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## MISS RODEO AUSTRALIA

Hi Everyone!

A big hello to my favourite Cowboys and Cowgirls out there!

Well it's hard to believe that another huge month in the Professional Rodeo World has passed! Can you believe I am already half way through my reign as Miss Rodeo Australia!? I cannot explain how grateful I have been for the rewarding experiences that I have had on my journey so far and to think the best is yet to come with international trips and our very own NFR's coming up.

It is truly humbling and extremely exciting! I would again like to thank each and every one of you AND the Miss Rodeo Australia Sponsors for your support and help along the way. It would not be possible without you!

My month kicked off when I received a big surprise package in the mail from the amazing Garry Hockey at 'CHUTE 4 WESTERN WEAR'...My brand new custom designed Miss Rodeo Australia CHAPS! YES that's right Garry sponsored me my very own pair of chaps! I'm forever grateful for his ongoing support to Miss Rodeo Australia and I look forward to wearing Garry's chaps with pride throughout my reign! Be sure to check out all the great products available from 'Chute 4 Western Wear' on Facebook or email [garryhockey@gmail.com](mailto:garryhockey@gmail.com).

The first and only stop on the rodeo road for Miss Rodeo Australia this month was Bowen River Rodeo. This particular rodeo I was super excited to be attending as I had heard what great weekend it is. I was even more excited that Ali Simpson and I had organised to run a Queen Quest at the rodeo so we were very eager to be crowning a brand new Bowen River Rodeo Queen.

After an 11hr drive to Bowen River, I arrived just on dark and was greeted by Ali and her family as well as their beautiful friends who so graciously provided me with my 'Taj Mahal' of a camper trailer that had everything a Queen could ever dream of! I am forever grateful to Ali, her husband Graham and daughter Pia for taking care of me with beautiful meals and continuously going out of their way to make me feel very much at home all weekend!

Bowen River is situated roughly 30 minutes out of Collinsville on a property so it was great to see the diversity of the Australian Professional Rodeo Association as it's able to get into the great Aussie outback spirit and hold a professional rodeo anywhere!

The rodeo commenced Saturday morning so we were up bright and early to sit around the campfire and enjoy the real bush atmosphere with the gidgee coals burning...I have certainly missed that.

I enjoyed mingling with the crowd and meeting a lot of new people and families that had never attended a rodeo prior to Bowen River, what a great event to introduce new people to our sport. I also had a little bit fun sounding the 8 second buzzer for the rough stock events and of course undertaking one of the most honourable jobs of being Miss Rodeo Australia...bearing the flag of our great nation in the Grand Entry.

On Saturday afternoon we ran the Bowen River Rodeo Queen Quest! The girls were put through their paces, being judged on personal appearance, horsemanship and rodeo knowledge. The girls did a fantastic

job and made our task as judges quite difficult I must admit. The girl who stood out from the rest and took out the Bowen River Rodeo Queen title for 2016 was Miss Mary Dray! I would like to personally congratulate Mary on her hard work and accomplishment.

Mary is a beautiful young lady inside and out which makes her very approachable and a perfect ambassador for the professional sport of rodeo! I wish Mary all the very best on her journey and look forward to seeing her participate in the judging weekend for Miss Rodeo Australia 2017 in January!

I would also like to thank Ali Simpson for organising the Quest and of course the sponsors for the amazing prizes that were on offer! Bowen River Rodeo Queen Quest Sponsors: CRUISE WHITSUNDAYS, MARTINIQUE RESORT, WHITSUNDAY GOLD COFFEE, COLOUR ME CRAZY, SHEAR PLEASURE and CORAL CITY TO COUNTRY.

I spent Sunday mingling with sponsors and the crowd as well as taking in a little campdraft action that was happening in the second arena, before performing another memorable Grand Entry. Once it was all done and dusted I packed up and commenced my long drive home. Bowen River Rodeo was a huge jam packed weekend with some great rodeo action on show!

I'm definitely marking Bowen River on the calendar for next year! I would like to thank the rodeo committee for welcoming me and congratulate the Whalan family for hosting not one but TWO great professional rodeos over the one weekend! I would also like to say a huge shout out to the Kenny family for always being so supportive in Miss Rodeo Australia endeavours and lending me their little superstar Pony 'Sunny'.

I am extremely excited to announce that Warwick Rodeo Queen, Georgie Stower and I have received our schedules for Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo and are set to depart Australia at the end of July! We are looking forward to representing our country and the best sport on earth... professional rodeo!

I would like to send a huge appreciation shout out to Miss Rodeo Australia Sponsors big or small! Cowgirl Up Clothing, Corral Boots, Ridetuff Buckles & Jewellery, Chute 4 Western Wear, Montana Silversmith's Jewellery and Leonie Winks Photography.

Last but not least I would like to let you know that lately I have received some very special and sentimental gifts from beautiful people and friends that mean the world to me and I really do believe I need to mention them as no gift or sponsorship should go un-noticed! So here they are: Sonny + Chief, Amber Battle Custom Leather Feather Charms, Tammy Young Custom Beaded Head/ Hat Bands, State MP Robbie Katter, Carlie Remfrey of Kelway Accessories.

Please check them out on Facebook or online, there are some great gift ideas there and you won't be disappointed!!

Next stop for Miss Rodeo Australia will be the Junior National Finals Rodeo in Emerald as well as the AG GROW Emerald Rodeo to follow the next day! I would like to wish all of our junior competitors the best of luck at this NFR and I look forward to seeing you there! Safe travels!

Yours Truly In Rodeo  
Katy Scott  
Miss Rodeo Australia



1. At Bowen River with the newly crowned Bowen River Rodeo Queen Mary Dray.
2. Celebrating the 2nd Birthday of the great 'Buck off Melanoma' initiative with Bowen River Rodeo Secretary Kim Whalan, State MP Dale Last and Campdraft committee members.
3. Newly Crowned Bowen River Rodeo Queen Mary Dray enjoying her well-deserved victory lap!
4. Bowen River Rodeo Queen and I with Bowen River Rodeo sponsor Sylvia Gill.
5. Future Miss Rodeo Australia's Brianna, Pia and Pip at Bowen River.

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