

# Darren Lockyer

## ***Sports Commentator and Former Professional Rugby League Footballer***

Darren Lockyer is a Roma product, who was discovered by the Broncos' super talent scout Cyril Connell. Like most true champions, Darren stood out from an early age — a product of the Queensland under-age teams, he played first grade at the Broncos in 1995 as an 18-year-old five-eighth.

His exceptional skills marked him as something special. He had great hands, could both punt and place-kick, was sure under the high ball, was deceptively fast with an ability to go up a gear as he went for an opening, and he could tackle.

Perhaps 2003 was Darren's most sensational year, as he won the player-of-the year award at the Broncos and led the Kangaroos, only the fourth Queenslanders to do so, after Tom Gorman, Wally Lewis and Mal Meninga.

One of the features of his play was his ability to rise to the occasion. He won the Clive Churchill Medal in 2000, and in 2006 led the Broncos to the premiership, Queensland to an Origin series, and Australia to victory in the Tri-Nations tournament.

Off the field, Lockyer and his wife Loren are proud parents to Sunny, Flynn and Hugo.



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