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## THE MEADOWS PRESS RELEASE

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### Funding boost for race day entertainment at The Meadows

The Victorian state government today announced a \$70,000 funding boost towards a Raceday Attraction Program that will deliver on-course entertainment during the upcoming Australian Cup Carnival at The Meadows.

The funding – announced at The Meadows this morning by Racing Minister Denis Napthine - 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 adding \$88,000 and the GRV pitching in \$20,000 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 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 Manager Marg Long says the tri-part funding arrangement will only enhance this year's Australian Cup Carnival.

"The Meadows has always been known as a place where parents can bring their kids along for fantastic entertainment, and getting Archie and Bianca down to run these enjoyable clinics will be yet another reason to bring the family down during the carnival. There are also so many great giveaways for adults over the three week period, so we like to think that we cater for everybody."

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. The club also has confirmed that Geelong premiership stars Tom Hawkins and Joel Selwood will be on course for the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup, to be run on March 3.

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

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