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WELCOME to 2024 Aria Warwick Rodeo and Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup, a highlight on the It's Live in Queensland events calendar and a wonderful opportunity to showcase Southern Queensland Country as a tourism destination.

The Warwick community is grateful to welcome visitors who fill their cafes and restaurants, stay in their accommodation, use local transport and explore our unique tourism experiences.

That's why we support events through Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program because they bring a welcomed boost to the local community and supports local jobs.

THE Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft can trace its proud history back to 1906 when the first official Warwick rodeo was held. After becoming home to the regular Australia Championships in 1928, the iconic event has been attracting more riders than any other campdraft in Australia.

The Southern Downs extends a warm country welcome to the competitors and spectators at Australia's most famous rodeo. As a premier event, the Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft breathes excitement into the local community and is a highly anticipated gold-star competition with an action-packed program.

I congratulate the committee and committed volunteers for their tireless work in organising this event to such a high standard. Volunteers are the engine room of our community and events of this scale don't just happen.

If you are visiting our region for the first time during the rodeo, the Warwick Visitor Information Centre and the Southern Downs & Granite Belt visitor app will allow you to make the most of our region.

Wishing you a safe and successful competition and a great stay in the Southern Downs.

Vic Pennisi,
Southern Downs Mayor



Events like the Ariat Warwick Rodeo and Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup allows friends and family to reconnect and creates community pride. We hope you enjoy your stay and return again in the near future.

Be sure to immerse yourself in the local culture and get the opportunity to explore some of our world-class tourism experiences in this beautiful region.

Congratulations to the event organisers and volunteers – we wish you all the best for a successful event.

The Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP



IT is with pleasure to welcome all our competitors, cattle donors, the long list of volunteers and the hundreds of spectators to 'the Melbourne cup of campdrafting and "Australia's Most Famous" The Pryde's EasiFeed Gold Cup and the Ariat Warwick Rodeo.

The last full weekend in October has always been the Warwick Rodeo and I hope to see it remain that way forever.

To our Valued Sponsors, many thanks as it is very difficult to run an event of this calibre without your support and partnership.

We are looking to a bigger and better event this year with massive nomination in the campdraft and Rodeo and as we unfortunately could not run the Campdraft last year due to the wet weather mother nature is at it again with the dry weather of October 2023 starting to have an impact of competitors, stock contractors and cattle doners. We are not responsible for the weather but we hope to continue our event with success.

So welcome once again and hope to see you all at the Ariat Warwick Rodeo and Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft.

John Maher,
Warwick Show and Rodeo Society President





WARWICK RODEO & GOLD CUP CAMPDRAFT

WELCOME to all competitors and visitors to the 94th Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft.

We as a committee appreciate our great lineup of campdraft sponsors - Pryde's Easifeeds, Ascot Angus and Charolais, Frasers Transport, RDO Equipment, WeBuild and numerous others all of whom we will give recognition to during the actual event.

This year we have two firsts for Warwick being two judges for both the Gold Cup and Canning Downs Campdrafts also one line of cattle for the Gold Cup from No. 1 out on Monday morning to the last horse out in the final on Sunday.

The judges for the Gold Cup are Stewart Wallace and Warwick Lawrence, the Canning Downs judges are Leon Schwager and Steven Wells.

The other drafts are being judged by Ian Attow (Stallions and Champion of

Champions), and Megan Rogan (Ladies Silver Cup and Champion of Champions). Many thanks to these people who have generously given their time to judge these events.

Warwick Campdraft and Rodeo Society and all competitors owe a great deal of gratitude to all of our cattle donors, needless to say these events would not be able to proceed without them.

This year we will be using approximately 2900 head of cattle in total.

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise our army of volunteers for their tireless commitment to this event.

Wishing all competitors, sponsors and visitors a very enjoyable week.

**Kevin Ryan,
Campdraft Chairman**



WELCOME to all competitors, sponsors, officials, spectators, and volunteers to Australia's most famous, Warwick Rodeo. The very first Warwick Rodeo was held in 1906 and quickly became the home to many world-renowned cowboys and cowgirls.

I have been coming to Warwick Rodeo since I was a boy, and to now be able to work and be involved with the men and women, I once watched compete is something I hold very close.

Rodeo is a sport, a lifestyle and a passion that has something for the whole family. As well as competitors the sport brings people from all over the nation and world to the event.

This not only is great for our event but the community as well. It gives us a chance to show off our city of Warwick and all it has to offer.

Every year Warwick is growing and becoming more and more unique.

This year we increased our second division prize money to a total of \$2000 for each event.

We are so thankful to our sponsors and

office staff for making this possible.

As a result of this our entries are once again very impressive. Following on from the success of 2022, Warwick Rodeo will be holding yet again our feature event sponsored by Criterion Hotel, Warwick, Open Saddle Bronc Ride. Once again this year there will be a total of \$12,000 prize money for the event.

This then presents Warwick Rodeo as one of the higher paying rodeos in the country.

Throughout the years we have seen the event grow, this is all thanks to our outstanding office staff and the countless hours our volunteers put into the event.

I would like to take this opportunity personally thank each and every one who has given their time to make this event as successful as it is.

We look forward to continuing the tradition of Australia's Most Famous and bring to you a professional and entertaining performance.

**Lane Grayson,
Rodeo Chairperson**





The history behind the Warwick Rodeo

THE Warwick Rodeo in Queensland, Australia has become a legendary event in Australian history.

Horse-breaking competitions were recorded on Canning Downs in 1857. The first official rodeo in Australia was held in Gayndah, Queensland, in 1897, with the first rodeo in Warwick, then called a Bushman's Carnival, held in 1906 at the Queen's Park showgrounds.

The rodeo has continued every year since, only stopping for floods, droughts, war, and Equine Influenza. During the 1930s, Warwick Rodeo gained importance and was considered the Australian Championships by the riders due to more contestants and bigger prize money.

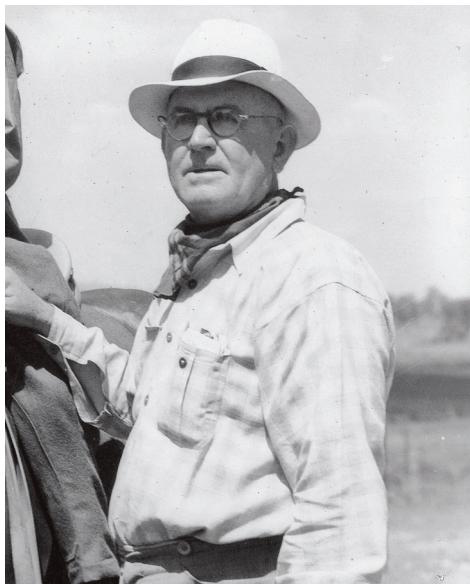
In the early days, competitors would bring their own bucking horses. As time progressed, the rodeo committees set about establishing their mobs of rarely ridden broncos, which they would hire out to other committees.

During the Great Depression, many of the bucking horse tent shows went out of business, and their broncos were sold off or auctioned. The Warwick Rodeo secretary, E.J. (Ned) Portley, selected the best buckjumpers for the Warwick Rodeo bucking string, enhancing its reputation.

The Warwick Rodeo bucking broncos became so famous that they travelled by train to Sydney's Royal Easter Show, to the Rocky Round-up in Rockhampton, and many places in-between, including The Ekka. The Warwick Broncs appeared at the Royal Easter Show until World War II. Following the war, the Broncs were still taken away for other big promotions.

By the early 1970s, contract bucking stock, both bulls and horses, started sidelining the half-wild committee stock. The organisers at Warwick bucked their own horses in the rookie events at the 1982 Warwick Rodeo, but it was not practical to keep the mob any longer.

The Warwick Rodeo attracted the attention of Buddy Williams, who made a recording in 1945 on the old Rodeo label titled 'Heading for the Warwick Rodeo,' which helped keep the ball rolling. The first official Australian Championships conducted by the Australian Rough Riders Association (ARRA) was held at



Warwick Rodeo secretary and arena director during parts of the 1930s and '40s, and the man responsible for making the Warwick buckjump horses famous, Ned Portley.



Warwick showgrounds in 1928, where the famous Warwick Rodeo was held for the first time in 1929.

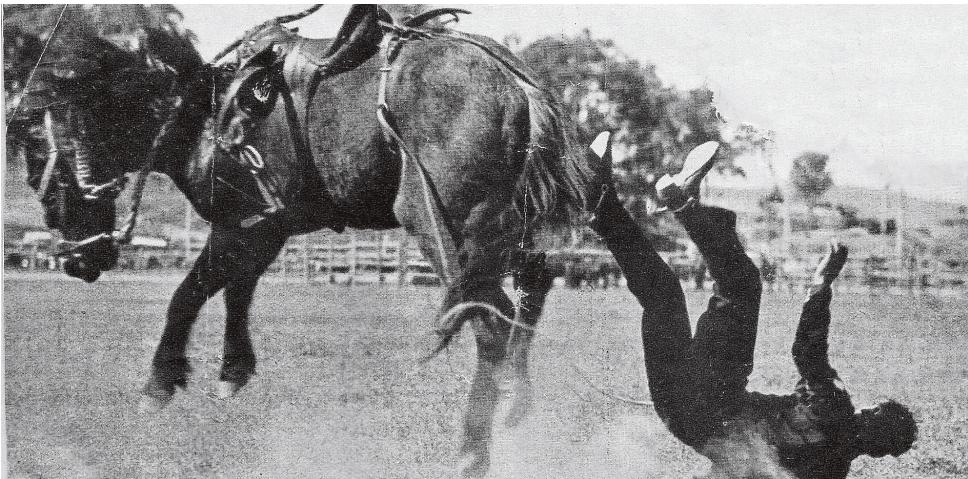
Marrabel, South Australia, in 1946 but returned to Warwick the next year.

In 1955, the Warwick Rodeo committee officially adopted the term "Australia's Most Famous".

Today, the Warwick Rodeo is still a celebrated event with a reputation as the most famous rodeo in Australia.



WARWICK RODEO & GOLD CUP CAMPDRAFT



Ken Black and Knickerbockabuckaroo in 1937.

A unique sport and unique venue

FOR over 90 years, the Warwick Rodeo has been a key fixture in Australia's cultural calendar.

Uniting the thrilling sports of pro-rodeo and campdrafting, the event has undergone significant changes over the years to keep it fresh and appealing to competitors and spectators alike. Among the most notable changes were the introduction of Sunday events in 1971, which initially sparked controversy but ultimately drew larger crowds and boosted revenue significantly. As a result, the rodeo committee had to make a series of further changes to accommodate the larger crowds, including improved facilities for competitors, more food and drink stalls, and better visitor parking.

In 1982, the rodeo committee made a bold move to contract stock, ending the use of bucking horses that were a staple of the event. This brought about new challenges, including maintaining safety standards for the thousands of cattle used in campdrafting. However, the rodeo committee was able to make several improvements in the arena, including the installation of better lighting, construction of new grandstands, and development of better handling yards.

Today, the Warwick Rodeo is considered to have one of the safest and most sustainable



Dave Johnston in the Warwick Rodeo of 1987.

arena surfaces for animals in the country, thanks to a special type of sand donated to the society. The rodeo committee continues to make a range of improvements to ensure the event remains successful and meets the expectations of both competitors and spectators. Despite the many changes that have taken place over the years, the Warwick Rodeo remains one of Australia's most popular and famous events. Its unique blend of pro-rodeo and campdrafting continues to capture the imagination of sports fans across the country.



WARWICK RODEO & GOLD CUP CAMPDRAFT

Your chance to win big at the Rodeo

By Lucy Waldron

THE Warwick Show and Rodeo Society is excited to announce the addition of an Art Union Prize Draw during the upcoming Gold Cup and Camp Draft event on October 28 and 29.

With tickets priced at \$20 each, participants will have the chance to enter through the Warwick Show and Rodeo website and try their luck at winning a \$35,000 cash prize.

How it works:

Participants in the Art Union Prize Draw will have the opportunity to draw a horse and rider combination in the Gold Cup final sweep.

Those who successfully draw a combination will win \$500 cash, while the lucky individual who draws the winning horse and rider will take home the substantial \$35,000 prize.

Don't miss your chance to lasso yourself a \$35,000 payday without even stepping into the rodeo arena.

The Ariat Australia Warwick Rodeo and Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft are proud to give back to the local community by supporting Protea Place Women's Support Centre through this inaugural Art Union event.

All proceeds from the Art Union Prize Draw will go towards supporting Protea Place Warwick, a local charity chosen by the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society.



Warwick Show and Rodeo Society Secretary, Terri Gilbert said they chose Protea Place because they believe it is a worthy cause in the community.

"We wanted to make sure we gave something to the local community that was going to make a positive impact," Terri said.

Protea Place provides assistance to vulnerable women experiencing homelessness or disadvantage.

To purchase tickets, visit the Warwick Show and Rodeo website or find Protea Place volunteers in Rose City Shoppingworld from October 19 to 21, as well as on the grounds during rodeo week.

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Welcome a new friendly face

By Lucy Waldron

EXCITEMENT is in the air as we welcome a new horse mascot to the Warwick Rodeo and campdraft – a stunning pink beauty with a special name chosen by one lucky member of our community!

This name was selected thanks to their wonderful contribution to the color competition featured in the Warwick and Stanthorpe Today newspapers.

Our charming mascot has been busy building anticipation for the event by attending schools and roaming the streets, igniting a sense of anticipation in everyone it meets. The streets are already alive as the mascot spreads its enthusiasm throughout the town!

So, dust off your cowboy boots and put on your Akubra, because it's finally time to giddy up and head down to the Warwick Showgrounds to experience the excitement of the Warwick Rodeo and campdraft!



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The 2023 Rodeo Queen is crowned

We are proud to welcome our new Warwick Rodeo Queen, Jessie Nott, for the 2023 victory.

Jessie is a 28-year-old native of the Rose and Rodeo City of Warwick but now lives in the Western Downs Town of Dalby.

Jessie owns two horses that she competes in barrel racing and campdrafting, while training a young horse that she hopes to showcase in future competitions.

As an accomplished rodeo rider and competitor, Jessie is eager to compete at the Warwick Rodeo and Warwick Campdraft, citing those as some of her most significant goals. Jessie's positive attitude and excitement about the community and school visits, as well as watching competitors in the arena, reflect her passion for the sport and her desire to share it with others. Jessie competed in Junior rodeo events as a child but now focuses on division barrel racing and campdrafting.

"I believe that the Queen Quest platform is a great way for not only promotion of our sport



2023 Warwick Rodeo Queen, Jessie Nott

but also to bring the community together," she said. Jessie is excited to use her role to encourage and educate others. She cannot wait to represent the Warwick community and share her passion for Aussie sports.

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Start the rodeo right on Thursday night

By Lucy Waldron

ARIAT Warwick Rodeo 2023 is all set to begin with a line-up of thrilling entertainment on Thursday night.

Headlining the event is Southbound xo, known as "AUS-Country's Hottest Supergroup." Comprising co-lead vocalists Missy Lancaster and Sarah Bernardo, along with electric guitarist Andrea Krakovska, this all-female country/rock band is sure to bring high-energy performances that guarantee an unforgettable experience.

They have already made their mark in the music industry, securing two number 1 singles on the official Australia Country Radio Airplay charts with hits like 'This Is Us' (3 weeks) and 'Find Our Way.'

Their success extends further with an AIR chart all-genre #1 single, gathering over 10 million audio streams and gracing the stages of major events like CMC Rocks QLD and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Opening for Southbound xo is the talented emerging artist Charlie Fittler, who embodies the true essence of country music.

At just 11, Charlie captivated audiences with his performance of 'Lights On The Hill' at an open mic night, instilling in him a desire to share his talent with the world. By the age of 13, he ventured into busking during the renowned Tamworth Country Music Festival, connecting with listeners through his heartfelt music. Inspired by legendary songwriter Joy McKean, Charlie's own song 'Lights On The Hill' was born.

Despite his youthful appearance, Charlie possesses a powerful country roar that resonates with his growing fanbase. Embracing his individuality, he fearlessly carves his own path in the music industry, co-writing his debut single 'Guitar Can't Drink a Beer' with Golden Guitar winner Travis Collins at The Academy of Country Music in 2018.



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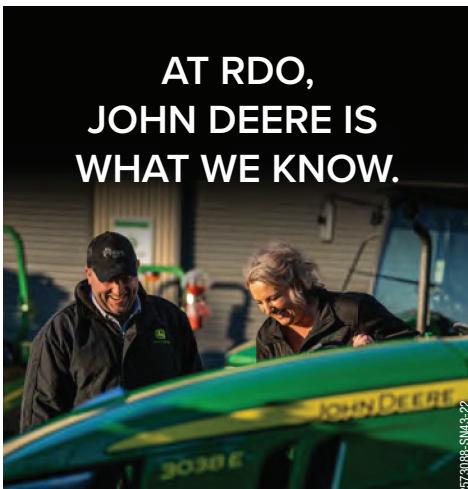
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Casey Barnes

Best in Oz country music right here

THIS year, the Warwick Rodeo is set to showcase some of the country's finest talents in country music, making it an event that should not be missed.

On Friday night, attendees can look forward to performances by Casey Barnes, the new Billy Gudgeon Band, and on Saturday, Brad Cox and 78 Sound will take the stage to provide an evening of entertainment.

Casey Barnes, a multi-award-winning artist, is known for his captivating live shows and is highly regarded in the Australian Country music scene. His tour, "Light It Up," has taken him across Australia and the United States, and he has also performed at major festivals such as Bluesfest, CMC Rocks, Groundwater, and Gympie Muster. Joining Casey on Friday is Billy Gudgeon, an emerging star in the Australian country rock scene. Known for his powerful voice and energetic performances, Billy has graced the stages of prominent country music festivals and now brings his talent to the Warwick Rodeo.

On Saturday, the Rodeo concludes with a remarkable performance by ARIA nominee Brad Cox, whose self-titled album in 2018 earned him two Golden Guitar nominations. With his exceptional talent, undeniable



Brad Cox

charisma, and commanding stage presence, Brad Cox guarantees an unforgettable experience.

Additionally, local Warwick brothers Ben, Clayton and Morgan Vellacott, together they are 78 Sound, will be showcasing their music once again at the Rodeo. Having made a name for themselves in music competitions across Australia, they promise a night of enjoyable entertainment.

The main acts will commence at 9pm, with music continuing until 2am, ensuring a lively and fun-filled evening for all attendees.



Thank you to the Judges and Donors

WE would like to thank our wonderful judges who give up their time each year to spend a week in the hot sun to judge over 2500 runs to crown the winner of the Warwick Gold Cup known affectionally by all as "the Melbourne Cup of Campdrafting".

2023 Judges

- Warwick Lawrence
- Stewart Wallace
- Steven Wells
- Leon Schwager
- Megan Rogan
- Ian Atthow

With the popularity of campdrafting reaching new heights and the demand to source cattle being difficult, especially in these dry times, The Warwick Show & Rodeo Society is

extremely grateful to our Cattle Donors for the kind donation of over 3000 cattle for this year's Warwick Gold Cup, Canning Downs, Ladies, Stallion and Champion of Champions Drafts. Without their kind donation of cattle this competition would not be possible so please make sure you say thank you if you see them around the grounds over the Rodeo week.

- Cattle Donors
- Dion & Sharon Porter (Westmar)
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- Ben Maher (Rodgers Creek)
- Paul & Kelli Christiansen
- John & Jenneke Matthewson
- Ben & Phoebe Thompson
- Matt Edwards
- Shane Corbould

How does campdrafting work?

CAMPDRAFTING at its very essence is a display of great horsemanship. It is a unique Australian Sport. It requires a rider to focus on and simultaneously navigate two animals with precision and fast judgment.

The competition begins with a drawn order of riders in the draft. A small herd of cattle, most commonly referred to as a "camp" are penned into a small yard.

The rider has to show their ability to cut a beast from the camp on horseback and show their control with at least two or three turns of the beast while blocking it from its herd.

The rider then calls for the gate to be opened and begins the set course.

The course consists of a first peg, a second peg and finally two pegs known as "the gate".

The rider drafts the beast in a figure of eight around the first two pegs before finally coming through the gate.

If the stockwhip cracks, the round is over either because the rider and horse have let the beast get away or the allowed time has been reached.

Up to a total of 100 points are scored by horse and rider: Cut out is worth a total of 26 points; horse work up to a further 70 points;



Campdrafting is a sport of precision and patience.

and 4 points for the course (2 points for the first peg, 1 point for the second peg and 1 point for the gate).

It is a remarkable sport with the first formal Campdrafting competition held not far from Warwick, at the Tenterfield Show in Tenterfield in 1885.

Clarence Smith, a cattleman and horse breeder, created the rules for Campdrafting and on the 120th anniversary of the event a monument was commemorated in his honour which can be found at the Tenterfield Showgrounds.



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The Warwick Show and Rodeo Society Management Committee.

The backbone of the Society

THE Warwick Show and Rodeo Society depends on a small group of dedicated volunteers known as the Management Committee who oversee the financial, administrative, and operational aspects of both the show and rodeo/campdraft. The committee is led by President John Maher, who has been a volunteer for over 50 years, and Vice President Nick LeLay, who brings a wealth of new ideas and energy to the committee.

The committee includes three sub-committees: Show, Rodeo, and Campdraft, each with a member of the Management Committee serving as chair.

The Treasurer, Gerard O'Leary, plays a critical role, having an overall view of the society's financial situation. Tania Weier convenes the canteen, which is a vital part of the society's fundraising activities.

Lorna Fanning, the office manager, is known as the "Voice of Australian Campdrafting" and was the 2022 recipient of the Warwick

Tribute to Australian Campdrafting. She is assisted by Terri Gilbert, Society secretary, Andrew Tickle, Accounts Officer, and Courtney Thomson, Administration Assistant.

The Marketing and Promotion duties are handled by Kate Skinner, a former Warwick Rodeo Queen and Management Committee member. The society has recently elected Aaron Lee as Bar Chairman to introduce new ideas and improve bar operations. Chris O'Leary serves as standby to fill any vacant positions on short notice due to illness or other reasons.

There is a diverse mix of Management Committee members, some with a long history and a wealth of experience across many aspects of the events, while others are younger and full of energy, determination, and fresh ideas.

The society is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people, which bodes well for the future of the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society.



WARWICK RODEO & GOLD CUP CAMPDRAFT

The best behind the bar

THE Warwick Show and Rodeo Society welcomed Aaron Lee as its new Bar Chairman in 2023. Aaron, from Karara, has been a volunteer at the Warwick Showgrounds for many years and recently served as Chief Steward of the Prime Lamb competition, where he helped secure significant prize money.

He also joined the General Management Committee in 2022. Aaron is determined to take the bar operations to a new level in 2023, and his first order of business is to improve the customer experience by introducing Square Terminals at the bar to eliminate the ticket system and reduce waiting time.

As with all chair positions, Aaron is unable to do the role on his own, therefore, he is assisted by Judie Thompson.

Judie leads a team of dedicated volunteers in the McConville Bar, and she is a valuable member of the Bar team.

Patrons at the event will likely see both Judie and Aaron behind the bar, working hard to serve them.



Welcome Aaron Lee!



Judie Thompson is keen to help out too!



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Previous winners

Rodeo winners

2022:

- Saddle Bronc Ride - Cameron Southern
- Bull Ride - Kelsey Pavlou
- Barebak -B rendon Cramley
- Rope and Tie - Mitch Eastwell
- Steer Wrestling - Thomas Whitwell
- Team Roping Aggregate - Casey Tribe and Adam Harvey
- Barrel Race Aggregate - Zara Benjamin
- Breakaway Roping - Phillipa Leys

Campdrafting winners

2021:

- Richard Hansen – Warwick Gold Cup
- Mark Buttsworth – Canning Downs
- Kellie Bond – Ladies
- Will Durkin - Stallion
- Stewart Wallace – Champion of Champions

2022: no event (weather)

Previous Warwick Gold Cup Winners (since 2001)

- 2001 Troy Clarke - Charm
- 2002 David Gillett - Glitter

- 2003 Doug Cameron - Cassette
- 2004 Paul Vary- Riverview Snowy
- 2005 Pete Comiskey - Roany's Chex
- 2006 Michael Hiscock - Crown Isa Lily
- 2007 No event (equine influenza)
- 2008 Nigel Kable- Chevin Ivory
- 2009 Steve Comiskey- Delta
- 2010 Ben Hall - Perfect Son
- 2011 Tom Williamson - Serene Acres
- 2012 Ben Tapp - Cool Dust
- 2013 Michael Hiscock - Hazelwood Advice
- 2014 Peter O'Neill - Roma
- 2015 Ben Tapp - Acres of Roses (owned by Peter Mutch)
- 2016 Lloyd Brown - Mallanganee Sampson
- 2017 Troy Palmer - Who's Devine
- 2018 Steve Comiskey - Broomfield Stylish Diamond
- 2019 Kerry Turner - Hingus
- 2020 No event (Covid-19)
- 2021 Richard Hansen - 49er Shake
- 2022 no event (weather)

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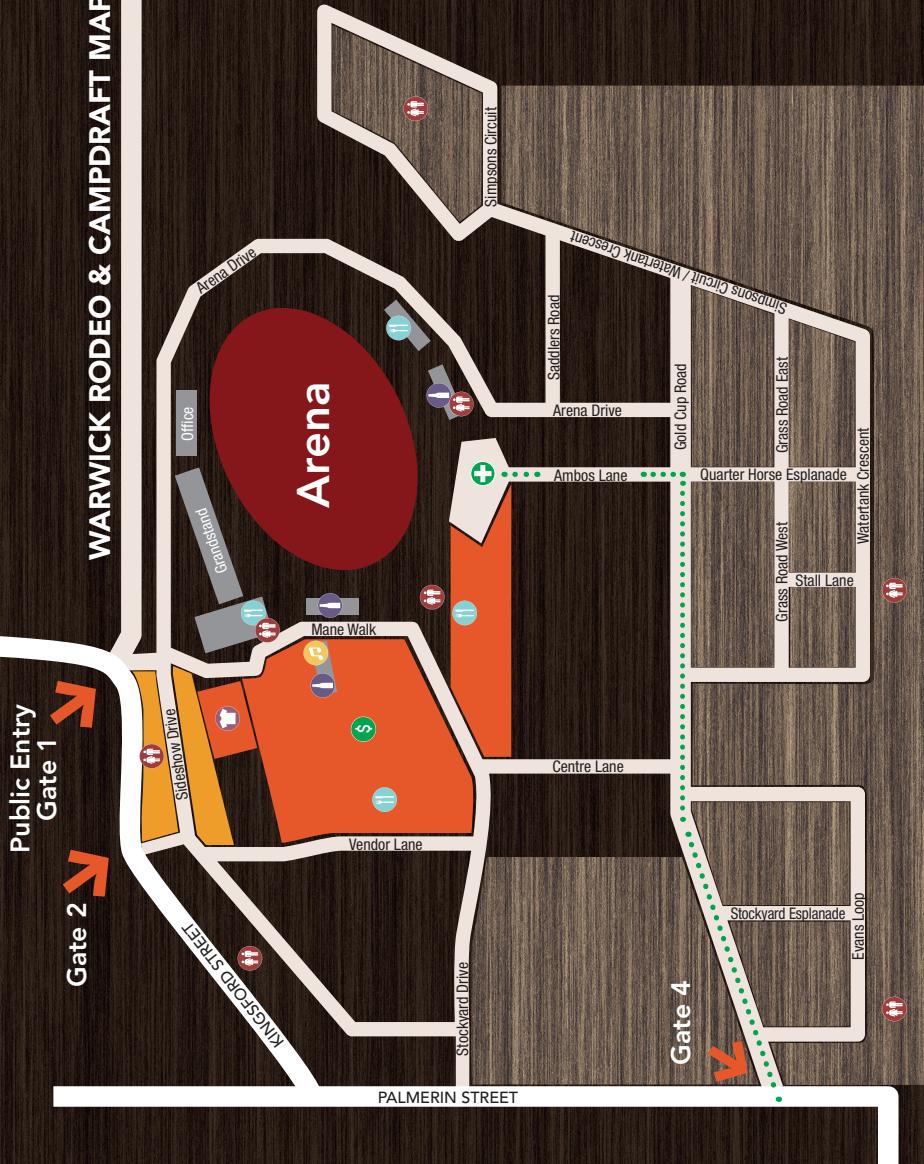


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Ariat Warwick Rodeo & Pryde's Easifeed Gold Cup Campdraft 2023

	<u>Friday 27th October 2023</u>	<u>Saturday 28th October 2023</u>
<u>6.00 am</u>	<u>Pryde's Easifeed</u> Warwick Gold Cup - Rd 2	<u>6.00 am</u>
<u>1.30pm</u>	RDO Equipment Ladies Silver Cup - Final	<u>Frasers Livestock Transport</u> Stallion Draft - Rd 1
<u>4.00pm</u>	RDO Equipment Ladies Silver Cup	<u>9.30 am</u>
	Campdraft - Presentation	Warwick Credit Union - Junior Barrel
	Dolly Everett Memorial Ladies Series - Presentation	Helen Harm Real Estate - Jr Breakaway
<u>5.00 pm</u>	Brian Aspinall Memorial Poley Buckjump sponsored by Warwick Sand & Gravel	Crossdraw - 2nd Division Paddle Bronc
	Grand Entry	Crisp's Buses Jnr Steer Ride
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Ariat Warwick Rodeo	<u>11.00am</u>
	Circle L - Ladies Barrel	<u>Frasers Livestock Transport</u> Stallion Draft - Final
	Warwick Credit Union - Junior Barrel	<u>11.30am</u>
	Motiv8d - Rope & Tie	Crisp's Buses Jnr Steer Ride
	Zooma Signs - Team Roping	Warwick Panel & Paint - 2nd Division Bull Ride
	Criterion Hotel - Bronc Ride	Tuff Bullbars - Mini Bulls 13-15
	Katie B - Breakaway Roping	<u>12.00pm</u>
	Loy's & Sons - Steer Wrestling	<u>Frasers Livestock Transport</u> Stallion Draft - Presentation
	Fontana Bros - Bull Ride	Tuff Bullbars - Mini Bull 13-15 U15
	Repeat	Motiv8d -Rope & Tie
		WCU - Junior Bulls
		Tuff Bullbar - Mini Bull 7-12yrs
		Warwick Stanthorpe Today -2nd Division
		Bareback
		Tuff Bullbars - Mini Bulls 13-15
		<u>2.00pm</u>
		Ascot Angus & Charolais Canning Downs Campdraft - Final
		After Rodeo - Live Entertainment
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Saddle Bronc

Crisp's coaches - Junior Steer

Tuff Bullbars - Mini Bulls 7-12yrs

WCU - Junior Bulls

Crisp's coaches - Junior Steer

4.30pm

Ascot Angus & Charolais Canning
Downs Campdraft - Presentation

6.00 pm Grand Entry - Tribute in
memory of Campdraft and Rodeo
Members who have passed.

Ariat Warwick Rodeo

Circle L - Ladies Open Barrel

Hutchison Quarries - Bareback

Tuff Bullbars - Mini Bulls 13-15

Motiv8d - Rope & Tie

Zooma Signs - Team Roping

Criterion - Open Saddle Bronc

WCU - Junior Bulls

Katie B - Breakaway Roping

Loys & Sons - Steer Wrestling

Circle L - Ladies Barrel

Warwick Credit Union - Junior Barrel

Warwick Panel & Paint - 2nd Division Bull

Loys & Sons Steer Wrestle

Criterion - Open Saddle Bronc

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Warwick Stanthorpe Today - 2nd
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Warwick Panel & Paint - 2nd Division Bull
Wayne Carey & Sons Poley Buck Jump

Feature ride

11.00am

Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup

Campdraft - Final

Crossdraw - 2nd Division

Saddle Bronc

1.00pm

Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup

Campdraft - Presentation

2.00pm Ariat Short Go Sunday

Circle L - Open Barrel - Top 12

Hutchison Quarries - Bareback - Top 12

Zooma Signs - Team Roping - Top 12

Motiv8d Rope & Tie - Top 12

Fontana Bros - Bull Ride - Top 12

Katie B - Breakaway - Top 12

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Criterion - Bronc Ride - Top 12

After Rodeo - Live Entertainment

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21st - 27th of October





What are the Rodeo Clowns?

By Lucy Waldron

If you are not too familiar with the world of Rodeo, a Rodeo Clown would be an interesting person to come across.

In the world of Rodeo, one cannot help but be captivated by the intriguing presence of Rodeo Clowns.

Adorned with vibrant clothes, these clowns, also known as bull fighters, have a crucial responsibility - to safeguard the riders from the menacing bulls.

Despite their lighthearted appearance, Rodeo Clowns bravely step up whenever riders encounter challenges during their performance, diverting the attention of irate animal away from the cowboys.

An incident at the recent Central Queensland Rodeo underscored the essential role of Rodeo Clowns and their unwavering bravery.

Nash Meller, a 17-year-old cowboy, found himself abruptly thrown off the bull's back, landing defenceless on the ground.

As the furious bull charged towards him, bullfighter Dalton Poole swiftly intervened, throwing his body protectively over Nash,



Their presence in the Rodeo is vital.

shielding his head and torso from the raging animal.

For Dalton, this act of heroism was simply part of his duty, unquestionably assuming the role of a bodyguard for the rider.

They work in tandem with the riders but are also acutely aware of the bull's every move.

So despite their comedic ensemble and the entertainment they provide, the Rodeo would not be the event it is without the protection of the Rodeo Clowns.

So, what does all the jargon mean?

Here is a list of 'rodeo talk' that will help you understand your time out at the Ariat Warwick Rodeo and Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft.

Bulldogger - A steer wrestler.

Flank Strap - Encourages the animal to buck and kick out.

Piggin' string - The rope used to tie steers legs together.

Dally - The winding of the loose end of a rope around the saddle horn after having caught a steer.

Covering - In the rough stock events, staying on for at least the minimum time, eight seconds.

Hazer - In steer wrestling, the rider on the opposite side from the contestant whose job it is to keep the steer running straight.

Turn out - A cowboy may turn out of a rodeo if, he has a medical condition or visible injury.

Rank - An adjective of praise and respect used to describe especially challenging rough stock.

Pickup men - Mounted riders who help the contestant off his bronc, release a bucking horse's soft flank strap, and escort bucking horses to the exit gate after a ride.

Chute - A pen that holds an animal safely in position and allows the rider to mount it in comparative safety.

Box - In a timed event, the area a horse and rider back into before they make a roping or steer wrestling run.

Go-round - Many rodeos have more than one round of competition; each is called a go-round, and all cowboys.



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The return of rodeo royalty.

Rodeo royalty return for media launch

SEVERAL former Australian rodeo champions turned out to assist the Warwick Rodeo committee launch the 2023 Ariat Warwick Rodeo and Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft in front of a large group of gathered media.

Champions included Warwick-based brothers Norm and Steve Hilton, always keen to support their local rodeo where both have had success over many years.

Steve Hilton managed the APRA office in Warwick after he started to scale down his competition schedule but is still called upon to assist committees across Australia and has been the arena director at Mount Isa Rodeo for a number of years.

Norm Hilton is a former Bull Ride Champion who is remembered as one of the best produced in Australia. His battle over more



than 10 trips on the Garry McPhee-owned bucking bull Ivory Lightning will go down in rodeo history and legend.



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Many times judge at Warwick Rodeo, Barry Jones, was also there to assist with the launch along with his most often fellow-judge, John Brearley.

Barry and John together have been the most respected rodeo judges on the circuit for more than two decades and most judges feel honoured to work alongside either of them.

Barry Jones, who now lives in Warwick, has judged more National Finals Rodeos than any other pro-rodeo judge while John Brearley has been in control at the opposite end of the arena, barrier judge at the timed events chute.

Also there to lend a hand was rodeo icon Darryl Kong.

Darryl was the first Australian saddle bronc rider to qualify for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's National Finals Rodeo in the USA where he finished third overall in 1972, having only competed there for three years.

Darryl is also remembered for the many clinics he ran for up-and-coming saddle bronc riders, many of whom went on to win their

own championships, crediting Darryl with giving them the edge.

Also in attendance was former APRA Board Member, John Osborne. John is a long-time supporter of the sport of rodeo in Australia, and father to some of our best rodeo competitors in the country.

While the rodeo personalities may have been the main draw at the launch, a number of campdraft competitors also turned out to demonstrate their sport.

Chief among those who attended was David 'Skip' McIvor, not only a campdraft competitor but a highly respected rodeo, campdraft and polocrosse announcer. 'Skip' was supported by Ben and Toby Usher in the campdraft area giving demonstrations to the gathered crowd, along with Kevin Ryan and others from the campdraft fraternity.

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The Rodeo Hall of Fame inductees

Warwick Show and Rodeo Society congratulate this year's Rodeo Hall of Fame inductees. Their contribution to rodeo is legendary.

TROY DUNN

After a successful Rodeo career in Australia, Troy travelled to North America in 1990.

He won the bull riding at the Calgary Stampede and qualified for the PRCA National Finals in Las Vegas.

He was one of the founding members of the Professional Bull Riding Association and won the world Bull Riding title in 1997.

He is one of only three Australians to win a world title in Rodeo.

KITTY GILL AND GLADYS GILL

These ladies rodeoed in the 1930s and 1940s when Lady Bronc Riding was a big drawcard event at rodeos.

They won the Australian Titles as Lady Bronc Riders and made a big contribution to Rodeo in Australia.

JIM McGUIRE

Jim was known as the Ironman of Rodeo in the 1960s and 1970s.

Jim competed in all Rodeo Events. He was a true All Round Competitor.

He won 5 All Round Titles and many other event Titles.

He came from Ipswich but called Taroom home.

RON ANDERSON



Troy Dunn

Ron Anderson came from Melbourne and rodeoed in the 1950's. He mentored many young Cowboys at Footscray who later went on to win Australian Rodeo Titles.

Ron himself competed in Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Riding and Rope and Tie.

He became President of the Australian Rough Riders Association after the disastrous World Cup Rodeo in 1980 and was a great Ambassador for Rodeo in Australia.

ALAN BENNETT

Alan came from South Australia and was an all-round competitor in the 1940's and 1950's.

He won Australian Titles in Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Rope and Tie and Bareback Bronc Riding.

He was a very popular competitor and a great Ambassador for Australian Rodeo.


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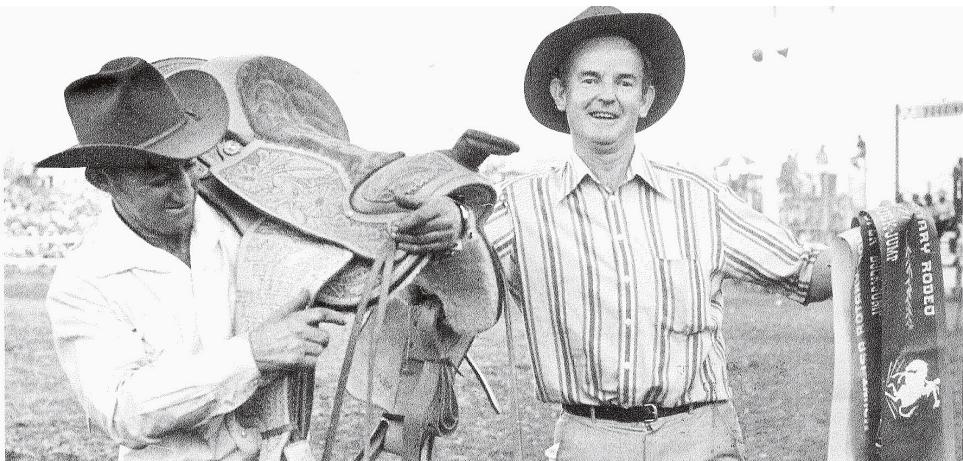
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Meet our royal court

THE Rodeo Queen Quest is a week-long event that saw 13 contestants go head-to-head for each title.

Judges Michael, Tamasin Maher, and Erica Clancy faced the difficult task of differentiating between the contestants in each category.

Judge and former Warwick Rodeo Saddle Bronc riding champion, Michael Maher, commended the entrants for their dedication and hard work stating the competition was extremely tough.

"The entrants can be very proud of themselves for the time and effort put in to preparing for the quest.

"Their hard work is certainly very evident."

Jorja Hill, a local from Warwick, was crowned as the Warwick Rodeo Princess 2023 and received the Horsemanship award. Jorja dreams of following in her mother's footsteps in the Rodeo Queen ranks and looks forward to representing "Australia's Most Famous" Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft.

Kate Skinner for the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society said the Queen Quest is a great competition that really developed young women in the community and an opportunity to meet people and spread the rodeo excitement.

Winners of the Mr and Miss Tiny Tot titles are Braith Peasnell and Isla Rutledge. Grace Muller, 13 years old picked up the Warwick Rodeo Junior Cowgirl 2023 and also won the Horsemanship award, she is very active in the



Rodeo Royalty Back: Grace Muller - Jnr Cowgirl, Jessie Nott - Warwick Rodeo Queen, Jorja Hill - Warwick Rodeo Princess, Front: Braith Peasnell - Mr Tiny Tot, and Isla Rutledge Miss Tiny Tot.

local Campdraft and barrel racing scene.

Grace Muller, a 13-year-old attending Scots PGC College in grade 8, emerged as the Warwick Rodeo Junior Cowgirl 2023 and won the Horsemanship award. Grace participates in local Campdrafts and Barrel Races, as well as showing lead steers at local shows.

Peyton Alexander-Smith raised over \$7,100 for the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society, earning the Warwick Rodeo Queen Quest Overall Fundraiser Title. Combined efforts from all participants resulted in raising over \$17,000 for ongoing improvements and maintenance.



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Hayden phoned the Parish family and said, "Mate, I have found him. Get your ticket, get on a plane, and bring your cheque book."

Over the next few weeks, it was a flurry of activity and excitement. Rob and Kelly Parish watched videos, took calls and texts, and even had Hayden ride Ace of Spadz.

After an extensive vet check, they finally received the green light. It was a wave of emotion for the new owners as they watched Ace of Spadz show for the first time.

The Parish family was blown away by Ace of Spadz's demeanour, presence, ability, temperament, and beauty when they finally saw him in person. Australian investors who viewed Ace of Spadz at a futurity were equally impressed, booking in two mares each to be sired by this magnificent stallion.



Ace of Spadz

A year later, Ace of Spadz is still exceeding expectations, making it to the final for the 5/6-year-old open Brazos Bash and impressing everyone who sees him.

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Honorary Life Members awarded in 2023

FOUR vital members of the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society were pleasantly surprised during the AGM when they were presented with Honourary Life Memberships.

Chief among them was Pat Brown who has been a quiet and dignified volunteer for more than 45 years as the main timer at the October rodeo and a gatekeeper for two other rodeos and the annual agricultural show.

As for working bees, Pat is one of those who, for more than four decades, could always be trusted to turn up.

Pat never needs to be asked, he's always there when needed.

Volunteer groundsman and former management committee member Jack Dwan was also honoured with HLM for his work for many years on the showgrounds, especially with his knowledge of the underground water mains.

Jack has seldom missed a working bee at the showgrounds for longer than most members can remember and he always has a crew of workers to put into action when something urgent needs to be done.

Gerard O'Leary was also presented Honourary Life Membership in return for many years of voluntary work for the Society. Gerard is currently the Society treasurer and is a former president. As for how many years he's been involved as a volunteer, not even he was able to remember when he first started.



Gerard O'Leary, Pat Brown, John Skinner and Jack Dwan are now life members of the Society.

The last of the four was veteran rodeo committee member John Skinner. His involvement in modernising the annual rodeo with lighting for night-time activities, finals in all events, new designs for the timed event back yards and the list goes on.

John spent 10 years on the management committee, three years as rodeo committee chairman and has been a steward at the annual show since 1983, firstly in the Quarter Horse ring, then the grand parade and since 2002, has been the co-ordinator of the show shearing competition.

John has also voluntarily written 11 books to complement the annual Warwick Tribute to Australian Campdrafting with biographies of the recipients.

Society president John Maher said he was proud to honour these four men for their countless hours of volunteer work on behalf of the show and rodeo.

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Old and new esteemed patrons

THE Warwick Show and Rodeo Society welcomes Dr John Kiss, who takes his place alongside long term patron Bill Gross.

Bill's devotion to the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society can be traced back more than 50 years, during which he has served as a committee member, exhibitor, and notably, chief steward of the Prime Cattle and Prime Sheep sections. Having been a patron for a decade, Bill has enjoyed unwavering support from his beloved wife, Mrs Nancy Gross, who has also made significant contributions to the society, particularly through her involvement in the former Ladies Auxiliary.

Like Bill, John boasts an extensive association with the Society spanning over half a century, this addition marks a significant milestone in the society's journey. John has been an esteemed member of the Society for many years, initially making his mark as a skilled competitor in campdrafting before assuming the prestigious role of President. He was twice elected as the Society President in



Newly appointed patron John Kiss.

2014 and 2016, cementing his dedication to the organisation's growth and success.

Expressing his delight at being appointed as a patron of the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society, John humbly acknowledged the honour of the title.

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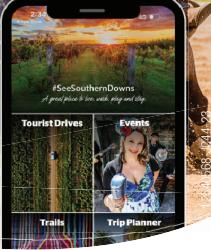
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Buddy immortalised Warwick Rodeo

BUDDY Williams was one of the men who helped put Warwick Rodeo in the headlines.

On November 11, 1941, he released the song he'd written himself titled Headin' for The Warwick Rodeo in which he mentioned several well-known locals and some of the riders from throughout Australia.

Men like rodeo secretary Ned (EJ) Portley, who was also the mayor, Cecil Pearce from Warwick, winner of three consecutive 'buckjump' (saddle bronc) titles in Warwick; Basil Gollan, who went on to become president of the Australian Rough Riders Association; and New Zealander Steve Laird whose ashes were spread in front of the chute gates at the Warwick ground in the late 1990s.

In later years Buddy Williams was presented the Keys to the City of Warwick and the mayor at the time is reported to have told him if he ever bought a home in Warwick, he'd never have to pay rates.

Such was the fame his song brought to the city and Warwick's rodeo.



Buddy Williams

Headin' for the Warwick Rodeo

IT will be a great day at the Warwick Rodeo

*When Ned Portley greets the cowhands
from the west*

*And he hands out the prizes for the rodeo
events*

And judges the bronc riding contest

*Steve Laird the 'flank rope' king will be
there to have a fling*

*And ride the bucking bulls and broncos
too*

*And the audience gets a thrill and the boys
all show their skill*

At riding Knickerbockerbuckaroo

*So polish up your saddles, polish up your
boots*

The big show is near so let us go

Polish up your spurs, saddle up and ride

We're headin' for the Warwick Rodeo

Yodel

*Cecil Pearce of Warwick Town, a rough
rider of renown*

Made his name at the rough riding game

*Basil Gollan rode to fame, Kevin Healy did
the same*

*On the toughest broncs that ever grew a
mane.*

*Leading stockmen from the west in the
cattle drafting test*

Can teach you anything you want to know

*So saddle up your ponies or crawl aboard
a train*

And see you at the Warwick Rodeo

Yodel

*Polish up your saddles, polish up your
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The big show is near so let us go

Polish up your spurs, saddle up and ride

We're headin' for the Warwick Rodeo

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Volunteers are the backbone of Warwick Rodeo.

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