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**GARRARD'S  
HORSE & HOUND**

## **Even Group 1 Winter Cup Final**

*by Neil Brown*

The Group 1 Garrards Horse and Hound Winter Cup Final has turned into a very even contest after the box draw was conducted following the completion of the five heats held at Albion Park on Thursday night. In a carbon copy of last year's final trainers Tony Apap and Anthony Azzopardi secured two runners each in next week's Group 1 sprint final.

The full field is made up of four Queensland chasers, two Victorian trainers runners and NSW rep's Cosmic Bonus, Tahlia's Way, plus both reserves are from across the border.

Victorian Trainer Anthony Azzopardi seems to hold the whip hand with 2016 Melbourne Cup winner Ando's Mac and fastest heat winner the impressive Nangar Rock.

Ando's Mac had to work hard early from box four, however once he found the front he looked in no danger of defeat winning well first up on the track in 29.84.

Nangar Rock also first up at Albion Park raced away for a strong performance in a fast 29.73. He has done all his racing in New South Wales arriving in Victoria in the middle of June and racked up wins at Ballarat and Shepparton. When racing in NSW he won in fast time on a couple of occasions at Wentworth Park and recorded smart best of the night efforts at Bulli.

First up after two months off Outside Pass finished a handy second to the Evelyn Harris trained Cosmic Bonus, she made the final last year finishing second to Zambora Brockie and has drawn well again in box two. Cosmic Bonus did a good job from the eight-box running 29.99.

Four-time Winter Cup winning trainer Tony Brett has extremely smart youngster Fast Times in the final he recorded a brilliant heat win leading all the way in 29.76.

He has had no luck with the box draw coming up with the four but has the ability to perhaps make it cup number five for Queensland's premier trainer. The Winter Cup has been a great race for the Brett family Tony's dad Dave also won the cup twice in 1994 and 1998.

Tony Apap's second finalist is Bubble Guppy he won his heat from box eight in 29.92 and has again drawn wide in the final. The other finalist is Queenslander Shoes To Fill, he finished a solid second behind Ando's Mac to qualify for the final.

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## GROUP ONE – GARRARDS WINTER CUP

\$75,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Local Market for the Garrard's Winter Cup Final 520m:

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<i>Box</i>	<i>Greyhound</i>	<i>Trainer</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>B/T</i>
 <b>1</b>	<b><i>Cosmic Bonus (NSW)</i></b>	<b><i>Evelyn Harris</i></b>	<b><i>\$3.50</i></b>	<b><i>29.85</i></b>
 <b>2</b>	<b><i>Outside Pass</i></b>	<b><i>Tony Apap</i></b>	<b><i>\$10</i></b>	<b><i>29.81</i></b>
 <b>3</b>	<b><i>Tahlia's Way (NSW)</i></b>	<b><i>John Dart</i></b>	<b><i>\$34</i></b>	<b><i>29.93</i></b>
 <b>4</b>	<b><i>Fast Times</i></b>	<b><i>Tony Brett</i></b>	<b><i>\$3.20</i></b>	<b><i>29.75</i></b>
 <b>5</b>	<b><i>Nangar Rock (VIC)</i></b>	<b><i>Anthony Azzopardi</i></b>	<b><i>\$6.50</i></b>	<b><i>29.73</i></b>
 <b>6</b>	<b><i>Shoes To Fill</i></b>	<b><i>Terry Auckram</i></b>	<b><i>\$17</i></b>	<b><i>29.75</i></b>
 <b>7</b>	<b><i>Bubble Guppy</i></b>	<b><i>Tony Apap</i></b>	<b><i>\$13</i></b>	<b><i>29.88</i></b>
 <b>8</b>	<b><i>Ando's Mac (VIC)</i></b>	<b><i>Anthony Azzopardi</i></b>	<b><i>\$3.50</i></b>	<b><i>29.84</i></b>
 <b>9</b>	<b><i>Joe's Drinking (RES) (NSW)</i></b>	<b><i>John Dart</i></b>	<b><i>\$34</i></b>	<b><i>30.07</i></b>
 <b>10</b>	<b><i>Tooka Turn (RES) (NSW)</i></b>	<b><i>Lee Wylie</i></b>	<b><i>\$13</i></b>	<b><i>29.98</i></b>

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

**John Brasch**

1<sup>st</sup> Ando's Mac  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nangar Rock  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fast Times

**Paul Dolan**

1<sup>st</sup> Fast Times  
2<sup>nd</sup> Outside Pass  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ando's Mac

**Luke Gatehouse**

1<sup>st</sup> Ando's Mac  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nangar Rock  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shoe's To Fill

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE NIGHT



**GARRARD'S**  
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**KILLER QUEEN**

Group 1 Racing  
Live Music Featuring:  
The Killer Queen Experience  
Giant Snow Globe  
Prizes and Giveaways

**WINTER CUP**  
THURSDAY 6 JULY 2017

We are getting ready to rock for the finale of the 2017 Greyhound Winter Carnival, featuring the Group 1 Garrard's Horse & Hound Winter Cup on Thursday night July 6!

Headlining the on-course entertainment is the Killer Queen Experience playing all their classic hits live! There's plenty of attractions for all the family with 10 kids bikes to be given away along with \$500 in UBET betting vouchers!

Don't miss any of the action, to book a function or to find out more, visit [brisgreys.com](http://brisgreys.com) or call 3862 1744 today!

## HISTORY

The Winter Carnival Cup has taken on many different forms over the years and has been conducted also at different times during those years. It was first staged at the Gabba in 1978 and sponsored by famous Queensland brewing company Castlemaine XXXX and known as their Trophy, it was run over the testing 558 metre sprint course. It remained the Castlemaine XXXX Trophy right up until 1992 apart from one year in 1987 when it was called the Christmas Trophy. When racing moved to Albion Park in 1993 the race was called the Christmas Stocking for one year and it continued its Group 1 status that the race had gained in 1991 and maintains currently. The feature dropped back to Group 2 in 1997 and 1998, but returned to Group 1 in 1999. Like many other feature races around Australia in the 90's it was sponsored by the Pet food company Eukanuba from 1994 to 1997 and its subsequent company Nutrience in 1998 and 1999. In the year 2000 the club developed the now successful Winter Carnival at the suggestion of race caller John Brasch and the race became that Carnival's major Group 1 feature the Winter Carnival Cup. It has been won by some champion sprinters over the years and the following is but a few of those stars. Call Me Roscoe 81, Glanzend 82, Acacia Park 84, Dancing Gamble 87, Golden Fox 88, Highly Blessed 90, Icen Princess 92, Toban Leah 94, Flying Amy 95, Roanokee 96, Wine Glass 97, Winged Runner 99, Mint Mojo 2001, Elite State 2003, 2004 Trewly Special and the only duel winner Glen Gallon in 2012-13. Tony Brett made it four wins in a row in 2014 with Flash Reality. Listed below is the full honour roll.

\*\*\*Event held twice in 1986 January & December. Held at the Gabba 1978 – 1992. Albion Park 1993 to Present

Year	Winner	Trainer	Time	Year	Winner	Trainer	Time
1978	<b>Brigadier North</b>	Harold Follett	<b>33.00</b>	1999	<b>Winged Runner</b>	John Reimer	<b>30.19</b>
1979	<b>Katie's Disco</b>	Steve Coleman	<b>32.74</b>	2000	<b>Short Model</b>	Lorraine Patterson	<b>30.00</b>
1980	<b>Wings Of Steel</b>	David Keep	<b>32.92</b>	2001	<b>Mint Mojo</b>	Ray Watson	<b>30.59</b>
1981	<b>Call Me Roscoe</b>	Ray Gatti	<b>32.84</b>	2002	<b>Awesome Machine</b>	Greg Stella	<b>30.11</b>
1982	<b>Glanzend</b>	Ernie Hill	<b>32.60</b>	2003	<b>Elite State</b>	Reg Kay	<b>29.97</b>
1983	<b>Duration</b>	Jim Roy	<b>32.91</b>	2004	<b>Trewly Special</b>	Tina Womann	<b>30.16</b>
1984	<b>Acacia Park</b>	Ron Brown	<b>32.90</b>	2005	<b>Hades Rocket</b>	Darren McDonald	<b>29.90</b>
1985	<b>Amber Flash</b>	Tony Zammit	<b>32.89</b>	2006	<b>Fenceline</b>	Engin Gemci	<b>29.92</b>
1986	<b>Sharyn's Vogue</b>	L Plunkett	<b>33.08</b>	2007	<b>Big Swell</b>	Tina Womann	<b>30.06</b>
1986	<b>Fifi She's Not</b>	Bill Moawad	<b>32.61</b>	2008	<b>Made To Size</b>	Reg Kay	<b>30.39</b>
1987	<b>Dancing Gamble</b>	Pauline Freund	<b>32.75</b>	2009	<b>Trew Millions</b>	Tina Womann	<b>30.17</b>
1988	<b>Golden Fox</b>	Dennis Reid	<b>32.99</b>	2010	<b>(Not Held)</b>		
1989	<b>Son of Ella</b>	Pat Masters	<b>32.63</b>	2011	<b>Iso Octane</b>	Tony Brett	<b>29.93</b>
1990	<b>Highly Blessed</b>	Doug Ferremi	<b>32.47</b>	2012	<b>Glen Gallon</b>	Tony Brett	<b>29.86</b>
1991	<b>Soldier On</b>	R Drummond	<b>32.60</b>	2013	<b>Glen Gallon</b>	Tony Brett	<b>29.80</b>
1992	<b>Icen Princess</b>	Peter Gilmore	<b>32.93</b>	2014	<b>Flash Reality</b>	Tony Brett	<b>29.71</b>
1993	<b>National Leader</b>	Pat Davis	<b>30.39</b>	2015	<b>Fabulous Storm</b>	Reg Hazelgrove	<b>29.83</b>
1994	<b>Toban Leah</b>	Dave Brett	<b>30.35</b>	2016	<b>Zambora Brockie</b>	Anthony Azzopardi	<b>29.72</b>
1995	<b>Flying Amy</b>	Ron Ball	<b>29.99</b>	2017			
1996	<b>Roanokee</b>	Roger Green	<b>30.06</b>	2018			
1997	<b>Wine Glass</b>	Pat Ryan	<b>30.34</b>	2019			
1998	<b>Shady Macbeth</b>	Dave Brett	<b>30.28</b>	2020			



Last Year's Melbourne Cup winner Ando's Mac winning his heat of the Winter Cup (Pic Box 1 Photography)

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