

Media Release

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MAJOR OVERHAUL FOR BENALLA RACETRACK

The Allan Labor Government is backing racing at Benalla with a big funding injection for major upgrades to the racetrack following this year's Benalla Cup.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines has announced \$1.55 million to completely redevelop the racetrack – with Racing Victoria and the Benalla Racing Club matching the investment.

The project will provide a more reliable racing and training surface all year round by replacing the surface of the track with sandy loam and putting in a better drainage system.

A reinstated 2,300 meter chute will allow varied starting points and race distances, while improved grass training spaces for local trainers will boost the course's appeal for trainers, jockeys and racing fans alike.

Animal welfare will be prioritised throughout the works with an increase to the width of the track from 16 metres to 19 metres to decrease congestion during races.

Works will be completed by March 2026. During this period there will be no racing at the venue, however training on the sand track will continue to ensure minimal disruption to trainers.

The Benalla Racing Club is home to 15 trainers and 300 horses. The club hosts 11 race meetings and six trial or jump-out meetings annually.

The racing industry in Victoria generates more than \$4 billion for the economy and helps sustain almost 35,000 full-time equivalent jobs locally.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

"This track redevelopment will help position Benalla as an exciting regional hub for racing and training – rain, hail or shine."

"We'll always back the racing industry and the tens of thousands of jobs it supports in regional Victoria."

Quote attributable to Benalla Racing Club President Greg McNulty

"We're grateful for the support from the Victorian Government to upgrade the track and help Benalla become the place to be for training and racing."