



**SAVOUR THE MOMENT FOR LONGER  
T'GALLANT MORNINGTON CUP NOW 2400M.**

Mornington Racing Club has increased the distance of its feature race - the T'Gallant Mornington Cup - to 2400m.

By increasing the distance of the \$200,000 T'Gallant Mornington Cup by 400m, winning horses will now pass the ballot clause for the Melbourne Cup, which is winning a Listed race of 2300m or further.

"The increase in distance will provide up and coming horses with the perfect avenue to qualify for the Melbourne Cup," Mornington Racing Club Chairman Rod Fenwick said.

"The quality of our Cup fields has been exceptional in recent years and this creates another reason for trainers to target our feature race."

The T'Gallant Mornington Cup will kick start the proposed Summer Staying Series that will feature a minimum of three races of 2400m or more, each carrying prizemoney of \$150,000 or more.

"We're looking at whether we join the Mornington Cup, Night Cup and Roy Higgins Quality so at least a horse can come out of the autumn fully qualified and having enough weight to gain a run in the Melbourne Cup," Racing Victoria Limited General Manager Racing Operations Leigh Jordon said.

The 2009 T'Gallant Mornington Cup Race Day will be held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 and is one of the largest race meetings outside of the metropolitan area. With attendances of up to 18,000 people and prizemoney of more than \$420,000 on offer for the day, the T'Gallant Mornington Cup Race Day has become a must attend event on the Victorian racing calendar.

For more information, please contact the Chief Executive of the Mornington Racing Club Fraser Bayne on 03 5975 3310 or visit [www.mrc.net.au](http://www.mrc.net.au)