

PROGRAM

APRA 2026 ARIAT NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

29–31 OCTOBER WHITE PARK, SCONE

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About APRA National Finals

In 2026, The Australian Professional Rodeo Association (APRA) celebrates its 82nd year in professional rodeo & continues to grow in size and scale, with regional communities and groups across QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, NT & TAS.

The professional rodeo season ends at the Association's pinnacle event, the annual APRA ARIAT National Finals Rodeo. We've got the BEST in Australian Rodeo, with four rounds over three days at White Park, Scone and livestreamed. This is an event you don't want to miss with leading country retailers, after party entertainment featuring Australia's top country music, bar, plenty of food AND so much more!

Who is the APRA?

The APRA oversees professional rodeo in Australia and serves as the national governing body alongside committees that run 100+ affiliated events annually, across six regional circuits around Australia. APRA-affiliated rodeos continue to increase, alongside the Association's permanent member-base with both competitor & spectator numbers.

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
29TH OCT

ROUND 1

4:30pm Gates Open
6pm Grand Entry
Bareback
Rope and Tie
Breakaway Roping
Saddlebronc
Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Steer Wrestling
Bull Ride
10pm Afterparty with
Dee Jaye Bux
12am Gates Close

FRIDAY
30TH OCT

ROUND 2

4:30pm Gates Open
6pm Grand Entry
Bareback
Rope and Tie
Breakaway Roping
Saddlebronc
Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Steer Wrestling
Bull Ride
10pm Afterparty with
Viper Creek Band
12am Gates Close

SATURDAY
31ST OCT

ROUND 3

10am Gates Open
11am Grand Entry
Bareback
Rope and Tie
Breakaway Roping
Saddlebronc
Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Steer Wrestling
Bull Ride
3pm Rodeo Break
Meet the NFR Competitors.
Time to shop and have a snack

ROUND 4

5:30pm Grand Entry
Bareback
Rope and Tie
Breakaway Roping
Saddlebronc
Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Steer Wrestling
Bull Ride
9:30pm Australian
Champion Presentation
10pm Afterparty with
Missy Lancaster
12am Gates Close

*Times are approximate and subject to change



Thursday
DEE JAYE BUX



Friday
VIPER CREEK BAND



Saturday
Katie Jayne

Rodeo 101

Barrel Racing

Barrel racing is precision at full speed! The ultimate connection between two athletes. Horse and rider fly into the arena, to cross the electronic eye then power through the cloverleaf pattern in lightning-quick speed. The winner is the fastest clean time. Every barrel down adds five costly seconds! In this event, the clock is the scoreboard and a fraction of a second makes a difference.

Bareback Bronc

Nowhere to hide, nowhere to sit back. Bareback bronc is all cowboy! The Cowboy nods his head. One hand locked in the rigging, feet firing high He must mark out clean and keep his free hand clear. The cowboy stays sharp for eight seconds while that horse bucks, twists and launches. Judges score up to 100 points: 50 for the rider's balance, control and spurring, and 50 for the bronc's strength, speed and buck.

Breakaway Roping

Breakaway roping is blink-and-you'll-miss-it fast! The rider explodes from the box, chases down the calf and sends their loop flying for a clean catch. A big stop to snap the rope off the saddle horn, flag breaking free to stop the clock. Fastest time wins! But break the barrier and it's a ten second speeding fine.

Bull Riding

This is bull riding. The ultimate test of a cowboy! The rider nods, the chute flies open, and its man versus beast as the bull spins, jumps and bucks. One hand in the rope, one hand free, staying centred to the 8 second whistle. Scoring is out of 100: 50 points for the rider's balance, control and grit, and 50 for the bull's power, spin and kick.

Rodeo 101

Rope & Tie

The Rope and Tie is all about speed in the saddle and on the ground! The calf is released from the chute, Cowboy giving chase. Throwing the loop to rope the calf, he dismounts at speed to catch the calf. Taking them down to the ground, tying three legs fast and getting their hands in the air! to secure their score. The judge's flag stops the clock, but the tie must hold. Fastest time wins! a broken barrier adds ten seconds, and if the catch or tie fails, it's no time!

Steer Wrestling

Steer wrestling shows the real skill of a cowboy! Blasting from the box with a hazer keeping things straight. The Cowboy slides off their horses back, catching the steer, using momentum to bring the steer to the ground. Time stops when the steer is on its side under the cowboy's hand. Fastest time wins! But break the barrier and ten seconds are stacked on.

Saddle Bronc

Hold onto your hats, this is the saddle bronc, rodeo's classic ride! The gate cracks, the bronc explodes, and the rider has eight seconds to match every jump with rhythm, style and steel. He must mark out first, keep one hand free and spur with control. Scoring is out of 100: half for the rider's form, timing and control, and half for the bronc's power, kick and bucking rhythm.

Team Roping

Team roping is precision and teamwork going flat out! The header charges from the box, throwing their rope to catch the steer's head. Then turns it for the heeler to rope the hind legs. Time stops when both ropes are tight and both horses face the steer. Fastest team wins! But a broken barrier adds ten seconds, and a one leg catch costs five more.

Things to do in Scone

Hunter Warbirds
See iconic aircraft, try flight simulators and stop at the Kittyhawk Café. Where: Scone Memorial Airport, Walter Pye Avenue.



Scone Museum
Step inside the 1870 lock-up for local stories, changing displays and historic household collections. Where: 43–47 Kingdon Street. Open Wednesdays and Sundays, or by appointment.

Visit a local Winery
There are a number of great Hunter Valley Wineries within an hour's drive of Scone, including Two Rivers Wines for wines that are fresh aromatic and full of flavour, Hollydene Estate Wines for a meal or wine tasting or Small Forest Wines to relax enjoy a glass of wine and their Art Gallery.

Barrington Trail
A scenic 4WD or mountain-bike route to campgrounds, walks, streams and forest viewpoints. Seasonal vehicle access generally runs October–May; check conditions before you go.

Burning Mountain
Walk above Australia's only naturally burning coal seam, smouldering for an estimated 5,500 years. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Where: 20 km north of Scone.



Merriwa Silo Art
Take a country drive to see David Lee Pereira's large-scale mural—part of the Australian Silo Art Trail since 2019.

Places to Stay in Scone

Heading to the Ariat National Finals Rodeo? Stay close to the action in Scone. Book early, as accommodation fills fast.

Motels: Choose from Isis Motel for great value near shops and dining; Gable Inn for a central base; Scone Motor Inn for motel rooms and one- or two-bedroom apartments; historic Airlie House Motor Inn on the main street; or Colonial Motor Lodge for family and accessible rooms close to White Park.

Holiday rentals: Find cottages, homes and apartments in Scone and surrounding towns through Airbnb and Stayz.

Camping: Camping is available at White Park Scone during the Ariat National Finals Rodeo.

Where to Eat in Scone

Doncaster Bistro at Scone RSL: Scone R.S.L is located right by White Park for a great convenient meal. The Doncaster Bistro menu has something for everyone, so be sure to fuel up before the rodeo!

The Chop Shop Scone: You can't go past The Chop Shop for top quality and locally sourced produce for a BBQ. They have something for every meal on Rodeo Road.

Cafe on Kelly: a community hub where customers can enjoy quality food and beverages while supporting a mission to empower and uplift people with disabilities.



The Cottage: The Cottage is a multi award winning cafe and restaurant. A local gathering place for everyone to visit and enjoy a great meal with family and friends



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1	Bailey O'Dell	VIC
2	Ben Rasmussen	NSW
3	Cade Ferguson	QLD
4	Ken Coleman	QLD
5	David Stacey	VIC
6	Clayton Braden	QLD
7	Harry Reddel	QLD
8	Patrick Duncan	NSW
9	James Sclanders	VIC
10	Callum Clement	QLD
11	Will Crosby	QLD
12	Josh Barnett	NSW
13	Angus MacTavish	NSW
14	Jesse Remfrey	QLD
15	Mitch Franz	QLD

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BULL RIDE

1	Matty Ahern	QLD
2	Kelsey Pavlou	VIC
3	Toby Collins	VIC
4	Cade Ferguson	QLD
5	Jhett Diplock-Barron	QLD
6	Toby Daley	NT
7	Kyle Horton	VIC
8	Wyatt Fraser	SA
9	Brumby Brandenburg	QLD
10	Dylan Weir	NSW
11	Clay Flanagan	SA
12	Jarvis Woodard	QLD
13	Thomas Hudson	NSW
14	Toby Adams	NSW
15	Rawley McWhirter	QLD

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BAREBACK BRONC

1	Jarrod McKane	VIC
2	Lauchlan Waters	SA
3	Hamish Mclean	QLD
4	David Stacey	VIC
5	Toby Daley	NT
6	Jesse Ripper	VIC
7	James Neil Bennett	QLD
8	Zack Taylor	QLD
9	Chad Phipps	QLD

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ROPE AND TIE

1	Coben Ayers	QLD
2	Jackson Dixson	QLD
3	Clay Bush	NSW
4	Campbell Hodson	NSW
5	Jayden Kenny	QLD
6	Mitch Eastwell	QLD
7	Heath Nichols	NSW
8	Aaron Leahy	QLD
9	Clay Caban	QLD
10	Kacey Kenny	QLD
11	Josh Barnett	NSW
12	Darcy Dall'Aglio	SA
13	Tyler Kenny	QLD

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STEER WRESTLING

1	Gavin Walker	VIC
2	Ryley Gibb	QLD
3	Jayden Kenny	QLD
4	Peter Davenport	VIC
5	Tyler Kenny	QLD
6	Tom Willoughby	VIC
7	Gene McDonald	VIC
8	Luke Ford	QLD
9	Josh Barnett	NSW
10	Adam Knowles	VIC
11	Lachlan O'Neill	QLD
12	Kacey Kenny	QLD
13	George Wheeler	QLD
14	Brad Shaw	SA
15	Heath Nichols	NSW

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GOLDSPRING TEAM ROPING – HEADER

1	Jayden Kenny	QLD
2	Aaron Leahy	QLD
3	Coben Ayers	QLD
4	Glen W Perkins	VIC
5	Georgie Kapeller	VIC
6	Casey Tribe	NSW
7	Aaron Bookluck	VIC
8	Campbell Hodson	NSW
9	Heath Nichols	NSW
10	Ellysa Kenny	QLD
11	Jett Leahy	QLD
12	Dylan Litchfield	NSW
13	Holly Forster	QLD
14	Lochlan Flanagan	VIC
15	Shane Kenny	QLD

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GOLDSPRING

TEAM ROPING – HEELER

1	Shane Kenny	QLD
2	Clay Bush	NSW
3	Kai Clark	NSW
4	Brendan Kenny	QLD
5	Ethan Michaelis	SA
6	Tyler Kenny	QLD
7	Jackson Dixson	QLD
8	Hayden Litchfield	NSW
9	Campbell Hodson	NSW
10	Cruz Leahy	QLD
11	Tom Willoughby	VIC
12	Aaron Bookluck	VIC
13	Kenny Organ	VIC
14	Dallas Flanagan	NSW
15	Brad Shaw	SA

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BARREL RACE

1	Candy Michaelis	SA
2	Anna Hamilton	QLD
3	Leanne Caban	QLD
4	Dusty McPhee	VIC
5	Cherie O'Donoghue	VIC
6	Olivia Priestley-Halliday	VIC
7	Wendy Caban	NSW
8	Jane Ryan	QLD
9	Ellysa Kenny	QLD
10	Brittany Collins	VIC
11	Alana Schiller	SA
12	Shianne O'Donoghue Kent	VIC
13	Chelsea Davison	QLD
14	Ruby Bell	QLD
15	Tammy O'Neill	QLD

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CIRCLE L AUSTRALIA

BREAKAWAY ROPING

1	Ellysa Kenny	QLD
2	Joebie McPhee	QLD
3	Jane Ryan	QLD
4	Tahnee Small	QLD
5	Olivia Priestley-Halliday	VIC
6	Holly Forster	QLD
7	Ella Burns	VIC
8	Casey-Lee Collins	VIC
9	Mackenzie March	QLD
10	Molly McKane	VIC
11	Cas Heuritsch	SA
12	Nicole McDonald	VIC
13	Cherie O'Donoghue	VIC
14	Leanne Caban	QLD
15	Kylie Hancock	QLD

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APRA Event Calendar

November

7th - PENRITH XTREME BULLS, NSW
14th - BAROSSA TIMED EVENT RODEO, SA
21st - KAPUNDA RODEO, SA
28th - MACARTHUR RODEO, NSW

December

5th - M5 BENDIGO PRO RODEO, VIC
12th - RUNNYMEDE, TAS & M5 BACCHUS MARSH, VIC
26th - MYRTLEFORD RODEO, VIC
28th - BUNDALONG TAVERN RODEO, VIC
31st - CARRIETON RODEO, SA
31st-1st Jan - TUMBARUMBA RODEO, NSW

January

2nd - KATAMATITE RODEO, VIC
9th - PETERBOROUGH RODEO, SA & ALEXANDRA PRO RODEO, VIC
16th - YARRA VALLEY RODEO, VIC & HARVEYDALE RODEO, TAS
23rd - MURRAY BRIDGE RODEO, SA & BUNDALONG XTREME BRONCS, BULLS & BREAKAWAY, VIC
24th - BUNDALONG RODEO, VIC & NEERIM RODEO VIC
30th - WILMINGTON NIGHT RODEO, SA & CHESTERFIELD FARM RODEO, VIC



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