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GRV Media Release – Top speedsters chase Australian Cup glory at The Meadows on Saturday

Eight of Australia's top speedsters will vie for one of the nation's richest greyhound titles, the Group 1 Australian Cup this Saturday night, March 3 at The Meadows.

A prize pool of \$357,000 is up for grabs in the final, with connections of the winning greyhound taking home \$250,000. Saturday's final will mark the 60th running of the prestigious racing event.

Andrea Dailly is aiming for her fourth Australian Cup, having won previously with Dyna Lachlan (2010), Spud Regis (2013) and Dyna Double One (2016) while champion Queensland trainer Tony Brett is chasing his second Group 1 Australian Cup with Opal Nera.

Slick, owned and trained by John McCarthy, and Opal Nera have the chance to become the first Queensland greyhounds since Bogie Leigh (2004) to win this event. They are the only non-Victorian trained greyhounds to have made it through to the final.

Ziping Ingliss has drawn box five in his first group final. The chaser's 25 year- old Swan Hill trainer Matthew Lanigan took up training just 18 months ago, however Lanigan has already tasted Group 1 success with Ziping Bruiser in the Hobart Thousand in 2016, and he is hoping to add another win to his tally on Saturday.

The final of the Group 1 Australian Super Stayers (725m) will also be decided on Saturday. The Robert Britton-trained champion Fanta Bale will start from box one. If victorious, the black chaser will not only claim the \$100,000 winner's cheque, she will become Australia's leading prizemoney earner of all time, eclipsing current record-holder Fernando Bale.

There will be plenty of entertainment off the track as well, with a performance by country music star Shane Nicholson, jumping castles, face painting and show bags for the kids and food trucks, as well as reserved dining on Level 1. Gates open at 6pm.

2018 Australian Cup (525m)

Saturday 3 March – First prize \$250,000

- 1 – SLICK, John McCarthy (Wivenhoe Pocket, QLD)
- 2 – DYNA FORREST, Correy Grenfell (Avalon, VIC)
- 3 – CHASIN' CRACKERS, Glenn Rounds (Devon Meadows, VIC)
- 4 – RAW ABILITY, Anthony Azzopardi (Myrniong, VIC)
- 5 – ZIPPING INGLIS, Matthew Lanigan (Swan Hill, VIC)



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- 6 – OPAL NERA, Tony Brett (Grandchester, QLD)
- 7 – HASTEN SLOWLY, Angela Langton (Anakie, VIC)
- 8 – HECTON BALE, Andrea Dailly (Anakie, VIC)

Reserves

- 9 – EXTREME MAGIC, Seona Thompson (Pearcedale, VIC)
- 10 – DYNA CHANCER, Correy Grenfell (Avalon, VIC)

Australian Super Stayers (725m)

Saturday 3 March – First prize \$100,000

- 1 – FANTA BALE, Robert Britton (Lara, VIC)
- 2 – BOLT LIKE BEKIM, Robert Britton (Lara, VIC)
- 3 – MAGIC HORNET, Raymond Burman (Park Ridge, QLD)
- 4 – RIPPIN' SAM, Robert Britton (Lara, VIC)
- 5 – QUICK JAGGER, Christopher Halse (Nambelup, WA)
- 6 – SHARP DIAMOND, Wayne Vassallo (Devon Meadows, VIC)
- 7 – AZKABAN, Seona Thompson (Pearcedale, VIC)
- 8 – MICK'S ANGEL, Allan Meyer (Hoppers Crossing, VIC)

Reserves

- 9 – PACKEY KEEPING, Brett Bravo (Lovely Banks, VIC)
- 10 – EBBY RIPPER, Michael Eberand (Oakville, NSW)

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