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THE GREAT CHASE SUPPORTING GREAT PEOPLE AGAIN IN 2022

Victorian-based organisations that care for and support people living with intellectual and physical disabilities were the beneficiaries of the 2022 *The Great Chase Community Series* that concluded at The Meadows on Wednesday.

The 20th running of *The Great Chase* began with the opening community day at Shepparton on September 8 and concluded Wednesday afternoon at The Meadows after ten community days at metropolitan and regional greyhound clubs across Victoria, distributing over \$27,000 in prizemoney for participating local community disability even before the semi-final and finals were conducted.

Over 240 people, both those living with disabilities, and their carers, from 25 disability care organisations were in attendance today to celebrate the end of this year's *The Great Chase*.

The Great Chase Final (525m) today was won by All Spritzed Up for trainer Anthony Azzopardi earning *The Support People* organisation a winning cheque of \$10,000 after being randomly selected to be represented by the Azzopardi trained greyhound in the final.

The Support People, supporting the Ballarat, Bendigo and surrounding regions, believe that those people living with a disability deserve to have choice and control over how they live their lives to the best of their ability. A strong vision of a personalised level of care, understanding, respect and empathy, to not only survive, but thrive, is the cornerstone of their work.

Each greyhound in *The Great Chase* Final was running for a care organisation, with each one receiving \$3,000 regardless of finishing position, with the winning group taking home the \$10,000 first prize.

The total prize pool distributed throughout the 2022 edition of *The Great Chase* has yielded \$58,000 for these incredibly worthy organisations in our community.

The Great Chase is a community program of charitable race days held at each of GRV's metropolitan and regional clubs and it has raised more than \$750,000 for groups that care for the intellectually and physically disabled in Victoria.

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