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Black Magic Opal Stuns Geelong

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Black Magic Opal stunned the crowd when winning the 2013 SITA Australia Geelong Cup (460m) on Friday night, lowering his own track-record in the process, setting the new standard at a remarkable 25.10s.

The race was seen as one of the best Country Cup fields that has been assembled, and the final didn't disappoint with the first three runners breaking the former track-record of 25.39 that was set just a month ago.

Black Magic Opal – trained by Jason Thompson - started a short \$1.80 favourite from box four and when he jumped to the front it was always going to be a battle for the minor placings.



Black Magic Opal too good in the Geelong Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)

Farmor Las Vegas (box two - \$7.20) for Rob Britton put in a fantastic performance to finish second, with Kel Greenough's Paw Licking (box eight - \$4.90) running third.

Part-owner Serge Buccili was full of praise for trainer Jason Thompson and pride for his greyhound Black Magic Opal after the race.

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"We've (Serge and fellow owner Bill Buccili) known for a while that he's special but to see him do what he just did confirms that.

"After the race we didn't know what time he had run and when we looked around people were saying 'wow look at the time' and then we realised he broke the track-record again."

The greyhound was purchased by the Black Opal Syndicate earlier in the year and Serge says that it was trainer Jason Thompson that showed the eagle eye to purchase the dog.

"Jason's the one that identified the dog and we rely on him to find the greyhounds."

The relationship between the owners/trainer has already produced Group 1 success with Godsend winning the 2012 Silver Chief. Currently, the relationship sports a fantastic kennel with Black Magic Opal, Phenomenal, Powerhouse and Watta Good Size all racing.

Black Magic Opal's career record now stands at 30 starts for 23 wins and four placings with the \$43,000 first-prize taking his career earnings to \$130,000.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Xylia Allen (\$8.90), 5th Five Paws (\$52.10), 6th Frosty Jay Jay (\$23.90) 7th Imry Bale (\$29.10) and Crump (\$11.40)

Black Magic Opal is a Black dog whelped May 2011 by Magic Sprite from Awesome Opal (Most Awesome x Opal Glow). Black Magic Opal is raced Black Opal Syndicate and trained by Jason Thompson. He has raced 31 times for 24 wins and three placings. After adding the \$43,750 first prize for the Geelong Cup his stake earnings stand at \$133,430.

Listed below are the many outstanding dogs that have won the Geelong Cup.

1962 **Darkie Bobs**, 1963 **Mardec**, 1964 **Silver Cadet**, 1965 **Amasta**, 1966 **Billy Vee**, 1967 **Haydale**, 1968 **The Apprentice**, 1969 **Miram Miss**, 1970 **Phantom's Heir**, 1971 **High Volant**, 1972 **Ranee's Magic**, 1973 **The Little Gent**, 1974 **Ty Court**, 1975 **Zero Ranger**, 1976 **Tivashley**, 1977 **Smart Roman**, 1978 **"Not Held"**, 1979 **Rustic Star**, 1980 **Tempix**, 1981 **Worthy Weston**, 1982 **Satan's Shroud**, 1983 **Diamond Tempix**, 1984 **Pomona's Tigress**, 1985 **Dublin Flyer**, 1986 **Thorgil Magic**, 1987 **Modern Gossip**, 1988 **Benito's Boy**, 1989 **Fair Sentence**, 1990 **Ravello**, 1991 **Honourly**, 1992 **Golden Ridge**, 1993 **Golden Currency**, 1994 **Tantallon**, 1995 **Painted Wish**, 1996 **Sobbing Sal**, 1997 **Power Zone**, 1998 **Cerin Bale**, 1999 **Pete's Boss**, 2000 **Suellen Bale**, 2001 **Modern Assassin**, 2002 **Bear Creek**, 2003 **Puzzle Prize**, 2004 **Whisky Assassin** and 2005 **Brilliant Lee**, 2006 **Dyna Checa**, 2007 **Cool Effort**, 2008 **Birthday Boy**, 2009 **Gripen Bale**, 2010 **No Race** and 2011 **Dyna Tron** and 2012 **Hurunui Hitman**.

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