



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## Tomac Bale Takes Off

Tomac Bale announced itself as one of the most exciting sprinters in the country at Sandown Park tonight, winning the Group 2 Launching Pad in a race record 29.23 seconds.

After running a stunning 29.21 seconds in his heat run, Tomac Bale was sent to the boxes a \$1.70 favourite and the punters who took the short odds weren't disappointed. Beginning flawlessly from box 8, Tomac Bale ran the first split in a low-flying 4.96 seconds to cross Powerhouse and lead through the first turn.



**Tomac Bale too good in the Launching Pad ( Pic Clint Anderson)**

From there he was never headed. Powerhouse (\$14.20) was gallant in defeat, chasing hard to finish just 2.75 behind the winner, while Archie Gumballs (\$4.60) hung on for third a further 6.25 lengths adrift.

Trained by Mark and Lisa Delbridge in Balliang, Tomac Bale scored his fourth win from just five career starts, taking his prize money to an impressive \$52,250.

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The beautifully bred son of Dyna Lachlan and Princess Bale provided leviathan owner/breeder Paul Wheeler's his first win in the race, and added yet another Group race winner to a remarkable dam-line.

It also enhanced sire Dyna Lachlan's billing as one of the best young sires on the stud scene, Tomac Bale becoming his second Group race winner after Gunda Bale claimed the Group 2 Macro Meats Laurels in December.

The night was an outstanding success for the club, featuring its annual Easter Fun Kids Night. As well as the chance to become an 'Owner For The Day,' 'Beat The Bunny,' and find Easter Eggs in a monster Easter Egg hunt, kids had the chance to meet one of the fastest men in the world – Asafa Powell.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Sweet Shadow (\$32.30), 5<sup>th</sup> Set Sail South (\$30.80), 6<sup>th</sup> Air Collision (\$7.30) 7<sup>th</sup> Gate Crash (\$12.10) and Lemoine Bale (\$15.50).

Tomac Bale is a Red Fawn Dog whelped April 2011 by Dyna Lachlan from Princess Bale (Hallucinate x Gold Rush Bale) he has raced six times for four wins. The \$40,000 first prize for the Launching Pad took his over stake earnings to \$52,250.

The Sandown Club introduced the DDC Launching Pad in 2003 and until 2009 it was a Group 3 feature. The race was elevated to Group 2 status in 2010 and 2011, but dropped back to Group 3 again in 2012. However the club decided the race was worthy of Group 2 status again and elevated it back this year, which is where it will stay. The feature event has quickly become a most popular event with conditions suiting the young up and coming stars and it also provides excellent prizemoney for that level and class of lightly raced dogs. Listed below are the previous winners and their winning time.

2003 **Bounty Lass** 29.80, 2004 **Legends** 29.80, 2005 **Traction Control** 29.80, 2006 **Path To Power** 29.69, 2007, **Boris Reigns** 29.80, 2008 **Teaman Titch** 29.90, 2009 **Shiver Inside** 29.80, 2010 **Arsonist** 29.88, 2011 **Easy Peasy** 29.70, 2012 **Five Paws** 29.69.

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