



MEDIA RELEASE

20 January 2016

Today's Bendigo meet abandoned and Thursday's Shepparton meeting moved to morning due to extreme heat

The twilight race meeting scheduled for **Shepparton** on Thursday 21 January has been moved to morning due to predicted extreme hot weather conditions.

Today's afternoon meeting at **Bendigo** has been officially abandoned during kennelling when the temperature exceeded 26 degrees in the race kennels. The professional view of the on-track veterinarian was that these conditions were too hot for the Bendigo meeting to continue.

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

The safety and welfare of greyhounds is of paramount concern for GRV in assessing whether a race meeting or individual races on a program should proceed, be delayed or abandoned in hot weather conditions.

Decisions to cancel meetings are made after careful consideration and consultation with the weather bureau and 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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