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Media Release

Aston Rupee crowned Victorian Greyhound of the Year By Andrew Copley

Champion sprinter **Aston Rupee** was announced the Victorian Greyhound of the Year (GOTY) at the 2022 Victorian Greyhound Awards, held last night at the spectacular Plaza Ballroom in Melbourne.

Trained by Glenn Rounds for Ray Borda, **Aston Rupee** was judged the state's top performing greyhound during the 2022 Racing Season (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022) by the Victorian GOTY Panel ahead of a plethora of superstar greyhounds including (in alphabetical order) **Ferdinand Boy**, **Jarick Bale**, **Koblenz**, **Lala Kiwi**, **Mepunga Ruby**, **Untapped** and **Wow She's Fast**.

A host of other awards were presented on the night, including three new inductees into GRV's Hall of Fame - **Peter Giles** (breeder/trainer), **Eddie and Mary Lieshout** (studmasters) and **Dyna Double One** (racing greyhound).

Jan Wheeler, wife of champion breeder, the late Paul Wheeler, accepted the award on behalf of **Dyna Double One** amid emotional scenes.

Recently appointed Minister for Racing, the Hon. Anthony Carbines, MP presented the illustrious Ken Carr Medal to **Heather Villinger**, a long-serving volunteer in the coursing fraternity, which drew rapturous applause from the 350 guests.

2022 Victorian Greyhound Awards: Every recipient

Victorian Greyhound of Year – Aston Rupee

Victorian Sprinter of the Year – Aston Rupee

Victorian Stayer of the Year – Jarick Bale

GRV Hall of Fame – Peter Giles

GRV Hall of Fame – Eddie and Mary Lieshout

GRV Hall of Fame – Dyna Double One

Ken Carr Medal – Heather Villinger

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Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award - Stephanie and Sam Tyler

GRV Board Leadership Award - Cory Hiscock

GRV CEO Welfare Award - Kelli Reynolds

Victorian Metropolitan Trainer's Premiership - Jeff Britton

Victorian Provincial Trainer's Premiership - Mark Delbridge

Victorian Metropolitan Trainer Strike Rate Award - Jason Thompson

Victorian Provincial Trainer Strike Rate Award - Steven White

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