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## Media Release

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### Stars to Shine Bright in Pink Diamond Heats

Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association will play an integral part in the Greyhound Racing Victoria Pink Diamond series when it hosts heats for prestigious event this Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Pink Diamond series is Greyhound Racing Victoria richest regional series with \$1.175M on offer as prize money.

After hosting the inaugural Pink Diamond Final in 2020, the Pink Diamond series is heading into its third successful season. The 2023 Pink Diamond heat venues will include Shepparton, Ballarat and Geelong with the final held in Warragul on Friday June 16. The Pink Diamond series caters for race dogs of various abilities over a range of distances, culminating in 12 feature finals.

Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association Manager Charlton Hindle is expecting the stars of the sport to showcase their talent on Friday Afternoon "The Pink Diamond Series is a great concept that Greyhound Racing Victoria have implemented. It gives the country clubs an opportunity to showcase some of the best athletes the sport has to offer in the local community." Hindle is expecting strong representation from the local kennels on Friday - "Bendigo is a strong racing community, and the locals always support big race meetings such as this one. The draw card will be recent Group 1 Sapphire Crown winner Baby Jaycee for local trainer Bob Douglas to compete in the Champion Sprinter Heat over the 500m." Local trainers Michael Chilcott, Greg Berry, Daniel Pell and Aaron Debattista are all expected to have a strong team in as they aim to secure a spot for the final in Warragul next Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The boxes are scheduled to rise for race 1 at 3.02pm and conclude after 12 races at 6.42pm.

The racing program for the race meeting on Friday 9 June 2023 will be:

- Pink Diamond Princess - S/E 500 Heats (Maidens Ineligible)(Bitches Only)(Vic Bred Only)(No City Wins)
- Pink Diamond Champion Short Course - S/E 425 Heats (Maidens Ineligible)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Challenger Sprinter - Grade 5 500 Heats (10+ Starts)(Vic Bred Only)(275+ Ranking)
- Pink Diamond Champion Sprinter - S/E 500 Heats (Maidens Ineligible)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Champion Distance - S/E 660 Heats (Maidens Ineligible)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Rookie Sprinter - S/E 500 Heats (Whelped on/after 01/01/2021)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Rookie Short Course - S/E 425 Heats (Whelped on/after 01/01/2021)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Rookie Distance - Restricted Win 660 Heats (0-4 Wins)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Veterans - Veterans 425 Heats (Maidens Ineligible)(Vic Bred Only)
- Pink Diamond Challenger Short Course - Grade 5 425 Heats (10+ Starts)(Vic Bred Only)(300+ Ranking)