

MISS RODEO AUSTRALIA

Hi everyone!

I'm a little emotional to say that this will be my last write up as your Miss Rodeo Australia 2016. It's safe to say that I have certainly had an incredible ride. Ultimately I entered this quest wanting to give back to the sport that has given me so much over the years... In the end I am proud to say I have given my all and it has certainly been worth the hard work, dedication, passion and sacrifice. The experiences and people I have met along the way, I will be sure to cherish for a lifetime! Not to mention all of the fun memories with my favourite people my Australian Professional Rodeo family!

The past two months have been a stand out as I represented at all 3 NFR's in the World -Australian, Canadian and American. Following that I attended our very own Southern Christmas run on home soils which was a fabulous welcome home and great way to kick off the festive season on the professional rodeo circuit and bring in the New Year.

In last month's issue I covered my amazing journey representing at the Canadian Finals Rodeo, next stop on the

calendar was none other than the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas!

I'm so excited to share with you my amazing 17 days in Vegas. I flew into Vegas and met with newly crowned Miss Rodeo Canada Ali Mullins and her exceptional chaperone and former MRC Nicole Briggs before heading to our room at the MGM Grand kindly sponsored by ROPER APPAREL & FOOTWEAR and TIN HAUL.

We kicked off the first 4 days in Vegas attending the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. It was so great to see how the U.S run their pageant. There were 32 hopefuls in the running to be crowned Miss Rodeo America 2017. I was lucky enough to attend the Miss Rodeo America horsemanship section, public speaking, Luncheon and Fashion Show before it was finally time for coronation... it was such an intense process as they read out the top 10 and then continued to the top 5 until finally announcing the winner... MISS RODEO TEXAS LISA LAGESCHAAR! Congratulations Lisa! I had the pleasure of meeting Lisa at Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo earlier last



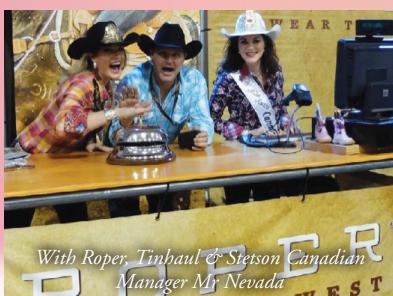
With MRC 2014 Nicole Briggs and Ali
at the MRA coronation



Visiting the Childrens Hospital in Vegas



MRA Gala Dinner



With Roper, Tinhaul & Stetson Canadian
Manager My Nevada WEST



Being invited into the Wrangler Room at the NFR



In the NFR media room



Siging for my sponsor Corral Boots



Ali & I signing for Roper with Cowboy Troy



With 8 times world Bull riding Champion
Donnie Gay

year and I can assure you she has an incredibly kind heart and will up hold the title with absolute grace, dignity and professionalism!

It was so exciting to watch Las Vegas; the city that never sleeps turn into the ultimate cowboy town as we counted down the hours to the adrenaline packed 2016 WNFR!

During the WNFR I kept extremely busy with 6-7 appearances each day! I would leave the MGM Grand at around 6am each morning and would be lucky to return before 1am. I attended appearances such as signings for my long serving sponsors Corral Boots and Montana Silversmiths. I was also fortunate enough to have some sponsors that came on board for the WNFR in Roper Apparel and Wrangler. We attended the Spurs and Spikes Golf Tournament presentations, go round buckle presentation on stage at the South Point Casino and Gold buckle room introductions and appearances each night. We also attended the honourable Gold Buckle Gala Ceremony, interviews in the WNFR media room as well as the official Back Number presentations where I was lucky enough to meet some of the WNFR competitors including Mr Tyson Durfey who is married to our very own Australian superstar Shea Fisher. It was such an honour to finally meet Tyson and their new little baby Miss Praise Royal. Tyson went on to defeat the odds and make an epic come back TO WIN THE WORLD TITLE CALF ROPING! A very deserving Cowboy!

It was hard not to be star struck whilst in Vegas when meeting so many of my idols! I got to meet and hang out with the like of Sherry Cervi, FALLON TAYLOR, Mary Burger (Back #1 GIRL POWER!), Ryder Wright, Martha Josey, Lisa Lockhart,

Kimmie Wall, Mr Clyde & Mrs Elsie Frost, Donny Gay and many more! I can't tell you how exciting it was finally meeting some of my all-time favourite idols! I've watched them a million times over on "video cassette"/ DVD and YouTube but to meet each of the inspirational champions in the flesh was a bit surreal!

Of course it's so hard to pick my absolute favourite highlight, but I must say the most special moment for me was representing Australian Professional Rodeo in my lap of honour in the Thomas & Mack Arena. I can't even begin to tell you of the overwhelming emotions I had as I galloped down that ever so famous alley way that I have watched so many of my professional idols run out of and make their dreams reality! I'm definitely not going to forget that feeling any time soon!

Well that's a wrap on Vegas next it was time for the long flight home to prep myself for the Southern Christmas run! Whilst the Canadian Finals and the WNFR was the absolute adventure of a lifetime... there is no place like home.... so proud to be an Aussie!

On returning home I jumped on the next plane down to Melbourne. I spent Christmas day at the picturesque Myrtleford rodeo grounds having loads of fun with my rodeo family. We had our very own Santa on horseback handing out lollies to the kids followed by some fun in the sun; water slides, swimming in the fresh water stream not far from the rodeo arena, footy and a beautiful Chrissy lunch with everyone! I couldn't think of a more fitting day!

Boxing Day we kicked off the 63rd annual Myrtleford Lions





Golden Spurs Rodeo! It was a scorcher with a little bit of rain around but that certainly didn't deter the competition or crowd numbers! I had a great night mingling with the crowd, performing the grand entry in the rain, T.V interviews and signing plenty of autographs for the rodeo enthused crowd and more!

Next stop on rodeo road was Yarrawonga Rodeo. I had great fun walking the beautiful streets of Yarra promoting the rodeo and handing out flyers! Thankfully the rain held off as we performed the grand entry, mingled and signed autographs for the rest of the night.

The following day we packed up and headed on down the road to Tumbarumba Rodeo to bring in the New Year!! Tumba certainly set the perfect scene for a great one horse cowboy town that came alive as we counted in the New Year!

We were up bright and early on the 1st of January to kick off 2017 right, at the Tumbarumba Rodeo!! I had a great night performing the grand entry, selling raffle tickets and drawing raffles, signing autographs and lots of mingling. This particular Rodeo was extremely special as in the opening ceremony Happy Gill announced the Tumbarumba Rodeo will be inducted into the Australian Rodeo Heritage Centre

Hall of Fame for 2017! This is huge feat for such a small rodeo community! Congratulations to the long serving committee members and sponsors!

Next stop was Finley Rodeo where we enjoyed a great day of rodeo! I had a fantastic night mingling, performing the grand entry, signing autographs and kept busy in the sponsor's tent with the great supporters of the event!

And finally we arrived at Beechworth rodeo early the next morning where I was to make my final ride bearing the flag of our great nation as your Miss Rodeo Australia 2016. I'm not going to lie and say it wasn't an emotional one, but a great finish to this amazing journey.

I kicked off the day walking the beautiful not to mention archaic streets of Beechworth promoting the rodeo and handing out flyers. Before heading back for the "Build a Cowboy" Rodeo in the arena where children of all ages got the opportunity to participate in the rough stock and timed events of rodeo.

I would like to thank the cowboys and cowgirls that came out and helped with bucking barrels and roping the dummy, thank you! The children had a ripper of a time participating! Next it was time for the grand entry where I chose to fly the



**Yarrawonga
Rodeo**





With Eddie, Jo & Shea Fisher & Tyson Durfey at the WNFR



Meeting Bob Berg WNFR!

flags of not only our great nation but also the USA Flag and the Canadian Flag to represent our great partnerships as well as my amazing journey.

Next it was time for some mingling and rodeo action! Beechworth certainly turned on some great rodeo action and a pumping crowd which made my last rodeo so much more fun! I finished the night with presentations and a great farewell from a great crowd!

I would sincerely like to thank the Myrtleford, Yarrawonga, Tumbarumba, Finley and Beechworth Rodeo Committee's for having me and congratulate each of them on hosting such successful Professional Rodeos!

I would also like to send a massive shout out to Teresa Jones, Bruce Marsh and Caitlyn McPhee for all they have done for our Queens throughout the years.

A special thank you from me personally for carting me around, taking great care of me and providing me with the most special horses to ride as I represented Australian



Meeting Sherry Cervi at the WNFR

Professional Rodeo throughout 2016! I truly appreciate your continued support!

Finally before I sign off I would like to thank my amazing sponsors COWGIRL UP, CORRAL BOOTS, MONTANA SILVERSMITHS, CHUTE 4 WESTERN WEAR, and RIDETUFF BUCKLES & JEWELLERY for their continued support over the past 12 months! I have been so proud to wear and endorse your apparel during my reign.

I have one last farewell in next month's magazine so for now, safe travels on rodeo road and thank you for letting me represent the best sport and people in the World!

God Bless

Yours Truly in Rodeo

Miss Rodeo Australia

Katy Scott



Whilst looking through the South Point exhibit hall I found one of our very own John Gill & Sons Bronc Halters on the wall. I felt extremely proud to have one of Australia's greatest rodeo families recognised at a World Tribute! On behalf of the APRA I would like to thank Happy Gill & Sons for their continued contribution to Australian Professional Rodeo and providing us with some of the greatest bucking stock to rock this Earth!

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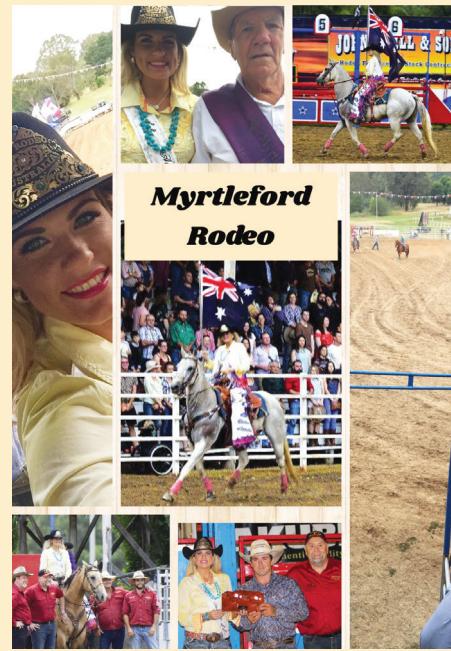
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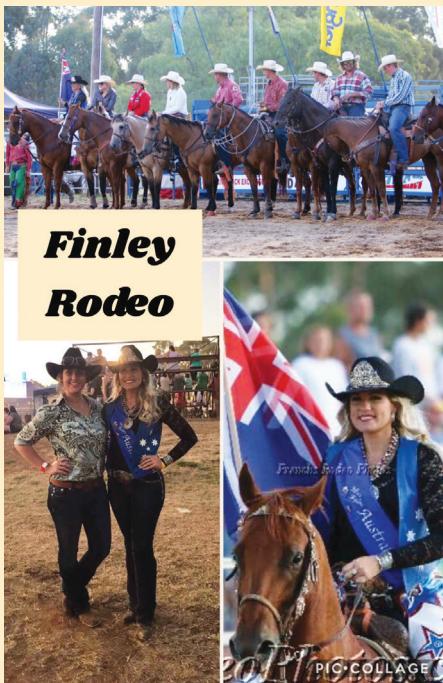
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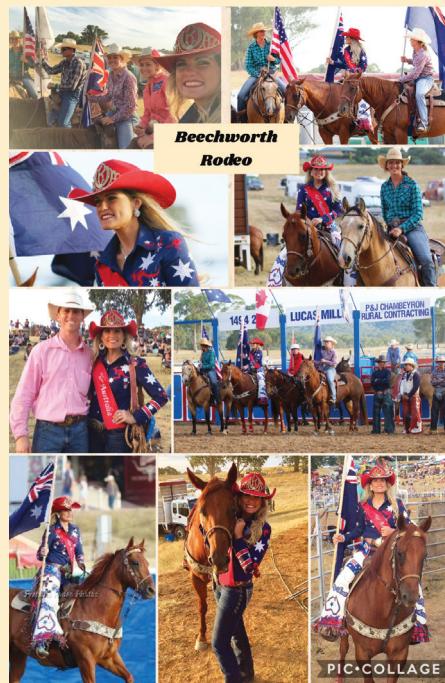
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