

# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RAGING ASSOCIATION

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Ladbrokes



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## **BRING ON THE NATIONALS**

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

Husband and wife training combo, Alan and Christine Proctor continued their tremendous training effort with Bessy Boo, with the greyhound securing his second National Championship position.

After being the 2014 Wild Card entry in the sprint series in Perth, Bessy Boo was \$11.70 outsider in the 2015 Ladbrokes NSW State Sprint Final. That however did not worry the son of Bekim Bale x My Black Bess, who picked up early leader Jack Kade on the home turn, before running away to secure a 3 3/4 length victory in 29.81.

Jack Kade, now in the care of Anthony Azzopardi, speared the lids, setting an early section of 5.36, despite being unable to hold on for the State Final win, Jack Kade will still represent NSW in next Saturday's Championship Final.

Speaking after the race, trainer Christine Proctor said she was just so thrilled to be representing NSW next week. "The dog has been so good to us, and Perth was exciting, but we are now looking forward to next week," Proctor said.

Magic Earner endorsed her favourite status in the Ladbrokes NSW State Distance Final, winning the \$15,000 to the winner event in 42.17 over Lord Golec and Ada Mary.

Prepared by Anthony Azzopardi, Magic Earner was able to get on the heels of early leader Ada Mary in the back straight, coming away for a 4 3/4 length victory in the end.

Impressed with her recent form, Azzopardi said the daughter of High Earner x Magic Capers was showing all the right signs ahead of next week's \$75,000 Championship.

"It's a thrill to have won and qualify for next week," Azzopardi said.

Up and coming stayer, Lord Golec was also impressive in his second and will now take on seasoned runners such as Sweet It Is in next Saturday's Championship decider.

## AUSTRALIAN BREYHDUNU RABINB ASSOBIATION

#### GROUP ONE - AGRA NATIONAL SPRINT \$75,000 to the winner



## Jack Kade (NSW)

62 starts 22-8-6 (\$59,220)

Collision - Neat Irish

Black Dog November '12

Owner: **Peter Spiteri** Trainer: **Anthony Azzopardi** 

Wentworth Park best: 30.00 (3) (31 starts 8-4-5)

New South Wales sprinter with a handy record on the track eight and eight from 30 perhaps he would need to improve his best winning time of 30 even to trouble this class of dog. One advantage he has here is he is well drawn for the smart beginner he is most times. He is in it with some sort of chance from box one and a place hope looks best.



## Bessy Boo (NSW)

92 Starts 27-16-20 (\$214,976)

Bekim Bale - My Black Bess

Black Dog March '12

Owner: Ashley Wilson Trainer: Christine Proctor

Wentworth Park best: 29.58 (1) (56 starts 14-9-13)

Been great campaigner over a long period he won the Wild Card last year and finished fifth in the final at Cannington. Solid effort to win the state final last week used all his experience and track knowledge to find a path through the first turn. He has won a group final here and has the best record on the track of all runners. A noted average beginner he'll need some luck in the final but he will have his supporters on his home track. Expect a good effort.



## Keybow (QLD)

53 starts 26-8-6 (\$559,622)

Take The Kitty - Key Exit

Black Dog December '11

Owner: **Kelvin Lean** Trainer: **Tony Brett** 

Wentworth Park best: 29.45 (2) (8 starts 3-1-0)

Very smart type with a big motor far and away the best sprinter in Queensland the former Victoria Group 1 winner has raced at the top level for quite some time now and appears to be racing as good as ever. Trailed brilliantly here last Saturday night after a ten hour car ride from Brisbane running 29.63. Has won on the track in 29.45 and looks the danger to the favourite. Trainer Tony Brett is no stranger to the big stage and will have this fellow cherry ripe to run a giant race. Will enjoy plenty of support per medium of a nice draw and career stats.



### Nero Bolt (WA)

34 starts 17-3-5 (\$66,957)

Lochinvar Marlow - Lochinvar Coco

Black Dog January '13

Owners: Bolt Racing Group Syndicate Trainer: Nicola Minutillo

Wentworth Park best: NBT (FSH)

WA star he comes into the final having won six on the trot at Mandurah and looks a likely type. Is a bit hit and miss at the start but can come out on occasion. The four is not ideal but if he did come out and found the lead could pinch a break. He'll will need to have plenty go his way to trouble some of the class performers in this. Place chance looks best.



## Fernando Bale (VIC)

33 starts 26-3-1 (\$798,110)

Kelsos Fusileer - Chloe Bale

White & Brindle Dog March '13

Owner: Paul Wheeler Trainer: Andrea Dailly

**Wentworth Park best:** 29.27(4) (10 starts 9-0-1)

Superstar sprinter and perhaps the best of all time. Won the Wildcard with the highest amount of points ever accumulated in a calendar year. Can't do much more but was a shock defeat in the state final. Loves Wentworth Park with a record of nine from 10 and three Group 1's this year he deserves to be odds on for this final. 29.27 winner here last outing on the track. One to beat.



## Breaker's Tip (TAS)

35 starts 20-6-4 (\$49,825)

Mogambo - Dennes Point

Black Dog October '12

Owner: Fahey Syndicate Trainer: Gary Fahey

Wentworth Park best: NBT (FSH)

Smart sprinter from Tassie trailed here last Saturday in a steady 30.22 has been racing well in his home state where he has won 20 races. No favours from box six and he might struggle in this company. Big thrill for connections to make the trip and race in Group 1 company will need some luck, raced by Tasmanian greyhound royalty the Fahey brothers. Place chance best.



## Alex's Entity (SA)

31 starts 14-6-4 (\$45,825)

Vee Man Vane - Girl Aloud

Black & White Dog May '12

Owners: Aloisi Lehmann Syndicate Trainer: Ben Rawlings

Wentworth Park: NBT (FSH) Trailed 29.99 15/08/15

Somewhat of a surprize state final winner when he proved too good for Real Flash. Not the best of draws here in seven as he is not a noted beginner and he'll have to come out running to cross the speed on his inside. A former Victorian he has always shown ability but this is a big ask, great thrill for connections to make the National final but he'll need some luck in running to feature here.



## Margins (VIC)

32 starts 12-7-3 (\$118,145)

Trainer: **Brooke Ennis** 

Bekim Bale – Gogo Sutro

Black Dog February '13 Owners: **Striptease Syndicate** 

Wentworth Park best: NBT (4 starts 0-1-1)

Up and comer from Victoria he was an impressive state final winner in fast time at Sandown. Given the class of the field it was a top effort to win. Probably a shock in some quarters but he won on his merits and deserved the trip to the final. Is in the capable Ennis kennel but it's never the best of box draws here the eight and he needs a bit to go his way. Place chance best.



#### Tap Out Rose (NSW)

29 starts 9-7-4 (\$27,694)

Cosmic Rumble - Sweet Fenoir

Local sprinter she has won four races here finished third behind Bessy Boo last week. If she gained a start would be big odds.



#### La Grand Logie (NSW)

36 starts 12-6-7 (\$52,948)

El Grand Senor - Oh Em Gee

Finished four in the state final has won five on the track from 17 starts would be an outsider if he gained a start.

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

Ron ArnoldJohn BrashPeter O'Neill1st Fernando Bale1st Fernando Bale1st Fernando Bale2nd Keybow2nd Keybow2nd Keybow3rd Bessy Boo3rd Margins3rd Bessy Boo

Matt CorbyGreg FaheyRon Hawkswell1st Fernando Bale1st Keybow1st Fernando Bale2nd Keybow2nd Margins2nd Keybow3rd Margins3rd Breakers Tip3rd Bessy Boo

#### **Tab Sports Bet Fixed Odds Market for the National Sprint Final:**

Group 1	AGRA National Sprint Ch	ampionship (520m)	
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
1	Jack Kade (NSW)	Anthony Azzopardi	\$26.00
2	Bessy Boo (NSW)	Christine Proctor	\$5.50
3	Keybow (QLD)	Tony Brett	\$3.80
4	Nero Bolt (WA)	Nicola Minutillo	\$26.00
5	Fernando Bale (VIC)	Andrea Dailly	\$1.60
6	Breaker's Tip (TAS)	Gary Fahey	\$35.00
7	Alex's Entity (SA)	Ben Rawlings	\$31.00
8	Margins (VIC)	Brooke Ennis	\$11.00
19/2	Tap Out Rose (NSW)	Rod Metslaar	\$26.00
10	La Grand Logie (NSW)	Jeffery Eaton	\$26.00

## What's happening on race night?



#### **SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST**

2015 Ladbrokes National Championships

Seats to Saturday's Gala Dinner must be booked by Monday, August 17, and can be done through the Wentworth Park website (<a href="http://wentworthpark.com.au/events">http://wentworthpark.com.au/events</a>)

#### **National Sprint Honour Roll**

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

1973	HAROLD PARK	NEW MARINER (VIC)	457 mts.	26.28
1974	OLYMPIC PARK	TEMLEE (VIC)	511 mts.	29.71
1975	WENTWORTH PARK	COOPERROO FLYER (NSW)	530 mts	31.36
1976	SANDOWN PARK	CLOVER DUKE (NSW)	513 mts.	30.65
1977	GABBA	BOWETZEL (VIC)	558 mts.	32.70
1978	ANGLEPARK	MR TOEWHYTE (WA)	512 mts.	30.69
1979	CANNINGTON	ACCLAIM STAR (NSW)	530 mts.	30.95
1980	HAROLD PARK	FAST SAPPHIRE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.72
1981	OLYMPIC PARK	KATE'S A SCANDAL (SA)	511 mts.	30.70
1982	GABBA	MADONNA LEE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.73
1983	HAROLD PARK	WINIFRED BALE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.13
1984	HAROLD PARK	BUSY VINTAGE (TAS)	457 mts.	26.38
1985	SANDOWN PARK	SCENIC SPA (SA)	513 mts.	30.70
1986	ANGLEPARK	STETSON (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1987	HOBART	FREMANTLE ECHO (WA)	457 mts.	26.39
1988	GABBA	DANCING GAMBLE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.89
1989	CANNINGTON	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	530 mts.	31.78
1990	SANDOWN	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	511 mts.	30.70
1991	WENTWORTH PARK	JESSICA CASEY (NSW)	520 mts.	30.66
1992	OLYMPIC PARK	MR. SLICK (VIC)	511 mts.	30.02
1993	ANGLE PARK	CASINO TOM (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	GALLANT RULER (NSW)	520 mts.	30.38
1995	SANDOWN PARK	FLYING AMY (QLD)	511 mts.	30.08
1996	ALBION PARK	SHAYNE'S CHAMP (VIC)	520 mts.	30.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	PRINCE OF TIGERS (WA)	512 mts.	29.68
1998	CANNINGTON	RAPID JOURNEY (NSW)	530 mts	31.22
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	HARRY HAND (NSW)	520 mts	30.31
2000	LAUNCESTON	PLACARD (NSW)	522 mts	30.76
2001	MGRA (MEADOWS)	HENERIK BALE (VIC)	518 mts	29.82
2002	ALBION PARK	IN THE FRAME (VIC)	520 mts	30.26
2003	ANGLE PARK	ELITE STATE (QLD)	515 mts	29.33
2004	CANNINGTON	IN FOR LIFE (NSW)	530 mts	30.78
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	PURE OCTANE (VIC)	520 mts	29.91
2006	LAUNCESTON	IMMORTAL LOVE (NSW)	515 mts	29.52 (Rec)
2007	SANDOWN PARK	BIT CHILLI (NSW)	515 mts.	29.88
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	KNOCKA NORRIS (QLD)	520 mts.	29.83
2009	CANNINGTON	DASHING CORSAIR(QLD)	530 mts.	30.29
2010	ANGLE PARK	SMOOTH FANCY (NSW)	515 mts	29.49
2011	ALBION PARK	METZ MAGIC (QLD)	520 mts.	30.04
2012	HOBART	FABREGAS (VIC)	461 mts.	25.85
2013	MEADOWS	XYLIA ALLEN (VIC)	525 mts.	29.63
2014	CANNINGTON	CHICA DESTACADA (NSW)	530 mts.	30.27



#### GROUP ONE - AGRA NATIONAL DISTANCE \$75,000 to the winner



## Lillycette (TAS)

50 starts 23-10-3 (\$59,725)

**Velocette – Come Over Nova**Black Bitch April '12

Owner: Lee Tindall Trainer: Ted Medhurst

Wentworth Park best: NBT (4 starts 0-2-0)

Tassie stayer with ability she is in good form coming into the final with wins at Launceston in her last two on that track where she has won six from seven. She has raced at Wentworth Park for two placings from four starts. This is a big class step up but she is clearly going the best of the Tassie stayers at the moment. More than capable of running a place if she can find the front early.



## Lord Golec (NSW)

20 starts 5-6-6 (\$17,214)

Bekim Bale - Ebby Miss

Black Dog August '13

Owner: **Bradley Eberand** Trainer: **Michael Eberand** 

Wentworth Park best: 42.38 (2) (6 starts 1-3-2)

Handy local stayer he has shown ability on occasions and is expected to run a forward race he is very much a stayer and would need some luck in running to trouble the class of some of these. However he did a good job to make the final with a solid second. One win here and five placings he is certainly an honest type. Place chance best.



## Sweet It Is (VIC)

64 starts 23-16-5 (\$901,850)

Mogambo - Off Springer

Black Bitch November '11

Owner / Trainer: Braden Finn

Wentworth Park Best: 41.55 (1) (10 starts 3-4-1)

Very exciting stayer and multi Group 1 winner, she has a wonderful record of big race success and is trying to become only the second dog in history to win back to back titles, after winning last year at Cannington. Boronia Blossom did it for Ron Ball in 95-96. Back to her best at the Meadows with a couple of barnstorming wins. Will edge closer to the million dollars in stake earnings with another Group 1 win here, a track where she has already won a couple of group races. She will start odds on and have plenty of support, top bitch, hard to beat.



## Psychotic Gold (SA)

43 starts 17-8-5 (\$71,810)

Vapour Whirl - Molly's Gold

Black Bitch December '11

Owner: Ian Russell Trainer: Petar Jovanovic

Wentworth Park best: NBT (FSH)

Did a good job to win the South Australian state final and has a lot of experience over the distance. First start here should not worry her too much as she has the advantage of veteran mentor Petar Jovanovic who has won three National Sprint titles over a 30 year period. Petar has been around as a top trainer for 40 years and he is no stranger to big race success. Place chance best here for SA's top stayer.



## Magic Earner (NSW)

48 starts 17-12-6 (\$71,890)

**High Earner – Magic Capers** Black Bitch July' 12

Owners: Asa Syndicate Trainer: Anthony Azzopardi

Wentworth Park best: 42.15 (2) (4 starts 3-0-1)

Local stayer she is racing in fine form going into the final after starting favourite and winning well in the state final last Saturday night. She hasn't over raced at Wentworth Park with three wins from four starts. Is expected to run a big race likes to be handy to the lead and is strong in the run to the line. Has the polish of leading trainer Anthony Azzopardi on her side and he thinks she is ready to run a big race in the final. Best of the local hopes.



## Mullaway (QLD)

58 starts 19-12-4 (\$128,893)

Velocette – Halzani

Black Dog May '12 Owner / Trainer: **Joanne Price** 

Wentworth Park best: 42.17 (3 starts 1-2-0)

Honest Queensland stayer in solid form going into the final. Raced against some class stayers of late, he can lead or come from behind. Did a good job to win the Queensland final out staying them with a nicely timed run. Hard to see him trouble the top two but he has won here and been placed twice from three starts. Well fancied to run a drum. Honest type. Place chance for sure.



## Deadly Boy (WA)

73 starts 23-14-11 (\$110,010)

Superman – Dyna Gabi

Black Dog March '12

Owner: **Anthony Forte** Trainer: **John Carmody** 

Wentworth Park best: NBT (FSH)

Impressive WA stayer and former Victorian he is fairly new to distance racing won his last four at Mandurah over the 647. Has been very consistent since arriving in the West and is racing at his best at the moment. Big ask here stepping up in class but he looks capable of running a nice race if he has a bit of luck in running. Chance to find the front from this draw and might be an outsider with some hope. Place chance looks best.



## Lady Toy (VIC)

71 starts 21-18-14 (\$344,172)

**Our Toyman – Railway Shiraz** Black Bitch June '12

Owner: Norma Gost Trainer: Brooke Ennis

Wentworth Park best: 41.85 (1) (3 starts 2-1-0)

Fantastic middle distance stayer she has been a model of consistency since joining the Ennis kennel some time ago. She has made numinous group finals and has been placed in most hence the Wildcard. Did win the McKenna Memorial at Sandown over the 595 in July. Bumps into the top stayers in Victoria and holds her own in most races. She looks the danger to the odds on champ here and is capable of an upset with some luck in running. Is always a chance expect a bold showing which is normal.



#### Ada Mary (NSW)

39 starts 14-5-3 (\$37,558)

High Earner - Silver Shiraz

Local that finished third in last week's state final behind Magic Earner, handy record with three wins here from nine starts, but hard to see her trouble this field if she gains a start.



#### Smooth Number (NSW)

68 starts 17-15-10 (\$60,669)

Smooth Fancy – Ironbark Rebel

Been around for a while he has four wins and six placings here at Wentworth Park. Finished fourth last week and with a best winning time of 42.28 he would be a long shot if gained a start.

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

Peter O'NeillJohn BraschRon Arnold1st Sweet It Is1st Sweet It Is1st Sweet It Is2nd Lady Toy2nd Magic Earner2nd Lillycette3rd Magic Earner3rd Mullaway3rd Lady Toy

Matt CorbyGreg FaheyRob Testa1st Sweet It Is1st Sweet It Is1st Sweet It Is2nd Psychotic Gold2nd Lady Toy2nd Magic Earner3rd Lady Toy3rd Mullaway3rd Lady Toy

#### **TAB Sports Bet Fixed Odds Market for the AGRA National Distance Final:**

Group 1	AGRA National Distance Championship (720m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	
1	Lillycette (TAS)	Ted Medhurst	\$16.00	
2	Lord Golec (NSW)	Michael Eberand	\$26.00	
3	Sweet It Is (VIC)	Braden Finn	\$1.70	
4	Psychotic Gold (SA)	Petar Jovanovic	\$21.00	
5	Magic Earner (NSW)	Anthony Azzopardi	\$6.00	
6	Mullaway (QLD)	Joanne Price	\$13.00	
7	Deadly Boy (WA)	John Carmody	\$21.00	
8	Lady Toy (VIC)	Brooke Ennis	\$3.80	
19/2	Ada Mary (NSW)	Sharon Grey	\$26.00	
10	Smooth Number (NSW)	Allen Hansen	\$26.00	

## **National Distance Honour Roll**

1969	WENTWORTH PARK	AMERIGO LADY (VIC)	790 yds.	43.7/16ths
1970	SANDOWN PARK	SARGOOD (VIC)	785 yds.	44.00
1971	HOBART	SAKI DASHER (VIC)	737 yds.	40.00
1972	HAROLDPARK	BUBBLE'S LUCK (VIC)	732 mts.	43.4
1973	GABBA	HE'S SOME BOY (VIC)	704 mts.	43.09
1974	ANGLEPARK	CORCORAN (VIC)	731 mts.	44.56
1975	GABBA	DOTIE WILSON (NSW)	704 mts.	41.66
1976	ANGLEPARK	BOLTA'S GIFT (VIC)	731 mts.	44.66
1977	HAROLDPARK	WOOLLEY WONG (NSW)	732 mts.	43.58
1978	HOBART	DUSTY GINNY (NSW)	730 mts.	43.30 (Rec)
1979	OLYMPIC PARK	MARY MARELLA (VIC)	732 mts.	44.09
1980	SANDOWN PARK	ALL PROMISE (VIC)	718 mts.	43.92
1981	LAUNCESTON	SHAMROCK JEWEL (VIC)	722 mts.	44.87
1982	ADELAIDE	BAY ROAD QUEEN (SA)	731 mts.	44.03
1983	HOBART	TEN GUITARS (VIC)	725 mts.	43.91
1984	CANNINGTON	PRINCESS BADEN (SA)	740 mts.	44.32
1985	LAUNCESTON	MELMADE GAZZA (SA)	722 mts.	44.06
1986	GABBA	KIRSTY'S FIRST (QLD)	704 mts.	41.65
1987	OLYMPIC PARK	MYSTIC HOPE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.29
1988	WENTWORTH PARK	HIGH INTENSITY (VIC)	732 mts.	42.93
1989	ANGLEPARK	JULEP (SA)	731 mts.	43.79
1990	OLYMPIC PARK	CLEAN MACHINE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.00
1991	GABBA	JUST A CHARM (QLD)	704 mts.	41.45
1992	WENTWORTH PARK	PACE GALORE (VIC)	720 mts.	42.57
1993	CANNINGTON	BILLY'S BLONDIE (QLD)	740 mts.	44.89
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	MISS CRUISE (NSW)	720 mts.	43.59
1995	OLYMPIC PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	732mts.	43.72
1996	ALBION PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	710mts.	42.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	IBROX PARK (NSW)	731 mts.	43.17
1998	CANNINGTON	PARADISE STREET (WA)	700 mts.	41.75

1999	WENTWORTH PARK	KOBBLE CREEK (QLD)	720 mts.	42.55
2000	LAUNCESTON	OSTI'S JOKER (VIC)	743 mts.	45.05
2001	SANDOWN PARK	TIP TOP TEARS (VIC)	715 mts.	42.46
2002	ALBION PARK	BOOMEROO (VIC)	710 mts.	41.61 (Rec)
2003	ANGLE PARK	ARVO'S JUNIOR (VIC)	731 mts.	42.66
2004	CANNINGTON	CLASSY CUSTOMER (NSW)	715 mts.	42.31
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	TEXAS GOLD (NSW)	720 mts.	42.07
2006	LAUNCESTON	BOTHING (SA)	720 mts.	42.49 (Rec)
2007	MEADOWS	FLASHING FLOODS (VIC)	725 mts.	42.95
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	MANTRA LAD (VIC)	720 mts.	42.30
2009	CANNINGTON	JAVIS BALE (VIC)	715 mts.	41.93
2010	ANGLE PARK	BLUE LORIAN (NSW)	710 mts.	43.01
2011	ALBION PARK	DASHING CORSAIR (QLD)	710 mts.	42.09
2012	HOBART	MIATA (WA)	709 mts.	41.24
2013	MEADOWS	SMART VALENTNO (NSW)	725 mts.	42.83
2014	CANNINGTON	SWEET IT IS	715 mts.	41.39

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