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## **Media Release**

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### **First post lockdown even a dual code celebration**

Lord's Raceway Junortoun, home of the Bendigo greyhound and harness racing clubs, in normal times, hosts racing and community events on a regular basis however since March 2020, like most of the state, that has not been possible.

In what is seen as a winning end to the year, that will change next Friday night when the two event focused racing and community clubs co host the 2021 Christmas race meeting – the 1<sup>st</sup> event since the 2019 corresponding meeting, and welcome the fully vaccinated public back to the track in large numbers.

There are plenty of reasons to head to Lord's Raceway from 6pm next Friday night – not just the outstanding live greyhound and harness racing that will be on offer. The event is free entry with a gold coin donation to the Epsom Huntly Lion's Club encouraged. To comply with covid safe event regulations all persons attending the meeting aged 12 years 2 months and above will need to QR code check in and show proof of being fully vaccinated or a valid medical exemption to be allowed entry.

The Lion's Club will be cooking up a storm on the BBQ and all kids will receive a voucher for a free sausage sandwich on arrival as well as a free drink. The kids will be kept entertained with magic shows, petting zoo, face painting and activities from The Zone while the adults can access the full bar, bistro and TAB facilities, as well as the Lion's Club BBQ, and enjoy a casual night out.

Oh, and of course there will be a visit from Santa during the night as well.

For the BGRGA it has been a frustrating period for the Club that is used to hosting featured events both on and off the track. "The Club prides itself on conducting multiple community, charity and of course racing events each year - it's been tough not having people at the track and hosting those events for the past two years so next Friday night can't come quick enough for us" said new BGRGA Manager Charlton Hindle.

Charlton continued "we are looking forward to welcoming a large number of patrons back on track and providing the opportunity for families to enjoy a relaxing night out to celebrate the end of another tough period for everyone and to commence the wind down to Christmas. Having the Lions Club involved as our charity of choice for this event is another incentive to make sure the night draws a decent crowd".



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BHRC boss Erik Hendrix is excited with the timing of the reopening to the public. "With our Bendigo Cup night just around the corner in January the opportunity to welcome crowds back, and to do it as dual code event with our racing co-tenants as a family night out leading into Christmas is perfect timing".

"Fingers crossed the lockdowns or lock outs are behind us now and we can move forward to and build on next Friday night's event and reignite the event calendars we had prior to Covid and bring the community back to the track and in turn reconnect ourselves with the community as well." Added Hendrix.

The event is held with the support of the Victorian State Government and both clubs are extremely grateful for the continued support the Government provides through the race day attractions program.

The kids entertainment will commence at 6pm with racing action getting under with the first at the harness track at 6.33pm and the opening race on a twelve event card of greyhound racing will leave the boxes at 6.47pm.

*Merry  
Christmas*

DUAL CODE RACE NIGHT  
FRIDAY DEC 10



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