

Teddy will be sadly missed

By DAVID BRASCH
GREYHOUND racing in Australia was saddened by the sudden death last month of Irishman Teddy Murray in Dublin.

Teddy has been coming to Australia for the Victorian Spring Racing Carnival for the past six or seven years.

And in that time he has been a regular visitor to the Sunshine State, staying exclusively in the past few years with Alex and Judy Stevens at Birkdale, near Capalaba.

To say Teddy was a devoted racing man is to underestimate just how much he loved a horse or dog meeting, a tip and a punt.

Add to that a steak at the Brekkie Creek or Norman Hotel and you have a fun loving man who became a close friend to everyone he met on his regular trips to this country. He was particularly fond of the Sunshine Coast horse meetings and was a regular at Capalaba every Saturday when in Brisbane ... always sidling up to "those who knew" for a tip.

Teddy was the member of a number of Irish Government boards back home and he and his wife Ann ran the Slievnamon Guest House in Dublin.

Any Aussies recommended to stay with the Murrays in Dublin were



always made feel at home.

On a personal note, to know Teddy was to know a warm man who loved going racing.

He rang on Christmas Eve to wish my family and I the compliments of the season and said he was looking forward to the next week.

When quizzed about Christmas festivities, he

promptly replied it wasn't that he was looking forward to, but the week-long hurdle racing carnival at Leopardstown racetrack just outside Dublin.

He bet on soccer, hurling, Gaelic football, knew the form and everyone who was anyone in racing in England, Ireland and Australia.

He will be sadly missed ... and that's for sure.