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Lyall Appo Jockey

Born/where
Eidsvold

Family
Wife Michelle,
three children and
two grandchildren

Resides
Deception Bay



When did you first decide to become a jockey?

It was back in the late 70s. I became an apprentice in 1980 with my boss Bruce Cameron in Toowoomba.

What or who brought you to Queensland racing?

I could always ride and I had people in Eidsvold telling me I was a natural born jockey and they gave me the opportunity to leave and pursue that part of the industry.

First winner?

A little mare called Rio Del at Dalby in 1980

Biggest win?

The Metropolitan and Exhibition Handicaps with Our Rosalee

Most memorable ride?

I'd say my first winner, Rio Del

Best horse seen?

Kingston Town and Strawberry Road

Most admired person?

My wife Michelle

Ambitions/goals?

Be healthy and ride as many winners as possible

Best improvement to racing since you began?

The tracks and safety gear

What would you do if you weren't a jockey?

A postie. That's what I am at the moment. When El came in I got another job and have been there ever since.

Favourite holiday destination?

At home on the lounge

Favourite movie or television show?

Rush Hour 3

Favourite food?

Anything Chinese

Favourite sporting team?

St George Dragons and Noosa Pirates

You are well known for your winning celebrations, where did you pick that up from?

I like to put a bit back into Queensland racing. You see blokes like Frankie Dettori, they celebrate like something atrocious, and I like to stir the crowd up and get the country racing people going similarly.

Where do you get the best reception for your celebrations?

All the country tracks are great

Anything big coming up for you?

Some more grandchildren I hope

Jackie Crompton Trainer

Born/where
Dalby

Family
Husband Wayne

Resides
Southbrook



When did you first decide to become a trainer?

I always wanted to do something like that. I've had my licence for about nine years.

What or who brought you to Queensland racing?

Dad always had a trainer's licence when I was a kid, so I'd say it was Dad's fault. Dad's brother was a jockey and I think Dad's mother might have had a licence, so it's just in the family.

First winner?

Rippling Steel at Clifton in 2002

Biggest win?

Recognition Stakes with Prosecution in 2005

Best horse trained?

Prosecution

Most memorable horse?

Prosecution again

Best horse seen?

Alinghi

Most admired person?

Gai Waterhouse

Ambitions/goals?

Keep training winners

Best improvement to racing since you began?

Increase in prizemoney

What would you do if you weren't a trainer?

Well I'm a hairdresser, so I suppose I should say that.

Favourite holiday destination?

If I had time...probably just to the coast, north or south, I'm not fussy.

Favourite food?

Cornmeal with white sauce

Favourite sporting team?

Brisbane Broncos

Anything big coming up for you?

Not really, nothing too exciting.

You have recently had some handy winners?

Hopefully they just keep continuing on. We bought Sword of Damocles as a yearling, so he is a bit special I suppose because we have educated him and been with him all the way through.