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NSW'S FIRST GREYHOUND STRAIGHT TRACK OPENS AT RICHMOND

A significant milestone in the NSW Government's ongoing commitment to improving greyhound welfare standards has occurred with the opening of the State's first straight racing track at Richmond Race Club.

Minister for Better Regulation Kevin Anderson, Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP and Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) CEO Tony Mestrov visited Richmond to officially open the newly completed 324 metre track.

"The development of purpose-built straight race tracks will be a game changer for welfare outcomes in the greyhound racing industry and I am thrilled to see GRNSW and Richmond Race Club leading the way with the development of the first straight track in NSW," Mr Anderson said.

"This is quite literally a new direction for the sport. Among the features of the track will be the innovative Safe Chase, battery operated, cableless lure, and the IsoLynx greyhound tracking and timing system.

"While the Isolynx system will provide great information for punters and viewers, the use of Isolynx microchip technology, provides greyhound health and welfare benefits, monitoring the dog's heart and stress levels.

"All of the data collected will assist GRNSW and the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission with vital data for the betterment of greyhound racing."

Ms Preston welcomed the official opening of the track upgrade.

"Western Sydney is the heart and soul of greyhound racing in NSW and there is no better location for the State's first straight track than at Western Sydney's premier greyhound racing track," Ms Preston said.

"This is a huge win for our local trainers, patrons and the many racing dogs who will benefit from increased safety at the track."

Mr Mestrov said the project is in line with GRNSW's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 to improve welfare and safety in the greyhound racing industry.

"It is with great pride that we are able to open this track at Richmond, which will see TAB straight track racing for the first time in NSW," Mr Mestrov said.

“The Richmond straight track has been a long time in the making and the planning was meticulous so that we could be sure it was a state of art facility, and that is what has been delivered by our Tracks and Infrastructure team at GRNSW.

“We are delighted with the finished product at Richmond and look forward with excitement to the track staging its first meeting on Saturday 24 April over the 324 metres.”

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