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GRV Media Release – Fanta Bale to headline Sale Cup heats

Australia's latest million-dollar greyhound Fanta Bale will be among the stars lining up in Sunday's four heats for the 650m Cup TRFM Sale Cup, kickstarting the \$800,000 Gippsland Carnival.

The 2016/17 Victorian greyhound of the year recently cracked the million-dollar prize money mark, making her only the third greyhound in Australia to achieve this remarkable milestone.

The first two greyhounds across the line in each heat will go through to the final in Sale on Boxing Day night, January 26.

The \$75,000 TRFM Sale Cup kicks off the first leg of the Gippsland Carnival, followed by the \$47,000 Warragul Cup on 13 January, the \$47,000 Traralgon Cup on 27 January and the \$47,000 Cranbourne Cup on 10 February.

Points are allocated for first, second and third place getters throughout the series and a Gippsland Champion will be crowned at the end of the carnival. A \$20,000 bonus will be shared among the top three greyhounds of the series.

Local Gippsland star Jesaulenko should be crowd favourite in the heats of the 440m Gippsland Carnival Launch which will also be run this Sunday. The local hero, trained by Traralgon-based Terri-Maree Morris, has won an impressive 21 races here.

The Gippsland Carnival is Australia's biggest greyhound regional series. It was held for the first-time last year and has been finetuned for 2017 to span eight weeks. The Stayer and Sprinter competitions have been combined into one overall championship series and more points will be on offer in the heats.

The final of the Sale Cup will be held on the night of Boxing Day, December 26.

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