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Gold Rush Carnival just got bigger in 2021

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The BGRGA has three long term significant events each year – the Bendigo Cup, the Gold Rush Carnival and the Ready 2 Race auction series and in 2021 two of those will combine for a massive fortnight of activity for the club.

After having to postpone the 2020 Ready 2 Race sales due to Covid-19 restrictions the Club has been searching for a suitable date for the auction to be held in early 2021 and last week it was decided that the 9th edition of the annual R2R would be added to the 2021 Gold Rush Carnival seeing seven race meetings and two days of the R2R action being held in the space of fourteen days.

In a further boost for the R2R concept, the BGRGA is committed to conducting two auctions in 2021 and if successful will conduct two auctions annually from 2022 onwards.

“It was with disappointment that we had to postpone the 2020 R2R but that is the type of year it has been so we immediately moved on to searching for the best place to run it and test the waters for two auctions each year” said BGRGA Manager Troy Harley.

“We combined the Gold Rush and Bendigo Carnivals to a point this year so we think the Gold Rush Carnival and Ready 2 Race auction is a perfect match and it will be an exciting couple of weeks for the club. It’s great to be in a position to be able to reschedule these significant industry events instead of losing them and it’s a bonus for the Club to have a committed team that are willing to do what it takes to put the show on” added Harley.

Heats of the autumn R2R will take place on Monday 22 March 2021 with the finals and auction on Saturday 27 March 2021. The auction is open to all greyhounds whelped between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 with nominations open from Monday 1 February 2021 and closing 5pm Friday 19 February 2021.

Nomination forms and further details will be available in early 2021.



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The Gold Rush Carnival will once again see five feature races and several off track events scheduled with the two main races being the \$10,000 to the winner Jarrod Larkin Concreting Gold Rush Maiden and the \$12,000 to the winner Grays Bendigo Stayers Cup.

Off track highlights include the annual Memorial Night race meeting and the big Easter Sunday family day on finals day.

With the R2R being added to the Gold Rush Carnival the carnival schedule is as follows:

- Monday 22 March 2021 – Ready 2 Race heats
- Thursday 25 March 2021 – Day 1 Gold Rush Carnival
- Friday 26 March 2021 – Day 2 Gold Rush Carnival
- Saturday 27 March 2021 – Ready 2 Race finals and auction
- Sunday 28 March 2021 – Day 3 Gold Rush Carnival
- Wednesday 31 March 2021 – Day 4 Gold Rush Carnival
- Thursday 1 April 2021 – Day 5 Gold Rush Carnival
- Saturday 3 April 2021 – Day 6 Gold Rush Carnival
- Sunday 4 April 2021 – Day 7 Gold Rush Carnival



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