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Australia's Top Jockey to Feature at Barcaldine Races

He's had more wins in any one season than any other jockey in Australia and there's a high probability that self-professed bush jockey, Allan Robinson will be looking for a ride while he's in Barcaldine for the town's Tree of Knowledge Festival over the May Day long weekend.

Robinson set the national record for the most wins in a season in 2005-2006 when he rode 223.5 winners.

He says he achieved this by going everywhere and anywhere for a ride and particularly on country race tracks.

Always a larrikin with a reputation for stirring up as much attention off the track as on, Robinson has also gone on to become a well-known and popular guest on the Footy Show.

Robinson, along with Hockeyroo, Nikki Hudson, rugby union legend, Chris "Buddha" Handy and Broncos star, Justin Hodges, will feature as a celebrity guest at this year's Sports Dinner being held on the opening night of the Festival, Friday April 30.

Never one to miss out an opportunity to ride on a bush track, it has been confirmed that Robinson will stay on the next day for the Tree of Knowledge Festival Cup.

Barcaldine Racing Club treasurer, Mrs Toni Austin says, in light of Robinson's love of country racing, there is a very good possibility of him riding at the races and that this would create a lot of interest from race goers.

"The Festival races always draw a big crowd and to have Robinson there, especially if he rides, will add to this," says Mrs Austin.

Robinson is well known for his ability to take up a position and make things happen in a race.

"He's a real larrikin and a lot of people would be interested to see him ride on the day," says Mrs Austin.

Chris "Buddha" Handy will also back up at the races before he heads off to Longreach for another engagement that night.

The races will get underway at 1pm on Saturday May 1 and feature a five-race programme and Fashions of the Field.

For more information visit the website www.treeofknowledge.com.au or contact Gerry Fogarty on 46512720 or Toni Austin on 0428 124 266.