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“Go The Red Dog” bushfire fundraiser extended through February

Greyhound Racing Victoria’s “Go The Red Dog” fundraiser, to support those affected by bushfires, will be extended until the end of February, GRV Chair Peita Duncan announced in Sale today.

Ms Duncan said GRV, its 13 clubs and thousands of participants, were committed to the ongoing support of rural and regional communities affected by the devastating fires.

Throughout January GRV donated \$250 to the bushfire appeal every time a greyhound won a race from the red box at any Victorian track.

“So far we have raised \$45,000 from “ Go The Red Dog” wins and many thousands more through our clubs in Warrnambool, Ballarat, Geelong and Bendigo who have all supported this initiative every time a red dog wins at their tracks,” Ms Duncan said.

“All our clubs are donating and holding fundraisers and events, and our participants are donating part of their prizemoney which has raised tens of thousands more.”

Ms Duncan said the GRV Board meeting held in Sale today had agreed on a number of new initiatives to continue the sport’s support of the thousands of Victorians going through tough times.

“Throughout the month of February we will continue to donate \$250 to the bushfire appeal every time a greyhound wins a race from the red box at any Victorian track,” Ms Duncan said.

“In coming weeks and months, GRV will also be holding board meetings, leadership team meetings and branch meetings in rural and regional towns and cities impacted by fires.

“We see this is a very practical way of showing our support by spending money locally through accommodation, food, petrol and other services.”

Ms Duncan said the GRV Board hosted a free barbecue at Sale Greyhound Racing Club yesterday for participants and those affected by fires.

“It’s really important for us to come to affected regions and hear first-hand the impact of these fires,” Ms Duncan said.

“Greyhound racing began in Victoria almost 150 years ago and GRV, its 13 clubs and 15,000 participants are very much a part of these local communities and we are all willing to lend a helping hand.”

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