



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New manager appointed for Warrnambool**

After the success of Wednesday night's Warrnambool Cup and Classic that drew 1800 people, Greyhound Racing Victoria has appointed Craig Monigatti as the new manager of the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club.

Mr Monigatti joins the Warrnambool club after spending 14 years with the Carlton Football Club.

The appointment is something of a homecoming for Mr Monigatti, having grown up in the region and attending school in Warrnambool.

As well as being a Warrnambool local and having an extensive background in sport, Mr Monigatti has studied extensively, having completed a Bachelor of Applied Science and Management and currently completing an MBA in Sports Management.

Greyhound Racing Victoria CEO Alan Clayton said Mr Monigatti was a vital appointment for Greyhound racing in the area.

"It is an exciting time to be involved in greyhound racing in Warrnambool, with 1800 people attending Wednesday night's Cup and Classic," Mr Clayton said.

"Craig brings a rich and varied background to this role as well as having a thorough understanding of the community and the issues facing Warrnambool locals and greyhound racing in the area."

It has been a challenging time for the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing club after the sad passing of manager Matt Ansell earlier this year.

"It is a testament to the passion and love Warrnambool people have for greyhound racing that more than 1800 people attended Wednesday night's Cup and Classic in what was a hugely successful night," Mr Clayton said.

"I'd like to thank Fiona Umbers and all involved for her tireless efforts in stepping up during such a challenging time to bring such a great atmosphere on the biggest night in Warrnambool greyhound racing."

Mr Monigatti said he was thrilled to take on his new role.

"I'm truly excited about the opportunity that this presents. Greyhound racing has been a huge part of the Warrnambool community for decades and I have seen first-hand the passion that the community has for the sport," Mr Monigatti said.



“There are sweeping changes to greyhound racing right across Victoria, with a strong emphasis on animal welfare, integrity and jobs for people in regional and rural communities. It is an exciting time to be involved with the sport.”

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