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GOOD BYE TO DERBY

Queensland Derby spoils headed off to Victoria when Hello Good Bye landed the Group 2 classic (520m) at Albion Park on Thursday night.

Bred and owned by Paul Galea, who had spent a couple of years training in Queensland some time ago, Hello Good Bye (Bombastic Shiraz-Hello Sienna) scored by three-quarters of a length over early leader Transcend Time (\$6.80) with a length to local galloper Flying Tee (\$31.70) in third.

Hello Good Bye is trained by premier dog man Kel Greenough but was handled tonight by his wife Jackie.

"Kel went to Warrnambool with our Cup dogs on Wednesday," said Jackie. "I was asked to do that trip but I reckoned this was easier."

The winner took his record to eight wins from just 15 starts but he has already been a finalist in the Group 1 Perth Cup and Group 1 Australian Cup.

Jackie admitted her husband gave Hello Good Bye, the \$2.20 favourite, a great chance of winning the Derby.

"He's not blessed with a great deal of early pace, but from the rails and with a fast beginner on his outside going to give him a good run into the race, we thought he could win the final," said Jackie.

That is exactly how it panned out.

Transcend Time, one of two finalists for Mark Azzopardi, again began like a rocket and led to the winning post the first time with a 5.56 first section, a near record. He still had the lead at the end of the second section in a fast 11.53 but the leader started to tire from that moment.

Hello Good Bye simply outstayed Transcend Time in 30.01 which was a couple of lengths outside the 29.84 he had run to win the heat last week.

"Over the back I was very happy with where he was," said Jackie of Hello Good Bye when he was threatening to race to the front passing the 600m boxes.

Jackie was full of praise for her famous husband. "He's different to most trainers," she said. "He knows how to check a dog and get them right. He's checked over some very good dogs and never got any credit for it."

Hello Good Bye has a real Queensland flavour. His fourth dam Hello Pop is also the mother of Wine Glass who was trained by now Townsville-based Pat Ryan to win a Group 1 at Albion Park and finish second in the National Sprint.

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Jackie Greenough said the trip to Perth for the Perth Cup series had been the making of Hello Good Bye even though he did not win that glamour race.

"He has a perfect nature," said Jackie. "The trip to Perth is tough on a young dog and it did him the world of good."

Sandra Hunt had two runners in the final and her rank outsider Flying Tee was always handy giving Queensland a great show finished strongly for third.

Jagger Swagger, aiming for a record third Derby victory after wins in the National and Richmond Derbies, was never out of trouble but flashed up late for a close fifth.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Veyron Bale (\$7.50), 5th Jagger Swagger (\$3.40), 6th Pharmacopia (\$48.40), 7th Top Story (\$13.90) and Captain Clarrie (\$33.40).

Hello Good Bye is raced by Paul Galea and trained by Kelvyn Greenough he is a Black dog whelped October 2010 by Bombastic Shiraz from Hello Sienna (Bond x Hello Gal). Hello Good Bye has won 10 of his 19 starts and has been placed on four occasions and his current stake earnings stand at \$77,692.



Jackie Greenough with Hello Good Bye after the Group 2 Qld Derby

The Queensland Derby was first run at the Gabba in 1972 and it is one the state's time honoured events. The feature event was sponsored by Ardath in 83, 84 & 85 and by the ANZ Bank 86, 87 & 88. The race is currently sponsored by Brandon Electrics and has been since 1999, Brandon Electrics is Queensland's largest electrical contractor and is operated by greyhound racing icon Paul Felgate. The popular former owner-trainer-breeder has supported the industry in numerous ways over a 40 year period and the name Brandon is synonymous with the sport in Queensland.

The Derby has been won by some notable sprinters over the years with the best being Iron Hawk (78), Tangleshell (83), Your Attention (91), Jurassic Vapour (94), Dallas Man (95), Fear No Judge (96), Melbourne Cup winner Roanokee (97), Top Gun - National Sprint Champion Placard (2000), Winter Cup winner Awesome Machine (02), Top Gun Winner Black Enforcer in 2005 and star Victorian Superman in 2007. Two of Queensland's most brilliant sprinters Size Can Matter and High Earner the Australia stakes record holder for sprinters won the event in 2008 and 2009. Listed below is the full honour roll of past winners.

1972 **Dixie's First**, 1973 **Dan Meadow**, 1974 **Ben Hamilton**, 1975 **High Climax**, 1976 **Irish Outlaw**, 1977 **Rebel Attack**, 1978 **Iron Hawk**, 1979 **Smart Mission**, 1980 **Morayfield**, 1981 **Hatari Chief**, 1982 **Duration**, 1983 **Tangleshell**, 1984 **Magic Gull**, 1985 **Kismet Range**, 1986 **Raging Rajah**, 1987 **Track Trump**, 1988 **Markaboy**, 1989 **Nifty Business**, 1990 **Mr Alert**, 1991 **Your Attention**, 1992 **Tears Finito**, 1993 **Dagenham**, 1994 **Jurassic Vapour**, 1995 **Dallas Man**, 1996 **Fear No Judge**, 1997 **Roanokee**, 1998 **Mighty McClurg**, 1999 **Fiery Asset**, 2000 **Placard**, 2001 **Sorcerer**, 2002 **Awesome Machine**, 2003 **Road Closed**, 2004 **Art Mann**, 2005 **Black Enforcer**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Big Swell**, 2008 **Size Can Matter**, 2009 **High Earner**, 2010 **Franklin Style**, 2011 **Bogie King** and 2012 **Bellagio Lad**.

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