

The girls get things done in Mackay



WHEN the time came to find a race day secretary at the Mackay Club two years ago, Rosemary Farr (*left*) should have been the first one picked.

She could do the job “on her ear”.

Rosemary is part of a three-pronged female control of the Mackay Club. The club president is Jenny Findlay and vice-president is Barbara Sam.

“We girls are all hands-on at this club,” said Rosemary with the conviction of someone who takes no nonsense. “If there are working bees to be involved in, the three of us are always here.”

Race day secretary is just one of seven part-time jobs Rosemary has. She has cut down in recent years. She used to have 10 part-time jobs each week.

“I just love to work,” Rosemary told *The Journal*. “I would go crazy if I wasn’t out working somewhere.” She has “bingo promoted” for 25 years working at bingo calling up to four times a week.

“Most weeks I work most days and even most nights at my part-time jobs,” she said.

Rosemary has been at the Mackay club for two years and was attracted to the industry through her partner, local trainer Mark Stoddart.

“I’m also the peace-keeper around the place,” she said. “I don’t pull any punches with anyone. If there is a problem between two parties around the track, I give them a talking to and get it settled.

“This industry is too small up here to bother with stuff like that.”

Rosemary was also a vet nurse for 10 years. Is there anything she hasn’t done?



Mackay club vice president Barbara Sam and president Jenny Findlay.