

# Cast Iron Cake rises to the occasion for Carr

**GREYHOUNDS**  
By DOUG BOOTH

IT HAS been a long time between victories for owner-trainer Richard Carr and Cast Iron Cake.

But the 14-month wait was over on Friday night at Winnellie greyhounds when Cast Iron Cake broke through defeating Tiza Whisper with

Criminal Damage in the process. It was a real tribute to Carr's perseverance.

After buying the son of Pure Octane after three successive wins in November 2012, the promising chaser went amiss shortly after with Carr devastated that he may have lost him to injury.

But they that say good things come to those who

wait, and for Carr it was a highly satisfying win.

Consistent Dilston Nugget gave young trainer Jamie Hosking a great start to the night taking out race one from Acoustic Kahn with Jurassic Knocka in third spot. Starting well from box one the son of Knocka Norris never looked in doubt. Dilston Nugget and can

continue showing up in similar class events.

The feature event, the Bret Kajetanski Memorial over 383m was taken out in brilliant fashion by \$2.40 favourite Just Proper. He came away to score by 3.5 lengths over All My Size with Gold Vane third.

After having no luck at his previous start, the son of

Knocka Norris went out at good odds and did not let supporters down in the main event. Plenty of punters may have taken the Just Proper/Saleen all up, and would have been celebrating midrace when the even money pop was coasting to victory.

But with a month between runs and an old warrior in Chang hot on her heels

straightening for home, Saleen couldn't go on with it and Chang charged home to score over Saleen with Happy Jordan in third spot.

The last, race five, was the night's toughest to sort out. It was taken out by Happy Cairo for trainer John Falvey who railed hard to down early leader No More Pizza with Rocket Fuel grabbing third.

## Honey to cross over to polo

**HORSE RACING**  
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KATH North tells it as it is.

The Alice Springs trainer was straightforward in her assessment of Honey Green, her runner in Race 4 at Pioneer Park today.

"Retirement is coming her way," North said of the five-year-old mare.

Today's race, a TROBIS 0-58 Handicap over 1000m, is Honey Green's sixth start and she is yet to break her maiden status.

"She is just having a run," North said. "As soon as the truck arrives, she is on it heading for Melbourne."

North said the former Victorian mare's future lay with the sport of polocrosse.

"She is not cut out to be a racehorse. Polocrosse players in Melbourne like her size and shape," she said.

North has a different opinion of Kaapricosa, which runs in the last on the five-race card. The four-year-old mare claimed her first win on her first start in Alice two weeks ago and North believes she could repeat the performance.

The only negative could be the shorter distance. "Kaapricosa won over 1200m but this could be a bit short for her over 1100m."

Earlier, Noir Rasoir could prove the testing material in Race 2, the 0-70 Handicap over 1100m. The five-year-old gelding has won three races for North from his past five starts with Kacie Connor at the helm. North's other runner, Passadane, contests Race 3, the 0-64 Handicap over 1200m.

Meanwhile, Greg Connor is confident Planet King can continue to show his proven ability on his Alice debut.

Extraceed is Connor's other runner today, competing in the first race, the BMNT 73 Handicap over 1000m.



Brendon Davis is all smiles after taking out the LivingSocial Cup (1100m) aboard It's Home at Fannie Bay yesterday. Picture: JUSTIN SANSON

# Smudger no bludger with the blinkers on

**HORSE RACING**  
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JOCKEY Wayne Davis was suitably impressed with the manner in which Smudger won the first race at Fannie Bay yesterday.

The Stephen Brown-trained three-year-old gelding won the 110m BMNT 56 Handicap impressively by 8½ lengths.

Left trailing in his wake were race favourite Devil's

Dream (Brendon Davis) who ran second, beating Darwin debutant Braeburn Park (Felicia Bergstrand) by a head. "It was an excellent win," Wayne Davis said when asked about Smudger's impressive performance.

"He is a very, very smart horse in the making."

Davis said the addition of blinkers was a major factor in the big win. "He improved immensely from his last start but blinkers were a big help,"



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he said. "Whatever he does this preparation, he will be a better horse."

The Dick Leech-trained De Souba Star (\$14) defied the punters with victory in race two, The Precinct Class B Handicap over 1300m.

But jockey Stephen Ridler was quick to emphasise that he believed the son of Starcraft was still looking for more distance.

The five-year-old gelding was 1½ lengths ahead of the David Bates-trained Azrael (Melanie Tyndall) with race favourite Quick Thoughts

(Brendon Davis) a further 2¼ lengths behind.

Ridler said that he thought De Souba Star was probably looking for a mile.

"He hasn't done as much work with him in the past couple of weeks and he was a bit more switched on today," Ridler said.

"I needed the run on him. I probably got going a bit too early on him."

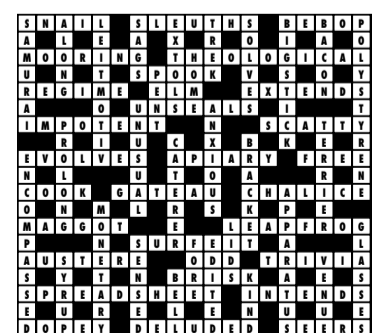
"He wanted to settle and I had to get moving on him."

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- 1 Dorothea Mackellar. 2 A refrigeration unit. 3 United Nations Children's Fund. 4 Alfred. 5 Hairnet. 6 50th. 7 The Invincibles. 8 Injured servicemen and
- servicewomen. 9 Hats. 10 Happy Days. 11 Phil, Don. 12 Victoria. 13 Equestrian. 14 Glasgow, Scotland. 15 Francis Chichester. 16 United Arab Emirates. 17 Donatella. 18 Top Gear. 19 221B. 20 Audrey Hepburn. 21 George Clooney. 22 Moon River. 23 Pica. 24 88th. 25 Tea. 26 Painting. 27 Damascus. 28 Batik. 29 Vine. 30 Eleven.

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## Gelding gets back in stride after win

FRONT running favourite It's Home (\$3.80) showed his power and strength to win the feature race, the Living-Social Cup BMNT 75 Handicap at Fannie Bay yesterday.

Trained by Gary Clarke and ridden by Brendon Davis, the six-year gelding got to the front early and was two lengths in front as the field entered the finishing straight.

The Australia Day crowd held its breath as the swoopers tried to peg back the gap but, in the end, the son of Kempinsky proved too strong.

The victory margin was 1¼ lengths with Emvoss (Stephen Ridler) second and Drafted (Paul Marks) third.

Jockey Brendon Davis said he hoped

the win would help It's Home become a little more consistent.

"I think he has reached his peak again now," he said.

"The main thing with him is getting him out of the gates and getting him running, keeping him out of trouble and finishing off strongly."

Trainer Gary Clarke is not looking to send It's Home to Alice Springs for the carnival.

"He runs well for Brendon," Clarke said.

"I thought if he was in front at the 600m mark he would have taken some beating because he won over a mile three starts ago."

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