



Tuesday 10 November, 2020

Racing update

## Shootout to determine fastest dog in the land

Victorian greyhound racing's inaugural *Metropolitan Festival of Racing* moves into its third of five massive nights on Thursday when Sandown Park hosts the Group 3 Shootout (515m) at 7.58pm.

A four-dog race boasting a winner-take-all prize of \$25,000, the Shootout provides the perfect platform to unofficially establish which greyhound is the fastest in the land.

This year's field boasts four electrifying greyhounds who are all capable of producing low-flying times – Christo Bale (Box 1), Hard Style Rico (Box 3), Tiggerlong Tonk (Box 5) and Shima Shine (Box 7).

Shima Shine and Hard Style Rico have already made their presence felt during November's *Metro Festival of Racing*, winning the G1 TAB Topgun (525m) and G3 RSN Silver Bullet (525m) at The Meadows respectively.

Christo Bale won the 525m G3 Speed Star at The Meadows in September, winning a titanic battle with Catch The Thief (Shootout reserve), while Tiggerlong Tonk has contested more than 10 group finals and boasts a cracking personal best time at Sandown Park of 29.12sec.

The inaugural *Metro Festival of Racing* incorporates 10 group races run across five nights of racing at The Meadows and Sandown Park during November, with almost \$2 million in prize money being distributed.

The Festival will culminate with the world's greatest greyhound race, the TAB Melbourne Cup (515m) at Sandown Park on Friday 27 November.

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### How to follow Thursday night's Shootout action:

- Watch every race LIVE and FREE on The Watchdog app or at [watchdog.grv.org.au](http://watchdog.grv.org.au).
  - Comprehensive Twitter coverage with @SandownDogs and @WatchdogRacing from 6pm.
  - Sky Racing, RSN Racing and Sport (927 AM) & SEN Track's 'The Lids Fly' (1593 AM).
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## 2020 Metro Festival of Racing (winners so far)

**G1 Hume Cup, The Meadows:** LAST HURRAH, Brett Nye (Little River)

**G3 RSN Silver Bullet, The Meadows:** HARD STYLE RICO, Luckie Karabitsakos (Pearcedale)

**G1 TAB Topgun, The Meadows:** SHIMA SHINE, Andrea Dailly (Anakie)

**G1 TAB Topgun Stayers, The Meadows:** TORNADO TEARS, Robert Britton (Lara)

More information: <https://www.grv.org.au/metro-festival-of-racing>

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## 2020 Group 3 Shootout (515m)

Sandown Park Thursday, 7.58pm

### 1. CHRISTO BALE \$4

**Trainer:** Mark Delbridge, Balliang

**Record:** 39 starts 16-7-6

**Best of Night wins:** 8

**Prize money:** \$160,395

**Sandown 515m record:** 5 starts 3-0-0

**Sandown best:** 29.21sec (28/5/20)

**Feature race wins:**

- G2 McKenna Memorial, Sandown (515m)
- G3 Speed Star, The Meadows (525m)

### 3. HARD STYLE RICO \$2.50

**Trainer:** Luckie Karabitsakos, Pearcedale

**Record:** 37 starts 19-6-1

**Best of Night wins:** 19

**Prize money:** \$185,030

**Sandown 515m record:** 6 starts 2-1-0

**Sandown best:** 29.31 (2/4/20)

**Track records:**

Shepparton 24.77sec (450m)

**Group wins:**

- G2 Shepparton Cup (450m)
- G3 RSN Silver Bullet, The Meadows (525m)

### 5. TIGGERLONG TONK \$8

**Trainer:** Correy Grenfell, Mount Wallace

**Record:** 58 starts 30-10-6

**Best of Night wins:** 14

**Prize money:** \$303,670

**Sandown 515m record:** 20 starts 8-5-2

**Sandown best:** 29.12sec (fifth fastest this year) (16/4/20)

**Group wins:**

- G2 Horsham Cup (485m)
- G3 Easter Gift, Sandown (515m)

**7. SHIMA SHINE** **\$2.50**

**Trainer:** Andrea Dailly, Anakie

**Record:** 40 starts 25-3-4

**Best of Night wins:** 16

**Prize money:** \$375,693

**Sandown 515m record:** 10 starts 4-2-1

**Sandown best:** 28.95sec (Fastest time 2020 & second fastest ever) (23/7/20)

**Track records:**

Ballarat 24.75sec (450m)

Bendigo 23.35 (425m)

**Group wins:**

- G1 TAB Topgun, The Meadows (525m)

**Reserves:**

**9. CATCH THE THIEF** **\$7.50**

**Trainer:** Matt Clark, Briagolong

**Record:** 35 starts 19-8-1

**Best of Night wins:** 13

**Prize money:** \$165,155

**Sandown 515m record:** 5 starts 4-1-0

**Sandown best:** 29.21sec (19/3/20)

**Group wins:**

- G2 WA Derby, Cannington (520m)

- G3 Warragul St Leger (460m)

**10. DR. TUCKER** **\$9.50**

**Trainer:** Bill McMahon, Darriman

**Record:** 13 starts 9-1-1

**Best of Night wins:** 3

**Prize money:** \$95,405

**Sandown 515m record:** 1 start 1-0-0

**Sandown best:** 29.28sec (29/10/20)

**Group wins:**

- G3 Great Chase, The Meadows (525m)

**\*TAB odds as at 2.30pm on 10/11/2020**

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**PREVIOUS SHOOTOUT WINNERS**

1998 REGGEMITE (WA), Allan Britton 29.74sec

1999 GREAT WISH (VIC), George Kantzidis 29.83sec

2000 GO WILD TEDDY (NSW), Mark Bell 29.71sec

2001 JUNIOR WHISKY (VIC), Judy Hayley 30.00sec

2002 SILVER SAUL (SA), Angela Modra 29.90sec  
 2003 BOMBASTIC SHIRAZ (VIC), Darren Cairns 30.17sec  
 2004 WHISKEY ASSASSIN (VIC), Jason Thompson 29.69sec  
 2005 BOND (NSW), Darren McDonald 29.38sec (track record)  
 2006 JAIMANDY COOPS (VIC), Paul Donohue 29.63sec  
 2007 COOL EFFORT (VIC), Darren McDonald 29.71sec  
 2008 MANTRA LAD (VIC), Graeme Jose 29.86sec  
 2009 VELOCETTE (VIC), Graeme Bate 29.66sec  
 2010 COSMIC CHIEF (VIC), Darren Brown 29.33sec  
 2011 BEKIM BALE (VIC), Andrea Dailly 29.13sec  
 2012 PROVEN NITRO (VIC), Jason Thompson 29.14sec  
 2013 XYLIA ALLEN (VIC), Graeme Bate 29.07sec  
 2014 IVA VISION (QLD), Peter Young 29.27sec  
 2015 KAYDA SHAE (VIC), Kelly Bravo 29.33sec  
 2016 ZAMBORA BROCKIE (VIC), Anthony Azzopardi 29.16sec  
 2018 (Jan) ASTON DEE BEE (VIC), Jason Thompson 29.18sec  
 2018 (Nov) ORSON ALLEN (VIC), Correy Grenfell 29.19sec  
 2019 HOOKED ON SCOTCH (VIC), Jason Thompson 29.16sec

## **2020 METROPOLITAN FESTIVAL OF RACING**

### **Group 1, 2 & 3 Events**

Event	Date	Timeslot	Venue	Distance	First prize
G1 Hume Cup Final	Monday 2 November	Night	The Meadows	600m	\$75,000
G3 Silver Bullet				525m	\$25,000
G1 Topgun	Saturday 7 November	Night	The Meadows	525m	\$150,000
G1 Topgun Stayers				725m	\$75,000
G3 Shootout	Thursday 12 November	Night	Sandown Park	515m	\$25,000
G1 Melbourne Cup Heats	Friday 20 November	Night	Sandown Park	515m	\$12,000
G1 Bold Trease Heats				715m	\$8,000
G1 Melbourne Cup Final	Friday 27 November	Night	Sandown Park	515m	\$435,000
G1 Bold Trease Final				715m	\$105,000
G3 Sir John Dillon Memorial				595m	\$25,000

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