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GRV Media Release – Fanta Bale makes history as the first dual Victorian greyhound of the year.

Legendary greyhound Fanta Bale has made greyhound racing history as the first ever dog to win two Victorian Greyhound of the Year awards.

The star greyhound won the award last year and becomes the first greyhound in history to accomplish the sport’s greatest feat twice.

Fanta Bale, trained by Robert Britton was also awarded the Victorian stayer of the year.

Up Hill Jill was awarded the sprinter of the night.

Anakie trainer Andrea Dailly was crowned both provincial and metropolitan trainer of the year. It was her third consecutive provincial trainer of the year award, while she previously claimed the double in 2016.

Max Wintle and Arvo’s Junior were the new inductees to the Hall of Fame. Wintle was the first trainer to win the National Sprint and National Distance championships in the one year back in 1961.

He set the record for training winners on at least 65 Australian greyhound racetracks in Australia and at 85 years of age, continues to train greyhounds from a house block in Reservoir in suburban Melbourne.

Bred, owned and trained by the Arvanitis family, Arvo’s Junior had 34 wins from 93 starts including the Sandown Cup, McKenna Memorial, Sale Cup and Lizrene Classic in a racing career that spanned from 2002 to 2005.

Sandown chairman Neil Brown was awarded the Ken Carr medal for excellence within the Victorian greyhound racing history while breeder/owner/trainer Ashlee Terry was awarded the Ned Bryant ‘Silver Fox’ Award which recognises outstanding achievement in the training, breeding or promotion of greyhound racing.

Pam Priestly was awarded the GRV Welfare Award, having fostered 30 greyhounds for GRV’s Greyhound Adoption program. Pam is also a regular volunteer at GAP community events.

Lenny Jones was awarded the retrospective 2014 GOBIS breeder of the year.

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