

2012 NATIONAL SPRINT AND DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2012 TATTERSALL'S PARK



OFFICIAL GUIDE



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Message From The Minister



On behalf of the Tasmanian State Government, I would like to welcome everyone attending the National Sprint and Distance Championships in 2012.

This event places Tasmania in the national spotlight and we will be able to showcase the spacious Hobart track at Tattersall's Park that is highly regarded and continues to attract strong mainland participation.

We have not seen a U-turn National Sprint Final since Hobart last hosted this event in 1987. The new 710 metre trip will be a thorough test of stamina.

I would like to congratulate Tasracing and the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club for their efforts in putting together this important racing event.

I encourage everyone to enjoy the National Championships and all that Tasmania has to offer.

Bryan Green MP
Minister for Racing





Message from The Chairman



The Hobart Greyhound Racing Club Committee and Members welcome everyone attending the 2012 National Sprint and Distance Championships.

The HGRC have not hosted any part of the Nationals since 1987 and we are very excited to have the Nationals back in Hobart. It allows the Club to showcase our great track and facilities as well as the Hobart surrounds.

During your visit, we will take you on a historic journey from Hobart's stark past to the present. Commencing with an overnight's stay at Port Arthur, we will then continue to follow the convict trail to Tasmania's most historic town of Richmond. Here we will visit the beautiful Meadowbank Estate and enjoy

wine tasting followed by lunch. On Friday, we will visit 'MONA' the museum of old and new art which showcases Hobart's rich and contemporary present.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Nationals.

Denise Fysh
Chairman
Hobart Greyhound Racing Club

Message from Tasracing



On behalf of Tasracing, I hope that you will be able to visit Tasmania in August next year when Hobart hosts the National Sprint and Distance Championships.

The track that will host the finals at Tattersall's Park is widely regarded as one of the best and fairest greyhound tracks in the country. It's for this reason that trainers Darren McDonald, Graeme Bate and Robert Britton are regular visitors to the state's capital city track for the Hobart Thousand each year.

There is no question that the Championships are a great event for the national greyhound industry and we are expecting that to

continue when the country's best greyhounds visit Tasmania next year.

I would also encourage you to consider an extended stay in Tasmania – come for the racing and enjoy a holiday while you are here.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Brian Speers
Chairman



National Greyhound Finals History In Hobart



Tasmania is no stranger to hosting the finals of the National Greyhound Championships.

The National Distance Final was held at the old venue named "TCA" on Hobart's Domain area in 1971 and 1978 and at the Royal Hobart Showgrounds in 1983. The Launceston Greyhound Racing Club (LGRC) hosted the Distance Final in 1981, 1985 and 2000 at White City and the 2006 series at The TOTE Racing Centre.

The prestigious National Sprint Final was held at the Royal Showgrounds in Hobart in 1987, when the Western Australian Freemantle Echo ran down the "queen" of Tasmanian greyhounds and red hot favourite True Vintage. Launceston hosted the 2000 Final in which NSW star Placard overpowered the Ted Medhurst Tasmanian speedster Kialdu D'or. The LGRC also hosted the Final in 2006 when NSW chaser Immortal Love set a new track record of 29.52.

Tasmanian chasers have gone so close to winning the National's Distance Final. At the TCA in 1971, Tassie's finest in Old Hobbs and Summer Idol ran second and third respectively to the wonderful track record breaking Victorian Saki Dasher. Coven Vista ran second for Larry Tanner and Hilda Williamson behind the legendary Woolley Wong in 1977. Butch Deverell's Miss Coroneagh ran third to Shamrock Jewel at White City in 1981. Also on home soil, Gary Fahey's Lygon Leader just failed to pick up the Victorian Ten Guitars in 1983. Level Charm for Pat McClenaghan was third at White City behind Melmade Gazza in 1985 and Eskimo Chevaux, Go Johnny Go

and Sitka last year all ran third as well. Classic Xena for Anthony Bullock and Kevin Tolputt was runner up to Osti's Joker at White City in 2000, whilst the Shane Whitney bitch Fallen Zorro was third to Mantra Lad at Wentworth Park in 2008.

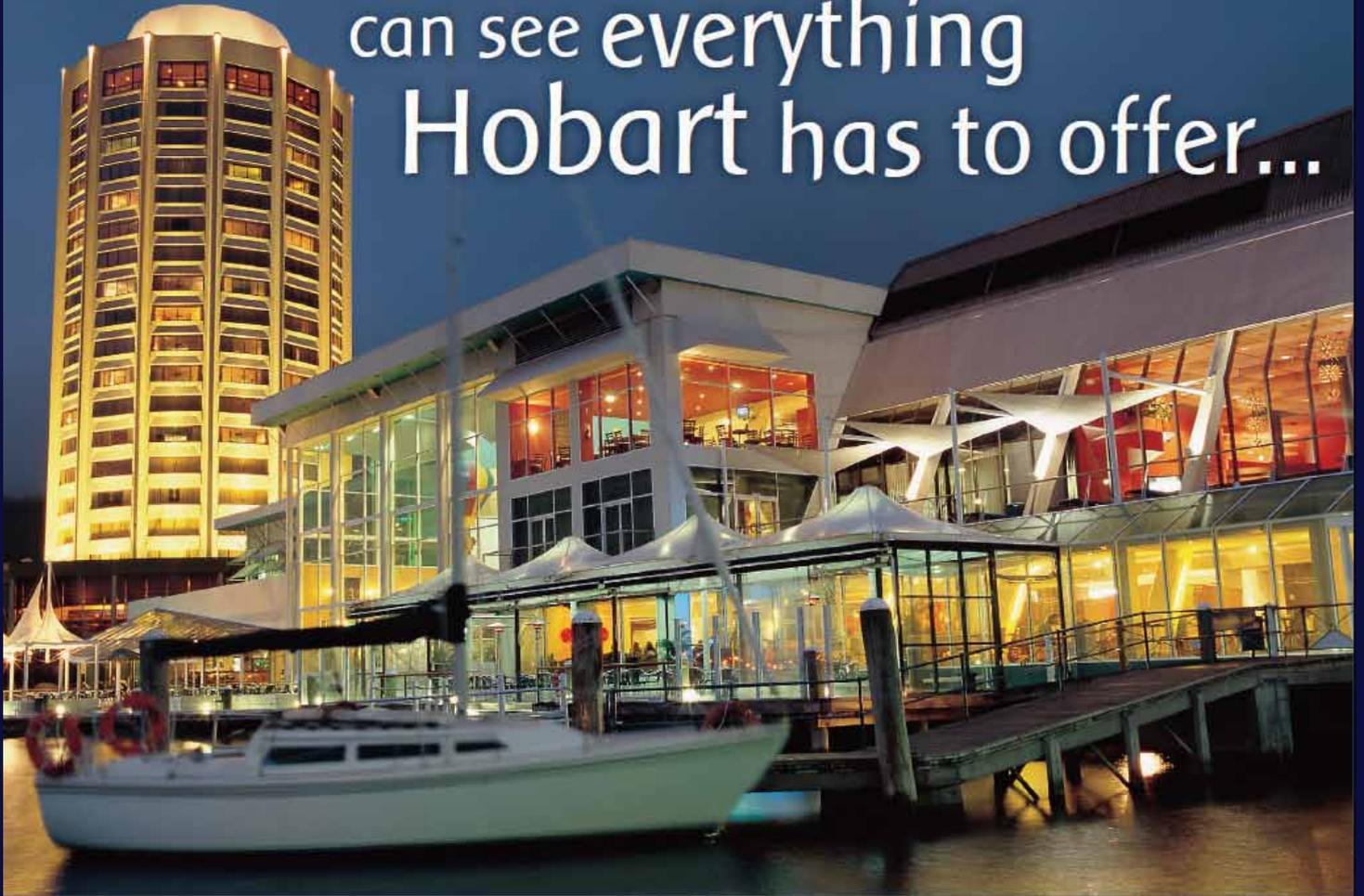
Tasmania's finest National's moment came in 1984 when the mighty Busy Vintage, trained by David Crosswell easily defeated Victoria's Australian Cup winner Eaglehawk Star, in the National Sprint Final at Harold Park in Sydney. He led every step from box two to score by three lengths. He remains our sole National winner to this point, although his daughter and Tasmanian Hall of Famer, True Vintage went so close when second at Hobart in 1987. Our other National Sprint place-getters were Leo Burnett's great chaser Just Brilliant, which ran third to Jessica Casey at Wentworth Park in 1991 and the Stuart Genge trained Tombstone Jack which ran third last year.

The spacious Hobart track at Tattersall's Park is widely regarded as one of the best and fairest greyhound circuits in the country, evident by the strong mainland participation in the Hobart Thousand each year, with the likes of Darren McDonald, Graeme Bate and Robert Britton being regular visitors to Hobart.

The new 710 metre trip will be a searching test of stamina, whilst we have not seen a one turn National Sprint Final since Hobart last hosted this event in 1987.

Written by Greg Fahey

From here you can see everything Hobart has to offer...



Wrest Point looks forward to hosting guests and attendees for the 2012 Australian Greyhound Racing Association National Sprint & Distance Championships.

Located on the shores of Hobart's River Derwent, Wrest Point is a great base to explore the attractions of Hobart and beyond; Salamanca Market, MONA (Museum of Old and New Art), Mt. Wellington, Richmond, Port Arthur and Tahune Airwalk are just a few.

www.wrestpoint.com.au

Where else?  **Wrest Point**

2012 Australian Greyhound Racing Association (AGRA) National Sprint and Distance Championships - Hobart, August 2012

Wrest Point is pleased to provide participants and guests attending the **AGRA National Sprint & Distance Championships 2012** with special accommodation rates.



Water Edge (4 star)	\$185.00
Tower Mountain / City / Harbour rooms (4.5 star)	\$220.00
Tower: Executive Suite (4.5 star)	\$315.00

Rates are for twin or double share and include 2 x Full Buffet Breakfasts per room, per night.

Extra guest is \$55pp bed & breakfast. Deduct \$20 per room type listed above for single occupancy.



Water Edge (4 *)



Tower room (4.5*)



Executive Suite (4.5*)

For all bookings please go the official website of the National Sprint and Distance Championships – www.tassiegreyhoundnationals.com.au

For full property or room type information please see our website www.wrestpoint.com.au

Wrest Point rates include: complimentary valet car parking, in-room Broadband access in Water Edge & Tower rooms, complimentary local morning newspaper, in-house movies & full use of Tennis court, mini-golf, indoor swimming pool, spa, sauna & gym. A range of entertainment options; along with 5 restaurants & 6 bars. Check-in is 11am and check-out is 2pm.

Cancellation Policy:: Reservations must be cancelled prior to 6:00pm on the day of arrival to avoid cancellation fees.

Conditions: All rates are per night, per room, based on twin/double occupancy and subject to availability.
Rates valid from 17th August 2012 to 26th August 2012 (inclusive).



Itinerary of Events

Monday 20 August 2012 / Tuesday 21 August 2012

The Port Arthur Experience

The tour includes:

- Pick up from Hotel or Hobart airport
- 2 day Port Arthur experience
- All meals, admissions and coach transfers

Wednesday 22 August 2012

- 10.00 am - 3.00 pm Richmond and Winery Tour
- 6.30 pm until late Welcome Dinner - Wrest Point

Thursday 23 August 2012

- 9.00 am - 10.30 am AGRA CEO's Conference
- 11.00 am - 3.00 pm AGRA AGM Conference
- 10.00 am - 4.00 pm GA Board Meeting
- 9.30 am - 4.00 pm GAP Conference
- 10.00 am - 3.00 pm Mystery Bus Tour (for accompanying guests)
- 6.30 pm until late HGRC Race Meeting and VIP Dinner

Friday 24 August 2012

- 9.30 am - 4.00 pm GAP Conference
- 9.30 am - 3.30 pm MONA Tour
- 6.30 pm until late Nationals Gala Dinner

Saturday 25 August 2012

- 9.00 am - 2.30 pm Golf Day
- 10.00 am - 1.30 pm Salamanca Market
- Twilight until late AGRA National Sprint and Distance Championships at Tattersall's Park





Greyhound Industry Associated Events



Welcome Dinner - Wednesday 22 August 2012

- 6.30 pm until late
- Dinner and beverages
- Wrest Point is Australia's first Casino (opened 1973) dress for the 70's and be prepared for a great night
- Cost \$110.00
- Venue - Derwent Room, Wrest Point

AGRA CEO's Conference - Thursday 23 August 2012

- 9.00 am - 10.30 am
- Morning tea provided
- No Charge - compliments of HGRC
- Venue - Riviera Room, Wrest Point

AGRA AGM Conference - Thursday 23 August 2012

- 11.00 am - 3.00 pm
- Lunch included
- Cost \$70.00
- Venue - Green Room, Wrest Point

GA Board Meeting - Thursday 23 August 2012

- 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- Morning tea and lunch included
- Cost \$75.00
- Venue - Executive Board Room, Wrest Point

GAP Conference (2 days) - Thursday 23 August 2012 / Friday 24 August 2012

- 9.30 am - 4.00 pm
- Morning tea and lunch included (both days)
- Cost \$75.00 per day
- Venue - Portlight Bar, Wrest Point

HGRC VIP Dinner - Thursday 23 August 2012

- 6.30 pm until late
- Coaches will depart the Hotel at 6.30 pm and transfer you to Tattersall's Park for the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club race meeting
- Pre-dinner canapés, a sumptuous two course dinner overlooking the track with wine, beer and soft drinks, admission, race book and transfers included
- Cost \$75.00
- Venue - Tattersall's Park

Nationals Gala Dinner - Friday 24 August 2012

- 6.30 pm until late
- Three course meal, beverages and entertainment
- This is the highlight of the social events - so dress to impress!
- Cost \$170.00
- Venue - Boardwalk Gallery, Wrest Point

AGRA National Sprint and Distance Championships - Saturday 25 August 2012

- Twilight until late
- Coaches will depart the Hotel and transfer you to Tattersall's Park
- Tonight our races will coincide with a three course dinner. Sample local Tasmanian fare as you watch Australia's most prestigious greyhound races
- Wine, beer, soft drinks, admission, race book and transfers included
- Cost \$75.00
- Venue - Tattersall's Park



Social Events



The Port Arthur Experience

Monday 20 August 2012 / Tuesday 21 August 2012

Guests will be picked up from Hobart Airport or Hotel by coach and transported on the Convict Trail to historic Port Arthur.

Port Arthur is one of Australia's top tourism destinations, every building and every feature of this historic site has a story to tell. Intriguing and powerful, a visit to Port Arthur is unforgettable.

Settle into your accommodation at the Comfort Inn, which is the only hotel on the historic site, where you can pause for a drink on the garden terrace, or relax by the fire and you will experience the magnificent backdrop of the gardens and buildings of Port Arthur while your lunch is being prepared.

After lunch, you will be taken on a guided tour of over 30 historic buildings, ruins and gardens including fully restored and furnished houses followed by a harbour cruise (approximately 25 minutes) travelling past the dockyards, Point Puer Boys Prison and the Isle of the Dead with an informative onboard commentary.

A relaxing two course dinner at Felon's Bistro featuring fresh local produce, beautifully cooked and presented, followed by the Historic Ghost Tour.

Darkness descends and another side of Port Arthur emerges. It is a different place when night falls, full of mystery and intrigue. Vivid stories challenge your grasp of what happens when the past collides with the present. In the glow of soft lights and the silence of night, those long gone feel close at hand.

Tuesday morning will give you free time to walk through the gift shop and visitor centre.

Leaving Port Arthur for Hobart, a stop at the Federation Chocolate Factory will delight all tourists as they specialise in hand made chocolate with 17 delicious flavours to taste - there is something for everyone. Viewing windows show the making process and for the history buffs there is a Heritage Museum showcasing antiques used by pioneering families.

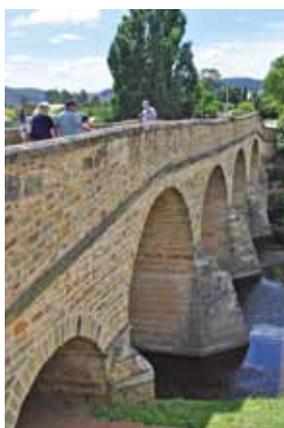
Our return journey includes views of Eaglehawk Neck, Tasman Arch, Devils Kitchen and the Blow Hole, stopping for lunch at Dunalley before heading back to Hobart.

Cost \$395.00 per person





Social Events



Richmond & Winery Tour Wednesday 22 August 2012

Only 20 minutes from Hobart and you have stepped into Tasmania's living past. Richmond situated in the Coal River Valley and surrounded by award winning wineries has Australia's finest Georgian Village Walk over the oldest bridge in Australia - completed in 1825, hand built by convicts and said to be haunted by several ghosts.

Tour the Richmond Goal, an eerie place where Van Dieman's Land convicts, bushrangers and Aborigines lived out their goal term. Take time to walk the streets and view antiques and specialty shops, visit the Model Village and see a recreation of Hobart Town or buy your favourite sweets from the lolly shop.

Then we head to Meadowbank Estate, which is more than just fine wine. Meadowbank offers wines, two art galleries, a restaurant, a shop, outdoor summer dining, a roaring fire in winter, splendiferous views, "walk on art" and Australia's oldest wine collection.

Leaving Wrest Point at 10.00 am
Transport, wine tasting, entry fees and lunch included
Returning 3.00 pm
Cost \$75.00



Mystery Bus Tour Thursday 23 August 2012

Let us take you on a mystery tour...trust us...!!!!

We will explore the best of Hobart and surrounds and you will be able to have some input into what we do - shopping, sight seeing and maybe even playing in the snow. Are you up for an adventure?

Leaving Wrest Point at 10.00 am
Transport, morning tea, lunch and fun included
Returning by 3.00 pm
Cost \$62.50



Hobart Greyhound Racing Thursday 23 August 2012

For those who love their Thursday night racing, you are welcome to join us at Tattersall's Park for some fast action, great company and superb food.

The 700 metre U-turn track produces exciting racing and the facilities are inviting. Pre-dinner canapés on arrival and a two course dinner.

Leaving Wrest Point at 6.30 pm
Transport, entry, race book, dinner and refreshments are included
Returning at 10.50 pm
Cost \$75.00



Social Events

Mona - Museum Of Old And New Art Friday 24 August 2012

This extraordinary museum, created by David Walsh, cost \$80 million dollars to build into the sand stone cliff which houses a private art collection valued at more than \$100 million dollars.

The museum will open your eyes and thoughts on art to a completely new level. It is exciting, educational, emotional, confronting - just brilliant. It is the sensational way that the art is displayed that gives the drama to the artwork.

The Master Centrepiece is the Sydney Nolan Rainbow Serpent Snake at 46 metres long and 9 metres high - it is made up of 1620 individual panels. Like most things at MONA what you think you see will change and the

snake is no different - you can stand on a landing and take it in as a whole and then go down the stairs and get up close and discover so much more. Sitting alongside this is an Egyptian mummy case, coins dated BC and a 5000 year old basalt alter.

Any visiting tourist should not miss the MONA experience.

Leaving Wrest Point at 9.30 am
Transport, admission and lunch included
Returning 3.30 pm
Cost \$73.00

Golf or the Market Saturday 25 August 2012

This morning you can choose how to spend the day.

For golf enthusiasts, our coach will pick you up at Wrest Point at 9.00 am and take you for a round of golf and relaxing lunch - returning by 3.00 pm.

Cost including lunch, green fees and transport \$75.00.

For retail therapy, our coach will leave Wrest

Point at 10.00 am and will drop you at one of Tasmania's best know landmarks - Salamanca Place.

Each Saturday, Salamanca comes alive with the sights, sounds, flavors and color of Australia's best outdoor market. Look around the stalls and enjoy lunch (own expense) at your leisure.

Coach will leave Salamanca at 1.30 pm for your return to Wrest Point. Transfers are free.

Terms and Conditions

All tours are by private coach and are offered in good faith. However, circumstances beyond our control may see some variations if service is not available. In this instance, we will endeavour to provide a service of the same standard as featured in the brochure.

Bookings & Contact Details

The official website is tassiegreyhoundnationals.com.au

Bookings open 1 June 2012 and close on the 31 July 2012.

The website will be updated regularly including more information in relation to bookings, racing, transport and social events.

However, if you require more information, please contact the following representatives:

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