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Good Friday racing to top up greyhound racing industry's donation to Appeal

A fundraising target of \$50,000 set by the Victorian greyhound racing industry for the Royal Children Hospital's Good Friday Appeal has been smashed on the eve of Good Friday.

Traralgon, Geelong and Horsham will each host race meetings on Good Friday, with family activities, activations and fundraisers to surround the racing at each of those race clubs, helping to boost the fundraiser before the end of March.

Throughout the month, the greyhound racing industry has been donating \$300 every time the Blue No.4 dog wins on a Victorian racetrack. That commitment, split between Greyhound Racing Victoria, Sportsbet and the 13 greyhound racing clubs, will be doubled to \$600 every time a winner comes from box four on Good Friday.

As of Wednesday evening, 124 blue dogs had prevailed on Victorian racetracks in March, equating to \$37,200 in pledges. Paired with an \$11,000 initial donation from GRV and Sportsbet which kickstarted the month-long campaign at 3AW's Climb for the Kids at Eureka Tower, and donations from individuals within the sport, more than \$50,000 has been raised with still a few days to run in the campaign.

GRV chair Peita Duncan, who will present a cheque for \$50,000+ during Channel Seven's Telethon on Good Friday, said the cause meant a lot to the industry.

"To smash our fundraising target of \$50,000 on the eve of Good Friday is a credit to all in the Victorian greyhound racing industry for getting behind this important cause, in particular our 13 clubs and major partner Sportsbet," Duncan said.

"No one in the greyhound racing industry is immune to the fact sometimes their kids need care at the Royal Children's Hospital so we're extremely passionate about raising much-needed funds for the Good Friday Appeal.

“We’ll all be cheering the blue dog on Good Friday across our three race meetings at Traralgon, Geelong and Horsham, which will see \$600 added to the tally each time the No.4 wins, and our campaign will continue through to the end of March.

“If you’re looking for something to do on Good Friday, we’d encourage you to get out to Traralgon, Geelong or Horsham and get involved in the fundraising activities on course, or to The Meadows on Easter Saturday or to Sandown on Eater Sunday.”

With more than \$50,000 raised this year, the Victorian greyhound racing industry has raised over \$250,000 for the Royal Children’s Hospital’s Good Friday Appeal since 2022.

Good Friday race meetings

Traralgon

- First race at 2.56pm, last race at 6.52pm
- Food vans, face painting, pony rides, fire trucks
- Marsupial petting zoo and show
- Balloon twisting and magic show
- First 100 kids receive free easter egg
- 7 x Easter hampers up for raffle with proceeds going to Good Friday Appeal

Geelong

- First race at 4.55pm, last race at 8.55pm
- Gates open 4pm with a gold coin donation on entry
- Easter egg hunt for the kids
- Sit down meals available

Horsham

- First race at 1.20pm, last race at 4.27pm
- Free entry with donation point in dining room
- Club to match patron donations dollar for dollar

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