

Calling the tune

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WHENEVER Clint Jackson is at the wicket pounding run after run on his way to another “cricketer of the year” award, you can be sure he’s thinking about ... greyhound racing. Clint, 27, is a Mackay cricket superstar. He’s also the regular racecaller at the Mackay dogs.

He’s been an A Grade cricketer in Mackay since he was 14, and he’s been calling the dogs for the past eight years.

A sales rep for the Bradken Mining Company, he was introduced to greyhound racing as a kid when helping Dave Brett.

“My dad Barry was great friends with Dave and as a teenager I would help Dave with his dogs when he lived in Mackay,” said Clint.

Also as a teenager, he asked then Mackay dog club caller Gerard Ellul if he could call a race.

“It was a four-dog race and after that I got to call a race or two each night for a few months.”

It wasn’t long after that when Ellul gave the job away and Clint stepped up. He’s been at it since.

Alrow’s recent Mackay Cup victory was the seventh time he has called the cup.

He’s also been a successful owner himself.

Dynamic Angel won a Young Stars when trained by Ken Boody, and Ima Honcho won 20 of 32 starts when trained by Barbara Sam.

He rates Mini Flyer the best he has seen around Mackay. The Gordon Francis-trained bitch won 52 races.

When Clint’s not calling races, he’s hard at work chasing cricket success.

He has been in A Grade with the Walkerston club in Mackay since he was 14 and in that time has scored more than 9000 runs.

Considering the Mackay club season is only 10 matches, it’s a better than good performance.

He has been a regular in the Mackay rep side and was a Queensland Schoolboy rep.

Only a few months ago he was named Mackay cricketer of the year for the second time.

His highest score is 216, while he has also scored 150 for Mackay in a rep game against Rockhampton.



Mackay racecaller Clint Jackson.

