



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **GRV Media Release – Gippsland Carnival rolls into Traralgon**

Local greyhounds will once again headline the Spolly's Syndications Group 2 Traralgon Cup with Tanjil South trainer Kate Gorman preparing two of the four heat winners from Saturday night as the second annual Gippsland Carnival reaches the penultimate round.

This Saturday night's final carries a massive \$67,000 in prize money, with Gorman's pair Ice Cold Kaedyn and Monster Fish chasing the \$47,000 winner's cheque.

Local greyhounds have had something of a monopoly on the Cup in recent years with Pantera Nera saluting in 2016, while Jesaulenko famously took out the Cup last year to secure the inaugural Gippsland Carnival.

Five of this year's eight runners are trained in the Gippsland area.

"I've never had a finalist in a group race, so to have two greyhounds make the Traralgon Cup is unbelievable," Kate Gorman said. "I've had a million text messages from people, which is really nice, but I haven't had a chance to reply to any of them yet."

Gorman's pair aside, the other Gippsland contenders are Mi Blue Day, trained by Brian Alford (Yarram), Tuggeragh, who is prepared by Steven White (Buln Buln East) and Tito Mojito, trained by Michael Giles (Tanjil South).

"Michael Giles is Matthew's uncle, so three of the finalists are trained in the family," Gorman said. "I would love it if one of the local dogs wins again, whether it's one of ours or one of the other Gippsland greyhounds."

Gorman said both her finalists are a genuine chance to win.

"I think Monster Fish will win a big race one day, and Ice Cool Kaedyn is underrated (he won his heat at huge odds of \$21.50)."

"I took them to Tasmania for the Devonport Cup earlier this month and while I was pretty disheartened that they both ran unplaced in their heats they seem to have come back to Victoria a lot more mature. Maybe it was the travelling, I'm not sure, but I just think they are now ready to live up to their early potential."



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Ice Cool Kaedyn, a winner of eight races from 29 starts, has drawn the coveted Box 1 in the Traralgon Cup, while Monster Fish, who has won nine from 23, will line up from Box 7.

Entry into Saturday night's Traralgon Cup is free, with a host of free entertainment for the whole family including Turbo's Trackside Corner for kids.

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