

Australian Greyhound Racing Association



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2011-2012 GROUP RACE CALENDAR



Message from the Executive Officer

Welcome to the 2011/2012 edition of the Australian Greyhound Racing Association's Group Race Calendar.

This year's calendar comprises a total of 100 events, broken into 27 Group 1, 34 Group 2 and 39 Group 3 events.

AGRA has continued to refine the calendar so as to minimise the clashing of events of similar standard and conditions. In addition, prizemoney criteria has been adjusted and the minimum first prizemoney levels for Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 events are now \$75,000, \$40,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

The Group calendar now includes Age Restricted Classics. All events forming this part of the calendar comply with the following criteria:

"The event, whether open to male greyhounds only, female greyhounds only or both, is to be restricted to greyhounds that were no older than 30 months of age on the first day of the month in which the heats of the event are scheduled to be staged when dates are initially approved by AGRA."

AGRA believes that the above criteria has been well received by participants and the exceptional nomination demand for the Age Restricted Classics in 2010/2011 season has vindicated the decision of AGRA to standardise the age requirement.

Once again, AGRA is delighted to have its Group Racing calendar sponsored by Sky Racing. Sky Racing's association with AGRA has been central to developing the profile of Group Racing and we are delighted to once again have a positive and mutually beneficial media partnership in place.

Greyhound enthusiasts are also advised that AGRA has re-designed its website – www.agra.com.au. The site is easy to navigate and is a one stop shop where tracking past, present and future group racing is available.

I wish all involved in supporting, participating or promoting events within the 2011/2012 Group Race Calendar the best of fortunes.

Brenton Scott
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



A Message from Sky Racing



Sky Racing continues to value its media partnership with the Australian Greyhound Racing Association and, in particular, the Group Race Calendar.

Group Racing represents the very best greyhound racing has to offer. It is central to stimulating increased interest in greyhound racing from the media, potential participants and wagering customers.

Sky Racing will continue to heighten awareness in Group

Racing via its coverage on Sky Racing Channels 1 and 2 and the weekly Catching Pen programme.

I congratulate AGRA on its continued innovation and look forward to the stellar season of racing that is promised in 2011/2012.

Brendan Parnell
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
Sky Racing

The Australian Greyhound Racing Association has published this Calendar as a service to the Greyhound Industry. At the time of completion, the information was believed to be correct. The Calendar has been published in good faith, but the AGRA does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies it may contain. Persons considering nominating for events promoted in this Calendar are therefore advised to confirm dates and other relevant information with the host organisations.

AGRA Group Racing Greyhound of the Year and Associated Awards

AGRA AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR

YEAR	GREYHOUND
2002	BOOMEROO
2003	BOMBASTIC SHIRAZ
2004	WHISKY ASSASSIN
2005	PURE OCTANE
2006	BETTY'S ANGEL
2007	FLASHING FLOODS
2008	EL GALO
2009	CINDEEN SHELBY
2010	EL GRAND SENOR

AGRA AUSTRALIAN TRAINER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	TRAINER
2007	JASON THOMPSON
2008	REG KAY
2009	GRAEME BATE
2010	DARREN MCDONALD

AGRA AUSTRALIAN STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

YEAR	STUD DOG
2007	TOKEN PRINCE & BRETT LEE (<i>Joint Winners</i>)
2008	BOMBASTIC SHIRAZ & TOKEN PRINCE (<i>Joint Winners</i>)
2009	BOMBASTIC SHIRAZ
2010	SURF LORIAN

AGRA AUSTRALIAN BROOD BITCH OF THE YEAR

YEAR	BROOD BITCH
2007	FLOOD FAWN
2008	CHINATOWN BABE
2009	THAI AGAIN
2010	ROSEMARY BALE

AGRA RUN OF THE YEAR

YEAR	RUN OF THE YEAR
2007	MISS GRUB
2008	CHINATOWN LAD
2009	TURANZA BALE
2010	SATANIC CASH

AGRA AUSTRALIAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

GREYHOUNDS BASED ON RACING PERFORMANCE

YEAR OF INDUCTION	GREYHOUND
1999	TENTHILL DOLL
1999	FLYING AMY
1999	RAPID JOURNEY
1999	HIGHLY BLESSED
2000	CHIEF HAVOC
2000	ZOOM TOP
2001	MACAREENA
2001	ROOKIE REBEL
2001	SANDI'S ME MUM
2002	BRETT LEE
2002	BOLD TREASE
2003	NATIONAL LASS
2003	WINIFRED BALE
2004	LIZRENE
2005	BOGIE LEIGH
2006	TEMLEE
2006	BLACK TOP
2007	PAUA TO BURN

MALE GREYHOUND BASED ON BREEDING PERFORMANCE

YEAR OF INDUCTION	GREYHOUND
2008	TEMLEE
2009	BLACK TOP

FEMALE GREYHOUND BASED ON BREEDING PERFORMANCE

YEAR OF INDUCTION	GREYHOUND
2008	OSTI TOO
2009	WEE SAL

TRAINERS

YEAR OF INDUCTION	RECIPIENT
2007	SAM BLADON
2008	RAY HERBERT
2008	JIM COLEMAN
2009	NED BRYANT
2009	STAN CLEVERLEY
2010	VIVIAN JAMES BERESFORD
2010	DOUG PAYNE

BREEDERS

YEAR OF INDUCTION	RECIPIENT
2008	ROD DEAKIN
2008	ALLEN WHEELER

ADMINISTRATORS

YEAR OF INDUCTION	RECIPIENT
2008	ARTHUR MORGAN
2008	ROY MAIDMENT
2008	HOWARD ASHTON
2009	J.G.(JACK) NELSON
2009	VIC PETERS
2009	HENRY HARRISON
2010	BRIAN JOHNSTONE
2010	NOEL BANKS

ASSOCIATES

YEAR OF INDUCTION	RECIPIENT
2008	BILL PEARSON
2008	PAUL AMBROSOLI
2009	DR JIM GANNON
2009	FRANK KENNEDY



2010 AGRA Greyhound of the year
El Grand Senor with Carolyn Jones

Cover: Pictured on this year's cover are the winners of the Group 1 Tattsbet.com National Sprint and Distance Championship held in South Australia at Angle Park on August 28, 2011. The Tattsbet.com National Sprint Championship was won by Smooth Fancy owned by Terry Kingcott and trained by Anthony Azzopardi. The winner of the Tattsbet.com National Distance Championship was won by Blue Lorain owned and trained by Peter Whye.



2011/12 Group 1 Events

\$75,000 to the winner
MGRC The Meadows
Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic 525M
July 16, 23, 30
Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.1.2009.

\$75,000 to the winner
BGRC Albion Park
Macro Meats National Distance Championship 710M
August 25
Greyhounds to qualify from each State.

\$75,000 to the winner
GRSA Angle Park
Adelaide Cup 515M
September 22, 29 (SA Preludes),
October 6, 13
Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.

\$75,000 to the winner
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Centrebet Vic Peters Classic 520M
October 22, 29, November 5
*Best 80 Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.4.2009.
Maidens ineligible.*

\$75,000 to the winner
SGRC Sandown Park
Bold Trease Carnival Cup 715M
November 10, 17
Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$75,000 to the winner
HGRC Hobart
Wrest Point Hobart Thousand 461M
December 8, 15
Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$75,000 to the winner
Sale & District GRC
Sale Cup 650M
December 18, 26
*Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
Maidens ineligible.*

\$75,000 to the winner
BGRC Albion Park
Macro Meats National Sprint Championship 520M
August 25
Greyhounds to qualify from each State.

\$100,000 to the winner
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
NSW NCA Paws Of Thunder 520M
September 17, 24, October 1
Best 80 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$125,000 to the winner
MGRA The Meadows
Topgun 525M
October 22
Invitation only.

\$200,000 to the winner
SGRA Sandown Park
Solo Melbourne Cup 515M
November 10, 17
Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$75,000 to the winner
BGRC Albion Park
Sky Racing Brisbane Cup 520M
November 24, December 1
Best greyhounds nominated.

\$75,000 to the winner
MGRA The Meadows
Silver Chief 525M
December 17, 24, 31
Male greyhounds whelped on or after 1.6.2009.

\$75,000 to the winner
NSW NCA The Gardens
Newcastle Herald National Derby 515M
January 20, 27, February 3
Best 48 male greyhounds nominated, whelped on or after 1.7.2009.



2011/12 Group 1 Events

\$75,000 to the winner
 NSW NCA The Gardens
Forsythes National Futurity 515M
 January 20, 27, February 3
Best 48 female greyhounds nominated, whelped on or after 1.7.2009.

\$140,000 to the winner
 GWA Cannington
Sky Racing Perth Cup 530M
 January 28, February 4
Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$75,000 to the winner
 MGRA The Meadows
Macro Meats Temlee 525M
 February 18
Best 8 greyhounds by invitation.

\$250,000 to the winner
 NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg 520M
 March 24, 31, April 7
Best 80 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$75,000 to the winner
 SGRC Sandown Park
Macro Meats Sapphire Crown 515M
 May 10, 17
Best 32 female greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$75,000 to the winner
 NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Rapidvite Peter Mosman Classic 520M
 June 2, 9, 16
Best 80 Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.12.2009. Maidens ineligible.

\$75,000 to the winner
 BGRC Albion Park
Garrards Winter Carnival Cup 520M
 June 28, July 5
Best greyhounds nominated.

\$80,000 to the winner
 GWA Cannington
Sky Racing Galaxy 715M
 January 28, February 4
Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$175,000 to the winner
 MGRA The Meadows
MTD Australian Cup 525M
 February 18, 25, March 3
Best greyhounds nominated. 56 top greyhounds to be seeded into semis. Remainder to compete in heats. Maidens ineligible.

\$75,000 to the winner
 MGRA The Meadows
Macro Meats Australian Super Stayers 725M
 February 25, March 3
Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.

\$75,000 to the winner
 NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Association Cup 720M
 March 31, April 7
Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

\$100,000 to the winner
 SGRC Sandown Park
Radio Sport National Sandown Cup 715M
 May 17, 24
Best greyhounds nominated.

\$75,000 to the winner
 BGRC Albion Park
Macro Meats Gold Cup 710M
 June 7, 14
Best greyhounds nominated.



2011/12 Group 2 Events

HOST	RACE NAME	DATES	FIRST PRIZE	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
SGRC Sandown Park	McKenna Memorial 595m	July 7, 14	\$40,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
Shepparton GRC	Shepparton Cup 450m	July 25, 29	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
NSW NCA The Gardens	Multicam Black Top 515m	August 27 September 3	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.
Healesville GRC	Healesville Cup 350m	September 11, 18	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
NSW GBOTA Lismore	Lismore Workers Club Cup 520m	October 18, 25	\$40,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GWA Cannington	Solo All Stars Sprint 530m	October 22, 29	\$40,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
MGRA The Meadows	Hume Cup (sponsored by Hume Council) 600m	October 22, 31	\$40,000	Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.
Geelong GRC	Geelong Cup 460m	October 28 November 4	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
MGRA The Meadows	Great Chase 525m	November 1 – 7, 14, 23	\$40,000	Victorian bred and trained greyhounds with 1 – 5 wins.
Dapto GRC	Country Winnebago Puppy Classic 520m	November 24 December 1, 8	\$75,000	Greyhounds sold through the 2010 Dapto Puppy Auction.
Ballarat GRC	Ballarat Cup 450m	November 30 December 7	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
SGRC Sandown Park	Macro Meats Laurels Classic 515m	December 15, 22, 29	\$50,000	Best 64 female greyhounds nominated plus reserves whelped on or after 1.6.2009.
NSW GBOTA Gosford	Woy Woy Poultry Supplies Gosford Gold Cup 515m	December 27 January 3	\$40,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Multiquip Bob Payne Summer Sprint 520m	January 7, 14	\$40,000	Best 32 greyhounds plus reserves.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Globe Memorial 720m	January 7, 14	\$40,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
Cranbourne GRC	Cranbourne Cup 520m	January 9, 15	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
Warragul GRC	Warragul Cup 460m	January 20, 25	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
Ipswich GRC	Vince Curry Memorial Maiden 520m*	January 28, February 7, 14, 23	\$40,000	Maidens Only.
LGRC The TOTE Racing Centre	Country Club Tasmania Launceston Cup 515m	February 6, 13	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
MGRA The Meadows	Macro Meats Zoom Top 725m	February 18	\$40,000	Best 8 greyhounds by invitation.
MGRA The Meadows	Macro Meats Rookie Rebel 600m	February 18	\$40,000	Best 8 greyhounds by invitation.
BGRC Albion Park	Brandon's Queensland Derby 520m	March 1, 8	\$40,000	Male greyhounds whelped on or after 1.9.2009. Maidens ineligible.



2011/12 *Group 2 Events*

HOST	RACE NAME	DATES	FIRST PRIZE	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
Richmond GRC	World 4 Pets Richmond Derby 535m	March 3, 10	\$40,000	Best male greyhounds nominated.
Horsham GRC	Horsham Cup 480m	March 7, 11	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
BGRC Albion Park	Macro Meats Bogie Leigh Futurity 520m	March 8, 15	\$40,000	Female greyhounds whelped on or after 1.9.2009. Maidens ineligible.
Bendigo GRA	Bendigo Cup 430m	April 4, 8	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
NSW GBOTA Maitland	J & H Air-Conditioning Maitland Gold Cup 450m	April 12, 19	\$40,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
Warrnambool GRC	Warrnambool Classic 450m	April 17, 18, 25 May 2	\$60,000	All greyhounds whelped between 1.7.2009 and 30.6.2010.
Warrnambool GRC	Warrnambool Cup 450m	April 25 May 2	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
Healesville GRC	Healesville Cup 350m	May 6, 13	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
SGRC Sandown Park	Harrison-Dawson 515m	May 10, 17	\$75,000	Best 32 male greyhounds nominated.
GWA Cannington	WA Derby 530m	May 12, 19	\$40,000	Best male greyhounds whelped on or after November 1, 2009. Maidens ineligible.
Traralgon GRC	Traralgon Cup 513m	June 15, 22	\$40,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible.
GWA Cannington	WA Oaks 530m	June 23, 30	\$40,000	Best female greyhounds whelped on or after November 1, 2009. Maidens ineligible.

*Special Status Approval.



2011/12 *Group 3 Events*

HOST	RACE NAME	DATES	FIRST PRIZE	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
Dapto GRC	Sportingbet Mega Star 520m	July 21, 28	\$25,000	July 21 Preludes for Best 8 greyhounds nominated. Other five finalists by Invitation.
MGRA The Meadows	AWM Distance Championship 725m	July 23, 30	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.
NSW NCA The Gardens	Laurie Healion Memorial Maiden 515m	July 23, 29 August 5	\$25,000	Maiden greyhounds.
Darwin Greyhound Association	Darwin Cup 537m	July 25, 29	\$25,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
Townsville GRC	Townsville Cup 498m	August 23, 30	\$25,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GRSA Angle Park	Coffex Coffee Oaks 515m	August 24 (SA Preludes) September 8, 15	\$25,000	Female greyhounds whelped on or after 1.3.2009. Maidens ineligible.
Dapto GRC	Dean Industrial Maiden 520m	August 31 September 8, 15	\$25,000	Maidens Only.
GRSA Angle Park	Coca Cola Derby 515m	August 31 (SA Preludes) September 15, 22	\$25,000	Male greyhounds whelped on or after 1.3.2009. Maidens ineligible.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Tedesco Menswear Chairman's Cup 720m	September 3, 10	\$25,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
Canberra GRC	Canberra Cup 530m	September 4, 11	\$25,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
Casino GRC	Casino Cup 484m	September 23, 30	\$25,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
BGRC Albion Park	Rover Mowers Cup 520m	October 6, 13	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
GWA Mandurah	Solo Mandurah Cup 490m	October 7, 14	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Pages Event Hire Sydney Cup 720m	October 8, 15	\$25,000	Best 16 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
SGRC Sandown Park	Sir John Dillon Memorial 715m	October 20, 27	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
Gawler GRC	Gawler Gold Cup 531m	October 30 November 6	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
SGRC Sandown Park	Macro Meats Shootout 515m	November 3	\$40,000	Best four greyhounds nominated as suited to format. Winner takes all.
Ipswich GRC	City of Ipswich Gold Cup 520m	November 10, 17	\$25,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GWA Cannington	Young Stars Classic 530m	November 12, 19	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated whelped on or after 1.5.2009. Maidens ineligible.
GRSA Angle Park	Brian Johnstone Memorial 515m	November 16, 24 December 1	\$25,000	SA bred greyhounds whelped in May 2009 to October 2009 only.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Schweppes Summer Cup 720m	November 26 December 3	\$25,000	Best 16 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	AAA Radiator Specialist Christmas Gift 520m	December 10, 17	\$25,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GWA Mandurah	Mandurah Mail Birthday Cup 405m	January 6, 13	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated based on grade.



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Group 3 Events

HOST	RACE NAME	DATES	FIRST PRIZE	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
North West GRC Devonport	Dowling McCarthy Hankook Tyres Devonport Cup 452m	January 10, 17	\$25,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GRSA Angle Park	SA Sprint Championship 515m	January 12, 19	\$25,000	Best SA trained greyhounds nominated.
NSW GBOTA Bulli	Centrebet Cyril Rowe Gold Plate 472m	January 16, 23	\$25,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GWA Cannington	Sky Racing Perth Cup Consolation 530m	February 4	\$25,000	Second eight qualifying greyhounds from heats of January 28.
Shoalhaven GRC	Nowra Summer Puppy Classic 520m	February 29 March 7, 18	\$25,000	Greyhounds whelped between January 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010. \$100 fee paid prior to 12 months of age.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Betfair Gold Cup 720m	March 10, 17	\$25,000	Best 16 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
Ipswich GRC	Highland Smash Repair Auction Series 520m	March 16, 23, 30 April 5	\$25,000	Greyhounds sold at 2010 Auction.
SGRC Sandown Park	Launching Pad 515m	March 22, 29	\$25,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Centrebet Magic Maiden 520m	March 25, 30 April 7	\$25,000	Best 88 greyhounds nominated plus reserves, based on conditions of entry.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	DeBortoli Wines The Ambrosoli 520m	April 7	\$25,000	Open to greyhounds that contested the Golden Easter Egg semi-finals. Preference given to highest placegetters not contesting Final.
BGRC Albion Park	Big Dog Cup 600m	April 12, 19	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
GRSA Angle Park	West End Draught Anniversary Cup 515m	April 12, 19	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
GRSA Angle Park	West End Draught Distance Championship 731m	April 12, 19	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Evans & Sons Jewellers Ladies Bracelet 520m	April 28 May 5	\$25,000	Best 32 female greyhounds nominated plus reserves.
GRSA Angle Park	SA Breeders Plate 515m	May 2, 10, 17	\$25,000	SA bred greyhounds whelped in November 2009 to May 2010.
NSW GBOTA Bulli	Ranvet Gold Cup 472m	May 21, 28	\$25,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves.

2011/12 Distance Events Summary

HOST	RACE NAME	(G)	DATES	FIRST PRIZE	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
MGRA The Meadows	AWM Distance Championship 725m	3	July 23, 30	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.
BGRC Albion Park	Macro Meats National Distance Championship 710m	1	August 25	\$75,000	Greyhounds to qualify from each state.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Tedesco Menswear Chairman's Cup 720m	3	September 3, 10	\$25,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Pages Event Hire Sydney Cup 720m	3	October 8, 15	\$25,000	Best 16 greyhounds nominated plus reserves
SGRC Sandown Park	Sir John Dillon Memorial 715m	3	October 20, 27	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated
MGRA The Meadows	Hume Cup (sponsored by Hume Council) 600m	2	October 22, 31	\$40,000	Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.
SGRC Sandown Park	Bold Trease Carnival Cup 715m	1	November 10, 17	\$75,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Schweppes Summer Cup 720m	3	November 26 December 3	\$25,000	Best 16 greyhounds nominated plus reserves
Sale & District GRC	Sale Cup 650m	1	December 18, 26	\$75,000	Best 64 greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Globe Memorial 720m	2	January 7, 14	\$40,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves
GWA Cannington	Sky Racing Galaxy 715m	1	January 28 February 4	\$80,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated
MGRA The Meadows	Macro Meats Zoom Top 725m	2	February 18	\$40,000	Best 8 greyhounds by invitation
MGRA The Meadows	Macro Meats Rookie Rebel 600m	2	February 18	\$40,000	Best 8 greyhounds by invitation
MGRA The Meadows	Macro Meats Australian Super Stayers 725m	1	February 25 March 3	\$75,000	Best greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible.
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Betfair Gold Cup 720m	3	March 10, 17	\$25,000	Best 16 greyhounds nominated plus reserves
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park	Association Cup 720m	1	March 31 April 7	\$75,000	Best 32 greyhounds nominated plus reserves
GRSA Angle Park	West End Draught Distance Championship 731m	3	April 12, 19	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated
BGRC Albion Park	Big Dog Cup 600m	3	April 12, 19	\$25,000	Best greyhounds nominated
SGRC Sandown Park	Radio Sport National Sandown Cup 715m	1	May 17, 24	\$100,000	Best greyhounds nominated
BGRC Albion Park	Macro Meats Gold Cup 710m	1	June 7, 14	\$75,000	Best greyhounds nominated

The AGRA NATIONALS

2011 Macro Meats NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL – ALBION PARK, QLD – Thursday, August 25, 2011

First Prize \$75,000 - Grand Final (Group 1)

Club	Track	Distance	Heat	State Final
LGRC	The TOTE Racing Centre	515m	August 1	August 8
GRSA	Angle park	515m	August 4	August 11
NSW GBOTA	Wentworth park	520m	August 6	August 13
WAGRA	Cannington	530m	August 6	August 13
MGRA	The meadows	525m	August 6	August 13
BGRC	Albion park	520m	August 11	August 18

2011 Macro Meats NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL – ALBION PARK, QLD – Thursday, August 25, 2011

First Prize \$75,000 - Grand Final (Group 1)

Club	Track	Distance	Heat	State Final
LGRC	The TOTE Racing Centre	720m	August 1	August 8
GRSA	Angle Park	731m	August 4	August 11
SGRC	Sandown Park	715m	August 4	August 11
NSW GBOTA	Wentworth Park	720m	August 6	August 13
WAGRA	Cannington	715m	August 6	August 13
BGRC	Albion Park	710m	August 11	August 18

- Nominations Close for all States with the relevant Authorities at 12 Noon on July 25, 2011
- Special Conditions of Entry forms are available at all AGRA Clubs

AGRA AGE RESTRICTED CLASSICS

Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic 525m (The Meadows)

Coffex Coffee Oaks 515m (Angle Park)

Coca Cola Derby 515m (Angle Park)

Centrebet Vic Peters Classic 520m (Wentworth Park)

Young Stars Classic 530m (Cannington)

Macro Meats Laurels Classic 515m (Sandown Park)

Silver Chief 525m (The Meadows)

Newcastle Herald National Derby 515m (The Gardens)

Forsythes National Futurity 515m (The Gardens)

Brandon's Queensland Derby 520m (Albion Park)

Macro Meats Bogie Leigh Futurity 520m (Albion Park)

WA Derby 530m (Cannington)

WA Oaks 530m (Cannington)

Rapidvite Peter Mosman Classic 520m (Wentworth Park)

2011/12 Chronological Calendar

JULY 2011

SGRC Sandown Park
McKenna Memorial 595m
Group 2
July 7, 14

Dapto GRC
Sportingbet Mega Star 520m
Group 3
July 21, 28

MGRC The Meadows
Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic 525m
Group 1
July 16, 23, 30

Shepparton GRC
Shepparton Cup 450m
Group 2
July 25, 29

Darwin Greyhound Association
Darwin Cup 537m
Group 3
July 25, 29

MGRC The Meadows
AWM Distance Championship 725m
Group 3
July 23, 30

NSW NCA The Gardens
Laurie Healion Memorial Maiden 515m
Group 3
July 23, 29, August 5

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Townsville GRC
Townsville Cup 498m
Group 3
August 23, 30

GRSA Angle Park
Coffex Coffee Oaks 515m
Group 3
August 24, (SA Preludes)
September 8, 15

BGRC Albion Park
Macro Meats National Sprint Championship 520m
Group 1
August 25

BGRC Albion Park
Macro Meats National Distance Championship 710m
Group 1
August 25

NSW NCA The Gardens
Multicam Black Top 515m
Group 2
August 27, September 3

Dapto GRC
Dean Industrial Maiden 520m

Group 3
August 31, September 8, 15

GRSA Angle Park
Coca Cola Derby 515m
Group 3
August 31 (SA Preludes)
September 15, 22

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NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Tedesco Menswear Chairman's Cup 720m
Group 3
September 3, 10

Canberra GRC
Canberra Cup 530m
Group 3
September 4, 11

Healesville GRC
Healesville Cup 350m
Group 2
September 11, 18

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
NSW NCA Paws of Thunder 520m
Group 1
September 17, 24, October 1

GRSA Angle Park
Adelaide Cup 515m
Group 1
September 22, 29, October 6, 13

Casino GRC
Casino Cup 484m
Group 3
September 23, 30

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BGRC Albion Park
Rover Mowers Cup 520m
Group 3
October 6, 13

GWA Mandurah
Solo Mandurah Cup 490m
Group 3
October 7, 14

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Pages Event Hire Sydney Cup 720m
Group 3
October 8, 15

NSW GBOTA Lismore
Lismore Workers Club Cup 520m
Group 2
October 18, 25

SGRC Sandown Park
Sir John Dillon Memorial 715m
Group 3
October 20, 27

MGRC The Meadows
Topgun 525m
Group 1
October 22

GWA Cannington
Solo All Stars Sprint 530m
Group 2
October 22, 29

MGRC The Meadows
Hume Cup (sponsored by Hume Council) 600m
Group 2
October 22, 31

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Centrebet Vic Peters Classic 520m
Group 1
October 22, 29, November 5

Geelong GRC
Geelong Cup 460m
Group 2
October 28, November 4

Gawler GRC
Gawler Gold Cup 531m
Group 3
October 30, November 6

NOVEMBER 2011

MGRC The Meadows
Great Chase 525m
Group 2
November 1 – 7, 14, 23

SGRC Sandown Park
Macro Meats Shootout 515m
Group 3
November 3

SGRA Sandown Park
Solo Melbourne Cup 515m
Group 1
November 10, 17

SGRC Sandown Park
Bold Trease Carnival Cup 715m
Group 1
November 10, 17

Ipswich GRC
City of Ipswich Gold Cup 520m
Group 3
November 10, 17

GWA Cannington
Young Stars Classic 530m
Group 3
November 12, 19

GRSA Angle Park
Brian Johnstone Memorial 515m
Group 3
November 16, 24, December 1

BGRC Albion Park
Sky Racing Brisbane Cup 520m
Group 1
November 24, December 1

Dapto GRC
Country Winnebago Puppy Classic 520m
Group 2
November 24, December 1, 8

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Schwepes Summer Cup 720m
Group 3
November 26, December 3

Ballarat GRC
Ballarat Cup 450m
Group 2
November 30, December 7

DECEMBER 2011

HGRC Hobart
Wrest Point Hobart Thousand 461m
Group 1
December 8, 15

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
AAA Radiator Specialist Christmas Gift 520m
Group 3
December 10, 17

SGRC Sandown Park
Macro Meats Laurels Classic 515m
Group 2
December 15, 22, 29

MGRC The Meadows
Silver Chief 525m
Group 1
December 17, 24, 31

Sale & District GRC
Sale Cup 650m
Group 1
December 18, 26

NSW GBOTA Gosford
Woy Woy Poultry Supplies Gosford Gold Cup 515m
Group 2
December 27, January 3

JANUARY 2012

GWA Mandurah
Mandurah Mail Birthday Cup 405m
Group 3
January 6, 13

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Multiquip Bob Payne Summer Sprint 520m
Group 2
January 7, 14

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park
Globe Memorial 720m
Group 2
January 7, 14

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Cranbourne GRC Cranbourne Cup 520m

Group 2
January 9, 15

North West GRC Devonport Dowling McCarthy Hankook Tyres Devonport Cup 452m

Group 3
January 10, 17

GRSA Angle Park SA Sprint Championship 515m

Group 3
January 12, 19

NSW GBOTA Bulli Centrebet Cyril Rowe Gold Plate 472m

Group 3
January 16, 23

Warragul GRC Warragul Cup 460m

Group 2
January 20, 25

NSW NCA The Gardens Newcastle Herald National Derby 515m

Group 1
January 20, 27. February 3

NSW NCA The Gardens Forsythes National Futurity 515m

Group 1
January 20, 27. February 3

GWA Cannington Sky Racing Galaxy 715m

Group 1
January 28. February 4

GWA Cannington Sky Racing Perth Cup 530m

Group 1
January 28. February 4

Ipswich GRC Vince Curry Memorial Maiden 520m

Group 2
January 28. February 7, 14, 23

FEBRUARY 2011

GWA Cannington Sky Racing Perth Cup Consolation 530m

Group 3
February 4

LGRC The TOTE Racing Centre Country Club Tasmania Launceston Cup 515m

Group 2
February 6, 13

MGRA The Meadows MTD Australian Cup 525m

Group 1
February 18, 25. March 3

MGRA The Meadows Macro Meats Temlee 525m

Group 1
February 18

MGRA The Meadows Macro Meats Zoom Top 725m

Group 2
February 18

MGRA The Meadows Macro Meats Rookie Rebel 600m

Group 2
February 18

MGRA The Meadows Macro Meats Australian Super Stayers 725m

Group 1
February 25. March 1

Shoalhaven GRC Nowra Summer Puppy Classic 520m

Group 3
February 29. March 7, 18

MARCH 2012

BGRC Albion Park Brandon's Queensland Derby 520m

Group 2
March 1, 8

Richmond GRC World 4 Pets Richmond Derby 535m

Group 2
March 3, 10

Horsham GRC Horsham Cup 480m

Group 2
March 7, 11

BGRC Albion Park Macro Meats Bogie Leigh Futurity 520m

Group 2
March 8, 15

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park Betfair Gold Cup 720m

Group 2
March 10, 17

Ipswich GRC Highland Smash Repair Auction Series 520m

Group 3
March 16, 23, 30. April 5

SGRC Sandown Park Launching Pad 515m

Group 3
March 22, 29

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park Macro Meats Golden

Easter Egg 520m

Group 1
March 24, 31. April 7

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park Centrebet Magic Maiden 520m

Group 3
March 25, 30. April 7

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park Association Cup 720m

Group 1
March 31. April 7

APRIL 2012

Bendigo GRA Bendigo Cup 425m

Group 2
April 4, 8

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park DeBortoli Wines The Ambrosoli 520m

Group 3
April 7

GRSA Angle Park West End Draught Anniversary Cup 515m

Group 3
April 12, 19

GRSA Angle Park West End Draught Distance Championship 731m

Group 3
April 12, 19

BGRC Albion Park Big Dog Cup 600m

Group 3
April 12, 19

NSW GBOTA Maitland J & H Air-Conditioning Maitland Gold Cup 450m

Group 2
April 12, 19

Warrambool GRC Warrambool Classic 450m

Group 2
April 17, 18, 25. May 2

Warrambool GRC Warrambool Cup 450m

Group 2
April 25. May 2

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park Evans & Sons Jewellers Ladies Bracelet 520m

Group 3
April 28. May 5

MAY 2012

GRSA Angle Park SA Breeders Plate 515m

Group 3
May 2, 10, 17

Healesville GRC Healesville Cup 350m

Group 2
May 6, 13

SGRC Sandown Park Macro Meats apphire Crown 515m

Group 1
May 10, 17

SGRC Sandown Park Harrison-Dawson 515m

Group 2
May 10, 17

GWA Cannington WA Derby 530m

Group 2
May 12, 19

SGRC Sandown Park Radio Sport National Sandown Cup 715m

Group 1
May 17, 24

NSW GBOTA Bulli Ranvet Gold Cup 472m

Group 3
May 21, 28

JUNE 2012

BGRC Albion Park Macro Meats Gold Cup 710m

Group 1
June 7, 14

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park Rapidvite Peter Mosman Classic 520m

Group 2
June 2, 9, 16

Traralgon GRC Traralgon Cup 513m

Group 2
June 15, 22

GWA Cannington WA Oaks 530m

Group 2
June 23, 30

BGRC Albion Park Garrards Winter Carnival Cup 520m

Group 1
June 28, July 5

Selection Criteria for Group Races

Primary Criteria



1. Group 1 status shall apply to those events which carry a minimum prizemoney of \$75,000 cash to the winner and have been conducted for at least 6 years or are 'protected status' or 'special status' Group 1 events. Winner's prizemoney must be between 65% and 74% of the total prizemoney paid to the first three placegetters.



2. Group 2 status shall apply to those events which carry prizemoney of between \$40,000 and \$74,999 cash to the winner and have been conducted for at least 6 years or are 'special status' Group 2 events. Winner's prizemoney must be between 65% and 74% of the total prizemoney paid to the first three placegetters.



3. Group 3 status shall apply to those events which carry prizemoney of between \$25,000 and \$39,999 cash to the winner and have been conducted for a minimum of three years or are 'special status' Group 3 events. Winner's prizemoney must be between 65% and 74% of the total prizemoney paid to the first three placegetters.

General Criteria

1. All registered greyhounds clubs in Australia are eligible to apply to the Group Race Co-Ordinator of the AGRA to have their respective feature events classified according to this criteria and must do so annually on the special Group Race application form. All Group Race applications will be subject to consideration by the AGRA Group Race Committee. The Group Race Committee will comprise the Chief Executive Officers of all AGRA Member Organisations as applies at any time. Once the Group Race Calendar has been approved by the Group Racing Committee and ratified at an AGRA General Meeting the following conditions apply to any organisation proposing a date change:

(a) *That any changes to Group dates proposed by a club subsequent to the calendar approval by AGRA, be requested via the AGRA Group Race Committee.*

(b) *The decision of the AGRA Group Race Committee is to be upheld by the applying club.*

(c) *Where a club disregards the decision of the AGRA Group Race Committee or changes a Group race dates without advising the AGRA Group Race Committee, then the future Group status of the said event maybe reviewed.*

2. Where a 'new' event satisfies the prizemoney criteria for Group 1 or Group 2 and has been conducted for a minimum of three consecutive years, such event shall receive Group status one lower in ranking, i.e. Group 2 or Group 3, whichever is applicable. If the new event is conducted for a further three years, it will be elevated to the Group status that its prizemoney warranted, provided that the said prizemoney was paid throughout the aforementioned 'further three years'.

(For example a new event which carries prizemoney of \$40,000 to the winner will not receive its initial ranking until Year 4 and in that connection, in Year 4 it will carry Group 3 status irrespective of whether the prizemoney paid to the winner continued to be \$40,000 or was, say, elevated to \$75,000. Following a further consecutive three years of a minimum prizemoney standard equal to the Group levels above, the event will receive its appropriate ranking in Year 7, noting of course that the race must carry the respective minimum prizemoney for at least the three years immediately prior to Year 7).

3. Where a new event satisfies the prizemoney criteria for Group 3, it must be conducted for three years, satisfying the prizemoney criteria in each of the three years, before it is able to be considered for Group 3 ranking. Any new event which receives Group 3 ranking in Year 4 of conduct must be conducted for a further two years (ie six years in total) before it is able to be considered for an elevation in Group status irrespective of prizemoney paid.

4. Should any event drop in status for whatever reason, that event shall not be elevated to its former Group status until it has been conducted for a minimum period of three years and carried appropriate prizemoney for the new ranking.

Selection Criteria for Group Races

5. The Group Race Committee is entitled to use its discretion, by invitation, to enable a Group 2 event to be ranked Group 1 irrespective of the minimum prizemoney requirement, or maintain such event as a Group 1 event in circumstances where the event has been conducted for a period in excess of 25 years. Where the Group Race is ranked Group 1 under this clause, it will be referred to as a 'protected' Group 1 event. Any event granted 'protected status' will have such status reviewed annually by the Group Race Committee.
6. The Group Race Committee is empowered to issue a 'caution' to any club conducting a Group Race advising that consideration may be given to downgrading a race should the event not meet the required standard of its classification.
 - i Should the event attract nominations of mediocre standard;
 - ii Should the event lack nomination numbers;
 - iii The hosting club be struggling to sustain prizemoney levels.

(The caution clause would be applied with a majority vote of the Group Racing Committee determining that the clubs be so advised and they be given two years until further review. The Committee will then decide whether there has been improvement in the event over the past three years and conducts a vote to determine whether the event should be downgraded, de-listed in the case of Group 3 or retain its status).
7. Any event, including existing events, which in the opinion of the Group Race Committee, has its conditions of entry significantly amended and which is therefore considered to be a 'new' event, will be classified as such and be subject to the criteria for new events.
8. Where an event (a) is restricted to greyhounds bred and/or owned and/or trained in a particular State or Territory or (b) is restricted to greyhounds sold through a particular sale or auction or (c) requires the payment of a nomination, commission or entry fee higher than \$100 or (d) requires a nomination fee to be paid prior to eligible greyhounds becoming 12 months of age; such event shall not, any circumstances, receive Group status higher than Group 2.
9. No event for Maiden greyhounds shall be classified higher than Group 3, irrespective of the prizemoney paid to the winner.
10. The Group Race Committee may consider applications for events to receive Group ranking outside the primary and general criteria set down, provided the Group Race Committee is satisfied with the reasons detailed in the special application. Where the Group Race Committee agrees to provide a ranking outside of primary and general criteria, the event will be considered to have received 'special status'. All 'special status' rankings will be reviewed by the Group Race Committee annually.
11. The Australian Greyhound Racing Association will ratify all Group Race applications and decisions of the Group Race Committee at its Annual or Bi-Annual General Meetings.

Levies for Group Races

Levies apply to all Group Races which are approved by the Group Race Committee and included in the Group Race Calendar. Invoices are forwarded to each club by the AGRA Treasurer. The levies payable are as follows: Group 1 \$400 plus GST. Group 2 \$255 plus GST. Group 3 \$125 plus GST.

Age Restricted Events

As part of its promotion of Group Racing, in 2010/2011, the AGRA classified a series of Age Restricted Events as Age Restricted Classics.

To be eligible for categorization as an AGRA Age Restricted Classic, the said race must meet the following requirements:

- The event must be ranked as a Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3 event.
- The event, whether open to male greyhounds only, female greyhounds only or both, is to be restricted to greyhounds that were no older than 30 months of age on the first day of the month in which the heats of the event are scheduled to be staged when dates are initially approved by AGRA.
- Greyhounds that have not won a maiden race will be ineligible to contest any event approved as an Age Restricted Classic within the AGRA Group Racing Calendar.



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