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## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **“Can Local Star upset the Visitors in Hobart 1000”**

TALENTED Tasmanian greyhound Tecoma Emily has always promised to win a major race and she delivered one of her best efforts this year to win her heat of the UBET Hobart Thousand last night to clinch a berth in next week's Group 1 final.

Tecoma Emily began well from box five to lead but hot on her heels were the heavily backed favourite Shared Equity (\$1.70) and another interstate invader Rivergum Drive from the Kel Greenough kennel in Victoria.

Tecoma Emily, prepared by Rod Bragg at Tunbridge, looked like being collared when she reached the top turn but when the favourite ran off on the home turn and Rivergum Drive started to race erratically it was left for Tecoma Emily to stroll to the line a comfortable winner over Fantastic Mick and Rivergum Drive.



**Tecoma Emily is low flying as she wins her Hobart Thousand heat clocking 26.10 over the 461m trip**

Tecoma Emily paid \$12.80 on the Tote which was a bonanza for her fans but it left punters dipping deeper into their pockets for the second heat that boasted an all-Tasmanian line-up and it was the speedy See Blues Girl that emerged triumphant

See Blues Girl settled second behind Kenny's Cruise that flew the lids from box four but he had no answer to See Blues Girl that stormed home along the rails to defeat Lochnane Eve and I've Got You with the winner stopping the clock at 26.20, which was a fraction slower than Tecoma Emily's 26.10.

The headliner of the series, Melbourne Cup winner Dyna Double One, won his heat to ensure plenty of media hype leading up to next Thursday night's final.

Dyna Double One missed the start slightly from box four and one stage it looked like he might get caught up in a scrimmage but he emerged safe and sound to set sail after the leaders Knox And Rattles (1) and Hello Ay Jay (7).

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Knox And Rattles gained a break turning for home but in the home straight the Andrea Daily-trained Dyna Double One knuckled down to his task and went on to defeat Knox And rattles by over a length with Hello Ay Jay battling into third place.

Last year's Hobart Thousand winner Above All reignited his love affair with the Hobart track by leading throughout to win his heat in a time of 26.06.

Above All might be a lesser light these days following an injury that threatened to end his racing career but he still has the will to win and that was evident last night.

The Bob Britton-trained dog came off a minor placing in a heat and semi-final of the Melbourne Cup at Sandown but he would have to be nearer his best to emerge the victor in next week's final.

Punters went the wrong way in the fifth heat when they powered into The Glenn Rounds-trained Over Limit backing him in to start the \$1.70 favourite but it was another Victorian Unlawful Entry from the Brett Bravo kennel that emerged triumphant starting at \$4.

It was a mad rush for the lead with four vying for the honour but when Unlawful Entry slipped into overdrive along the rails he quickly gained the lead and went on to easily defeat Over Limit in a time of 25.95.

But the most impressive heat winner was the Tasmanian-owned Bearville Azza that has been racing with success for most of this year in Victoria in the care of master trainer Rob Britton.

Bearville Azza began well from box six to lead and once on the lure he gave nothing else a chance and scampered over the 461 metres in a best-of-night 25.89.

Bearville Azza has gone to another level since he's been with Britton and his fondness of the Hobart circuit ensured he would make the trip home to contest the Thousand series.

He left the track last night unbeaten from five tries on the Hobart circuit and depending on the box draw that takes place at the Hobart Thousand dinner tomorrow night, he could start favourite.

The final is made up of the six heat winners and the two fastest seconds and the Ted Medhurst-trained Prescribe and Long View Belle from the Graeme Moate kennel took those remaining spots.

### Box Draw and local Market for the Tattsbet Hobart 1000:

<b>\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Tattsbet Hobart 1000 (461m)</b>				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	<b>Tecoma Emily</b>	<b>Rod Bragg</b>	<b>\$16</b>	<b>25.89</b>
	<b>Unlawful Entry</b>	<b>Kelly Bravo (VIC)</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>29.94</b>
	<b>Bearvilla Azza</b>	<b>Robert Britton (VIC)</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>25.76</b>
	<b>Long View Belle</b>	<b>Graeme Moate</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>25.91</b>
	<b>See Blue's Girl</b>	<b>Pat Ryan</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>25.52</b>
	<b>Above All</b>	<b>Robert Britton (VIC)</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>	<b>26.20</b>
	<b>Dyna Double One</b>	<b>Andrea Dailly (VIC)</b>	<b>\$2.20</b>	<b>25.95</b>
	<b>Prescribe</b>	<b>Ted Medhurst</b>	<b>\$33</b>	<b>26.09</b>
	<b>Over Limit (RES)</b>	<b>Glen Rounds (VIC)</b>	<b>RES</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Knox And Rattles (RES)</b>	<b>Nicholas Howard</b>	<b>RES</b>	<b>26.18</b>

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

**Peter Hayes**

1<sup>st</sup> Dyna Double One  
2<sup>nd</sup> Unlawful Entry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bearvilla Azza

**Greg Fahey**

1<sup>st</sup> Bearville Azza  
2<sup>nd</sup> Unlawful Entry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tecoma Emily

**Colin McNiff**

1<sup>st</sup> Dyna Double One  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bearville Azza  
3<sup>rd</sup> Above All

**Shane Yeats**

1<sup>st</sup> Bearville Azza  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dyna Double One  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tecoma Emily

## What's happening on race night?

The Hobart Greyhound Racing Club is giving away a lucky gate prizes, Xmas Hamper raffle and kid's bike giveaways. Bookings have been brilliant and all goes well for a bumper crowd.

The Club have orchestrated a 45 minute window after the Thousand Final to allow for the presentation and Sky Channel have been great in assisting promotion with a live host (Mark Duclos, Late Mail with Peter Staples) and the traditional box cam will be on SKY1.

## The History of the Hobart 1000

The Hobart Thousand was the brainchild of M.A. (Arthur) Morgan, widely regarded both in Tasmania and on the mainland as one of the founding fathers of greyhound racing in Tasmania, and one of the greatest administrators the sport has seen. Morgan was inducted into the AGRA Hall of Fame in 2009. The Hobart 1000 remains the longest running Classic event on the Australian greyhound-racing calendar.

Greyhound racing commenced in Hobart at the T.C.A. ground on January 30<sup>th</sup> 1935, Morgan and his original committee established the Hobart Cup as the Classic race of the year and it was run on February 2<sup>nd</sup> that year. The winner Elwick Boy collected 20 pounds for his owner S. Burton.

Morgan in his great desire to establish Hobart as the leading greyhound track in Australia, saw the Hobart Cup as the way to achieve this. The race was advertised as the Hobart Thousand in 1939 with a first prize

of an Australian record 500 pounds. This started the mass influx of the top mainland chasers, searching for "Thousand Glory", an influx that continues to this day.

The race reverted back to the Hobart Cup for 1942/43, because of financial constraints, and the fact that the mainlanders struggled to get here during the war. Further war restrictions saw the race in recess during 1944 and 1945. When the race resumed in 1946, it was again the Hobart Thousand and was run for a first prize of what Morgan had always wanted it to be, 1000 pounds. It was won by popular Hobartian Dick Baker with his top chaser Ebon's Own, trained by Claude Best. The late 40s and 50s were indeed the halcyon days of the H.G.R.C. When Morgan started up the Maiden Thousand in 1949, (which was the richest Maiden series in Australia until the 1980s) it created a greyhound racing carnival of sorts with leading mainland trainers migrating to Tasmania with greyhounds to compete in the Maiden Thousand, Hobart Thousand double and sometimes Launceston Cup as well. Legendary NSW trainer Charlie "Chika" Morris would often bring up to 20 chasers and stay for 3 months. He did this for decades.

For 9 years straight ending in 1953, the Hobart Club distributed more stake money than any other club in Australia and the Hobart Thousand was always the lure for top quality racing and large public patronage. Until 1965 the race was run as a handicap, with Morgan having sole discretion, as was the case with most matters. Since 1965 all runners have been from the same mark.

Ill health forced Arthur Morgan from the helm of Hobart in 1967, but his dream race, known by all simply as "the Thousand", has continued through all the thick and thin that Hobart has encountered, right to the present day, where it is now a National Group 1 race with a first prize of \$50,000.



**GRAND OPENING**

# GREYHOUND

**TOP CRICKET GROUND RACING** Hobart Cup Night  
**Jan. 30, 1935**

Under Direction HOBART SPEED COURSING CLUB PTY. LTD.

**PROGRAMME**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The MacRobertson Cup</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£50 HANDICAP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(Kindly donated by Sir MacPherson Robertson, K.C.M.G.)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 48 Dogs at a Guinea</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Von Alwyn Cup</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£10 HANDICAP HURDLE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(Kindly donated by J. Von Alwyn, Esq.)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 8 Dogs at a Guinea</p>
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Prize Money guaranteed irrespective of the number of entries received. Last three performances, if any, to be given.

Entries close at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1935, with the Secretary, 154 Collins Street, Hobart, and Mr. A. Morgan, 93 George Street, Launceston.

It is proposed to hold similar meetings on SATURDAY, 2nd; TUESDAY (Regatta Night), 5th; SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1935, when a considerable amount of money will be added to the stakes

LICENSED BOOKMAKERS WILL BE OPERATING      **ADMISSION: 2/- (Inc. Tax)**

Advertisement for initial meeting of the Hobart Speed Coursing Club.

### An Advertisement for the first Hobart 1000 then known as the Hobart Cup

The most notable effort in the history of the Hobart Thousand must be the training feat of Hilda Williamson of Beaconsfield. She won back-to-back Thousands in 1961/62 with her grand bitch Ophir Doll, and just for good measure made it a hat trick with Ophir Gold in 1963. Another notable feat was that of Beaut Dina. She won the event run in 1976 and was the dam of Scene Control, which won the last ever Hobart Thousand run at the T.C.A. in 1980. Both were owned and trained by Ted and Laurie Rigby of Evandale.

Arguments will always rage over the greatest dogs to win the Thousand. The best interstate chasers to gain victory would have to be Rookie Rebel (1958), Benjamin John (1969), (which ran down the immortal Zoom Top), Black Aztec (1981), and the freak Brother Fox (1985). Amongst the very best of the locals to salute would have to be Ophir Doll (1961/62), along with Royal Griffin (1978), True Vintage (1988), Bomber's a Flyer (1996), Top Shiraz (2000) (who held off the speedster Brett Lee) and Black Caleb (2002) who defeated Melbourne Cup winner Classic Capri. Race record over the 457m trip - 2005 winner Ralph The Mouth 25.60.

The Hobart 1000 is the oldest feature race final in Australia it was first run as the Hobart Cup at the old TCA circuit in 1935. The race first became known as the Hobart 1000 in 1939, it reverted back to the Hobart Cup for two years in 1942 then was not held during the war years of 1944-45 and when the race recommenced in 1946 it was again known as the Hobart 1000.

Victorian Champion Trainer Graeme Bate hold the record for most number of winners he has won the race on no less than four occasions. Victorian trained greyhounds have won three of the last five Hobart 1000's decided since the race moved to Tattersall's Park at the Elwick Racecourse. Superman, Train A Journey and the 2009 winner Prankster were split by local speedster Little Spaniard in 2008. In 2011 the winner was AGRA and Victorian Greyhound of the Year Dyna Tron he beat local star Rewind by a nose. In 2012 the 1000 went to another Victorian trained horse shoe star Shepparton Cup winner Blackalls Boss for Michelle Mallia-Magri. He run down local superstar Rewind and for the second year in succession and again the local champ had to be content with finishing second. Last year in a race that was expected to be a cakewalk for reigning Melbourne Cup winner Black Magic Opal, Paw Licking ruined the script and announced his arrival as a superstar.

Paw Licking began brilliantly from box seven and quickly cleared the field to lead while Black Magic Opal (\$1.40) also was well away from box eight and camped on the leader's heels turning for the run home.

When Black Magic Opal loomed to win it looked a foregone conclusion but Paw Licking refused to wilt and with fighter-like instincts he dug deep like never before and held on to score by under a length from Black Magic Opal with Tasmanian star Yappin' Jack a gallant third ahead of Ronan Izmir.

New Zealand - owned greyhound Above All (\$5.20) from the Robbie Britton's kennel dispensed with a top class field in the 2014 Tattsbet Hobart Thousand. Above All was having only his 11th start in Australia and 13th career outing but he delivered a performance that was more like that of a seasoned star. The Allison Lee-owned dog began well from box five and had the lead after travelling 50 metres and was never headed. He powered his way up the home straight to score by almost eight lengths from Ride The Rails with the favourite Dyna Villa (\$2.80) a head away third. Above All smashed Paw Licking's track record of 25.64 that he set in winning the 2013 1000 Britton's kennel star stopping the clock at a scintillating 25.52 which was two lengths quicker than the previous best.

Listed below are the names of many champions that have tasted victory in the time honored event. It is certainly an impressive list of past winners.

1935 **Elwick Boy**, 1936 **Miafort**, 1937 **Loch Maree**, 1938 **On Par**, 1939 **Mr Whackles**, 1940 **Silver Rover**, 1941 **Cavalry**, 1942 **My Kenya**, 1943 **Askalon**, 1944 **"Not Held"** , 1945 **"Not Held"**, 1946 **Ebon's Own**, 1947 **Young Sign**, 1948 **Hero Minda**, 1949 **Erin's Ace**, 1950 **Neat Brandy**, 1951 **Pleasant Foam**, 1952 **Baron Dhu**, 1953 **The Mudlark**, 1954 **Pasha Chief**, 1955 **Minda Go**, 1956 **Baron Woomera**, 1957 **Rising Ace**, 1958 **Rookie Rebel**, 1959 **Peter's Treasure**, 1960 **Bow Rock**, 1961 **Ophir Doll**, 1962 **Ophir Doll**, 1963 **Ophir Gold**, 1964 **Sandy Stone**, 1965 **Fairbairn Lady**, 1966 **Ipswich Low**, 1967 **Fiery Bob**, 1968 **Sue Narila**, 1969 **Benjamin John**, 1970 **Plunder Road**, 1971 **Trion Scout**, 1972 **Beau Palomino**, 1973 **Sue's A Credit**, 1974 **Jamin John**, 1975 **Snowsim**, 1976 **Beaut Dina**, 1977 **Check Vista**, 1978 **Royal Griffin**, 1979 **Astradome Lad**, 1980 **Scene Control**, 1981 **Black Aztec**, 1982 **Kudaleen**, 1983 **Stony Point**, 1984 **Double Time**, 1985 **Brother Fox**, 1986 **Solitary Simon**, 1987 **White Gigolo**, 1988 **True Vintage**, 1989 **Scott James**, 1990 **Bacchant**, 1990 **Shantytown**, 1991 **Jenny's Legacy**, 1992 **Bomber Gleeson**, 1993 **Extra's Boy**, 1994 **Storm Hero**, 1995 **Clint's Pirate**, 1996 **Bomber's A Flyer**, 1997 **Shantung Tiger**, 1998 **Mirren Bale**, 1999 **Latest Lad**, 2000 **Top Shiraz**, 2001 **Black Caleb**, 2002 **Star Witch**, 2003 **Nobody Knew**, 2004 **Regent Thunder**, 2005 **Ralph The Mouth**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Train A Journey**, 2008 **Little Spaniard**, 2009 **Prankster**, 2010 **Octane Show**, 2011 **Dyna Tron**, 2012 **Blackalls Boss**, 2013 **Paw Licking** and 2014 **Above All**.



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