



Dee Heinemann - Winner Open bareback

The MAC Copper – CSA Mine Cobar Rodeo 2025

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The small, but passionate Committee from ‘The Copper City’ have done it again! Running another successful Rodeo in the red dirt town full of mining heritage. When the first Rodeo was held in 2018 the entries totalled 58. Last year’s entries totalled 152. A testament to the popularity of their event was the impressive number of 225 entries for 2025. Beautiful Bob Berg buckles were up for grabs in all events. The Cobar Committee teamed up again with the Nevertire Rodeo to award a ‘Best in the West’ buckle to the highest average in the Open Bull Ride, Saddle Bronc, Bareback & Ladies Barrel Race.

Billy Nell aboard ‘Full Noise’ took the win in the Open Bull Ride by ½ a point to claim the trophy buckle. 2nd Bailee Selton ‘Big red’. Equal 3/4th Cody Hotston ‘Bolt Action’ & Simon Timmins ‘Pluto’.

The Beezas Memorial Open Bareback winner was Dee Heinemann with a 77 point ride aboard ‘Right Turn Clyde’. For the third year running Dee took home the two beautiful Bob Berg memorial buckles kindly donated by Beeza’s family. 2nd Brock Adams – Hitman.

For the first year on the program, the **Pure Blonde & Co** Womens Ranch Bronc Ride was a feature event. Charli Banaghan took home the Bob Berg Trophy Buckle.

‘Best in the West’ Buckle Winners

Open Bull Ride	Bailee Selton
Saddle Bronc	Daniel Trembath
Open Bareback	Dee Heinemann
Ladies Barrel Race	Ellie-Jo Tuckey

‘Best in the West’ is awarded to the winners of the average between Cobar Rodeo & The Atmos Renewables Nevertire Rodeo



Results

8-U11 Barrel Race

- 1 Indi Potter 'Frankie' 19.096
- 2 Maya Bandy 'Pep' 19.356
- 3 Georgia Caldwell 'Cruiser' 20.076
- 4 Maycee Litchfield 'Rose Rey'
- 5 Darcy Cook 'Splash'

11-U14 Junior Barrel

- 1 Kenzie Litchfield 'Yogi' 18.618
- 2 Charliz Selmes 'Milo' 18.815
- 3 Tiana Abbott 'Doncha' 18.898
- 4 Amy Manwaring 'Little Blue'
- 5 Chyanne Jackson 'Easy Jackson'

14-U18 Juvenile Barrel

- 1 Gabriella Phillips 'Wellsdale Acres Of Smart' 17.826
- 2 Hannah Fulton 'Sp Top Gear Request' 18.131
- 3 Stevee Besant 'Harry High Pants' 18.132
- 4 Elanore Ure 'Dallas' 18.273
- 5 Bridie Palmer 'Palmer's El Royale'

Novice Barrel Horse

- 1 Brianna Learmonth 'Fame Is Easy' 18.414
- 2 Jodi Kilmartin 'Bullet' 18.55
- 3 Michelle Potter 'Baby D' 18.736
- 4 Breana Ure 'Jazz' 18.752
- 5 Jo Caldwell 'Sheza Fifty Shades of Red' 18.768

Ladies Barrel Race

- 1 Michelle Potter 'Baby D' 18.085
- 2 Skyla Wicks 'Scampa' 18.117
- 3 Emma Thompson 'Eddie' 18.283
- 4 Connie Besant 'Harry High Pants'
- 5 Brianna Learmonth 'Fame Is Easy'

Novice Bareback

- 1 Hamish Mclean 67
- 2 Jack Lees 64
- 3 Jesse Ripper 62
- 4 Henry Leggett 61

8 - U11 JNR Steer Ride

- 1 Blake Abbott 62
- 2 Brysen Bull 61
- 3 Levi Craig 61
- 4 Jaxson Oddy 59
- 5 Jasper Bush

Tronic Group 14-U18 Junior Bull Ride

- 1 Cooper Craig 77
- 2 Brock Hamilton 75
- 3/4 Billy Fogg 70
- 3/4 Koby Read 70
- 5 Brayden Oddy 69

11 - U14 JNR Steer Ride

- 1 James Ross 60

Novice Saddle Bronc

- 1 Tom Day 63
- 1 Brayden Ross 63
- 3 Riley Bradshaw 62
- 4 Daniel Trembath 56

Saddle Bronc

- 1/2 Jason Carlon 68
- 1/2 Oliver Wiggins 68
- 3 Lane Edwards 67
- 4/5 Daniel Trembath 65
- 4/5 Tom Day 65

Ces Motor Trimming and Industrial Sewing Pty Ltd Novice Bull Ride

- 1 Brayden Oddy 73
- 2 Simon Timmins 71
- 3 Darcy Wilton 65
- 4 Brodie Meredith 63
- 5 Kai Dale 58

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A massive shout out to David and Terese Carter for yet again looking after us around rodeo time! We are so grateful for what they do for us by donating accommodation for our stock contractors who travel a great distance to come out west and bring us the best stock! For one of the best and most comfortable nights away from home, make sure you book in at the Oasis motel, it's Cobar's absolute best! You will not be one bit disappointed!!

As the red dust settled on the Rodeo arena, the Committee sent a massive thank you out to everyone who helped them in any way!

To our amazing sponsors, without you guys, it wouldn't happen! You believe in us every year and we are so grateful for what you do!

Cobar Pony Club - thank you for stepping up and taking on the canteen. We hope you guys had a successful day for your club

The ladies who donate their time at the gate, we appreciate the effort you have with standing at the gate and getting people through to make our rodeo run with a successful crowd! Thank you so much!

To anyone who helped get the grounds ready, and help set up the arena, we thank you!

To our amazing stock contractors Parnaby Bulls, Noel Fraser and Rick Wilson, the stock never disappoints and always makes for good watching! We thank you for agreeing to supply us and just know we will see you back out here in 2026

Our music is always on point as well as our announcer during the rodeo, a job well done again!
To the competitors, thank you for travelling those long hours out west to compete at our rodeo! We appreciate you all

Jodi Kilmartin for your time & effort in the office while you're also competing. You do an amazing job, you're a bloody legend and we cannot thank you enough
To every spectator who sat in the heat and dust and watched, THANK YOU

To anyone I have missed, thank you again for your efforts in making our 2025 rodeo another success!

Cassey Brown

The official Cobar Rodeo after party was held at the Cobar Bowling & Golf Club with entertainment 'Edgecliff' belting out the tunes.

At the crossroads of the Barrier Highway and Kidman Way, the town today pays homage to its history through fascinating museums and colonial buildings, preserved open-cut mines and memorials. I've been travelling to this event for quite a few years now, and I can confirm the Oasis Motel is a great place to stay. You can't go wrong with a meal from the Great Western Hotel, as well as the Bowling/Golf Club. There's something about the red dirt town that keeps you coming back. If you haven't made the trek to Cobar, it's a must-see.

SEE YOU IN 2026

