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***Bale's Simply Brilliant At Bulli***

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The Bales, Paul Wheeler, Graeme Bate and Where's Pedro completely dominated Monday night's Group Two Cyril Rowe Gold Plate at Bulli.

Six of eight were owned by Wheeler, four trained by Bate and champion stud dog Where's Pedro sired five finalists from five different matings.

Not surprisingly the first four across the line carried the Bale moniker and the winning trifecta were by Where's Pedro, with Greta Bale (\$2.30), trained by Bate, producing yet another brilliant front-running display to give nothing else a chance.

The daughter of Where's Pedro and Gold Rush Bale and clocked a fast 26.16s on a rain-affected track, while her kennelmate, the promising Stanford Bale (\$4.60) claimed second a half a length ahead of the Shaun Evans-trained Riddle Bale (\$10.50).

Radley Bale, after a chequered run, battled on well to round out the first four for the Bale runners and give Bate three out of the first four.



**Official Photo Finish of Greta Bale's win in the Bulli Gold Plate**

"I'm really happy with the way they all went," said the winning trainer.

"First and second and \$31,000 in prizemoney is pretty good work, actually I was a bit dirty because Stanford came out and got Radley otherwise I might have got the trifecta."

"But they were all terrific runs."

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Greta Bale and her three kennelmate finalists were back at Bate's Lara property near Geelong on Tuesday afternoon and will now be aiming for more Group glory in their home state.

"I've just rang up to book trials for all four of them at Warragul on Friday and they'll all head towards the Warragul Cup next week."

It will be a brave punter to bet against Greta Bale continuing her rich vein of form with her winning 10 of her past 11 starts, which also included the Group Two Ballarat Cup.

She has now banked a tick under \$90,000 in stakes from her 22 wins and 11 placings in her 49 start career and the Group Two Warragul Cup, on January 21 and 25, is worth \$28,000 to the winner.

"Greta Bale just has that electric box speed and is doing everything right at the moment," said her Hall Of Fame trainer.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order. 4<sup>th</sup> Radley Bale (\$9.80), 5<sup>th</sup> Shadow King (\$30.40), 6<sup>th</sup> Windsor Bale (\$18.10), 7<sup>th</sup> Casino Fun (\$12.50) and 8<sup>th</sup> Gripen Bale (\$6.30).

Greta Bale is a White & Black Bitch whelped February 2008 by Where's Pedro from Gold Rush Bale (Lansley Bale x Jindara Bale), she is raced by Paul Wheeler and trained by Graeme Bate at Lara. Greta Bale has raced 49 times for 22 wins and 11 placings and with the \$25,000 first prize for the Gold Plate it took her overall stake earnings to \$89,820.

Last year the GBOTA changed and renamed the Gold Plate as the Cyril Rowe Memorial which was another feature race conducted at Bulli. The Plate was run for the first time in 1996 when known as the Rooty Hill RSL Gold Plate it was a Group 3 race and with the change this year came an elevation to Group 2 status. Listed below are the previous winners of the then Rooty Hill RSL Club Gold Plate.

1996 **Ultimate Wish**, 1997 **Awesome Assassin**, 1998 **Tommie Streaker**, 1999 **Bob's One**, 2000 **Kirsty's Crown**, 2001 "Not held" 2002 **Casino Roller**, 2003 **Flash Peter**, 2004 **Spring Secret**, 2005 **Whisky Assassin**, 2006 **Winsome Force**, 2007 **Commandant**, 2008 **Bartram Bale**, 2009 **Proven Diego** and 2010 **Goodesy**.

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