



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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# **Cosmic Bonus too good in the Gosford Cup**

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Powerhouse galloper Cosmic Bonus (\$2.70) delivered trainer Evelyn Harris a very impressive Group 2 victory in Tuesday night's Woy Woy Poultry Supplies Gosford Gold Cup Final (515m).

The win was his first taste of Group race success after making Group finals on five occasions. It was also his third Gosford win in as many weeks and he made it five wins from six starts at the central coast venue.

Heading into the \$40,000 to-the-winner finale he was a warm favourite as he looked perfectly drawn in box 8. Untouched in the run to the first turn he took the lead at that point and it was a matter of times and margins, he raced away for a hollow six and quarter length win in 29.48.



**Cosmic Bonus in action winning earlier in the year**

Runner-up Pedro Cerrano (\$22.30) chased the leader all the way but could make no impression, he narrowly hung on to beat Wait There (\$25.30) the other chaser in the photo for the placings.

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Trainer Evelyn Harris was thrilled with the win he had previously won from boxes six and two in his heat. Boxes win races and the pink served him well in Tuesday night's final of the Woy Woy Poultry Gold Cup.

Harris and her husband Leonard have been successful trainers for over 40 years but have not won a Gosford Cup, finishing second with Magic Display in Awesome Project's 2014 final.

"Some of our friends reckon Cosmic Bonus is better suited drawn wide but Leonard and I both like to see him drawn near the fence." Harris said.

"Since Cosmic Bonus won at Wentworth Park on December 16 he has not trialled behind the mechanical lure, he has just been hand-slipped regularly up the 366m straight track we have at home near Grafton.

"He had a good 300m hit-out on Saturday morning and that is all he needs to have him at his top."

Cosmic Bonus has been a well performed sprinter making the Group 1 Winter Cup and the Group 2 Queensland Derby both at Albion Park. He had also been placed at Albion Park in the Group 3 Gold Coast Cup behind Opal Nera in October.

After the placed runners, the field finished in the following order 4th Chase The Cash (\$5.70), 5th Viva Opal (\$24), 6th Miss Splendamiro (\$3.50) 7th Barking Bad (\$6.40) and One Required (\$14.10).

Cosmic Bonus is raced by the Harris Vincent Syndicate and trained by Evelyn Harris at Whiteman Creek in New South Wales, he is a White & Brindle dog whelped December 2014 by Cosmic Rumble from Dark And Stormy (Bit Chili x All Display). Cosmic Bonus has won 23 and been placed 10 times from his 46 starts and with the \$40,000 first prize for the Gosford Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$133,990.

The greyhound industry is fortunate to have such a generous sponsor as greyhound lover, owner and trainer Laurie Refalo, the owner of Woy Woy Poultry Supplies.

The Gosford Cup became the clubs feature race for the year when they changed their surface to loam in 2003. At the same time a circuit of NSW Country Cups was started. It was a Group three race worth \$10,000 to the winner to start with and has risen in status and profile to Group 2 in 2006 and in 2007 prizemoney increased to \$40,000 to the winner. Loyal sponsors Woy Woy Poultry Supplies has been with the race in all of its 16 years.

Listed are the past winners. 2003 **Thai Flame**, 2004 **Addis Boy**, 2005 **Cheeky Sprite**, 2006 **Cool Matt**, 2007 **Prey For Mercy**, 2008 **Suave Fella**, 2009 **Miss Elly Mint**, 2010 **Elite Blue Size**, 2011 **Tuiaki** 2012, **Prince Diablo**, 2013 **Free Will**, 2014 **Awesome Project**, 2015 **Ritza Hattie**, 2016 **Knight Sprite** and 2017 **Barking Bad**

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