



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Fernando Bale named greyhound of the year

Fernando Bale has been crowned the 2015/16 Victorian Greyhound of the Year at tonight's Victorian Greyhound Awards at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club.

The Andrea Dailly-trained dog was adjudged the best performed racing greyhound in Victoria during the 18 month period incorporating the 2015 calendar year and the first half of 2016.

The eight-time Group 1 winner received the most votes by the Victorian Greyhound of the Year Panel, ahead of fellow finalists Dyna Double One, No Donuts and Space Star.

Fernando Bale also won the sprinter of the year award while Space Star took out the stayer of the year.

#### FERNANDO BALE SNAPSHOT

**Trainer:** Andrea Dailly (Anakie)

**Breeder/owner:** Paul Wheeler

**Group 1 wins:** 8

**Best wins:** Topgun, Golden Easter Egg

**Prize money:** \$1.299M (first Australian greyhound to win \$1Million in prize money)

Earlier in the evening, Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association General Manager, Marg Long was one of three new inductees into Greyhound Racing Victoria's Hall of Fame.

#### 2015/16 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

- Marg Long (Administration)
- The late Ron Izon (Racing Equipment)
- Cursorial (Breeding Greyhound)

#### Other 2015/16 Victorian Greyhound Award winners:

**Ken Carr Medal:** John Reid

**GRV Welfare Award:** Aileen Travis

**Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox':** Gerard O'Keeffe

**Metropolitan Trainer of the Year:** Andrea Dailly

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