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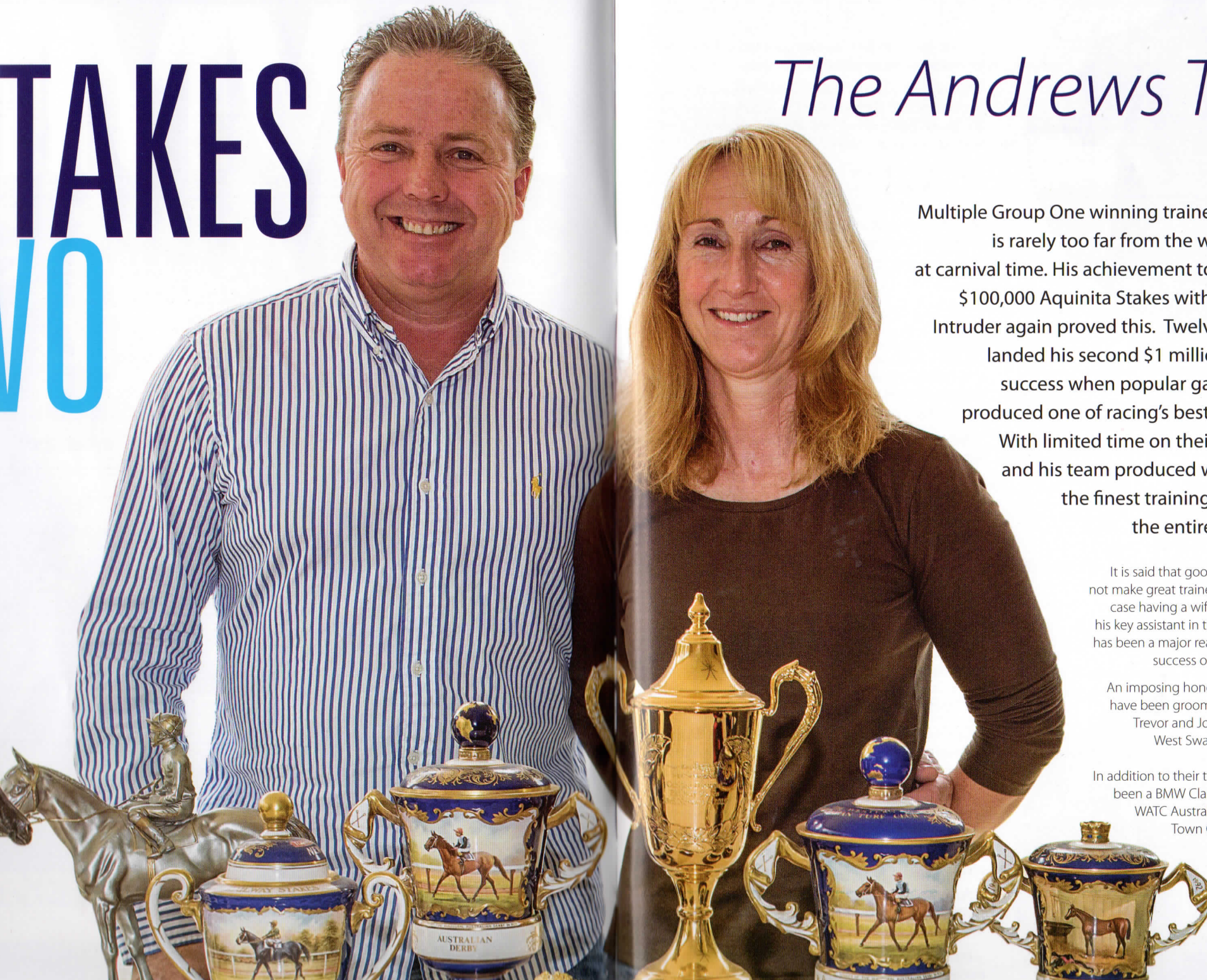
The Andrews Team

Multiple Group One winning trainer Trevor Andrews is rarely too far from the winner's enclosure at carnival time. His achievement to win this month's \$100,000 Aquinita Stakes with long shot Palace Intruder again proved this. Twelve months ago he landed his second \$1 million Railway Stakes success when popular galloper Luckygray, produced one of racing's best ever comebacks. With limited time on their hands, Andrews and his team produced what was possibly the finest training performances of the entire 2013/14 season.

It is said that good horses more often than not make great trainers, but in Trevor Andrews case having a wife that also happens to be his key assistant in their business partnership, has been a major reason for the extraordinary success of their training operation.

An imposing honour roll of feature winners have been groomed over many years from Trevor and Joanne Andrews Ascot and West Swan based training facilities.

In addition to their two Railway Stakes, there's been a BMW Classic and WATC Derby, two WATC Australian Derbies, the Kingston Town Classic, three WA Guineas, the WA Oaks, a Karrakatta Plate and two WA Sires' Produce Stakes.





STABLE FAVOURITE:
The Rising had to be retired
prematurely after winning last
years Colonel Reeves Stakes

On top of that impressive list they have also prepared the winners of the Colonel Reeves Stakes, Belmont Sprint, Roma Cup, Hyperion Stakes, Belgravia Stakes, Fairetha Stakes, Sir Ernest Lee-Steere Classic plus many others.

For 25-years Trevor and Joanne Andrews stable has achieved continual success. It has been a partnership that has had to ride out the usual ups and downs of racing. It is also a partnership that was born on the other side of the world.

Trevor polished his training skills during 3 ½ years as a travelling foreman, trackwork rider and strapper with legendary Sydney trainer Tommy Smith through the mid 1980s.

Joanne, the stables chief trackwork rider, was a Perth apprentice jockey as a teenager.

Coincidentally, Trevor and Joanne were both born in England and ultimately migrated to Western Australia with their parents when they were toddlers.

"I had a genuine racing background, Trevor said. "Two of my mother's cousins were women jockeys in England.

"My father was an airforce man and we shifted to Perth after a stint in Hong Kong when I was two years old.

"I was really keen on horses and still at school when I started working part-time at Bert Harrison's stable in the late 1970s. His stable star back then was the Railway Stakes winner Asian Beau.

"Prominent equestrienne Val Maygar was also the headmistress at my school. Living in Kelmscott, I rode at local pony club events in the region and got to know people like trainer Bob Taylor and his wife Pat who were in the same area.

"Right from my early days in racing, I've been fortunate enough to be associated with exceptional people.

"After being at Bert Harrison's, I worked for another Railway Stakes winning trainer, Frank Dixey.

"Frank, who won the Railway with Cambana Lad, was an old-fashioned perfectionist. I can recall his horses' gear was always perfectly polished and their hooves had the most meticulous attention.

"At around the same time I was also working for Bob Peters' at Yalebra Stud, his property in Gosnells. At this time, I was also riding horses in their daily work for Alan Stock who was looking after Bob's team before Don Clarke took over as the private trainer for the Peters family at Ascot."

"It wasn't long after then that I became Don's stable foreman"

Old Spice, who ran third in the 1983 WA Derby, was among the Peters-owned horses that Trevor rode work for the Clarke stable.

That early association with the Bob Peters and also Old Spice would later lead to a defining association with the state's biggest and most successful owner-breeder.

This early trainer's apprenticeship was one that was being perfectly crafted for what lay ahead in the pressure cooker of Australian racing's most successful and demanding stable.

Trevor met Tommy Smith's travelling foreman, the affable Russell Smith (no relation) when he brought Australian Hall of Fame champion Kingston Town to Perth in 1982 to win the Western Mail Classic (now the Kingston Town Classic).

The pair hit it off together instantly. Opportunity soon came knocking as a result of this timely acquaintance and Trevor would shortly afterwards join the famous TJ Smith stable in Randwick working with his new mate. That friendship still endures, although Russell Smith is these days based in Hong Kong.

On his arrival Trevor was immediately impressed by the dapperly attired legend, who at track work was as always immaculately dressed in a suit, hat and tie.

"Tommy Smith entrusted me to work and travel with top-liners including Golden Slipper winner Bounding Away, Chanteclair, Lygon Arms, Brewery Boy, Lord Ballina, Ailbhi, Shankill Lass and Christmas Tree.

"These were great years, educational years. My time with Tommy certainly provided me with invaluable experience and principles which I carry with me today," Trevor reflected.

On his return to WA, he quickly linked up with astute trainer Buster O'Malley, who was in the midst of preparing the biggest and most expensive stable of horses ever seen in WA for high profile businessman Laurie Connell at his newly developed Bedfordale training complex.

As fate would have it, Trevor's future wife, training partner and mother of their two children Candice (22) and Rhyce (18), also just happened to be working there for O'Malley at the same time. Joanne had been an apprenticed to Armadale trainer Ray Sweetman before moving to Connell's new racing showpiece.

Trevor says Joanne remains to this day an extremely accurate judge of track gallops and is important and integral to the success of their stable.

"We were associated together with some quality gallopers including Rich Haul, Deluxe Model, Let Me In, Dance On Air and Silent Invasion when we worked for Buster," Trevor said.

Trevor though had ambition. A burning ambition. He was a self-made young man and needed to become the master of his own racing destiny. It wasn't long before the immaculately attired 'new kid in town' had everybody talking when he decided to break out as a trainer in his own right in 1989.

Along with establishing a new benchmark for how the modern racehorse trainer should present themselves on raceday (the TJ influence apparent) a flurry of winners ensured Trevor's meteoric ascent up the WA Trainers list.

He won at Northam with his first starter, the Jevington filly Stray Bullet. Within a month, he trained a city double. Stray Bullet later went on to win the Listed All Stars Quality and Group 3 Sir Ernest Lee-Steere Classic.

It wasn't long before Trevor and Joanne received a young filly that was ready to blossom, when they were asked by Bob Peters to train gallopers specifically for him, that were from the first crop of Old Spice who had been retired after his outstanding racing career and was now standing at stud.

Smart young two-year-old colt Kinsfolk hit the jackpot immediately winning the 1989 Supremacy Stakes and 1990 All Stars Quality winner for the new owner-trainer partnership, but it was the un-raced filly that was waiting patiently in the wings that was poised to fly the cerise and white colours for Peters and his young trainer.

"Natasha was actually unplaced in the shorter races we lined her up in and it wasn't until we actually stretched her out to 2200 and 2400 metres that she really hit winning form," Trevor recalled..

Ridden by Stephen Miller, the filly landed a dazzling classics double in the 1990 WA Oaks and WATC Australian Derby.

Key Business, a Success Express colt owned by leading South-West businessman Colin Green, was also to become a class performer for the Andrews stable in the early 1990s. He won the NJ Way Stakes, Placid Ark Quality and Beaufine Stakes prior to embarking on a highly successful career as a sire based at Rangeview Stud.

At around the same time a maiden class galloper called Heroicity was quietly transferred to Trevor, from another stable. This was the horse that would later provide the young trainer with important national recognition and it would be achieved in Sydney, where he learned much of his trade in the giant shadow of a training legend.

"Sir Ernest Lee-Steere realised that the colt had issues and he thought I'd be able to 'manage' these potential problems," Trevor said. "He was a lightly-framed horse. When I took him over to Sydney, the track watchers thought I was training him like a sprinter."

That was in 1992 when Trevor pulled off one of the rich Sydney Autumn Carnival's most notable Group 1 coups, when he won the prestigious weight-for-age BMW with the three-year-old. It was also one of those memorable moments when the apprentice becomes the master – at least for the day.

In what was a cleverly calculated interstate raid orchestrated by Trevor, the striking grey triumphed over grand Sydney WFA star Aquidity which was trained by none other than his old boss Tommy Smith. New Zealand champion Rough Habit finished third.

Heroicity today shares a place on the same illustrious BMW winners' list with Australasian turf legends Kingston Town, Makybe Diva, Octagonal, Might and Power, Bonecrusher and Tie The Knot.

Three weeks after his BMW triumph at Rosehill, Heroicity was back at Ascot completing an amazing winning treble by destroying his rivals in the Group 1 WA Derby.

Andrews, who was only in the third year of his training career, had also achieved an Australian Derby victory with Heroicity at Ascot before journeying to Sydney for the BMW.



Star Group 1 performer Modern provided the Andrews stable with their first Railway Stakes win in 2004.

Although they enjoyed a highly successful partnership together, it would also be a relatively brief union one for Trevor and Bob Peters, who in 1994 decided to head in different directions.

There are two important events on the racing calendar that Trevor eagerly looks forward to each season. The Perth Magic Millions Yearling Sale and also the WA Guineas, run on Super Saturday— over the years he has enjoyed great success at both, with one ultimately leading him to the other. That's hardly surprising as the Perth yearling sale, which Trevor is a strong and loyal supporter of every year, has proven a very happy hunting ground.

In 2002 The Right Money gave him the first leg of his WA Guineas treble.

"I took an instant liking to The Right Money when I saw him in a paddock at Evergreen Lodge," Trevor said. "We were later able to buy him for a bargain price at the Perth Yearling Sale.

"Actually one of my favourite pastimes is going along to inspect and observe yearlings well before they head off to the sales. You can learn a lot more about young horses when they are in their home environment.

"I'll always give first priority to the Perth Yearling Sales, ahead of other sales like Sydney and also the Gold Coast.

"The Westspeed Bonus scheme provides an excellent incentive to buy locally and support our own industry."

Trevor's two other WA Guineas triumphs were with Vain Crusader (2006) and King Saul (2011),

There aren't too many of WA biggest and most influential owner's that haven't had at one time or another gallopers in the care of the Andrews stable.

High profile investors like Bob Peters, the Holmes A Court family, Sir Ernest Lee-Steere and then of course there is also Stan Quinlivan, owner of Trevor's first Railway Stakes winner, Modem.

Modem's career reached another level after his switch to the Andrews stable. He always displayed great promise for former trainer Paula Wagg, but a simple change in riding tactics became the key to unlocking his true potential.

"He was leading in his early races so we just decided to do something a little different and start riding him more patiently," Trevor said. Modem hit form with wins in the 2003 RJ Peters Stakes, 2004 Roma Cup and Belmont Sprint. The best though was still to be revealed.

Later that year, he produced performances of explosive Group 1 power to claim both the Railway Stakes and Fruit 'N' Veg Stakes (now Kingston Town Classic) with WA Hall of Fame jockey Paul Harvey in the saddle.



With Luckygray sidelined from this year's Railway Stakes after sustaining an injury in the early stages of his preparation for a record third win in Ascot's time-honoured mile race, Trevor thinks back to last year's training triumph, happy to praise the class and quality of Luckygray other than his effort in getting the powerhouse grey to the post in peak condition.

"He immediately settled in our surroundings and it was really just a case of getting him focused again and being able to get Shaun O'Donnell to again ride him in a style that suited his racing pattern," Trevor said.

But if the win of Luckygray was the crowning moment of Trevor and Joanne's year in 2013, the injury to their quality sprinter The Rising, who won the Colonel Reeves Stakes during the same period, was a particularly tough pill for them to swallow. The stallion was one of their sentimental favourites.

"He won at seven of his first ten starts and I know that we didn't get to see the best of him by a longshot," Trevor believes.

The Andrews limit their team to around 25 to 28 horses in work, still have Ascot stables but like to live out on their rural property at West Swan. It provides a nice change of scenery for them and their horses.

In an industry that is measured by winning and major Group race success, Trevor's record of feature race winners has earned him a reputation as being one of this state's most successful and also best dressed trainers of the modern era.