



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### GRV's Chase for Charity wraps up for 2017

Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) wrapped up Chase for Charity 2017 with a final cheque presentation to the Victorian Men's Shed Association today.

Cheques have already been presented to Dogs for Kids with Disabilities and Ronald McDonald House Charities as part of a community partnership between GRV and Croc Media.

GRV's Chase for Charity began in April with Croc Media's racing experts casting their weekend greyhound racing tips in the hope of raising money for the organisations.

Croc Media's panel of Dr Turf, Craig Hutchison and Liam Pickering, who were each allocated a charity, have come through and raised about \$39,000 for their groups. Each week they placed \$500 on Victoria greyhound races to benefit their charity.

Liam Pickering finished ahead of the pack, proving to be the most accurate tipster.

- Liam Pickering - \$13,956.35 for the Victorian Men's Shed Association
- Dr Turf - \$12,598 for Dogs for Kids with Disabilities
- Craig Hutchison - \$11,392.50 for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The popular Saturday morning radio program is broadcast to all parts of Australia including the rural and regional Victorian towns that host greyhound racing.

Ric Blackburn, executive officer of the Victorian Men's Shed Association, accepted the cheque this morning. He also met greyhound Pittsy Lomar which won \$380 for his organisation, and the dog's owner Nathan McMenmamin and daughter Aleisha.

GRV's General Manager, Marketing and Communications, Louise Martin, thanked the Off the Bench crew for their participation and congratulated the three organisations on their windfall.

"GRV has developed partnerships with many organisations in the community and these three are very special to us.

"Through Chase for Charity we have met some dedicated people who work hard to support men's health and the health and welfare of children, and they achieve a great deal with very limited resources.

"It has been a pleasure to work alongside them."



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GRV has formed a special relationship with Dogs for Kids with Disabilities which is training a dog from the Greyhound Adoption Program as a companion dog to assist a child. The greyhound Jake has passed with flying colors and is about to be placed with a family.

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