



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH JUNE 2015**

## **“FERNANDO BALE”**

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for second consecutive month is outstanding New South Wales owned, Victorian trained sprinter Fernando Bale.

The Superstar won his fourth Group 1 with another impressive performance this time in the Peter Mosman Memorial at Wentworth Park on June 16. Just to finish the month off last Sunday he smashed the Bendigo track record in a heat of the Cup and will start a short priced favourite this Friday night to chalk up his 15<sup>th</sup> win on the trot in the Group 2 final.

At Wentworth Park he was faultless throughout the three week series winning the heat, semi and final all in the best time of the night 29.43, 29.47 and 29.27.



**Fernando Bale in action (Pic Clint Anderson)**

Fernando Bale's race record smashing win in the Group 1 final was probably his finest performance and had even trainer Andrea Dailly's peers in awe.

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Fernando Bale super quick time of 29.27, was an incredible 0.20 faster than the race record set by Xylia Allen in 2013. That is the equivalent of three lengths quicker than the time recorded by Australia's record stakes earner and was 0.07 inside Fernando Bale's previous best Wentworth Park figures.

The Classic was another triumph for trainer Dailly, who trained another group race trifecta when Dyna Double One chased Fernando Bale home and the champion's litter sister Elfen Bale finished third after jumping in front. Fernando Bale headed off Elfen Bale at the first turn where Dyna Double One, after making his best start to a race, sat in a close third position.

Dyna Double One quickly swept past Elfen Bale but could make no impression on Fernando Bale, who carved out splits of 13.51 and 17.58.

Fernando Bale with start odds on this Friday night in the final of the Group 2 Bendigo Cup, the outstanding field is by far one of the best ever assembled at the central Victorian venue. The champ will jump from box three and will be trying to win his fifteenth race in succession all of the previous 14 have been in the best of the night.

Fernando Road is raced by Paul Wheeler and trained by Andrea Dailly he is a White & Dark Brindle dog whelped March 2013 by Kelos Fusileer from Chloe Bale (Malawi's Prince x Burgundy Bale). Fernando Bale has won 22 of his 27 starts and has been placed on two occasions. His prizemoney stands at \$634,840.

Only three Group races were decided in the month of June. Given his performances of four runs for four wins including a Group 1 and a heat of a Group 2 against absolute top class fields, Fernando Bale was a standout winner for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates owner Paul Wheeler, trainer Andrea Dailly and Fernando Bale on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month award for the second time this year in May and June. He joints January winner Dyna Villa, February winner My Bro Fabio, March winner Luca Neveelk and April winner Space Star.

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