

Richard is driven by lure to Mackay club

NINE years ago Richard Kulpinski walked into the Mackay Showgrounds and became the dog club's lure driver. He's been driving ever since.

"I had a mate who had a couple of greyhounds he was training, and my son Ray and I would go walking with him each morning," said Richard, 45.

"He mentioned the dog club was looking for a part-time lure driver at the time, so I went over to the track and applied." Six months later, the full-time driver left the club and Richard has been there ever since.

"I don't follow the dogs, and I don't bet," said Richard of the ideal credentials for a lure driver at any track.

"I just like the dog itself. A lot of my friends have got greyhounds as pets."

Richard is a devoted Mackay Club employee.

"A number of years ago this position also involved work at the track and was a fulltime job," he said.



Mackay Club lure driver Richard Kulpinski.

"But I'm happy driving the lure and checking on race days that everything is working fine."

A postal contractor when he's not driving the lure, he remembers well his first drive. "I was caught by surprise," he said. "You are not ready for how fast those dogs really go."

He says night racing is easier to drive than during the day.

"It's a different light on a grass track and I can see it much better during night time."