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Racing Update

Victorian Greyhound Awards go 'Virtual'

Victorian greyhound racing's night of nights – the Victorian Greyhound Awards - will be open to all racing fans on Sunday 30 August from 8pm in what will be a celebration of the 2019-20 Racing Year.

The 'virtual' event will be compacted into a 75-minute production beamed into Greyhound Racing Victoria's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/GRVictoria

Viewers are encouraged to refresh the page regularly throughout the coverage to share in the joy of announcements as they unfold, including:

- Victorian Greyhound of the Year
- Victorian Sprinter of the Year
- Victorian Stayer of the Year
- GRV Board Leadership Award
- GRV Welfare Award
- Metropolitan Trainers Premiership
- Provincial Trainers Premiership

The Victorian Greyhound of the Year Panel has selected three finalists for both the Sprinter of the Year (*Sennachie, Simon Told Helen & Whiskey Riot*) and the Stayer of the Year (*Just Terms, Tornado Tears & True Detective*), with the Victorian Greyhound of the Year to be selected from those six greyhounds.

The Victorian Greyhound of the Year was first awarded in 1973, when won by the legendary Lizrene, and is considered the ultimate recognition for greyhounds in this state.

GRV is encouraging viewers to dress up and post photos of themselves watching the awards to their personal Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts, accompanied by the hashtags *#VictorianGreyhoundAwards* and *#VGA2020*.

Traditionally an invitation-only event held at Melbourne's Crown Palladium, the global pandemic has led to the event being purely online for the first time, and meant a handful of GRV's regular annual awards won't be presented this year, namely the Hall of Fame, Ken Carr Medal and Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award.

The Victorian Greyhound Awards will be part of a huge day for Victorian greyhound racing, as it is also the final day of the National Coursing Association's 2020 Waterloo Cup at Lang Lang, while heats of the Group 3 Healesville Cup will be conducted from 11.20am.

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