



## MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 3 March 2016

### Bendigo, Healesville meeting transferred due to hot weather

Greyhound Racing Victoria advises that due to forecasted hot weather, race meetings at Bendigo and Healesville have been transferred.

The race meeting to be held at Bendigo on Friday, 4th March and Healesville on Sunday, 6th March will be moved from day time meetings to morning meetings.

The Bendigo meeting had originally been moved from a twilight meeting to a day meeting. Friday's race meeting scheduled for Warrnambool has also been transferred due to hot weather.

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

Thursday's day meeting at Traralgon has also been moved from the day to a twilight meeting.

The safety and welfare of greyhounds is of paramount concern for Greyhound Racing Victoria (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 transfer or 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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