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MISS RODEO AUSTRALIA

Hey there readers!

What a month I have had! I packed my bags and took a big bird over to the Daddy Of 'Em All - Cheyenne Frontier Days. Every morning from were up by 4:30am to be ready and at the grounds for breakfast. Nothing could stop the joy I felt as I walked into that grand arena for the first time. My chaperone Colette, Warwick Rodeo Queen Ashleigh Grant and her chaperone Sonya and I were introduced to the attending and very beautiful State Queens, the



With the newly crowned Mt Isa Rodeo Queen Moz Miller.



School visit at Mt Isa.

Queen Committee at Cheyenne and of course the gorgeous Miss Rodeo America. We helped out with the Challenge Rodeo, where special needs children from district schools shine as a rodeo star which was a wonderful time! A highlight for the week was doing the fly-bys. Speeding down that arena waving to thousands upon thousands of people while they cheer is one of the most uplifting feelings I have ever had. We had the inaugural Pancake Breakfast, followed by fly-bys, centre stage introductions, sponsor meet and greets and interviews with local media including the Cowboy Channel. The rest of the week followed a similarly hectic pattern.

I would like to thank Cat and her beautiful family for welcoming us into their home and making us feel like part of the family. You guys are truly generous to open your doors every year to us loud Aussies. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you also to Colette, Ashleigh, Sonya and Kate for making my time so enjoyable.

We boarded the plane back to Brisbane where I hopped off



Displaying my Chute 4 Western Wear chaps with all the State Queens at CFD.

one flight and onto the next to Townsville, to then start the long drive out to Cloncurry. The next morning meant school and hospital visits for the Curry Merry Muster! Thursday night rolled out the street parade for the C150 and the first Xtreme Bulls to hit North Queensland! It was a successful night with the committee run off their feet. Friday and Saturday was the annual Curry Merry Muster Festival, held at the brand new rodeo grounds. I couldn't believe how amazing the committee/volunteers were and the number of competitors, who came from far and wide.

The next week took me just down the road to Mount Isa, the biggest rodeo in Australia. Carrying the HUGE Australian flag, well, nothing can top that. Working with Mount Isa Rodeo Queen, Moz Miller and the other Mount Isa Entrants, along with a rodeo announcer and the famous Chainsaw and Blondie mascots, we toured around the Isa to 14 schools and two aged care homes, where we judged the best dressed rodeo attire in each school. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were rodeo days. In between chute tours, interviews and signing booths, there was barely time to breathe, think or sit, but every second of that weekend I wore my smile proudly. Congratulations to the outstanding Isa committee. I will definitely be a life-time goer to Isa, even after I have handed over my crown.

This has been the opportunity of a life time, one many people only dream about and I am extremely blessed to have it. To everyone who has helped me, even if it was handing me a bottle of water when I've been talking so much my mouth ran dry, thank you. I'll be quiet for a little while, gearing up for international guests to arrive and show them around my country and the Warwick Rodeo APRA National Finals.

**Your Miss Rodeo Australia 2017,
Emma Deicke**



Grand Entry at Mt Isa.



Challenge Rodeo at CFD.



Street Parade at CFD with all the Queens.



Fly-by at CFD!



School visit at Cloncurry with Jared Borghero, Jason Mara, Shianne O'Donoghue-Kent & Curry Merry Muster Queen Kate Taylor.

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