

HE WAS VERY CHILLED... BUT VERY FAST

Soho Tribeca might only have a best winning time of 1.53.8 but that is probably 100 metres short of what he was capable of.

In the space of seven days at Menangle in February 2018, **Soho Tribeca** did display the rare speed and courage he possessed in his repertoire.

The Group One Allied Express Sprint was a lead into the Miracle Mile just a week later. Fred Hastings as good a racecaller as he is, wasn't game to declare a winner of that race until the photo finish was up and that showed **Soho Tribeca** as a runner up in 1.48.7... after sitting parked for most of the journey.

The run in the Miracle Mile was even more spectacular. He was once again parked outside the flying machine Anything For Love through some mind boggling fractions - 53.6 to the half and 1.19.2 to the three quarter pole before My Field Marshall and Jilliby Kung Fu caught him in the shadows of the post. **Soho Tribeca** timed in 1.47.

Just three weeks later, **Soho Tribeca** returned to Victoria and smashed the track record in winning the Kilmore Cup over 2690 metres, rating 1.56 - a record that still stands today.





During this time frame Michael Stanley had taken over the training duties of the handsome son of American Ideal and we recently spoke to Michael about his thoughts of his star pupil.

Q What did you most enjoy about **Soho Tribeca**?

A **Tribeca** was such a chilled out and relaxed horse - nothing at all fazed him. Anyone could jog him he was so calm and he loved going to the track to race.

Q What was his work ethic like?

A He was very casual on jog days but it was all business when the hobbles went on for trackwork. Some of my favourite days with him were riding him down to the lake adjoining our property and wading in the water. We both loved it.

Q What were his best Races in your care?

A The runs in both the Miracle Mile and the Kilmore Cup were phenomenal. In hindsight we may have erred in

getting Greg to drive him conservatively the week before the Miracle Mile. If we had won the Sprint, maybe Anything For Love may have taken the sit on us in the Miracle Mile instead of parking us.

The Kilmore Cup just 20 days later and over the 2690 metres trip showed how versatile **Tribeca** was. It was a slugfest with Shadow Sax but **Tribeca** showed how strong and determined he was to win. That time of 1.56 still stands as the Track record.

Q What best describes his racing style?

A He had both speed and toughness. He was best when working in a race either on the lead or in the breeze - he could run a 26 seconds quarter either way.

Q As an individual what is his best attribute?

A He is a great looking athletic horse but his strong rear end was his best asset. He got so much of his drive from his strong muscular hindquarters.

Q Over the past ten or so years where do you rank **Soho Tribeca** amongst his competitors?

A He raced amongst the strongest bunch of horses we have had in Australia for a number of years - horses of the calibre of Lazarus, Lennytheshark, Chicago Bull, Tiger Tara, My Field Marshall and Jilliby Kung Fu and was competitive with each and every one of them.

At the same time I was training Soho Burning Love. She now has a 1.48.4 record in USA and **Soho Tribeca** was lengths better than her so I have no doubt he would have been a 1.47 horse if he had raced in North America.

I think you can appreciate just how good **Soho Tribeca** was when we saw Tiger Tara completely dominate a year later when Tribeca, Lazarus and Lenny were off the scene... and that is taking nothing away from Tiger.

Thank you Michael for your time and no doubt you will look forward to the day when a Tribeca youngster walks into your stable.