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Magic Millions to 'stay on Coast'

QUEENSLAND Racing Limited chairman Bob Bentley is adamant the gala Magic Millions sales and race day will stay on the Gold Coast next year despite a three-way stand-off between the state's governing body, the turf club and sales company.

The Gold Coast Turf Club has not been assigned a race date in QRL's draft list of race dates for the Magic Millions meeting next January, sparking fears the Magic Millions could move to either Victoria or be switched to the Brisbane Racing Club at Eagle Farm.

Bentley and the GCTC board have been at loggerheads over a multi-million dollar redevelopment of the Gold Coast track while the club and Magic Millions have not yet agreed to a new deal to continue to host one of the state's biggest race meetings at the venue.

The club has set Magic Millions a deadline of today to agree to a new deal while it's believed Magic Millions' bosses continue to meet with the Victorian Government to stage the meeting at Flemington.

Bentley remains optimistic a resolution can be found quickly and is confident Magic Millions will be run on the Gold Coast in January.

"Magic Millions will stay at the Gold Coast," he said yesterday.

GCTC chairman Andrew Eggleston said his club had laid out a five-year deal to Magic Millions which had catered for a redevelopment.