

Media Release

Bendigo continues to provide training opportunities

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Some twenty years ago the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association had the vision to provide local trainers with facilities to train their greyhounds by installing a gallop run. Ten years or so later a much longer straight track was constructed providing further opportunities for the local trainers to better condition their charges for racing.

Three years ago the BGRA committed itself to becoming somewhat of a greyhound racing and training hub not just for training but also the education stage. Since then developments at Lord's Raceway have included enclosed empty yards, additional trial kennels, new puppy starting boxes, upgrades to the straight track and installation of side by side work runs (also known as sprint lanes or competition runs).

The latest opportunity for the education of greyhounds in Bendigo is the announcement that the Club will be conducting "break in" trial sessions on Monday and Thursday mornings for a three month trial commencing Monday 5th October 2015.

In recent months numerous break in establishments in Victoria and across Australia have closed while other educators have either cut back their numbers or retired from the trade. There has also been changes in the lure requirements across all tracks including trial tracks and break in centres and those changes, coupled with feedback from participants, has led to the BGRA decision to provide the opportunity to educate the young greyhounds on the Bendigo track.

The break in trials will be conducted from the 660m start, with timing options available at two sections, the first section being a run of 15-16 seconds and a longer run of 24-25 seconds.

BGRA Manager Troy Harley is keen to see the venue become a training hub. "The break in trials are just the next step in the Club further enhancing itself as a greyhound racing and training centre. We have undertaken some significant projects and improvements in recent years aimed at providing our local trainers the best facilities that we can at the venue and will continue to do so as the Club rolls out its plan for the future".

"We are continually looking at ways to meet the demands of trialling and educating and the Club is committed to exploring any reasonable option to assist our participants. We are restricted on some options being a shared facility however the concepts being developed now will provide significant benefit to the local greyhound community" said Harley.

Break in sessions will commence at 8am Mondays and Thursdays at a cost of \$10 per dog and booking are required. Information regarding bookings will be finalised in the coming days.