



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Meticulous Leads all the way in Traralgon Cup

Classy Victorian sprinter Meticulous (\$2.10 fav) made no mistakes in his comprehensive victory leading all the way to win his second Group feature final this year having scored in the Group 1 Silverchief in January. Ideally drawn in box one it was a superb effort to win the Group 2 Chris Humphrey Office National Traralgon Cup last Friday night.

A very smart sprinter, the Brett Lee chaser has been in outstanding form in August and September with five wins from his last seven starts. He finished an unluckily third in the State National Sprint final behind Pure Burst and came out on National Final night and from box one recorded a brilliant win in 29.80. In his heat at Traralgon his first start on the track he missed the jump and couldn't past Elgrando Gold but qualified for the final and from box one he became the most fancied finalist.

A noted reliable beginner Meticulous jumped to the front and led through the first mark in 5.48, tacking on down the back Shanlyn Token (\$29.30) put pressure on the leader, however this brought the best out of Meticulous and he held his distance as they came around the home turn. He straightened up in front and raced to the line an easy winner by one and three quarters. Local Shanlyn Token finished second from Gringo (\$12.30) who was a solid run third.



**Meticulous first home in the Traralgon Cup**

Time for the final was 30 even after a second section of 16.78. It was a handy run given the tough windy and wet conditions that prevailed at the Gippsland venue on the night.

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Owner Paul Westerveld told me the team have had some wrist injury worries with the Cup winner. "He has had ongoing wrist problems since he started racing and Mario has to manage his races and trials accordingly. It started with one wrist earlier in the year now it is the other. It probably cost him in the heat as we had to give him a trial on the track and being a turning circle he wasn't as strong as we would have liked, but he made the final and came up with the red and we were pretty confident from that draw he would run a bold race." Westerveld said.

Meticulous' next mission will be the Paws Of Thunder at Wentworth Park.

"He will go straight into the semis because he won the Silverchief so he will trial at Wenty between races next Saturday night it is a nice condition of the race as I'm not fond of a three series. Then all being well it will be back to Melbourne for the big races coming up I hope he gets a run in the Top Gun I think he deserves it but I'm a bit bias, we'll wait and see." Westerveld said.



**Mario Briganti & Paul Westerveld with Meticulous** (All Pics by Winning Post)

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Rooney (\$5.40), 5<sup>th</sup> Sonador (\$8.00), 6<sup>th</sup> Elgrando Gold (\$10.50) 7<sup>th</sup> Zibibbo (\$29.50) and Nitro Nori (\$6.80).

Meticulous is raced by Paul Westerveld and trained by Mario Briganti at Chelsea Heights he is a Black Dog whelped August 2004 by Brett Lee from Dance Portrait (Bobniak x Lovely Portrait). Meticulous has won 14 of his 33 starts and has been placed on 11 occasions and with the \$25,000 first prize for the Traralgon Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$138,260.

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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.

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** and 2006 **Cromlah Bale**.

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