

# Media Release



## THE MEADOWS

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### Group Double All Baled Up Amity Bale & Turanza Bale Salute In Style

It has been a very long time since master trainer Graeme Bate has lead one of his chasers to the boxes, but when the quality field for the Group 3 Sport 927 Silver Bullet was paraded the punters were clamouring to back the dog on the end on the multiple group winners lead – Turanza Bale.

Obviously confident, not even Graeme himself could predict what was to unfold as his black speedster overcame a moderate beginning to muster quickly and smash one of Australia's most sought after mantles - The Meadows track record. Running home in 11.90, Turanza Bale shaved 0.01 off Big Daddy Cool's record that has stood since 2004.

Positioned just behind the early leader Dyna Lachlan and kennel mate Velocette through the first turn, Turanza Bale was finely poised to at last break his hoodoo at the highest level and win his first group race after seven desperate attempts.

Running strongly to the line, Turanza Bale held off the valiant Velocette who reduced the winning margin to just 1 length with Dyna Lachlan a further 2 ¾ lengths in arrears.

But not to be overshadowed kennelmate Amity Bale turned in a faultless display to romp to victory in the Group 2 Hume Cup and give Graeme Bate a group race double for the night.

Jumping straight to the front from box 2, Amity Bale put the race beyond doubt within the first 50 of the 725 metre journey and raced away to win by 9 ¼ lengths in 42.27 again registering a new time standard taking 0.01 off Mantra Lad's record. Now regarded as the best stayer in Australia, Amity Bale stamped her authority with a commanding victory.

Running on strongly from last early the Darren McDonald trained Shadow Boxer filled second with track specialist Wot Price Pink filling the minor end of the prize.



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