



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Outstanding Group One action in the West

Lektra Jay (Where's Pedro- Elektra) after being held behind the boxes in 33 degree heat because of a delayed Trot race, the Victorian slightly missed the start and settled fourth early behind the leader Beau One before breaking through the pack down the pack. Once he levelled up on straightening the race was all over and the son of the 2008 Galaxy winner Elektra raced clear to win by 3 lengths in 30.51 for Andrea Dailly.

Glen Gallon (Flying Stanley- Incoherent) missed the jump slightly, however once he hit the ground the Queensland chaser set brilliant sectionals of 5.71, 13.27 into the back straight before lowering the third sectional set by Octane Show in March 2010 by 1/2½ngth clocking 18.55. The Tony Brett trained chaser then stopped the clock at 29.87, lowering dual Perth Cup winner High Earners race record of 29.93 set in 2010. The winning margin was 13 lengths.

Mepunga Geordie (Premier Fantasy- Mepunga Diamond) crossed from box 8 clocking 5.74 while the favourite Mystic Apple was smashed early from box 2. The Jeff Britton trained chaser who was unplaced in the Gr 2 Warragul Cup final on Wednesday night clocked 13.45 and then 18.81 off the back before stopping the clock at 30.30 at his first look at the track.

Heston Bale (Bartrim Bale- Amelia Bale) was put on his nose on the first corner and almost put over the outside rail as the leader Forty Two Below led into the back straight in 13.62. The Andrea Dailly trained star put his head down and after giving away many lengths to the leaders somehow found a way to win by ½ length in 30.72. Huge win.

Oaks Road (Spiral Nikita- Leprechaun Pace) dwelt at the start, however showed some courage to rail through and hold the lead with a first sectional split of 5.78 before entering the back straight clear of the field in 13.43. Going off the back in 18.80 before stopping the clock at 30.28 4 lengths clear of Fifty Six Chevi for NSW trainer Mark Gatt.

Autoamerican (Brett Lee- High Tide Honey) showed early speed, however was held three wide on the first corner outside of Melbourne Cup winner Dyna Tron with the leader clocking 5.71 first split before going off the back in 18.96. Entering the home straight Dyna Tron was claimed by Autoamerican who won by 1 length in 30.68 for Victorian trainer Steve McKenna and WA owner Tony Forte.

Things Missing (Spiral Nikita- Leprechaun Pace) was headed early by Hot Irish who crossed from box 8 clocking 5.68 first split then entering the back in 13.35 before going off the back straight in 18.80. It was then that Things Missing levelled up to Hot Irish and claimed her on the line by a head in 30.40 for trainer Mark Gatt.

Uno Reltub (Primo Uno- Shelly Reltub) pushed through from box six to lead going into the back straight clocking 5.73 early and then went off the back in 19.02 before holding off Yunderup Miss in 30.74 for Linda Britton.

Kalden Mayhem (Big Daddy Cool- Abbadale Gold) led from box 3 for most of the race for SA trainer Troy Murray who purchased the WA bred chaser last year. After clocking 15.72 early split he then went off the back in 29.46 before stopping the clock at 41.75 defeating Freeway Fame by 11 lengths. Echelon and Adelle Bale looked lost over the 715 metres at Cannington.

Miata (Bombastic Shiraz- Winsome Bluebird) began fairly before railing through on the first corner and buffeted heavily with the leader Kalden Petroni before driving away for an impressive 12 length win for trainer Paul Stuart. Going off the back in 29.74 she ran home in 11.84 stopping the clock at 41.58.

Ziping Lad (Malfoy- Or Catra) led for most of the journey crossing from box 7 clocking 15.61 before going off the back on the arm of the lure in a moderate 29.73 and then winning by 4 lengths in 42.30. The winning time was well behind that of Miata who clocked 41.58.

Shimaguni (Primo Uno- Messines) settled in second place behind Kalden Athena before levelling up on the line to win by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length in 41.84 for trainer Andrea Dailly. The leading stayer clocked 15.57 before going off the back in 29.50 with Shimaguni a length off at that stage in second place.

## GROUP ONE – SKY RACING PERTH CUP \$140,000 to the winner



### **Heston Bale (VIC)**

18 starts 11-3-1 (\$65,660)

**Bartrim Bale – Amelia Bale**

Black Dog October '09

Owners: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

**Cannington best:** 30.21 (4) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

**Brilliant young sprinter with heaps of ability holds the Meadows track record and if he can keep out of trouble he will take a power of beating. Put up an amazing performance to win his heat, but he does seem to find trouble in his races. Has won here in 30.21 and must be a big chance from box one.**



### **Oaks Road (NSW)**

36 starts 13-10-5 (\$153,070)

**Spiral Nikita – Leprechaun Pace**

Black Dog November '08

Owners: **Edwin Kingswell**

Trainer: **Mark Gatt**

**Cannington best:** 30.28 (1) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Racing in career best form after winning the Bob Payne Group 2 at Wentworth Park earlier in the month. Used the red to perfection in his heat and recorded 30.25. Is quite strong once he leads he takes some running down. Probably needed an inside draw and has got it, certainly a big show.**



### **Mepunga Geordie (VIC)**

31 starts 13-4-7 (\$45,705)

**Premier Fantasy – Mepunga Diamond**

Black Dog July '09

Owner: **Barry Smith**

Trainer: **Jeff Britton**

**Cannington best:** 30.30 (8) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**An honest youngster from Victoria he has made a few Group finals in his short career. Won his heat from box eight in 30.30 first look at the track. Perhaps not up to the same class as a few of the others but he can mix it in top company. Place chance with some luck in running.**

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**Glen Gallon (QLD)**

25 starts 14-6-1 (\$158,159)

**Flying Stanley – Incoherent**

Red Brindle Dog August '09

Owner: **Velocity Lodge (PTN) Syndicate**Trainer: **Tony Brett****Cannington best:** 29.87 (6) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Outstanding sprint talent from Queensland he seems to get better the more he goes around. Won the Group 1 Brisbane Cup late last year and was the run of the race when second in the Silver Chief. Recorded the fastest heat win last week a blistering 29.87. Seems to be beginning better and he is the one to beat. Box four no help but a brilliant chaser.**

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**Lektra Jay (VIC)**

64 starts 21-2-9 (\$116,900)

**Where's Pedro – Elektra**

White &amp; Black Dog December '08

Owner: **Phil Lenehan**Trainer : **Andrea Dailly****Cannington best:** 30.34 (1) (4 Starts 2-1-1)

**Much travelled sprinter he is an honest type from the Dailly camp been in the money 39 times from 64. Won his heat well from box four in 30.51. Two wins on the track is a solid record. However he'll need luck from this draw. Place chance best**

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**Uno Reltub**

36 starts 21-6-3 (\$80,000)

**Big Daddy Cool – Brooklyn Rain**

Red Brindle Dog April '09

Owners: **L Britton, C Halse & W R Butler Snr**Trainer: **Linda Britton****Cannington best:** 30.43 (6) (23 Starts 11-5-2)

**Local sprinter he is the only one to make the final. Has 11 Cannington wins to his credit, did well last week to come from box six but he needs to improve on his best of 30.43. Might just be out of his class at this stage of his career. Place chance best.**

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**Things Missing (NSW)**

33 starts 12-9-1 (\$55,030)

**Spiral Nikita – Leprechaun Pace**

Black Dog November '08

Owners: **Edwin Kingswell**Trainer: **Mark Gatt****Cannington best:** 30.40 (1) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Full brother to Oaks Road he too used the red box well in his heat to win in 30.40. He has raced in top company in New South Wales and has a solid record. This is a hard draw from out wide and he'll need a bit of luck in this. Honest type he is sure to run a handy race. Place chance best.**

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**Autoamerican (VIC)**

43 starts 15-7-6 (\$59,530)

**Brett Lee – High Tide Honey**

Black Dog February '09

Owner : **Tony Forte**Trainer : **Steve McKenna****Cannington best:** 30.68 (8) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Smart Victorian he was a surprise winner in last week heat when he run down Dyna Tron. He came into the heat after a string of placing at Sandown is locally owned and has a bit of ability. Would have to have some luck in running to trouble the more fancied but not without a chance. Place best.**

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**Hot Irish**

24 starts 12-6-1 (\$37,345)

**Premier Fantasy – Lovey Craves It**

**Honest local sprinter she finished second last week behind Things Missing has won 11 here but will start big odds if she gains a start.**

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**Fifty Six Chevi**

21 starts 8-4-1 (\$11,440)

**Elite State – Gadae Girl**

**Another local that finished second last week behind Oaks Road he will need to improve on his best of 30.64 if he gained a start.**

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

Peter O'Neill

1<sup>st</sup> Glen Gallon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Heston Bale  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oaks Road

Ryan Lavitzke

1<sup>st</sup> Things Missing  
2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Gallon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Heston Bale

David Simonette

1<sup>st</sup> Heston Bale  
2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Gallon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Autoamerican



**Tab Sportsbet Fixed Market for the Sky Racing Perth Cup:**

<b>\$140,000 to the winner Group 1 SKY RACING Perth Cup (530m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
	Heston Bale	Andrea Dailly	\$2.80
	Oaks Road	Mark Gatt	\$3.20
	Mepunga Geordie	Jeff Britton	\$21.00
	Glen Gallon	Tony Brett	\$2.50
	Lektra Jay	Andrea Dailly	\$10.00
	Uno Reltub	Linda Britton	\$21.00
	Things Missing	Mark Gatt	\$16.00
	Autoamerican	Steve McKenna	\$26.00
	Hot Irish	Ben Abercrombie	\$18.00
	Fifty Six Chevi	Gavin Van Diemen	\$101

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5-17 years: \$15

Spend the evening on-course with **FREE gate entry!** Plus fireworks, free kids rides (5.30-9.30), loads of giveaways, outside bars and totes, Big Screen, live band. Gates Open 5.30pm First Race approx. 7.05pm.

# The History of the Perth Cup

In the 33 years since Dennis Calleja's greyhound Marcus Rate took out the first running of the *W.A. Gold Cup*, as it was then known, the Sky Channel Perth Cup, has developed into one of the country's most important group one classics. His first prize of \$1300 pales when compared to the \$140,000 on offer to the winner of this year's cup on April 21st.

The race has had a number of sponsors over the years and was known as the Brownes Gold Cup from 1976 to 1986. In 1987 it was called the Australis Mining Gold Cup, in 88 it was the Fairplay Gold Cup then from 1989 until 1992 it was called the Winfield Gold Cup. In 1993 a long sponsorship begun with Be Active and it was known as the Be Active Gold Cup in 1993 and 94 before being called the Be Active Perth Cup until 2007 when the club welcomed their new sponsor Sky Channel.

The Sky Channel Perth Cup has an honour role the envy of many, with some of the nation's top performers claiming the trophy.

While local dogs have at times had their fair share of success, more often than not in the last two decades the winner has been the best-performed chaser in the country at the time.

Possibly the best dog to have raced in the West enjoyed a stella run of success at Cannington in 1998. Jane Carruthers arrived in town for the big race that year with the mighty Rapid Journey. He had just won the Golden Easter Egg in Sydney and was keen for more Group One success.

That year local star Reggemite didn't let his fans down when he ran a slashing 30.54 in his heat. He had the crowd buzzing with his near track record run, but then Carruthers unleashed her brindle sensation on Cannington bettering Reggemite's time by a neck and equalling his track record of 30.52 in an awesome heat winning display.

Rapid Journey dominated the final of '98 and justified the second shortest odds offered in Cup history winning by almost 8 lengths at the quote of 1/3. Later in 1998 he again showed his liking of the Cannington 530m by returning and claiming the National Sprint Championship.

It was apparent in 1994 that having the best dog in the country was no guarantee of conquering one of the Nation's toughest sprint challenges. Star Queenslander Worthy Reward smashed the track record in his heat win that year and backed it up with a faultless display in his semi-final. Although drawing poorly in six he was sent out a 2/5 favourite but found trouble and was no match for the Troy Provost trained Just Like Whiskey who held off the fast finishing Worthy Reward to win by two lengths.

Harry Sarkis ventured west in 1996 fresh from taking out the Easter Egg with his smart black bitch Tenthill Doll. Harry showed his confidence early by supporting his bitch heavily in the traditional Calcutta and she didn't disappoint equalling the track record in her heat. When she drew the cherry in the final, bookmakers sent her out the shortest priced favourite in history at 2/7. The race was never in doubt and she cruised in to beat Jurassic Vapour and top local bitch Storm Act.

Seven of the last nine winners have come from interstate. Victorian Amy's Doll remained undefeated in the series when she claimed the trophy in 1993 for young trainer Paul Mills. Paul enjoyed a great visit that year also qualifying City Success for the final and was to become a regular over the next few years at Cannington as he tried to recapture the Cup.

Queensland had won the first of its two Perth Cups in 1987 when Pretty Fearless out kicked Scot A Win in one of the closest finishes on record, and claimed its second cup in 1995 with the Michael Zammit prepared Brisk Bill.

That same year a super smart local bitch by the name of South Georgia was emerging and many thought she had the speed to match Brisk Bill in the final. She led them into the back straight but could not hold on as Brisk Bill raced away for a convincing win over another visitor Baltusrol with South Georgia a gallant third.

Star Tribute for Dave Irwin overcame box eight with a barnstorming finish to win in 1997. That year NSW dog Welsh Duo put in a slashing performance in the heats and after drawing box one was expected to jump a short-priced favourite in the final. In possibly the most sensational incident in Group One racing, the stewards at kennelling, due to weight variation, scratched Welsh Duo.

Marcus Rate's 1976 annihilation of the field stands as the second biggest winning margin in Cup history.

It would take another 14 years before his winning margin of 10 lengths would be bettered. It was broken in 1990 when one of the smartest bitches to race at Cannington finally emerged from the shadow of her famous litter sister. Sand Pebble, trained in the hills east of Perth by Ron Timms, won the first Gold Cup of the nineties by an emphatic 10-¾ lengths to easily hold off Grant Langston's Quit and her mighty sister Sandi's Me Mum. Sand Pebble's race career was cut short by injury but many who saw her run remember her as the equal of Sandi's Me Mum in ability.

Perhaps the most remarkable Perth Cups came in the two years following Sand Pebbles win.

Frantic Night was purchased for \$200 by a group of owners headed by Billy Choules shortly before the 1991 series. He was not fancied in either the heat or semi final but made his way through to the final, drew the checks and the rest is history. A bad

scrimmage on the first turn allowed him to rail through and pinch the race as a rank outsider with the celebrations from exited owners continuing for many days.

In 1992 the Cup was run as Perth experienced its wettest February day on record. Former Victorian chaser Wynlee Supreme ploughed through the bog to win in the slowest time in history. His win as a 50-month old dog also made him the oldest winner of a Perth Cup. The conditions were so bad that officials had to cancel the last race on the program when the sea of water on the infield made it impossible for the below ground lure system to operate.

Wynlee Supreme gave trainer Linda Britton her biggest win in the sport and was to be the first of two wins in the race. She qualified four runners for the final in 1999 with all eyes on the superstar Reggemite.

In a major shock Reggemite began well but was injured driving into the first corner, he battled on strongly to finish fourth but sadly it was the last time he was to race at Cannington. Britton trained the quinella that year as Bliss Bale held off kennel mate Shirdon's Alarm to win by a half length.

Nifti Fire went into the first Perth Cup of "the naughties" as the form greyhound for popular trainer Jodie Harding. When he drew the cherry in the final, many thought the race was as good as over. As luck would have it, Nifti Fire began only fairly and copped a buffeting going into the first turn. His chances looked remote going down the back straight but he showed great fighting qualities to get up in the last bound to grab the 2000 Cup.

Grant Langston dominated training ranks in the late eighties and early nineties qualifying three runners for the final on four occasions. He managed to win the race only once. Miss Crisp will always be remembered as the bitch that took out the last Cup run on grass at Cannington. She began brilliantly from the white and was never troubled in beating the croweater Faust's Legend in quick time. She'll also be remembered as the mother of Paradise Street, the best stayer produced in the West and a three-time winner of the State Distance championship and National Champ in 1998.

In 2001 Graeme Bate sent over the brilliant Kantarn Bale for the series and he quickly emerged as Cup favourite with dashing wins in the lead up Interstate Challenge and Perth Cup heat. He drew well in box two in the final but totally bombed the start and ran a remarkable race to finish second to the Jason Thompson-trained Sammy Mint.

Sammy Mint had qualified with a tough-as-teak performance from box six in his heat. When Thompson drew out the envelope to give his dog the coveted rails in the final, he knew he had the chance to end Sammy Mint's racing career with a Group One victory. He was right as Sammy Mint easily held off Kantarn Bale and hometown favourite Cobram Storm.

The 2002 cup saw group one success for Victorian super sprinter Modern Assassin often the bridesmaid in the many major finals he gave nothing else chance after sweeping to the front at the first turn and led from that point on to win in 30.60. Favourite was the all conquering Carlisle Jack who had breezed into town to take the Interstate Challenge in track record time and after a brilliant heat win he was all the rage for the final but early trouble after a slow start left him near the rear and struggling. Trained by Mary Mugavin-Brown the Perth Cup was a highlight of a stellar career for the talented black chaser.

Outstanding Gippsland sprinter Elgrando had been most unlucky not to snare a Group 1 victory in 2002. Travelling to the West in 2003 in search of the Perth Cup, the "big fellow" showed a distinct liking for the Cannington circuit. After a brilliant heat win, he made a sweeping run down the back straight in the final to claim the leader Rifle Street in the shadows of the post. The \$60,000 first prize took his stake tally to over \$184,000. Elgrando trained by Carolyn Jones was one of five Victorians to make the final.

Victoria provided the winner of the Perth Cup for the fourth time in succession in 2004. Many were surprised by the performance of relatively unknown sprinter Kilby Supreme when she gave some of the big names a run for their money. Her star was to shine brightly as the speedy black bitch made Cannington her own not only accounting for a top class field but taking a big chunk of the 530 metre track record in the process.

It was a tremendous thrill for Victorian trainer Elaine Vigor with Kilby Supreme becoming her first Group One success and she shared the night with "Kilby" owner popular MGRA employee Jackie Davis.

A well deserved Group One glory was finally posted by Sun Hero in the Perth Cup of 2005. The Andrea Dailly trained super sprinter had made nineteen group finals, with his closest finish at Group One level being third in the Paws Of Thunder of 2004.

It was a happy return to Perth for former Sandgropers Tom and George Dailly who had been introduced to the sport by their late father, George Senior. The Perth Cup was proving easy pickings for Victorian trainers with Sun Hero's win the fifth in succession. It was also a big "V" trifecta with Go Forever finishing second and Black Lee third.

2006 and Greyhounds WA were delighted with a spectacular evening of greyhound racing. A record crowd in excess of 5300 the biggest ever assembled at Cannington since the opening night back in 1974. Victorious in the big final was up and coming Victorian sprint sensation Superman after establishing a new track record in his heat win Superman begun well from box seven and finding the front early he careering away to win comfortably from fellow Victorians Trewly Special and Pororoca.

2007 and superstar Victorian sprinter and reining AGRA Australian Greyhound of the Year Betty's Angel captured the Sky Channel Perth Cup with a brilliant win.

Beginning well from box 1 Betty's Angel (\$1.80) was beaten for the early lead by the locally trained Decathalon (\$26.10) he held that advantage through the first turn and down the back, with "Betty" in hot pursuit. Unfortunately at the first turn youngster Kostic Burns fell heavily causing havoc for a number of finalist's behind the two leaders.

Decathalon was still in front into the home straight and for a fleeting moment looked like winning, but the last section has always been Betty's Angel's best and she raced past Decathalon going on to win by one length and three quarters with Brother Knows (\$29.80) seven back in third, time for the final was 30.47.

2008 and high speed Queensland youngster Size Can Matter captured the Group 1 Sky Channel Perth Cup final in brilliant fashion with a very impressive all the way win.

Beginning like a rocket from the "squeeze" box 4 Size Can Matter (\$5.00) took control in the run to the first turn with the favourite Whippy's Image after a slow start in hot pursuit, the classy white chaser held the fence around the first turn and down the back straight he showed the superior speed. The Adelaide Cup winner was trying hard but wasn't making any ground. As "Whippy's" started to wilt new challengers appeared on the scene with West Australian track specialist Back Tonight (\$9.40), racing into the picture from well back. He looked a winning chance as they came into the home straight however Size Can Matter found another gear kicking near the line to win by a length and half in 30.22.

2009 and Max and Pam Julien enjoyed their greatest moment in the sport when Miss Slick (\$4.00) scored a last stride victory in the Cup final with the super star bitch they bred defeating the leader Victorian Trew Millions (\$10.90) for trainer Tina Womann.

Miss Slick (Bombastic Shiraz- Little Lamplight) settled in second some four lengths behind the leader Trew Millions, however as she approached the home corner she dug deep and reeled in the Victorian as they got to the line to score WA's first victory since local chaser Nifti Fire won in 2000 for Jodie Harding.

2010 and it seemed like it was always going to happen but as we all know something's are easy said than done. Plus the fact if you continue to draw box five it can make your task all that bit harder. However Queenslander High Earner scored his first Group 1 success in the most emphatic way. It was an extremely impressive performance in the final of the 2010 Sky Racing Perth Cup at Cannington.

The Queenslander dominated from the front and went within .05s of Velocette's 12 month-old track record in snaring the \$140,000 to the winner feature.

Always a dominant favourite in betting, High Earner (\$2.10) assumed control of the 530m sprint before the winning post the first time and dominated thereafter. Carving out record breaking splits of 5.65, 13.25 and 18.61 he raced away from Victorian Arvo's Breeze (\$19.20) and local Wassim Bale (\$25.90) to win by seven lengths in 29.97.

2011 almost seemed like it was deya wu when Queensland superstar High Earner (\$5.10) flew the boxes in the Sky Racing Perth Cup final setting up his second consecutive win in the Group 1 feature when he again racing away in exactly the same way he did the previous year. High Earner had a different trainer and he had a different preparation however the result was the same and he was as impressive as ever.

The son of Collision-Double Guess gave a faultless display of power sprinting when he gave his rivals no chance winning the Cup easily in 30.37 beating Victorian pair Gold Heritage (\$6.20) and Kilty Lad (\$2.90).



**The Outstanding High Earner winning the cup last year his second in succession**

(Pic Courtesy Joe Mulder)

In 36 times the Perth Cup has been staged winners have come from every corner of the country. Victoria leads the interstate invaders with nine wins from New South Wales with six victories, four from South Australia (all in the eighties) and four from Queensland making Western Australia's showpiece a Group One race a very National event.

## Perth Cup Honour Roll

Listed below is the Perth Cup honour roll it has been won by some outstanding sprinters over the years most coming from the eastern states.

1976 **Marcus Rate**, 1977 **Canonero's Gift**, 1978 **Biafra's Son**, 1979 **Rare Discovery**, 1980 **White Panther**, 1981 **General Jeff**, 1982 **Wotta Wizard**, 1983 **Superstar**, 1984 **Legatee**, 1985 **Supreme Carmen**, 1986 **Farquhar**, 1987 **Pretty Fearless**, 1988 **Karinya Flash**, 1989 **Miss Crisp**, 1990 **Sand Pebble**, 1991 **Frantic Night**, 1992 **Wynlee Supreme**, 1993 **Amy's Doll**, 1994 **Just Like Whisky**, 1995 **Brisk Bill**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Star Tribute**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Bliss Bale**, 2000 **Nifti Fire**, 2001 **Sammy Mint**, 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Elgrando**, 2004 **Kilby Supreme**, 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Betty's Angel**, 2008 **Size Can Matter**, 2009 **Miss Slick**, 2010 **High Earner** and 2011 **High Earner**.



### GROUP ONE – SKY RACING GALAXY \$80,000 to the winner



#### **Freeway Fame**

56 starts 4-1-5 (\$43,000)

**Surgeon – Dyna Wind**

**Black Bitch** May '09

Owners: **K & D Harding**

Trainer: **Keith Harding**

**Cannington best:** 42.14 (22 Starts 4-7-7)

**Chased home Kalden Mayhem in her heat last week in 41.75 beaten 11 lengths. Has won four on the track over this distance and may find this final perhaps a tough ask. Place at best.**



#### **Zippering Lad (NSW)**

37 starts 22-6-2 (\$153,450)

**Malfoy – Or Catra**

**Fawn Dog** August '09

Owner: **M & F Hallinan**

Trainer: **Jason Mackay**

**Cannington best:** 42.30 (7) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Top class stayer from New South Wales he won his heat in 42.30. It was a surprising slow time for a dog of his class who was untroubled in the run. May not be 100% is a very talented stayer and Group performer, expect improvement.**



#### **Kalden Mayhem (SA)**

65 starts 29-8-11 (\$111,920)

**Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold**

**Blue Dog** October '08

Owner: **CS & JT Murray**

Trainer: **Troy Murray**

**Cannington best:** NBT (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Talented South Australian he formerly raced here. Gets back in his races and comes home hard with barn storming finishes. Won his heat with authority by a big margin in 41.75. It was also his first start over 715 on the track. Could surprise.**



#### **Miata**

21 starts 18-1-1 (\$79,069)

**Bombastic Shiraz – Winsome Bluebird**

**Red Fawn Bitch** October '09

Owner: **P Stuart & N Wheeler - Whye**

Trainer: **Paul Stuart**

**Cannington best:** 41.30 Rec (1) (4 Starts 4-0-0)

**Local Superstar she is unbeaten over any distance beyond 600. She holds all the track records at Cannington as well as one at Mandurah. Looked super last week when she run 41.58 has recorded 41.30 but she is yet to win a Group race but this just might start the ball rolling. Hard to beat, outstanding talent the local pin-up girl.**



## Shimaguni (VIC)

26 starts 18-4-0 (\$134,699)

**Primo Uno – Messines**

Black Dog April '09

Owners: **Scg Syndicate**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

**Cannington best:** 41.84 (8) (2 Starts 1-1-0)

**Brilliant Victorian stayer she recently returned to racing after a change of kennel to the Dailly camp. Has been wayward a couple of times in her career but has raced well in her only two starts in the west. A big run behind Miata at her first start then she outstayed Kalden Athena last week to win the heat in 41.84. She would need to improve on that run to win but has claims.**



## Kalden Athena

64 starts 28-7-11 (\$104,780)

**Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold**

Blue Fawn Bitch October '08

Owner: **Dan Biddle**

Trainer: **Dan Biddle**

**Cannington best:** 42.10 (2) (6 Starts 1-4-1)

**Talented local sprinter-stayer she has performed well for most of her career. Led for a long way last week and just got picked up near the line by Shimaguni. Has won here in 42.10 but may just be short of this lot, handy type place chance best.**



## Kalden Petroni (SA)

32 starts 12-5-5 (\$18,615)

**Surf Lorian – Abbadale Gold**

Blue Fawn Bitch September '09

Owner: **Dan Biddle**

Trainer: **Troy Murray**

**Cannington best:** NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

**Third greyhound in the final from local brood bitch Abbadale Gold. Finished second to Miata last week in 41.58 beaten 12 lengths. She would have to find plenty to trouble this lot and will start big odds. Place chance best.**



## Mortal Combat

45 starts 5-15-12 (\$19,928)

**Where's Pedro – Sadie Sage**

White & Black Dog October '08

Owner: **S Sammut & J Comito**

Trainer: **Sam Sammut**

**Cannington best:** NBT (6 Starts 0-4-1)

**Local stayer he has never won on the track over the distance. Finished second to Zipping Lad in a moderate 42.30 last week. May be a bit short on class for this final he will start very big odds. Place chance at best.**



## Freeway Miles

43 starts 7-2-4 (\$20,736)

**Surgeon – Dyna Wind**

**Local stayer he finished third behind Shimaguni has won here in 42.48. Will start big odds if he gains a start.**



## Kalden Abubo

20 starts 3-3-3 (\$7,190)

**Surf Lorian – Abbadale Gold**

**Another local stayer she has never won over the distance here. Will start at very big odds if she gain a start.**

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

### Peter O'Neill

1<sup>st</sup> Miata  
2<sup>nd</sup> Zipping Lad  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shimaguni

### Ryan Lavitzke

1<sup>st</sup> Miata  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kalden Athena  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shimaguni

### David Simonette

1<sup>st</sup> Miata  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shimaguni  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kalden Athena

## Local Market for the Group 1 Sky Racing Galaxy

<b>\$80,000 to the winner Group 1 SKY RACING Galaxy (715m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
 <b>1</b>	<b>Freeway Fame</b>	<b>Keith Harding</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
 <b>2</b>	<b>Ziping Lad</b>	<b>Jason MacKay</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
 <b>3</b>	<b>Kalden Mayhem</b>	<b>Troy Murray</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
 <b>4</b>	<b>Miata</b>	<b>Paul Stuart</b>	<b>\$1.90</b>
 <b>5</b>	<b>Shimaguni</b>	<b>Andrea Dailly</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
 <b>6</b>	<b>Kalden Athena</b>	<b>Dan Biddle</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>
 <b>7</b>	<b>Kalden Petroni</b>	<b>Troy Murray</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
 <b>8</b>	<b>Mortal Combat</b>	<b>Sam Summut</b>	<b>\$66.00</b>
 <b>9</b>	<b>Freeway Miles</b>	<b>Keith Harding</b>	<b>\$101</b>
 <b>10</b>	<b>Kalden Abubo</b>	<b>Brad Yates</b>	<b>\$101</b>

The Galaxy first became a group race in 2002 as the major distance support race to the Perth Cup Carnival prior to then it was conducted as a minor feature and was first run in 1982.

1982 **Afro Freeway**, 1983 **Supreme Carmen**, 1984 **Aulfee**, 1985 **Lady Temlock**, 1986 **Abilene**, 1987 **Lassie's Girl**, 1988 **Red Rambo**, 1989 **Ghetto's Glider**, 1990 **Busy City**, 1991 **Galahad County**, 1992 **Petite Emma**, 1993 **Cousin Johnny**, 1994 **Floral Kwondo**, 1995 **Wits End**, 1996 **Rocket Racer**, 1997 **Gemarly Park**, 1998 **Paradise Street**, 1999 **Harvard Bale**, 2000 **Alencia Bale**, 2001 "Not held" 2002 **Jennev** 2003 **Why Complain** 2004 **Winter** 2005 **Best Quoted**, 2006 **Ronray Dancer**, 2007 **Flashing Floods**, 2008 **Elektra**, 2009 **Western Land**, 2010 **Drill' Em** and 2011 **Blue Lorian**.

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