

Dolly's Dream Show 2026

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The 8 th to 10 th of May 2026 saw North West Cow Horse run their annual Dolly's Dream Fundraising show, and it did not disappoint. Everyone got involved in spreading the message of kindness, and the mateship was abundant just as everyone has come to know and expect from North West Cow Horse events. Competitors wore blue to raise awareness for the cause which is close to the hearts of the Cow Horse Community.



A total of \$3939.65 was raised this year which contributed to \$13,339.65 raised so far over the past four years. Funds were raised through a variety of different avenues and everyone got involved!

Some of the Cow Horse Kids sold hand made jewellery and key rings, The Food Shack contributed greatly by organising a raffle which was supported by numerous local businesses, Piallamore Hay and Silage donated hay which was raffled off with a 'hundreds club', and then there was the very memorable hobby horse boxing Calcutta on Saturday night!

The North West Cow Horse Committee would like to extend their heart felt thanks to competitors, sponsors and donors for their generosity in supporting a very worthy cause.

As always, the Cow Horse Cutting started the show on Friday with Michael Rapley riding Mewburn Formula One dominating the field scoring 72 points, just one point ahead of Jeff Raplh on board Dual Rey Von.

The Limited Non Pro Cutting was run as a 'jackpot class within a class' and saw Jodie Poole on Yulgibar Verakai and Andrew Sutherland riding Plan B One Pure Pepto tie for first place on scores of 69.



Next up was the IKON Group Open Non Pro Cow Horse which was taken out by Ellie McNaughton on Magpie with a score of 143. Lorraine Dutton rode Rothburn Khaleesi to a 141.5 to take out the second spot. They also won the first two placings in the Intermediate division.

The Open Age Cow Horse 'pre work' class gave competitors the opportunity to school their horses whilst the Beginner competitors warmed up for the final event of the day.

The Beginner class is a non affiliated event in which new competitors complete a reining pattern followed by working the mechanical cow for 50 seconds. Out of the 12 competitors, Lilly Gibson took the number one spot riding Cherry on a score of 132.

Competitors came together for an evening meal beautifully catered by The Food Shack, and listened to the Judge Rob Parish give some pointers whilst enjoying their meals.

On Saturday everyone wore blue to show support and raise awareness for Dolly's Dream. The day started with the Equine Vet Services Restricted Open Cow Horse, won by Scott McNaughton on Metal Girl with a score of 144.5 Michael Rapley and Mewburn Formula One came in second with a score of 141.

Next up was the MTB Equine Products Intermediate Non Pro Box Drive. A score of 142 was enough for Peter White to take the top spot, with Matt Cherry on Zaina hot on his heels with a 141.

The Circle L Open Cow Horse saw Lorraine Dutton and Rothburn Khaleesi take out first place in the Open, Intermediate and the Limited divisions with a score of 142. Madeline Gibson on Beljay Royal Henry, and Dan Gorman riding FNI Luna Eclipse both on a score of 141 were in second place for the Open and Intermediate, With Madeline also taking out the second spot in the Limited Open.

A crowd favourite event is always our Iron Filly Custom Leather Junior Youth Boxing class. Everyone always loves to see our next generation of competitors giving it a go! Daniel Kylstra riding Ask Him scored 139 points to put him in the lead. Lily Gibson and Cherry came in second with a score of 130, followed closely by Owen Cherry on Kitty with a score of 127.5.







The big kids came out next in the Eight Pointer Senior Youth Boxing. Ellie McNaughton rode Magpie to a 146 to take out the win, followed by Bella Obrien on Stylish Len and Brandi Frewin on Tassas Lil Chezzlenut on a score of 141.5 to tie for 2 nd /3 rd place.

The Montrose Arena Limited Boxing was the final event for the day. Josie Perrett and Banshee Merlin couldn't be caught on a score of 143. Lillian Rapley and Waratunga Jackpot tied for second with Sophie Cunico riding Isaspoonfula Rosie on 137.5.

Sunday saw the herd work portion of the Open Spectacular start the day, followed by the Elders Tamworth Rural and Lifestyle Limited Non Pro Cow Horse. Jodie Poole on Yulgibar Vereikai scored 139 to put them in first place just one point ahead of Bella Obrien on Stylish Len.

The LF1 Land and Livestock Open Spectacular was hotly contested with Scott McNaughton on board Metal Girl taking the win on 212.5 points, just half a point ahead of Dan Gorman riding FNI Luna Eclipse

That was enough to put Dan in the top spot in both the Bridle and Intermediate division followed by Ellie McNaughton on Magpie on 211 over the three phases. Ellie and Magie also took out the top spot in the Limited division.

The final event for the weekend was the Sam Fawcett Equine Therapies Intermediate Non Pro Boxing taken out by Jessica Carrigan on Tex Timeon a 145 followed by Kristy McNaught on CTK Annabell on a score of 143.

The North West Cow Horse Committee is already busy with preparations for upcoming clinics and another show in August where competitors will vye for the aggregate buckles up for grabs.

