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## Passing of Bart Cummings OAM

Australia has lost one of its greatest ever sporting figures with the passing of legendary trainer Bart Cummings.

Bart Cummings dominated Australian Thoroughbred Racing for more than half a century creating records which may never be broken including 12 Melbourne Cups. He was an internationally renowned horseman who influenced successive generations of trainers with his innovative feeding and training methods.

“The name JB Cummings is forever etched in racing history. Bart will always be spoken of with wonderment at his achievements” Racing Australia Chairman John Messara AM said today.

“Bart had a unique impact on the general public with his laconic wit and big race victories. He brought racing to the wider community.” Mr Messara added.

“Australian racing offers its sincere condolences to Bart’s wife Valmae and the Cummings family. Bart’s training legacy is carried on by son Anthony and grandsons James and Edward.” Mr Messara said.

In addition to 12 Melbourne Cups, Bart won 4 Golden Slippers, 32 Derbies, 24 Oaks, 7 Caulfield Cups, 5 Cox Plates, 5 Doncasters and 13 Australian Cups.

In all, Bart won a staggering 268 Group 1 races leading to his induction into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame and Australian Racing Hall of Fame.

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