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Wide Open 2015 Sale Cup

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Ring The Bell will carry the hopes of Gippsland on his shoulders in the \$107,250 Group 1 Gold 1242 Sale Cup (650m) on Boxing Day.

Trained at Neerim Junction by Gerard O'Keefe, Ring The Bell (pictured – box 7 courtesy Barb Radley photography) was the fastest of the four heat winners on Sunday night after surrendering an early lead before digging deep to score in 37.608sec.

"I am extremely proud to have a greyhound representing Gippsland in the Sale Cup. I've never trained a group winner and neither has Kelvin Jones, who co-trains Ring The Bell and all of my greyhounds," O'Keefe said.

"Kelvin lives in Sale, and his family has lived in the town for about 80 years, so he is on cloud nine at the moment."

Sale Greyhound Racing Club Manager, Des Dooley said having a genuine Gippsland greyhound in the Sale Cup was particularly special.



"There's been a few greyhounds in the Cranbourne region that have won the Sale Cup, but I don't really class those dogs as being from Gippsland," Dooley said.

"The last greyhound to win this race that I'd class as a Gippsland-trained dog was Mantra Lad (2009), who was prepared at Catani by Graeme Jose, and another winner with a local connection was Linebacker (1993), whose owners were from Sale."

Dooley said Saturday night's final looks the most open in a long time.

"I honestly couldn't put a line through any of the dogs in the final, and whoever starts as favourite will probably be around the \$4.00 mark," Dooley said.

"In every Sale Cup you can usually narrow the greyhounds with a genuine chance of winning the final prior to the heats down to only three or four greyhounds, but this year I honestly thought there were about 20 realistic chances."

"Lady Toy has made eight Group 1 finals and won almost \$400,000 in prize money, yet she will probably be the outsider of the field. That's how even it is."

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GROUP ONE – GOLD 1242 SALE CUP - \$75,000 to the winner

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\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Gold 1242 Sale Cup 650m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
 1	Come On Fantasy	Joe Borg	\$4	37.92
 2	Lithgow Panther	Robert Britton	\$3.25	NBT
 3	Ring The Bell	Gerard O'Keefe	\$13	NBT
 4	Bourbski Fever	Andrea Dailly	\$5	NBT
 5	No Donuts	Brad Canty	\$5.50	37.69
 6	Chrichton Bale	Mark Delbridge	\$8.50	37.79
 7	Full On Bling	John Westerlo	\$10	37.75
 8	Lady Toy	Jim Psaila	\$21	NBT
 9	Bells Are Ringin (RES)	Gerard O'Keefe	\$21	37.53
 10	Spring Trail (RES)	Jamie Ennis	\$13	NBT

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

James Van De Maat
 1st Chrichton Bale
 2nd Bourbski Fever
 3rd Lithgow Panther

Des Dooley
 1st No Donuts
 2nd Lithgow Panther
 3rd Ring The Bell

Peter Eustace
 1st Come On Fantasy
 2nd Lithgow Panther
 3rd No Donuts

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Honour Roll

<u>Year</u>	<u>Dist</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Breeding</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Time</u>
1970	484m	Radiant Quan	Spotted Lightning - Quan's Flash	Neville Gieschen	Cheryl Moss	Quan's Delight	N/A
1971	484m	Stripper Sam	Sammie Sparrow - Probex	Don Hay	Yinnar Lass	Classy King	30.10/16
1972	484m	Midnight Avon	Fawn Scout - Blackall Babe	John Norden	Tarado Belle	Danbry	29 15/16
1973	484m	Rerod	Haydale - Lucky Chimes	Don Hay	Lawsons Pride	Gramax	28.83HT
1974	484m	Rebel Rena	Edison Record - Natrena	Arthur Perrin	Castle Street	Intuition	29.75
1975	484m	Shikar	Half Your Luck - Sinful	B Richards	Play For Keeps	Hawaii Flash	29.37
1976	484m	Dargaville	Ragsie - Worthy Mandy	Bob Anton	Hazelwood Lass	Macks Way	29.20
1977	484m	Daalko Boy	Clay Moss - Tarman Glen	J. Hickson	Cascilla's Boy	Imperial Magic	29.52
1978	484m	Cascilla's Lad	Half Your Luck - Cascilla	Arthur Schlipalius	Shae Dylan	Temlees Image	29.22
1979	484m	Newmores Heart	Newmore King - Anita Reward	Jim Polson	Reckless Runner	Nancy Ann	29.23
1980	484m	Bushy Prince	Half Your Luck - Saucy Action	Bill Hutty	King Walter	Celtic Saint	29.49
1981	484m	Forceful Lad	Cascilla's Son - Tapio Lass	Arthur Schlipalius	Narracan Boy	Rodella Lass	29.18
1982	484m	Charcia	Rockem - Betsy Clark	Paddy Fitzpatrick	Linda Note	Delpha Lee	29.09
1983	424m	Collinda Flyer	Riviera Tiger - Miss Valencia	Donald Cameron	Clydebank Lad	Linda Note	24.62
1984	424m	Chariot Supreme	Waverley Supreme - Mixed Blessing	Kevin Richards	Flying Fast	Linden South	24.35rec
1985	424m	Johnny Caprice	Johnny's Monaro - Minute Joy	Charlie Mallia	Kilmarney Lad	Flying Fast	24.3
1986	424m	Top Shroud	Satan's Shroud - Corio Course	Thelma Broughton	Diama	Flying Fast	24.57
1987	424m	Quick Royal	Royal Rumpus - Jessie Dingaen	Fred Knee	Collinda Star	True Vintage	24.40
1988	424m	Blackman Ray	Tangairn - Cha Cha	David Nowland	Myella's Supreme	Quick Royal	24.18
1989	424m	Mr. Chatters	Kid Campbell - Blue Louise	Alan Evans	The Earbrander	Best of Blue	24.36
1990	424m	Chief Magundi	Regional Wave - Salamagundi	Greg Martin	Spearfelt	Centrefire	24.53
1991	424m	Malawi's Prince	Malawi - Duchess Marina	Brian Barnsley	Eureka Man	Imagine	24.31
1992	424m	Premier Pete	Chariot Supreme - Wanzel	Albert Critchlow	Worthy Bear	Killy Ale	24.33
1993	511m	Linebacker	Freewheeler - Clever Vixen	Charles Nagle	Merideth's Dream	Dallas Duo	29.85
1994	511m	Jamb Kid	Ginger - La Elegance	Ken Virtue	On The Payroll	Quaroun	29.59
1995	511m	Wylie Boy	Kareem - Fantasy's Halo	George Rose	City Blitz	Initiative	29.31rec
1996	511m	Wylie Boy	Kareem - Fantasy's Halo	George Rose	Zealous Guy	Miss Boudicea	29.66
1997	511m	Shannen's Storm	Iago - Cryers Gal	Alan Britton	Mepunga Streak	Flood Gun	29.76
1998	511m	Awesome Assassin	Light of Fire - Tranquil Flame	Jason Thompson	Our Bronson	Power Thriller	29.32
1999	511m	Brookside Red	Head Honcho - Mancunian Girl	Stan Wardle	Hi Yi Yippee	Petes Boss	29.58
2000	511m	Vino Veritas	Black Shiraz - Scholar's Choice	Chris Johannsen	Bach's Maestro	Coulta Bandit	29.43
2001	630m	Bentley Babe	Head Honcho - Malawi Blue	Peter Dapiran	Beauhaven Escape	Magnitude	36.54
2002	630m	Beljay Velvet	World Title - Patsy Cline	Jason Scott	Jennev	Boomeroo	36.25
2003	630m	Draino	Black Shiraz - Rita's Image	Peter Dapiran	Major Payment	Waiting List	36.74
2004	650m	Arvo's Junior	Arvo's Express - Arvo's Alarm	George Arvanitis	Master Lightfoot	Little Things	37.26
2005	650m	Hercules	Hotshot - Arresting	Jason Thompson	Mid City Mandy	Rocky	37.51
2006	650m	Electra	Primo Uno - Natural Class	Graeme Bate	Turbo Uno	Andy Palmer	37.55
2007	650m	Miss Brook	Ballistic Jet - Brandon Sky	Paul Felgate	Sky Hazzard	Sweet Fancy	37.50
2008	650m	Vintage Octane	Pure Octane - My Girl Georgina	Darren McDonald	Burrawonga Brett	Purple Range	37.33
2009	650m	Mantra Lad	Pure Octane - Al Fresco	Graeme Jose	Next Top Model	Smokin Ichiban	36.89
2010	650m	Symmetry	Flying Penske - Classy Creek	Robert Britton	Sitka	Bobby Boucheau	37.06
2011	650m	Mystic Apple	Hallucinate - Spiral Siyan	Val Awramenko	Zipping Lad	Granduer	37.42
2012	650m	Destini Fireball	Where's Pedro - Grey's Destiny	Norm Rinaldi	Czar	Bagget Bale	37.61
2013	650m	Dyna Nalin	Ashom Bale - Tally Bale	Paul Stuart	Phenomenal	Dyna Willow	37.26
2014	650m	Star Recall	High Earner - No Recall	Jeff Britton	Space Star	Sweet It Is	37.14



Last year's winner Star Recall (Pic Clint Anderson)

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