

# *Trevor's the voice of Bundy dogs*

THE dulcet tones of Trevor Halter have been singing the praises of greyhounds in Bundaberg since 1983.

Halter, from a famous Bundaberg racing family, is the on-course racecaller.

"I started calling when I was 12, calling horses of course and for 10 bob a meeting," he said.

Halter went bush to chase his calling fascination, traveling to all the local race meetings at Gayndah, Mt Perry, Tangool etc.

"I even did the trots at Maryborough for 12 months when they were racing," he said.

Halter took over the calling duties from Graham Gaydon and David Quinn at Bundaberg. "Our family has been horsemen all their lives but I was too big to be a jockey. I listened to all the great racecallers like Vince Curry and Bert Bryant etc," he said.

"To practice I even rolled marbles across a table and called them."

He admits he enjoys calling the dogs at Bundaberg and rates Gary Hick's former sensation Shining Raider as the best dog he has seen race at the track.

The Halter family has long ties with racing in Bundaberg. Trevor's father Tommy was a leading local hoop riding for 40 years and landing more than 1000 winners.

"My brother Bevan was a jockey and now trainer in Darwin, and another brother Tommy jnr is an accomplished work rider," he said.

Halter says his father Tommy snr and brother Bevan dead-heated in a race and it is believed the only time father and son have done this in a thoroughbred race.

"My dad rode with the best of them back in the 40s," he said.

Trevor, 56, is content to work at the local Wests Leagues Club and keep calling the dogs in Bundaberg.

"I've had one dog as an owner," he said. "It was called Clayton's Loop but was not much good. It didn't even win a race.

"As for horses, I've had a couple. Red Dignity won three of five."



*Trevor Halter gets ready for yet another race call at Bundaberg.*