

# *A lifetime in the making*

By **DAVID BRASCH**

**SAMETTE'S** victory in the 2004 Bundaberg Cup has been in the planning stages since 1917.

That's about when the Coyne family got involved in racing ... thoroughbred racing of course, but it all went to producing Samette's trainer Lloyd Coyne.

Lloyd's family has a long history in racing. His father Joe raced thoroughbreds, as did his grandfather Joe Snr.

"My grandfather rode his racehorses from Kingaroy to the nearest train station, took them to Brisbane, raced them twice a day, did the return journey and those horses were mustering the next day," said Lloyd.

"We have racebooks dating back to 1917 showing the family involvement in racing.

"My mum Myra's father had greyhounds, so there was no doubt I was bred into the racing industry."

That might be the case but it wasn't until the 1980s before Lloyd got himself his first greyhound.

"During that time I set out to learn all I could about the industry and I've had three great teachers along the way, Ernie Hill, Tony Zammit and Tony Apap," he said.

Lloyd first worked with Ernie Hill, learning the ropes but picking Ernie's brains about breaking in dogs.

"Ernie broke in all his own dogs and I was always there helping him, learning at the time just how to do this," said Lloyd. "Then I helped Tony Zammit for ages, picking his brains about training and preparing dogs for racing.

"And when I moved up to help Tony Apap, I saw how he works his stud dogs and prepares his pups. There is no better rearer of young pups than Tony Apap."

It was an apprenticeship that had to rub off on Lloyd. He and partner Dell now run Golden View Greyhound Complex at Atkinson's Dam, the property owner by Noel Clark from Bundaberg. On Golden View, Lloyd and Dell have a regular 40 dogs being educated, have six stud dogs, a dozen dogs in training and about 30 pups.

It's non stop.

"The first good dog I got was Don't Gamble who came from Sam Apap," said Lloyd. "He finished third in the Shane Taylor Maiden in 1993 to Mercury Man. He ran 35.35 to win at Albion Park which was a great time in those days.



***Dell Lord and Brendan Lefoe with Samette. Brendan is Samette's biggest fan.***

"He made top grade in town and beat Dagenham there once."

A potential superstar, Mojo Prince won four of his first five but collapsed in the catching pen at the Gold Coast and took another 12 months to win his next race. "He was a champion but we never found out what caused him to collapse," said Lloyd. He admits he has never been short of a handy dog since then, but is happy about the move to Golden View even though the hours in the day are not long enough to get everything done.

"I'm happy most of the clients at Golden View gave us a go and proud that of the first pups we broke in, three made the Vince Curry final this year," he said. Samette is his favourite. "The courage she has shown us has been fantastic," said Lloyd who could not be at Bundaberg when the Darcy's Reward-Joint Mission bitch won the Cup final.



	Worthy Reward	Worth Doing
	Darcy's Reward	Kirsty's Return
	Foxtale	Ginger
SAMETTE		Fox Time
	Walkabout Sid	Brother Fox
Joint Mission		Promises Free
	Bev's Mission	Bionic Mission
		Brindle Tippy

Samette will race on until the end of the year. She will then head home to Linda Green in Northern NSW for breeding.

Lloyd could not be at Bundaberg for the cup commitments at Golden View taking first priority. "But it was a great thrill because she beat a great field. I was always confident she would win," he said.



*Bundaberg president Casey Clark.*

Now he plans to mate five bitches of his own to Darcy's Reward and hope for more like Samette. "He puts in good box speed and strength," said Lloyd. Just like he did with Samette.

***Bundaberg Cup (550m)***

- 1 **SAMETTE** \$5  
(Darcy's Reward-Joint Mission)  
Owner: Linda Green  
Trainer: Lloyd Coyne
  - 2 **SUPERIOR CLASS** \$2.50  
(Bobniak-Shining Raider)
  - 3 **JUST LIKE TAMMY** \$3  
(Shape Shifter-Tammy Tambosity)
  - Others:**
    - 4 Back Street Lass \$7
    - 5 Malawi Rocket \$2.50
    - 6 Scream Queen \$6
    - 7 Dream Journal \$2.60
    - 8 Burrum Brindle \$21
- Time: 31.48.***