



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### *Dyna Checa makes it Geelong Cup Number Six for Graeme Bate*

Mention the Geelong Cup and one name that comes to mind every time is Graeme Bate. Victoria's leading trainer for over 30 years he has made the Cup his own winning it on six occasions after Dyna Checa scored in impressive style last Friday night.

A star studded field had come through heats and semi finals to reach the rich \$40,000 to winner Strautmänn / Warehouse Sales Group Two Geelong Cup and punters made the final a wide open betting affair. Dyna Checa started favourite at \$3.50 just ahead of Proven Alias at \$3.60 and Vapour Whirl \$3.70.

Airbourne Bale (\$17.40) was best to begin and led Dyna Checa through the first section in 6.65 with Vapour Whirl ahead of the rest in a packing field behind him. As they came to the bend Dyna Checa railed brilliantly and turned on the speed to take clear lead, around the home turn Vapour Whirl loomed up as the obvious danger and for a moment looked like he might have the front runners measure, but as they straightened Dyna Checa raced away to record a brilliant win.

The margin was a length to Vapour Whirl with Unrivalled Rex (\$15.50) rattling home late to finish third. Overall time was 25.49 after a fast second split of 6.65 for the winner.

spoke with a delighted trainer Graeme Bate after the win and asked him if liked his chances going into the final.

I went into it very confident his race condition was fantastic. I'm sure racing him at Shepparton Monday night won us the final. He needed a hard hit out and that's what he got. The next day he was ripping the grass up rearing to go again, it topped him off. Darren Murray said to me after the race it was the difference his dog just couldn't run him down. He was an ideal Geelong Cup dog he accelerates through the bends on the one turn tracks showing brilliant speed so if he is near the lead he is always a chance of winning." Bate said.

Bates decision to run his dog at Shepparton on the Monday night prior to the Cup was questioned by many and he was given Stewards permission to scratch. But 40 years of experience and more feature wins than anyone else in the caper he knew exactly what he was doing. Dyna Checa recorded split records of 6.49 and 11.15 when he led all the way to beat Laurie Banner in 25.34.

Very much a local Bate had a lot of praise for the Cup promotion.

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"It was well done by everyone concerned a fantastic promotion of the Cup, it's astronomical to think a Geelong Cup could be worth \$40,000 to the winner I couldn't believe it when it was announced earlier in the year and I'm very happy to win it again. But the whole thing went well it was a terrific night and everything went off great." Bate said.

I asked Bate what his future plans were with Dyna Checa. "He is not a strong 500 dog but as I said before he is airborne through those bends on horse shoes so we'll tackle most of the main races coming up. He's in the All Stars final at Shepparton next Wednesday, I'll put him in the Shepparton Cup then probably the Ballarat Cup they are his pet distances 440 to 460. He's a handy one turn dog with a lot of mid race pace I think he can be competitive in most of those types of races." Bate concluded.

In an interesting promotion the winner of the Shepparton All Stars will be offered a position directly into the final of the Shepparton Cup by-passing the heats on October 30. This together with the \$10,000 to the winner first prize made the race an attractive event for trainers.

For the record Graeme Bate's previous Geelong Cup winners were 1982 Satan's Shroud, 1987 Modern Gossip, 1989 Fair Sentence, 1998 Cerin Bale and 2001 Suellen Bale. This list contains two Melbourne Cup winners and a Paws Of Thunder winner.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Ronray Chief (\$7.80), 5<sup>th</sup> Airbourne Bale (\$17.40), 6<sup>th</sup> Proven Alias (\$3.60) 7<sup>th</sup> Royal Tribute (\$50.20) and Schwartzanager (\$13.50)

Dyna Checa is raced by Brendan Wheeler he is a Black dog whelped June 2004 by No Intent from Monella Bale (Black Shiraz x Limbo Bale). Dyna Checa has won 15 of his 44 starts and has been placed on 14 occasions and with the \$40,000 first prize for the Geelong Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$65,730.

Listed below are the many outstanding dogs that have the Geelong Cup.

1962 **Darkie Bobs**, 1963 **Mardec**, 1964 **Silver Cadet**, 1965 **Amasta**, 1966 **Billy Vee**, 1967 **Haydale**, 1968 **The Apprentice**, 1969 **Miram Miss**, 1970 **Phantom's Heir**, 1971 **High Volant**, 1972 **Ranee's Magic**, 1973 **The Little Gent**, 1974 **Ty Court**, 1975 **Zero Ranger**, 1976 **Tivashley** 1977 **Smart Roman**, 1978 **"Not Held"**, 1979 **Rustic Star**, 1980 **Tempix**, 1981 **Worthy Weston**, 1982 **Satan's Shroud**, 1983 **Diamond Tempix**, 1984 **Pomona's Tigress**, 1985 **Dublin Flyer**, 1986 **Thorgil Magic**, 1987 **Modern Gossip**, 1988 **Benito's Boy**, 1989 **Fair Sentence** 1990 **Ravello**, 1991 **Honourly**, 1992 **Golden Ridge**, 1993 **Golden Currency**, 1994 **Tantallon**, 1995 **Painted Wish**, 1996 **Sobbing Sal**, 1997 **Power Zone**, 1998 **Cerin Bale**, 1999 **Pete's Boss**, 2000 **Suellen Bale**, 2001 **Modern Assassin**, 2002 **Bear Creek**, 2003 **Puzzle Prize**, 2004 **Whisky Assassin** and 2005 **Brilliant Lee**.

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