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GRV Media Release – Crowds set to flock to Warrnambool Cup and Classic

One of greyhound racing's biggest country cups is back with the 2017 Warrnambool Cup and Macey's Bistro Warrnambool Classic set to take place next Wednesday night, May 3.

Held at Wannan Park during the town's most famous racing carnival, the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club is the only country club to host two group two features on their cup night; the \$67,000 Warrnambool Cup and the \$106,500 Macey's Bistro Warrnambool Classic.

Retired champion Zambora Brockie, who was also trained by Anthony Azzopardi, kicked off his country cup campaign with a win in the 2016 Warrnambool Cup, which was the first of three Victorian Country Cup wins – resulting in a \$50,000 Country Cup bonus. Zambora Brockie is now enjoying the life as a pet and stud dog on Anthony Azzopardi's couch.

Both events are run over the 450-metre distance and carry a combined \$274,080 in prize money.

Courtesy buses will be transporting crowds from the jumps carnival to the greyhound racing club in time for the first race at 6.15pm.

There will be fun for the whole family with Foovana, a Foo Fighters and Nirvana tribute band playing.

But the main attraction will be on the track with some of the biggest names in Victorian greyhound racing to feature.

Striker Light will headline the 2017 Warrnambool Cup after staking her claim on group racing Australia-wide. Lovely Banks trainer Brett Bravo has trained her to 14 wins from 21 starts, including victories in the Group One \$75,000 to-the-winner National Futurity and Sydney's most prestigious greyhound races, the Group One \$250,000 Golden Easter Egg.

The second feature during Warrnambool's May carnival is the Macey's Bistro Warrnambool Classic which spans across three weeks.

Local star Lightning Frank earned his rug and \$1.65 favouritism in the \$75,000 to-the-winner Warrnambool Classic, after dominating in the heats before being narrowly defeated in the semi-final.



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Jeff Britton is also looking for back-to-back Warrnambool Classic wins with Our Turbo Boy, after One For Me claimed the Group Two title in 2017.

It wouldn't be a Warrnambool Classic without an Angela Langton trained greyhound, Langton qualified Rig Fifty Five and Kumbia Lass into the what could be her fourth Warrnambool Classic win.

At the end of the Warrnambool Cup and Classic series, more than \$274,000 will be distributed to trainers, owners and breeders of successful competitors throughout Victoria.

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