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# **GRV Media Release – Monster Fish crowned Gippsland Carnival champion**

Traralgon and Cranbourne Cup runner-up Monster Fish has been formally crowned the 2017/18 Gippsland Carnival champion.

The Gippsland Carnival incorporated the 2017 Sale Cup (650m) and Gippsland Carnival Launch (440m), which were both held on Boxing Day, as well as the 2018 Warragul Cup (January 13), Traralgon Cup (January 26) and Cranbourne Cup (February 10).

The highest points scorer throughout the entire Gippsland Carnival, Monster Fish received \$14,000, with Jesaulenko (\$4,000) and Poke The Bear (\$2,000) the other greyhounds to share in the \$20,000 bonus prize money.

Monster Fish amassed a total of 66 points throughout the Gippsland Carnival by competing in the following races:

1st Gippsland Carnival Launch Heat (16 points)

4th Gippsland Carnival Launch Final (5)

1st Traralgon Cup Heat (16)

2nd Traralgon Cup Final (7)

2nd Cranbourne Cup Heat (15)

2nd Cranbourne Cup Final (7)

Jesaulenko was last year crowned the inaugural Gippsland Carnival sprint champion when there was a separate sprint and staying bonus prize money stream.

Trainer Kate Gorman, of Tanjil South which is in the Gippsland heartland, said she was thrilled that Monster Fish was recognised for his consistent performances throughout the 2017/18 carnival.

"He's very consistent and has a lot of early pace," Gorman said.





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"He looks like as he's starting to mature and is running a stronger 500m, which is what you want to be competitive in the races with the decent prize money. I definitely feel as though he has a group race (win) in him."

Bred by Benjamin George in the Gippsland town of Nerrena, Monster Fish is owned by the Mikrama Syndicate, which includes Kate's husband Matthew Gorman, Robert Frendo and former prominent greyhound trainer and bookmaker, Michael Fearnley.

The Cranbourne Cup signalled the conclusion of GRV's second highly successful Gippsland Carnival, which saw record numbers attend country cups across Victoria's four greyhound tracks in south east of Victoria.





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