



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **“Cape Bruny outstanding in Border Park Galaxy”**

Cape Bruny (5/2 fav) led throughout to record a brilliant win in Monday's Border Park Galaxy at Tweed Heads on the Gold Coast.

In doing so he became the second successive Tasmanian galloper to win the Group 2 Galaxy following last year's winner Lillipilli Power landed the race for Tasmania as well.

The black dog scored impressively winning by two lengths in a fast 23.29 with an early split of 7.12 he defeated Barb's Mamba (7/1) with a nose to Bank Manager in third.

A faultless beginner an attribute needed at the Tweed he pinged out in both his heat on Saturday and the final on Monday. Well fancied Geelong and Warrnambool Cup winner Brilliant Lee (5/2) chased the favourite for 300 metres but weakened to finish fourth.

It was a very good effort considering Cape Bruny had only been trailed once prior to the heats when he ran a very quick 23.30. Trainer John Galea was confident his dog would race well after following the trial. The run turned out a fairly good indicator to his good showing when it matter.

Raced by the Island Syndicate of Neil Brazendale, Barry Haywood, Glen Butterworth and Graham Nichols and trained at Tarneit in Victoria by John Galea.

Neil Brazendale was on hand to accept the spoils and was full of praise for his youthful trainer John Galea, Galea is enjoyed a purple patch in 2006 after winning the Group 1 Maturity Classic in May with Train A Journey. He is certainly of recent times been well acknowledged for his ability to condition a greyhound.

Cape Bruny had won his heat in a brilliant 23.50secs on Saturday when first-up since last November a break forced on him by a stopper tendon injury and in the process he landed a betting plunge, opening at 14-1 in pre-post markets, but firming to 7-1 before the start of heats on Saturday.

Cape Bruny started 5-2 favourite for the final after opening at 7-4, Brilliant Lee and another Victorian Marungi Blaze, along with NSW multi country cups winner Bank Manager were all given solid chances in the final with bookmakers on course.

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After the placings the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Brilliant Lee, 5<sup>th</sup> Marungi Blaze, 6<sup>th</sup> Hot Syrup 7<sup>th</sup> Exotic Belle and Spitfire Magic.

Cape Bruny is a black dog whelped September 2003 by Knockabout Wok from Lunawanna (Shantung Tiger x Painted Vintage) mainly due to injury he has raced only 15 times for nine wins and five placings and the \$25,000 first prize took his stake earnings to \$32,294. As well as his two wins at Tweed Heads he has recorded fast times at Devonport, Hobart, Bendigo, Geelong and Horsham.

Cape Bruny derives his name from his dam who is named after the small Tasmania town of Lunawanna at Little Taylors Bay on South Bruny Island across D'entrecasteaux Channel.

John Galea told me after the win Cape Bruny was a week to week proposition due to the stopper bone injury. He is unsure of what his plans for the sprinter are. "I'll take him home and see if he can run 457 metres for the Victorian country Cups," said Galea.

The Border Park Galaxy was the brain child of legendary club administrator Harry Pledger, Pledger severed a record number of years as club secretary now in his 80's he is still Club president. The name of the race was conceived by Harry and meant a galaxy of stars racing under the stars. It has been a most sought after feature since it's inception in 1971 and has been won by a number of quick dogs over the horse shoe circuit of 420 metres. Not only do they need to have high speed but also the ability to back up on the Monday after winning their heat on the Saturday. The race is just as famous for its winners as it is for the cavalcade of top liners that have got beaten trying to win it. It remains the richest non TAB feature race in Australia a mantel it has held since King Doolittle won in 1971. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1971 **King Doolittle**, 1972 **Lass Come Home**, 1973 **Enduxi**, 1974 **Ebony King**, 1975 **Ebony King**, 1976 **Golden Spur**, 1977 **Romaro's Triumph**, 1978 **Kelowna Prince**, 1979 **Miss Perlita**, 1980 **Society Romeo**, 1981 **Kununurra**, 1982 **Border Tracker**, 1983 **Mister Biggles**, 1984 **Hallowed**, 1985 **November Prince**, 1986 **Gumangan**, 1987 **Lord Tanga**, 1988 **Yannick**, 1989 **Eastern Lad**, 1990 **Brutess**, 1991 **Go Series**, 1992 **Genesis**, 1993 **Winning Jim**, 1994 **Travelling Ghost**, 1995 **Mr Kent**, 1996 **Gotta Be Gold**, 1997 **Sobbing Sal**, 1998 **Golden Clover**, 1999 **Mint Magic**, 2000 **Mint Magic**, 2001 **Springtime Magic**, 2002 **Bitability Bale**, 2003 **Sootie Allover**, 2004 **Harvey Bale**, 2005 **Lilli Pilli Power**.

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