



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **GRV Media Release – Melbourne Cup winner headlines strong Shepparton Cup field**

Some of Victoria's elite greyhounds will converge on Shepparton this Saturday for the \$47,000 Group Two CKH Shepparton Cup.

Myrniog trainer Anthony Azzopardi had a night to remember on Monday in the heats, finishing the card with three representatives in Cup in Annabelle's Boy, Lucky Chap and reigning Melbourne Cup winner Ando's Mac.

Lucky Chap has earned TAB favouritism after an impressive all the way and best of the night win in the eighth and final Shepparton Cup heat.

Lucky Chap will jump from box seven on Saturday night for the fourth time in his career, which has seen him claim victory on two occasions.

The son of Hall of Fame inductee Brett Lee and Cawbourne Whip is a winner of 15 races from 25 starts which has included three group race appearances.

Amassing a total of \$656,686 in prize money thanks to two group one victories, Ando's Mac has also claimed success in Victoria's country cup circuit in the 2017 Warragul Cup, run over the 460 metre distance and will jump from box three.

Jumping from box eight is the Lara trained Zinzan Brooke who has recorded the fastest time over the 450 metres in the 2017 Shepparton Cup field, stopping the clock at 24.92 seconds in April.

Good Girl Sandy is the ranked outsider for first time group trainer David Aguis in what is the duo's biggest feature event. In May Good Girl Sandy claimed her first feature race win in the \$10,000 Healesville Oaks.

The Thompson kennel is relying on Warrnambool Classic winner Bewildering, who jumps from box five, for their chance to claim back-to-back CKH Painting Shepparton Cups after Aston Bolero's 0.39 length win last year.

The Shepparton Cup is the annual highlight in what is a traditionally strong greyhound racing region.

A recent report commissioned by Greyhound Racing Victoria found that greyhound racing generated \$13.10 million in direct expenditure for the Shepparton region in 2015-16, which includes direct value and flow-on effects to the local economy.



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Overall there are 1020 people actively involved in greyhound racing in the region as a participant, employee or volunteer.

The industry sustains 98 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in the region, including breeders, trainers, kennel employees and those in supporting industries, such as vets, tradespeople, hardware store employees and TAB wagering staff.

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