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Racing update

Australia's best greyhounds to take on local superstars in 'Gippsland Festival of Racing'

Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) today launched its 2020/21 'Gippsland Festival of Racing', which will incorporate more than half a million dollars in prize money across six spectacular nights of greyhound racing throughout December, January & February.

Set to attract the most talented greyhound athletes from all around Australia, the 'Gippsland Festival of Racing' kicks off with heats of the Sale Cup on 20 December, with the final to be run on Boxing Day.

From there the festival moves to the Warragul Cup series in January before concluding with the Cranbourne Cup in early February.

Today's launch was broadcast live on greyhound racing's free-to-air television series, 'Thrill of the Chase' on 7TWO, drawing attention from tens of thousands of sports fans across Australia.

GRV Chair Peita Duncan said the 'Gippsland Festival of Racing' is the second leg of a series of festivals being run across the state from November to May.

"We kicked off with the Metro Festival of Racing, which ran throughout November and concluded with the TAB Melbourne Cup on Friday night, which was won in track record time by Hard Style Rico, who is trained by Luckie Karabitsakos in Pearcedale, right on the cusp of Gippsland."

"The Gippsland Festival will flow into a second Metro Festival in late February highlighted by the Australian Cup, and we'll then host our first ever 'Western Festival of Racing' which will run throughout March, April & May."

"Right now it's all about Gippsland, however, and we look forward to seeing the very best greyhounds take on local superstars such as Catch The Thief, trained in Briagolong by Matt Clark, and exciting youngster Dr. Tucker, trained in Darriman by Bill McMahon. Both of those greyhounds have made their presence felt on the group racing circuit in 2020."

Traralgon won't be a part of the 2020/21 'Gippsland Festival of Racing' as it is currently undergoing a redevelopment.

Greyhound racing has long been a pivotal economic pillar for Gippsland, generating more than \$40 million annually for the region.

The sport boasts more than 1000 participants across the region (breeders/owners/trainers), employs more than 350 people and has almost 200 volunteers throughout Gippsland.

2020/21 Gippsland Festival of Racing - group events

Event	Date	Timeslot	Venue	Distance	First prize
G1 Sale Cup Heats	Sunday 20 December	Twilight	Sale	650m	\$6,030
G1 Sale Cup Final	Monday 26 December	Twilight	Sale	650m	\$75,000
G2 Warragul Cup Heats	Friday 8 January	Night	Warragul	460m	\$5,280
G2 Warragul Cup Final	Saturday 16 January	Night	Warragul	460m	\$47,000
G2 Cranbourne Cup Heats	Saturday 30 January	Twilight	Cranbourne	520m	\$5,280
G2 Cranbourne Cup Final	Saturday 6 February	Twilight	Cranbourne	520m	\$50,000

More information: <https://www.grv.org.au/gippsland-festival-of-racing>

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