

# AGRA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE 2016

## Paul Wheeler (Inducted 2016)

Years involved in industry: 50

Category: Breeder

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Most successful Australian breeder in history.
- Internationally recognized breeder for success and innovation.
- Bred, raced and won every major feature on the Australian calendar.

To say he's done it all is an understatement when measuring the success generated by leviathan New South Wales breeder Paul Wheeler. Together with his family he has bred, reared, broken in and raced some of the very best greyhounds this country has ever seen.



Like each and every inductee before him he is most worthy of the ultimate accolade and he joins the elite company already inducted into the AGRA Hall of Fame.

Inducted in the category of breeding although in Paul's case of his induction it could include all aspects of our industry. A unique person in his own right he joins his father as the only father and son combination in the AGRA Hall of Fame.

Paul and Jan Wheeler together with Paul's parents Allen and June have left a legacy to the Australian greyhound racing industry that dates back over 50 years. Back to Eastern Creek through to the Oaks and now to his magnificent property at Young.

After learning a great deal from both his parents Paul Wheeler with skill, knowledge, ability and plain hard work has been at the forefront of the Australian Greyhound industry for decades. So good as his job he is recognized worldwide for his achievements in the field of breeding.

He has developed over many years his own breeding techniques never frightened to experiment. Paul has utilized imported sires, local champions and indeed his own champions with a dam line that has never ceased to produce, whichever way the Wheelers chose to take it.

Brood bitches have played an integral part of the Paul Wheeler story the sensational line dates back to his parents original super producing dam Gail's Beauty. The line continued on through Oddnik, Dynabolt, Emiline Bale, Gwendalyn Bale, Mercia Bale plus others to the current two decade crop of Maple Bale, Chloe Allen, Crystin Bale, Carmel Bale, Jindara Bale, Gold Rush Bale, Francesca Bale, Amelia Bale, Tally Bale, Princess Bale, Benden Flex, Rosemary Bale, Kingston Bale and Minkara Bale.



The Wheeler breed are unique canine athletes. We all know them as much for the prefixes, as we do for the type of race dogs that they are, not only great chasers but dogs of strength, that are tough, run on dogs that hit the line with a great will to win, dogs that are reared to perfection.

An indication of how far his breed has come was for all to see when we watched in awe the deeds of the greatest sprinter most of us have ever seen the mighty Fernando Bale. A superstar in every sense of the word. Paul had carefully selected an American sire Kelsos Fusileer to produce the perfect combination with his dam line.

I stood beside Paul Wheeler and watched the most exciting Melbourne Cup I've ever seen in 2015. He was hoping Fernando could complete a fairytale by winning the Cup. As we know he got nailed on the line by his kennel mate, another superstar Dyna Double One (Barcia Bale x Crystin Bale) raced and bred by the Wheelers from completely their own bred both sire and dam. Truly extraordinary.



**Dyna Double One**



**Fernando Bale**

In fact besides Dyna Double One, Xylia Allen (Turanza Bale x Tayah Bale), Dyna Nalin (Ashom Bale x Tally Bale) and Irma Bale (Bartrim Bale x Amelia Bale) three of his best ever to race are pure Wheeler breed.



2009,11 & 2013 AGRA Trainer of the Year Graeme Bate, Paul Wheeler's most successful mentor said there was no doubt Wheeler bred dogs are different to others. "The preparation was the key to Paul's dogs when you brought them into your kennel it was obvious they had been reared to perfection ready to go, they could take a bump and would chase their hearts out. Paul's dogs were a pleasure to train and no one breeds them better, a master in all fields of the caper. He's also a great bloke one of the best I been lucky enough to be associated with." Bate said.

If there is one occurrence worth noting among many it is perhaps the 2011 Melbourne Cup when Paul Wheeler owned seven of the eight to make the final they finished in order Dyna Tron, Shereen Bale, Allen Elroy, Bekim Bale, Numero Uno Bale, Bala Bale and Dyna Morris. Enry Walt the sole outsider failed to upset the Wheeler tribe.

The best example of the Wheeler factor is classically displayed in the top 100 Australian stake earners list. Team Wheeler has bred and raced 16 on the list. They have five in the top 10. #1 Fernando Bale \$1,299,370, #2 Dyna Double One \$1,160,316, #4 Xylia Allen \$743,730, #5 Dyna Villa \$722,618, #10 Dyna Nalin \$589,995.

Including the greyhounds listed above here are the Wheeler bred and raced Group winners since 1995 until now September 2016. **Lansley Bale\*\***, Basco Bale, Cerin Bale, Mirren Bale, Aquin Bale, Bliss Bale, **Kantarn Bale\*\***, Pristine Bale, **Suellen Bale\*\***, Antika Bale, Webster Bale, **Henerik Bale\*\***, Burali Bale, Renzo Bale, Salong Bale, Katella Bale, Bitability Bale, Timjim Bale, Francesca Bale, Delroy Bale, Harvey Bale, Pastrana Bale, Cromlah Bale, Dragway Flex, Dyna Checa, Ashby Bale, Airbourne Bale, Buttsie Bale, Jessie Bale, Kendale Bale, Keeko Bale, Bartrim Bale, **Turanza Bale\*\***, Quinton Bale, **Jarvis Bale\*\***, Stoner Bale, Taipan Bale, Dentax Bale, Zambola Bale, **Amity Bale\*\***, Gripen Bale, **Dyna Lachlan\*\***, Dyna Forte, Greta Bale, Tafari Bale, Allen Shaul, Walter Bale, Crystin Bale, **Radley Bale\*\***, **Allen Harper\*\***, Shereen Bale, **Dyna Tron\*\***, Tonnelli Bale, Allen Elroy, Numero Uno Bale, **Bekim Bale\*\***, **Irma Bale\*\***, Garrick Bale, **Barcia Bale\*\***, **David Bale\*\***, Dyna Bert, Dyna Lowell, Gunda Bale, Allen Hertz, **Dasalle Bale\*\***, **Grigorieve Bale\*\***, Imry Bale, **Dyna Nalin\*\***, **Xylia Allen\*\***, Tomac Bale, Purcell Bale, Dyna Willow, Bagget Bale, Ollie Bale, **Dyna Villa\*\***, Allen Deed, **Lamia Bale\*\***, Musquin Bale, Rocky Bale, **Fernando Bale\*\***, **Dyna Double One\*\***, Quasi Bale, Elfin Bale and Marley Bale.

*\*\*Note the highlighted dogs were multi Group winners, track record holders all considered special on an impressive list.*



***Paul and Jan with some champion brood bitches at Young***

Due to an appalling decision by New South Wales Premier Mike Baird to close down Greyhound Racing in the state of New South Wales from July 2017, Paul Wheeler and his family are doing it pretty tough at the moment. It would appear if the decision can't be overturned the Wheeler family's enormous contribution to the industry may well be coming to an end. Let's hope Paul's fitting induction into the AGRA Hall of Fame, brings some lasting satisfaction that has been so richly deserved.



*Paul Wheeler accepting his induction into the AGRA Hall of Fame at the InterContinental Hotel, Adelaide, South Australia on Friday the 26th of August 2016.*

**By Neil Brown**