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Bendigo Cup in the spotlight with Covid forced scheduling changes

After accepting the disappointment that the 2021 Bendigo Cup carnival will once again be held behind closed doors the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association is excited by the news that the Cup series will take centre stage in the Saturday night metropolitan time slot in place of The Meadows due to the Victorian metro curfew in place.

As a result of a host of scheduling changes GRV have had to make during October the Chasers Function Centre Bendigo Cup series will be conducted on two consecutive Saturday nights, October 9 and 16.

Other changes to the carnival have been made as well with the revamped schedule as follows:

- Wednesday October 6 – now a night meeting – featuring heats of the Battler’s Cup
- Saturday October 9 – a night meeting – featuring heats of the Chasers Function Centre Bendigo Cup and Mannings Greyhound Complex Grade 5 Vic Bred Series
- Sunday October 10 – a twilight meeting – featuring heats of the Hip Pocket Bendigo Spring Cup and Vic Bred Maiden Series (originally schedule for Friday October 8)
- Wednesday October 13 – now a night meeting
- Saturday October 16 – a night meeting – featuring finals of the Bendigo Cup, Spring Cup, Battler’s Cup, Grade 5 Series and Vic Bred Maiden Series as well as the Cup Night Match Race and heats of a mixed 6/7 series.

The Club is planning to capitalise on the schedule change and showcase the carnival. “Obviously it is not ideal not having crowds for yet another feature event but the schedule change is a positive for us and we intend to make the most of it with extensive coverage through our social media channels and the Watchdog app, along the lines of what was done for Pink Diamond night” said BGRRA Manager Troy Harley.

Harley continued “October 9 will be a big night for the Lord’s Raceway venue with our Cup heats being run alongside the big Victoria Cup card at the Bendigo Harness. It’s testament to the regard the two clubs and our respective venues are held in to be able to showcase the best chasers and pacers in training on the same night”.

Over \$300,000 in stakes will be on offer during the five meeting Carnival with some exciting racing assured over the coming weeks at Bendigo.



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Updated schedule race by race for the 2021 Bendigo Cup Carnival:

BATTLE'S CUP – 425m – 1st \$5K

Eligibility: Tier 3 + other conditions (conditions available on BGR website)

Heats: Wednesday October 6; Final (& consolation): Saturday October 16

2021 CHASERS FUNCTION CENTRE BENDIGO CUP – 425m – 1st \$50K

Group 2 Special Event

Heats: Saturday October 9; Final: Saturday October 16

MANNINGS GREYHOUND COMPLEX VIC BRED GRADE 5 SERIES – 500m – 1st \$3,850

Heats: Saturday October 9; Final: Saturday October 16

GRV VIC BRED MAIDEN SERIES – 500m – 1st \$8,400

Heats: Sunday October 10; Final: Saturday October 16

HIP POCKET BENDIGO SPRING CUP – 660m – 1st \$10k

Eligibility: Grades 4/5 – no city wins 601m +

Heats: Sunday October 10; Final: Saturday October 16

CUP NIGHT MATCH RACE – 425m – 1st \$10,000

To be run: Saturday October 16

