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### Million dollar carnival drawing to a close

ONE of the world's richest greyhound racing carnivals will culminate in a massive final at The Meadows this Saturday night, as eight greyhounds get set to contend for a share in more than \$350,000.

The Group One Australian Cup (525m) will wrap up the Australian Cup Carnival which dishes out 1.2M throughout the series, incorporating five Group One races across three consecutive weekends at The Meadows.

The Australian Cup Carnival kicked off on February 18 with three Group one races, the Zoom Top, Rookie Rebel and Temlee which were each won by Victorian based greyhounds.

Lightning Frank, which won the Group One Temlee two weeks ago, will enter Saturday night's race as the favourite after being the fastest heat winner last weekend taking out his race in 29.53sec.

The \$145,000 Australian Superstayers (725m) is the other Group One feature race on the night, with the much-acclaimed Burn One Down the greyhound to beat following a last to first win in its heat.

Apart from Monaro Monelli which will jump from box four on Saturday night, the Group One Australian Cup field is made up of entirely Victorian-trained dogs. If the interstate greyhound manages to take out the race he will become the first Western Australian greyhound to win the Australian Cup in the race's 59 year-history.

However, for half of the field it will be a much shorter trip with four of the 2017 Australian Cup runners residing in Smiths Lane, Pearcedale.

Robert Britton is the only 2017 Australian Cup trainer to have won the race beforehand, with Isa Brown (2002) and Tasman Queen (2008).

Entry into The Meadows is free on Saturday night with the gates to open at 6pm.

There will be plenty of entertainment for all the family on track, and everyone can go into the draw to win a Mercedes A180, valued at more than \$50,000.

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