

MORANBAH

MISS RODEO AUSTRALIA

So I've had quite the month I can tell you that much.

Since Nebo Pro Rodeo, I found myself storing away the Corral cowgirl boots and hanging up the Cowgirl Up jeans for a weekend and heading towards Cairns to watch something a little bit too wild and crazy for this little duck, and that comes in the form of, Nitro Circus.. now I thought our professional bull riders were crazy? No no no, these men where on motor bikes, push bikes, scooters, roller blades, snowboards, high wheeled bikes, wheel chairs, shopping trolleys, rocking horses and a bed, jumping them off a ramp which they call the Megaramp, so obviously no need to explain how BIG that is! My god was it a spectacular show!

They truely know how to preform and engage the crowd in every second of the evening. I take my hat off to the performers and everyone behind the sense that made the night so enjoyable. But it was time to dust off my hat and curl the hair, to take me back along a similar road towards Moranbah Pro Rodeo.

It seems to me that every time I go to another Pro Rodeo, I'm more and more impressed with the hard work and commitment that each committee member shows.

With frozen fingers and toes from the dropped temperatures (I think Queensland is broken, it's too cold!) we got through the night without a glitch and as you sat on the rail and looked up to the hill, packed full of spectators you could tell the crowd was loyal to a fault, they knew what kind of show Moranbah can run and they didn't want to miss a second of it. Congratulations to the winners and place getters, also a massive thank you to the staff,



My hometown rodeo of Bowen River

committee members and announcer, Aaron Ryan, in your nonstop work throughout the night.

Back home brought me to some exciting new beginnings, with meetings and phone interviews about the brand spanking new billboard that was going to be put up along the Bruce highway welcoming all travellers to my sleepy town of Proserpine. It gives me so much warmth within my heart that the regional council has recognised this title I hold so close to me, as something to be proud of for the community and our growth.

Thank you so much to everyone that was involved in making this happen. It is truely amazing. The following weekend brought me to

my home town rodeo, now everyone around Australia and the world would have that one Rodeo or one event that they go to every year and count down the days to it, well this is mine. Bowen River! If any of you have been to Bowen River you already know the 3 day long, running side by side, Rodeo and Campdrafting event is always a game changer, but for those you haven't, then please, pull up a stump and let me tell you about it.

Like every year I traveled out on the Thursday night and secured my usual camping spot. But like I said about Moranbah, Queensland is somewhat playing a trick on us and bring in those freezing cold temperatures because this coastal girl was head to toe rugged up sitting around be fire still shaking. Friday was a little bit of a relaxed day watching my family campdraft and preparing for the next 2 days of full in pack rodeo! Friday night brought the same chilling, toe freezing temperatures, but nothing could defer me from jumping out of bed, into a cold shower and slipping into my queen wear, ready to really show my home town rodeo and my locals how much it means to me to carry that Australian Flag for them. And boy did it feel fantastic to ride around looking into the crowd to see my family and friends smiling back at me.

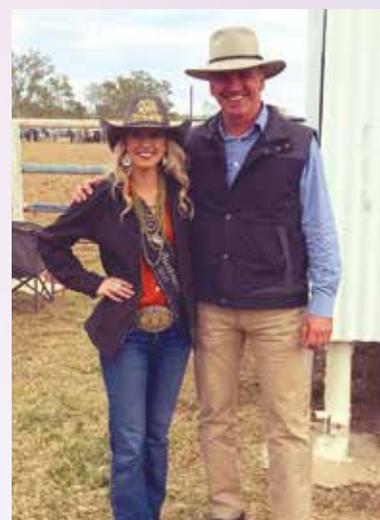
I had goose bumps the whole time and tears swimming in my eyes. Ok ok call me a big sook but it was one of those moments where you truely realise how lucky you are.

Also being able to share my weekend with my beautiful friend, Cloncurry Queen for 2016 and 2017 and entrant of Miss Rodeo Australia 2017, Kate Taylor, just made it the smile on my face a little wider (like it could get any bigger right).

Sunday afternoon came around just to quickly, leaving me sad to see the camp sites packed away and the fires being put out signally the end of another year of Bowen River. So how can one even begin to thank the committee and everyone else that made my home town rodeo so amazing? There is just no amount of times one could say it. But I'm going to try, Bowen River committee along with the competitors, sponsors, announcer Jake Smith and the spectators,



Moranbah Rodeo



With Dale Last, Member for Burdekin at the Bowen River Rodeo

from the absolute bottom of my heart, thank you.

Thank you so very much for making those tears swim in my eyes and the goosebumps cover my skin, thank you for putting everything you have (even when you are battling through a horrible cause of the flu) into this weekend to continually make it something people talk about and plan for, nation wide. You are the backbone of this event and you all don't get the credit you so rightfully deserve. Congratulations to all the winners and place getters, you sure made for some tough competition for everyone and made it so thrilling to watch you all battle it out for the win.

Well that's me for this month, now I'm just gearing up for the local show and hopefully watch my cows win some prizes, oh and maybe eat the odd strawberries and ice cream along the way (it's the show, so it's allowed). Hopefully I see you out there on the road chasing rodeos!

**Yours truly and with love,
Emma Deicke,
Miss Rodeo Australia 2017**



My new billboard on the Bruce Highway!

www.corralboots.com www.gottacowgirlup.com www.eddiefisherrodeoequipment.com



rex.

CONNECTING
REGIONAL
QUEENSLAND

rex.com.au | 13 17 13



Queensland
Government

