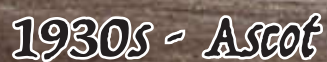




1880s - Elsternwick Park



COVER

MIDDLE: HOF Legend Globe Derby (WA HOF Andy Sheahan)

BOTTOM: Walla Walla (Jack Watts) wins 1934 Australasian FFA

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

The release of the Victorian Harness Racing Hall of Fame's Foundation Daytime Era fills a void and pays homage to those who created the industry and sustained it on and off the track through decades of tough economic times and Government indifference.

The genesis for a Hall of Fame was a Victoria Cup Nostalgia Night held on the 18th December 2008 at the Abruzzo Club in Brunswick and organised by the Victorian Harness Racing Media Association, led by President Gordon Lockman.

With radio personality John Browne as the MC some 372 people attended the evening which saw presentations and recognition of long serving members of our industry. There was also the presentation of Distinguished Service Medals (HRV and VHRMA) and a VHRMA Life Member medallion.

Attendees received a special booklet that detailed the opening night of night trotting, the growth of the industry, the achievements of Ted Demmler and a Trivia Quiz. A page in the booklet detailed the names of 250 people thanking them all for their contributions.

A Guest Panel fielded questions from Hutchy and Len Baker and regaled the audiences with tales from the past. The highlight of the evening was a special tribute to World Driving Champion Ted Demmler.

While Gordon was the father of the Hall of Fame, Rob Merola's unflinching financial support through SEW Eurodrive ensured that it became an entity that Harness Racing Victoria wanted to be involved with.

The first Hall of Fame selection panel agreed to have the first induction in comprise 20 entities representing three categories - Horse, Trainer/Driver, Associate. Subsequent years would see a further 10 inductees in 2010 and 2011 before the current regime of six new inductees each year commenced in 2012.

Of the inaugural twenty inductees the only ones heavily invested prior to Night Trotting were **George Gath**, Chris Howe, Vic Dullard, **Bill McKay**, **Edgar Tatlow** and **Globe Derby** (*bold - Legend).

The only additions to those pioneers since 2009 have been Grand Voyage, A.G. (Alex) Hunter, Gus Millsom, Will Whitbourn, Pearl Kelly, Ben Coram, Jack McKay, Jack and John Campbell, Roy Roach, John Wren, Russell T. White, Alice Laidlaw with Sir Gilbert Dyett and Lou Robertson the last in 2021.



It had become clear that it was nigh on impossible for any more people or horses involved before night trotting commenced in 1947 to become an inductee.

Hence the decision to invoke a one-off tranche of inductees representing the three categories of Horse (Pacer, Trotter, Sire, Broodmare), Associate and Trainer/Driver that competed in the Daytime Era.

The criteria for the Foundation HOF inductees is identical to that for the current Hall of Fame.

HORSE: Any horse (pacer or trotter) which has excelled at the highest level (must be Victorian based for the majority of their career). Any horse which has had an exceptional influence on Victorian racing.

TRAINER/DRIVER: Any trainer or driver who has been licensed in Victoria and has made an outstanding contribution to enhancing the reputation of Victorian Harness Racing. Consistently achieved results at the highest level (pacers or trotters).

ASSOCIATE: Any person outside those set aside for trainers or drivers who have made an outstanding contribution to Victorian Harness Racing Industry. This category includes breeders, owners, administrators, media and anyone else who has made an outstanding contribution to the Victorian Harness Racing Industry.
(prepared by HOF Member John Peck)

TOM ALLEN SNR & JNR

Born Thomas Allen at Charlton in 1891. **Died** 1965 at Flemington. **Father of** Thomas "Tommy" Allen born West Melbourne in 1915. **Died** 1968 at Sebastian. Tom won his first race with the mare **Narrewal** at Charlton on 18-10-1911. The Allens owned **Straight Away** who won 2 races on lease in Dec 1919 for Jack Lynch. Tom had him back and winning at Boort in March 1920 on a day **Tearaway** also won. **Tearaway** was a paddock accident being by the 3YO Straight Away from a sister to his dam Narrewal. She won 23 races incl. 3 Korong Vale Cups and was the dam of Main Derby (HOF). Tom's **Mavis Direct** won the 1928 St Patricks Day Cup at Northall Park Tas). She became the ancestress of the mighty filly Copper Satin, Tom won four Ascot races, one of them on **Vins Gift** at the track's farewell. Tommy's first win was at Woosang on 21-04-1930 with **Jack Straight**. When night trotting started Tom was second in the first race and Tommy was runner-up in the second. At the Showgrounds Tom drove one winner but trained 12 including three with **Gay Venture** (Echuca & Geelong Cups plus a win at Harold Park) while Tommy won 29 (trained 25 winners) his best being **Vivkay** (4). Tommy was tragically killed in a railway crossing accident along with his son Lewis.



HARRY AND HAROLD BAMBRIDGE

Born Harry Bambridge at Essex (UK) in 1867. **Died** in 1951 at Thornbury. **Father of** Harold Stanley Bambridge in 1891 at Collingwood. **Died** 1974 at Woodville. The Bambridge family built a great record in trotting. The patriarch Harry won 51 races in Melbourne and his first winner was with Jumbo on 15-12-1896. Harold's first winner was as a teenager with Almost on 08-06-1909. Harry's sons Harold and Harry (born 1889) both won races in Melbourne. The family moved to South Australia where Harold's son Ken won an Inter Dominion heat with **Para Step**. Harry the elder's record in the Melbourne Top 5 tables saw five credits - 1904/05 (5th), 1905/06 (2nd), 1906/07 (3rd), 1908/09 (3rd). Harold on the other hand produced the following Top 5 finishes - 1909/10 (3rd), 1910/11 (3rd), 1921/22 (2nd). Harold had a great season in 1921/22 winning the Victorian Drivers Premiership and received a gold mounted whip for his efforts and bobbed up with a fourth in 1931/32. On the Top 5 Statewide table Harry had two thirds - 1905/06 (3rd), 1906/07 (3rd). Harold won 52 Melbourne races with **General Mavista** the best with 7 wins (incl. 4 Flying Stakes). In Adelaide he had 74 winners the best being **Barunga Prince** (12 wins). He trained one Melb. night trotting winner.



ALF BUTCHER

Born Alfred William Butcher in 1895 at Carlton. **Died** 1956 at Coburg. Alf was based in Rochester early on and had a small win with Olive at a sports meeting on the Bamawn recreation reserve in 1915. It would not be until 09-04-1919 at a Rochester meeting before he won his first official race with **Wee Mee**. Later he came to Melbourne and trained his team near the Croxton Park racecourse (called Fitzroy but was actually sited in Northcote). Alf won 60 city races during the Daytime era the leader being HOF **Main Derby** (10 wins) who won in four States and collected three Inter Dominion heats. The next best for Alf were **Main Voyage** (8), **Battiste** (4), **Pearl Derby** (4), **Winall Direct** (4), **Bazil Wilkes** (4). One feature of Alf's career was his love of and his ability to produce free-leggers such as **Winall Direct** and **Main Voyage** (8 wins). Another good performer were **Bazil Wilkes** (4). Alf's driving record produced four Top 5 performances - 1924/25 (3rd), 1938/39 (5th), 1939/40 (5th), 1942/43 (FIRST). The Top 5 Statewide daytime record for Greg was - 1948/49 (2nd), 1942/43 (3rd). At the Melbourne Showgrounds at night he drove a further 13 wins, the leader being another free-legger **Main Spring** (10 wins incl. Jubilee Cup).



TOM BUTTERWORTH

Born Thomas James Butterworth in 1907 at Lake Marmal. **Died** 1990 at Gawler. Tom Butterworth, from Boort, took Bill McKay's place working for Percy Weaver when McKay left to train in Melbourne. Butterworth was an accomplished horseman, and acted as clerk of the course at district racing and trotting meetings. In the mid 1930s He moved to Melbourne to work for Syd, Jack and Stan Brown. Tom absolutely dominated the final years of daytime trotting in Melbourne. His best were **Barney Doolan** (10 wins) and **Linden Lou** (9 wins) On the city Drivers Premiership - 1938/39 (FIRST), 1939/40 (4th), 1940/41 (FIRST), 1941/42 (FIRST), on the city Trainers premiership - 1938/39 (FIRST), 1939/40 (FIRST), 1940/41 (FIRST), 1941/42 (2nd) and Statewide Drivers List - 1938/39 (FIRST), 1939/40 (FIRST), 1940/41 (FIRST), 1941/42 (2nd). In total Tom drove 71 winners in Melbourne, with five of those at night trotting including **High Raider** (Victoria Derby), **Kiwi Para** (Victoria Oaks), **Nevamaid** (ID heat). After the shutdown Tom moved to Adelaide when he drove 220 winners there up against the might of the Shinn and Webster clans winning four SA Derby Classics, SA Sires Produce (**High Raider** and **Warooka**), **Parachen** (SA Guineas and St Leger) and **Aaron** (SA Sapling)



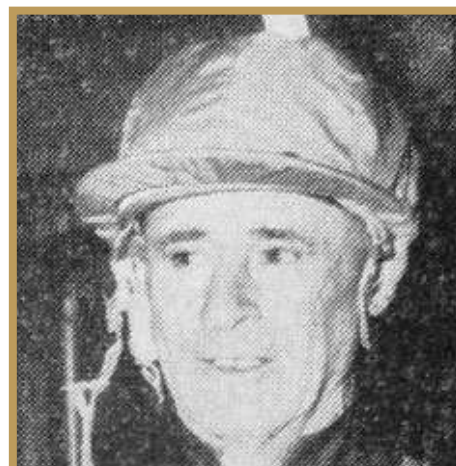
GEORGE DANIEL

Born George Vivian Daniel in 1893 at Pitfield Plains. Died 1976 at Bendigo. George is one of only five Australian horsemen that have trained a G1 gallops winner and trained/drove a G1 trots winner. A Gallipoli veteran George was wounded and gassed later in Egypt and on his return was advised to move to Bendigo for his health. It was here that he found trotting. As a school teacher, he didn't want it known that he owned, trained and drove trotting horses, so used the nom de course "D. George". His first winner was the unhoppled **Sunrayed** who won a double at Ballarat on 3rd January 1922. First city winner was **Stealaway** on 12-03-1928 and he enjoyed G1 success when he drove **Percy Direct** to win the 1928 Richmond 1000. He won four races with **Diana Wood** at Richmond but was not in the sulky when she won the 1929 Richmond 1000. His driving career ended with a bang at Stawell over the three day 1934 Easter Weekend with **Diana's Choice** - win on Saturday, second on Sunday and win on Monday. He switched to training gallopers the best being **Sailors Guide**, winner of Victoria Derby, the Washington DC International and was once Australasia's richest racehorse.



ALBERT "DARKIE" GATH

Born Albert Reginald Gath in 1910 at Maldon. Died 1979 at Parkville. Albert had the perfect start to his career. At his first time in the sulky he won a race at Richmond behind Llandor Mckinney on 10-09-1928. Apart from himself Albert drove winners for nine different trainers. In total he drove 58 Melbourne winners in the daytime era with two Derby successes - **Grand Harold** (1934 Vic. Pacers Derby) and **Nerve Force** (1936 Vic. Trotters Derby). He also drove **Prince Dalla** to victory in the 1935 NSW Pacers Derby. His Top 5 Melbourne Drivers record was - **1935/36 (5th), 1936/37 (5th), 1939/40 (3rd), 1940/41 (2nd)**. Albert was also prominent when night trotting came to Melbourne driving 55 winners and training 59 winners. The career total of city winners for him was 158 (Melbourne - 113; Adelaide - 41; Sydney - 4). His best wins in Adelaide were **Medorina** (1947 SA Derby), **Hatteras** and **Amorous** (1949 ID heats) and **Kernel Lu** (1937 ID heat). At the Showgrounds his best were AG Hunter Cup winner **Amorous** (9 wins), **Simpsonic** (15 wins incl. Sires Produce), **Fissett** (Vic Sapling), **Hatteras** (ID consolation). He also won with **Jlve** (Vic Oaks) for trainer Tommy Elliott.



PADDY GLASHEEN

Born Patrick Glasheen in 1871 at Coghills Creek. Died 1946 at Young Paddy Glasheen is a member of the incredible Harness Racing Family created by three Irishmen Richard Allen, James Douglass and Denis Glasheen - members include Father Brian Glasheen (HOF), Clarrie Allen (HOF), Dinny Nolan (1953 ID) and Ellen Tormey (1000+ winners). Paddy's first winner was **Emily** at Yawong on 25-02-1888 and his first city winner was **Allie B** at Richmond on 17-10-1913. He signed on as private trainer for the Belmont Stud Farm where he partnered the legendary **Grand Voyage** (HOF). Paddy was the no.1 Victorian driver/rider on five occasions - **1913/14 (FIRST), 1916/17 (2nd), 1918/19 (FIRST), 1919/20 (4th), 1920/21 (FIRST), 1923/24 (FIRST), 1924/25 (FIRST), 1925/26 (FIRST)**. He had five Top 5 finishes in the city - **1913/14 (3rd), 1915/16 (5th), 1918/19 (5th), 1920/21 (2nd), 1921/22 (4th)**. Clearly his standout performer was **Grand Voyage** (17 city wins) who won the Sires Produce (2YOT). **Belmont Chimes** also won that race. Paddy won the Victoria Trotters Derby with **Dixie Globe**. In the country **Queen Pirate** (Bendigo Cup), **Burlie Chief** (Korong Vale & Wedderburn Cups).



JACK JAMES

Born John Henry James in 1894 at Bendigo. Died 1964 at Tatura. Jack James is one of the many trotting horsemen who switched over to training thoroughbreds and subsequently enjoying city success. Jack's departure was so dramatic coming after he won five successive Metropolitan Drivers Premierships. Jack trained his team on a private track at Oakleigh and his best horses were with **Tonic** (Vic Trotters Derby, **Sir Madras** (Vic Trotters Cup), while **Harold Pronto** won nine city races. James, however, always contended that the greatest horse he had was HOF **Lady Edna** who broke the Australian mile record for trotting mares. Jack's finishes on the Top 5 Melbourne Drivers Premiership were - **1917/18 (2nd), 1918/19 (3rd), 1919/20 (4th), 1920/21 (5th), 1921/22 (FIRST), 1923/24 (FIRST), 1924/25 (FIRST), 1925/26 (FIRST), 1926/27 (FIRST)**. Statewide Top 5 tables - **1917/18 (4th), 1926/27 (2nd), 1925/26 (4th), 1924/25 (2nd), 1922/23 (2nd), 1921/22 (5th)**. Jack from 1947 -1950 was appointed as the horse judge at RAS Show. Jack trained more than thirty individual gallops winners (only 20% were Stud Book horses) the best being **Hellenist** (two Ascot Thousands) and **Fetlar** (MRC Invitation Stakes).



ALF KEITH

Born Alfred James Keith in 1859-Balmoral. To NZ 1862. Died 1902 Ashburton.

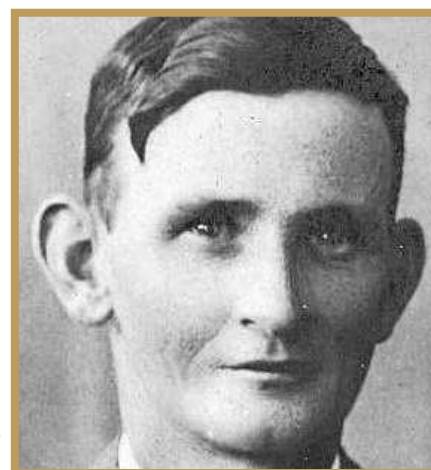
Alf Keith was an exceptional horseman and was described by the *Australasian* in 1891 "one of the best men ever seen on the back of a trotting horse in Australia". Alf gained a reputation as a steeplechase jockey in NZ and started with trotters in 1880. The NZ Press hailed him "Alf Keith is considered the champion rider of trotters". He arrived back in Australia with a couple of trotters just as the Elsternwick Park lease was in its final years and his skill was quickly in evidence. He won three successive Melbourne Premierships and became the first person to win 50 trotting races in Melbourne - **1889/90 (FIRST - Record 12 wins)**, **1890/91 (FIRST -- Record 23 wins)**, **1891/92 (FIRST)**. In total he won 52 races in Melbourne the best being **Daisy** (5), **Ivanhoe** (5), **Woodlands** (4), **Jo** (4), **Narrowgauge** (4), **Fair Boy** (4). In 1891 he struck a rich vein of form at Moonee Valley having a treble on 18-07-1891, four winners on 31-08-1891 and a treble on 12-10-1891. When he returned to New Zealand he took over the training of Australian trotter **Specification** (HOF) and rode it to a new world record for trotters over four miles on the tiny Lancaster Park track.



GREG KELLY

Born Gregory Francis Kelly in 1897 at Coghills Creek. Died 1989 at Ascot Vale

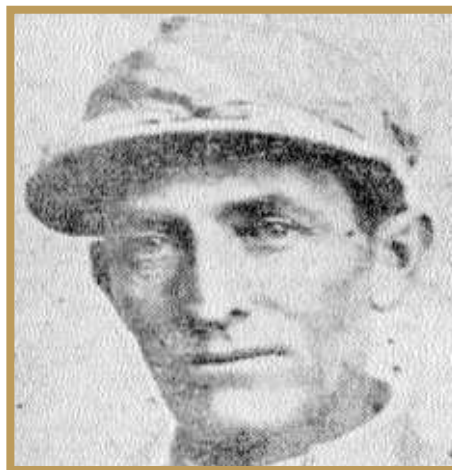
The name Kelly is littered throughout the historic records of trotting in Melbourne. Greg Kelly is the best performed of them all even though his brothers Bill (27 wins) won the Drivers Premiership in 1922/23 and Jim collected 17 victories. Greg had 75 winners in the daytime era, however, during that time he had two sojourns in Perth winning 53 and one Adelaide on the way. There was Group One glory on both sides of the continent for Greg. In Melbourne he won the Richmond 1000 with **Sam Huon**, and two Victoria Derby classics - **Connie Glo** and **Con Derby** while in Perth he won the WA Sires Produce (trotter **Red Runner**) and the Fremantle Cup (**Connie Glo**) while his other good performers were **Julian Wilver** (8 wins) and **Moreica** (4 wins). His Top 5 Melbourne Driver record was - **1916/17 (4th)**, **1918/19 (2nd)**, **1920/21 (4th)**, **1921/22 (4th)**, **1925/26 (2nd)**, **1927/28 (2nd)**, **1934/35 (5th)** while Statewide he was twice in the Top 5 - **1934/35 (4th)**, **1931/32 (4th)**. Showgrounds night trotting added another 16 driving wins the most recorded by **Bannockburn** (4) and **Historic Crown** (7) and 14 training wins with **Belgrave** (7 wins) the most prolific performer.



JACK KENNERLEY

Born John Joseph Kennerley in 1878 NZ. Aust 1881. Died 1942 at Auckland.

Jack Kennerley was born in NZ and came here as a child. He married in 1901 and in 1911 he drove his first ever winner - the 3YO **Lively Bells** at Richmond. **Lively Bells** was to win five races as a 3YO and she was the only 3YO ever to be placed in a Richmond 1000 (3rd in 1912). In 1915 he had Vic Derby runner-up Dixedo. Jack won 46 city races taking out the drivers title in 1914/15. His Top 5 record was - **1913/14 (3rd)**, **1914/15 (1st)**, **1915/16 (3rd)**, **1916/17 (2nd)**, **1917/18 (5th)** and Statewide - **1912/13 (5th)**, **1913/14 (5th)**, **1914/15 (FIRST)**, **1915/16 (5th)**. His most prolific winners were **Eminent** (9), **Lively Bells** (7), **Hardy Wilkes** (5), Jack left Victoria for NZ in 1920 but not before becoming the only horseman ever to train and drive three Richmond 1000 winners - **Eminent** (1916 and 1918) and **Lincoln Huon** (1920). In NZ he won with **Peter Bingen** (2 NZ Cups), **Acron** (NZ Derby), **Logan Chief** (NZ FFA), **Raima** (Rowe Cup). Jack took two Aussie mares to NZ that became the ancestress of champions - **Rarebell Direct** (Single Direct - 1949 ID) and **Lightnin** (Emulous - 1948 ID and Lordship - 2 NZ Cups).



DICK LOSEBY

Born Richard Benedict Loseby in 1876 at Sydney. Died 1968 at Sth Melbourne.

Dick Loseby was regarded in the upper echelon of saddle riders and after the turn of the century was one of the first professional trainers of trotters in Australia. In Dick's early days in Sydney Dick was a cabman and simply dabbled in pony trotters making his debut at a 1892 night meeting at Lillie Bridge (forerunner of Harold Park). He spent a period in Victoria in 1902 winning six races with **Mummell Boy** before going back to Sydney until 1907. He then moved permanently to Victoria and finished in the metro Top 5 for 5 seasons in a row - **1907/08 (3rd)**, **1908/09 (3rd)**, **1909/10 (3rd)**, **1910/11 (3rd)**, **1911/12 (4th)**, **1914/15 (4th)**. His Statewide record was **1908/09 (4th)**, **1909/10 (3rd)**, **1910/11 (3rd)**, **1911/12 (2nd)**, **1913/14 (4th)**. In all he won 61 races in Melbourne and over 40 races in Sydney. He had several winning forays to the Apple Isle winning the Champion Mile in 1907 with **The Gift**. Two champions he had were **Spot** (HOF) and **Valour** (set mile records in NSW, Qld, Tasmania), while **Soprano** won in 3 States. Dick became private trainer for John Zander (HOF), the star trotter being Vic Sires Produce (2T) winner **Lottie M** (5 wins Melb - 5 wins Sydney)



EWEN McDONALD

Born Ewen McDonald in 1896 at Yan Yean. Died 1966 at Bacchus Marsh

Ewen had the most frustrating start to a career imaginable - from 1913 to 1915 at the Kiewa sports meetings he and his trotter **Flora McDonald** recorded eight successive seconds. Ewen's first official win was with **Punter** at Wodonga on 28-12-1920 and two years later he moved to Melbourne where he won his first metro race with **Abdullah Bells** in 1922 and that pacer later won two country Cups and the rich Ballarat £250. Ewen won 68 races pre night trotting and a further 48 at the Showgrounds finishing in the Melbourne Top 5 on 5 occasions: **1928/29 (2nd), 1929/30 (4th), 1930/31 (3rd), 1938/39 (3rd), Night - 1950/51 (4th)**. Statewide Top 5 - **1928/29 (2nd), 1929/30 (3rd), 1930/31 (FIRST), 1936/37 (2nd), 1938/39 (4th), 1949/50 (6th), 1950/51 (6th)**. When night trotting commenced Ewen's best horse **Globe Raider** who won 12 races including the Easter Cup. **Ardri** (9 wins) won heats of the Victoria and NSW Derby. In the 1950s Ewen became the private trainer for TCB Member George O'Shea. Ewen was also president of Victorian Trainers and Drivers Association. Other good performers were **Lyn Brae** (7), **Fondulac** (5), **Tartar** (4), **Tara Chief** (4 - Vic Derby ht) and **Volouette** (4).



ALEX "SCOTTY" MCLENNAN

Born Alexander McLennan in 1875 at Miners Rest. Died 1969 at Essendon.

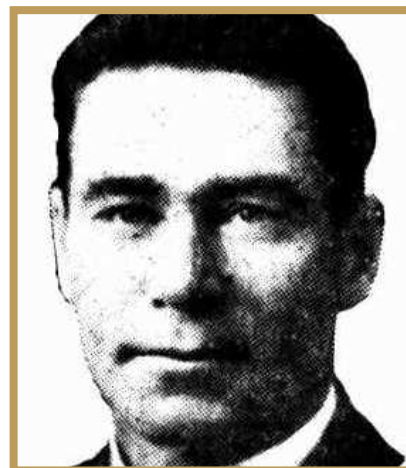
Before his career in trotting, Alex McLennan was a top footballer with Mooropna FC captaining a premiership team in 1896. His first horse called **Eric** on six of his nine starts the first at Mooropna on 24-02-1897. Alex was the first person to win five races on the one day in the 20th Century. In total Alex won 53 races in Melbourne and seven times figured in the Top 5 on the Melbourne Driver/Rider Premiership List - **1902/03 (5th), 1903/04 (4th), 1904/05 (2nd), 1906/07 (5th), 1907/08 (5th), 1908/09 (5th), 1909/10 (2nd)**. Statewide his Top 5 finishes included a 1907/08 Premiership - **1902/03 (5th), 1903/04 (3rd), 1904/05 (1st), 1905/06 (2nd), 1906/07 (1st), 1907/08 (FIRST), 1909/10 (2nd), 1914/15 (4th), 1915/16 (5th)**. Alex's best horse he trained was **Spot** (HOF) who he bought for 13 guineas before selling him for 40 guineas. **Abielbah** won the Champion Trot in 1907 and **Landlord** won 13 city races while **Fisherman** won eight. Alex was injured badly when **Huon Jack** crashed in the 1915 Richmond 1000 in which ironically **Spot** his former horse won. Alex never drove again and thereafter ran hotels, Buckingham Hotel (Footscray) being the last in 1969



MALCOLM MCMURTRIE

Born Malcolm Ernest McMurtrie in 1888 at Swanwater. Died 1976 at Dandenong.

Malcolm McMurtrie's record at Melbourne meetings extends over a period of just over fifty years with his first win as a trainer/driver being on 15-12-1919 with **Al Voyage** at Richmond and his last as a trainer being **Amlin** in the 1970 3UZ Cup. His city Driving Premiership record is - **1919/20 (FIRST), 1920/21 (FIRST), 1921/22 (2nd), 1923/24 (2nd), 1928/29 (3rd), 1929/30 (2nd), 1930/31 (5th)** Statewide record- **1919/20 (FIRST), 1920/21 (3rd), 1921/22 (4th), 1943/44 (4th), 1944/45 (5th)**. He won city races in four States - Victoria (81 - 62 in the daytime era), Sydney (3), Adelaide (6) and Perth (13). At the Showgrounds he trained 16 winners. Malcolm's first winner was at Goorambat on 30-03-1912 with the 12YO trotter **Searchlight**. In 1914 Malcom was working in the Wycheproof General Store but during the war years he moved to Melbourne and was heavily involved with the Port Melbourne Speedway. Away from trotting Malcolm was a musician, a vet, an actor and excelled in elocution. His best horse was HOF **Delavan** (16 Richmond wins plus WA Metropolitan Hcp). He won a WA Derby with **Delavan Gold** while he won with the great mare **Vera Defty** at the Showgrounds 16 times.



RON MALES

Born Ronald Underwood Males in 1904 at Fitzroy. Died 1993 at Bendigo.

Ron Males won four Statewide driving premierships and one city Premiership in the daytime era. He won 87 races in Melbourne and his record in the Top 5 Driving Premiership was **1933/34 (5th), 1934/35 (2nd) 1935/36 (FIRST); 1936/37 (4th), 1937/38 (3rd), 1938/39 (5th)**. On a Statewide basis his driving record was - **1930/31 (3rd), 1931/32 (4th), 1933/34 (3rd), 1934/35 (FIRST), 1935/36 (FIRST), 1936/37 (5th), 1937/38 (FIRST), 1940/41 (3rd), 1944/45 (FIRST)**. His most prolific winners were the trotter **Glan Grattan** (HOF - 25 Ascot), **Austral Direct** (10) and **Alredo** (10). His Top 5 finishes in the Melb. Training Premiership were **1933/34 (4th), 1934/35 (2nd), 1935/36 (FIRST), 1936/37 (5th), 1937/38 (3rd), 1938/39 (4th)**. He won the 1941 Victoria Trotters Derby with **Alice Walla** and won 2 races in Sydney including a heat of the NSW Pacers Derby with **Gentle Bobbie** in 1936. When there was no metropolitan racing between 1942 and 1947 the virtual "city" meetings were held at Woodend and Ron dominated winning 18 races. Ron won 11 Showgrounds races, the last with the trotter **Toby Tyler** (02-03-1968)



DES MANN

Born Desmond James in 1901 at Stanley. Died 1970 at Melbourne South.

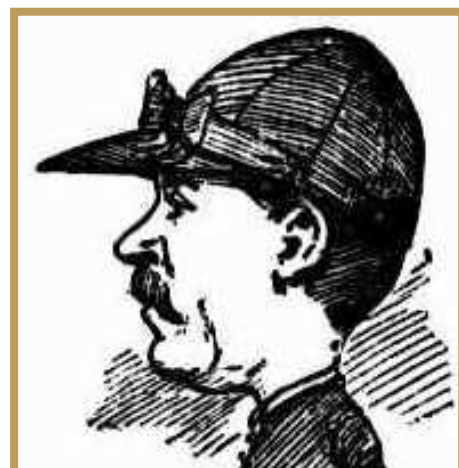
Des was regarded as second only to George Gath when it came to trotters and with good reason. He trained **Great Scott** who co-holds the record for most wins (13) by a trotter at the Showgrounds, **Winston Walla** (1942 NSW Trotters Derby), **Ben Walla** (1938 Vic. Trotters Derby), Victoria Trotters Cup winner **Grattan Gee** (10 Ascot wins - 3rd highest by a trotter) and of the 15 races in Sydney he won in Sydney, 14 were with trotters. All in all Des drove 105 metropolitan winners - Sydney (15), Adelaide (29) and Melbourne (61 of which 35 were in the daytime era). His City Premiership record was - **1941/42 (5th)**, **1947/48 (3rd)** and on a Statewide basis - **1927/28 (2nd)**, **1934/35 (4th)**, **1941/42 (4th)**, **1945/46 (2nd)**, **1947/48 (6th)**, **1953/54 (6th)**. In the daytime era his star performer was the pacer **The Admiral** who won six in Melbourne but famously defeated Walla Walla and Diana Wood (Richmond 1000) in the 1930 Tasmanian Easter Cup. Des was the trainer & driver of the trotter **Whyalla**, winner of the first race of night trotting. The first galloper Des' trained, **Linemond** won at Flemington. When Des passed away at Prince Henrys Hospital all drivers wore black armbands as a mark of respect at the next city meeting.



WALLIE MARTIN

Born Walter James Martin in 1869 at Fitzroy. Died 1933 at Hobart.

Wallie Martin was first person to win Metropolitan Driving/Riding Premierships in Melbourne and Sydney. He had 84 Melbourne wins His Premiership record was - **1893/94 (3rd)**, **1895/96 (FIRST)**, **1896/97 (5th)**, **1897/98 (FIRST)**, **1898/99 (2nd)**, **1890/91 (FIRST)**, **1891/92 (2nd)**. He had 90 wins in Sydney and won four successive titles - 1902/03, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07. His first Melbourne winner was the **Jack Spratt II** at Richmond on 2nd December 1893. Wallie was even eulogised with a poem that accompanied the pictured cartoon - "*Behold Wal Martin, Just ere startin', On a trotting race, He'll drive or ride, And takes a pride, In bringing out the pace, When he dons silk, There is no bilk, For you can bet your ace, He'll push the prad, And trot like mad, Determined to win a place.*" Wallie won at six different Melbourne metropolitan tracks - Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, Ascot, Fitzroy, Richmond and Rosstown. The most prolific city winners were the ponies **Dot** (6), **Jack Spratt II** (5), **Snowdrift** (5). The latter pony was a tiny grey gelding of 12.2 hands in height and was 20 years old when Wally last won on it.



ANDY MULHOLLAND

Born Francis Ambrose Mulholland in 1842 (Scotland). Died 1887 at St Kilda.

Andy Mulholland was our first professional trainer/driver. He left Scotland as a youth worked in stables in USA after fighting in the Civil War (Union side) before coming to NSW in 1880. In 1881 he was employed by James Roberts (HOF) as his private trainer and set up stables at Elsternwick Park. Andy won six Melbourne Drivers Premierships in a row and only death robbed him of a seventh. **1881/82 (FIRST)**, **1882/83 (FIRST)**, **1883/84 (FIRST)**, **1884/85 (FIRST)**, **1885/86 (FIRST)**, **1886/87 (3rd)**. The final tally for Elsternwick Park was 29 - Andy Mulholland (Scotland), 17 - Frank Robbins (UK), 15 - George Millsom (UK), 9 - Herb Sheppard (USA); 8 - Jim Brooks (USA). Eighteen of Andy's wins were on USA trotters - **Sylph** (7), **Len Rose** (6), **Boccaccio** (3), **Tilda C** (1), **Vermont Junior** (1). The odd one out was **Little Dick** (by Daniel Boon) who won four races. Andy drove **Garfield** (first winner Australian Sires Produce). Incredibly in five races that Andy drove in a new Australian record was set - **King of Bronte** (2YO), **Vermont Junior** (1 - all age), **Tilda C** (1 - mares) and **Sylph** (2 - mares).



Artist's Impression

FRANK ROBBINS

Born Francis Robbins in 1819 (UK). Arrived 1858. Died 1899 at Port Melb.

An man with an incredible history. He went to USA seeing in his own words "2:40 on the Old Plank Rd" in Mississippi. He had three marriages, 11 children and was a Master Stevedore here. In 1868 he rode his first Melbourne winner **Jemmy** (600yds behind) at Emerald Hill. In all he had 41 Melbourne winners, the last in 1893. **In 1880-81 (FIRST)**, **1881-82 (FIRST)**, **1882-83 (2nd)**, **1890-91 (2nd)**. He developed a host of great colonial trotters - **Daniel Boone** (Geelong Cup), **Brown Hawk** (won 10 Melbourne races incl. three in one day), pony **Captain Dearborn** (7 Melbourne wins). Many credit him for the Victorian Trotting Club as he arranged a get together at a hotel with Thomas Adams, Phillip Dixon, James Roberts and James Miller that led to its formation. At the first Elsternwick Park meeting Frank posted the first ever 2:30 trotting mile with gelding **Commodore** (it was not recognised as he didn't weigh in). USA horse **Defiance** won a Show Time Test. The real star for Frank was the pacing mare **Mystery** (HOF) who won nine city races and set eight Australian time records over one and two miles



CHARLIE ROBERTSON JNR

Born Charles Robertson in 1896 at Boort. Died 1984 at Bendigo.

Affectionately known as "Robbie" Charlie Robertson lived by a creed that hung on a wall in his home, "Teach me to win when I may, and above all, if I may not, teach me to be a good loser". His father Charlie snr was a good driver on his own accord winning the 1929 Victoria Trotters Derby with **Fair Admiral**. His brother Owen picked up three winners in town and won a Boort Cup. Official records have him winning his first at Ballarat in 1917. The Robertsons won over 100 official races in the daytime era. HOF **New Derby** was the star. In 1927/28 Robbie finished 5th on Statewide Drivers Table. Later on he posted the following - **1937/38 (2nd), 1938/39 (4th), 1939/40 (2nd), 1947/48 (9th), 1949 (10th)**. New Derby opened up a new world for Robbie as he and **New Derby** won in Tasmania, Perth (finished atop the ID points score after the heats) and NZ. When night trotting started in 1947 Charlie was almost killed in a Showgrounds night trial when **Something New** tumbled over fallen horses and spent a month in a coma. Incredibly he returned to the sulky and won more than 50 races, 10 in Melbourne (8Dr + 2Tr). His last city winner was **Conarvon** (1971).



BOB SHADBOLT

Born Cecil Robert Glover Shadbolt in 1886 at Sandhurst. Died 1952 at Flemington

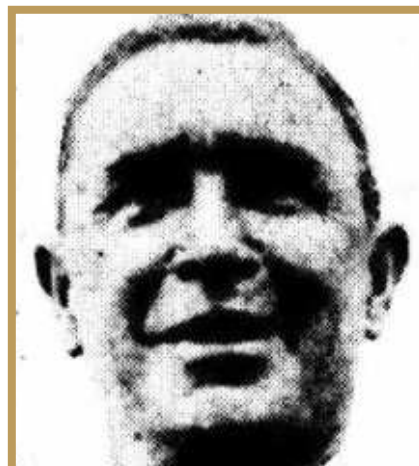
When peace was declared after WW2, racing had the shackles released but a gaping void for trainers who were in the main amateurs, was the availability of public tracks that could be used at anytime during the week. Bob Shadbolt had won his first race on **Gladstone** at Richmond on 02-10-1916 who followed up with a Richmond Cup. Bob was based around Port Melbourne and led the charge to create a Speedway and in 1918 the Speedway opened with Bob as Secretary. In 1922 Bob achieved the ultimate when he won the Richmond Thousand with **Robin Roy**. Bob would finish with 59 Melbourne wins and four times he finished in the Top 5 on the Melbourne Premiership Table - **1931/32 (4th), 1932/33 (2nd), 1935/36 (5th), 1941/42 (3rd)**. Statewide he was **second in 1932/33 and third in 1941/42**. On the training front he finished in the Top 5 on five occasions - **1931/32 (4th), 1932/33 (2nd), 1937/38 (5th), 1940/41 (2nd), 1941/42 (3rd)**. His other major winners was **Cologne Derby** (Ascot Pacers Cup), **Divitius** (Richmond Cup). The most prolific winners for Bob were **Ian Derby** (8 wins), **Robin Roy** (5), **Glad Lily** (5) while the exciting free-legger **Louis McGregor** won three at Richmond incl. a Flying).



HUBERT SHINN

Born Hubert Henry Shinn in 1891 at Wantabadgery (NSW). Died 1966 in SA.

One of the big three in 1930s with HOF Legends George Gath and Bill McKay. Hubert finished Top 5 on the Drivers Premiership 11 times - **1931/32 (3rd), 1932/33 (5th), 1933/34 (FIRST), 1934/35 (3rd), 1935/36 (3rd), 1936/37 (2nd), 1937/38 (4th), 1938/39 (4th), 1939/40 (5th), 1940/41 - 2nd, 1941/42 (2nd)**. Statewide title twice - **1933/34 (FIRST) and 1941/42 (FIRST)**. When it comes to the Melbourne Training Tables - 10 Top 3 finishes - **1931/32 (3rd), 1932/33 (4th), 1933/34 (2nd), 1934/35 (3rd), 1935/36 (2nd), 1936/37 (2nd), 1937/38 (4th), 1938/39 (4th), 1939/40 (2nd), 1940/41 (2nd), 1941/42 (2nd)**. Hubert won his first race at Wagga on 07-04-20 with **Domino**, his first Victorian race with **Captain Harold** at Rutherglen on 11-11-1922 and his first Melbourne win with **Captain Harold** (12-03-1923). Early on **Nellie Chimes** was his best winning in Melbourne, Sydney, the Wellington (NSW) £500 and Terang Cup. His two greatest wins were with **Gallant** (Centenary Royal Cup) and **Don's Best** (Vic. Centenary Cup). **Burly Vin** (HOF) won features in three States. Hubert won nine country cups - Terang (3), Camperdown (2), Ballarat, Boort, Toora and Charlton.



TOM SKEHILL

Born Thomas Joseph Skehill in 1878 at Kyneton. Died 1932 at Kyneton.

It was truly a matter of pleasure and pain for Tom at his racetrack debut. Riding his own horse **Mountain Goat** at a Redesdale Sports meet he won only to lose the race on protest for "jostling in the straight." Ten months later he bounced back with a victory with **Fairy Lad** at Richmond on 11-12-1911 accompanied by "plenty of lucrative wagers". Within two seasons he had established himself in the upper echelon of trainers. Tom trained at Kyneton and then Port Melbourne winning 16 races and three times finished Top 3 in the Melbourne Drivers Premiership - **1914/15 (2nd), 1918/19 (2nd), 1925/26 (3rd)**. He specialised with black type races winning the Victoria Trotters Derby with **Belmont Chimes** and **Dixie Voyage**; the Victoria Sires Produce (2YO Trotters) with **First Trip**, two Victoria Trotters Cups with his bargain star **Glimmer** who cost just £2/10/- (\$5) out of a pound. A high point of his career was his Richmond Thousand victory in record time with **Blue Eyes** (ancestress of Popular Alm). The Press lauded Tom calling him and "Expert With The Trotters." and added, "As both rider and driver Skehill is a past master."



BILLY "CABBY" TOMKINSON

Born William James Tomkinson in 1888 at Warrnambool. Died 1934 in NZ.

Only one Australian born horseman has ever topped the NZ Drivers or Trainers' Lists. Billy Tomkinson achieved both in 1924/5 and added Trainer titles in 1927/8 and 1928/29. In 1906 Billy moved from Warrnambool to Rochester and worked for a livery stable that advertised "horse and buggies for hire at all hours - civil and competent drivers available" Hence his nickname. Billy was a talented footballer and in 1910, a Premiership year for his team Rochester Rovers, he got a gold medal as best player. The first winner that Billy had was with **Gwennie** at Colac on the 24-02-1914 and his second was at Richmond in June with the same mare. He then became private trainer for Robert Hunter (HOF). In all he had 37 Melbourne winners up to 1920 (and 27 in Sydney in that period) and won three premierships in a row before he moved to NSW in 1920 - **1915/16 (4th)**, **1916/17 (FIRST)**, **1917/18 (FIRST)**, **1918/19 (FIRST)**. He only stayed in NSW for 2 years and 17 more winners before moving to NZ. The best horses he was associated with were **Globe Derby** (HOF), **Happy Voyage** (HOF), **Glide Away** (HOF), **Surprise Journey** (HOF), **Honest Kate** (HOF), **Indianapolis** (Auckland Cup)



HARRY TOOMER

Born Harry Toomer in 1890 at Sandhurst. Died 1963 at Richmond North.

Harry originally was based at Rochester/ His first drive in a race in 1911 was behind **Adelaide Direct** (HOF). Being at Rochester he assisted young Billy Tomkinson (HOF) in the game and his first winner, **Duke Whips** at Rochester on 15-05-1915, was owned by Billy. In 1922 Harry came into prominence when he won the first of his 59 Melbourne races with **A La Mode**, an outstanding mare that he would win a further nine city races with (incl. the 1928 Fleet Cup). Sadly Harry was bankrupted in 1926 as a result of losing a court case when he sued Jack James over a crash in the 1925 Richmond 1000 (James had been given a six months suspension by stewards). Harry's biggest win was with **Kernel Lu** in the 1935 Ascot £500 and he also won a heat of the Victoria Pacers Derby with **Grand Lulu**. Harry's city and country record was as follows - .Melbourne Top 5: **1926/27 (4th)**, **1927/28 (3rd)**. His Statewide Top 5 record - **1932/33 (5th)**, **1931/32 (4th)**, **1927/28 (FIRST)**, **1926/27 (2nd)**. Harry also won 2 in Adelaide. Harry's last win was at Warragul in 1941 and was placed several times at Ascot in 1942 while working in George Gath's stables.



DAVE WALSH

Born David Peter Walsh in 1900 at Penshurst. Died 1985 at Reservoir.

Dave Walsh was based in Horsham early doors and dominated daytime era meetings with 34 winners, 10 more than the next best (Les Parish). Dave was the champion saddle rider of his time so much so that he was dubbed the "Billy Duncan of the Trots." He won 55 races in Melbourne in the daytime era before he branched out into training gallopers. The best contributors were **Dixie Dorwood** (9), **Whirlu** (5) and **Major Ribbonwood** (5). His best win was with **Blacksmith** in the Victoria Trotters Cup and won the Horsham Cup in 1925 (**Queens Voyage**), 1926 (**Princess Mauritius**), 1928 (**Cobra**), 1929 (**Lynribbon**). Dave finished Top 5 of Melbourne Premiership five times - **1921/22 (4th)**, **1922/23 (2nd)**, **1923/24 (2nd)**, **1924/25 (2nd)**, **1929/30 (5th)**; **1930/31 (5th)**. Statewide his Top 5 record was **1929/30 (5th)**; **1925/26 (FIRST)**, **1924/25 (3rd)**, **1923/24 (3rd)**, **1922/23 (2nd)**, **1921/22 (3rd)**, **1919/20 (5th)**. His best galloper was **Picca** (1965 Craven A Stakes). Dave's last daytime winner was **Dixie Dorwood** on 11-04-1938 and incredibly he returned to drive six winners at the Showgrounds under lights from 1948 to 1953.



JACK WILSON

Born John Duncan Wilson in 1872 at Terang. Died 1937 at Fitzroy.

Jack Wilson was one of the first ten horsemen to win 100 Melbourne races and did so by being equally adept in saddle or in sulky. His first victory was at Fitzroy aboard the pony sized **Charlie** who, off 2secs behind, beat the champion trotter **Osterley** (39 secs behind). In all Jack won 120 city races, the most with **Ally Sloper** (13), **Philos** (9), **Melrose** (9). Jack finish top 5 in the Melbourne Premiership ten times - **1901/02 (3rd)**, **1902/03 (2nd)**, **1903/04 (FIRST)**, **1904/05 (2nd)**, **1906/07 (3rd)**, **1907/08 (3rd)**; **1908/09 (2nd)**, **1909/10 (FIRST)**, **1911/12 (3rd)**, **1912/13 (FIRST)**. In addition to that Jack was in the top five Statewide seven times - **1911/12 (2nd)**, **1909/10 (FIRST)**, **1908/09 (2nd)**, **1906/07 (3rd)**, **1904/05 (2nd)**; **1903/04 (FIRST)** and **1902/03 (2nd)**. He won with the topline trotter **Velox** who he rode in a 4 1/2 fur match race vs Austerlitz, driven by Lou Robertson. His last win was in 1922, however, Jack was given credit by the horse's trainer for **Touchwood's** win the 1932 £300 Richmond Trotters Cup. On being consulted Jack suggested lighter shoes - from 14oz to 8½oz; back - 10oz to 6oz. The uptake in speed was immediate and the winning odds of 33/1 delightful.

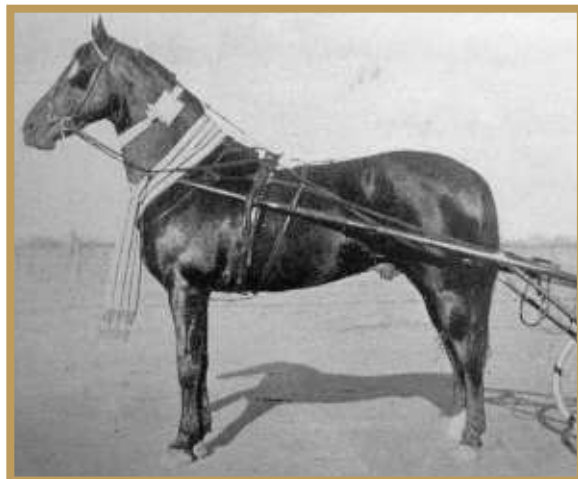


ADELAIDE DIRECT (pacer)**(1906f, Directway USA - Honest Harry m)**

Adelaide Direct has a permanent place in history that no horse can ever usurp. She was the first Australian-bred horse to win the New Zealand Cup, doing so in 1917. She was bred by Stan Lewis from Parkers Plains (near Maldon) and was leased initially to James Kennedy who had her trained by Frank Ridley (Fitzroy) and she won four races (2 at Richmond). In 1914 the mare was returned to Lewis and he subsequently leased her to leading NZ trainer Manny Edwards who was training in Australia at the time for HOF John Zander. Edwards won with her at Victoria Park (NSW) and then raced her for three seasons in NZ winning three feature races including the 1917 NZ Cup. She then franked her class by setting a new mark for the mile in New Zealand of 2:06.4. At stud her daughter Adelaide Dillon became the ancestress of Sires Stake champions Western Apache (WA) & Pascinelle (Vic).

**ALMONT (pacer)****(1895c, Rothschild - Puella)**

Bred by the famous NZ breeder Henry Mace, Almont won the CPTC Nursery 3YO Classic, and the Canterbury Park TC Cup. Almont was being trained by Hall of Famer Lou Robertson and when Henry Mace died and his horses were sold Lou's brother Andrew suggested to several Australians that they purchase the pacer. Once in Australia Almont was set by Lou Robertson for a three week time trial showcase at Ascot - over one mile, two miles and three miles. In a masterclass Almont covered the mile in 2:12.2 (a new Australian record), lowered the Australasian two mile record from 4:35.8 to 4:32.2 and then set a new world record for three miles of 6:50. He stood at "Hartlands" stud, a farm at Heidelberg owned by Timber Merchants A & J.B. Sharp. At stud he proved to be a better broodmare sire than sire, figuring as the damsire of the Albert Cling (NZ Derby, NZ FFA), Almont Wilkes (Tas mile record) and the trotter HOF Surprise Journey (Rowe Cup)

**ALMONT WILKES (pacer)****(1924c, Harold Wilkes - Mary Almont)**

Broken in by Ron Males but thereafter owned and trained by George Einsiedel, Almont Wilkes excelled in saddle and won racing free-legged or with hobbles, winning from one mile to two miles. He won 10 races in Melbourne (5 Flyings) for six different riders/drivers. In May 1929 Almont Wilkes won at his first three stars at Mooropna, Richmond and Bungaree. At his sixth start he won at Geelong and then went to Tassie in September and won the Launceston Show Cup in track record time for two miles. In 1932 he equalled Walla Walla's Show mile record of 2:11 then paced an unofficial 2:10.2 mile in saddle on the Footscray Speedway. The following year he established a new Tasmanian mile record of 2:10.6 (last half in 1:03.0) ridden by 11 stone Len Moriarty. At stud his best was Bourbon (a multiple Cups winner in Tasmania), however, he figured as the damsire of two of the finest racemares of the 1950s - Dainty Rose (12 at S/G) and Patsys Gift (8 at S/G).

**AUBURN LAD (pacer)****(1924g, Globe Derby - Velocity)**

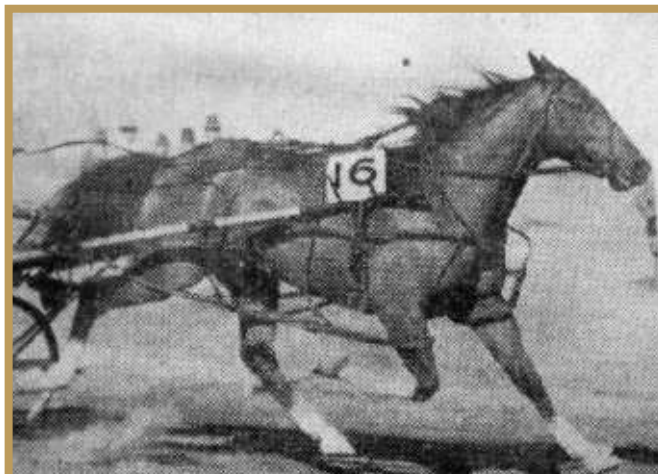
Trained by Hall of Fame Legend Bill McKay, Auburn Lad's first two Richmond wins were in saddle but soon switched to the sulky and won a heat of the Sydney Thousand in 1930. He went on a tear with four successive Richmond wins in 1931 before in 1933 he posted Victoria's first sub 2:10 mile when he rated 2:09¾ from a 48 yard backmark. That was a national record for geldings. An extremely rare FFA, the Australasian Championship was held at Ascot in 1934 and Auburn Lad was beaten a head by the all conquering Walla Walla (3rd horse was 20yds away). Auburn Lad then went to NZ where he established a new mile record of 2:02.4 in a time trial and later won two Melbourne Show Time tests. With no FFAs and intolerable handicaps McKay was forced into match races from 1935 and 1937 at the Motordome (Olympic Park) including two against cyclists.



BARNEY DOOLAN (pacer)

(1932g, Cobber O'Mine - Something Honest)

Initially trained by Hall of Famer Ron Males, Barney Doolan won a heat of the NSW Derby and was 2nd to Gentle Bobbie in the final, an identical result to what happened in the Victoria Derby. At four years owner Lou Horton took over the training and won two races before handing him back to Tom. In 1939 Barney Doolan won six city races - one off 90 yards - before Tom Butterworth took him to SA for the Snowtown Cup. In an amazing display off 30yds behind over a mile and a half he rated 2:08.0, a new Australasian record. Barney Doolan then won twice at Wayville (SA), driven by George and Norman Gath and won a farewell Hobart FFA defeating Inter Dominion champion Evicus & Inter Dominion heat winner Our Globe. One of Australia's greatest trainers, Tom Butterworth, always contended that Barney Doolan was the best horse he trained.



BLACK PANTHER (pacer)

(1930c, Dalla Derby - Minnie Alto)

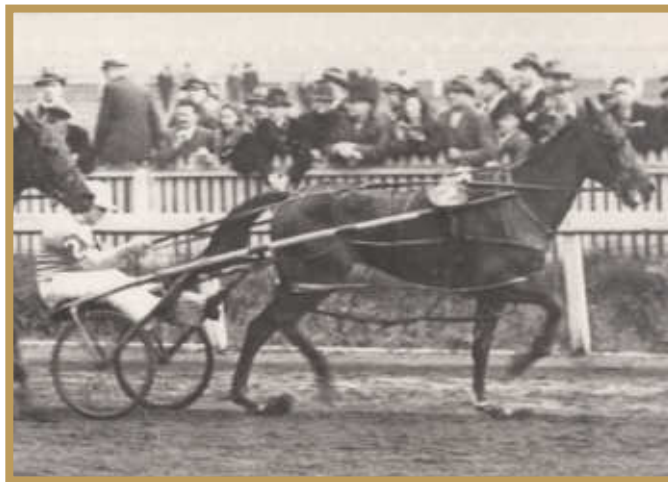
Black Panther, achieved the highest number of victories at new Ascot - 16 - and the most number of wins at the Melbourne Show by a pacer - 12. Trained by Billy Hawkes, Black Panther finished fifth in the Victoria Derby and at four years won an unprecedented seven successive races at Ascot. In 1937 Black Panther was taken to Launceston for the highly valued annual double at Elphin, the Easter Cup and the Easter Plate. On the Saturday the champion Lawn Derby off 84 yards behind won the Cup with Black Panther second, however, on the Monday Black Panther gained his revenge holding off Lawn Derby to win the Easter Plate. Black Panther, who never had a spell in his career, as a 10-year-old won the original version of the SATC Cup in 1940 off 36 yards defeating NSW trained pacer Dix Minton and local Burly Vin in front of a crowd of 37,000. At stud Black Panther sired Jack Honan's Brilliant Moon (NSW Summer Cup and Inter Dominion heat) and the dam of trotter Bob Birthisel's Panthers Flight (VL Dullard Cup).



BURLY VIN (pacer)

(1933g, Vin Direct - Emily III)

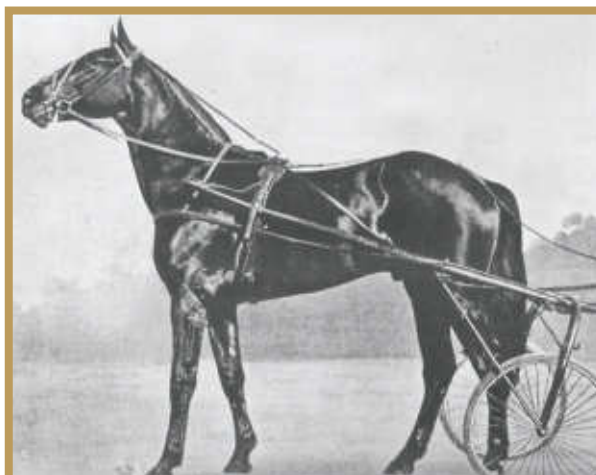
In March 1938 Burly Vin made his racing debut at Boort, his winning debut for Ted Glasheen at Wedderburn in April and in November that year won a double for new trainer Hubert Shinn at Boort, including the Cup. In a rapid rise to the top Burly Vin won two same day doubles at Cohuna and Geelong before another six wins in a row at Ascot culminating with the £250 Ascot Gold Cup where he downed Our Globe (Tas) and Black Panther. Burly Vin won 10 races in succession which was rare due to the handicapping system. Burly Vin won 10 races at Ascot, five in Adelaide including the prized 1941 Easter Stakes which he won despite having to pace the last two laps with half a dozen spokes torn from his nearside sulky wheel. Burly Vin was also a regular visitor to Tasmania taking out the Easter Cup and the Launceston Show Cup in 1943.



DAN PATCH (pacer)

(1902c, Rothschild - Ruahine)

Born in New Zealand, Dan Patch won three feature races there - the Great Northern Handicap and Sockburn Handicap in 1905 and the 500 sovereign Christchurch Handicap in 1906. He was then purchased by the Tye Brothers on the advice of Andrew Robertson for their fledgling Allendale Stock Farm. Trained by Hall of Famer Lou Robertson Dan Patch then became a record making machine. He set a new Qld Mile record, an Australian mile record of 2:11.0 on a grass track at Epsom, then lowered that to post the first 2:10 mile ever in Australia by time trialling in 2:10.0 at Richmond. Taken to NZ he set a world grass track record 2:09.4 at Alexandra Park. Tragically he died prematurely in August 1913 but the limited foals he left included Dan Bells (sire of ID winner Dans Son), Tasmanian siring legend Dandy Patch and Belle Patch (ancestress of 25 time HP winner Jikk Adios and triple ID champion Our Sir Vancelot).



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DAN'S SON (pacer)

(1929g, Dan Bells - Lady Edna)

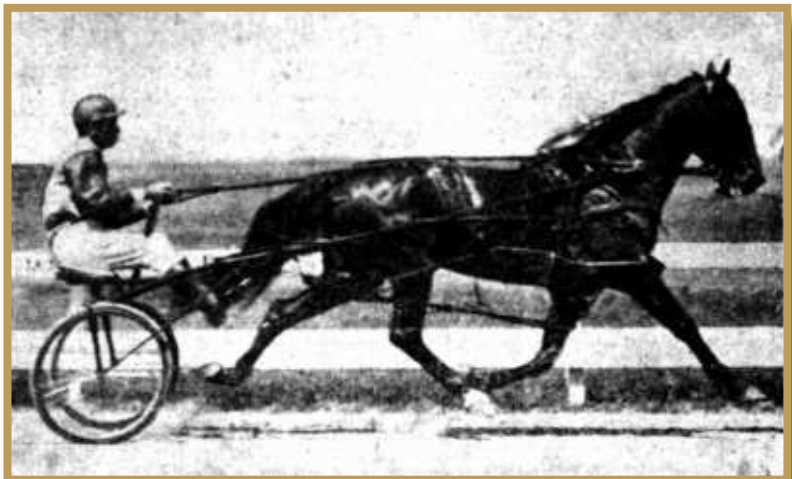
Dans Son cost Moorabbin dairy farmer Ben Coram just 11 guineas, surprising given his mother and grandsire were mile champions. Originally he showed speed as a trotter but the addition of a headcheck made him into a pacer. He was the first Victorian horse to win the Inter Dominion doing so at Wayville where was also Grand Champion. He won 10 races at new Ascot and at the second of those he paid a divvy of £71 15/6 for 5/- (record odds of 287/1). In 1936 he twice defeated Black Panther and was second in the Ascot £500 to the George Gath driven Our Walla. Dans Son won eight races at the Royal Melbourne Show defeating the likes of HOF New Derby and Logan Derby. In 1937 on the 682 yard Shepparton Show circuit Dan's Son paced in 2:07.8 bettering Globe Derby's 2:08.2.



DEHAVAN (pacer)

(1914c, Delavan Chimes - Kitty)

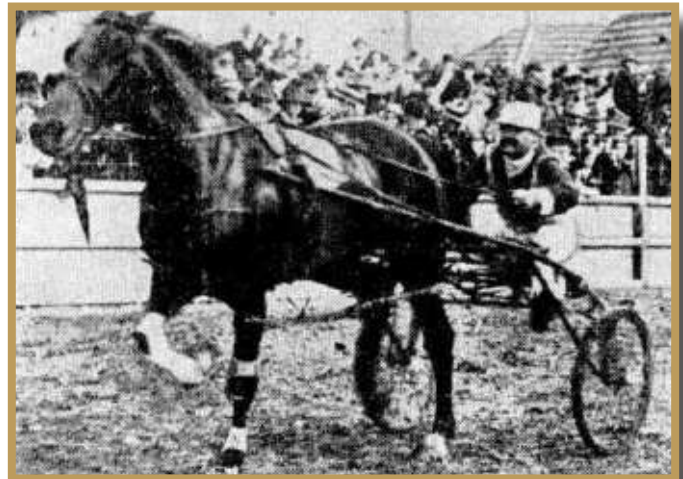
Delavan was bought from NSW for 400 guineas by Malcolm McMurtrie who changed him from a slow pacer into one that won 16 races in Melbourne. He was taken to Perth for the 1925 Australasian Championship finishing 3rd in all three heats. He went back in 1926 for the race and stayed winning the £200 December Hcp and the £300 Metropolitan Hcp. He set a WA 2 mile record and won a heat of the Easter Cup off 55 yards. At one stage Delavan held the Victorian race records for one mile, one and half miles and two miles. His fastest unofficial time was a 2:11.4 trial on the Sunbury Showground. At stud he sired Delavan Gold (WA Derby) and Delavan Jim (Australasian trotters racemile record).



DERBY CHIMES (pacer)

(1910c, Abbey Bells USA - Norice USA)

Purchased for just 52 guineas, Derby Chimes made his debut as a 3YO, defeating imported Billy Mac at Richmond, running third in the inaugural Victoria Derby and winning three from three in NSW including an Australian 3YO record of 2:14.0. At four years he appeared at the Melbourne Show winning four times and taking out the Championship Time Test. In 1915 he travelled to Queensland and established a State mile record of 2:17.0 and won five races at the Sydney Show. In 1916 he rated a slick 2:15.0 winning a Flying at Victoria Park (NSW) and at the Melbourne Show won twice (took total to six unbeaten) and won the Championship Time Test again. At stud he became the seventh son of Norice USA to be a successful siring the likes of Murray Chimes (Richmond £500 Cup) and Kiewa Chimes (ancestress of Claudys Princess).



DIRECT HOME (pacer)

(1918f, Directway USA - Charlotte Bronte)

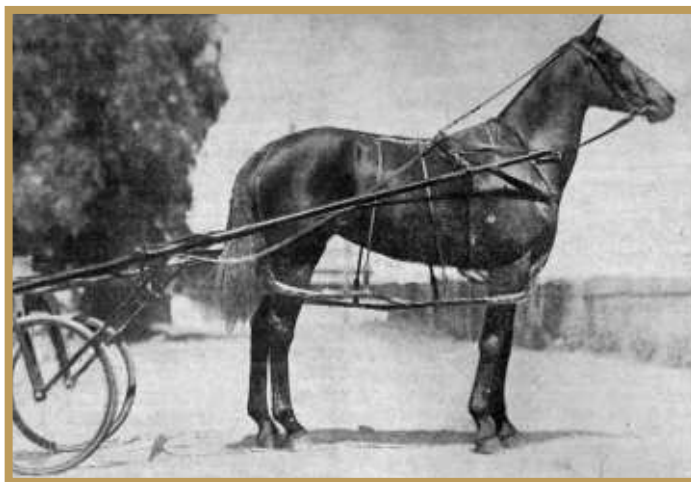
Direct Home was bred and raced by Percy Weaver and was initially trained by Bob Rinder who won with her twice at Bendigo. After Rinder and horse were DQ for one year Direct Home trained by HOF Bill McKay and first up they won the Charlton St Patricks Cup and Inglewood Open before a fourth in the Ballarat Cup. Direct Home then won four races including the Richmond Cup off 60 yards. The Sydney Thousand at Victoria Park was next and Direct Home won the fastest heat and the run-off. Her time was 4 seconds faster than any other Thousand. Back in Victoria Direct Home set a Melbourne Show record of 2:12¼ in saddle. Bill McKay said, "Direct Home is the best horse I have trained". She had two foals with her colt Direct Image siring Hampton Star (ancestress of Concorde Lombo).



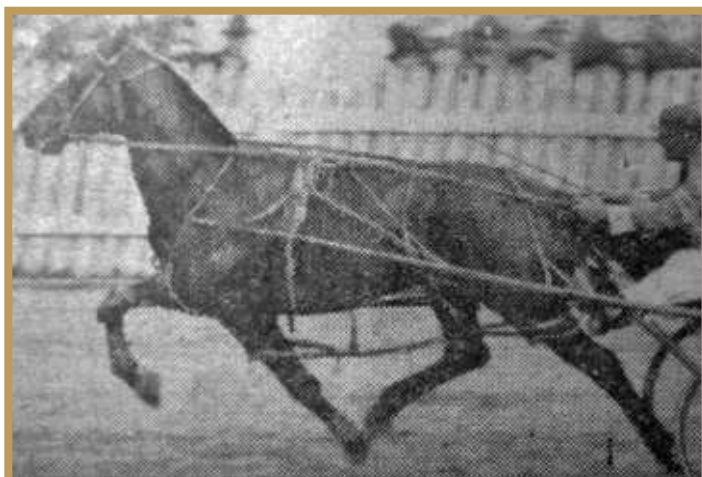
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GLIDE AWAY (pacer)**(1918f, Directway USA - Miss Oscombe)**

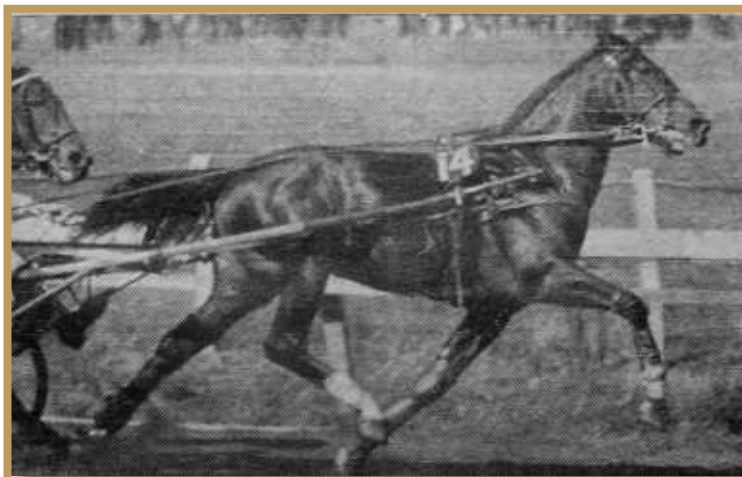
Glide Away was the most successful Australian mare ever to race in New Zealand where she won four races, all features including the Otahuhu and Dunedin Cups. A grand stayer she was wined throughout her career by Kangaroo Flat butcher Alf Petherick, Glide Away won her first race in 1923 at Ballarat and the following year she won three two mile Richmond events and was runner-up in the Richmond Thousand. In 1927 she again scored a city hat-trick, one in 2:14¾. Leased to ex-Aussie Bill Tomkinson Glide Away, then aged eleven years, proceeded to win two Cups, the NZ Premier Cup and Dominion 1000 (Otahuhu) earning £2,450. On her return to Australia she won another two races at Richmond (taking her total to 13) and one at Ascot. At stud she had one foal, Taska (dam of Scotaska 2:10.8).

**HAROLD WILKES (pacer)****(1913c, Marvin Wilkes USA - Lady Bounce)**

Bred in Queensland by Harry Besgrove Harold Wilkes quickly outgrew the State. In 1916 he won at Kedron, 1917 he set a record at the Ipswich Show and in 1918 broke his American dad's record at the Brisbane Show. In 1919 he was sent to Melbourne for the Thousand but ran unplaced. Then placed with Percy Shipp he won before being DQ for six months. On return he won the Richmond Cup and then thrashed his rivals by 10 lengths to win 1920 Kedron (Qld) Thousand. Then at the 1921 and 1922 Melbourne Shows he set new marks for the mile. In all he won 10 races at the Show, 11 at Richmond plus Woodend and Geelong Cups. He stood at stud at Koo Wee Rup before passing away prematurely in 1925. He sired Almont Wilkes (Tas mile record) & dam of Satin King (9 NZ feature race wins).

**MAIN DERBY (pacer)****(1932c, New Derby - Tearaway)**

Bred by Tom Allen and owned and trained by HOF Alf Butcher Main Derby's career took off in late 1937 when he won the Boort Cup amid a five race winning streak. He then won the £300 Ascot Pacers Cup defeating ID champs Logan Derby and Dans Son as well as Springfield Globe (1939 ID champ) and the great Lawn Derby. Next was the Ascot £500 where he once again defeated Springfield Globe. He won a heat of 1939 Perth Inter Dominion and two heats of the Perth ID (in Final he suffered punctured tyre in first lap). He won two Adelaide races and 7 Melbourne Show events. At stud he sired the dams of the NSW Summer Cup winner Raiarmagh Pool and trot headliners Apepa, Tamboritha (two VL Dullard Cups) and Uncanny.

**MYSTERY (pacer)****(1884f, Honesty USA - Blacksmiths Daughter)**

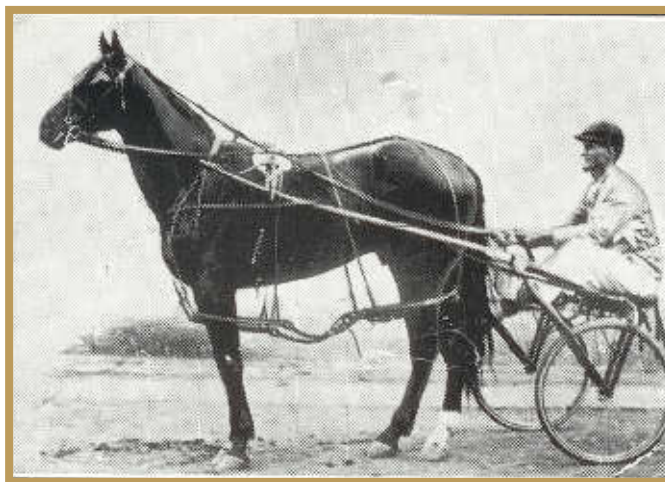
Mystery was a "Paleface Adios" lookalike with ability to match. She won 20 races, 18 of them in Melbourne with 12 at MV on the grass, four at Elsternwick and two at Richmond. She established an Australasian mile race record twice in 1890 (2:30) and 1893 (2:29.5) and in 1895 lowered the mile record to 2:25.0 in a time trial at Moonee Valley. Mystery was the first horse in Australia to better five minutes for two miles and famously won three match races, one vs NSW's best mare Rita, another against Valentine USA and a special one versus leading cyclist Bill Harris. Mystery also recorded victories off imposing handicaps as far back as 60 seconds and won Royal Show Time Test (twice). At stud she only left three colts (no fillies) and all were sires most notably OYM (sire of NZ mile record holder Our Thorpe) and NZ Cup winner Agathos).



NEW DERBY (pacer - sire)

(1926c, Globe Derby - New Zealand Greta)

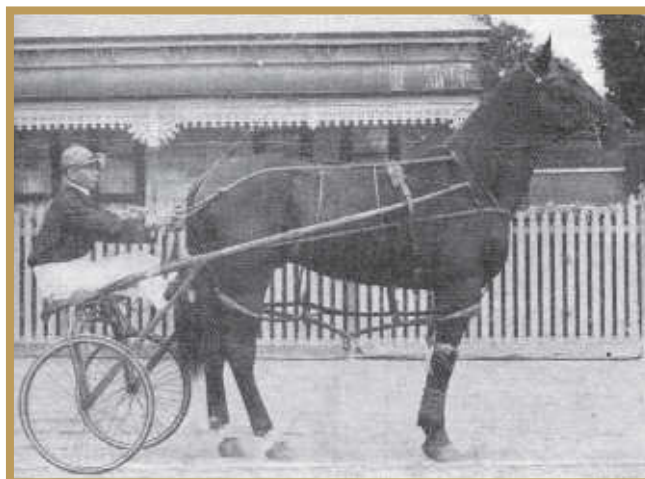
Bred by Alex Hunter and purchased as a foal at foot for 80 guineas by Jack King, New Derby was owned, trained and driven by HOF Charlie Robertson jnr. He was arguably the second best pacer in Australia behind Walla Walla, winning Victoria's richest race the Ascot £500 in October 1932 and at his next start in November 1933 repeated (he was at stud inbetween). In 1935 he defeated Logan Derby in the Northall Park Cup (Tas.). Taken to Perth for the first Inter Dominion New Derby won two heats and finished as equal top points scorer after the heats. Unfortunately he was checked in the final, however, then set a WA mile record of 2:02.5 (TT). At stud New Derby sired Gentleman John (ID), New Oro (AG Hunter Cup), Main Derby (3 ID heats) and dams of high class pacer Lord Setay and NZ trotter Dictation (Dominion Hcp).



SAM HUON (pacer)

(1916h, Siam - O'Brien's Judge Huon mare)

Sam Huon was one of only three horses that won two Richmond 1000 races, but the only one owned and trained in Victoria (Red Bazil - NSW; Eminent - Tasmania). Initially trained by HOF Greg Kelly, Sam Huon won his first race at Richmond on 20-09-1921. In one stunning streak in 1922 he won three city races in a row defeating a Richmond 1000 winner each time. He finished 5th at his first attempt at the Richmond 1000 in 1922 but atoned one year later winning in record time. Greg Kelly headed to W.A. in 1925 but not before winning at Flying on 22-09-1925. In 1926 Charlie Baker took over the training of Sam Huon, and like Greg won six races at Richmond with the pacer. The highlight was the 1926 Richmond 1000 with dual Thousand winner Red Bazil and HOF Glide Away among the beaten brigade. At stud he sired Ben Huon (6 city wins) and Princess Myrtle (6 city wins).



SARILLA (pacer)

(1908g, Ian Cleve - Brisbane (thor) mare)

An "iron horse" extraordinaire who made his debut as a 4YO on 15th May 1913 and closed out his racetrack career just 18 days shy of his 22nd birthday on 14th July 1930. He had a total of 356 lifetime starts and regularly raced twice on the day throughout his career. Sarilla who was owned, trained and driven by George Girling won an alltime record 25 races at Richmond (10 more than any other pacer) and of those 25 wins, 22 were in open class (15 Flyings and seven Open Class Handicaps). His major victory was in the 1922 Richmond £500 Cup in which he defeated Thousand winner Robin Roy & Hall of Famer Grand Voyage. A success of note was the Prince of Wales Cup at the Melbourne Show in 1920 when he defeated Eminent (winner two Thousands). A shock epilogue to Sarilla's career came at the 1931 Toora Sports meeting on New Years Day a Mr. Funston raced and won with him under the name of "Dodger" but was duly disqualified.



SILVER BOY (pacer)

(1896g, Era - Bawley)

Owned for almost all of his career by Melbourne jeweller Arthur Gunter Silver Boy (pictured with HOF Lou Robertson) was a record breaking machine for seven times he broke the Australian mile record for pacing geldings - 2:26.4 (1900), TT2:26.0 (1900), TT2:25¾ (1900), 2:25.4 (1901), Australasian racemile 2:23.4 (1901), Australasian racemile 2:20.6 (1901), 2:17.2 (1903) and finally 2:16.0 (1903). He set the Victorian mile record in 1901 & 1903. He won 17 Melbourne races (9 Ascot), one at Fitzroy and 6 at Richmond. His major win was the 1903 Victorian Mile Championship. He won the Melbourne Show Time Test (3 times). He made his mark when in 1900 dentist William McLean took over training the horse. In 1903 the Sharp brothers bought him they installed Lou Robertson as trainer for Silver Boy's final four starts (3 successive wins).



SIR WILLIAM DON (pacer)

(1856g, Mozart (thor) - Wallaby (thor))

Sir William Don was a freak because he was a free legged pacer who never wore a boot. He won 13 races from 22 starts over ten years. He remains as the fastest Australian-bred pacer in history by world standards for when he paced the first mile of a three mile event in 2:25 he was then the 13th fastest pacer in the world. He set Australian records for one mile (stood for 19 years), two miles (stood for 24 years), three miles (stood for 27 years) and four miles. He won off handicaps up to 700 yards, 600 yards and 450 yards (twice). His major owner was Robert Orr who won a massive £1,000 (worth \$190,000 today) in a match race. At his last start he had to give the best trotter Wanderer 700 yards start (beaten 30 yards). At the next start Wanderer had he was placed on a backmark of 900yds underlining Sir William Don's greatness.



SPOT (pacer)

(1905g, Judge Huon - unknown)

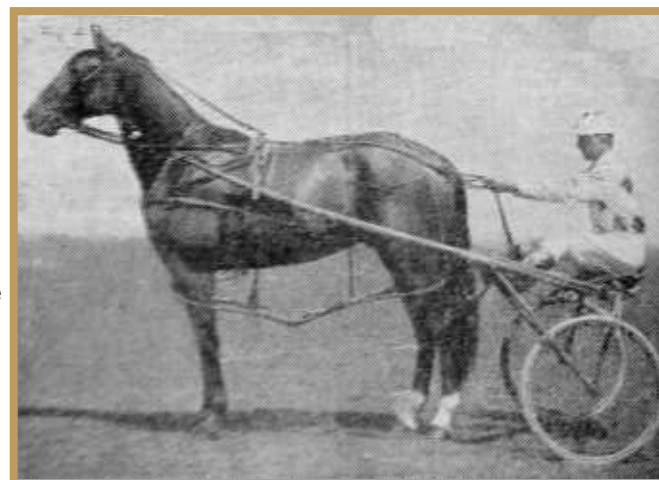
From an unknown dam this Shepparton born gelding was sold three times early on in his life for 11 guineas to Duncan McLeod, 13 guineas to Alex McLennan who on sold him for 40 guineas after he won at Richmond in 1910 ending up with Jack Trewin. Unfashionable as a start that was Spot distinguished himself winning 22 races in Victoria, WA, NSW and NZ. Spot won six of his first nine starts and 13 on Melbourne tracks overall while he won off 570 yards behind at Donald in 1911. In August 1912 he went to Sydney winning 3 in a row with Dick Loseby riding at Victoria Park and Epping (same day double). In 1914 he won a Richmond Cup before a three start trip to NZ where Peter Riddle rode Spot to a NZ saddle two mile record. In 1915 he won the Richmond 1000 off 85yds then went to Perth for a WA Cup heat win rating a record 2:18.5 (4th final)



TENNESSEE WOOD (pacer)

(1931g, Tennessee Direct USA - Firewood)

Maybe the most precocious horse from the daytime era. He was the only 2YO ever to defeat all-aged horses at new Ascot. Despite being ineligible for any Derby he won a then record seven 3YO races - plus 3 Show races - including the £100 Goulburn Champion Stakes (with HOF Jack McKay sitting in Walla Walla's gig) and an Open Class race at Harold Park. At four years he set a 4YO mile record at the Motordome and ran third in the two mile heat of Adelaide's 1937 Inter Dominion. He won 10 races at Ascot including four Flyings. After a win and four successive placings in 1940 Tennessee Wood was sold to WA and in 1942 won that State's no.3 race the Easter Cup with 1940 ID champion Grand Mogul in third place. Detractors of racing horses early were taken aback when Tennessee Wood, at 15 years of age won the 1946 W.A. Royal Show Handicap.



VIN DIRECT (pacer - sire)

(1917c, Direct Mauritius - Vin Don)

Raced by "D Kennedy" (the famous detective Daniel Mulfahy) Vin Direct won 2 races as 3YO in Victoria, the Richmond Cup in 1923 and 1924 Richmond 1000. He won the 1924 Woodend Cup then went to WA to contest the 1925 Australasian Championship (forerunner of ID). On first night he went 1H-1F over 10 furlongs and won a 12 furlong heat. At Carnival's end he was second overall on points (beaten by one point). In the 1926 Series he won a 12 furlong heat and finished third on points overall. He had 38 WA starts (only twice unplaced), won 13 Perth races the best being the Brennan FFA (incl. Gold Cup). On his return he won off 102 yards at Richmond. At stud in WA and Victoria he sired Burly Vin (HOF) & Kolect (WA Cup) and dam of Beau Don (2 WA Cups)



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CALISTA (trotter)**(1883f, Berlin USA - Southern Queen)**

Calista was bred in NZ and had four starts there - second to NZ mile record holder Princess, then two wins both in NZ record time, one for two mile and one for three miles. At her only other start she was pulled up and was purchased on same day for 200 guineas by Dan O'Brien of Carbine fame. O'Brien onsold her to Melbourne hotel owner Charles Alexander. Alexander bought the mare on the recommendation of George Bourke who trained her for her first 3 starts (win & 2 places). She was then went to HOF Will Whitbourn who created history by racing her in a pneumatic sulky (a first for Australia/NZ). Calista won six at Richmond, two at Aspendale and singles at Ascot, Sandown, Oakleigh, Wyndham and Maribyrnong. She broke the Australian mile record for trotting mares four times - fastest 2:19¼. She won off hcps of 36secs, 42secs, 45secs, 52secs, 52secs, 57secs, 30secs and 300yds.

**COUNTY ANTRIM (trotter)****(1907g, Baron Rothschild - Corowa)**

County Antrim and shearer owner Tom McCrow were cult heroes. Angry when the Chief Secretary Don McLeod savagely cut the number of trotting races because "they ruined the breed", Tom challenged McLeod to match any horse he wanted against County Antrim over 100 miles. Challenge not accepted. County Antrim was bred in SA and sold by Bert Wellington to Hugh Coulter for £25 who won with him at Richmond in 1913. Coulter was disqualified for life thereafter in apparent retribution for a verbal public clash with John Wren. Coulter passed the horse to Tom McCrow and 18 race wins followed, 10 at Richmond (incl. Cup defeating top pacing mare Direct Dot), Camperdown Cup (1915, 1922), Cobden Cup (1918, 1921), Terang Cup (1919). Tom McCrow would cover 1,000+ miles in a shearing season so County Antrim ran as many times as possible - 9 times he had 3 starts in a day - at Ararat in 1922 he had three and a second in the last. Next year at Ararat he had four (won three plus a second). County Antrim last started at Bungaree on 24th May 1928 aged 20.

**DIXIE ALTO USA (trotter - sire)****(1900c, Mendocino - Marionette)**

Dixie Alto has a permanent place in the record books as the last trotter to win at Flemington - the 1908 Fleet Cup driven by Will Whitbourn. Imported by William Bouis Viers as a two-year-old Dixie Alto was an early attraction on the Albert Park Speedway, however, was sent to to stud and did not race until he was six. He won nine races in his career. As Hall of Famer Will Whitbourn trained at Clayton his debut and his first two wins were at Sandown. After the second Sandown win Dixie Alto took part at John Wren's Grand Revival meeting at Richmond and finished second to St Elmo (NSW) in a heat of the Champion Trotting Race. After wins at Richmond, Epsom along with three seconds Dixie Alto won the Fleet Cup at Flemington. At stud he sired Dixie Fox (6 in Sydney), Winn Alto (9 in Sydney), Homeleigh Dick (10 in Sydney), Elsie Alto (Tas Easter Cup) and dams of NSW Trot Derby winners War Danger, Real Vain and David Redmond (also won Vic Trot Derby).

**EMULATOR (trotter - sire)****(1896c, Osterley - Jessie)**

As is evident by the photograph at right, Emulator was pony sized at just 14 hands high, but his pure gait, speed and endurance belied his size. He was precocious too becoming the first 2YO trotter to better 3:00 in Australia and that was not the only record he achieved. Five times he set new figures for the Australian mile for trotting stallions - 2:24.2 (1901 - grass), 2:20.8 (1920), 2:19.0 (1902), 2:18.8 (1902) and 2:17.2 (1902). Trained early by Jim Welsby and then Will Whitbourn, Emulator won the Melbourne Show Time Test six times and also won Sydney Show Test. Emulator was the first trotting stallion to better five minutes for two miles. In all Emulator won 19 races on metropolitan tracks, 15 at Richmond, three at Ascot and one at Fitzroy. His best performance was defeating HOF mare Lightfoot, two heats of three in Championship of Australia. At stud he sired Eminent (two Melbourne 1000s) & Nelly B (Aust. pacing mares mile record) and dam of Red Bazil (two Melbourne 1000s).



GLAN GRATTAN (trotter)**(1926g, First Grattan - Taylor's Abbey Bells m)**

Given the tough handicapping system in vogue in the 1930s it is inconceivable that Glan Grattan won a record 25 races at Ascot, nine more than any pacer and 12 more than any trotter. What it did mean was that Glan Grattan had to race against the pacers either in unhoppled events or races open to both gaits. Owned by Dudley Taylor, Glan Grattan was taken from a cow paddock by Ron Males and the pair carved out a remarkable career and Dud, a non bettor, never saw the trotter race once. Twice Glan Grattan won three races in succession and he won was the Presidents Cup at Ararat which was also the first venue that he won at on 27th December 1933. Glan Grattan finished runner-up twice and fourth once in the Ascot Trotters Cup. His last start was a victory as a 15YO at Ascot. Glan Grattan won from handicaps of 180yds, 162yds (twice) and 144 yards.

**GLIMMER (trotter)****(1918g, Jack McKinney - unknown)**

Unnamed horse bought out of the Gunbower pound for 35 shillings and later on same day Matt Pollock bought the horse for £2 10/- (50 shillings). That horse was Glimmer. Glimmer made his winning debut, or rather a double winning debut at Boort on 09-01-1924. After twins at Gunbower and Boort, Glimmer was placed in the stables of HOF Tom Skehill and won at Geelong and then Richmond, the Trotters Cup no less over two miles. Further wins at Castlemaine and Richmond twice, Glimmer entered rare air by winning his second Victoria Trotters Cup, this time off 36 yards and in the placings were 1925 Cup winner Sir Madras (6yds) and HOF Paddy McKinney (24yds). After a seventh off 96 yards in the 1927 Cup Glimmer was trained by Charlie Caldwell and won at the first meeting of the Echuca TC off 126 yards. Wins at Bendigo and Richmond were next and then the 1929 Wedderburn Cup beating pacer Tennessee Direct. His last wins were in 1932 at Boort on 17-02 and Ascot on 19-09 (vs pacers)

**HONESTY USA (trotter - sire)****(1877c, Priam - Western Girl)**

Honesty's first appearance was at Elsternwick Park in the 500 sovereign Stallion Championship over one mile (best three in five heats). He swept through unbeaten setting an Australian mile record of 2:30 3/4 for trotting stallions in the first heat. After a season at stud Honesty won a heat of the same race before trotting an Australian record for two miles in a FFA. James J Miller purchased a half share and stood him at his famous Scoresby stud. After a year at stud Honesty was sold to Andrew Town (NSW) and his last career start set a NSW mile record for trotting stallions. He was later sold to Victoria in 1891 and ended up at Wangaratta where he died in 1902. He sired HOF Mystery, Honor, Wiggles and Trafalgar; the dams of Denver Huon, Eminent and HOF Happy Voyage; plus many influential sons e.g. Honest Harry and Chieftain.

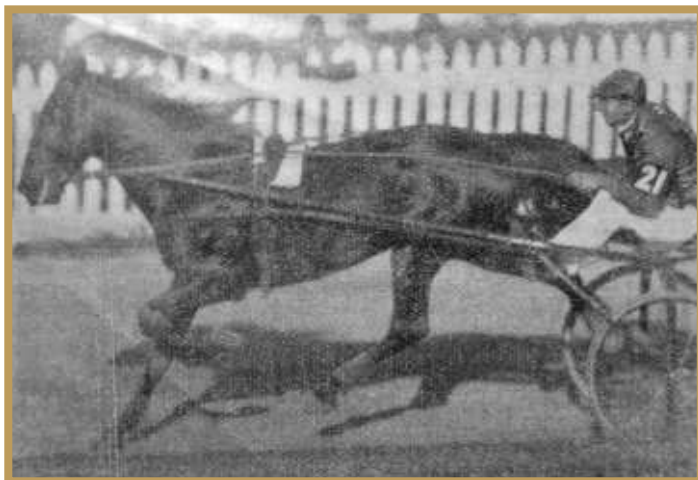
**HUON VOYAGE (trotter)****(1920g, First Voyage - Miller's Judge Huon m)**

It was a humble beginning for Huon Voyage competing as a 3YO in Tradesmans Handicaps winning one on 31st May 1926. Next in a Progressive Hcp against pacers he won in 2:29 1/4 and then was runner-up in the Trotters Cup. A run of failures was reversed when Bert McFarlane purchased the trotter in 1927 and ran second to Hall of Fame trotter Paddy McKinney. After more failures in pacers races he won three Richmond races in a row, the last being the 1929 Trotters Cup before Bert's horses' nominations were refused for a year. He had his last start in Australia winning on 2nd November 1931 rating 2:19.5. One month later he won off 48yds at Auckland and ran second to champion Wrackler in the 1932 G1 Dominion Hcp. He won the 1933 Dominion from a 60 yd backmark and then trotted a world 2 mile record of 4:22.5 (previous 4:23.8 - Peterwah USA).



JACK MCKINNEY (trotter)**(1911h, Clarke McKinney USA - Nena)**

Owned and sometimes trained by Dinny Moriarty (HOF Tom Skehill also trained) pony sized Jack McKinney's first win was at Richmond on 10-06-1918. After a win at Menangle (NSW) he went to NZ in 1921 and won the New Brighton Cup by four lengths defeating arguably the best field ever that included every top stakeswinner from 1917 to 1922 (Whispering Willie, Olive L, Whisht and dual NZ Cup winner Reta Peter). Sent home he did not race for 18 months but then won at Richmond on 14-07-1924 off a 168 yard handicap. He would win further Richmond races off handicaps of 168yds, 174yds and 186yds. He was 3rd, beaten 3yds, in the 1925 Trotters Cup off 162yds (winner was off 36yds) and was once beaten a mere neck by HOF pacer Delavan. Sire of Glimmer (two Vic Trotters Cups).

**LADY EDNA (trotter and broodmare)****(1908f, Mauritius USA - Sweet Nell)**

Bred by John Donkin of Tocumwal (NSW) Lady Edna originally raced as Nancy Hanks winning the heat and final of Vic Sires Produce (2YOT) at Richmond. Sold to Percy Laird for 160 guineas she had her name changed to Lady Edna she won races for trainers George Cole, Jack Lancaster, Manny Edwards, Will Whitbourn and Jack James. Lady Edna won 10 races in Melbourne (8 - Richmond, 1 - Ascot, 1 - Fitzroy) plus a win at Forbury Park (NZ). Three of her victories were in Trotting Cups at Richmond, Ascot and Fitzroy and at her last start broke the Australia trotting mares mile record - 2:17¼. At stud she was the dam of HOF Dan's Son (1937 ID), WA Cup heat winner Little Edna (grandam of Admirals Last - NSW Trot Derby; ancestress of G1 trotters Downsouth Clare, Game Ebony, Will Trapper), Ednas Coin (dam of Princess Wood - Richmond £500 Cup), Sir Voyage (two NZ feature trots) and Edna Pronto (ancestress of 1970 ID winner Bold David).

**LEITHAMSTEAD (trotter)****(1876g, Alarm (thor) - Lucy)**

Leithamstead was bred by McWilliam Bros at Terang and at the age of four he was briefly in the stables of gallops Hall of Famer James Scobie but when his forte was trotting he was sent to Andy Mulholland. Leithamstead established himself as the no.1 colonial trotter in the nation (records for 1, 2 & 3 miles). In his first 25 starts, he was only twice unplaced. Then he defeated USA import Sylph in a FFA and finished second to Honesty. After a year away Leithamstead was sold to NSW and won first up off 500 yards at Sydney Driving Park setting a new NSW record for two miles. Returning to Victoria as a 10YO he won a 3 mile race at Elsternwick and then "disappeared" for four years (he allegededly won under the name Robin at Donald and Minyp). Back racing as Leithamstead as an 18YO under the ownership of Frank Purches (pictured) he won twice more, once as a 19YO then incredibly took his career record of a 2:38.1 rate over two miles at Richmond aged twenty, Purches retired him to a paddock at Maribyrnong.

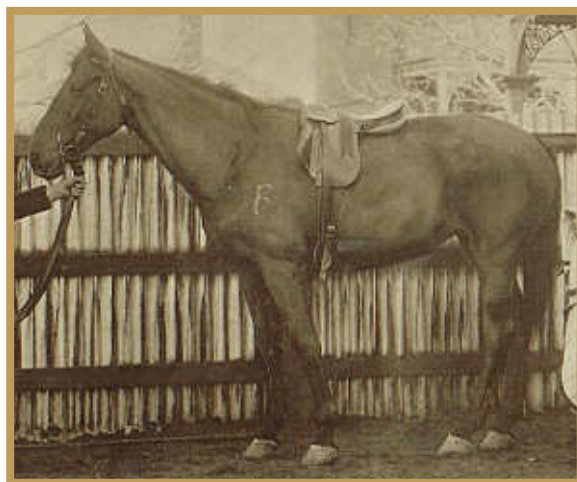
**LIGHTFOOT (trotter)****(1896f, Osterley - Yarrawonga)**

Lightfoot was known as the "champion of the common people" as for nine years she averaged 22 starts a season, winning an alltime record number 32 races in Melbourne for a mare (next best Make Mine Cullen 29 & Scotch Notch 28) and only twice did she start any closer than 300 yards to the frontmarkers. She won a record 24 races at Richmond, four at Ascot and four at Croxton Park. Four times she won a mile race off handicap marks almost exceeding two furlongs (one quarter of the race distance) - 430yds (twice), 460yds, 465yds. At Ascot on 25/2/1901 she trotted an Aust. trotting mares mile record of 2:26.4 at her fifth start in as many days and later on lowered the national standard to 2:18.4 in a three heat match race against the Emulator at Richmond. She was the dam of Geelong Cup winner Wonga (15 city wins).



MABEL (trotter)**(1876f, Lanercost (thor) - carriage mare)**

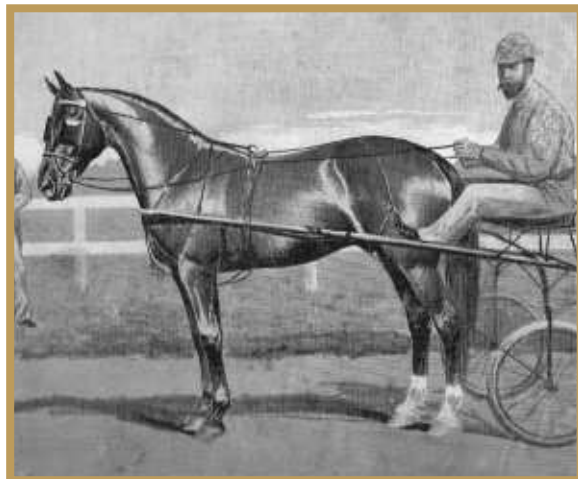
Mabel became known as the "Heroine of the Wimmera" in deference to her incredible ability to win off seemingly impossible handicaps. Owned and developed by Sam Matheson Mabel actually had a foal by Honesty - the mare Honor Bright who later won a Bendigo JC Open - before debuting as an 8YO at Sheep Hills and within a month had added wins at Green Lake and Minyip (off 440 yards). A month later won off 800 yards at Kewell. She did not race as a 9YO but at ten years she won at Rupanyup (650yds) and Glenorchy (700yds). At 12 years of age she posted a victory off her longest handicap - 1,000 yards - at Stawell and 3 years later won twice at Jordan Park in SA. After three wins as a 16YO she made it to Melbourne and in a period of 17 weeks raced 22 times for wins at Oakleigh, Richmond (twice) and Ballarat (she once beat home champion Mystery). Mabel was taken to NZ by Dick Henry and won a race there as a 19YO.

**MAZEPPA (trotter)****(1853f, Sepoy (arab) - unknown)**

Known as the "Creswick Crack" Mazeppa was probably the first 3YO trotter ever to compete finishing second at Castlemaine to veteran star Rambler. After two years absence she was acquired by famed jockey Robert Orr who won a match race at Smythesdale in late 1859. In January 1860 at the inaugural American Trotting Races at Flemington Mazeppa was beaten in a Harness Race but with Robert Orr handling her she won a Saddle Trot in straight heats. She was put in foal so missed the 1861 Races but appeared at Australia's first ever country trotting club at Dowling Forest in October 1861 and won the six mile Grand Harness Trot. At her last start at the 1862 American Trotting Races she won the Champion Harness Trot (six miles) easily. Mazeppa then won the £1,100 (\$175,000 worth today) Championship of Victoria match race vs Dozy on forfeit.

**OSTERLEY (trotter - sire)****(1886c, Childe Harold USA - Belle Briggs USA)**

Osterley raced until he was 13 years of age and mixed that career on the track with stud duties from the age of four. He won 17 races on Melbourne tracks (14 at Richmond) and one in Sydney around the miniature 440 yard Sydney Showground track. His fame grew as a seven year old when in a three event challenge against the champion pacer Mystery he set Australian records in the one mile and three mile events (Mystery won the 2 mile race). Osterley won the Royal Melbourne Show Time Test on a record five occasions and at his very last appearance on the racetrack, aged 13, time trialled at Richmond and lowered his career record to 2:24.8. At stud he was outstanding siring the champion trotters HOF Emulator and HOF Lightfoot, who together at one time held the Australian trotting stallion and mare mile records concurrently, over 50 successful sires and sired the dam of the first 2:15 trotter in Australia Princess Wilkes (17 wins in Perth).

**PADDY MCKINNEY (trotter)****(1918g, Clarke McKinney USA - Rosetti)**

The best advertisement for Paddy McKinney is that George Gath said that "he was the finest trotter I ever handled, and along with Maori's Idol, the greatest trotter I have seen." Bred by and owned by the Kervin family of Cohuna, he won his first race at Gunbower in 1925. He won four country races, then three city races in a row against trotters, the last off 72yds. He later won trotters only races off 114yds and 108yds. He ran a fantastic fourth in the Richmond 1000 and three times beat the pacers most notably in October 1930 when he beat dual Richmond 1000 winner Red Bazil off level marks and then won a rich £400 trot at Ballarat. Taken to NZ he brilliantly won his first 3 starts from 60yds at Addington then a same day double at Wellington from 72yds and 120yds. The NZ Herald said, "he has proved to be one of the best trotters seen in NZ". One month later after a reputed 2:05 trial, he suffered a severed tendon and never raced again.



SPECIFICATION (trotter - sire)

(1886c, Contractor USA - Katie Merryhawk)

Specification commenced his career as a 3YO at Moonee Valley later winning twice as a 3YO at the same track over 2 miles and 3 miles. After his last win in Australia at Moonee Valley off a 24 secs handicap over two miles on 21st December 1892 he was exported to New Zealand. At Addington in May 1894 he finished second to Imperious USA in Sires Class Handicap and won the 100 sovs Canterbury Stakes in NZ record time for three miles - 7m 35¼. Two months later on the tiny Lancaster Park track he bettered the world trotters record for four miles recording 10:52¼ (12 laps of track). First mile 2:41½; Two miles 5:22¼; Three miles in 8:02.0. Specification was a half brother to Aust. 2YOT mile record holder King Of Bronte (sire of Bronte). At stud he sired Plan (NZ Juvenile - 2T), the sire Specialist (sired dam of Gold Jacket - 2 Auckland Cups) and the mare Problem (ancestress of HOF Maori Miss).



SURPRISE JOURNEY (trotter)

(1923c, First Voyage USA - Miss Almont)

Australian Trotting Record (1932) - "Bill Tomkinson said Surprise Journey is the greatest horse I have ever driven." Surprise Journey debuted at Marong in 1927 and in 1928 won his first race at Inglewood and his first city race at Richmond. Paddy Glasheen drove both times. He changed hands to Bill Balloch who had Roy Roach win on him in September 1929. On 10-03-1930 Surprise Journey won at his last Australian start at Richmond and was sold to New Zealand. He won the Onehunga Hcp at Auckland first up and then went on to win a further six races for the season at Forbury Park, Addington (twice incl. Association Hcp) and Auckland (twice on same day). He was also second in Rowe Cup. In 1932/33 Surprise Journey was the richest trotter of season with £3,628. He won two Auckland races on the same day including the Rowe Cup. At stud he sired three feature race winners (one in Aust, two in NZ)



WANDERER (trotter)

(1866g, pedigree unknown)

Owned by soft drink magnate Phillip Garnet Dixon, Wanderer in the 1870s was the champion trotter of Australia. He made his debut as a 5YO at the old Croxton Park winning a three mile trot on 27-01-1872 defeating the legendary pacer Sir William Don (700yds hcp). Next up Wanderer was handicapped off 900yds over four miles but still won. His next win didn't come until March 1874 at Ballarat off 700yds. In 1875 he won twice at Kensington (700yd & 625yd hcps) and in 1876 won at Randwick (NSW) (750yds hcp) and Kensington (75 secs hcp). He won twice in June 1877 at Kensington (60secs hcp) and collected a Cup at Bendigo (60secs hcp). In 1878 he won at Avoca (75secs) and took out the All Saints Trot at Ballarat (80secs hcp). In 1879 he won 3 one mile heats at Kensington. He didn't race for 20 months but in 1881 made a comeback. He won a two mile Bendigo trot and as a 13YO bowed out a loser in an Elsternwick match race vs Brown Hawk.



BLONDE GRATTAN USA (broodmare)

(1901f, Grattan - Blonde Beauty)

Grattan Bells (1906c, Abbey Bells) T2:25 - Aust 2YOT mile record
Sire of six Classic winners

Grattan Chimes (1907f, Abbey Bells) T2:27.3 Won NZ Stewards Hcp

Grattan Abbey (1908c, Abbey Bells) T2:23.3 Won NZ Rowe Cup

Blonde Bells (1910f, Abbey Bells) - 2:39.7. Dam of Bombay (sire)

Belmont Chimes (1911c, Abbey Bells) T2:20.1 Won Vic Derby (3T),
Vic Sires Produce (2T). Sire of Vinmont Chimes (Vic Derby)

Fair Voyage (1912f, First Voyage) 2:22.8. Dam of

Fair News 2:16.0 - winner two Richmond Hcps

Grand Voyage (1913c, First Voyage) T2:13.0 Won Vic Sires Produce
(2T). VHRMA HOF. Sire Grand Lad (NSW Derby - 3T)

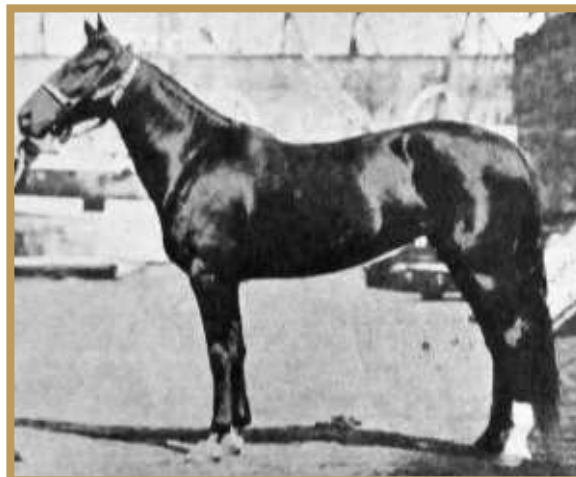
Grattans Voyage (1914c, First Voyage) T2:29.5 Successful sire

First Grattan (1915f, First Voyage) T2:32.5 Sire Grattan Gee (G1 Vic
Trotters Cup) & Glan Grattan (record 25 wins at Ascot)

Brunette Grattan (1916f, First Voyage) 2nd dam of Grand Roy, sire of
Don't Enquire (G1 Dullard Cup).

Brunette Beauty (1919f, First Voyage) grandam of Bingen Redmond
T2:08.0 Australasian mile race record for trotters

Fair Admiral (1925f, Admiral Wood) T2:24.0 Won Vic Derby (3T)



HONEST KATE (broodmare)

(1909f, Honest Harry - Katie Osterley)

Won 8 races, 3 at Richmond, 2 at Victoria Park (NSW), one at Epping (NSW), one at Bendigo, one at Elmore. **Dam of 8 foals, 8 winners:-**
Mirralwood (1921c, Admiral Wood) 2:17.0 Won 10 Sydney races incl. HP Christmas Handicap

Mirralcrest (1922c, Admiral Wood) Tr.2:27.3 Epping winner

Katie Wood (1923f, Admiral Wood) 2:18.0 Won 11 Perth races incl. WA Derby (3YO)

Robert Derby (1924c, Globe Derby) 2:18.7 Won Victoria Derby (3YO)
 Sire of NSW Derby winner Lawn Derby TT1:59.4 (NZ) the first pacer in Southern Hemisphere to better 2:00

Frank Derby (1926c, Globe Derby) 2:18.0 Perth winner

Kate Derby (1927f, Globe Derby) 2:23.0 Fremantle winner

Kateson (1928c, Alfred Donald) 2:18 1/4 Won 10 Perth wins

Bedouin Lady (1929f, Sheik) 2:12.5 Won WA Derby (3YO)



WINONA USA (broodmare)

(1900f, Daly - Cygnet)

Was an unraced trotter but won a couple of brushes on the Albert Park Speedway.

Dam of 11 foals, 7 winners:-

Winn Alto (1905c, Dixie Alto) Tr.2:20.5-10 wins. Sire of 2 NSW Trot Derby winners

Winifred (1909f, Dixie Alto) 2:22.8 Dam of Melb. Trot winner Radiant Derby (sire of Pander - SA Trotters Cup and dam of Valley Echo - Vic Trot Derby)

Princess Winona (1910f, Dixie Alto) Dam of wonder pacer Walla Walla TT2:02.4 (Aust mile record) and sire of 160 winners incl. four Derby winners and sired dam of Ribands TT1:58.7 (Aust mile record)

Lillia Alto (1911f Dixie Alto) 2:27.8

Roi Alto (1912c, Dixie Alto) Sire

General Ribbonwood (1914c, Ribbonwood) 2:19.0 - Sydney winner. Sire

Major Ribbonwood (1915c, Ribbonwood) 2:15.8 - 7 Melb. wins. Sire of 58W

Winwood (1916f, Ribbonwood) 2:26.0 - 7 Tas wins. Dam of The Hiker (Tas Cup)

Bay Ribbons (1918f, Ribbonwood) Ancestress of Macs Gift (NSW Ladyship Mile)

Volant (1919c, Ribbonwood) Tr.2:19.3 Sired dam of Wallagalong (Vic Trot Derby)

Dyed Ribbons (1920f, Ribbonwood) Show winner. Dam of sire Royal Robert



ABBEY BELLS USA (sire)

(1896c, Bow Bells - Russia)

Originally named Rubinsk. Unraced. Stood at Allendale Stock Farm (1904 -1912) then at Rockbank until died 1921. Sire of 165+ winners including 60 that have won a Classic or Feature race in Australasia

Sired pacers **Jewel Chimes** (Auckland Cup), **Derby Chimes** (HOF),

Eulinya Bells (Melbourne 1000), **Delavan Chimes** (Melbourne 1000),

Sparkling Bells (Richmond £500 Cup), **May Pirate** (Kedron 1000)

Sired trotters **Grattan Abbey** (NZ Rowe Cup), **Grattan Bells** (Aust

2YO mile record), **Belmont Chimes** (Vic Trotters Derby), **Patchen**

Abbey (Vic Sires Produce - 2T), **Todd Bells** (NZ Waikato Cup)

Sired dams of **Glan Grattan** (trotter with record 25 Ascot wins) **Jewel**

Pointer (richest NZ 1927/28 season), **Don Durfee** (Kedron 1000)

Sired 66 successful sires incl. **Dan Bells** (sire of Dans Son - 1937 ID),

Four Chimes (sire of Taraire - Australasian C'ship; Cathedral Chimes -

NZ & Auckland Cups), **Sparkling Bells** (sire of Dumbbells - WA Cup)



DIRECTWAY USA (sire)

(1901c, Direct - Electway)

Imported by Bob Matchett (HOF) and arrived 1903. He was a pacer and in 1907 he won a double at Boort, a race at Richmond and was second in the Champion Race at Richmond. He won a further race at Richmond in 1909. Stood at stud at Adelaide Hill, Huntly. Died 1924. Sire of 200 winners incl. 57 that won Feature or Classic races in ANZ.

Sire of HOF **Adelaide Direct** (NZ Cup & NZ mile record), **Percy**

Direct (Melb. 1000), HOF **Direct Home** (Sydney 1000), **Coora Direct**

(Aust. mares mile record), HOF **Glideaway** (Dunedin Otahuhu Cups)

Maffra (Aust. mares mile record), **Nimble Direct** (Richmond £500)

Sired dams of **Evicus** (1936 ID Grand Champion), **Icevus** (NZ FFA),

A La Mode (Fleet Cup), **Marion Style** (two Vic Trotting Cups), **Ipana**

(Fremantle Cup), **Palmerston** (WA Derby), **Harold Rose** (WA Cup)

His daughters are the ancestress of the Inter Dominion champions HOF Gentleman John, Evicus, Single Direct and HOF Minuteman.



FIRST VOYAGE (iiu) (sire)

(1908c, Bon Voyage - Elsie Downs USA)

Was "imported in utero" and foaled down at Allendale Stock Farm. Bought by Messrs Greaves & Williams for Belmont Stud, Bendigo and mixed stud duties and racing. His record was 25 8-7-3 MR-Tr.2:18.7 with two Richmond £200 Cups. When Belmont Stud was sold he stood at Melton South (close to Tabcorp Park). He died in 1935. In 1932 Sporting Globe wrote "*First Voyage must be written down as one of the greatest successes in the history of light harness in Australia*"

Sire of Huon Voyage (HOF) (NZ Dominion Hcp), Western Voyage (NZ Dominion Hcp), Surprise Journey (HOF) (NZ Rowe Cup), legendary Grand Voyage (original HOF) and Vic. Trotting Derby winners Abbey Voyage, Dixie Voyage, First Elect, First Trip, Nerve Force and Tonic.

Sired dams of Terrys Pick (NSW Trotters Derby), Fair Admiral (Vic. Trotters Derby) and The Wobbler (Australian 2YO pacers mile record).

Had 25 siring sons incl. First Grattan (sire of Glan Grattan - HOF)



HAMBLETONIAN BELL BOY USA (sire)

(1886c, Ulster Chief - Bell Alto m)

Imported to NSW in 1889 by and sold to Thomas Hamling, Oakhill Stud, Bridgewater who later moved his stud to Moama in 1898.

Sire of Bell Boy Tr.2:24.0 (NZ stallion mile record for standing start), Champion pony of Australia Ailean (Richmond FFA winner defeating HOF Osterley and Silver Boy), Prince Imperial (two NZ Feature Trots), Little Ned (Sydney Flying), Halloween (three Richmond Flyings).

Sired dams of Coora Direct (Australian mares mile record), Pearl Chimes (NZMTC Federal Hcp), Lady Cassandra (Ballarat Cup), Steel Bells (WA Prince of Wales Cup), Quinn Abby (WA Cup heat).

Has 11 siring sons incl. Prince Imperial the no.1 colonial stallion influencer in NZ - Families N3 (11 in 1:50, ID winners Blacks a Fake, Smooth Satin and Rondel), N126 (HOF New Derby, Jodies Babe - ID)

His daughters are the ancestress of Starlight Josh (Aust. 2YO Trotter of the Year), Super Spree (Aust. 2&3YO Trotter of the Year), Stormy Meadow (Dullard Cup), Main Derby (HOF), Our Noble (Vic Trot Derby)



MAURITIUS USA (sire)

(1902c, Bingen - Roxana)

Purchased of Johannes Zander (HOF) Mauritius arrived in NZ as a 3YO in 1905. He stood only for two seasons and raced twice for one place. Arrived in Australia in 1907 and mixed racing and stud duties for four years winning three at Richmond one at Epsom, one at Ascot and was third in the famous Fleet Cup at Flemington. Died 1926.

Sire of Bingana (NZ born) (Auckland Cup), Muricata (NZ born) (NZ two mile record), Retreat (Melbourne 1000, Tas Trotting Cup, NZ Otahuhu Cup), Melody (Vic Sires Produce-2T), Lottie M (Vic Sires Produce - 2T), Australian trot mares mile record holder Lady Edna (Vic Sires Produce-2T), Jeff Mauritius (13 Richmond trotting wins), The Plumber (10 Richmond trotting wins), Bingen (Melb. Show Time Test), **Sired dams of** Dans Son (HOF) (1937 ID), Ahuriri (two NZ Cups and Auckland Cup), Taraire (1926 Australasian Championship).

Sired 27 sires incl. Siam (sire of Sam Huon - two Melbourne 1000s)



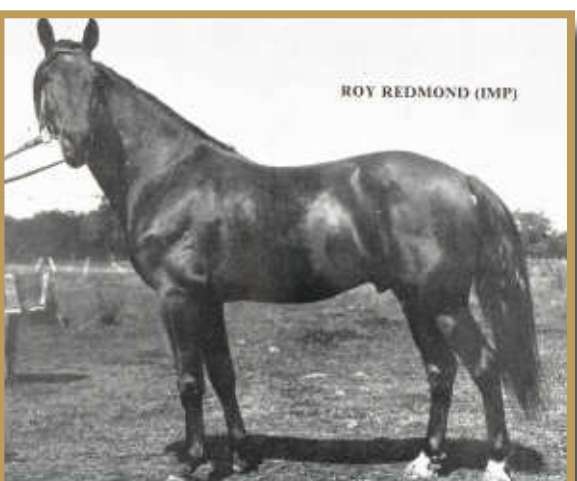
ROY REDMOND USA (sire)

(1927c, Ortolan Axworthy - Karen)

Imported by Robert Simpson and stood at Armidale (1931), Yeoval (NSW) (1932 & 1933), Eric Cochran stood him at Ballarat (1934 to 1939), Orange (NSW) (1940), Paskeville (SA) (1941-1947) before he was bought by Bill Moriarty, Wee Wee Rup (Vic) in 1948. Died 1951.

Sire of Bingen Redmond (Australasian trotters mile race record 2:09 3/4 & Australian trotters mile record 2:08.0), David Redmond (NSW & Vic Trotters Derby), Betty Redmond (NSW Trotters Derby), SA Trotters Derby winners Blonde Redmond, Dandy Redmond, Hilronto, Kings Feather, Paismond), Victorian Trotters Derby winners Moderna and Dot Redmond), Guy Redmond (Victoria Trotters Cup) .

Sired dams of Hall of Famer Carlottas Pride, triple Trotters Derby winner Benelong, Peaks Promise (NSW Trotters Derby), Dot McElwyn (SA Trotters Derby), Admirals Ace (SA Trotters Derby), Alice Walla (Vic Trotters Derby), Amazing Admiral (Aust Trot stallion mile record).



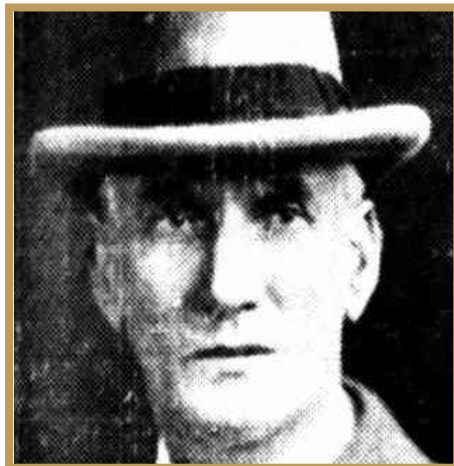
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BILL BECKETT

(Tr-Dr/Administrator)

Born William James Beckett in 1870 at Prahran. Died 1965 at St Kilda.

Bill Beckett's origins were in furniture and journalism ("Lightfoot" trotting column in *Sportsman*) and developed a passion for racing and politics. In 1900 he won an amateur Trot behind Victor Junior II and became secretary of the Australian Trotting Association. When the Albert Park Speedway opened in 1903 he drove a few times and in 1909 he signed on with the Wren empire as secretary of the Melbourne Trotting Club. Beckett's best horse that he owned was HOF trotter Lightfoot, but Wonga was the best that he drove (won 7 Melbourne races with him). In all, Beckett won 55 races in Melbourne, trained and drove eight, the first being De Wet at Epsom. He owned the Sires Produce Classic (2YOT) winner Melody. Beckett was elected to the Legislative Council in 1912 and became the "unofficial" Labour Upper House leader. Beckett was joined at the hip with John Wren and was his Chairman of the VT & RA for 30 years. He advocated hard for night trotting in the 1930s but shocked in 1946 with opposing a TCB being set up.

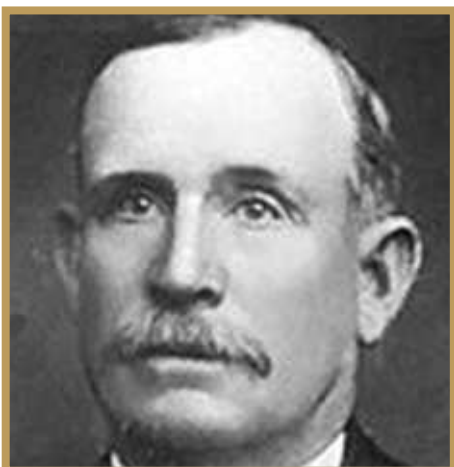


P.H. "HARRY" BUSST

(Tr-Dr: Administrator)

Born Phillip Henry Busst in 1872 at White Hills. Died 1933 at Elmore.

In 1914 he bought the Belmont Stud Farm off Messrs Greaves and Williams who had started the stud in 1908. He moved it from Mandurang to Huntly, standing the stallions First Voyage (HOF), Billy Mac USA and Dan Patch (USA). Harry bred and raced the amazing Grand Voyage (original HOF inductee) and hired a resident trainer/driver in HOF Paddy Glasheen. He was a successful owner in Melbourne 28 times including the Victoria Trotters Derby twice (First Trip and Belmont Chimes). He was prominent on the administrative side of the industry as well as being President of the Victorian Owners and Breeders Association for 10 years, a member of the Government Licensing Board and Racing Appeals Board and was President of the Bendigo Trotting Club in 1928. He was a Life Member of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, council member of Bendigo Agricultural Society and for 14 years was a Shire of Huntly councillor (3 times President). His son Tom rode several winners, the first being Black Doris at Bendigo in 1919.



CHATTO FAMILY

(Tr-Dr: Administrator)

Thomas James Chatto (b1947 at Hobart - died 1921 at Richmond). Father of Thomas James jnr (b1900 at Richmond - died 1928 at Richmond); Frederick Charles "Fred" (b1875 at Williamstown - died 1959 at Murrumbidgee) and Bertie William "Bert" (b1882 Richmond - died 1958 at Richmond).

The Chatto family won 96 races at Richmond, Ascot, Fitzroy & Maribyrnong - the first being in 1892 when Tom won a Pony Trot at Fitzroy and the last when Tom's son, Tom jnr, won a race at Richmond with Percy Wilkes in 1928. Tragically he died the same year. The family lived in Bridge Road, Richmond and were blacksmiths. Tom got involved with the Australian Trotting Association in 1895 and the ill-fated Victoria Trotting Club (not the original 1881 version) in 1903. When he died in 1921 he was eulogised as the "Grand Old Man of Trotting". Six times Bert finished top five on the Melb. Drivers Premiership - 1898/99 (4th); 1899/00 (5th); 1900/01 (3rd); 1903/04 (5th); 1904/05 (5th) 1917/18 (5th). Fred (pictured) was a highly respected country steward with the VT & RA and was elevated to metropolitan status in 1933.



ERIC COCHRAN

(Breeder - Administrator)

Born Eric Bennie Cochran in 1890 at Ballarat. Died in 1969 at Richmond

Eric is a member of one of the most famous harness racing families in Victoria with his father William, his brothers Duncan and Ron plus nephew Graeme (inaugural AHRC President) all successful in the sport. Eric used funds from his successful fuel merchant enterprise to set up a stud farm at Mt. Rowan and the first stallion to stand there was Lulu Boy. After that Eric stood the Robert Simpson owned US stallions Don Pronto, the trotter Roy Redmond (HOF) and the one time fastest ever imported pacer Louis Direct who can be found close up in the pedigrees of superstars Ribands, Minor Derby and Uncle Joe. Eric worked tirelessly for trotting in the Ballarat district and he was the inaugural President of the modern day Ballarat Club, however, his influence extended further. A farming friend that Eric counselled was the parliamentarian Russell T White who was one of the prime politicians that supported the Racing Act being changed to allow Melbourne night trotting to commence. Russell later became the Chairman of the TCB. Eric Cochran's greatest breeder credit was the trotter Carlotta's Pride, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016.



COX FAMILY

(Racecourse owner & administrators)

William Samuel Cox (b1832 Scotland - Died 1895) Father of Archibald Herbert "Archie" Cox (b1867 - died 1928) & William Samuel "Willie" Cox (b1865 - died 1932)

Trotting in Melbourne struggled to get a foothold due to low numbers, lack of a breeding industry (first USA stallion arrived in 1869) and venues to race at. In the 1860s there were just 6 meetings (4 - Flemington & 2 - Emerald Hill). W.S. Cox opened Kensington in 1876 - it was known as Cox's Paddock. He ran a couple of all trot meetings and even owned a trotter Banler (late Young Daniel Boone) that won in 1881. His vision then went to a new racecourse (Moonee Valley) which opened in 1883, nine months after the last Kensington meeting (the grandstand was moved to MV). Noted jumps jockey Willie Cox won a trotting race in 1890 with Commodore. Archie Cox became secretary of the MVRC but also the fledgling MV Trotting Club. One meeting had 15 races and of course there was the Race of the Century when Fritz came from NSW and obliterated the ANZ mile record three times in the one afternoon. In 1891 The Cox trio opened a new track at Maribyrnong, set up a Maribyrnong Trotting Club that held meetings in 1905 before the Wren takeover.

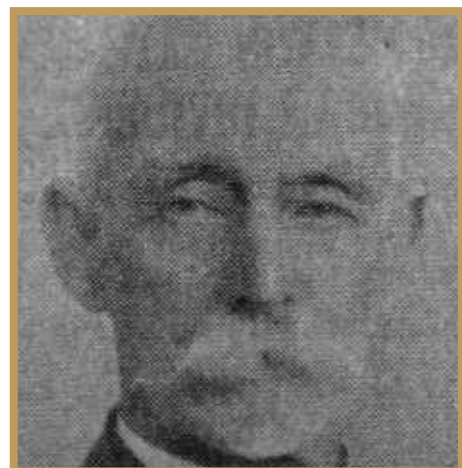


BOB CROWE

(Stud Manager, T/D, Breeder & Administrator)

Born Robert Philip Crowe in 1861 at Sandhurst. Died 1945 at Bendigo

Bob Crowe's father successfully ran the British Queen Hotel while Bob was right into trotters and excelled as the manager of Adelaide Hill stud for Bob Matchett (HOF) In 1883 Bob had his first winner Little Larry who would win seven races. Other winners pre 1900 were Prince Edward, Larry (MV), Ulrica (Sandown). He also drove Lady Ida when she set an Aust mile record for 3YO trotters. The first import he snared was Rex Derby who he drove to an Australasian 2YO mile record of 2:16.0 (due to Bob not weighing in it was not recognised). Anyway the stallion was sold for a profit. The next stallion picked was Directway (HOF) who was for many years the no.1 sire in Victoria. Bob also selected All Style the first 2:10 trotter ever to come to Australia. The other stallions he imported for Bob Matchett were Direct Argot (damsire of WA Derby winner Valista) and Tennessee Direct (sire of HOF Tennessee Wood and sired dam of ID winner Tennessee Sky). Bob served several terms as a President of the Bendigo Trotting Club.

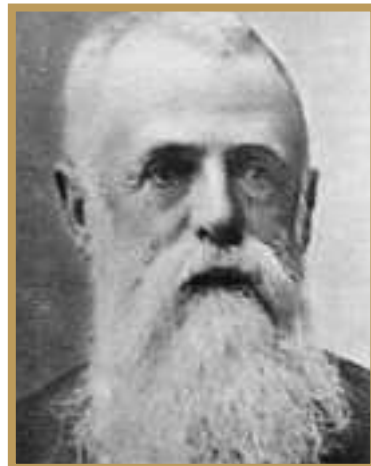


F 'GEORGE' DOCKER

(Stud owner & Breeder)

Born Frederic George Docker in 1835 at Bontharambo. Died 1910 at Dockers Plains

In 1851 George Docker was placed in charge of the extensive property "Bontharambo" established by his father Joseph. In 1868 George Docker travelled to North America and was impressed by the new breed of horses called trotters being developed. Travelling up to Boston he purchased the trotter Daniel Boon said to have trotted around 2:40. He arrived at "Bontharambo" in 1869 as the second USA trotter ever to be imported. Docker held annual sales of yearlings right up to 1901. Daniel Boon's progeny impressed with their endurance winning Victoria's richest annual trot at Geelong three times (Daniel Boone, Black Diamond, Dexter), Conquering Hero won a six day race covering 431 miles, Julius Caesar (Bayswater Cup) and the best of them all Little Dick (7 Elsternwick wins & 6 Sydney Driving Park wins). His daughter Nettie produced the stud's replacement sire Abe Lincoln when Daniel Boon died in 1877. A daughter Dinorah was the grandam of Aust. 2 mile champion Honor. An unnamed daughter had a Abe Lincoln filly that had a daughter called Gill, ancestress of Royal Dollar, Gatesys Gem (Aust. 2YO Filly Trotter of the Year)



RAY FROMER

(Administrator)

Born Raphael Fromer in 1887 at Melbourne. Died 1969 at Richmond.

Ray was an amateur trainer/driver. His first winner was when he drove Bentleigh Bells to victory at Richmond in 1924 in a Tradesmans Handicap. His only other winner was John Direct at Richmond in 1930 at which time Ray had shifted his focus to overthrowing the proprietary model of racing control in trotting. Ray was heavily involved with the South Suburban Speedway Club at Bentleigh which had members such as Matt Kelly and HOF Vic Dullard. Some 200 members of Melbourne's four Speedway Clubs, of which South Suburban Club was one, banded together to set up the Trotting League of Victoria, an organisation that had Matt Kelly as their first President and Ray Fromer the second. Ray penned many articles in newspapers under the pen name "Direct" advocating tirelessly during the war years to bring about the advent of night trotting. When the Metropolitan and Country Trotting Association was established Ray was elected as the first vice-president of the M & CTA and became that their representative on the Trotting Control Board from 1950 to 1953.



ALF GRAY

(Administrator)

Born Alfred James Gray in 1869 at Wagga (NSW). Died 1960 at Malvern

Alf's first successful foray into the racing world was with ponies he helped found Wagga's Farmers Home Pony and Galloway Club. In December 1905 when John Wren took over the administration of the three pony tracks at Richmond, Ascot and Fitzroy, Alf was installed as handicapper and soon after he became secretary, however, when Wren also assumed control of trotting Alf Gray found himself visiting all corners of the State, handicapping, starting and as a steward not only for the pony club meetings but also for the trotting ones as well. Once as a steward Alf was involved with a frightening incident when after the appeal by George Einsiedel against his one year disqualification was dismissed, George's father Fred made a rush at Alf and in the aftermath the glass of the door leading into the board room was shattered. Alf's brother Jack was also the clerk of the course at all three tracks until 1931. In 1948 with the TCB taking control of trotting from VT & RA Alf retired as handicapper and Chairman of Stewards after an exemplary 40 years of service.



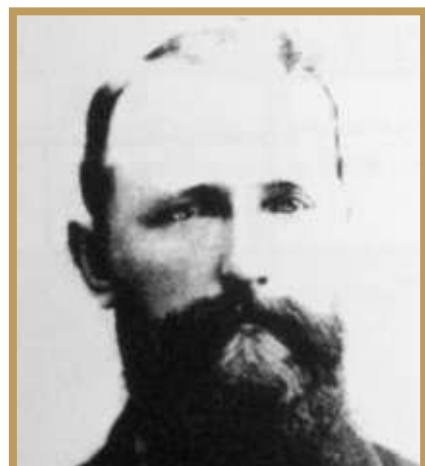
HUNTER FAMILY

(Stud Owners & Breeders)

Robert Hunter (b1848 at Donegal, Ireland - came to Australia 1868 - Died 1921)

Father of Alexander George Hunter (b1889 at Bendigo - died 1953)

In 1884 Robert (pictured) and his brother William purchased Burnewang run for £90,000. The main property was named "Burnewang Park" which Robert ran while William returned to looking after his extensive mining interests. The stallion line up was simply gold standard. Dixie Alto USA (HOF), Willie Whips USA (damsire of HOF Vin Direct), Harry Alto (sire of WA Derby winner Alto Child), Honest Harry (damsire of HOF Adelaide Direct), Harry Rose (sire of Harold Rose - WA Cup), Siam (sire of Sam Huon - two Richmond 1000), Admiral Wood (sire of Diana Wood - Richmond 1000), and HOF legend Globe Derby. Robert bought another property called "Northwood Park" in 1902 (HOF A.G. Hunter was in control) and when Burnewang was sold in 1923, Admiral Wood and Globe Derby were moved there along with all the trotting mares. "Northwood Park" was switched from trotting to thoroughbreds in 1926, later breeding Skipton who in 1941 was the last three-year-old to win the Melbourne Cup.



BOB IRVING

(Administrator)

Born Robert Irving at Malmsbury in 1859. Died 1941 at Boort

Bob was integral to any success that the Boort Trotting Club achieved being a committeeman from 1910 to 1940, handicapper from 1913 to 1940, secretary from 1913 to 1916 and from 1920 to 1927 as well as serving a single year as President in 1931. He was made a Life Member in 1928 receiving a gold pass and a speech that said in part, "There is no man in Victoria that knows more about trotting than Bob." Bob was handicapper for all the northern clubs, in particular Bendigo. His collection of individual cards for horses with their performances that he used for handicapping were legendary. Bob's first involvement in trotting was unsurprisingly at Boort when his ordinarily named horse The Slug was successful on 21st March 1884. Far more appropriate was the fact that Bob won the first race at the inaugural meeting of the Boort TC with Cocoa. The best horses he raced were Sandy Direct (10 wins including 6 Richmond Flyings) and Merran. Boort was the first country trotting Club to ever over £1,000 in stakes for a single meeting.



PETER KEIRCE

(Administrator)

Born Peter Keirce in 1873 at Collingwood. Died 1933

Peter first became involved in racing in 1901 (raced a trotter called Scorpion) but when John Wren took over the control of trotting in Victoria courtesy of the Victorian Trotting and Racing Association he joined the organisation and worked his way up the ranks bowing out as the Chairman of Stewards. He served as the Registrar before HOF Sir Gilbert Dyett took over those duties. It was as a starter that Peter gained kudos from all circles, be they be involved with thoroughbreds, ponies or pacers and trotters. Peter also assisted handicapper Alf Gray (HOF) on occasions due to his knowledge and keen observation of races. The task at Richmond which was only 4fur 32yds in circumference and Fitzroy (5 furlongs in circumference) to provide a fair start for all in races that had up to 30 starters was a daunting one. Peter was also hired privately by country clubs (e.g. Geelong, Rushworth) to act as a local steward and/or starter. At the first Ascot meeting after his death all horsemen wore black armbands and the flag flew at half mast.



LEWIS "JACK" KING

(Stud owner & Breeder)

Born John Lewis King in 1891 at Cannum. Died 1973 at Bendigo

With his father James, Jack King controlled a 9,000 acre property in Quambatook with the main business priorities being wheat and sheep. The acquisition of the mare New Zealand Greta and her foal at foot (later named New Derby - HOF) at Alec Hunter's 1926 Northwood Park dispersal sale in 1925 for 82½ guineas created a hobby grew markedly and by 1936 he had 15 broodmares and 35 youngsters. That increased many fold and as ack rarely named his horses that caused a massive headache for officials sorting out the lineage of horses once compulsory naming came in. New Zealand Greta bred on through her daughters Southern Maid, Wildwood Greta and Justify. The best descendants were A.G. Hunter Cup winner New Oro that Lewis raced (trained by his son John) and Inter Dominion winner Jodies Babe. At the Northwood Park sale Lewis also purchased Wilkes Child in foal to Globe Derby. That foal was named Derby Child and Lewis used him as a stallion and his daughters are the ancestress of Jodies Babe, Lucky Child (\$287,7070)



LANCASTER FAMILY

(Tr/Dr - Administrators)

John Thurlby Lancaster (b1829 UK - Australia 1845 - died 1912). JTL is father of Henry Lancaster (b1863 - died 1951) - father of Arnold Aldred "Arn" Lancaster (b1889 - died 1970); JTL is father of George Lancaster b1869 - died 1947) - father of George Field Lancaster (b1890 - died 1890). JTL is father of John Lancaster (b1851 - died 1932) - father of John "Johnny" Lancaster (b1877 - died 1957).

John Lancaster (1851) was a farrier and he won a 66 sovs Colonial Trot in straight mile heats at Elsternwick Park in March 1884. He loved Annie Cleve and at age 50 he was fined 5/- (50c) for engaging in a race down St Kilda Road. His son George was next winning with Buckley who won two at Richmond. George's son George jnr won a Richmond Cup with Murray Chimes setting a Vic two mile record. Johnny (pictured) at age 18 won his first race at Moonee Valley in 1895 on Nancy. He won 50 Melbourne races incl. Royal Voyage (6 wins), Lady Edna (HOF) and Sir Voyage (HOF). His last win was Little Nimblefoot at Showgrounds in 1948. John was the President of the Heidelberg Speedway and an original MCTA member. Arn was on the MCTA Executive from 1946 to 1963, its second secretary and Life Member.



MCGENNISKEN FAMILY

(Tr/Dr - Administrator)

William McGennissen (b1844 at Ireland. Arrived 1874 - died 1916) Father of Thomas William "Bill" (b1883 - died 1955). Children of Bill were Ray (b1910 - died 2001), Arthur William Michael "Mick" (b1912 - died 1990), Philip Jackman "Jack" (b1914 - died 1958), James Dewart "Jim" (b1916 - died 1989), Laurence Patrick "Pat" (b1917 - died 1995), Vivian Jackman "Viv" (b1920 - died 2021); William Edward "Bill" (b1921 - died 2000) William rode Playboy in a 1890 road match race against Mabel (HOF). Playboy stood at stud for Bill and sired Ingleside who "William in his long Johns and white beard flying rode to victory" Bill (pictured), known as "Mr. Trotting of the Wimmera" had his first winner in 1900 and served as President and was the only person to be a committee member of every version of the Horsham TC. All sons of Bill served on a Horsham TC committee except Viv and Bill but they worked as volunteer stewards. Ray won his first race in 1929, owned an Ascot winner in 1941 and later become President. Pre WW2 the family's best horse was Willing Childe, the winner of 10 races including a 3YO Classic. Zig Zag (Hamilton Cup) was the family's glamour horse siring Wonwondah (Vic Trot Derby). Both Ray and Bill were awarded Life Memberships.



GEORGE MCNAMARA

(Administrator)

Born George McNamara in 1891 at Murtoa. Died 1959 at Geelong

Amateur trainer/rider. Secretary of the Geelong TC (1930 until 1959). Secretary of Victorian Country Clubs and Utility Breeders Association, a body that agitated for a change of control of Victorian Trotting, George was elected as the first President of the Metropolitan and Country Trotting Association (1945). He was also trotting's post WW2 Representative on the Racecourse Licences Board. George was a relentless supporter of night trotting and a change in control from the VTRA to a TCB, with letters published in *Age*, *Argus*, *Australian Trotting Record* from 1937. HOF John Pretty in ATR (1947) – "Every owner of a trotter in Victoria should feel that they owe a deep debt of gratitude to George McNamara for the very able leadership he gave over many years" Geo J Waller in ATR (1947) – "I wish to state that everybody that is remotely interested in trotting, owes that debt of gratitude to Geo McNamara and each and every individual member of his committee for gaining the objects for which the association was formed - resumption of racing, new control, electric light racing."



BOB MATCHETT

(Stud owner)

Born 1865 at Epsom (Bendigo). Died 1928 at Bendigo

Bob Matchett conducted a wine, spirit and grocery establishment. He set up the Adelaide Hill stud in 1900 standing Young Osterley. The following year he made news nationally when his imported 2YO pacer Rex Derby USA time trialled at Richmond in an Australasian record of 2:16, driven by Bob Crowe. In a confounding turn of events the time was not recognised because Crowe did not weigh in (it the time otherwise would have been a record for 41 years). Rex Derby stood two seasons before he was sold to Walter Craig who had the Riversdale Stud at Heidelberg. Matchett then imported Directway USA (HOF) who proved to be Victoria's no. 1 sire siring N Z Cup winner Adelaide Direct (HOF) and Glide Away (HOF). In 1913 Matchett imported the first 2:10 trotting stallion - All Style. Unfortunately WW1 intruded and classic races were not available for his first crops. He sired Marion Style, the only trotter to win two Victoria Trotting Cups. Matchett imported Direct Argot USA and then in the year he died, Tennessee Direct USA (sire of HOF Tennessee Wood and grandam of Adaptor - HOF).



JAMES J MILLER

(Stud Owner & Breeder)

Born Bayswater (UK) in 1832. Arrived Australia 1850. Died 1922

JJ became associated with the racing world in the late 1850s and arranged a sweep on the first Champion Race in 1859 and became known as the "Sweeps King". His publication Miller's Guide became an imperative for all racing men. He owned Irish King who ran third in the Melbourne Cup. In the 1870s he took up land around Fern Tree Gully, became the first President and his electorate was named Bayswater. He tried a thoroughbred stallion but lack of success led him to switch to trotters and went to America where he paid a £1,200 for the stallion Contractor, £1,500 for Red Wind and HOF stallion Honesty, the mares Red Rose, Tilda C, Lucretia (dam of Mambrino Derby - sire of HOF Globe Derby). James was on the original Victorian TC committee (set up Elsternwick Park), Union TC and Australian Trotting Association. His mare Fright, driven by American Herb Sheppard, won the first race at Elsternwick and he bred KK, winner of the Sires Produce and world champion HOF Specification. Miller was acutely affected by the 1890s depression and sold up but he never lost his love of trotting.



MILLSOM FAMILY

(Owners, Trainers, Drivers)

Patriarch was George Millsom (born UK - 1838. Died 1923) Father of George (born 1861 UK..Died 1922), Henry "Harry" (born UK 1860 - died 1914). In 1864 George snr, George Jnr & Harry came to Fitzroy, George snr fathered Edwin Charles "Ted" (born 1867 - died 1931), Frederick Augustus "Gus" (born 1874 - died 1913), John (born 1893 - died 1982). Ted fathered Gordon (born 1885 - died 1970).

This family amassed no less than 295 victories on Melbourne metropolitan tracks such as Kensington, Elsternwick Park, Richmond, Ascot, Fitzroy, Sandown, Hurlingham, South Yarra, Moonee Valley, Epsom, Maribyrnong, Boccaccio Park and Oakleigh (grass and trot circuit). Star of the show was Gus (pictured) who was inducted into the HOF in 2012. He was the first person to win 100 Melbourne winners, won three titles, set a record 38 1/2 winners in 1902/03, a record that stood for 78 years. He won the first ever Melbourne Thousand and won the 1911 NZ Cup with Belmont M. Patriarch George Millsom rode/drove approximately 60 winners with his first five being at Kensington in 1878, 1879 (2), 1880 (2). Harry had 17 wins, Ted four wins and John three wins.



JOHN PHYLAND

(Breeder - administrator)

Born John Phyland in 1866 at Essendon. Died 1945

Phyland's Lake Vale farm was originally just over the border at Balranald (later Swan Hill). His first successful outing as a trainer/driver was at the Lake Charm racecourse in 1906 when he steered Roaney to victory. The next year John opened his metropolitan account when he trained Little Wonder to win at Sandown Park. Little Wonder would later stand at Lake Vale stud. The best horse that John had was General Ribbonwood, a son of HOF Winona who stood at stud at Lake Vale and at Ascot Vale siring 17 winners, most of them trained by him and ridden or driven by his brother Frank. His best stallion as Direct Mauritius who sired the open class mare Princess Mauritius out of his mare Belle Patch. Divitius, who John bred, in 1931 won the Richmond Trotting Cup. The best progeny of Direct Mauritius was Vin Direct (HOF). In 1919 John sold Lake Vale and moved to set up marquee stables at "Soultline" next to Flemington racecourse. During the 1930s he became chair of the Victorian Horse Owners and Breeders Association that lobbied hard for night trotting. John's daughter Rose married Ced McLean.



JOHN PRETTY

(Tr/Dr-Administrator)

Born John Melhuish Pretty in 1870 at Inglewood. Died 1949 at Glenhuntly.

The standing of John Pretty is summed up by the following 1941 excerpt from the *Sporting Globe* - "79-years-old John Pretty is the "grand old man" of the light harness sphere. Mr. Pretty, whose knowledge in this State over the last 30 years is unchallenged A self made man of many interests he admits that trotting, in which he is renowned as a breeder, trainer and driver, is his real hobby" John convened a meeting in 1918 to try and create a voice for the industry and subsequently the Trotting Breeders and Owners Association was formed. John Pretty was appointed secretary then and remained so for 25 years. He had an intricate knowledge of handicapping and after a failure in 1925 eventually his ideas were adopted. He took on anyone and one such opponent was Mr Richard Linton, the National Party Member for Booroondara who incensed John when in opposing a mere four extra dates for trotting in 1928 said that "patrons of trotting are a class that should not be encouraged" John was an amateur. His best horse was Black Wattle eight races at Ascot, a Ballarat Open and Terang Cup. John was 76 years old when he drove his last city winner.

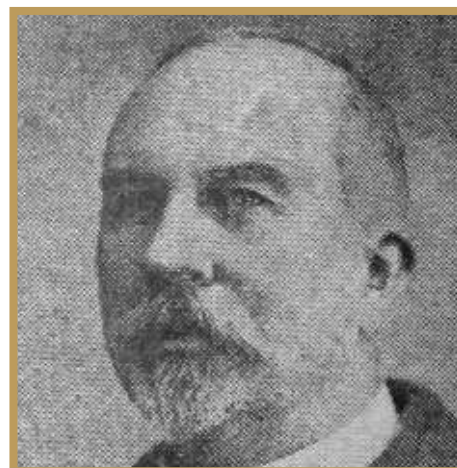


JOHN REILLY

(Track Surveyor & Administrator)

Born John Langtree Reilly in 1865 at Collingwood. Died 1935

Harness Racing's survival would have been curtailed had it not been for John Reilly who surveyed and built no less than six circuits that trotters and pacers competed on at the close of the 19th Century - Hurlingham (Brighton), Sandown (aka Oakleigh Park), Epsom, Mentone, Oakleigh and Ascot (original). All of these were thoroughbred grass tracks but did host hundreds of trotting races on them. Reilly went further and surveyed and laid out three specialist trotting tracks at Oakleigh, at Epsom and at Ascot. The Oakleigh track became part of history when HOF Will Whitbourn and Calista competed with a pneumatic tyred sulky (a first for ANZ). Another HOF member to win there was Mabel. The Epsom track was only used three times but produced an Australian 2YO mile record (First Ribbon). Reilly was the promoter at the original Ascot and incredibly he and a small army of men transported the Oakleigh grandstand overnight to Ascot along the roads of Melbourne. Seven Australian records were set at the original Ascot track.

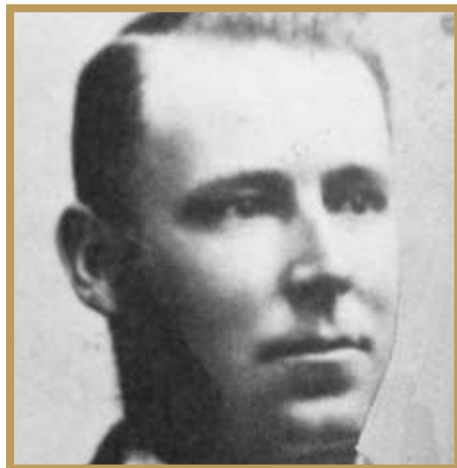


JAMES ROBERTS

(Stud Owner & Breeder)

Born Shropshire (UK) in 1841. Came to Australia 1844. Died in WA in 1896.

After a Paris visit in 1878 to an International Exhibition James became enamoured with trotters and although it was on its knees in Australia he was determined to join the cause to elevate it. Within 2 years he had a stud farm "Bronte" in Middle Brighton, seven USA mares and Boccaccio USA (he later acquired Len Rose USA - later no.1 sire in Tasmania). Boccaccio sired Aust 2YOT mile record holder King of Bronte (sire of NSW foundation sire Bronte). Roberts also purchased land near Ringwood and set up the Fairlawn Stud Farm. He was a director of the Australian TC who failed to establish a track at Northcote. He created his own track, called "Boccaccio Park" to promote the sport prior to Elsternwick opening. It was the first time in Australia that a trotting meeting had held been held on a track solely devoted to trotting.. He moved to NSW in 1883 and in 1885 he sold all of his 68 horses. James bought Lucilla USA in 1887 and the last horses he sold were her sons Globe (damsire of HOF Globe Derby) and the champion sire Huon Junior.

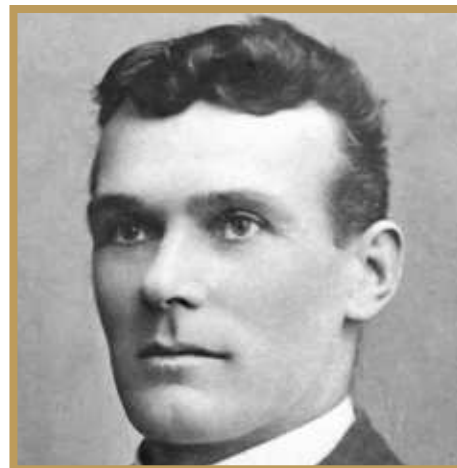


ANDREW "ANDY" ROBERTSON

(Bloodstock Agent)

Born in 1869 at Nelson (NZ). Came to Australia 1903. Died 1948 at Armadale

A brother of HOF Lou Robertson, Andrew was part of the incredible partnership that created and nurtured Allendale Stock Farm, Lou being the hands on trainer and driver while Andrew having the bloodstock acumen to find bloodstock that would garner G1 glory, generation after generation - 27 ID winners are proof of that. Andrew's uncanny knowledge of bloodlines, be they standardbred or thoroughbred, was unmatched. Also the advertising promotional campaigns for Allendale Stock Farm were on another level, Andrew's compilation of the finest sale catalogues ever seen also bears a mention. Nothing since has come close in the ensuing 110 years. Andrew also was interested in the direction the sport was heading and was installed as vice-president of the Victorian Trotting Association. His judgement in selecting thoroughbred bloodstock for clients on both sides of the ditch had him in great demand for years. He was responsible for champions Gothic and Strephon, two Caulfield Cup winners and Marabou (Melbourne Cup).



JOHN ROBERTSON

(Stud Owner - Breeder - Administrator)

Born Perth, Scotland in 1831. Arrived in Australia 1857. Died 1905.

Regarded as the "Father of Victorian Trotting". John Robertson bred and raced some of Australia's best pacers and trotters - trotter Osterley (HOF) and pacer Mystery (HOF). Stallions that stood at Truganina were Grey Hawk, Granger Junior and the high priced USA import Owyhee who when matched to another USA mare owned by Robertson in Lucretia produced Mambrino Derby, sire of Hall of Fame Legend Globe Derby. Some of the prominent imported mares were Red Rose USA, Sihamba USA (dam of Sam Huon - two Richmond 1000s and ancestress of 2020 Australian 2YO C&G Pacer of the Year Major Moth) and Katie M (grandam of Honest Kate - HOF). He hired the American horseman Marshall Albaugh to manage and train his racing stable. John was one of the prime movers of the Melbourne Speedway, the establishment of the Australian Trotting Association and the creation of the Victorian Trotting Association. He won a record 15 Champion Trotting Mare and Stallion Awards at Royal Show.



ALLEN & GEORGE TYE

(Stud Owners)

Allen born 1863 Canada. Died 1948. George born 1865 Canada. Died 1934

Allen (left) and George arrived in Australia in 1887 and quickly established their famous furniture operation Tye & Co across the suburbs. In 1903 they linked up with Hall Of Fame brothers Lou and Andrew Robertson and set up Allendale Stock Farm at Mentone. No trotting operation before or since has imported as many USA stallions and broodmares as what Allendale did. Some of the stallions were Abbey Bells (HOF), Marvin Wilkes, Hal Zolock, Lou Doble, Obligado, Clarke McKinney (sire of HOF Paddy McKinney and HOF Jack McKinney), HOF Dan Patch and Direct Voyage (sire of HOF Happy Voyage). Mares included Blonde Grattan (HOF - dam of HOF First Voyage), Beatrice Master, Bessie McKinney, Elsie Downs, In Maytime, Lady Mazy, Lady Elect. They established "Blackwood Park" at Ferntree Gully and were on the committee of the Victorian Trotting Owners and Breeders Association and were the men behind the Melbourne Speedway Club (Albert Park). George Tye later owned the Caulfield Cup winner Purser.



JOHN ZANDER

(Stud Owner)

Born Johannes Charles Bernhard Zander in 1859 in Melbourne. Died 1929.

Famous for the Kentucky Stock Farm at Janefield which, along with Allendale Stock Farm, were the two model trotting studs in Melbourne. The stud was set up in 1907 with the headline act being the imported American sire Mauritus (HOF) who had stood two seasons in NZ. The champion pony sized trotter colonial bred Emulator also stood at the stud. The Farm covered 400 acres and was opposite the famous "Mill Park" stud. Zander acquired imported American mares - Miss Vera Capel, Cariola (ancestress of Dyama TT1:55.5), Ruby Wilkes, Lottie Derby (ancestress of dual Inter Dominion champion Gammalite, Skyvalley and Hunter Cup winner Pay Load) and Black Venus from whom he bred the stallion John Wren who sired Tasmanian Trotters mile champion Wrenmore and the mare Mar Wren (grandam of Hunter Cup winner Floodlight and third dam of Miracle Mile winner Halwes). John Zander was a Victorian Trotting Association committeeman and was the President of the Melbourne Speedway Club (Albert Park).



HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION DAYTIME ERA LEGENDS

No decision has been made whether to have more Legends from the Foundation Daytime Era. At present there are four Legends that were synonymous with the Daytime Era - George Gath, Edgar Tatlow, Bill McKay and Globe Derby. Based on current ratios the optimal number would be set at twelve meaning there is a need to find another eight.

Six of that eight would have to be locks - Grand Voyage (runner up in the 2026 Legend voting), Alex Hunter, Will Whitbourn, Pearl Kelly, Gus Millsom and Happy Voyage.

First Voyage, the great sire of trotters Australia hailed on both sides of the Tasman, has to lay claim to the second last spot while it is a difficult exercise to land on the name the final Legend. Starting way back and then proceeding chronologically there is Sir William Don (1860s), Frank Robbins (1880s), Andy Mulholland (1880s), Mystery (1890s), John Robertson (1890s), Bob Crowe (1900 - 1930), Lightfoot (1900s), Blonde Grattan (1910s), Billy Tomkinson (1910s), Jack James (1920s), Frank Shinn, Ron Males, New Derby, Roy Roach, George McNamara, Paddy McKinney, Chris Howe and Eric Cochran all in the 1930s.

Maybe the answer is to ignore the four already in and name twelve from the new Foundation Daytime Era lists.