



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Fanta Bale takes out Group One Australian Cup**

Fanta Bale has taken out one of the world's most prestigious greyhound races in 30.01 earning Lara based trainer Robert Britton his third Australian Cup win.

Fanta Bale stormed home to defeat Eminent Reality and Areoplane Bob, making this its third Group One win at The Meadows in recent months and claiming the \$250,000 winner's cheque.

Fanta Bale paid \$8.30 and Britton was in awe when she dashed to the front from box eight.

"This is an absolute thrill. Thinking about the race all week I couldn't see how she could get across to the rail from box eight," he said.

"But she has proved me wrong several times in her career and she has done so again tonight."

Bred by Paul Wheeler, Fanta Bale took her record to 20 wins from 29 starts while the \$250,000 first prize took her career earnings beyond \$516,000.

Earlier in the night, Trip To Eden upset kennelmate Burn One Down to claim the \$145,000 Group 1 Super Stayers (725m) at The Meadows.

The Australian Cup Carnival kicked off on February 18 with three Group One races at The Meadows, The Rookie Rebel, Temlee and Zoom Top.

Meadows Manager Marg Long said Saturday night's event was another stellar success for Victorian greyhound racing.

"We are always privileged here at The Meadows to host the Australian Cup and it was wonderful to see a packed crowd in attendance to watch Fanta Bale cement herself as a star of Australian greyhound racing."

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