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Pause and recognise: Message from the Warwick Show and Rodeo President

As we celebrate 96 years of the Warwick Rodeo and Campdraft, it's a moment to pause and recognise the incredible people who make this event what it is, year after year.

To our dedicated staff and contractors, thank you for your tireless effort in ensuring every detail comes together both behind the scenes and in the arena.

Your professionalism and passion are the backbone of this event.

To our volunteers, the lifeblood of the Society, your commitment, generosity, and community spirit continue to make Warwick proud.

To the competitors who travel from across the country, thank you for bringing your skill, courage, and sportsmanship to our arena. You are the heart of the show, and your dedication to the sport keeps our long-standing traditions alive.

To our loyal patrons, spectators, and supporters, whether this is your first visit or your fiftieth, thank you for being part of the Warwick story.

Your enthusiasm fills the stands, your energy lifts the arena, and your support ensures the legacy of Australia's most historic rodeo and campdraft continues for generations to come.

Ninety-six years of grit, determination, and country pride have brought us here today. It's an honour to share in this celebration of sport, community, and tradition with each and every one of you.

See you at the arena!

Gerard O'Leary,
Warwick Show and
Rodeo President



Horsemanship, skill, community spirit: Message from the Campdraft Chairman

Welcome to the 2025 Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft, a true celebration of horsemanship, skill, and community spirit that has made Warwick the home of Australian campdrafting for almost a century.

This year's event sees close to 3,000 head of cattle donated by our generous cattle donors, an extraordinary contribution that underpins the success and fairness of every draft.

On behalf of the committee and competitors, I extend my sincere thanks to each and every donor for your ongoing support and commitment to our sport.

Your generosity is the foundation that keeps the Gold Cup and its associated drafts thriving.

To our sponsors, your continued belief in

this event allows us to showcase the very best of campdrafting and ensures we can keep building on the proud traditions of Warwick.

To our hardworking volunteers, staff, and contractors, thank you for your long hours, dedication, and passion in bringing it all together.

Finally, to all competitors, supporters, and visitors, best wishes for a safe, enjoyable, and memorable week of drafting.

May your time in Warwick be filled with great runs, country hospitality, and lasting friendships.

Kevin Ryan,
Campdraft Chairman





Message from the Rodeo Chairman

Welcome to the 2025 Ariat Warwick Rodeo, where tradition meets adrenaline in Australia's most iconic rodeo arena.

This year, we're proud to welcome back our returning stock contractors Eddie Gill, Gary McPhee, and Destiny Downs, whose world-class stock sets the stage for some of the toughest and most exciting competition in the country.

Their commitment and expertise ensure that both riders and spectators experience rodeo at its absolute best.

We're thrilled to see the best of the best taking to the arena once again, from our seasoned champions to the next generation coming through in our Junior Events.

It's this mix of legacy and fresh talent that keeps the spirit of Warwick alive.

A major highlight this year is the Australian Invitational Global Bronc Match, offering the largest purse in Australian bronc riding history, \$50,000 up for grabs. Alongside this, every open rodeo event will feature \$10,000 prize money, reaffirming our commitment to supporting competitors and recognising their dedication to the sport.

As we return to our traditions, we do so with a clear focus, prioritising our competitors, honouring our history, and delivering an unforgettable experience for every spectator.

Enjoy the ride and the magic that only Warwick Rodeo can deliver.

Jeff Miller,
Rodeo Chairman



Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Southern Downs Regional Council, I'm pleased to welcome this year's competitors, supporters and visitors to the Southern Downs for the 2025 Warwick Rodeo and Campdraft Week.

Each October, Warwick saddles up to host one of the most anticipated events on the rodeo circuit, attracting thousands to the region, all drawn here by a shared love of world-class horsemanship, competition and community spirit.

It's a time when we proudly showcase our rural heritage and hospitality on a national stage, and we are honoured to host such a defining moment on the rodeo calendar.

Known as Australia's Most Famous Rodeo, this iconic event has a long and respected history. Since 1906, it has grown into one of the most recognised events in the country.

This proud tradition continues to grow, and each year we welcome new faces who become part of our story.

The Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft, in particular, is a standout, attracting more

entries than any other campdraft in the nation.

Beyond the arena, this week is about more than just sport. It's a celebration of the people and places that make the Southern Downs special. From the community street parade to the local food and hospitality, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

I encourage visitors to explore our region with the Southern Downs & Granite Belt Visitor App, it's a great way to discover local attractions, dining and experiences.

Finally, I want to thank the Warwick Show & Rodeo Society and the many volunteers who work to make this event a standout.

Your efforts are what make this week such a success year after year.

Please enjoy the skill, grit and atmosphere of the competition, and the warm country hospitality of Warwick.

Melissa Hamilton,
Southern Downs Mayor





Large crowds expected!

The 2025 Ariat Warwick Rodeo & Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft is once again bringing the heart and soul of Australian rodeo to life, with more than 30,000 spectators, competitors, and enthusiasts rolling into town for a week of world-class action.

Renowned as Australia's Most Famous Rodeo, Warwick's signature event blends elite competition, country hospitality, and entertainment in a way that's uniquely regional and unmistakably Australian.

Rodeo fans are being treated to thrilling events including Saddle Bronc, Open Bull Ride, Open Bareback, and the crowd favourite Ladies Barrel Race, alongside the prestigious Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Campdraft, showcasing Australia's best horsemen and women in pursuit of one of the sport's most coveted titles.

With over \$450,000 in prize money across rodeo and campdraft events, the competition is fierce as the best of the best take to the arena. Warwick Rodeo Chairman Jeff Miller says the

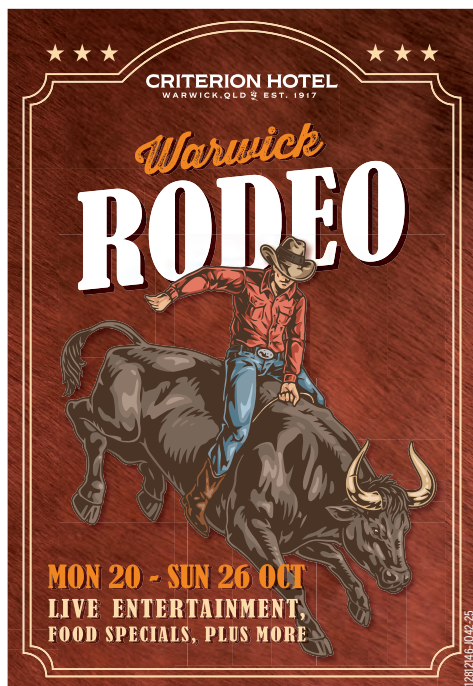
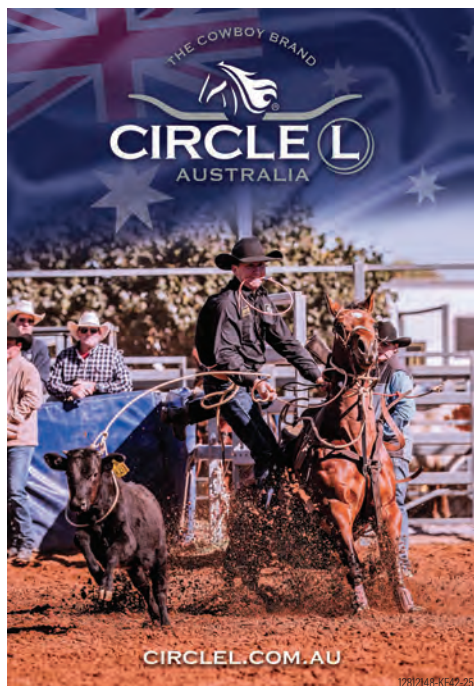
event's long history and strong community roots are what make it truly special.

"The Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft aren't just competitions, they're a celebration of our heritage, our people, and the country spirit that defines regional Australia," Jeff said.

"We're proud to honour our traditions while continuing to grow and welcome new generations of competitors and fans."

From the crack of dawn, the campdrafting action runs all week, leading into four action-packed nights of rodeo. The week culminates with the prestigious Gold Cup Campdraft and live entertainment across the weekend, a true showcase of horsemanship, skill, and the warm hospitality Warwick is famous for.

Whether you're here for the first time or you're part of the rodeo family that returns year after year, the 2025 event delivers an unforgettable celebration of sport, spirit, and country life.





The Double Buckle Champion returns

In 2024, Toby Collins made Warwick history, claiming not one but two championship buckles, taking out the Bull Ride and sharing the Saddle Bronc title.

It was a defining moment that cemented his reputation as one of Australia's most versatile and determined rodeo athletes.

Hailing from Maldon, Victoria, Toby's passion for the sport runs deep. A regular competitor on the PBR Australia circuit, he's known for his fearless approach, clean style, and ability to thrive under pressure. His talent spans both ends of the arena, mastering the raw power of the bulls and the rhythm of the broncs, a rare feat that few riders can claim.

In 2025, Toby returns to Warwick with two titles to defend and a new challenge ahead, as he lines up in the Australian Invitational Global Bronc Match, where the world's best riders from Australia, the USA, and Canada will go head-to-head for a record-breaking \$50,000 prize purse.

To win a buckle in Warwick is to join an elite list. To win two in one year, across the toughest



Toby Collins returns to Warwick to defend his title.

events in rodeo, is something truly special.

As you flip through this program, know this: when Toby Collins rides, you're watching a competitor who's earned respect across disciplines, a rider who embodies the spirit, grit, and tradition that Warwick has always celebrated. Expect fireworks when he enters the chutes, both in the bull arena and on broncs.

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Warwick Rodeo crowns 2025 Rodeo Royalty

The Warwick Show and Rodeo Society proudly celebrated one of its most cherished traditions over the weekend, the crowning of the 2025 Warwick Rodeo Royalty. The evening marked not only the beginning of a new chapter for the newly crowned Warwick Rodeo Queen, Cheyenne Neylon, but also the heartfelt conclusion of a memorable reign for outgoing Queen Rae-Louise Wright and Princess Belle Meek.

Under the warm glow of the stage lights, entrants sparkled with confidence and country grace, embodying the true spirit of the Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft. The Warwick Rodeo Queen Quest, a longstanding symbol of pride, poise, and community spirit, continues to unite generations, honouring the women who champion the event and the region it represents.

The 2025 Rodeo Royalty titles were awarded as follows:

- Warwick Rodeo Miss Tiny Tot – Kiali Potene
- Runner-Up Miss Tiny Tot – Addelyn Dendle
- Warwick Rodeo Mr Tiny Tot & Overall Fundraiser – Clae Fredrichs
- Warwick Rodeo Junior Cowgirl 2025 – Matilda Brand
- Runner-Up Junior Cowgirl – Indy Wetzler
- Warwick Rodeo Princess – Chaylee Bruyn
- Runner-Up Princess – Maddy Weier
- Warwick Rodeo Queen – Cheyenne Neylon

Outgoing Queen Rae-Louise Wright reflected on her time with emotion and gratitude.

"This year has been everything, full of laughter, lessons, and long days that turned into some of my favourite memories. Representing my hometown and the rodeo that's held a piece of my heart since childhood has truly been an honour. To the incredible girls I've shared this journey with, thank you for the laughs, the support, and the friendship that made this experience unforgettable. To our coordinators, sponsors, and the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society, your passion keeps this beautiful tradition alive. I'm so grateful for all you do behind the scenes to make the Quest not only possible, but meaningful. The sash may come off, but the lessons and memories last forever."

Outgoing Princess Belle Meek also shared heartfelt reflections on her time



Outgoing Warwick Rodeo Princess Belle Meek and Queen Rae-Louise Wright took a quiet moment away from the proceedings to reflect on their 2024 reign.

representing Warwick.

"Throughout my time as Princess, I've had the privilege of meeting so many incredible people, from competitors and committee members to visitors who travel from all over Australia to experience the Warwick Rodeo and Campdraft. I've built lifelong friendships and connections that I'll always hold close to my heart. This experience has been so much more than a title. It's helped me grow in confidence, find my voice, and truly understand the power of community. I've learned to step outside my comfort zone, speak proudly about our event, and represent something that means so much to me and to Warwick. Most of all, it's shown me the importance of giving back to a tradition that continues to bring people together, year after year."

Warwick Rodeo Queen Coordinator Kelli Mullins said the Quest continues to be a cornerstone of the Warwick Rodeo's proud history.

"The Rodeo Queen Quest isn't just about titles and sashes, it's about tradition, leadership, and community. Each entrant carries forward a legacy that began generations ago, representing the heart of Warwick and the values that make our rodeo so special."

For more than a century, the Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft has stood as a celebration of Australian country heritage, and the Queen Quest remains one of its most treasured traditions, connecting the past, present, and future through the grace and grit of those who wear the crown.



It was smiles all round for 2025 Warwick Rodeo Miss Tiny Tot Kiali Potene and runner-up Addelyn Dendle.



Judges had an extremely tough task choosing a winner in the Junior Cowgirl section, with ten talented entrants impressing the crowd.



2025 Warwick Rodeo Princess Chaylee Bruyn and runner-up Maddy Weier shone during the presentation at the Douglas Feez Pavilion.



A true cowboy handshake as 2024 Mr Tiny Tot Dustin Roach congratulates 2025 Mr Tiny Tot Clae Fredrichs.



Newly crowned 2025 Warwick Rodeo Queen Cheyenne Neylon proudly stands with her prizes following the presentation at the Douglas Feez Pavilion.



Entertainment under the stars

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 October | Warwick Showgrounds

When the dust settles and the arena lights come alive, the entertainment at the Ariat Warwick Rodeo & Pryde's EasiFeed Gold Cup Campdraft keeps the energy rolling long into the night. This year's lineup brings together two incredible Australian artists whose sounds are as electric as the atmosphere — Tate Cole and Mick Lindsay.

Friday Night – Tate Cole

Growing up around rodeos and small-town stages, Tate Cole brings a genuine country heart to the Warwick stage. His music tells stories of hard work, heartbreak, and life on the land, a sound that's as honest as the dust under his boots.

Since the release of his debut single *Purgatory* in March 2025, Tate's been turning heads across the country with his authentic style and heartfelt lyrics. From playing honky tonks to rodeo arenas, his performances capture everything we love about the Australian country spirit.

Saturday Night – Mick Lindsay

Saturday night's all about turning it up a notch with Mick Lindsay, the self-taught guitarist whose "country-fried rock" sound has made him one of the most exciting live acts on the circuit.

With hits like *Drink About You*, *If You're Sleeping*, and *Afterparty* racking up millions of



Country singer Tate Cole is set to bring his upbeat brand of country music to the Warwick Rodeo on Friday night.

streams, Mick knows how to get a crowd moving.

Having shared stages with legends like Jimmy Barnes, Paul Kelly, and Keith Urban, he brings a high-energy show full of cheek, charm, and seriously good music. Expect foot-stomping, sing-alongs, and a night you won't forget.

As the stars shine above and the arena buzzes below, these two artists are set to deliver the perfect soundtrack to an unforgettable weekend in Warwick, where country meets rock, and the good times just keep rolling.

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Australian Global Invitational Bronc Match

When the chutes swing open on Saturday night, the world's best saddle bronc riders will take centre stage in Warwick for the Australian Global Invitational Bronc Match.

This is no ordinary event, it's an international contest bringing together elite cowboys from Australia, the United States, and Canada, all here to test their skill, heart, and horsemanship against some of the toughest broncs in the country.

With \$50,000 up for grabs, the biggest prize pool for bronc riding in Australia, the stakes couldn't be higher. Every second in the saddle counts, and every ride tells a story of courage, control, and grit.

For the crowd, it's a spectacle of power and precision, a night where the arena lights shine bright, the atmosphere hums with anticipation, and champions are made before your eyes.

The Invitational is a proud part of the Ariat Warwick Rodeo & Pryde's EasiFeed Gold Cup Campdraft, continuing the legacy of bringing world-class competition and unforgettable



Jack Capewell shows his expertise out the chutes.

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History made, history remembered: the women of the Warwick Gold Cup

In 1951, Gertie Brook became the first woman to claim the Warwick Gold Cup, a victory that shattered barriers and etched her name into Australian campdrafting history. Nearly seven decades later, in 2019, Kerry Turner reignited that legacy aboard Hingus by Hazelwood Conman, a horse bred by Rohan Marks, reminding the sport that determination, grit, and horsemanship know no bounds.

And in 2024, history repeated itself when Kimberley Sammon added her name to that remarkable lineage of champions. Riding SDP Scott David by Hydrive Cat, from the stables of Sam and Sarah Campbell, Kimberley delivered an exceptional score of 268, narrowly edging out top contenders Michael Hiscock and Steve Comiskey, who both finished on 267.5.

Kimberley's victory was more than a personal triumph, it was a moment that celebrated the strength, skill, and spirit of women in campdrafting. To make it even more remarkable, she also took home the title in the Ladies Draft that same year, cementing her place as one of the sport's standout riders.

From Gertie's pioneering courage to Kerry's breakthrough ride and Kimberley's modern-day mastery, these women have each left an indelible mark on the Warwick Gold Cup. Their achievements continue to inspire every young rider who saddles up with heart, determination,



ABOVE: Gertie Brook's historic win in 1951.



RIGHT: Kerry Turner with her pride and joy the 2019 Gold Cup.

and the dream of making history of their own.

Here's to the women of the Warwick Gold Cup, past, present, and those still to come.

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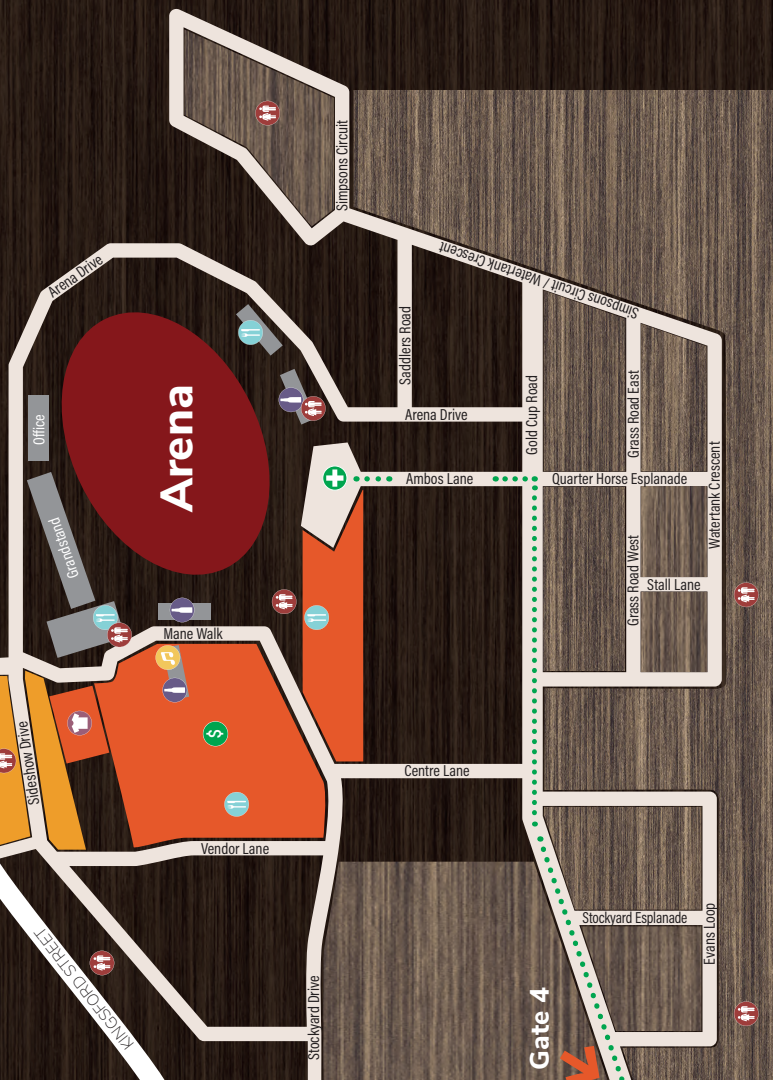
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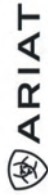
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Ariat Warwick Rodeo & Pryde's EasiFeed Gold Cup Campdraft 2025



Monday to Wednesday
Campdrafting

Thursday 23rd October 2025
6.00 pm - Grand Entry

ARIAT WARWICK RODEO

Circle L - Ladies Barrel
Laird Engineering - Team Roping
Cooler - Jnr Barrel
Great Northern - Rope & Tie
Katie B - Breakaway Roping
Double M - Jnr Roping
Westbuilt - Bronc Ride
Black Toyota - Steer Wrestling
Darling Downs Bank - Bull Ride

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All Round Champion
Cowboy/Cowgirl

After Rodeo - Live Entertainment

Friday 24th October 2025

7.00 am
Pryde's EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup - Rd 2

1.00pm
Black Truck & Ag / Nasco Auctions
Ladies Silver Cup - Final

2.00pm
Black Truck & Ag / Nasco Auctions
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4PM - **LADIES BRONC RIDE** -
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6.00 pm Grand Entry

ARIAT WARWICK RODEO
Circle L - Ladies Barrel
Luca Civil - Jnr Bulls

Great Northern - Rope & Tie
Cooler - Jnr Barrel

Hutchinson's Quarries - Bareback

Double M - Jnr Team Roping

Katie B - Break Away Roping

Westbuilt - Saddle Bronc

Black Toyota - Steer Wrestling

Darling Downs Bank - Bull Ride

Laird Engineering - Team Roping

Westbuilt - Bronc Ride

Katie B - Breakaway Roping

After Rodeo - Live Entertainment

Tate Cole

Saturday 25th October 2025

6.00 am
Fraser's Livestock Transport Stallion
Draft - Rd 1

10.00am
Cooler - Jr Breakaway

11.00am
Fraser's Livestock Transport Stallion
Draft - Final
Katie B - Breakaway Roping
Fraser's Livestock Transport Stallion
Draft - Presentation

12.00pm
Heritage Finance - Jnr Steer Ride
Luca Civil - Jnr Bull Ride
Ty Gardner Concreting - Jnr Barrel Race
Luca Civil - Jnr Bull Ride

2.00pm
Ascot Cattle - Canning Downs
Campdraft - Final
Westbuilt - Saddle Bronc
Black Toyota - Steer Wrestling
Ascot Cattle - Canning Downs Campdraft
- Presentation

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Saturday 25th October 2025 -
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Ariat Warwick Rodeo

Circle L - Ladies Barrel
Laird Engineering - Team Roping
Darling Downs Bank - Bull Ride

6.00 pm -

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

AUSTRALIAN INVITATIONAL
GLOBAL BRONC MATCH

After Rodeo - Live Entertainment
Mick Lindsay

Sunday 26th October 2025

5.30am

Wright Pastoral & Rose City Meats
Champion Of Champions - Rd 1

9.00 am

FINAL - Circle L - Ladies Barrel
Wright Pastoral & Rose City Meats
Champion Of Champions - Final
ARIAT RODEO TIMED EVENT FINALS
Black Toyota - Steer Wrestling
Laird Engineering - Team Roping
Katie B - Break Away Roping
Wright Pastoral & Rose City Meats
Champion Of Champions- Presentation

12PM -Grand Entry (Rodeo & Gold Cup Finalists)
Pryde's EasiFeed - Warwick Gold Cup
Campdraft - Final

ARIAT RODEO ROUGHSTOCK FINALS

Darling Downs Bank - Bull Ride
Hutchinson's Quarries - Bareback
Westbuilt -Saddle Bronc

Pryde's EasiFeed - Warwick Gold
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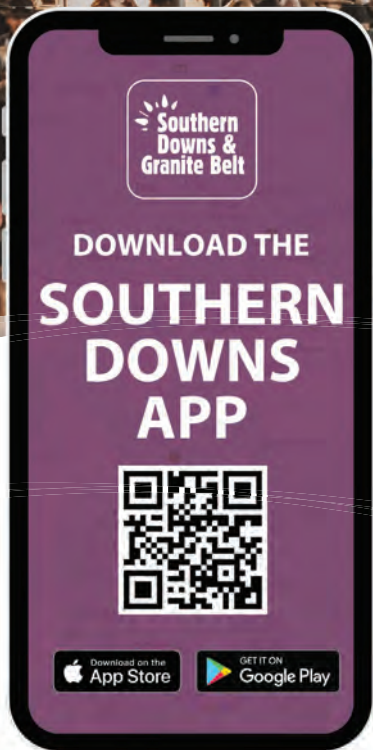
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The streets will come alive with sunflowers.

A sunflower's dream blooms

Warwick's Palmerin Street will burst into colour and excitement this week as the much-loved Warwick Rodeo Street Parade returns and this year's theme, 'Sunflower Dreams,' promises a vibrant celebration of community spirit and local pride.

The parade, set to roll out on Saturday 25 October from 9.30am to 10.30am, will see hundreds of entrants bringing the main street to life with floats, costumes, music, and entertainment inspired by both the region's rich rodeo heritage and its iconic sunflower fields.

Thousands of locals and visitors are expected

to line the streets to cheer on schools, businesses, community groups, and performers as they showcase their creativity and connection to the Southern Downs.

With \$2000 in prize money up for grabs, competition will be fierce and spectators can expect plenty of colour, laughter, and a few surprises along the way.

The Warwick Rodeo Street Parade is proudly part of Rodeo Week, celebrating the town's enduring love for horses, heritage, and community. A tradition that continues to grow brighter every year.



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Rodeo Winners 2024

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- Montanna Dunn

Junior Breakaway Roping

- Madison Harland

Junior Bull Ride

- Lucas Taylor

SaddleBronc

- Toby Collins
- Jesse Dennis

Open Bull

- Toby Collins

Bareback

- Jarrod McKane

Rope & Tie

- Campbell Hodson

Steer Wrestling

- Glen Chape

Team Roping Aggregate

- Rope McPhee and Toby Hale

Barrel Race

- Leanna Caban

Breakaway Roping

- Jorja Iker

Campdrafting Winners 2024

- Kimberley Sammon on SDP Scott David

Warwick Gold Cup

- Peter Knudsen on Memphis - Canning Downs
- Kimberley Sammon on Juliettea Romeo - Ladies
- Rohan Marks on Turnermarks Linesman - Stallion
- Steve Comiskey on Katie -Champion of Champions -

Previous Warwick Gold Cup Winners

- 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
- 2019 Kerry Turner – Hingus
- 2020 No event (Covid-19)
- 2021 Richard Hansen – 49er Shake
- 2022 no event (Weather)
- 2023 Michael Hiscock – Advice
- 2024 Kimberley Sammon - SDP Scott David



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Voice behind the Gold Cup

For 45 years, one familiar voice has echoed through the arena at the Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft, a voice that has become as much a part of the event as the dust, the cattle, and the thundering hooves. That voice belongs to Lorna Fanning, a woman whose passion for campdrafting and community spirit has left an indelible mark on Warwick's most iconic event.

Lorna's journey began like many others in the region, as a child attending the Warwick Gold Cup with her parents. It was there that she fell in love with the sport that would later define much of her life. Her first announcing experience came by chance at the Killarney Campdraft in the early 1970s, when the appointed announcer failed to turn up. "I was meant to be scoring," she laughs, "but they handed me the microphone and asked me to call the numbers. I've been doing it ever since."

When she first took to the microphone at Warwick, she already knew many of the competitors from years of scoring, but that didn't stop the nerves. Those nerves quickly gave way to confidence, and over the decades, her calm, cheerful tone became synonymous with the event itself. Her signature early morning greeting, "Good morning, competitors!", has become a tradition of its own, even if it's occasionally met with groans from the swags.

For Lorna, campdrafting is about far more than the scores. "I just love watching the horses work. You can see the expression on their faces, they love what they do," she says. Her passion for the



Lorna Fanning's 45 years behind the microphone.

sport is matched only by her admiration for the people who make it happen. "They're my friends. The whole community comes together, and that's what makes Warwick so special."

Few events hold the prestige of the Warwick Gold Cup, first presented in 1929. Lorna believes it's that sense of history that makes it such a coveted title. And she's seen more than her fair share of unforgettable moments, from Pat Kelly, who famously won the Gold Cup with one arm, to Boolarwell Shoeshine, the horse who gently cared for his injured rider, Robbie Hilton.

When asked what keeps her coming back year after year, the answer is simple: "I just love what I do." For Lorna, it's more than an event, it's a reunion, a celebration, and a proud piece of Warwick's heritage. "It's humbling to know people say the event wouldn't sound the same without me," she says with a smile. "But really, it's been my privilege. To watch this sport grow, to share the stories of the riders and horses, that's been the greatest reward."

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31st of December 2025

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The man who captured campdrafting's heart

Born in 1949 at the Culcairn Hospital, Maurie Godde arrived in the world with a record-breaking 10 pounds 9 ounces — a record that still stands to this day. From that very first moment, it seemed Maurie was destined to leave a lasting impression.

Growing up with his two brothers on the family's 1973-acre property near Culcairn, Maurie learned early what it meant to work hard and live off the land. Their mixed farming enterprise of cropping and sheep instilled in him a deep respect for country life — a theme that would weave through every chapter of his story.

In true country romance fashion, Maurie's life changed forever at the Urana New Year's Eve Ball. Spotting a young woman named Nerrida, he worked up the courage to ask her for a dance.

After that single dance, he turned to his mates and said, "I'm going to marry that girl." True to his word, Maurie and Nerrida wed in 1971, building a beautiful life together and raising three sons — Brent, Kade, and Tom — who all inherited their father's love of the land and community.

It wasn't long after that Maurie's passion for horses and sport led him into the world of campdrafting. In 1972, he played a key role in starting the very first Campdraft in Culcairn, and by the following year, the club joined the Southern Campdrafting Association (SCA). Maurie became the President of the Culcairn Club and a Director on the SCA Board — helping to shape the sport's growth and spirit in its



Maurie Godde.

formative years.

Back in those early days, campdrafts were as much about community as competition. Families gathered for weekends of camaraderie, poddy rides, and games that filled the air with laughter. Maurie loved to recall a young Andrew Hoy — who would later become an Olympic gold medallist — taking on the poddy ride at Culcairn, only to be thrown off and knocked clean out!

Maurie's love for the sport was matched by his devotion to his animals — especially his horses Kubane and Sundowner, and his four-legged mate Hugo. Hugo, a loyal kelpie-collie cross, travelled everywhere with Maurie. Known for guarding his owner's car and gear with unwavering dedication, Hugo ensured no one



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overstepped his invisible line. Many still chuckle at the memory of Troy Palmer, who got a little too close to Maurie's ute one morning at Warwick and found himself on a picnic table yelling, "Get the bloody dog off me!"

It was in 1984 that Maurie discovered a new way to contribute to the sport he loved — through the lens of a video camera. Teaming up with his mate Dennis Heywood, Maurie began filming at Warwick. When legendary announcer Lorna Fanning asked what they were doing, Dennis whispered, "Tell her you're from Channel 7." And just like that, a new chapter began.

From 1984 to 2011, with only one missed year due to illness, Maurie travelled thousands of kilometres capturing the people, horses, and moments that defined Australian campdrafting. His interviews with competitors — from champions like Terry and Chrissy Hall, Gwen and the late Don MacMillan, to Raymond Matthews — were as authentic as the sport itself. A stubby in hand, camera rolling, and always ready for a yarn, Maurie preserved history as it happened.

Through countless hours behind the camera, Maurie documented not just the action, but the heart of campdrafting — the laughter, the triumphs, the tough days, and the friendships that make the sport what it is today.

Warwick held a special place in Maurie's heart. He thrived on the atmosphere, the people, and the stories. He loved meeting new faces and reconnecting with familiar ones. His footage stands today as a priceless archive —



Front of Maurie's VHS.

capturing the grit, grace, and glory of campdrafting for generations to come.

Maurie Godde's contribution to the sport goes far beyond the saddle. He gave his time, his energy, and his passion to ensure the spirit of campdrafting would never fade. His dedication earned him Life Membership of the SCA, and his legacy continues to live on in every clip, every smile, and every story preserved through his lens.

From all of us in the campdrafting community — thank you, Maurie. Your work, your humour, and your heart have given us memories we'll treasure forever.

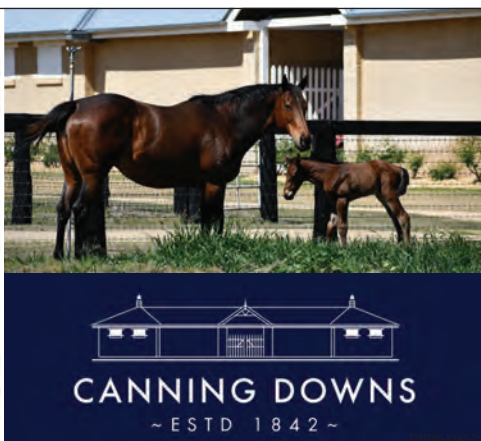


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To all the volunteers - thank you

The Warwick Rodeo & Gold Cup Campdraft is one of the region's most iconic events, steeped in tradition and community spirit. Every year, it comes to life thanks to the hard work and dedication of more than 100 committed volunteers who give their time, energy, and skills to ensure its success.

Behind every arena gate, every event tent, and every smiling face greeting visitors, there's a volunteer making it all happen. These individuals are the backbone of both the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society and the Campdraft, people who quietly give up their weekends, late nights, and early mornings to help create an unforgettable experience for competitors and spectators alike.

Their motivation is simple yet powerful: a genuine desire to give back to the community that has given them so much. Some lend a hand behind the scenes, others manage livestock or ticket gates, while many assist

with safety, logistics, and hospitality. No task is too big or too small — every contribution counts, and every volunteer makes a difference.

Volunteering also provides an opportunity to connect, to belong, and to be part of something larger than oneself. It's about teamwork, camaraderie, and pride, the kind that comes from knowing your efforts help keep a century-old tradition thriving. Quite simply, the Rodeo and Campdraft wouldn't be what they are today without the people who stand behind them.

The organisers extend heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer for their unwavering support and commitment. The backing of the local community is vital to the continued success of this event, and it's through this unity and dedication that the Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft continue to grow stronger each year.

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