



Australian Greyhound  
Racing Association

# 2009 GROUP RACE CALENDAR



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# Message from the President



On behalf of the Australian Greyhound Racing Association, it is with great pleasure that I present the 2009 Group Racing calendar.

The events that form the Group Racing calendar are the very finest examples of high quality greyhound racing in Australia.

In 2009, a total of 108 Group Races will be staged throughout the land. Of these, 25 will be afforded Group 1 status, 44 Group 2 status and 39 Group 3 status.

Group Racing was founded by the AGRA in 1990 and it is now one of the most powerful 'brand' tools available to the Greyhound Racing Industry.

Group events are contested by the Nation's best greyhounds. Success in these events represents the benchmark for racing excellence and there is now a strong correlation between Group Racing and increased wagering activity.

I wish to thank all of the clubs that have assisted in programming the wonderful array of events that have been classified with Group status. I also thank Sky Channel for its ongoing sponsorship.

And finally, to all stakeholders in our wonderful Industry, I trust that the next year of Group Racing brings to you many highlights and much enjoyment.

Gabriel (Bill) Mangafas  
PRESIDENT, AGRA.

## From the Sponsor



Sky Channel again appreciates that opportunity to be associated with the Australian Greyhound Racing Association's Group Racing calendar.

Group racing has been a great success story for the Australian Greyhound Industry and Sky Channel has enjoyed very much its role in co-promotion.

There is no doubt that the interest of all Greyhound Racing enthusiasts is heightened by the high quality competition generated by the events within the calendar. This means more people tune into Greyhound Racing, more wagering investment follows and so the ongoing profile of the Greyhound Industry increases.

In addition to its sponsorship of the calendar, Sky Channel will continue its promotion of Group Racing in a variety of ways. Various live hostings will again boost the status of the best Group events and Group Racing will be a central point of promotion.

I congratulate Bill Mangafas and all at AGRA for again ensuring a strong feature racing calendar is before us all in 2009.

Here's to some great greyhound racing moments in 2009!

Brendan Parnell  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
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# AGRA Group Racing Hall of Fame Inductee



## The Little Flying Machine - Paua To Burn

The Australian Greyhound Racing Association inducted Paua to Burn into the AGRA Group Racing Hall of Fame at its annual Conference in August 2007.

Paua To Burn was whelped in July 2002 and was bred by her owner-trainer Steve White of Nowra, NSW. Steve White had raced Paua To Burn's dam, Alice Dooley and also her Grand Dam, Impish Dancer, but in Paua To Burn, from the fourth litter and a repeat mating to Awesome Assassin, Steve White found his ultimate champion.

Paua To Burn started her career in February 2004 in the Vince Curry Maiden series at Ipswich but unluckily fell in the Final. Her next start in April 2004 was at her home track of Nowra, NSW where she set a new track record over 520m – it was her fifth race start. She continued with wins at Dapto and Wentworth Park and then headed to Melbourne to compete in the 2004 Laurels at Sandown Park and scored her first Group 1 win. The little champion went on to win a further three Group 1 events; the Sapphire Crown Classic in both 2004 and 2005 and the Golden Easter Egg of 2005, the latter win coming after an epic battle with Eiffella and considered perhaps her greatest victory.

## Career Snapshot :

### PAUA TO BURN

Black & White Bitch  
(Awesome Assassin x Alice Dooley)  
Whelped July, 2002

Breeder, Owner & Trainer: Steve White  
58 Starts - 28 wins - 13 placings

### Best Achievements:

2004 Laurels (G1) – SGRC Sandown Park  
2004 Sapphire Crown Classic (G1) – SGRC Sandown Park  
2005 Sapphire Crown Classic (G1) – SGRC Sandown Park  
2005 Golden Easter Egg (G1) – NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
2005 Temlee (G3) – MGRA The Meadows  
2006 New Year's Cup (G3) – MGRA The Meadows  
2006 Rookie Rebel (G3) – MGRA The Meadows

### Previous Hall of Fame Inductees:

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Tenthill Doll  | Flying Amy     |
| Highly Blessed | Chief Havoc    |
| Macreena       | Rapid Journey  |
| Brett Lee      | Zoom Top       |
| Lizrene        | Sandi's Me Mum |
| Bogie Leigh    | Temlee         |
| Winifred Bale  | Black Top      |



Cover: Pictured on this year's cover are the winners of the Group 1 Rapidvite National Sprint and Distance Championships held at Wentworth Park, NSW in August 2008. The Rapidvite Sprint Championship was won by Knocka Norris (Qld) trained by Reg Kay (top picture) and the Rapidvite National Distance Championship was won by Mantra Lad (Vic) trained by Graham Jose.



# 2009

## Group 1 Events

**\$50,000  
to the winner**

MGRA The Meadows  
**AJS Corporation Silver  
Chief 525m**

January 3 (Heats 20.12.08 Semis 27.12.08)

*Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.06*

**\$60,500  
to the winner**

GRSA Angle Park

**Sky Channel Adelaide Cup 515m**

January 8, 15, 22

*Best Greyhounds nominated. Top 8 (4 Interstate/4 SA) seeded to the Semis and Advertiser Interstate Challenge. All other greyhounds to run in Heats. Maidens ineligible.*

**\$50,000  
to the winner**

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Association Cup 720m**

January 10, 17

*Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats*

**\$50,000  
to the winner**

NSW NCA The Gardens

**National Derby 515m**

January 22, 30, February 6

*Best 80 Male Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.06. Maidens ineligible*

**\$50,000  
to the winner**

NSW NCA The Gardens

**National Futurity 515m**

January 23, 30, February 6

*Best 80 Female Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.06. Maidens ineligible*

**\$50,000  
to the winner**

MGRA The Meadows

**Temlee 525m**

February 14

*Best 8. Invitation only*

**\$150,000  
to the winner**

MGRA The Meadows

**Australian Cup 525m**

February 14, 21, 28

*Best Greyhounds nominated. 56 top greyhounds to be seeded into semis. Remainder to compete in heats for remaining positions. Maidens ineligible*

**\$50,000  
to the winner**

MGRA The Meadows

**Australian Stayers Trophy 725m**

February 21, 28

*Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible*

**\$140,000  
to the winner**

GWA Cannington

**Sky Channel Perth Cup 530m**

March 14, 21

*Best 64 Greyhounds nominated as selected by Grading Panel*

**\$80,000  
to the winner**

GWA Cannington

**Sky Channel Galaxy 715m**

March 14, 21

*Best Greyhounds nominated based on Distance Grade*

**\$150,000  
to the winner**

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park

**Nice Products Golden Easter Egg 520m**

March 28, April 4, 11

*Best 80 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 80 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats*

**\$100,000  
to the winner**

SGRC Sandown Park

**Radio Sport 927**

**Sandown Cup 715m**

May 7, 14

*Best Greyhounds nominated*



# 2009 Group 1 Events

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
MGRA The Meadows  
**Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic 525m**  
May 9, 16, 23  
*Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.1.07*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
SGRC Sandown Park  
**Hawkins Media Laurels Classic 515m**  
June 11, 18, 25  
*Female Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.3.07*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
GWA Cannington  
**National Sprint Championship 530m**  
September 5  
*Greyhounds to qualify from each State*

**\$100,000 to the winner**  
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Paws of Thunder 520m**  
September 19, 26  
*Best 80 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves*

**\$100,000 to the winner**  
MGRA The Meadows  
**Topgun 525m**  
October 24  
*By Invitation*

**\$175,000 to the winner**  
SGRC Sandown Park  
**Solo Melbourne Cup 515m**  
November 19, 26  
*Group exemption status for winners of nominated G1, G2 and G3 events. All others to qualify through preludes.*

**\$75,000 to the winner**  
Hobart GRC  
**Wrest Point Casino Hobart Thousand 461m**  
December 10, 17  
*Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
BGRC Albion Park  
**Cartwright Property Gold Cup 710m**  
May 28, June 4  
*Best Greyhounds nominated*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
BGRC Albion Park  
**Garrards Winter Carnival Cup 520m**  
July 16, 23  
*Best Greyhounds nominated*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
GWA Cannington  
**National Distance Championship 715m**  
September 5  
*Greyhounds to qualify from each State*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Schweppes Vic Peters Classic 520m**  
October 24, 31  
*Greyhounds whelped on or between 1.7.07 and 30.6.08*

**\$50,000 to the winner**  
SGRC Sandown Park  
**Sapphire Crown Classic 515m**  
October 29, November 5  
*Female Greyhounds Only*

**\$55,000 to the winner**  
BGRC Albion Park  
**Sky Channel Brisbane Cup 520m**  
December 3, 10  
*Best Greyhounds nominated*



# 2009 Group 2 Events

| <b>AUTHORITY /CLUB</b>      | <b>RACE NAME</b>   | <b>DIST</b> | <b>DATES</b>                  | <b>FIRST PRIZE</b> | <b>SPECIAL CONDITIONS</b>   |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| NSW GBOTA<br>Gosford        | <b>Woy Woy Poultry<br/>Gosford Gold Cup</b>                  | 515m        | January 6<br>(Heats 30.12.08) | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| Cranbourne GRC              | <b>Cranbourne Cup</b>  | 520m        | January 5, 12                 | <b>\$30,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible  |
| SGRC<br>Sandown Park        | <b>Maidment Memorial</b>                                     | 715m        | January 22, 29                | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |
| Warragul GRC                | <b>Warragul Cup</b>  | 424m        | January 25, 30                | <b>\$26,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated. Blind draw for heats. Maidens ineligible  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Gold Cup</b>  | 720m        | February 7, 14                | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 16 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| LGRC<br>Tasman Park         | <b>Country Club Tasmania<br/>Launceston Cup</b>              | 515m        | February 9, 16                | <b>\$40,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| MGRA<br>The Meadows         | <b>Zoom Top</b>  | 725m        | February 14                   | <b>\$30,000</b>    | Best 8. Invitation only   |
| MGRA<br>The Meadows         | <b>Rookie Rebel</b>  | 600m        | February 14                   | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 8. Invitation only   |
| Richmond GRC                | <b>World 4 Pets<br/>Richmond Derby</b>                       | 535m        | February 20, 27               | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Male Greyhounds nominated  |
| Horsham GRC                 | <b>Westside Tabaret<br/>Horsham Cup</b>                      | 480m        | March 4, 8                    | <b>\$28,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| BGRC Albion Park            | <b>Bogie Leigh<br/>Queensland Futurity</b>                   | 520m        | March 12, 19                  | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Female Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.5.06  |
| Bendigo GRC                 | <b>Bendigo Cup</b>   | 430m        | April 8, 12                   | <b>\$26,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Schweppes WA Oaks</b>                                     | 530m        | April 18, 25                  | <b>\$35,000</b>    | Best Female Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.1.07. Maidens ineligible   |
| Warrnambool GRC             | <b>Warrnambool Classic</b>                                   | 450m        | April 21, 22, 29<br>May 6     | <b>\$60,000</b>    | For Greyhounds whelped between 12.7.06 to 30.6.07   |
| Warrnambool GRC             | <b>Warrnambool Cup</b>                                       | 450m        | April 29<br>May 6             | <b>\$28,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Alan Evans Jewellery<br/>Workshop Ladies<br/>Bracelet</b> | 520m        | May 2, 9                      | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 32 Female Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Brittons WA Derby</b>                                     | 530m        | May 23, 30                    | <b>\$35,000</b>    | Best Male Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.1.07. Maidens ineligible   |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Peter Mosman Classic</b>                                  | 520m        | May 30<br>June 6              | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.1.07   |
| Tweed Heads CC              | <b>Border Park Galaxy</b>                                    | 420m        | June 6, 8                     | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| Wangaratta GRC              | <b>Wangaratta Cup</b>  | 474m        | June 8, 12                    | <b>\$26,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible   |
| BGRC Albion Park            | <b>Brandons Electrical<br/>Queensland Derby</b>              | 520m        | June 11, 18                   | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Male Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.11.06   |
| SGRC<br>Sandown Park        | <b>McKenna Memorial</b>                                      | 715m        | June 18, 25                   | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |



# 2009 Group 2 Events

| <b>AUTHORITY /CLUB</b>      | <b>RACE NAME</b>                              | <b>DIST</b> | <b>DATES</b>                      | <b>FIRST PRIZE</b> | <b>SPECIAL CONDITIONS</b>  |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Overflo at Stud Bob Payne Winter Stake</b> | 520m        | June 27<br>July 4                 | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats |
| BGRC Albion Park            | <b>Gold Coast Cup</b>                         | 520m        | July 2, 9                         | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Young Star Classic</b>                     | 520m        | July 18, 25                       | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.07. Maidens ineligible  |
| MGRA The Meadows            | <b>AWM Distance Championship</b>              | 725m        | July 18, 25                       | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible  |
| NSW NCA<br>The Gardens      | <b>Multicam Black Top</b>                     | 515m        | September 2, 9                    | <b>\$30,000</b>    | Best 80 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| Traralgon GRC               | <b>Traralgon Cup</b>                          | 513m        | September 11, 18                  | <b>\$26,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Maidens ineligible   |
| Ipswich GRC                 | <b>Highland Smash Repairs Auction Series</b>  | 520m        | September 23, 30<br>October 6, 14 | <b>\$35,000</b>    | Restricted to Greyhounds sold at 2007 Auction  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Sydney Cup</b>                             | 720m        | September 26<br>October 3         | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 16 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn  |
| Geelong GRC                 | <b>Geelong Australia Gold Cup</b>             | 457m        | October 2, 9, 16                  | <b>\$40,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible. Blind draw no guarding in Heats or Semis  |
| SGRC<br>Sandown Park        | <b>Sir John Dillon Memorial</b>               | 715m        | October 8, 15                     | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Schweppes All Stars Sprint</b>             | 530m        | October 17, 24                    | <b>\$40,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated based on grade   |
| Ipswich GRC                 | <b>City of Ipswich Gold Cup</b>               | 520m        | October 21, 28                    | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| MGRA<br>The Meadows         | <b>Hume Cup</b>                               | 725m        | October 24<br>November 2          | <b>\$30,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible  |
| Shepparton GRC              | <b>Shepparton Cup</b>                         | 450m        | October 26, 31                    | <b>\$26,500</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Lismore        | <b>Lismore Workers Club Cup</b>               | 520m        | November 3, 10                    | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Pages Hire Summer Cup</b>                  | 720m        | November 7, 14                    | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 16 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible   |
| Dapto GRC                   | <b>Country Motor Puppy Auction</b>            | 520m        | November 12,<br>19, 26            | <b>\$50,000</b>    | Greyhounds sold at 2008 Dapto Auction  |
| SGRC<br>Sandown Park        | <b>Bold Trease Carnival Cup</b>               | 715m        | November 19, 26                   | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 24 Greyhounds nominated   |
| MGRA<br>The Meadows         | <b>GRV The Great Chase</b>                    | 525m        | November 25                       | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Victorian bred and trained. 1 to 5 wins, to qualify at Victorian Provincials   |
| Ballarat GRC                | <b>Petstock Ballarat Cup</b>                  | 450m        | December 2, 9                     | <b>\$30,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated   |
| Sale & District<br>GRC      | <b>Sale Cup</b>                               | 650m        | December 20, 27                   | <b>\$30,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated  |



# 2009 *Group 3 Events*

| <b>AUTHORITY /CLUB</b>   | <b>RACE NAME</b>                                   | <b>DIST</b> | <b>DATES</b>                  | <b>FIRST PRIZE</b> | <b>SPECIAL CONDITIONS</b>   |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| NSW GBOTA Bulli          | <b>Bulli Gold Plate</b>                            | 472m        | January 6<br>(Heats 31.12.08) | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| GRSA Angle Park          | <b>West End Draught Distance Championship</b>      | 731m        | January 1, 8                  | <b>\$17,500</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |
| GWA Mandurah             | <b>Birthday Cup</b>                                | 405m        | January 2, 9                  | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated based on grade   |
| NSW GBOTA Bulli          | <b>South Coast Cup</b>                             | 472m        | February 4, 11                | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| Ipswich GRC              | <b>Highland Smash Repairs Vince Curry Memorial</b> | 520m        | February 7, 18, 25<br>March 4 | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Maidens Only  |
| SGRC Sandown Park        | <b>DDC Launching Pad</b>                           | 515m        | February 19, 26               | <b>\$25,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated. 1 to 5 wins only  |
| Dapto GRC                | <b>Wollongong City Council Cup</b>                 | 520m        | February 19, 26               | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| Shoalhaven GRC           | <b>Nowra Summer Puppy Classic</b>                  | 520m        | February 23<br>March 2, 9     | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Greyhounds whelped between 1.1.07 and 30.6.07. \$100 one off entry fee  |
| GWA Cannington           | <b>Swan Draught Stayers Challenge</b>              | 715m        | March 7                       | <b>\$22,500</b>    | Best WA Greyhounds v Best Interstate Greyhounds as selected by Grading Panel  |
| GWA Cannington           | <b>Swan Draught Sprint Challenge</b>               | 530m        | March 7                       | <b>\$22,500</b>    | Best WA Greyhounds v Best Interstate Greyhounds as selected by Grading Panel  |
| GWA Cannington           | <b>Sky Channel Perth Cup Consolation</b>           | 530m        | March 21                      | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Second Placegetters from Heats of the Perth Cup   |
| NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park | <b>Multiquip Magic Maiden</b>                      | 520m        | March 29<br>April 6, 11       | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Maidens Only  |
| NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park | <b>Globe Memorial Easter Chase</b>                 | 720m        | April 11                      | <b>\$20,000</b>    | By Invitation Only  |
| NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park | <b>The Debortoli Ambrosoli</b>                     | 520m        | April 11                      | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Greyhounds that contest the Golden Easter Egg Semis (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> placegetters given preference) |
| NSW GBOTA Maitland       | <b>Maitland Gold Cup</b>                           | 450m        | April 16, 23                  | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| GRSA Angle Park          | <b>West End Draught Anniversary Cup</b>            | 515m        | April 16, 23                  | <b>\$17,500</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |
| SGRC Sandown Park        | <b>Lizrene Classic</b>                             | 715m        | April 16, 23                  | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |
| GRSA Angle Park          | <b>SA Breeders Plate</b>                           | 515m        | April 29<br>May 7, 14         | <b>\$19,000</b>    | For SA Bred Greyhounds whelped from 1.11.06 to 30.4.07  |
| NSW GBOTA Bulli          | <b>Bulli Gold Cup</b>                              | 472m        | May 20, 27                    | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Best 64 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| SGRC Sandown Park        | <b>The Dawson</b>                                  | 515m        | May 28<br>June 4              | <b>\$40,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves  |
| BGRC Albion Park         | <b>Big Dog Pet Foods Queensland Cup</b>            | 600m        | June 18, 25                   | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |
| Darwin GA of the NT      | <b>Darwin Cup</b>                                  | 537m        | July 27, 31                   | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated   |
| Potts Park GRC           | <b>Bankstown City Cup</b>                          | 530m        | August 29<br>September 5      | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Greyhounds with up to 4 City wins. Maidens ineligible   |



# 2009 Group 3 Events

| <b>AUTHORITY /CLUB</b>      | <b>RACE NAME</b>                     | <b>DIST</b> | <b>DATES</b>                  | <b>FIRST PRIZE</b> | <b>SPECIAL CONDITIONS</b>  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Dapto GRC                   | <b>Dapto Leagues Club Maiden</b>     | 520m        | September 3, 10, 17           | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Maidens Only   |
| Canberra GRC                | <b>Canberra Cup</b>                  | 530m        | September 6, 13               | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Tedesco's Chairman's Cup</b>      | 720m        | September 12, 19              | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats             |
| GRSA Angle Park             | <b>Coffex Coffee Oaks</b>            | 515m        | September 16, 24<br>October 1 | <b>\$22,000</b>    | Female Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.07. Unraced greyhounds ineligible  |
| GRSA Angle Park             | <b>Coca Cola Derby</b>               | 515m        | September 30<br>October 8, 15 | <b>\$22,000</b>    | Male Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.07. Unraced greyhounds ineligible  |
| Casino GRC                  | <b>Charcoal Inn Casino Cup</b>       | 484m        | October 2, 9                  | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| GWA Mandurah                | <b>The Schweppes</b>                 | 492m        | October 2, 9                  | <b>\$22,500</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated based on grade   |
| NSW NCA<br>The Gardens      | <b>Newcastle Cup</b>                 | 715m        | October 21, 28                | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| GRSA Angle Park             | <b>SA Sprint Championship</b>        | 515m        | October 22, 29                | <b>\$18,750</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated subject to SA domicile conditions  |
| MGRA The<br>Meadows         | <b>Sport 927 Silver Bullet</b>       | 525m        | November 2                    | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 8 Greyhounds nominated  |
| GRSA Gawler                 | <b>Gawler Gold Cup</b>               | 531m        | November 10, 15               | <b>\$18,750</b>    | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| SGRC Sandown<br>Park        | <b>The Shootout</b>                  | 515m        | November 12                   | <b>\$20,000</b>    | Maximum of 4 runners. Best nominations suited to the Shootout format as determined by the Club. Winner takes all   |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Young Stars Classic</b>           | 530m        | November 14, 21               | <b>\$22,500</b>    | Greyhounds whelped on or after 1.7.07. Maidens Ineligible  |
| GRSA Angle Park             | <b>Brian Johnstone Memorial</b>      | 515m        | November 25<br>December 3, 10 | <b>\$19,000</b>    | SA Bred Greyhounds whelped in November 2006 to April 2007  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Christmas Gift</b>                | 520m        | December 12, 19               | <b>\$15,000</b>    | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Australian Stayers Invitation</b> | 715m        | December 19                   | <b>\$22,500</b>    | By Invitation only   |

2009

## Distance Events Summary

| AUTHORITY /CLUB             | RACE NAME                                     | DIST (G) | DATES                       | FIRST PRIZE      | SPECIAL CONDITIONS   |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|------------------|--|
| GRSA Angle Park             | <b>West End Draught Distance Championship</b> | 731m     | 3 January 1, 8              | <b>\$17,500</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Association Cup</b>                        | 720m     | 1 January 10, 17            | <b>\$50,000</b>  | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats |
| SGRC Sandown Park           | <b>Maidment Memorial</b>                      | 715m     | 2 January 22, 29            | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Gold Cup</b>                               | 720m     | 2 February 7, 14            | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best 16 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| MGRA The Meadows            | <b>Zoom Top</b>                               | 725m     | 2 February 14               | <b>\$30,000</b>  | Best 8. Invitation only  |
| MGRA The Meadows            | <b>Rookie Rebel</b>                           | 600m     | 2 February 14               | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best 8. Invitation only  |
| MGRA The Meadows            | <b>Australian Stayers Trophy</b>              | 725m     | 1 February 21, 28           | <b>\$50,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible  |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Swan Draught Stayers Challenge</b>         | 715m     | 3 March 7                   | <b>\$22,500</b>  | Best WA Greyhounds v Best Interstate Greyhounds as selected by Grading Panel   |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Sky Channel Galaxy</b>                     | 715m     | 1 March 14, 21              | <b>\$80,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated based on Distance Grade  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Globe Memorial Easter Chase</b>            | 720m     | 3 April 11                  | <b>\$20,000</b>  | By Invitation Only   |
| SGRC Sandown Park           | <b>Lizrene Classic</b>                        | 715m     | 3 April 16, 23              | <b>\$20,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| SGRC Sandown Park           | <b>Radio Sport 927 Sandown Cup</b>            | 715m     | 1 May 7, 14                 | <b>\$100,000</b> | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| BGRC Albion Park            | <b>Cartwright Property Gold Cup</b>           | 710m     | 1 May 28<br>June 4          | <b>\$50,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| SGRC Sandown Park           | <b>McKenna Memorial</b>                       | 715m     | 2 June 18, 25               | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| BGRC Albion Park            | <b>Big Dog Pet Foods Queensland Cup</b>       | 600m     | 3 June 18, 25               | <b>\$15,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| MGRA The Meadows            | <b>AWM Distance Championship</b>              | 725m     | 2 July 18, 25               | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible  |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>National Distance Championship</b>         | 715m     | 1 September 5               | <b>\$50,000</b>  | Greyhounds to qualify from each State  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Tedesco's Chairman's Cup</b>               | 720m     | 3 September 12, 19          | <b>\$15,000</b>  | Best 32 4th & 5th Grade Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible. If less than 32 nominations NSW GBOTA will determine number of heats                                     |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Sydney Cup</b>                             | 720m     | 2 September 26<br>October 3 | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best 16 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn  |
| SGRC Sandown Park           | <b>Sir John Dillon Memorial</b>               | 715m     | 2 October 8, 15             | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |
| NSW NCA<br>The Gardens      | <b>Newcastle Cup</b>                          | 715m     | 3 October 21, 28            | <b>\$15,000</b>  | Best 32 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves   |
| MGRA The Meadows            | <b>Hume Cup</b>                               | 725m     | 2 October 24<br>November 2  | <b>\$30,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated. Maidens ineligible  |
| NSW GBOTA<br>Wentworth Park | <b>Pages Hire Summer Cup</b>                  | 720m     | 2 November 7, 14            | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best 16 Greyhounds nominated plus reserves. Group 1 winners nominated will be drawn. Balance of heats top down grading to apply. Guarding where possible   |
| GWA Cannington              | <b>Australian Stayers Invitation</b>          | 715m     | 3 December 19               | <b>\$22,500</b>  | By Invitation only   |
| SGRC Sandown Park           | <b>Bold Trease Carnival Cup</b>               | 715m     | 2 November 19, 26           | <b>\$25,000</b>  | Best 24 Greyhounds nominated   |
| Sale & District GRC         | <b>Sale Cup</b>                               | 650m     | 2 December 20, 27           | <b>\$30,000</b>  | Best Greyhounds nominated  |

# The AGRA NATIONALS

## **2009 SCHWEPPE'S NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP**

**First Prize \$50,000**

Grand Final (Group 1) Greyhounds WA, Cannington 530m

Saturday, September 5, 2009

| <b>Club</b> | <b>Track</b>   | <b>Distance</b> | <b>Heats</b> | <b>State Final</b> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| BGRC        | Albion Park    | 520m            | 13.8.2009    | 20.8.2009          |
| GRSA        | Angle Park     | 515m            | 13.8.2009    | 20.8.2009          |
| MGRA        | The Meadows    | 525m            | 15.8.2009    | 22.8.2009          |
| GWA         | Cannington     | 530m            | 22.8.2009    | 29.8.2009          |
| LGRC        | Tasman Park    | 515m            | 10.8.2009    | 17.8.2009          |
| NSW GBOTA   | Wentworth Park | 520m            | 15.8.2009    | 22.8.2009          |

## **2009 SCHWEPPE'S NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**First Prize \$50,000**

Grand Final (Group 1) Greyhounds WA, Cannington 715m

September 5, 2009

| <b>Club</b> | <b>Track</b>   | <b>Distance</b> | <b>Heats</b> | <b>State Final</b> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| BGRC        | Albion Park    | 710m            | 13.8.2009    | 20.8.2009          |
| GRSA        | Angle Park     | 731m            | 13.8.2009    | 20.8.2009          |
| SGRC        | Sandown Park   | 715m            | 13.8.2009    | 20.8.2009          |
| GWA         | Cannington     | 715m            | 22.8.2009    | 29.8.2009          |
| LGRC        | Tasman Park    | 720m            | 10.8.2009    | 17.8.2009          |
| NSW GBOTA   | Wentworth Park | 720m            | 15.8.2009    | 22.8.2009          |

- Nominations Close for all States with the relevant Authorities at 12 Noon on July 31, 2009.
- Special Nomination forms will be available at all AGRA Clubs by July 1, 2009.



# 2009 Chronological Calendar

## JANUARY

MGRA The Meadows  
**AJS Corporation Silver Chief**  
(Group 1)  
525m. December 20, 27,  
January 3

MGRA The Meadows  
**Topcat Video New Year's Cup**  
(Group 3)  
600m. December 27. January 3

NSW GBOTA Gosford  
**Woy Woy Poultry Gold Cup**  
(Group 2)  
515m. December 30, January 6.

NSW GBOTA Bulli  
**Bulli Gold Plate** (Group 3)  
472m. December 31, January 6

GRSA Angle Park  
**West End Draught Distance**  
**Championship** (Group 3)  
731m. January 1, 8

GWA Mandurah  
**Birthday Cup** (Group 3)  
405m. January 2, 9

Cranbourne GRC  
**Cranbourne Cup** (Group 2)  
520m. January 5, 12

GRSA Angle Park  
**Sky Channel Adelaide Cup**  
(Group 1)  
515m. January 8, 15, 22

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Association Cup** (Group 1)  
720m January 10, 17.

SGRC Sandown Park  
**Maidment Memorial** (Group 2)  
715m. January 22, 29

Warragul GRC  
**Warragul Cup** (Group 2)  
472m. January 25, 30

NSW NCA The Gardens  
**National Derby** (Group 1)  
515m. January 22, 30, February 6

NSW NCA The Gardens  
**National Futurity** (Group 1)  
515m. January 23, 30, February 6

## FEBRUARY

NSW GBOTA Bulli  
**South Coast Cup** (Group 3)  
472m. February 4, 11

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Gold Cup** (Group 2)  
720m. February 7, 14

Ipswich GRC  
**Highland Smash Repairs**  
**Vince Curry Memorial** (Group 3)  
520m. February 7, 18, 25,  
March 4

LGRC Tasman Park  
**Country Club Tasmania**  
**Launceston Cup** (Group 2)  
515m. February 9, 16.

MGRA The Meadows  
**Temlee** (Group 1)  
525m. February 14.

MGRA The Meadows  
**Zoom Top** (Group 2)  
725m. February 14.

MGRA The Meadows  
**Rookie Rebel** (Group 2)  
600m. February 14.

MGRA The Meadows  
**Australian Cup** (Group 1)  
525m. February 14, 21, 28

SGRC Sandown Cup  
**DDC Launching Pad** (Group 3)  
515m. February 19, 26.

Dapto GRC  
**Wollongong City Council Cup**  
(Group 3)  
520m. February 19, 26.

Richmond GRC  
**World 4 Pets Richmond Derby**  
(Group 2)  
535m. February 20, 27

MGRA The Meadows  
**Australian Stayers Trophy**  
(Group 1)  
725m. February 21, 28

Shoalhaven GRC  
**Norwa Summer Puppy Classic**  
(Group 3)  
520m. February 23, March 2, 9

## MARCH

Horsham GRC  
**Westside Tabaret Horsham Cup**  
(Group 2)  
480m. March 4, 8

GWA Cannington  
**Swan Draught Stayers**  
**Challenge** (Group 3)  
715m. March 7

GWA Cannington  
**Swan Draught Sprint Challenge**  
(Group 3)  
530m. March 7

BGRC Albion Park  
**Bogie Leigh Queensland**  
**Futurity** (Group 2)  
520m. March 12, 19

GWA Cannington  
**Sky Channel Perth Cup** (Group 1)  
530m. March 14, 21

GWA Cannington  
**Sky Channel Galaxy** (Group 1)  
715m. March 14, 21

GWA Cannington  
**Sky Channel Perth Cup**  
**Consolation** (Group 3)  
530m. March 21

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Nice Products**  
**Golden Easter Egg** (Group 1)  
520m. March 28, April 4, 11

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Multiquip Magic Maiden**  
(Group 3)  
520m. March 29, April 6, 11

## APRIL

Bendigo GRC  
**Bendigo Cup** (Group 2)  
430m. April 8, 12

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Globe Memorial Easter Chase**  
(Group 3)  
720m. April 11

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**The Debortoli Ambrosoli**  
(Group 3)  
520m. April 11

NSW GBOTA Maitland  
**Maitland Gold Cup** (Group 3)  
450m. April 16, 23

GRSA Angle Park  
**West End Draught**  
**Anniversary Cup** (Group 3)  
515m. April 16, 23

SGRA Sandown Park  
**Lizrene Classic** (Group 3)  
April 16, 23

GWA Cannington  
**Schweppes WA Oaks** (Group 2)  
530m. April 18, 25

Warrnambool GRC  
**Warrnambool Classic** (Group 2)  
450m. April 21, 22, 29. May 6

GRSA Angle Park  
**SA Breeders Plate** (Group 3)  
515m. April 29. May 7, 14

Warrnambool GRC  
**Warrnambool Cup** (Group 2)  
450m. April 29, May 6

## MAY

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Alan Evans Jewellery**  
**Workshop Ladies Bracelet**  
(Group 2)  
520m. May 2, 9

SGRC Sandown Park  
**Radio Sport 927 Sandown Cup**  
(Group 1)  
715m. May 7, 14

MGRA The Meadows  
**Hudson Pacific Maturity**  
**Classic** (Group 1)  
525m. May 9, 16, 23

NSW GBOTA Bulli  
**Bulli Gold Cup** (Group 3)  
472m. May 20, 27

GWA Cannington  
**Brittons WA Derby** (Group 2)  
530m. May 23, 30

BGRC Albion Park  
**Cartwright Property Gold Cup**  
(Group 1) 710m. May 28. June 4

SGRC Sandown Park  
**The Dawson** (Group 3)  
515m. May 28. June 4

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Peter Mosman Classic** (Group 2)  
520m. May 30, June 6

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## JUNE

Tweed Heads CC  
**Border Park Galaxy** (Group 2)  
420m. June 6, 8

Wangaratta GRC  
**Wangaratta Cup** (Group 2)  
474m. June 8, 12

SGRC Sandown Park  
**Hawkins Media Laurels Classic**  
(Group 1)  
515m. June 11, 18, 25

BGRC Albion Park  
**Brandons Electrical  
Queensland Derby** (Group 2)  
520m. June 11, 18

BGRC Albion Park  
**Big Dog Pet Foods  
Queensland Cup** (Group 3)  
600m. June 18, 25

SGRC Sandown Park  
**McKenna Memorial** (Group 2)  
715m. June 18, 25

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Overflo @ Stud Bob Payne  
Winter Stake** (Group 2)  
520m. June 27. July 4

## JULY

BGRC Albion Park  
**Gold Coast Cup** (Group 2)  
520m. July 2, 9

BGRC Albion Park  
**Garrards Winter Carnival Cup**  
(Group 1) 520m. July 16, 23

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Young Star Classic** (Group 2)  
520m. July 18, 25

MGRA The Meadows  
**AWM Distance Championship**  
(Group 2) 725m. July 18, 25

Darwin GA of the NT  
**Darwin Cup** (Group 3)  
537m. July 27, 31

## SEPTEMBER

Potts Park GRC  
**Bankstown City Cup**  
(Group 3)  
530m. August 29, September 5

GWA Cannington  
**Schweppes National Sprint  
Championship** (Group 1)  
530m. September 5.

GWA Cannington  
**Schweppes National Distance  
Championship** (Group 1)  
715m. September 5.

NSW NCA The Gardens  
**Multicam Black Top** (Group 2)  
515m. September 2, 9

Dapto GRC  
**Dapto Leagues Club Maiden**  
(Group 3)  
September 3, 10, 17

Canberra GRC  
**Canberra Cup** (Group 3)  
530m. September 6, 13

Traralgon GRC  
**Traralgon Cup** (Group 2)  
513m. September 11, 18

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Tedesco's Chairman's Cup**  
(Group 3)  
720m. September 12, 19

GRSA Angle Park  
**Coffex Coffee Oaks** (Group 3)  
515m. September 16, 24. October 1

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Paws Of Thunder** (Group 1)  
520m. September 19, 26

Ipswich GRC  
**Highland Smash Repairs  
Auction Series** (Group 2)  
520m. September 23, 30.  
October 6, 14.

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Sydney Cup** (Group 2)  
720m. September 26, October 3

GRSA Angle Park  
**Coca Cola Derby** (Group 3)  
515m. September 30,  
October 8, 15

## OCTOBER

Casino GRC  
**Charcoal Inn Casino Cup**  
(Group 3)  
484m. October 2, 9

GWA Mandurah  
**The Schweppes** (Group 3)  
492m. October 2, 9

Geelong GRC  
**Geelong Australia Gold Cup**  
(Group 2)  
472m. October 2, 9, 16

SGRC Sandown Park  
**Sir John Dillon Memorial** (Group 2)  
715m. October 8, 15

GWA Cannington  
**Schweppes All Stars Sprint**  
(Group 2) 530m. October 17, 24

Ipswich GRC  
**City of Ipswich Gold Cup** (Group 2)  
520m. October 21, 28

NSW NCA The Gardens  
**Newcastle Cup** (Group 3)  
715m. October 21, 28

GRSA Angle Park  
**SA Sprint Championship** (Group 3)  
515m. October 22, 29

MGRA The Meadows  
**Hume Cup** (Group 2)  
725m. October 24, November 2

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Schweppes Vic Peters Classic**  
(Group 1)  
520m. October 24, 31

MGRA The Meadows  
**Topgun** (Group 1)  
525m. October 24

Shepparton GRC  
**Shepparton Cup** (Group 2)  
450m. October 26, 31

SGRC Sandown Park  
**Sapphire Crown Classic**  
(Group 1)  
515m. October 29. November 5

## NOVEMBER

MGRA The Meadows  
**Sport 927 Silver Bullet** (Group 3)  
November 2

NSW GBOTA Lismore  
**Lismore Workers Club Cup**  
(Group 2) 520m. November 3, 10

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Pages Hire Summer Cup**  
(Group 2) 720m. November 7, 14

GRSA Gawler  
**Gawler Gold Cup** (Group 3)  
531m. November 10, 15

Dapto GRC  
**Country Motor Puppy Auction**  
(Group 2)  
520m. November 12, 19, 26

SGRC Sandown Park  
**The Shootout** (Group 3)  
515m. November 12

GWA Cannington  
**Young Stars Classic** (Group 3)  
530m. November 14, 21

SGRC Sandown Park  
**SOLO Melbourne Cup** (Group 1)  
515m. November 19, 26

SGRC Sandown Park  
**Bold Trease Carnival Cup**  
(Group 2) 715m. November 19, 26

MGRA The Meadows  
**GRV The Great Chase** (Group 2)  
525m. November 25

GRSA Angle Park  
**Brian Johnstone Memorial**  
(Group 3)  
515m. November 25, December 3, 10

## DECEMBER

Ballarat GRC  
**Petstock Ballarat Cup** (Group 2)  
450m. December 2, 9

BGRC Albion Park  
**Sky Channel Brisbane Cup**  
(Group 1) 520m. December 3, 10

Hobart GRC  
**Wrest Point Casino Hobart  
Thousand** (Group 1)  
461m. December 10, 17

NSW GBOTA Wentworth Park  
**Christmas Gift** (Group 3)  
520m. December 12, 19

GWA Cannington  
**Australian Stayers Invitation**  
(Group 3) 715m. December 19

Sale & District GRC  
**Sale Cup** (Group 2)  
650m. December 20, 27

# Selection Criteria for Group Races

## Selection Criteria for Group Races Amended August 2008

### Primary Criteria



1. Group 1 status shall apply to those events which carry a minimum prizemoney of \$50,000 cash to the winner and have been conducted for at least 6 years or are 'protected status' or 'special status' Group 1 events.



2. Group 2 status shall apply to those events which carry prizemoney of between \$25,000 and \$49,999 cash to the winner and have been conducted for at least 6 years or are 'special status' Group 2 events.



3. Group 3 status shall apply to those events which carry prizemoney of between \$15,000 and \$24,999 cash to the winner and have been conducted for a minimum of three years or are 'special status' Group 3 events.

### 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 by June 1 each year 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.
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 \$25,000 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 \$25,000 or was, say, elevated to \$60,000. Following a future 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.
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

# Selection Criteria for Group Races

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 General Meeting.

## Levies for Group Races

1. 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 \$350 plus GST. Group 2 \$225 plus GST. Group 3 \$110 plus GST.

## 2010 Application Process

1. Group Race applications for inclusion in the 2010 Group Race Calendar must be lodged by June 1, 2009. Those received after that date will not be considered until the 2011 deadline unless special circumstances apply.



# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

The Australian Greyhound Racing Association comprises in its membership all the principle racing bodies in Australia. AGRA seeks to promote and improve racing on a National basis and co-ordinates the Group Racing Calendar annually.



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