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GRV Media Release – Straight racing’s great racing at Healesville Cup

Straight racing is promising to be great racing on Sunday afternoon with the running of one of the best Healesville Cup fields ever seen.

The Group Three All 4 Paws and Claws Healesville Cup has multiple group winning greyhounds including fixed odd favourite and 2017 Melbourne Cup winner Ando’s Mac who is trained out of Myrniong by Anthony Azzopardi.

Ando’s Mac’s victory in the heats was nothing short of remarkable after giving away the lead and blistering home to win his heat by 0.84 lengths.

Azzopardi is the only trainer for the second consecutive country cup to have multiple runners. Lucky Chap rounds out Azzopardi’s chances at Group Three glory up the straight.

Off the back of the Group Two Shepparton Cup, Zinzan Brooke who is trained by Brooke Ennis of Lara, has an unblemished record up the straight track at Healesville after starting his career at Capalaba, a straight track in Queensland.

Zinzan Brooke will appreciate the inside draw in the Healesville Cup (box two), after crossing to the rails from box six in his heat last week. Healesville race caller and Sky Channel host James Van de Maat is tipping Zinzan Brooke on top.

Despite impressive victories in all eight heats, with five breaking the magical 19 second barriers over the 350 metre distance, it was young gun Peter Galo who had racing enthusiasts in awe.

Peter Galo is trained by Garry Selkrig who resides in Devon Meadows and is a huge supporter of the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club – so much so he has stated that he would prefer to win a Healesville Cup over a Melbourne Cup because he loves the track.

Peter Galo took time honours in the heat despite being the most inexperienced greyhound in contention with just six starts to his name (five wins and more than \$14,000 in prize money). Peter Galo will jump from box five in the Healesville Cup and will have to do everything right against some of the best Sprinters in Victoria.

Cranbourne trainer Ashlee Terry, who is classed as a local at Healesville despite living over an hour away, has Burn Like Fire contesting the Healesville Cup after a strong heat win.

With the most experience on the straight, alongside Our Real Deal with seven starts, Burn Like Fire is suited to straight track racing thanks to her early speed.



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Action from Healesville will kick off at 11.01 am, with the 2017 Group Three All 4 Paws and Claws Healesville Cup set to jump at 1.19 pm.

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