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## MISS RODEO AUSTRALIA

Hi Readers,

I hope you are all well! These past few weeks for me have been HUGE but I am truly grateful for the places this job takes me and the people you meet along the way.

I was fortunate to have my family come to visit and travel with me for three weekends of the month. It was great to see them and have a piece of home with me while having such busy weekends. Family is a very important aspect in my life and moving 3000 kilometres away sure can make things tough sometimes, but we had a ball!

As mentioned last month, I finally got to attend my very first **Mackay Toyota Nebo Rodeo** and what a fantastic rodeo it was. Nebo Rodeo President Jarrod Deguara, a fellow rodeo competitor and the Nebo Rodeo Committee have definitely excelled at running a great rodeo, so hats off to them. The crowd that journeyed to Nebo was enormous, with spectators lining the driveways of the show grounds waiting to get in! As Nebo is one of the highest single paying rodeos of the Australian Professional Rodeo Association, it draws competitors from all ends of Australia for the chance to win \$4000 per event! Unfortunately none of the winnings landed in my pocket but it was a great opportunity to compete and meet with some of the future of rodeo.



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With Nebo at a close it was back to work for the week before travelling firstly to the **Bundaberg Show Rodeo**. For myself travelling with horses, it was just a short eight hour trip. Upon arrival there was a lot going on, sideshows, showjumping, team penning and more. As the rodeo kicked off the grandstands began to flood with spectators keen to see the action. I was able to help with the timing of some events before signing some autographs and getting ready to compete. The Gill Brothers stock contractors put on a show for the crowd with great bucking stock and more.

Once duties were finished with Bundaberg there was no time to be wasted, the horses were loaded up and we were on the road to **Moranbah Rodeo**. This being my first time in Moranbah since moving to Queensland, I was excited to see the mining town and was sure it would attract a large number of spectators, which it certainly



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did. As the sun set and the hill filled with spectators the action was on. Larry Cann made a great effort of announcing both Bundaberg and Moranbah Rodeo and the engagement of the crowd at both was astounding. I love having the opportunity to work with a variety of announcers and seeing what they can bring to the crowd.



At Nebo with a little Cowboy.

The following weekend I headed to the well-known, **Bowen River Rodeo and Campdraft**. It was an action packed two days of rodeo, campdrafting and LOTS of pretty horses. People flowed in throughout Friday night and Saturday as live bands played both evenings. Incorporating both sports throughout the day meant no minute was wasted and there was always something to see. I had the privilege of meeting with Dale Last, Member for Burdekin. Once again, knowing that there is so much support for our sport throughout Queensland is a wonderful feeling and being able to engage with Members of Parliament I believe can assist in the future of our sport.

I now have a few quieter weekends until heading to the Junior National Finals held in Emerald on the 29th and 30th of June. I am really excited to be involved with the finals as I was a competitor myself in 2015. The nerves and excitement at the opportunity to win a Junior National Title are like no other. I appreciate not only the time and effort all the competitors put in to make the finals but the hours of driving and support from each competitor's family members are things that sometimes go unnoticed.

Hope to see you cheer on our future of rodeo come end of June!  
Best wishes, Dakota Michaelis  
Miss Rodeo Australia 2018



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