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GRV Media Release – Elite field for Greyhound racing’s Group Two \$67,000 Energis Ballarat Cup

Four dogs who contested greyhound racing’s richest and most prestigious race, the TAB Melbourne Cup, will converge again for this Saturday’s Group Two \$67,000 Energis Ballarat Cup.

And the recently-crowned Melbourne Cup winner Aston Dee Bee will go head to head with 2016 winner Ando’s Mac.

The Myrniong-based Ando’s Mac is sure to have strong local backing from the Ballarat crowd, with trainer Anthony Azzopardi keen to follow on from the success he had in the 2016 Ballarat Cup with Zambora Brockie.

Ando’s Mac is the only local representative in the 2017 Energis Ballarat Cup, after taking out the first heat thanks to an unimpeded run from box eight.

Ando’s Mac has an impressive record at his home track, and is now attempting to claim his second Victorian Country Cup after saluting at Warragul earlier this year.

Aston Dee Bee is one of three dogs in the field to come from Seona Thompson’s kennels, joining Big Flood and Bewildering.

Victorian greyhound racing ambassador and AFL games record holder Brent Harvey will be in attendance, while there will be a Sports club challenge, a live musical act, a punters club and dining packages available for a family friendly night out.

Ballarat has long been considered traditional heartland of Victorian greyhound racing, with a recent report identifying that the industry generated \$9.59 million in direct expenditure for the region in 2015-16 while 767 local residents are actively involved in greyhound racing as a participant, employee or volunteer.

Vision and interview opportunities with Brent Harvey will be available to interested media on the night and in the lead-up to the Ballarat Cup. Media are asked to notify GRV in advance.

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