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Media alert: Minister Napthine to announce funding boost for Australian Cup Carnival at The Meadows

What: Victorian Racing Industry Fund (VRIF) Raceday Attraction Program at the Meadows

When: 8.45am, Monday, January 23, 2012

Where: Dining Room, The Meadows Greyhound Racing Club, 80 Northcorp Boulevard, Broadmeadows

The Victorian state government will provide funding towards a Raceday Attraction Program that will deliver on-course entertainment during the upcoming Australian Cup Carnival at The Meadows.

The funding – to be announced today by Racing Minister Denis Napthine (time above) - will include the Archie Thompson (Melbourne Victory) and Bianca Chatfield (Melbourne Vixens) clinics that will be held at The Meadows on Saturday, February 11 and Saturday, February 18, coinciding with races such as the Group 1 Temlee, worth \$75,000 to the winner.

The initiative is designed to increase patronage during what is already a hugely popular greyhound carnival, with the MGRA and GRV also committing to funding on top of the government's contribution to achieve these goals.

Camp Australia – as is the case at many of the bigger events at The Meadows – will also be providing social activities for children on some of the biggest nights on Australia's greyhound racing calendar.

The Australian Cup Carnival is one of the world's biggest greyhound extravaganzas with over \$800,000 to be won over the famous three-week period (Feb 18, 25 and March 3). The Carnival includes the running of the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup (\$175,000 to-the-winner), the Group 1 Macro Meats Super Stayers (\$75,000) the Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee (\$75,000), the Group 2 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel (\$40,000) and the Group 2 Macro Meats Zoom Top (\$40,000).

The Meadows is also set to open its new outdoor BBQ and bar area - nicknamed 'The Deck' - in time for the Australian Cup Carnival, where patrons can sit in laid back comfort while enjoying great food and drinks just metres away from the action.

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

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