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## THE MEADOWS PRESS RELEASE

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### **MGRA, GRV and state government announce Meadows upgrade**

The Meadows will maintain its status as the premier greyhound venue in Australia after today's announcement by Minister Denis Naphthine of a joint refurbishment venture between the MGRA, GRV and the state government.

The works, with already completed track upgrades including the introduction of steriline boxes, new starting slabs, parade areas and canopies, has been made possible after the Liberal government's \$200,000 funding commitment and a further \$360,000 contributed by Greyhound Racing Victoria.

The main feature of the refurbishment includes a fantastic new picnic area – to be located at the eastern end of the grandstand, running right through to the 525-metre start. This area will have a built-in BBQ and bar, which will quickly become a haven for patrons, especially over the busy summer months and on major feature nights. The Meadows expects the picnic area to be completed by late November, ready for the busy Christmas season and the club's flagship event, the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup, worth \$175,000 to the winner in 2012.

Other improvements include an upgraded parking area for trainers to cater for busy race meetings and enhancements to the area surrounding the slipping track at The Meadows.

The Meadows manager Marg Long believes the improvements to the track and venue facilities are an amazing boost for the popular Broadmeadows circuit.

"The Meadows is already the most visited track in Australia, and these new works - including a fantastic family-orientated BBQ area - will ensure we continue to be well patronised for years to come."

"Apart from works to the venue, the completed track works means The Meadows is one of the safest greyhound tracks to race on, not only in Australia but across the world."

"We thank the GRV and the state government for their assistance in helping make The Meadows reach its goal to become one of the leading greyhound racing venues in the world."

***For affordable dining packages every Saturday night, contact The Meadows on 9355 5222.***

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