



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ***Traralgon Cup: Fernando Bale On Repeat; Jump. Lead. Win. Repeat.***

#### GRV Website

Fernando Bale (\$1.20) has continued his spectacular strike rate for group racing at Traralgon on Saturday Night out taking out the 2015 Group 2 Traralgon Cup.

It was no surprise to see the white and brindle dog explode from box six, running 4.67 to the first mark to run a new track record time of 29.90.

Harlon (2) (\$25.30) for trainer Michael Fearnley put in a performance to remember, sitting a distant second to Fernando Bale throughout and holding off a late surge from Emrys (1) (\$5.60).



**Tom and Andrea Dailly with Fernando Bale trackside at Traralgon**

Fernando's blistering track record in the 2015 Traralgon Cup accompanied his eighth group victory in his 36 career starts.

Trainer Andrea Dailly was reluctant to call the results before the race was run, reminding the crowd there were still seven other dogs in the race.

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"He is part of the crowd at home but he is very special, he is a special dog to have in your kennel." Trainer Andrea Dailly said before the race.

After the race Dailly was happy praise her superstar chaser.

"He's wonderful, isn't he? It's amazing the way he can get out of the boxes!"

With a number of group races on the calendar, Dailly has decided to give the new Speed Star race at Sandown a miss next week.

"We will give him a bit of a break and see if we can get him ready for the Adelaide Cup."

Fernando Bale has now won two country cups, first Bendigo and now Traralgon. If he is to win another country cup he will receive the \$50,000 Country Cup bonus, the Geelong Cup just may be in the picture.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Sonic Pirate (\$66.70), 5<sup>th</sup> He's So Good (\$15.50), 6<sup>th</sup> Clash Of Kings (\$39.30), 7<sup>th</sup> Dyna Yemen (\$50.20), 8<sup>th</sup> Lektra Outlaw (\$42.90).

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 29 of his 36 starts and has been placed on four occasions after the first prize of \$47,000 for the Traralgon Cup took his current stake earnings stand at \$925,110. Perhaps one race away from the magic million.

The Traralgon Cup was first known as the Latrobe Valley Cup from 1974 until 1980 when it changed its name, listed below is the Honour Roll of past winners. The 2013 Cup was the last on the old track as we knew it, and after a total rebuild this year's cup was the first conducted on the new track.

**1974 Lady Anthia, 1975 Jaymar's Pride, 1976 Dunmain Scholar, 1977 Bolta's Gift, 1978 Elsie Belinda, 1979 Newmore's Heart, 1980 Weona Swinger, 1981 Select Band, 1982 Harry Shamrock, 1983 Drop Of Wine, 1984 Forever Alert, 1985 Rumpus Pappa, 1986 Lightning Boy, 1987 Star Affair, 1988 Ray Bon Miss, 1989 Devastate, 1990 Witchery, 1991 Malawi's Prince, 1992 Tough As Tears / Worth Backing (DH), 1993 Lash's Choice, 1994 Light Of Fire, 1995 Wylie Boy, 1996 Flash Monarch, 1997 Shannen's Storm, 1998 Power Thriller, 1999 Four Amigos, 2000 Dutchy's Angel, 2001 Floodfawn, 2002 Elgrando, 2003 Our Barney 2004 Amaroo Gift, 2005 Zaar, 2006 Cromlah Bale, 2007 Meticulous, 2008 Keeko Bale, 2009 Remo Rubik, 2010 Dee Winter, 2011 El Grand Senior, 2012 Dyna Lowell 2013 Paw Licking, 2014 Not Held.**

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