

QUEENSLAND ACTION REPLAY FOR AZTEC BROMAC



**Aztec Bromac with Robbie Morris win 2017 G2 Egmont Park Queensland Cup
@AlbionPark for KerryAnn Turner - Photo courtesy Dan Costello Race Photography**

Aztec Bromac has furthered a purple patch of form at the Albion Park Christmas carnival by adding the Group Two \$60,540 Egmont Park Stud 2017 Queensland Cup to his Christmas Cup win a week earlier.

In a virtual action replay of seven nights earlier, Aztec Bromac again produced a well-timed finish from two back on the outer for driver Robbie Morris, getting up to tip out Queensland favourite Avonnova in the closing stages.

Free-legged Avonnova ensured a true clip up front, setting up a winning mile rate for Aztec Bromac of 1:54.2 for the mobile 2138m.

Fellow Bromac-bred Lancelot Bromac, from three off the second row, fought on from three back on the outer for fifth at long odds.

Aztec Bromac's yearling half-sister Anzac Bromac (Sunshine Beach-Agnes Patron) will be offered on the second day of the NZ Premier Yearling Sale in Christchurch on February 14.

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The yearling filly's sire Sunshine Beach (p3, 1:47.8 & \$971,037), by Somebeachsomewhere from an Artsplace mare, is a young sire whose first North American crop are two-year-olds.

Aztec Bromac (by American Ideal), has been the signature performer for his Holmes Hanover dam Agnes Patron, who has left four sub 1:57 winners from her first four to race.

A former Victoria Derby Heat winner at three for trainer KerryAnn Turner, Aztec Bromac bumped his earnings to \$287,948 with his latest win, his 16th from 80 starts.

Last season's Harness Breeders NSW 4YO colt or gelding Pacer of the Year is a half-brother to other smart Australian winners in Angus Bromac (1:54.3, eight wins & \$A69,353), Avalon Bromac (1:56.1, 10 wins & \$A92,028) and Ace Bromac (1:56.9, four WA wins from nine starts for \$23,301).

This is a big-winning NZ family, which produced a notable 1970s pacer in Adios Adieu (11 wins).

Anna Patron (1:55, US), the Armbro Raven grand-dam of Agnes Patron, won five in NZ, then won a further 29 races in America.

A half-sister to top Southland performers, 2001 NZ Oaks winner Shania Patron (1:56.4, eight wins & \$178,330, dam of Eja Patron, six wins, 1:56.9) and No Return (1:58.1, nine wins, including the 1993 John Brandon 3YO Championship and 3YO Flying Stakes at Addington), Anna Patron returned to NZ as a broodmare in the early 1990s.

She left five individual winners, including Albert Patron (1:53, US, 11 NZ wins), Andrew Patron (1:53.8, US), and Soky's Patron (1:54.8, US).

Anna Patron also left the lightly-raced Angela Patron, dam of 2006 NZ Sapling Stakes winner Jackson Street (1:56.6, 16 wins & \$150,126); NZ Oaks runner-up Angela's Dream eight wins & \$118,244, now dam of consistent northern mare, Moving Money, 1:59.3, two wins); Fifth Edition (1:56.3, 15 wins & \$134,082), Angela's Image (1:57.5, 10 wins & \$74,017) and Brass Lantern (1:56.6, seven wins & \$47,206).

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