



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **The Meadows set to host a special 'Halloween' Hume Cup Melbourne Cup eve**

The highly sought after Group 1 Hume Cup will be hotly contested by eight elite greyhounds this Monday night with \$75,000 to the winner.

Hosted at The Meadows by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association on Monday night October 31, the \$108,000 middle distance race (600 metres) was named the Hume Cup to signify the strong relationship between The Meadows and the Hume City Council, after the race was originally named the Lord Mayors Cup.

Leading trainer Jason Thompson has drawn boxes one, two and three after winning three of the six heats on October 22 with Buck Forty, Aeroplane Tommy and Pop the Cork.

With the event coinciding with Halloween, The Meadows will incorporate a Spooktacular theme for racegoers.

The Hume Cup is traditionally held on the eve of the thoroughbred's Melbourne Cup and organisers hope to attract a large crowd with a public holiday the following day.

Previous winners of this prestigious race include including Half Your Luck (1973), Temlee (1974), Striding Ahead (1981), Modern Express (1991-92), Bentley Babe (2001) and Oh Behave (2003). There will be 10 action packed greyhound races on the night, with the Hume Cup supported by another feature race, the \$35,000 Group 3 RSN Silver Bullet (525m).

Entertainment will include a Halloween House ride, Halloween movie, costume competition and plenty of prizes and giveaways for the kids.

Entry is free with gates opening at 6pm.

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