

The Streets of York

Do you live in Durable, Plaudit or Scarpia Streets?

These three streets were all named after successful racehorses of the 1890s.

Scarpia was owned by the prominent owner and trainer George Towton, (the only man to own, train and ride a Perth Cup winner), and won the Perth Cup in 1893 and 1894, one of the few horses to win the Cup twice.

Durable was also trained by George Towton and won the Perth Cup in 1895.

Plaudit was a mare bred by Messrs Rouse in NSW and imported to Western Australia by Dr.O.Meehan (who served as Resident Medical Officer and magistrate in York).

She ran in the Avon Valley and Eastern Districts in 1891, winning three races on the first day of the York Jockey Clubs Easter Meeting, including the Flying Handicap over 6 furlongs.