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### **Racing returns to The Meadows this Saturday: track works complete**

Greyhound racing returns to The Meadows this Saturday night after track works – including the introduction of Steriline boxes, new starting slabs, parade areas and canopies - were completed on time and within the allocated budget, according to Track Manager Cory Hiscock.

Hiscock announced that the new track works helps ensure The Meadows continues to be recognised as one of the safest and modern greyhound tracks in the world.

"The replacement of the starting boxes has allowed the MGRA to take advantage and do full reconstructions to the 525-metre and 600-metre starts (works for 725-metre start will be completed in early October)."

"The MGRA's continual push to achieve the best regarding its infrastructure means we will see some positive improvements in the way racing occurs at The Meadows. With new parade areas, the greyhounds will be even closer to the public and minor alterations to the track levels as per annual grading will see racing safer and fairer than ever before."

Along with quality racing on Saturday, trials will resume this Friday morning (September 23) at 8.30am, with bookings taken this Thursday between 9am and 4pm. There will be **NO TRIALS** on Monday, October 3, due to works on 725-metre start.

Hiscock expects some slight variation to the times recorded by greyhounds at The Meadows.

"Due to a uniformity approach with the timing starting point, times may vary slightly from the past, especially with some faster times to the first section. On the original sets of metropolitan boxes, the timing was starting on the release handle at the rear of the boxes and not the front gate. Now, all boxes across Victoria have the clock starting on the initial movement of the gate."

"Other works taking place at The Meadows include new soft sand in the catching pen and a harrowing and re-grade of the track surface overall."

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