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### **Gippsland Carnival to reach thrilling conclusion at Traralgon**

THE Traralgon Greyhound Racing Club (TGRC) will host the last leg of an inaugural carnival which will see two of Victoria's top dogs crowned Gippsland champions this Saturday night.

The country cup will be the first major event for the club since new manager Steven Clarke stepped into the role, taking over from recently retired Hec Caruana.

The Gippsland Carnival was launched in Seaspray on December 1 last year, when Western Bulldogs captain Bob Murphy launched the new concept which would boost the presence of greyhound racing in eastern Victoria.

The Gippsland Carnival was open to all trainers and provided a chance for their dogs to be crowned the Gippsland Champion Stayer or Gippsland Champion Sprinter based on performances at the Sale, Warragul, Cranbourne and Traralgon Cups.

Three of Victoria's top dogs sit at the head of the leader board, with local champion Jesaulenko in second position on the sprinter leader board.

Trained by Terri Morris, the Traralgon based dog will be on its home track against the likes of Aqua Cheetah and Aston Bolero, both trained by one of Victoria's top trainers, Jason Thompson.

Chrichton Bale, trained by Darren Fisher of Lara is on top of the staying leader board, followed closely by Aston Harvey and Stocktake.

The Sale Cup made up the first stage of the series on Boxing Day last year, followed by the Warragul Cup then Cranbourne Cup last month.

The Group 2 \$67,000 Topcat Traralgon Cup will wrap up all the excitement that has captured the attention of people both new and old to the greyhound racing industry.

Manager Steven Clarke said he was excited for his club to host the final leg of the carnival and see some of Victoria's top dogs in action.

"I am looking forward to my first Traralgon Cup as manager of the club, and being part of greyhound racing history by hosting the fourth and final leg of the Gippsland Carnival. It will be an exciting night of racing as we get ready to find out who are the champion dogs of Gippsland," Mr Clarke said.

"Be sure to bring all the family along, as we have plenty happening away from the track including the Colours on Course competition, and Turbo's Tracksides corner which is always a hit with the kids."

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TAB's Kristen Fahd will also be present and host the last Colours on Course competition and give her own tips on which dog is set to claim the cup.

For more information on the finale of the Gippsland Carnival and Traralgon Cup, head to [gippslandcarnival.com.au](http://gippslandcarnival.com.au).

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