



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### To easy for Vapour Whirl in the Cranbourne Cup

Outstanding Victorian sprinter Vapour Whirl (\$2.90) blitzed the quality field assembled for the Group 2 Kingston Trophies Cranbourne Cup final on Monday night. Surprisingly the multi group winner didn't start popular elect after his blistering heat win in a fastest of the night 30.02. Punters made Jaimandy Coops the 2.70 favourite even from box seven and after he failed to lead early last week.

The \$25,000 first prize was on its way back to Ballarat shortly after box rise when Vapour Whirl found the fence and was just off the leader Sonador (\$26.60), she raced through the first split in a quick 5.43. Vapour Whirl soon after took over in front and opened a big break down the back, at that point the race was over. He clocked 21.26 for the second split which wasn't as fast as his heat back mark record of 21.10. The result was a case of times and margins as Vapour Whirl increased his lead to eight lengths on the line defeating a fast finishing Dyna Redbull (\$9.20) who grabbed second from Sonador in the shadows of the post. Overall time for the final was a best of the night 30.21.

**Vapour Whirl wins the Cranbourne Cup** (All Pics Peter Bryce)



was some compensation for trainer Darren Murray after the disappointment of Slater's Silver Chief at the weekend plus Vapour Whirl had finished third in last Cranbourne Cup behind the extraordinary track record performance of Pororoca.

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A real big race performer Vapour Whirl certainly deserved another Group race success after finishing second in a couple late last year. In fact it was the black dog's ninth career group final eight of which he made last year. He started off 2006 as I stated above 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cranbourne Cup (G2), won the Warragul Cup (G3) in late January, finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Temlee (G3) in February, won the Gold Coast Cup (G3) in August, finished second in the Geelong Cup (G2) and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Top Gun (G1) both in October, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Silver Bullet (G3) in November and finished the year running second to Witch Magic in the Ballarat Cup (G2) in late December.

At the presentation Darren Murray thanked sponsor Ian Mann of Kingston Trophies for his continued long time support of Greyhound racing and how delighted he was his ever consistent sprinter Vapour Whirl had won another important race. He also acknowledged how the club had again staged an outstanding event.

For enthusiastic owner Barry Lockett he had the pleasure of handling his pride and joy on the night and was quite overcome with emotion after the race. "Plugger" is very passionate when it comes to Vapour Whirl and no-one has enjoyed the journey more. He has been repaid in spades both financially and with continued success after knocked back some irresistibly offers for Vapour Whirl after his first few starts. Proving there's more to life than money. Lockett also at the presentation acknowledged his friendship and long time support from race caller Rod Testa.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Unrivalled Rex (\$25.20), 5<sup>th</sup> Cash Up (\$17.50), 6<sup>th</sup> Go Wild Hermes (\$26.50) 7<sup>th</sup> Jaimandy Coops (\$2.70 fav) and Lobby Lloyd (\$5.40).



**Owner Barry "Plugger" Lockett**

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Vapour Whirl is raced by Barry Lockett and trained by Darren Murray at Napoleons he is a Black dog whelped May 2003 by Ashigga from Broad Band (Big Ginger Boy x Reebea Honcho). Vapour Whirl has won 32 of his 59 starts and has been placed on 19 occasions, with the \$25,000 first prize for the Cranbourne Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$157,260.



Happy Connections after the presentation of the Cranbourne Cup winner

Listed below is the Cranbourne Cup honour roll it contains the names of many champions of the track and many dogs that won a number of other higher ranked group races during their careers.

1975 **Great Power**, 1976 **Ragmaker**, 1977 **Granulator**, 1978 **Elsie Belinda**, 1979 **Panther Bay**, 1980 **Brindle Pixie**, 1981 **Bianca Lee**, 1982 **Golden Impulse**, 1983 **Prince Of Eaton**, 1984 **National Star**, 1985 **National Star**, 1986 **Lightning Boy**, 1987 **Shining Chariot**, 1988 **Calamity Kid**, 1989 **National Asset**, 1990 **Spread Eagled**, 1991 **Eureka Man**, 1992 **China Trip**, 1993 **Kelvin's Pride**, 1994 **Jamb Kid**, 1995 **World Champ Stan**, 1996 **Wild Season**, 1997 **Lansley Bale**, 1998 **Fiery Sal**, 1999 **Arvo's Express**, 2000 **Marsha Brady**, 2001 **Hail A Harley**, 2002 **Isa Brown**, 2003 **Waterview Star**, 2004 **Smack Wallop**, 2005 **Pastrana Bale** and 2006 **Pororooca**.

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