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BGRA & MGRA TEAM UP TO PROMOTE DISTANCE RACING

For the past few years the BGRA and MGRA have staged the highly successful Bendigo To Meadows race series' over the 500m and 525m trips and now the two Clubs, with the assistance of GRV, will conduct two events of a different kind combining the middle distance and staying trips.

The concept builds upon the success of the Go Distance Racing events conducted by GRV over the country distance journeys and is looking to assist the progression of the up and coming stayers from 600m to 660m racing and then further step up to the 725m staying ranks as well.

The inaugural City Country Middle Distance Series sees heats at The Meadows over 600m will be conducted on Saturday night November 14 with the \$10,000 to the winner final at Bendigo over 660m on Friday afternoon November 20. The event is a special event with the condition of no city wins over 569m and further.

In early 2016 the Country to City Stayers Series will have Bendigo hosting the heats over 660m on Friday afternoon 29 January 2016 with the final at The Meadows over 725m on Saturday night 6 February 2016. The Stayers Series is restricted to greyhound with no city distance wins and the stake money for both heats and final will be confirmed shortly.

Both Clubs are looking forward to being involved in the new series'. "From the BGRA perspective the promotion of up and coming stayers is one of our racing focuses in the Clubs business plan and we are pleased to be able to continue our strong relationship with The Meadows and conduct these events that we are confident will prove popular and unearth some staying talent as well" said BGRA Manager Troy Harley.

"We are also grateful for the support of GRV in approving the new concepts and working with the Clubs to ensure they get the chance to succeed" added Harley.

"The MGRA is always looking at new ways to encourage the progression from country to city and from middle distance to distance racing and look forward to the two events being successful and hopefully a permanent addition to the racing calendar" comment MGRA General Manager Marg Long.