



## **MEDIA RELEASE**



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# **BRING ON THE NATIONALS**

The Nationals is one of Australia's most prestigious Greyhound racing events on the Annual Calendar, attracting the very best chasers from around the Nation. State pride is always on the line and participants love nothing more than to represent their state in the National finals.

This year's finals of the Crocmedia GCA National Championships will be held at Sandown Park in Melbourne next Friday night August 24.

For the first time the state national finals were held on the same night around the country (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>) it was action packed with all finals run within a two-hour period. While the action locally in Victoria was white hot, there were many impressive winners around Australia that will now aim to take it up to Victoria's best on their home deck in two weeks' time.

The night kicked off with the Queensland Distance final at Albion Park. Double Gee raised his status as one of the country's most exciting stayers when he ran down Champagne Sally earning a hard-fought win. Double Gee's speed has already been proven, he won his heat of the series in 41.34, just two lengths off Tornado Tears' track record.

Hardened chaser Maurice Minor took out Queensland sprint final. He looks one of the main dangers of the interstate raiders having already shown great form at Sandown Park. During a short Victorian stint in May he recorded a fast 29.20 win at the track. He will be aiming to claim back-to-back Sprint finals for Queensland after Jury took out last year's edition.

Typical Sydney traffic had races pushed back at Wentworth Park, but it wasn't enough to stop their headline stayer Poco Dorado who was too good in their Distance final. Sky Racing's Jason Lincoln expressed his excitement knowing we will see Poco Dorado (NSW), Double Gee (QLD) and Tornado Tears (VIC) in the same race.

Their Sprint final was taken out by Sky Wave, she exploded out of the boxes to lead clearly and built a break good enough to hold off challengers. She opened equal \$2.90 tab.com.au favourite with Big Flood to take out the Crocmedia National Sprint final.

New South Wales have dominated the National Sprint over the years, having won 20 of the 53 held.

Western Australia's premier sprinter West On Augie led all of the way in their Sprint final at Cannington. It was his 20th win from 33 career starts and without doubt will fly to Melbourne with strong support from fans in his home state.

There will be just as many well wishes for Moment To Jive who will represent WA in the National Distance final. She led from go-to-whoa much to the delight of trainers Richard and Sarah Appleton. She will aim to be the third National Distance winner for WA and first since the great Miata in 2012.

Cairnlea Kenny overcame a wide draw to take out the South Australian Sprint final at Angle Park. It spells a return to Victoria for regular visitor and Melbourne Cup winning trainer Petar Jovanovic.

Their staying event was taken out by Velocity Lilly at whopping odds of \$31. She is one of South Australia's most consistent chasers and will carry their hopes in the National Distance final, aiming to claim their first since Bothing's win in 2006.

Buckle Up Rose took out the Sprint final at Launceston. She will be aiming to take out their second National Sprint title and follow the footsteps of Busy Vintage in 1984.

The Distance final was a rough affair won by Wynburn Lucifer. She will start at a big price in the National Distance final and racing for Tasmania's first ever National Distance win.

Big Flood charged into the Crocmedia National Sprint Championship after recording a commanding victory in the Victorian final.

The Seona Thompson trained sprinter entered the final with unblemished record from the inside box and quickly showed why, beginning cleanly and railing strongly beneath Lila Bale to establish a race winning margin down the back straight and hold holding off the gallant Shadale by 2¼ length in 29.43.

"It was a fantastic win," his ecstatic trainer told Sky Racing's James van de Maat following the win.

"We were pretty rapt when he came up with box 1 but you still have to use it to your advantage and that's what he did tonight."

Tornado Tears consolidated his standing as the country's premier stayer with a stunning victory in the Victorian final.

Tornado Tears – 'Batman' as he's known to his growing legion of fans – began well from box 7 to sit outside early leader Dyna Chancer. The pair quickly established a break on the field and as they completed their first lap Tornado Tears switched back to the rail to drive beneath Dyna Chancer and soon raced away to a seven-length win in 41.39. His winning time was his third fastest over the distance – and eighth fastest in history – and was a full 10 lengths faster than the time he qualified in.



GROUP ONE – CROCMEDIA GCA NATIONAL SPRINT \$75,000 to the winner

<b>\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Crocmedia National Sprint Championship 515m</b>				
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>B/T</b>
	<b>Cairnlea Kenny (SA)</b>	<b>Petar Jovanovic</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Big Flood (VIC)</b>	<b>Seona Thompson</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>29.18</b>
	<b>Hasten Slowly (VIC)</b>	<b>Angela Langton</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>	<b>29.47</b>
	<b>West On Augie (WA)</b>	<b>Chris Halse</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Maurice Minor (QLD)</b>	<b>Tom Tzouvelis</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>	<b>29.62</b>
	<b>Shadale (VIC)</b>	<b>Robert Redenbach</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>29.38</b>
	<b>Sky Wave (NSW)</b>	<b>Vic Sultana</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Buckle Up Rose (TAS)</b>	<b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>\$34</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Lila Bale (VIC) (RES)</b>	<b>Andrea Dailly</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>29.44</b>
	<b>Poke The Bear (VIC) (RES)</b>	<b>Seona Thompson</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>29.22</b>

Note Fixed odds shown are Tab Fixed pricing on August 19<sup>th</sup>

National expert's selections for the Sprint final are as follows.

Ron Arnold

1<sup>st</sup> Sky Wave  
2<sup>nd</sup> Big Flood  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cairnlea Kenny

John Brash

1<sup>st</sup> Big Flood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sky Wave  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shadale

Peter O'Neill

1<sup>st</sup> Big Flood  
2<sup>nd</sup> West On Augie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cairnlea Kenny

Jason Lincoln

1<sup>st</sup> Maurice Minor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Big Flood  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hasten Slowly

James Van De Maat

1<sup>st</sup> Big Flood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shadale  
3<sup>rd</sup> Maurice Minor

Mick Floyd

1<sup>st</sup> Big Flood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maurice Minor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cairnlea Kenny

Shaun Mathieson

1<sup>st</sup> Cairnlea Kenny  
2<sup>nd</sup> Big Flood  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hasten Slowly

Dave Carlson

1<sup>st</sup> Sky Wave  
2<sup>nd</sup> Big Flood  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hasten Slowly

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## National Sprint Honour Roll

1965	HAROLDPARK	BEST SUN (NSW)	500 yds.	26.6/10
1966	OLYMPIC PARK	KINTA'S SON (VIC)	560 yds.	30.9/16
1967	WENTWORTH PARK	METEOR PASO (NSW)	580 yds	31.8/16
1968	SANDOWN PARK	PRINCESS KERRY (VIC)	555 yds.	31.2/16
1969	HAROLD PARK	RED ZERO (NSW)	500 yds.	26.71
1970	OLYMPIC PARK	REGAL HERMES (VIC)	560 yds.	30.7/16
1971	WENTWORTH PARK	KING MILLER (NSW)	580 yds	31.1/16
1972	SANDOWN PARK	LORD GALAXY (NSW)	555 yds.	30.91
1973	HAROLD PARK	NEW MARINER (VIC)	457 mts.	26.28

1974	OLYMPIC PARK	TEMLEE (VIC)	511 mts.	29.71
1975	WENTWORTH PARK	COOPERROO FLYER (NSW)	530 mts	31.36
1976	SANDOWN PARK	CLOVER DUKE (NSW)	513 mts.	30.65
1977	GABBA	BOWETZEL (VIC)	558 mts.	32.70
1978	ANGLEPARK	MR TOEWHYTE (WA)	512 mts.	30.69
1979	CANNINGTON	ACCLAIM STAR (NSW)	530 mts.	30.95
1980	HAROLD PARK	FAST SAPPHIRE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.72
1981	OLYMPIC PARK	KATE'S A SCANDAL (SA)	511 mts.	30.70
1982	GABBA	MADONNA LEE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.73
1983	HAROLD PARK	WINIFRED BALE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.13
1984	HAROLD PARK	BUSY VINTAGE (TAS)	457 mts.	26.38
1985	SANDOWN PARK	SCENIC SPA (SA)	513 mts.	30.70
1986	ANGLEPARK	STETSON (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1987	HOBART	FREMANTLE ECHO (WA)	457 mts.	26.39
1988	GABBA	DANCING GAMBLE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.89
1989	CANNINGTON	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	530 mts.	31.78
1990	SANDOWN	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	511 mts.	30.70
1991	WENTWORTH PARK	JESSICA CASEY (NSW)	520 mts.	30.66
1992	OLYMPIC PARK	MR. SLICK (VIC)	511 mts.	30.02
1993	ANGLE PARK	CASINO TOM (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	GALLANT RULER (NSW)	520 mts.	30.38
1995	SANDOWN PARK	FLYING AMY (QLD)	511 mts.	30.08
1996	ALBION PARK	SHAYNE'S CHAMP (VIC)	520 mts.	30.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	PRINCE OF TIGERS (WA)	512 mts.	29.68
1998	CANNINGTON	RAPID JOURNEY (NSW)	530 mts	31.22
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	HARRY HAND (NSW)	520 mts	30.31
2000	LAUNCESTON	PLACARD (NSW)	522 mts	30.76
2001	MGRA (MEADOWS)	HENERIK BALE (VIC)	518 mts	29.82
2002	ALBION PARK	IN THE FRAME (VIC)	520 mts	30.26
2003	ANGLE PARK	ELITE STATE (QLD)	515 mts	29.33
2004	CANNINGTON	IN FOR LIFE (NSW)	530 mts	30.78
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	PURE OCTANE (VIC)	520 mts	29.91
2006	LAUNCESTON	IMMORTAL LOVE (NSW)	515 mts	29.52 (Rec)
2007	SANDOWN PARK	BIT CHILLI (NSW)	515 mts.	29.88
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	KNOCKA NORRIS (QLD)	520 mts.	29.83
2009	CANNINGTON	DASHING CORSAIR(QLD)	530 mts.	30.29
2010	ANGLE PARK	SMOOTH FANCY (NSW)	515 mts	29.49
2011	ALBION PARK	METZ MAGIC (QLD)	520 mts.	30.04
2012	HOBART	FABREGAS (VIC)	461 mts.	25.85
2013	MEADOWS	XYLIA ALLEN (VIC)	525 mts.	29.63
2014	CANNINGTON	CHICA DESTACADA (NSW)	530 mts.	30.27
2015	WENTWORTH PARK	FERNANDO BALE (VIC)	520 mts.	29.26
2016	ANGLE PARK	WORM BURNER (SA)	515 mts.	29.17
2017	ALBION PARK	JURY (QLD)	520 mts.	29.88

**GROUP ONE – CROCMEDIA GCA NATIONAL DISTANCE \$75,000 to the winner**

<b>\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Crocmmedia National Distance Championship 715m</b>				
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>B/T</b>
	<b>Rippin' Sam (VIC)</b>	<b>Robert Britton</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>	<b>41.32</b>
	<b>Tornado Tears (VIC)</b>	<b>Robert Britton</b>	<b>\$1.60</b>	<b>41.20</b>
	<b>Dyna Chancer (VIC)</b>	<b>Correy Grenfell</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>41.67</b>
	<b>Velocity Lilly (SA)</b>	<b>Kim Johnstone</b>	<b>\$151</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Moment To Jive (WA)</b>	<b>Sarah Appleton</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Poco Dorado (NSW)</b>	<b>John Finn</b>	<b>\$4.60</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Double Gee (QLD)</b>	<b>Selena Zammitt</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Wynburn Lucifer (TAS)</b>	<b>Butch Deverell</b>	<b>\$151</b>	<b>NBT</b>
	<b>Hot Tip (VIC) (RES)</b>	<b>Mario Briganti</b>	<b>\$51</b>	<b>41.86</b>
	<b>Rockstar Patriot (VIC) (RES)</b>	<b>Andrea Dailly</b>	<b>\$81</b>	<b>41.99</b>

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**Peter O'Neill**

1<sup>st</sup> Tornado Tears  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rippin' Sam  
3<sup>rd</sup> Moment To Jive

**John Brasch**

1<sup>st</sup> Tornado Tears  
2<sup>nd</sup> Double Gee  
3<sup>rd</sup> Moment To Jive

**Ron Arnold**

1<sup>st</sup> Poco Dorado  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tornado Tears  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rippin' Sam

**Jason Lincoln**

1<sup>st</sup> Tornado Tears  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rippin' Sam  
3<sup>rd</sup> Double Gee

**Shaun Mathieson**

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**James Van De Maat**

1<sup>st</sup> Tornado Tears  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rippin' Sam  
3<sup>rd</sup> Moment To Jive

**Dave Carlson**

1<sup>st</sup> Tornado Tears Down  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rippin' Sam  
3<sup>rd</sup> Poco Dorado

**National Distance Honour Roll**

1969	WENTWORTH PARK	AMERIGO LADY (VIC)	790 yds.	43.7/16ths
1970	SANDOWN PARK	SARGOOD (VIC)	785 yds.	44.00
1971	HOBART	SAKI DASHER (VIC)	737 yds.	40.00
1972	HAROLDPARK	BUBBLE'S LUCK (VIC)	732 mts.	43.40
1973	GABBA	HE'S SOME BOY (VIC)	704 mts.	43.09
1974	ANGLEPARK	CORCORAN (VIC)	731 mts.	44.56
1975	GABBA	DOTIE WILSON (NSW)	704 mts.	41.66
1976	ANGLEPARK	BOLTA'S GIFT (VIC)	731 mts.	44.66
1977	HAROLDPARK	WOOLLEY WONG (NSW)	732 mts.	43.58
1978	HOBART	DUSTY GINNY (NSW)	730 mts.	43.30 (Rec)
1979	OLYMPIC PARK	MARY MARELLA (VIC)	732 mts.	44.09
1980	SANDOWN PARK	ALL PROMISE (VIC)	718 mts.	43.92
1981	LAUNCESTON	SHAMROCK JEWEL (VIC)	722 mts.	44.87
1982	ADELAIDE	BAY ROAD QUEEN (SA)	731 mts.	44.03
1983	HOBART	TEN GUITARS (VIC)	725 mts.	43.91
1984	CANNINGTON	PRINCESS BADEN (SA)	740 mts.	44.32
1985	LAUNCESTON	MELMADE GAZZA (SA)	722 mts.	44.06

1986	GABBA	KIRSTY'S FIRST (QLD)	704 mts.	41.65
1987	OLYMPIC PARK	MYSTIC HOPE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.29
1988	WENTWORTH PARK	HIGH INTENSITY (VIC)	732 mts.	42.93
1989	ANGLEPARK	JULEP (SA)	731 mts.	43.79
1990	OLYMPIC PARK	CLEAN MACHINE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.00
1991	GABBA	JUST A CHARM (QLD)	704 mts.	41.45
1992	WENTWORTH PARK	PACE GALORE (VIC)	720 mts.	42.57
1993	CANNINGTON	BILLY'S BLONDIE (QLD)	740 mts.	44.89
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	MISS CRUISE (NSW)	720 mts.	43.59
1995	OLYMPIC PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	732mts.	43.72
1996	ALBION PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	710mts.	42.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	IBROX PARK (NSW)	731 mts.	43.17
1998	CANNINGTON	PARADISE STREET (WA)	700 mts.	41.75
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	KOBBLE CREEK (QLD)	720 mts.	42.55
2000	LAUNCESTON	OSTI'S JOKER (VIC)	743 mts.	45.05
2001	SANDOWN PARK	TIP TOP TEARS (VIC)	715 mts.	42.46
2002	ALBION PARK	BOOMEROO (VIC)	710 mts.	41.61 (Rec)
2003	ANGLE PARK	ARVO'S JUNIOR (VIC)	731 mts.	42.66
2004	CANNINGTON	CLASSY CUSTOMER (NSW)	715 mts.	42.31
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	TEXAS GOLD (NSW)	720 mts.	42.07
2006	LAUNCESTON	BOTHING (SA)	720 mts.	42.49 (Rec)
2007	MEADOWS	FLASHING FLOODS (VIC)	725 mts.	42.95
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	MANTRA LAD (VIC)	720 mts.	42.30
2009	CANNINGTON	JAVIS BALE (VIC)	715 mts.	41.93
2010	ANGLE PARK	BLUE LORIAN (NSW)	710 mts.	43.01
2011	ALBION PARK	DASHING CORSAIR (QLD)	710 mts.	42.09
2012	HOBART	MIATA (WA)	709 mts.	41.24
2013	MEADOWS	SMART VALENTNO (NSW)	725 mts.	42.83
2014	CANNINGTON	SWEET IT IS (VIC)	715 mts.	41.39
2015	WENTWORTH PARK	LADY TOY (VIC)	720 mts.	41.52 (Rec)
2016	ANGLE PARK	RING THE BELL (VIC)	710 mts.	43.22
2017	ALBION PARK	FANTA BALE (VIC)	720 mts.	41.71

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