



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – FEBRUARY 2013 “XYLIA ALLEN”**

The AGRA's Run of the Month for February 2013 has been awarded to Xylia Allen after her extraordinary performance in recording a new track record of 29.09 at Launceston on February 11th. Xylia Allen in actual fact broke three track records in February she set new figures in her heat of the Launceston Cup running 29.35 on February 4. Xylia Allen then set new figures for the 596 at Geelong recording 33.96.



**Xylia Allen races away with the Launceston Cup in new track record time 29.09  
(Pic Peter Hayes)**

Xylia Allen is raced by Janice Wheeler and trained by the legendary Graeme Bate. He said after Xylia Allen's 29.35 heat win that she was an "awesome" greyhound. "She is one of the fastest I've ever trained and that's a big statement," he said. "However, she is very big for a bitch at 31 kilograms so she takes time to get going and always needs a bit of luck getting a clear run." There was no such problem in the Launceston Cup, as Xylia Allen jumped quickly and settled a clear second. She chased Fully Advanced down the back straight before taking an inside run on the home turn and zooming clear.

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Taking into consideration that Xylia Allen had broken Damek's long standing 515 record of 29.40 in her heat at only her 16<sup>th</sup> start. To come back a week later and take also six lengths of her own record and run what most considered impossible 29.09 it is a record that may stand for many years to come. She is a very exciting talent and although she failed in the Superstayers series at the Meadows over 725, perhaps her best is in front of her. 2013 may unearth one of the best stayers we have ever seen.

Xylia Allen is raced by Janice Wheeler and is trained by Graeme Bate at Lara in Victoria. By Turanza Bale from Wheeler's brood bitch Tayah Bale (Droopy's Vieri x Francesca Bale). She is a Black Bitch whelped April 2011 she has won eight of her 20 starts and has been placed on six occasions and her current stake earnings stand at \$58,425.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in February on various tracks around Australia. However given the fact that Xylia Allen broke a metropolitan 515 record at only her 16<sup>th</sup> start and it was in the Group 2 Launceston Cup she got the nod.

AGRA congratulates owner Janice Wheeler, trainer Graeme Bate and Xylia Allen after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for February 2013. She joins Hello Good Bye as the winners of the AGRA Runs of the Month for 2013.

## **Checkout the AGRA Website for a replay of the run of the Month**

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