

"The day is also an opportunity for us to say thank-you to all of the people who have adopted or fostered greyhounds and to the amazing volunteers who support GAP all-year round."



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**Event:** Greyhound Community Day

**When:** Sunday 12 November, 11am-3pm

**Location:** The Meadows Greyhound Racing Association, Northcorp Boulevard, Broadmeadows

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