



Jimmy Newob pictured earlier in his career. PAUL MUNT

## Jimmy Newob out to break group race hoodoo in Horsham Cup

By Kat Ernst

**A**FTER running placings in four group or listed races throughout his career, Jimmy Newob (Cosmic Rumble x Nosey Rozy May '15) will be chasing an elusive feature race win when he lines up in Saturday's Group 2 Horsham Cup (485m).

The blue dog recorded a strong win in his heat last Friday, beginning well off the inside draw and leading throughout in a fast 27.29.

He heads into the final having not missed a place at his past seven starts, including a second in the Group 2 Warragul Cup, a third in the Listed Australian Sprint and a second in the Group 2 Cyril Rowe Cup at Bulli.

Greenough says he is happy to have made the final, but concedes it will be tough to win against a stellar line-up.

"These races are hard to make and they are even harder to win," Greenough told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"He went well in his heat but he will go into the final and will meet an outstanding field so naturally he is going to need a bit of luck."

You couldn't hand-pick a better field than the 2018 Group 2 Horsham Cup. The race is headlined by Group 1 Melbourne Cup winner Aston Dee Bee (Barcia Bale x Aston Elle Apr '15) and dual Group 1 winner Out Of Range (Fernando Bale x Nicki Fields Dec '15) which have drawn boxes eight and two respectively.

Adding some x-factor to the feature is fastest qualifier Tiempo Dinero (El Grand Senor x Time And Money Feb '15) which took out his heat in a stunning 27.06 last Friday.

Jimmy Newob will jump wearing the red stretch vest, remarkably for the fifth straight time. While Greenough says he doesn't want to knock back having the red, he feels his runner would have been better drawn out wide.

"He is a better dog off the pink – but you can't really complain when you keep getting the red," he said.

"They did two box draws for the race. The first one was done by GRV in error and I was thrilled because

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Big whoopsie at Ipswich

Sometimes if you don't laugh,  
you'll cry.

That couldn't have been more true than at Ipswich on Sunday night. First of all, the entire meeting was made up of 288m races, not exactly a punter's best friend. That was paired by the meeting being pushed back several races due to lighting issues at the track.

Not a big deal you say? Well how about the fact that two kennelmates were disqualified from races one and two when it was found after the

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he came up with box eight – but now he will start from the inside.

“He tends to want to go around other dogs, but he is learning how to race a bit better off the inside so hopefully he can get a bit of luck in the final.”

Jimmy Newob thoroughly deserves a group win, having been racing against the best in the country virtually his entire career.

The 35-kilogram powerhouse has won 19 races throughout his career, with his earnings sitting on \$160,344.

“He is a quality dog and he has been throughout his whole career,” Greenough said.

“He has been competing in big races since he was a young dog which is no easy feat, but he has really matured into a nice race dog.

“It would be great to see him finally win a nice race this week, but it is going to be hard up against dogs

second event that they had switched places.

The mind boggles why both were given such similar names in the first place – with both black dogs trained by Keith Boan and racing under the names Westmead Comet and Western Comet.

Regardless, identification checks at kennelling and before each race failed to pick up the indiscretion which is simply not acceptable in this modern day.

A similar situation occurred in NSW back in 2015 when leading trainer Anthony Azzopardi's staff took the wrong greyhound to the race track. Il Bacaro won the race as the favourite – but unfortunately it wasn't uncovered until after the event that Il Bacaro was actually his kennel mate Asa Killa Queen.

Azzopardi, two of his kennel staff and two track staff were found guilty in relation to the matter.

QRIC are now investigating the matter – with Australian Racing Greyhound committed to following the saga for more developments.

like Aston Dee Bee who you'd have to say is one of the best dogs in the country.

“Hopefully he gets some luck and makes it around safe and we'll keep having a crack with him.”

The Group 2 Horsham Cup will be held this Saturday night and is worth \$47,000 to the winner.

## 2018 GROUP 2 HORSHAM CUP BOX DRAW

- 1 Jimmy Newob
- 2 Out Of Range
- 3 Super Sook
- 4 Tiempo Dinero
- 5 Solitary Girl
- 6 Alpha Lucky
- 7 Alpha Georgiou
- 8 Aston Dee Bee

## Reserves

- 9 Gregorovitch
- 10 Calendar Boy

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# Hecton Bale smashes rivals in Group 1 Australian Cup

Hecton Bale wins at The Meadows. PAUL MUNT

By Kat Ernst

**H**ECTON Bale (Fernando Bale x Searle Bale Sep '15) defied an awkward draw in box eight to record a dominant win in the Group 1 Australian Cup (525m) at The Meadows.

Trained by Andrea Dailly, Hecton Bale stepped fairly but got room to move early as box seven runner Hasten Slowly (Fernando Bale x Heidi Go Seek Feb '16) cut down to the fence.

Once Hecton Bale slipped to the lead in the early stages his rivals were always going to find it hard to catch him as the bolted to the line to win by 5.4 lengths in a blistering 29.53.

Young gun Hasten Slowly ran the best race of his short career to finish second, giving Fernando Bale the group 1 quinella, with Queenslander Opal Nera (Dyna Tron x Black Sambuca May '15) finishing third.

Co-trainer Tom Dailly admitted to having some doubts whether Hecton Bale would be able to cross off box eight, but was thrilled with the result worth \$250,000.

"He just lacks that [early] touch out of a box, but he got the perfect run out of the boxes and he showed [what he can do]," Dailly said.

"His form has been really, really good, but I had the first pick of the boxes last week and if you could have

asked me what was the worst box I could pick I'd say the pink.

"The speed map said he'd be last coming out of the boxes which he was, but he got a good clear run and it worked perfectly."

Owned bred by Paul Wheeler, Hecton Bale has now won 13 races from 26 starts with eight placings, his prize money sky-rocketing to a massive \$336,000.

Wheeler had a massive night, also taking out the Group 1 Australian Super Stayers with his champion race bitch Fanta Bale.

With the win the black bitch broke the all time prize money earner's record held by Fernando Bale, so it was fitting that one of his sons came out two races later to win the Australian Cup off box eight, the same draw Fanta Bale used to salute in the 525m event last year.

Hecton Bale has now won six of his past eight starts, one of his defeats being an unlucky sixth in the Group 1 Rookie Rebel (600m) at The Meadows last month.

The Fernando Bale x Searle Bale mating has produced some super chasers, with Hecton Bale a litter brother to Group 2 Cranbourne Cup winner Mossimo Bale and the consistent Lila Bale, a winner of 10 from 32.

Fernando Bale, which stands at stud with Meticulous Lodge, has been a sensation, having already produced

dual group 1 winners Allen Ablett (Fernando Bale x Langi Bale Aug '15) and Out Of Range (Fernando Bale x Nicki Fields Dec '15).

He is also the sire of Group 2 Traralgon Cup winner Poke The Bear (Fernando Bale x Nicki Fields Dec '15), WA sensation West On Augie (Fernando Bale x Te Amo Feb '16) and staying star of the future Rippin' Sam (Fernando Bale x Tears Siam Feb '16).

Team Dailly did not confirm the next target for Hecton Bale, although the Group 1 Golden Easter Egg (520m) could be his next move with the \$250,000 to the winner series kicking off at Wentworth Park on March 17.

## 2018 GROUP 1 AUSTRALIAN CUP RESULTS

<b>1st</b>	Hecton Bale (8)	Andrea Dailly	\$5.90
<b>2nd</b>	Hasten Slowly (7)	Angela Langton	\$36.10
<b>3rd</b>	Opal Nera (6)	Tony Brett	\$7.30
<b>4th</b>	Zippling Inglis (5)	Matt Lanigan	\$29.50
<b>5th</b>	Raw Ability (4)	Anthony Azzopardi	\$2.70
<b>6th</b>	Dyna Forrest (2)	Correy Grenfell	\$34
<b>7th</b>	Slick (1)	John McCarthy	\$5.70
<b>8th</b>	Chasin' Crackers (3)	Glenn Rounds	\$4.10

**Margin:** 5.4 x 1.6

**Time:** 29.53

# Fanta Bale smashes more records by winning Australian Super Stayers



Fanta Bale. PAUL MUNT

**F**ANTA Bale (David Bale x Ucme Typhoon Aug '14) stamped herself as the greatest chaser the sport has seen with a brilliant win in Saturday's Group 1 Australian Super Stayers (725m) at The Meadows.

Trained by Rob Britton, the black powerhouse was ideally drawn in box one, barging her way to the front along the fence in the early stages.

Although she had found the front relatively easily early on, the champion greyhound had to work hard for the win, battling throughout with Sale Cup winner Quick Jagger (Dyna Nalin x Saving Bundles Jul '15) and holding off a challenge from him and race roughie Sharp Diamond (Kinloch Brae x Pah Leeze Jul '15) to win by 0.63 lengths in 43.62.

Kennel representative Peter Riley praised the bonny bitch following the event, which was worth \$100,000 to the winner.

"I was a bit nervous," Riley conceded.

"She jumped well, but some very good dogs jumped well with her. Quick Jagger, Rippin' Sam were up there – Rippin' Sam found a bit of trouble but Quick Jagger was on her hammer the whole way 'round.

"But she just tries so hard – you can't ask any more of a dog like that."

Fanta Bale may not have been the fastest greyhound of all time, but she now boasts several records which would undoubtedly put her at the top of calculations when discussing the

best dogs to have graced the tracks.

Saturday's win saw her become the highest prize money earner in greyhound racing history. Her earnings now sitting at a whopping \$1,365,175 for Britton and owner Paul Wheeler, who also owns the only other greyhounds to break the \$1 million barrier, Fernando Bale and Dyna Double One.

She has also won nine group 1 races – a new record. Her big wins have been in the 2017 Group 1 Australian Cup, the 2016 Group 1 Hume Cup, the 2017 Group 1 Rookie Rebel, the 2017 Group 1 Sandown Cup, the 2017 Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup, the 2017 Group 1 National Distance Championship, the 2017 Group 1 Bold Trease, the 2018 Group 1 Zoom Top and the 2018 Group 1 Australian Super Stayers.

Additionally, she has also won the 2017 Group 3 Top Cat Video Cup, the 2017 Group 3 Sydney Cup and the 2018 Group 2 Summer Distance Plate. All up she has won 42 races with nine seconds and five thirds from 62 starts.

She is also unique in that she is the only greyhound to have won a group 1 over 500, 600 and 700m.

Riley wasn't holding back how proud he was of his girl following the race, praising the three-and-a-half-year-old for all that she has done throughout her career.

"How can you argue with the stats that she's got? Nine group 1 wins,

prize money [record]...she's won 42 from 62 and she just tries her heart out, she really loves racing."

Fanta Bale's rising star kennel mate Rippin' Sam (Fernando Bale x Tears Siam Mar '16) was touted as the main danger to the favourite, but had to settle for fourth after finding trouble.

Riley still has high hopes for the youngster, which recently ran second to Fanta Bale in the Group 1 Zoom Top.

"He found a little bit of interference and he was a little bit excited," Riley explained.

"With a bit more experience I think he'll turn into a really nice stayer."

## 2018 GROUP 1 AUSTRALIAN SUPER STAYERS RESULTS

<b>1st</b>	Fanta Bale (1)	Rob Britton	\$1.80
<b>2nd</b>	Quick Jagger (5)	Chris Halse	\$12.70
<b>3rd</b>	Sharp Diamond (6)	Wayne Vassallo	\$85.40
<b>4th</b>	Rippin' Sam (4)	Rob Britton	\$2.20
<b>5th</b>	Magic Hornet (3)	Ray Burman	\$70.40
<b>6th</b>	Bolt Like Bekim (2)	Rob Britton	\$62.30
<b>7th</b>	Mick's Angel (8)	Allan Meyer	\$92.40
<b>8th</b>	Azkaban (7)	Seona Thompson	\$22.60

<b>Margins:</b>	0.63 x 0.56
<b>First section:</b>	4.95 (1)
<b>Second section:</b>	15.94 (1)
<b>Third section:</b>	29.59 (5)



# Dirk Bale breaks through for maiden group 1 in Auckland Cup

By Kat Ernst

**D**IRK Bale (Fernando Bale x Langi Bale Aug '15) stepped out of the shadows of his star litter brother Allen Ablett when recording an all the way victory in the Group 1 Auckland Cup (527m) at Manukau on Sunday night.

Trained by Craig Roberts, Dirk Bale began brilliantly off an awkward draw in box six, slipping straight to the front of the pack. Out on the bunny the blue dog never looked in danger, cruising to line to score by two and a half lengths in a fast 30.06.

Shallay Pallay (Barcia Bale x Set To Shine Jul '15) ran on well to finish second ahead of Allen Ablett back in third.

Roberts, who had litter brothers Dirk Bale, Allen Ablett and Avenger Bale in the \$88,000 feature, said boxes four, five and six made things tricky for his runners, but he was optimistic with a clean beginning Dirk Bale could make the race his own.

"My kennel foreman went up for the heats and drew the boxes for the final – so we were blaming him all week," Roberts quipped.

"It really evened the race out – I couldn't pick between my three. I thought Dirk Bale could still lead though and that was his only chance –

**Dirk Bale has now won 12 races from 21 starts with three second placings, with his earnings now sitting just above NZ\$100,000.**

he had to lead to win against that field.

"Once he carved to the front and run those fast sectionals I knew down the back they wouldn't catch him."

Dirk Bale has now won 12 races from 21 starts with three second placings, with his earnings now sitting just above NZ\$100,000. Prior to Sunday's win he had finished second to Allen Ablett in the Group 1 Spoin Rose final and down the track behind his brother in the Group 1 Hatrick Classic.

Roberts said it was great to see the 31-kilogram racer finally get his turn in the spotlight on Sunday.

"Dirk Bale and Avenger Bale have lived in Allen Ablett's shadow a fair bit – but I guess that's fair enough considering he has won two group 1s.

"It was good to see him step up though because he has always had the ability there and he really showed that [on Sunday].

"His first couple of sections were sensational and his run home was super too – for a dog which is not noted for his strength it was a huge effort to run 30.04.

"I can't remember the last time they broke 30.10 – so he has really stepped up and proven what he can do."

The three brothers will now be aimed at the Group 1 NZ Derby later this month, with heats to be run at Waikato on Thursday March 22, 2018.

## 2018 GROUP 1 AUCKLAND CUP RESULTS

<b>1st</b>	Dirk Bale (6)	Craig Roberts	\$11.90
<b>2nd</b>	Shallay Pallay (2)	Jean & Dave Fahey	\$3.20
<b>3rd</b>	Allen Ablett (5)	Craig Roberts	\$4.50
<b>4th</b>	Tom Tee (8)	Ray Adcock	\$9.90
<b>5th</b>	Quistis Bale (1)	Matt Roberts	\$17.80
<b>6th</b>	Opawa Timo (7)	Jean & Dave Fahey	\$36.50
<b>7th</b>	Avenger Bale (4)	Craig Roberts	\$4.80
<b>8th</b>	Bigtime Paddy (3)	Lisa Cole	\$5.40

<b>Margins:</b>	2.5 x 1.8
<b>Time:</b>	30.06
<b>First section:</b>	4.59
<b>Second section:</b>	15.24
<b>Run home:</b>	14.82

# ARG'S EXCLUSIVE Q&A

## NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission

### CEO Judith Lind

By Kat Ernst

**L**AST month, the new NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission appointed its first CEO, Judith Lind, a former senior executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) who boasts over three decades' experience in the public sector.

In a statement, Lind said her goals were to re-establish the NSW greyhound racing industry as a world leader, adding economic value to its participants and communities.

Australian Racing Greyhound was lucky enough to secure a chat with Lind to find out some more information about who she is and her thoughts on the industry moving forward.

**Q: How have your first few weeks been in the role?**

**A:** Pretty hectic! Really busy, but really interesting. I am only just getting my head around the entirety and the significance of the program of reforms.

While it is a relatively small organisation compared with what I have been used to, it's still a huge task in terms of recruiting, getting the buildings in place, all the internal accounting systems and everything that goes with setting up a new organisation.

At the same time, I am trying to meet as many stakeholders as I can. It's chaotic, but I am learning a lot about the industry.

**Q: What made you interested in the position?**

**A:** There were numerous factors. I want to be quite open that I was the acting head of ASADA for most of last year, until September, and I was unsuccessful in getting that position permanently.

I had already had 6.5 good years in the Australian Crime Commission and two years before that with the AFP, so I was a bit over working with police. Mind you most police are great, but I'd already done the law enforcement [stint] of my career. Before that I spent 26 years in the tax office.

I looked at the position and went through an analytical process on whether I would bring the right skills to the job. I made the decision that it would be a good fit and I thought about where I want to be for the next five years of my career. I never want to be a person going through the motions – I like challenges.

As a member of the public I was also interested in what was happening in the greyhound industry. I thought the industry deserved the opportunity to display to the broader community that it could reform into an industry which is palatable to the public and is a good industry for participants and the animals themselves.



Judy Lind is the face of the NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.



**I'm here for the long haul. I've heard people saying they are going to be overregulated to shut the industry down by stealth. But I am here to put together a high integrity, ethical, competent and highly effective commission.**



**Q: Did you have any exposure to greyhound racing before applying for the job?**

**A:** My only exposure to greyhound racing was as a very young girl in Canberra – I would have been 10 or 11 – and I got pocket money walking some greyhounds for one of the local trainers.

I am also a proud aunty to my sister's two GAP greyhounds down in Ballarat, so I have had a bit to do with Bomber and Burnie as pets.

That's the extent of my involvement in the industry other than looking up occasionally at the pub and watching the greyhounds race on the tele.

**Q: Do you think coming into the role with no personal connections to the industry is important?**

**A:** I think it is. Particularly so in the context of concerns regarding the integrity of the regulators within the industry. I absolutely come with a clean slate in terms of being arms length away from everything and every one.

I completely understand that there will be people who will see that as a negative. But I am not a stupid person, I want to engage with everyone who has an opinion and I will be sorting the wheat from the chaff in terms of what I am being told and where it all fits in the grand scheme of reforms.

**Q: What is one of the main challenges facing the industry?**

**A:** I don't think the engagement or consultation with the industry has been particularly good [over the years] on anything. Coming back from being experience in the Tax Office, if you are rolling out major pieces of Tax reform then it is fundamental to inform and educate

those who are obliged to comply with the rules with what is required of them.

**Q: There has always been a participants vs. authorities' mentality in greyhound racing. How do we break down this barrier?**

**A:** There is a huge trust building process which has to occur. The Commission has to be fair, respected and trusted and internally it needs to be exemplary in its own processes and practices. It has to be arms length.

I have had people tell me that they have not been happy with the attitudes of inspectors in terms of bullying and intimidating behaviour. That will not be on in my Commission.

Yes, we have hard enforcement levers which we have to use appropriately, but just because you are enforcing something doesn't mean that you don't have to follow due process and interact with people in a fair and respectful manner.

**Q: Do you see your role including the public perception of the greyhound industry?**

**A:** The facts and the behaviour have to speak for themselves. Yes, absolutely we have to put the right tools and education in the hands of the industry participants – they are the ones feeding the dogs, training the dogs and looking after them.

Our first objective is to protect and promote the welfare of greyhounds, our second is to safeguard the integrity of greyhound racing and betting and the third is to maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry.

You can't achieve public confidence without meeting your welfare and integrity objectives – so they all go hand in hand.

**Q: Do you think greyhound racing has a future in NSW?**

**A:** I'm here for the long haul. I've heard people saying they are going to be overregulated to shut the industry down by stealth. But I am here to put together a high integrity, ethical, competent and highly effective commission.

My role is also to engage with the industry participants and it has to be a joint effort moving forward. Provided we can make sure people understand what best practice is and show them the way, then hopefully the industry participants can get on board.

I think people are going to find there will be some very small changes which will add up to a huge impact in terms of the overall welfare of their animals and the public confidence in the industry.

One example could be socialising the pups early on – that can then assist when it comes to re-homing at the end of their racing careers. I am not an expert, but as an animal owner myself that doesn't appear to be a huge task.

**Q: When will we see some information on what is happening and when?**

**A:** Our first foray into direct engagement will be a roadshow in April – by then we will have a high level of understanding on the timing of the reform agenda. There's issues such as the code of practice, bonds, licencing – each of those policy reforms will have their own time frame.

We will be sending the message that we will be giving participants sufficient time to understand and meet the obligations. We won't be implementing something on day one and then coming down on people on day two – that's not the implementation model we have planned.

# GREYHOUND RACING REFORMS

The Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) has been established to promote and protect the welfare of greyhounds, safeguard the integrity of greyhound racing and betting and maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry.

The Greyhound Industry Reform Panel recommended, and the NSW Government accepted, a number of reforms to improve the industry including separating the commercial and regulatory functions which are currently performed by GRNSW. The regulatory functions will transfer over to the Commission during 2018.

Whether you are a participant or avid follower of greyhound racing, the reforms mean a lot of changes for you and the industry.

Stakeholders will be consulted on reforms but here's an update on the changes coming down the track.

## Bond

The Greyhound Industry Reform Panel recommended introducing a bond for each greyhound bred as a measure to reduce overbreeding and unnecessary euthanasia.

The Commission will consult with industry participants and stakeholders when assessing the cost and conditions of this bond.

## A Code of Practice for the Welfare of Greyhounds

The code of practice will be based on the five domains of animal welfare. These include nutrition, environment, health, behaviour and mental state. The code of practice will deal with standards for the keeping, treatment and handling of greyhounds. The code will also include standards for the facilities, equipment and conditions at premises where greyhounds are kept, trialled, trained or raced.

The code of practice will apply to greyhounds that are required to be registered under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*. This captures all greyhounds that are owned or kept by a greyhound racing industry participant, including as a breeding dog or pet. It will be fully enforced by inspectors of the Commission. The code will ban certain practices including the use of barking muzzles and behaviour altering substances.

Breaches of the code of practice will be dealt with through new penalty options including work orders, penalty infringement notices, fines, suspension and disqualification from participating in the industry. Stronger penalties will be imposed for the more serious offences.

## Animal Welfare Committee

The Greyhound Reform Panel recommended the creation of an Animal Welfare Committee to provide advice to the Commission on matters relating to greyhound welfare including the formulation of welfare policies and standards.

Members have now been appointed to the committee. The Commission will seek the advice of the Animal Welfare Committee as it prepares the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Greyhounds.



## Strengthened Penalties for Animal Cruelty

The *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* introduced a number of strengthened penalties for animal cruelty offences including a life time ban for live baiting. The Act also amends the *Crimes Act 1900* to clarify that live baiting is regarded as serious animal cruelty and introduces a new offence of recklessly committing serious animal cruelty. The maximum penalty for this offence is three years imprisonment.

The Act prohibits keeping certain animals on premises where greyhounds are kept, trialled, trained or raced. These animals include any animal that is capable of being used as a lure for trialling, training or racing greyhounds.

## Licensing and Registration

A new greyhound racing licensing scheme will be established to support improved animal welfare. It will apply to all industry participants. The standard conditions of the new licensing scheme will include mandatory education and training requirements, compliance with the code of practice, record keeping and reporting requirements and the maximum number of dogs that can be kept by the licensee. There will be several categories of some licence types and industry participants will be required to complete training to obtain and maintain their licence. There will be a transition period to enable existing participants to complete education requirements under the new scheme.

All public and private trial tracks will be assessed and licensed where necessary. The reform panel recommended the installation of CCTV at certain tracks based on an assessment of risks and other practical considerations. The installation of CCTV will deter illegal activity as it provides oversight of training practices. This would form part of the licensing process.

## New Greyhound Racing Register

There will be a new greyhound racing register, managed by the Commission to capture the identity and whereabouts of all greyhounds throughout their lifecycle.

Greyhounds that retire and are rehomed with a non-industry participant will not be included on the register. New owners will be responsible for registering these animals on the companion animals register.

The owner of a registered greyhound will be required to update the greyhound racing register including when the greyhound is rehomed or euthanised. Euthanasia will be strictly controlled both by regulation and by the Code of Practice relating to the Welfare of Greyhounds.

## Fee changes

The annual registration fee will be reassessed to reflect regulatory changes and the new registration framework.

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Tiempo Dinero headlines a massive weekend for his litter. GRNSW

# Three littermates qualify for three separate group race finals this weekend

By Kat Ernst

IT IS a massive feat to get one runner into a group race final, yet this week three greyhounds from the talented El Grand Senor x Time No Money litter will line up in three separate feature races in NSW and Victoria.

Headlining the trio is Tiempo Dinero which will head into Saturday's Group 2 Horsham Cup (485m) as the fastest qualifier after winning his heat in hot time on Friday.

Jumping from box three against dual group 1 winner Out Of Range (Fernando Bale x Nicki Fields Dec '15), Tiempo Dinero speared the lids and raced straight to the front, defeating the odds-on favourite Out Of Range by two and three quarter lengths in a sizzling 27.06.

Formerly prepared in NSW by Donna Campbell, Tiempo Dinero made the move to Victoria late last year and has now won six of his 12 starts for prominent conditioner Michael Carter.

All up he has now won 17 races from 36 starts with 12 placings including the Group 3 Nowra Puppy Classic for Campbell, while he has also qualified for the Group 2 Warragul Cup under the tutelage of Carter.

Also qualifying for big race finals this week are Big Black and Chase

**Campbell says it would be a massive thrill to see one, or more, of the trio taste success next weekend for their connections.**

The Cash which will contest the Group 2 Richmond Derby and the Group 2 Richmond Oaks respectively.

Big Black went into Friday's heats after a short freshen up and was far from disgraced when running second behind Victorian greyhound Aston Frankel (Fabregas x Aston Ainslie Aug '15) which stopped the clock in 30.64.

The well-named 37.5-kilogram powerhouse pleased Campbell, who trains the 19-time winner for owner Dallas Singh.

"He has really bad sand toes so he missed a bit of work going into the heats – he had only had one 400 in two weeks," Campbell told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"I was very happy with his run. He was underdone and that's a hard run down there at Richmond. He looked like he was going to threaten the winner at one stage, but he hit a bit of a wall which I expected.

"He should be better for the run."

Big Black has drawn box eight for the \$40,000 to the winner final and will meet a sensational field including fellow heat winners Aston Duke (Go Wild Teddy x Aston Elle Jan '16), Hone In (Spring Gun x Benalla Doll Oct '14) and Two Times Twice (Fernando Bale x Chica Destacada Apr '16).

Meanwhile, Chase The Cash will be looking for her 13th career win when she jumps from box six in the Oaks final. The red brindle bitch was defeated by a head in her heat on Friday by Poco Dorado (Fernando Bale x Chica Destacada Apr '16) which clocked a handy 30.75.

Prepared by Craig Watts, Chase The Cash is likely to be one of the outsiders, with Group 1 National Futurity champ Blue Sky Riot (Barcia Bale x Ready To Riot Feb '16) the one to beat after defeating dual group winner Up Hill Jill (Premier Fantasy x Where's Demonica Feb '15) in a best of night 30.44.

Campbell says it would be a massive thrill to see one, or more, of the trio taste success next weekend for their connections. While she says Big Black may struggle to overcome box eight in the Derby final, she does rate Tiempo Dinero a big chance of capturing the Horsham Cup.

The 40-kilogram heavyweight, owned by Dean Leydecker, will have to overcome box four and will meet a super field including Bulli Cup runner-up Jimmy Newob (Cosmic Rumble x Nosey Rozy May '15), Out Of Range and Melbourne Cup superstar Aston Dee Bee (Barcia Bale x Aston Elle Apr '15).

And despite handing over the training reins to Carter, Campbell says few will be cheering louder than her when the lids fly open this Saturday night.

"It broke my heart when he went to Victoria, but I know it was the best decision for him as he is a one-turn dog and there are more opportunities for him down there.

"He is a very fast dog. I have always said that when he jumps there wouldn't be a dog in Australia which could run him down, but his biggest downfall is that he either comes out running or he misses the start completely.

"Hopefully he can come out well in the final this week – he really deserves to win a big race."





Jesaulenko and his  
trainer Terri Morris.  
PAUL MUNT



## Jesaulenko proves age is just a number at The Meadows

**G**RAND old stager Jesaulenko (College Causeway x Elite Fairy Oct '13) ran his young rivals off their feet at The Meadows on Saturday night when winning a heat of the Super Vic-Bred series over 525m.

Having been scratched from the heats of the Australian Cup the week prior, Jesaulenko was well graded against fifth grade opposition and was dominant from go to whoa, jumping straight to the front off box five.

Once he skipped away from his rivals his class shone through, racing to the line to win by five lengths in a nippy 29.92.

Trainer Terri Morris could not have been prouder of her boy, defeating a classy field including recent Floodfawn Classic winner Why Not Ginger which is more than two years younger than him.

"He is up against all the young ones now and his legs are a lot older

than theirs," Morris told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"He has still been trialling brilliantly. He was supposed to be in the Melbourne Cup heats the week before, but I couldn't make it to the track as I had a migraine.

"It was very disappointing, but one thing I have learned is that there are always other races and luckily enough there was a suitable series on for him at The Meadows."

The black dog has been one of the most consistent dogs in recent years, holding track records at Traralgon (29.84) and Sale (24.32) and winning the 2017 Group 2 Traralgon Cup, the Listed Cup Night Sprint and placing second in the Group 1 Melbourne Cup and the Group 1 Temlee.

Throughout his career he has also qualified for the 2016 Group 2 Traralgon Cup, the Group 2 Bendigo Cup, the Group 2 Cranbourne Cup and the Group 3 Silver Bullet.

All up he has faced the starter 92

times for 42 wins, 18 seconds and 12 thirds with more than \$391,000 in prize money beside his name.

He will jump from box eight in the final this Friday against a handy field including Vostok and True Talent which won their heats in 30.21 and 29.93 respectively.

"He has been cursed with bad boxes throughout his career, but he knows how to make the most of it now – I am very lucky he is good enough to do that," Morris said.

"I would have loved to get box one with him – but he has come up with box eight for the final. I don't think that will bother him though – he has won from there in the past.

"If he can jump I give him a good chance in the final. The dog to beat will be True Talent, it raced Jesaulenko's little sister at Sandown Park a few weeks ago in the [Judy Hayley] final, but if he gets a bit of luck I think he can win."



## Got Some Wheels dazzles on debut

Got Some Wheels (Bekim Bale x Paua To Excite Jul '16) will be the one to beat in the maiden final at Ballarat on Wednesday after a blistering win in his heat last week.

The black dog used box one to perfection for trainer Graham James, exploding to the front and dominating the race throughout to win by six and a half lengths in a best of night 24.98 over 450m.

It was his first win at start two, having run a solid second at Sale on debut after missing the start.

The other heat winners were Mesmerized (Kinloch Brae x Punk Star Lass Aug '16) in 25.70, Aeroplane Indi (Kc And All x Aeroplane Cindy May '16) in 25.59 and Cherokee Thunder (Dyna Lachlan x Fay The Weapon Jan '16) in 26.05.

## Okay Kristy scores a boilover

The 1-4 wins final at Sandown Park last Thursday was one of the hottest you will see featuring Chief's Sidekick (Fernando Bale x Magic Diva Apr '16) and She's Gifted (Fabregas x Big Gift Feb '16) both of which look genuine group class dogs in the making.

However, the two favourites found bother throughout the run and instead it was second reserve Okay Kristy (Knocka Norris x Captivating Mar '16) which capitalised, leading most of the way and holding off a late challenge from Zipping Buck (Fernando Bale x Zipping Tess Sep '15) to win by 0.04 lengths in a fair 29.94.

It was her third win from three starts, with the black bitch now headed towards the heats of the Group 2

## Well-bred youngster Janali (Barcia Bale x Born Ali Mar '16) will be one to follow after her emphatic win in the Group 3 Vic Bred Maiden Final (525m) at The Meadows on Saturday night.

Launching Pad at Sandown Park next Thursday.

## Big win again for Zoom Out

Zoom Out (Banjo Boy x Unquestionably Feb '16) is quickly making a name for herself as one of the most talented provincial sprinters in the country and the blue bitch added another win to her impressive resume when scoring at Shepparton last Thursday.

Well draw out in box eight, Zoom Out didn't step as good as she can, but quickly slipped into top gear, finding the front around the turn and charging to the finish to win by two and three quarter lengths in a fast 25.20.

She is trained by Michelle Mallia-Magri and has now won 13 races from 23 starts with five placings, with her earnings already climbing beyond \$62,000 throughout her short career.

## Janali one to follow

Well-bred youngster Janali (Barcia Bale x Born Ali Mar '16) will be one to follow after her emphatic win in the Group 3 Vic Bred Maiden Final (525m) at The Meadows on Saturday night.

Trained by Rob Britton, Janali was lining up for her sixth start in the \$25,000 to the winner race, having broken through for her first career win in her semi-final the week prior.

Sent to the traps as a \$4.60 shot

off box one, Janali stepped beautifully and led throughout, defeating Yongning by 3.86 lengths in a handy 30.29.

She looks like she could be a handy racer, being out of 2014 Group 1 Perth Galaxy winner Born Ali (Velocette x Born Princess Dec '10), a seven time group finalist which was also trained throughout her career by Britton.

## Terry has another smart one

Ashlee Terry has had a quiet 2018 so far, but the young Cranbourne trainer looks to have a smart pup on her hands after Pure White Evil (Barcia Bale x Father Of Mine Jul '16) won on debut at Sale on Sunday night.

The black dog was sent to the boxes as the \$1.60 favourite despite being poorly drawn in box five and never really looked in danger, stretching out once he found the front to register a 6.66 length win in a nippy 24.85.

(Does anyone else see the irony that his name is Pure White Evil and the winning margin was '666'?)

Pure White Evil is bred to gallop, being out of the terrific producer Father Of Mine (Brett Lee x Brandeen Misty Feb '08) which has produced multiple group finalist American Monster (x Knocka Norris), dual Waterloo Cup winner Better Than This (x Knocka Norris) and classy sprinting bitch Burn Like Fire (x El Grand Senor).

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## Lochinvar Hugo's return just weeks away as his baby brother catches the eye



Lochinvar Hugo winning at Maitland. STEVE WHALLAND RACE IMAGES

**F**REAKISH talent Lochinvar Hugo (Barcia Bale x Lochinvar Vogue Apr '15) is only weeks away from his return to the race track following an injury set back at the start of the year.

The Robert Smith-trained greyhound has not been seen since finishing fourth in his heat of the Group 2 Summer Distance Plate at Wentworth Park in January, with connections deciding to spell the powerhouse performer when he pulled up sore.

However, breeder Kevin Gordon, whose daughter Karla owns Lochinvar Hugo, told Australian Racing Greyhound he is now back in work and ready to make his return to the race track.

"He is going well – he should be back racing in two or three weeks' time and will be ready for some of

the big group 1 races [just after] Easter.

"He broke in very good Cudal so we decided to bring him through slowly – 37 starts later he hadn't had a decent break so Robert decided to give him a short spell while he was getting over his injury.

"He earned his break. I think the break has done him good too – he seems to have come back a lot more mature and a different dog around the kennels – he is more relaxed and professional.

"On the track he is going as good if not better than ever and he will be a bit more a-tuned to the 700 this time around."

Lochinvar Hugo is one of the hottest prospects in NSW staying. So far throughout his career he has faced the starter 37 times for 26 wins and nine seconds with earnings close to

\$80,000.

He is the current Maitland 565m track record holder, setting a blistering 31.20-time standard, and also took out the Gosford Gold Mine and the Stayers Cup at The Gardens.

Gordon and Smith look to have an exciting few months coming up on the track, with Hugo's younger half-brother Lochinvar Dues (Magic Sprite x Lochinvar Vogue May '16) ultra-impressive at a performance trial at Maitland on Thursday.

The black dog clocked a fast 24.90 over the 450m trip, however Gordon isn't getting too carried away.

"It's fair to say the track was a bit fast at Maitland last week, but he is a nice dog and he ran up to what we were expecting from him.

"I don't think he is going to be a champion, but he has ability."



## Time Lord stunning at Maitland

Time Lord (Fabregas x Brook's Doll May '16) kept his unbeaten record intact with a strong win at Maitland last Tuesday. Trained by Mark Davidson, Time Thief settled just off the pace over the 565m trip but finished too strongly in the home straight, charging clear to win by four and three quarter lengths in a brilliant 31.57.

Time Lord is owned by the Punters HQ Syndicate and has now won four from four starts. He is bred to run, being a half-brother to Group 1 Melbourne Cup winner Ando's Mac (x El Grand Senor). The litter looks very promising, with Pindari Express stunning in a performance trial at Bulli on Saturday night. The black dog is owned and trained by Tracey Scruse and looked sensational over 400m, stopping the clock in a near record 22.24.

## Tilikum records personal best at Wenty

Tilikum (Oaks Road x Misty Day Mar '15) is finding form at the right time for the Golden Easter Egg later this month after recording a best of night win at Wentworth Park on Wednesday night.

The Neil Staines-trained dog settled second in the early stages, but worked his way to the front coming off the back straight and forged clear to win by seven lengths in a fast 29.81.

Tilikum returned to Wentworth Park on Saturday night and was far from disgraced when finishing second in a Golden Easter Egg Prelude behind Umatilla.

The three-year-old, owned by Tim Watkins, has now won seven races from 44 starts with 12 seconds and eight thirds and more than \$27,000 in his bank.

## Night of the Winsomes at Dapto

It was a big night at Dapto on Thursday for the Fernando Bale x Winsome Amanda litter, with three of the April 2016 youngsters saluting for three different trainers.

Michael Hardman's Winsome Express kicked things off in the first race, bursting through for his first win at start five. Beginning fairly, the blue dog quickly charged to the front and put his best paws forward, racing to the winning post to win by seven and a half lengths in 30.20.

Next up, John Finn's Winsome Money got the job done for his Cranebrook trainer, overcoming box five to lead the majority of the way in 30.02. He has now won two races with five placings from nine starts, his prize money closing in on \$5,000.

Finally, Winsome Currency rounded out the trio with a fast 29.85 win. The 24.5-kilogram pocket rocket stepped brilliantly off box eight and was never in danger, cruising away from her rivals to win by five lengths.

Owned by Steve Mikosic and trained by Marie Burton, Winsome Currency has now won four races with four placings from 11 starts and has earned almost \$10,000.

## Audi Key blitzes his rivals at The Gardens

Lindsay Davis is having a hot run at the moment and her talented sprinter Audi Key (Cosmic Rumble x Miston Belle May '15) blew his rivals away at The Gardens on Friday afternoon.

Out of a litter sister to dual group 1 winner Keybow, Audi Key pinged the lids and raced straight to the front. Once he found the lead Audi Key never looked in danger, putting close to 14 lengths on his rivals on the line in a scintillating 29.42.

The win was a form turnaround, coming back from two lasts at his two most recent outings. He has now pocketed almost \$20,000 throughout his career and has won six races from 30 starts.

Davis also got a winner at Wentworth Park on Saturday night when group 1 National Futurity winner Zinke (Keybow x Black Riband Nov '15) led all the way in a smart 30.01.

She may only weight 24-kilograms, but Zinke has plenty of ability. She has now won two races in town for Davis and six from 25 overall with eight placings.

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## Bimbadgen Man destined for more Young Guns glory



Townsville Young Guns finalist Bimbadgen Man. FACEBOOK.

**B**IMBADGEN Man (Fabregas x Taros Miss Aug '15) will be the one to beat in the RQ Townsville Young Guns (498m) this Tuesday night after coming up with the coveted rails alley for the \$3,500 to the winner feature.

Prepared by Darren Taylor, Bimbadgen Man resumed from a 20-day freshen-up in his heat last week, carving across from box seven to assume the lead around the first turn.

Despite a challenge from Willy Rocket (Kiowa Mon Manny x Cawbourne Lexus Dec '15) throughout the middle stages, Bimbadgen Man kicked on strongly in the home straight to register a four and one quarter length win in 29.03.

"If he is good enough to win on Tuesday that will make it three Young Guns and a Derby for him – I don't know if that's been done before but it's no mean feat," Taylor told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"I was very happy with his run on Tuesday – he came out well and he

beat a solid line-up quite convincingly so I couldn't have asked for much more."

Bimbadgen Man started his career in the NSW Hunter Valley, winning just one of his first 12 starts. He was then purchased by the Muldog Racing Syndicate which is made up primarily of first time owners and instantly tasted success, claiming his first seven starts for Taylor.

All up he has now faced the starter 29 times for 14 wins and eight placings with prize money earnings tipping just over \$20,000.

Taylor said he couldn't be happier with the two-and-a-half-year old's progress since making the move, with his form turnaround pleasantly surprising the Bouldercombe trainer.

"I thought he'd be a nice little dog for this region, but I honestly didn't think he'd be as good as what he's been – he must like the Queensland sun!

"He is no super star. I have trained better dogs than him, but

what he lacks in ability he makes up for in determination – he is just an honest little dog and his results show that."

Bimbadgen Man will face a handy field in the final on Tuesday night including five runners from the Rhonda Essery kennel. His biggest threat looks to be the Essery-trained Licorice Shot (Magic Sprite x Miss Lauryn Mar '16) which has won his past four heading into the final.

However, Taylor says if his charge can repeat his 28.79 personal best over the track and trip he should be taking home the title.

"If he can run 28.90 or better I don't think they can beat him," Taylor said.

"I am pretty confident he can lead from box one and get every chance to do that – but it is greyhound racing so anything can happen."

The 2018 Townsville Young Guns (498m) final will be run and won on Tuesday night and is set to jump at 9.12pm AEDT.



## Win 32 for Cosmo Bill

Ultra-consistent sprinter Cosmo Bill (Cosmic Chief x Regal Silver Sep '14) recorded his 32nd win at Albion Park last Wednesday when saluting over the 395m trip.

The red fawn dog jumped fairly, pushing up from box two before charging to the line to win by three quarters of a length in a handy 22.86.

Owned by Cyndie Elson and trained by Bill Elson, Cosmo Bill has now had 99 starts, finishing in the prize money 56 per cent of his starts, and pocketing over \$67,000 throughout his career.

## Spring Time Girl unstoppable

The 600m fifth grade was the highlight of the meeting at Albion Park last Thursday and it was Jean Hose's Spring Time Girl (Spring Gun x Just Itchin' Sep '15) which added another win to her impressive resume.

Starting as the \$1.60 favourite off box one, Spring Time Girl railed through to take the lead in the early stages and was never headed, holding off a late challenge from Cyn's Magic (Magic Sprite x Tuscany Sally Feb '15) to win by one length in a sizzling 34.58.

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Spring Time Girl, a finalist in the Group 1 Brisbane Cup last December, has now won 18 races from 39 starts including four of her past six outings.

Thursday's win took her earnings to just under \$75,000 – a remarkable feat considering she hasn't even been racing for a year.

## Amber Marie collects time honours

The classy Amber Marie (Oaks Road x Red Rum May '15) collected time honours at Albion Park on Thursday night when stopping the clock in a slick 29.84.

Owned by Robert Groom and trained at Rush Green by John Re-

imer, Amber Marie settled in second spot, but put in a good chasing effort to hit the lead and hold off Cyndie's Magic (Magic Sprite x Regal Silver Mar '13) by two and three quarter lengths at the finish.

Amber Marie has been a great money-spinner for connections, having now raced 32 times for nine wins, five seconds and one third with almost \$33,000 in earnings.

## Nakuru impressive at Ipswich

One of the standout performers at Ipswich on Saturday was the Kevin Ellis-prepared Nakuru (Fernando Bale x Velocity Sofia Apr '16) which clocked the best of the day over 520m.

A recent semi-finalist in the Group 3 Vince Curry Memorial series, Nakuru was lining up for his third race start in a maiden heat on Saturday, pouncing straight to the front off box eight.

Once on the bunny the dark brindle dog made it a one-act affair, bolting to the line to win by 14 lengths in a fast 30.48.

The Vince Curry looks to have strong form lines this year. Heat winner Brandi Alexander (Magic Sprite x Miss Lauryn Mar '16) won in 29.98 at Albion Park on Thursday as did finalist Yeah Okay (My Bro Fabio x Duclic Dee Feb '16) which clocked 30.36 past the post.

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## Cairnlea duo to represent SA in Launching Pad series



Cairnlea Jet wins the Launching Pad qualifier at Angle Park. KURT DONSBERG GREYHOUND PHOTOGRAPHY.

**C**AIRNLEA Jet (Bekim Bale x Cairnlea Ellie Mar '16) earned himself a ticket into this year's Group 2 Launching Pad (515m) at Sandown Park after winning the qualifying final at Angle Park on Thursday night.

Prepared by Petar Jovanovic, Cairnlea Jet settled in fourth spot off box seven, taking a gap between two of his rivals down the back straight and railing through into third position.

Once he found the fence Cairnlea Jet held his spot, pushing up underneath race leader Abuzz (Fernando Bale x Hope's Up May '16) around the home turn and sprinting clear to win by three and three quarter lengths in 29.75.

"I was very happy, it was a good win," Jovanovic told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"On what he'd been trialling I thought he was the fastest dog in the race, but he is still a baby and learning what to do in a field so you can never be too confident.

"I loved seeing him take that run between two other dogs – it showed some determination. Then once he found the fence he was far too strong."

Cairnlea Jet has now won four of his eight starts with two minor placings. He has won his past three appearances, making Jovanovic's decision to step him up to 600 last month a masterstroke.

"He is still learning and had been knocked around a bit, but I knew he'd run the 600 so I decided to put him in hoping he'd be able to get on the bunny and stay out of trouble," he explained.

"The plan worked and then I switched him back down to the 500 for the Launching Pad series to give him some more experience and education against other young dogs.

"In the heat he came out with a bit of gusto – he obviously got a bit of confidence out of the 600 and he is showing that he is learning with every start."

Cairnlea Jet is owned and bred by Jan Hubbard, who has had many thrills with his older brothers Cairnlea Kenny (x Premier Fantasy) and Cairnlea Ollie – the former a finalist in last year's Group 1 Adelaide Cup.

Hubbard and Jovanovic now look set to have plenty of fun with Cairnlea Jet, with the youngster set to make the trip across to Victoria

with his equally-talented kennel mate Cairnlea Strider (Bella Infra-red x Cairnlea Layla Mar '16) for the Launching Pad series.

"When he won his way into the series we decided to pay up for Strider who I think is as good as him," Jovanovic explained.

"Strider won at Angle Park on Monday and went 29.77 – but like Cairnlea Jet he is also learning what racing is all about.

"There are going to be some nice dogs which have been set to for this race and most of them will have that home track advantage, but I am heading over on the weekend to trial them after the races to give them every chance.

"They are wonderful dogs to train and with a bit of luck I give them a chance in the series."

The heats of the Launching Pad will be run at Sandown Park on March 15. The series is eligible to greyhounds with 1-6 wins from no more than 30 starts, with connections required to have purchased one of the 64 entry forms for the series.

The final will be held on March 29, 2018, and is worth a massive \$150,000 to the winner.



## Crazy Again wins again

Crazy Again (Dyna Tron x Just Crazy Nov '15) continued her consistent run of form when winning at Gawler last Tuesday.

The brindle bitch stepped well off box six and got room to move early, pushing her way to the front of the pack and forging clear to win by one and one quarter lengths in a handy 22.64 over 400m.

Owned by Renata Maruszyk and trained at Lewiston by Desmond Hockley, Crazy Again has now won six of her 25 stats with 12 placings.

She has been ultra consistent in recent weeks, having finished in the top three at seven of her past eight outings.

## Two double figure winners for Gray

It is a feat to get one winner at double figure odds, let alone two in one day, but that's exactly what Sharyn Gray managed to achieve at Angle Park last Wednesday.

Her first winner was Crackerjack Glen (Djays Octane x Five Percent Mar '15) which finished too strongly over 388m, charging to the line to defeat City Limit Sign by one and one quarter lengths in 22.60.

Crackerjack Glen has now won two of his 37 starts, with his earnings now sitting at \$2,400.

## SA Greyhound of the Year On Fire (Bekim Bale x Alana Blues Dec '14) looked to have the staying race at Angle Park at his mercy on Thursday night, with punters sending him out as the \$1.55 favourite.

Gray's second winner was Roman's Legend (Barcia Bale x Weowna Shiraz Mar '15) which recorded his seventh career win over 515m.

The fawn dog was only midfield to begin but steadily worked his way towards the lead, crossing the line three quarters of a length in front in 30.39.

## Cooke upstages raging favourite

SA Greyhound of the Year On Fire (Bekim Bale x Alana Blues Dec '14) looked to have the staying race at Angle Park at his mercy on Thursday night, with punters sending him out as the \$1.55 favourite.

The black dog began well, trailing his sister Purpose Driven into the race, before finding the front at the half way mark.

However, it wasn't for long as the consistent Springvale Cooke (Bekim Bale x Springvale Cool May '15) began her run from the back of the pack, challenging the odds on pop throughout the closing stages of the race.

The duo went stride for stride in the home straight, but 700 fitness paid off for Springvale Cooke which finished too strongly to win by a head in 43.57.

Trained by Gavin Harris, the black bitch has now won nine of her 43 tarts with a further 17 placings, her earnings creeping above \$25,000.

## Aston Kody makes it four in a row

Melbourne Cup champion Aston Dee Bee's big brother Aston Kody (Collision x Aston Elle Jul '14) made it four on the trot when saluting in brilliant time at Angle Park on Thursday night.

Owned by Ray Borda and trained by Troy Murray, Aston Kody jumped quickly from box five and was never headed, charging to the winning post in a blistering 29.55.

It was by far his best time over the 515m at Angle Park and it took his earnings to just under \$55,000.

Throughout his career he has now won 24 races from 64 starts with nine seconds and six thirds.

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## Big Night at Cannington with Five Winners by Hobby

**H**EATS of the Lew Dorsa Memorial (520m) were the standout of Saturday's meeting at Cannington and they were dominated by Dave Hobby who won two of the three qualifiers.

His first winner was Trouper Monelli (Fernando Bale x Bingle Monelli Nov '15) which saluted after a string of placings, leading all the way to defeat Astrozone (Cosmic Rumble x Starlight Delly Nov '14) in a fast 29.85.

The brindle dog hadn't won a race in seven starts leading into the heats, but had still been in good form, having run second behind Dandalup Brutus in the Sandi's Me Mum Memorial the week prior.

Hobby said it was good to see the youngster find winning form, having run some very good placings in top company over the past couple of months.

"He has been racing in top grade for some time now which is a big ask for a young dog," Hobby told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"In these races it normally comes down to who can begin and get the best run – luckily he got the luck on Saturday night and was able to get the job done."

Also impressive for Hobby in the heats was Benny Monelli – a litter brother to Trouper Monelli. The 30-kilogram racer had been missing the start in recent weeks, but timed it beautifully on Saturday night and was never headed in 29.77, defeating Max Profit by three lengths at the finish.



Neil Monelli will be on the sidelines for several months. GREYHOUNDS WA.

It was his 10th win at start 33, with Hobby relieved to see him nail the beginning.

"He is hit and miss, but when he begins he can really motor – he is a different dog when he can get out in front. But it does all come down to what he's doing in the boxes when the lids go up.

"Last night he had his mind on the job and showed everyone what he can do."

The remaining heat was taken out by boom youngster West On Augie (Fernando Bale x Te Amo Feb '16) in a best of night 29.53. The Chris Halse-trained dog made his rivals look like bush dogs, defeating a stellar line-up including recent The Meadows winner Black Bombshell by five lengths.

West On Augie will likely start the favourite in the feature after coming up with box three, while Trouper Monelli and Benny Monelli will jump from boxes four and eight respectively.

Hobby rates his runner set to wear the blue stretch vest as his best chance of taking home the \$30,000 feature.

"Trouper Monelli is more reliable out of the boxes and doesn't look too badly drawn in box four so I'd have

to go with him.

"Two out Benny Monelli would probably beat him by a length or two – but it's not always the quickest dogs which will win you the most races."

Monelli's successful night didn't end in the heats of the Lew Dorsa Memorial. Short course sprinter Everest Monelli (Fabregas x Sveta Monelli Dec '15) registered his 10th win when saluting over 280m in a fast 21.88, while Poppy Monelli (Fabregas x Jackie Bale Feb '16)

### 2018 LEW DORSA MEMORIAL BOX DRAW

- 1 Skipper's Ticket
- 2 Black Bombshell
- 3 West On Augie
- 4 Trouper Monelli
- 5 Miss America
- 6 Astrozone
- 7 Max Profit
- 8 Benny Monelli

#### Reserves

- 9 Allen Mike
- 10 Victor Metti



and Frida Monelli (Fernando Bale x Bingle Monelli Nov '15) both got the job done over 520m.

By defeating kennel mate Waterloo Monelli in race two, Poppy Monelli ruled herself out of calculations for the upcoming Group 2 Launching Pad at Sandown Park. The series is limited to dogs with less than six wins, with Poppy Monelli now the winner of seven from 19 with six placings after she stopped the clock in a slick 29.69.

Later in the night Frida Monelli

had her first start over the '500' since last September and was too good for her rivals, scoring by two and three quarter lengths in 29.85. A sister to Trouper Monelli and Benny Monelli, it was the ninth win of her short career and took her earnings above \$33,000.

Saturday night wasn't all smiles for Hobby, with his kennel star Neil Monelli (Barcia Bale x Dyna Sandy May '15) set to be sidelines for several months after tearing his calf muscle.

The blue dog had stamped himself as the hottest stayer in the state when winning the Group 3 Miata (715m), breaking the track record in the process, in January, but failed to feature on Saturday night.

"I got five winners but unfortunately Neil Monelli will be out for a while – it was a good night but then to lose one of your better dogs, you walk away feeling like you've lost.

"It's a shame – it's an injury that can take them a while to come back from."

## Mahna Mahna one to follow

The well-bred Mahna Mahna (High Earner x Gone To Heaven May '16) looks one to follow after an impressive win at Mandurah on Tuesday.

Trained by Chris Halse, the blue dog went into the event following a sixth on debut, but showed a ton of improvement, bouncing straight to the front off box five and charging away from his opponents to win by four and three quarter lengths in a best of night 22.70.

The youngster is out of the talented Gone To Heaven (Collide x Casey's Angel Jan '12) which was a multiple city winner, placing third in the 2015 Group 3 Perth Cup Consolation.

## Sieben Monelli could be headed for Victoria

Leading trainer Dave Hobby is considering giving his promising youngster Sieben Monelli (Fernando Bale x Sharon Monelli Feb '16) a crack at the upcoming Group 2 Launching Pad after he made it five in a row at Cannington on Wednesday night.

Having won the Kanyana Cup the week prior, Sieben Monelli started from box seven on Wednesday night, settling in second spot behind kennel mate Winifred Monelli. In the home straight Sieben Monelli finished too strongly, hitting the lead to win by a head in 30.17.

Sieben Monelli has now won six races from 15 starts and has already banked almost \$25,000 for connections.

## Boilover for Isaac in FFA

Lord Reddan (Mogambo x She Ain't Late Aug '14) caused a massive boilover at Mandurah on Thursday night when taking out the FFA event at a whopping \$35.

The Lexia Isaac-trained dog hadn't won since last August and was down on his best form, but took full advantage of the box eight draw, leading throughout in a fast 16.96 – easily the best time of the night over 302m.

The brindle dog, a younger half-brother to group 1 winner Unlawful Entry, has now won 11 races from 66 starts with a further 21 placings. Thursday's vic-

tory took his earnings to \$25,065 for Isaac, who also co-owns the 32-kilogram racer.

## What A Hoot qualifies fastest for Mandurah final

Three heats of the Great Western series were run over 405m at Mandurah on Friday night, with time honours going to the Jen Thompson-prepared What A Hoot (Glen Gallon x Contessa Gundi Jun '15).

The white bitch showed good early toe and battled with King Tony for the majority of the race, prevailing to win by three quarters of a length in 22.79.

The youngster has won 10 from 34 with 15 placings and will be one of the major players in the final.

The other heats were taken out by Fancy Seeing You (Swift Fancy x You're Fancy Nov '14) in 22.91 and Grand Larceny (High Earner x West On Raven Mar '16) in 22.90.

Fancy Seeing You looks the best dog in the race on natural ability, having won 11 from 23 throughout her career with a personal best of 22.48 over the track and trip at Mandurah.

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## Two Bills to target Easter Egg glory on the mainland

**S**TAR Tassie sprinter Two Bills (Spring Gun x China Lady) will make the trip across to the mainland next week in order to tackle the Group 1 Golden Easter Egg (520m) at Wentworth Park.

The Shane Whitney-trained greyhound had no luck in the recent Group 2 Launceston Cup series, but his conditioner remains confident in his dog's ability and rates him a chance against some of the best chasers in the country.

"He had no luck at Launceston – he won his heat in fast time but then he missed the kick in his semi-final and you can't give good dog a start when they are running fast times out in front," Whitney told Australian Racing Greyhound.

"He is up there with the fastest dogs in the state, he just hasn't had a lot of luck in the big races. I know he is good enough though so we just have to keep trying."

Before he heads across to the mainland, Two Bills will return to Hobart on Thursday night where he will jump from box seven in the top grade race over 461m.

"He hasn't been back there since he raced in the Hobart Thousand final – but he has a good record there and should go well."

Two Bills has already tasted success at Wentworth Park, winning his heat of the Group 3 New Sensation last year before running fifth in the final won by Chevy King on Golden Easter Egg night.

"He should know where he is going – obviously it's going to be a hard series but you'll never know if



Shane Whitney and his talented greyhound Two Bills. TAS RACING

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you don't have a crack at it," Whitney said.

"He is going better this time than last year – he is fast enough to be competitive in any series so long as he gets a bit of luck in running."

"It will be good experience for the dog and as I said you can't win these races sitting at home in your kennel."

Whitney could be in for a big few weeks with his young sprinter Sleater (El Grand Senor x Topaz Shiraz May '16) being aimed at the Group 2 Launching Pad heats at Sandown Park on March 15.

The black dog should be better for his race debut at the track on Sunday, finishing fifth in a 4/5 grade race

after missing the kick.

It was the first defeat of his career, having previously won three straight at Bathurst and Hobart in good time.

"He only trialled fair in his trial there the week before – he ran 30.12 but that was his first 500."

"Hopefully he benefits from the run on Sunday and can improve going into the heats."

"He has normally got good first and second sections – if you are in front in these types of races you have a good chance."

"He is a handy pup so hopefully he can show everyone what he can do."

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## Invictus Rapid not done with yet

Invictus Rapid (Cosmic Rumble x Miss Fiesty Feb '14) may be over four years of age, but the former Victorian proved he is still capable of impressive performances when saluting at Devonport last Tuesday.

Starting from box two as the \$1.40 favourite, the black dog stepped well and rolled straight to the front of the pack. Once out in front Invictus Rapid never gave his rivals a look in, charging clear to win by eight and one quarter lengths in a hot 32.90 – just a length outside the 32.86 track record set by Luke's A Missile almost eight years ago.

Invictus Rapid has been one of the most underrated dogs of his generation, running second in the 2016 Group 1 Peter Mosman Classic, the 2016 Group 2 Healesville Cup, the 2018 Group 3 Devonport Cup, third

in the 2016 Listed Australian Sprint and a finalist in the 2016 Group 1 Silver Chief Classic, the 2016 Group 1 Harrison-Dawson, the 2016 Group 2 Shepparton Cup and the 2017 Group 3 Darwin Cup.

Trained most of his career by Jason Thompson, Invictus Rapid is now prepared by Mick Stringer, with his record now standing at 88 starts for 31 wins, 18 seconds and 14 thirds and more than \$163,000 in prize money.

Stringer also combined with the Thompsons later on Tuesday when Hemsworth (Black Magic Opal x El Brooklyn Jan '16) bounced back from his last start defeat in the Group 2 Launceston Cup with a fast win over 452m.

The blue dog is owned and bred by Seona Thompson and has had 11 starts for one win and a third, with Tuesday's Devonport win possibly the most impressive of his short career – stopping the clock in a brilliant 25.25.

## Gatwick back on the winner's list

The regally-bred Gatwick (Dyna Lachlan x My Kinda Music Jun '15) bounced back to the winner's list at Hobart last Thursday night when scoring over the 461m journey.

The black dog looked awkwardly drawn in box four, but overcame potential trouble with a fast beginning, settling in second position before slipping into top gear around the turn, stretching out to win by one length in 26.28.

Gatwick, which started his career in Victoria, has now won five races with nine placings from 29 starts. He is bred to run, being out the 2014 Temora Cup winner My Kinda Music (El Grand Senor x Ice Dancer Feb '12) which has been a handy producer, throwing some talented types such as multi city winner Yarraman Ace.



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# Social Media

By Todd Davey



## Fanta Bale continues to re-writes history

Fanta Bale's status as the greatest chaser in Australian greyhound history was confirmed on Saturday night after the superstar grey won the Group 1 Australian Super Stayers (725m) at the Meadows.

Jumping from the coveted one box, the champ found the front early but didn't have it all her own way, holding off Sale Cup winner Quick Jagger.

The grey is one of the more popular greyhounds in Australia and social media heaped praise on the undisputed champion of racing.

*"\$1,365,175 and counting! Congratulations Fanta Bale on becoming the all-time stakes record holder after last night's epic win in the Group 1 Australian Super Stayers."*

**Fanta Bale Fan Club (Facebook)**

*"Dead set I'm in love with Fanta Bale. Greatest race dog of all time. Anyone wants to argue with me I'm upstairs at @TheMeadowsDogs and will happily set you straight. #GOAT"*

**@smith\_0902 (Twitter)**

*"Fanta Bale, what can we say? Unbelievable, you are a true champion! Highest stakes earner of all time, what a privilege!"*

**@smartremark24 (Twitter)**

*"Wow! Fanta Bale makes it 9 Group 1 wins in the SKY Racing Super Stayers final and becomes the greatest prize money earner in greyhound history, \$1.365 million."*

**@stevejoseph69 (Twitter)**

*"Horse Racing has Winx. Greyhound Racing has Fanta Bale."*

**Talesse Ricetti (Facebook)**

*"What a great little dog she is, well done Fanta and congrats to team Britton!"*

**Lynn Mullens (Facebook)**

## Dirk Bale delivers in the Auckland Cup

Dirk Bale stepped out of the shadows of his star litter mate Allen Ablett following an all the way win in the Group 1 Auckland Cup (527m) on Sunday night.

Drawing box six, the Craig Roberts-trained dog delivered a hot start to lead the pack and was never headed, cruising away to register a two and a half length win.

Punters from both sides of the Tasman were happy for the race team and the dog.

*"Huge Group 1 double for Paul Wheeler & sire Fernando Bale with Dirk Bale winning the Auckland Cup for Craig Roberts"*

**@PeterFenemor (Twitter)**

*"Such a proud moment to see Dirk Bale use his lightning quick box speed to take out the Auckland Cup for 2018, with his brother, Allen Ablett, not far behind in 3rd."*

**Jewel Racing Kennels (Facebook)**

*"Fantastic effort by you all. Box speed is gold and he used it brilliantly today."*

**Janine Jopson (Facebook)**

*"Was beautiful to watch!"*

**Patricia Jayne Gilling (Facebook)**

## Hecton Bale convincingly wins Australian Cup

Star chaser Hecton Bale overcame the bad draw of box eight to deliver a powerful win in the Group 1 Australian Cup (525m) at the Meadows.

The Andrea Dailly-trained runner jumped fairly from the outside, but was benefited greatly by Hasten Slowly – jumping from box seven – cutting back to the rail.

From then Hecton Bale took over and eventually dashed away to win by just shy of five and a half lengths.

There was plenty of love around for the greyhound following the dominant victory.

*"Still buzzing after an amazing Australian Cup night at the Meadows! Hecton Bale scintillating in the Cup while Fanta Bale became the greatest prizemoney earner in greyhound history in the SKY Racing Super Stayers. Fanta in Melbourne and Winx in Sydney"*

**@DaveCarlsonSKY (Twitter)**

*"Totally Forgot About Putting \$100 On Fanta and Hecton Bale Last Night #Boom #Money"*

**@ARF181 (Twitter)**

*"Jesus, he smashed it! "*

**Jasmine Lawrence (Facebook)**

*"Trans Tasman weekend Gr 1 double looms for super stud Fernando Bale after Hecton Bale's Aussie Cup win with 3 Auckland Cup finalists today!"*

**@PeterFenemor (Twitter)**

*"God bless you and congratulations from the country of Chile."*

**Jorge Bolivar Lagos (Facebook)**

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## FROM THE STEWARDS ROOM

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### Absalom's appeal dismissed

**T**HE Supreme Court has dismissed an appeal by NSW trainer Carly Absalom against Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) and the Racing Appeals Tribunal and has been ordered to pay the controlling body's defence costs.

In June 2017 Absalom was suspended from training greyhounds for 16 weeks in relation to five breaches of GAR86(ag) for failing to comply with GRNSW's Race Day

Hydration Policy by refusing to put water in the kennels with her greyhounds at the race track.

In August 2017 the Racing Appeals Tribunal dismissed her appeal against the steward's decision which led Absalom to file proceedings with the Supreme Court in October, seeking a judicial review of the Tribunal's decision. However, Justice Rotham dismissed the application.

GRNSW CEO Tony Mestrov welcomed the judgement by the Su-

preme Court.

"Welfare of greyhounds is paramount to all of the policies and decisions that GRNSW makes. The Supreme Court's judgment makes it very clear that if a participant does not comply with a GRNSW policy then that participant can be prosecuted for a breach of Rule 86(ag). GRNSW expects all participants to strictly comply with the policies adopted by GRNSW." Mestrov said.

### Gary Smith fined

GRNSW has issued a fine to registered trainer Gary Smith after he was found guilty of breaching the prohibited substances rule, GAR 83(2).

The charges were laid after Smith's greyhound Kidatee Dan returned a positive urine sample to the substance flunixin when competing at Casino on November 24, 2017.

Smith entered an early guilty, with stewards considering the evidence including that it was his first positive swab since taking out his training licence in 1978.

Smith was given a \$1,000 fine,

while Kidatee Dan was also disqualified from the event in question.

### Foster suspended and fined

Donald Foster recently fronted a Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) stewards' inquiry charged with breaching GAR 83(2).

Foster was charged after his greyhound McLaren Missile tested positive to the banned substance atenolol

when competing at Angle Park on Monday October 9, 2017.

Foster pleaded guilty and provided evidence that the substance was a prescribed personal medication, with stewards acknowledging the swab most likely came about from contamination.

GRSA slapped him with a two month suspension and fined him \$500, while also disqualifying the greyhound from the race in question.

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# Betting wrap: WOOLWORTHS RUN VENUES IN HOT WATER FOR SPYING ON GAMBLERS



By Kat Ernst

**S**UPERMARKET giant Woolworths is under the microscope following allegations from Federal Independent MP Andrew Wilkie that its network of pubs and hotels are keeping a database of customers who gamble, including their habits and behaviours.

The allegations surround venues which are run by the Australian Leisure and Hospitality Group which is primarily owned by Woolworths in a joint venture with billionaire businessman Bruce Mathieson. The ALH Group runs more than 12,000 poker machines around the country.

Screen shots emerged last week which showed a digital database shared across 400 pubs containing details about their regular pokies players' gambling habits, their drinking habits and the footy teams they followed.

The ALH Group released a statement which emphasised it treats its responsible gambling operations seriously and that compliance with Australian laws is non-negotiable.

"If there are instances where that line has been crossed ALH is committed to taking the necessary steps to rectify any breach," the company said.

Liquor and Gaming NSW is now urgently investigating the allegations, while the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation is in discussions with ALH Group.

In Victoria, the Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation said it would monitor the issue, while in South Australia the Independent Gambling Authority's acting director said under the state's code of practice it is appropriate for venue staff to interact with pokies players and record certain details which may help identify problematic gambling behaviour.

## Tasmanian pokies ban thrown out with Liberals election win

The Tasmanian Liberals have landed a second term of majority government under Will Hodgman which is good news for pokies players in the state.

The Labor Party had vowed to ban pokies in pubs and clubs by 2023 if it won, while the Liberal Government said it would grant individual licences – a move which will still hit the Federal Group hard – but is the best-case scenario given the alternative.

## Two serious bidders for William Hill Australia sale

Sportsbet and Crownbet have been shortlisted and given access to confidential information about William Hill's Australian Operations as the race to buy the bookmaker business is narrowed down to two bidders.

The British-based William Hill company expended its business to Australia in 2013 when it purchased the Australian and Spanish operations of Sportingbet as well as Centrebet and Tom Waterhouse. The three brands merged under the William Hill Australia banner, with Tom Waterhouse the man in charge.

However, in January William Hill revealed it was reviewing the underperforming business and that a sale was under consideration. Last week it was announced that four rival gambling companies had submitted their offers – Bet365, Paddy Power Betfair (Sportsbet), Ladbrokes and the locally-owned Crownbet.

William Hill Australia currently holds a 5 per cent share in the nation's sports betting market and is believed to be valued at around A\$200 million.

## Cryptocurrencies make their way into newsagencies

The rise of cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin has been well-documented and now there will be another option for punters to buy into the newest craze.

People wanting to purchase and invest in cryptocurrencies, specifically Bitcoin and Ethereum, will now be able to do so at 1,200 newsagencies across the country. All that you need to get started is \$50, a digital wallet and a phone number.

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Last month the Northern Territory Racing Commission issued an informal ban against all cryptocurrency online wagering, singling out Bitcoin and Ethereum.

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## Remembering the greats: **IBROX**

**V**ictorian trainer Graeme Bate virtually dominated the scene in his home state for most of the late 1980s and through the 1990s, putting the 'polish' on many good dogs, but one of the first he handled in the embryonic stage of his career really propelled him into the spotlight.

The greyhound was an unfashionably bred brindle bitch whelped in September 1974 by Tidiss out of Royal's Dream. She raced under the name Ibrox and proved one of the best front-running stayers of her era.

Ibrox's career began poorly with a sequence of four unplaced efforts in sprint events at Geelong over a period of nine months from January to September 1976 before she finally broke through over 451 metres at Ballarat on 22 January 1977.

Her next five country starts saw her notch two wins, two seconds and one third, all at either Ballarat or Geelong, before Bate decided to give her a crack at city class racing.

Ibrox came from box five over 511 metres at Olympic Park on 7 March and scored an impressive four lengths victory. She then ran fourth at each of her next four outings at both Olympic and Sandown Park's.

Thinking she might prove to be a reasonable stayer, Bate put her over

the tough 732 metres at Olympic Park on 18 April. Ibrox led clearly but by the home straight began to tire and was overwhelmed in the latter stages by Darling Panda, going under by a neck.

In a strange twist, just eight days after her gruelling first staying test, Ibrox contested the shortest race of her career, a 347-metre scramble at Geelong, running home well to finish second.

Bate set her for the Olympic Park Distance Championship and in her heat on 2 May she came up against 1976 New South Wales Greyhound of the Year Mandarin Girl. Ibrox showed blistering early speed and matched strides with Mandarin Girl for most of the race. With the advantage of the rails running Ibrox began to pull away in the straight and downed Mandarin Girl by three lengths in 43.91. The best time of the heats was run by Satanic Power with 43.85.

The final was run on a heavy track, and Ibrox floundered. Mandarin Girl (box one) led for most of the race but could not hold off Oakwood Moss and Gwenda Maree in the run to the line. Ibrox was never in the race and finished fifth, the first of what proved to be only two unplaced efforts in distance races.

After running second over 710 metres at Horsham and then second at Olympic Park over 511 metres, Ibrox scored over 592 metres at Geelong on 5 July.

After running second over the same trip at Geelong the following week, Ibrox won her next three starts in a row over 732 metres at Olympic Park including a heat and final of the Harper's Chow Trophy and a heat of the Anniversary Trophy before running a one and a half length fourth behind the smart Delbairn Babe in the final.

Her next start, on 29 August saw Ibrox bolt home at Olympic Park by 12 lengths in a new track record time of 43.63, the first real indication she was truly something special.

The brindle flyer was taken north to Sydney to race over 722 metres at Wentworth Park in a heat of the Metropolitan Cup. Starting an odds-on favourite, Ibrox bounced straight to the lead and careered away to score by seven lengths in a fast 43.13.

The Metropolitan Cup final proved even easier as she cruised home in a sizzling 42.69, again winning by seven lengths.

A couple of weeks later, Ibrox returned to Wentworth Park and won her heat of the Sydney Cup by six lengths in 42.82, but had to be scratched from the final due to a toe injury.

After winning again at Olympic Park on 24 October, Ibrox came back to Sydney and had what proved to be her last start in the city, a four-dog





Free-For-All over 722 metres at Wentworth Park. Ibrox led all the way, narrowly defeating champion NSW stayer Kawati Boy by a half-length in a fast 42.73. Michele Cherie was just a half-head away third. It was Ibrox's sixth consecutive win.

A week later, Ibrox led but was run down by Husky Fran at Olympic Park. Sixth in that event was Mandarin Girl.

Ibrox then put together a sequence of seven successive victories, six of them in the space of just 20 days. After winning a heat of the Spring Cup at Olympic Park (defeating Husky Fran), Ibrox went to Angle Park and won a heat of the Westend Distance Title by 10 lengths.

Back In Victoria, she won the Spring Cup by five lengths and returned to Angle Park and won the Westend Distance Title final by six lengths.

Ibrox then notched three straight

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wins at Olympic Park, by 10 lengths, seven and a half lengths, and eight lengths respectively.

After running fourth in an unsuitable sprint race at Olympic Park, Ibrox scored at her first attempt over 718 metres at Sandown Park, winning by five and a half lengths in an all-the-way success on 22 December, her eighth in a row over the 'half-mile'.

Just four days later, Ibrox was narrowly defeated by King's Domain at Olympic Park, but the brindle flyer gained her revenge on 29 December when she downed that greyhound by six lengths at Sandown Park. That

race ended Ibrox's career.

It came as no surprise when Ibrox was named Victorian Greyhound of the Year for 1977. Ibrox raced 45 times for 24 wins, nine seconds and one third. As a stayer, she recorded the impressive figures of 19 wins and four seconds from just 25 outings and was unbeaten at Angle Park (two), Sandown Park (two) and Wentworth Park (four). She had an average winning margin of five lengths. Box five seemed to suit this railer, Ibrox drawing the alley eight times for five wins and three seconds. Ibrox drew box one just four times for three wins and one second.