

Chris "Buddha" Handy

Media Personality

as at July 2009



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In Queensland, Chris "Buddha" Handy is almost better known than his nick namesake. Like XXXX and Bundaberg Rum, this irreverent former Wallaby hooker, accountant, publican and media phenomenon is an institution for rugby lovers and for anyone who enjoys a great yarn told by a likable bloke.

Chris Handy is an ambassador for XXXX beer and Bundaberg Rum a rugby commentator and television reporter. He is most famously known for his patriotic and lighthearted commentating quips and his 'Go you good thing!' outcry.

Personal Details

D.O.B 28th March 1950
Resides Brisbane, Queensland

Interesting Facts

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| Marital status | I have been married to my school sweetheart, Mary, for 37 years and we have three children, Rebecca, Sam and Jake |
| Something we didn't know | I have a missing toe on my right foot which was chopped off by a gutter grate in 1957! |
| What was your first job | I was an accountant for 11 years |
| Best day of your life | Tomorrow |
| Describe yourself | Short, fat, bald, ugly and glasses (with my 'fun' button stuck in the ON position) |
| If you could live anywhere | Brisbane! Born, bred, bedded, boozed, bundy'd and hopefully buried here. I'm a quintessential Queenslander through and through – Brisbane it is! |
| Favourite hobbies | Rugby touring , catching and eating mudcrabs and spending time with my grandchildren |
| Favourite song | Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison and Smile by the Bee Gees |
| Favourite food | Seafood starting with dozens of oysters, bugs. prawns. fish and MUD CRABS |



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Career History

Current

- Presenter on Channel 7's 'Queensland Weekender'
- XXXX ambassador
- QR ambassador

1998

- Commentator of Super 10 and Super 12 tournaments

1992 - 2001

- Owner of popular hotels The Highway Hotel in Rocklea, The Jubilee in Fortitude Valley and The Brisbane Tavern in Brisbane City

1987 - 2003

- Rugby World Cup commentator

Rugby History

Games for Australia

- 6 Tests

Games for Queensland

- 54

Bledisloe Cup victories

- 2

Test Debut

- 1978 vs New Zealand

State Debut

- 1972 vs New South Wales

Awards and Accolades

2000

- Awarded 'Australian Sports Medal'

Community Involvement

- CAPS (Community Action for the Prevention of Suicide)

Partners



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