



Greyhound

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### **GREYHOUND RACING TO RESUME AT PORT AUGUSTA**

Greyhound racing will resume at Port Augusta on October 3 subject to a track and facilities inspection by officials from Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) next week.

Racing at Port Augusta has been suspended since June 30. The suspension was part of GRSA's industry reforms, under which clubs running non-TAB races were given the opportunity to put their case for continued funding.

The Port Augusta & District Greyhound Racing Club, under the excellent stewardship of Ivan Broadbridge and Len Grantham, worked hard on a plan to support the ongoing viability of greyhound racing in the region.

GRSA Chief Executive Officer, Matt Corby said GRSA has undertaken a comprehensive review of the plan and after some further discussions with the Club concluded it was commercially and strategically viable.

"The decision reflects the unqualified confidence of the GRSA board in the volunteers who manage the Club, who've demonstrated strong leadership and prudent management," said Mr Corby.

"Port Augusta will now serve as a central hub for racing in the mid-north region with 12 annual meetings to be scheduled.

"Maintaining competitive racing in the region will allow participants to compete for stakemoney locally and continue to trial their dogs for the more lucrative races at other SA tracks such as Angle Park and Gawler.

"The provision of stakemoney will be shared equally between GRSA and the Port Augusta & District Greyhound Racing Club.

"We will now be able to maintain a level of local participation and continue the tradition of greyhound racing in the mid-north.

"We think this represents the right balance between the commercial realities and the participation objectives of the industry.

"GRSA will now work closely with the Club to monitor participation levels and the investment being made over the longer term."

Port Augusta & District Greyhound Racing Club Secretary Mr Ivan Broadbridge said he's looking forward to the resumption of local racing at the Chinnery Park track.

"The Club has worked hard to establish a model that works well for local participants and the broader industry," said Mr Broadbridge.

"The decision by GRSA is testament to the strength and resilience of the Club and local participants.

"We understand the commercial pressures facing the industry but we've proved that racing in the mid-north is sustainable and has a valuable role to play in the South Australian industry's future.

Following implementation of the strategic reforms by GRSA, South Australia will now comprise five registered racing Clubs based at Angle Park, Gawler, Strathalbyn, Mount Gambier and Port Augusta.

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