

Media Release issued by Harness Racing Victoria  
Tuesday February 26, 2019

## All set for inaugural Glenn Miles Memorial Mile

Hamilton harness racing officials are hoping the 1660-metre sprint trip mile rate record is obliterated on Sunday as the club hosts the inaugural \$14,000 Glenn Miles Memorial Mile.

Under sunny skies with a warm lead-in to the action looking guaranteed, the club is confident the track will be cherry ripe for a Miles Memorial Mile runner to smash My Harmony Blue's 1:52.0 flat record mile rate.

"One day, who knows, they might break 1:50.0 here," club manager Chrissy Hawker said.

"What I'm certain of is they'll all be trying for that, that's for sure. We're predicting fans will be treated to a fast and furious race, faster than Hamilton has ever seen."

The club's newest feature race is expected to draw some of the fastest up-and-coming metro performers to the south-west 1000-metre track to contest a race that pays homage to a passionate local trots man in the late Glenn Miles, who sadly passed away last August.

"We've been keen to explore a new sprint feature for a while now and I must thank Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) for being so open-minded to the idea and helping us with the programming," Hamilton HRC Manager Chrissy Hawker said.

"We've got the fastest track in Victoria and Mick Turner and his team do a fantastic job of turning out a tip-top racing surface every time we race. They'll have it in great order this Sunday.

"Milesy, who we've named the race after, was a great bloke. He was very community minded, heavily involved in local sport and he just loved his harness racing."

The inaugural Glenn Miles Memorial Mile is a C5 or better race restricted to horses with a metropolitan assessment no faster than M2.

It will be the feature event on the Hamilton card this Sunday and the club is hoping the meeting develops into an annual celebration.

"We're not afraid to try new things and hopefully the community turns out in droves to witness potentially the most exciting race the club's ever seen," Hawker said.

"What a great opportunity this is for trainers to chase a brilliant lifetime mark next to their horse's name and the \$14k prizemoney on offer. It'll be great to watch.

"We've got a hot week ahead but Sunday's looking perfect at 33 degrees. We'll have the bar stocked, plenty of activities and food options for families. It's just a wonderful day out and you won't be disappointed."