

YOU have to go back to 2008 to find the last time a Melbourne Cup winner ran in the Caulfield Cup.

Was there a run yesterday that indicates the drought could be broken this year?

The decline of the Caulfield Cup as a Melbourne Cup guide has been somewhat of a modern phenomenon.

Viewed is the only Melbourne Cup winner to use the Caulfield Cup in the past 13 years. Before that, from 1991 to 2004, the Cup winner ran at Caulfield on nine occasions.

Having Boom Time as the fairly dominant winner yesterday has to cast some doubt on the strength of the form.

The Herbert Power proved the best Caulfield Cup guide, with Boom Time finishing fourth to Lord Fandango last week. The pair reversed their placings yesterday after Lord Fandango did it tough being three wide throughout.

The eye-catcher in the Herbert Power was the import Wall Of Fire, who carried 58kg into second place.

He is now \$13 in Melbourne Cup betting with UBET and has to be a big player given yesterday's formline.

Johannes Vermeer trimmed up from \$13 to \$9 in the Cup, but even allowing for a little hard-luck story



EYE CATCHING: Boom Time (right) wins the Caulfield Cup.

yesterday, he looks no good thing to see out 3200m.

The one exception from yesterday's field looks to be import Marmelo, who produced a slashing finish and he will relish getting to 3200m at Flemington.

■ **THOSE** who stuck solid with former favourite Bonneval wouldn't have enjoyed the stewards' report out of the Caulfield Cup.

After doubts over her fitness all week, vets reported she pulled up lame in the off fore leg.

■ **ONE** guest at Caulfield yesterday had more special memories than most of the Caulfield Cup.

Yesterday marked 60 years since the great Tulloch produced one of

the greatest Caulfield Cup performances in history and on hand was his now 80-year-old strapper Lem Bann.

Tulloch is the subject of a recently released book by author Ken Linnett, who shared a table with Bann at Caulfield yesterday.

Linnett spent four years researching for the book and given the time that has lapsed and the passing of those closest to the horse, it wasn't an easy assignment.

"I had my biggest breakthrough when I was able to track down his strapper Lem Bann," Linnett said.

"I got on to the White Pages online and looked up every Bann in Australia hoping to find him and I

got lucky with a number at Carrara.

"I discovered Tulloch absolutely idolised Lem and the book features dozens of his stories."

The book is titled *Tulloch, the extraordinary life and times of a true champion*.

A special launch will be held in Brisbane next month and later another event at Eagle Farm, marking the 60th anniversary of his Caulfield Cup win.

"I was a teenager when I became swept up in the Tulloch hysteria," Linnett said.

"My favourite horse has always been (1954 Melbourne Cup winner) Rising Fast, but I had to admit long ago that Tulloch was better.

"There's been hundreds of stories told about Tulloch over the years, but to my knowledge never a book fully dedicated to him."

■ **IF YOU** want to find a big-race winner in Australia, start backing horses by Arrowfield Stud stallions.

Boom Time is by Arrowfield's now retired 1995 Golden Slipper winner Flying Spur and runner-up Single Gaze is a daughter of Not A Single Doubt.

Last week it was Not A Single Doubt's son Mighty Boss winning the Caulfield Guineas. On the same day, Arrowfield barnmate Snitzel sired the winner of The Everest.