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GRV Media Release – Pet Panels Geelong Gold Cup back bigger than ever

This Friday night's \$67,000 Pet Panels Geelong Gold Cup will feature a staggering five local greyhounds from one of Australia's strongest greyhound racing areas.

High-profile trainers Robert Britton, Andrea Dailly, Jeff Britton, Correy Greenfell and David Geall each have a runner in the much-anticipated Cup, which has traditionally been a strong lead-in to Australia's most prestigious race, the TAB Melbourne Cup in November.

Early markets have Grenfell's Orson Allen as the favourite to take out the Cup, with some hot competition on his hands.

Former Lara local Steven Collins had the fastest heat winner with Dyna Hunter running 25.213sec last Friday night, before drawing box eight.

And more than a few sets of eyes will be on the Andrea Dailly-trained Speed Star jumping from box four.

Dailly has had a big couple of weeks having last week won the Victorian trainer of the year at the Victorian Greyhound Awards.

And Speed Star is well placed from box four, a box he is yet to run unplaced from.

Speed Star clocked the fastest first split in the heats last Friday night (6.39sec) and the fourth fastest overall time.

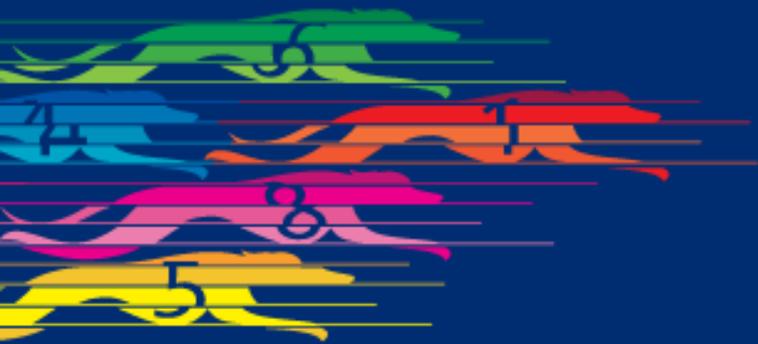
"He is a very good beginner; I would say nine out of ten times he would be leading and that is what he did in his heat on Friday night," Dailly said.

"I wouldn't say a win in the Geelong Cup is beyond him because with a bit of luck he will can find the lead again but having said that the final is a lot classier than his heat.

"He is a slower dog than Orson Allen and Dyna Hunter, but if he is out in front there is no telling what he can do."

Club manager David Hoey said there was something for everyone at Geelong's biggest night of the year.

"As well as some top-quality racing, there will be plenty of entertainment on and off the track," Mr Hoey said.



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“Dining packages are available for groups of all sizes from \$40 per person while there is plenty of entertainment for the kids with jumping castles, giant slides and more.”

Entertainment for the adults will include the Punters Club, which is sure to be lots of fun and Julianne Bremner will be performing on the deck with some great tunes. Plus you will have the chance to win the \$750 Monster Raffle.

A recent independent report found that greyhound racing generated more than \$29 million for the Geelong area through direct expenditure in 2015-16, with 1345 people actively involved in the industry as a participant.

\$67,000 GROUP 2 GEELONG GOLD CUP, 460-METRES

9.43PM FRIDYA NIGHT.

GREYHOUND	TRAINER
1) Slingshot Hammer	Robert Britton
2) Orson Allen	Correy Grenfell
3) Aston Kimetto	Seona Thompson
4) Speed Star	Andrea Dailly
5) Wise Ricciardo	Jeff Britton
6) Italian Plastic	Harry Manolitsis
7) Emerald Rainbow	David Geall
8) Dyna Hunter	Steven Collins
Reserves	
9) Fully Loaded	Neville Wakefield
10) Fernando Drums	David Geall

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