

# Media Release

**The Hon Anthony Carbines MP**

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## AUTUMN RACING LEAVES THE STARTING LINE

Regional racegoers will have a busy calendar of events to look forward to this autumn thanks to a funding boost from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today announced more than \$350,000 to support 34 racing events in country Victoria from March to May.

Racing clubs are offering attractions such as live music, children's activities and shuttle buses – making it a day out for everyone that is more than just the horses.

With more than 60,000 patrons expected to flock to regional race meetings, the funding will also help clubs expand their event promotion to make sure more people know what's on offer – boosting visitors to regional areas, supporting local businesses and tourism.

It all kicks off with the Wangaratta Cup this weekend with the club receiving an \$18,000 injection to make the day even bigger and better.

The Geelong St Patrick's Cup Day will get a \$20,000 boost – great news for those wanting to test their Irish Luck on the track.

Echuca Racing Club will also receive \$20,000 for their Country Discovery Raceday on Good Friday for those looking for Easter weekend activities.

Racing events are held in autumn at local clubs across the Ballarat, Geelong, Hume, Latrobe-Gippsland, North West, Shepparton, Warrnambool and South West regions.

For more information on regional racing events, visit [country.racing.com](http://country.racing.com) for thoroughbred racing, [thetrots.com.au](http://thetrots.com.au) for harness racing or [grv.org.au](http://grv.org.au) for greyhound racing.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

*"We're revving up our support for regional racing clubs to deliver country race days that are the perfect day out for seasoned racegoers, families and out-of-towners."*

*"We will always back the racing industry which generates more than \$4.7 billion for the Victorian economy and helps sustain nearly 35,000 full-time equivalent jobs across all the codes."*