

THE CALLIDEN TEAM

Northern Region
QLD



Melissa La Spina

Title: Development Manager

State and Region you look after: QLD, Brisbane and Regional QLD

Where were you born? Brisbane

Where did you go to school? Mt Carmel College, Wynnum

What's the worst job you've ever had? My first job was in the insurance industry and I've been here ever since. I would be incriminating myself if I divulged this highly confidential information.

How long have you been at Calliden? July 2010

What do you like most about working at Calliden? Everyone is very friendly and focused. Though we work in different states, the relationship between colleagues seems very strong.

How would people close to you describe your personality? Friendly, happy and chatty.

What do you do to unwind? I like to go for a mountain drive in my Ferrari and have coffee at my favourite cafe.

Any pets? 1 x German Shepherd, 2 x Goldfish and 2 x Rats

What is your proudest moment? I am the proud mother of 2 children so I have proud moments all the time. The most recent moment is when my 12 year old son won the Summer Season Pro-Tourer 1/10th Scale Radio Control Car Championship against the adults.

Things that have happened to you, that were horribly embarrassing at the time but funny now? I got stuck in the toilet cubicle at a Brisbane restaurant. The lock wouldn't slide to open and the door went from floor to ceiling so I couldn't crawl under. Sooo, EMBARRASSING.

What have you done that no one would guess you'd done? I won the hoola-hoop competition at my daughter's disco.

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"Wigan Athletic FC being promoted to the premier league was a proud moment"

Mike Hooton

Title: Group Executive, Marketing & Distribution

State and Region you look after:
Calliden Group as a whole.

Where were you born? Wigan, Lancashire U.K.

Where did you go to school? Wigan.

What's the worst job you've ever had?
Plucking turkeys for Christmas.

How long have you been at Calliden?
Since September 2004.

What do you like most about working at Calliden?
Variety.

How would people close to you describe your personality? Compulsively obsessive at times.

What do you do to unwind? Spend as much time as I can with my daughter seeing life through the eyes of a 3 year old.

Any pets? Two cats including a diabetic one and the other has three legs.

What is your proudest moment? I would like to say Wigan Athletic FC getting promoted to the premier league in 2005 but I better say the birth of my daughter in the same year.

Things that have happened to you, that were horribly embarrassing at the time but funny now? Having the top of my ear sewn back on by a dentist - honestly! Following a rugby match.

What have you done that no one would guess you'd done? I met Lady Gaga at Brisbane Airport and I played first grade rugby union in the U.K.

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"Was a bingo caller prior to ending up in insurance"

Steve Bardsley

Title: Distribution Manager, Northern Region (NSW, ACT, QLD)

State and Region you look after:
Northern Region.

What's the worst job you've ever had?
Production line at a Cheese Factory.

How long have you been at Calliden?
Since 2006.

What do you like most about working at Calliden?
The people and the challenge.

How would people close to you describe your personality?
Loud but friendly.

What do you do to unwind?
Spend time with my family.

Any pets? No.

What is your proudest moment?
Wedding day and birth of my kids Lucas and Indira.

Things that have happened to you, that were horribly embarrassing at the time but funny now?
Dancing on a podium and slipping when getting down with legs either side of a banister. Extremely painful and difficult to explain the bruising.

What have you done that no one would guess you'd done? Been a bingo caller prior to ending up in insurance.

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