

## The Owner

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Already well-known to the public because of his restaurant and nightclub, and equally 'known' to the Australian security services, Azzalin Romano became a national personality with his purchase and subsequent success of Bernborough. At the height of the Second World War, while the horse he would eventually purchase was being restricted to racing at Toowoomba, Romano was busily building his business interests but attracting the interest of the people charged with keeping Australia free from the evils of fascism. His public reputation in this period swung like the proverbial pendulum, his Italian ancestry calling into question his loyalty, yet as the war ended and he purchased Bernborough, his stocks once again rose.