



World class at Warwick 2025

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“Australia’s most famous” is certainly a term that the Warwick Campdraft & Rodeo can stand proud of, after proving why it remains one of the prestigious and renowned events of its kind in 2025.

The week-long event kicked off in the Campdraft arena, where competitors from across the country began the battle for a share in the \$370,000 cash and prize pool in the first rounds of competition.

The Prydes EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup – aptly nicknamed “the Melbourne Cup” of Australian Campdrafting, is widely considered the Australian Championship Campdraft – and for good reason. A competitive field of 774 first round runs saw 224 combinations progress to the second round, with 32 through to an exciting final on Sunday.

Rohan Marks and his homebred stallion “Turnermarks Linesman”, who already have back-to-back Stallion Campdraft wins (2023 and 2024) to their name at Warwick, were a standout combination of the week. After placing equal 2nd in the 2025 Canning Downs, Rohan and the black stallion put together a stylish 91 point run to secure victory as the Prydes EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup Champions for 2025. Rohan and Linesman also went home with multiple awards including that for the highest aggregate across the Gold Cup and Canning Downs, highest scoring ASH/breeder and the Masters award.

An exciting mark on Australian Campdraft history for Rohan and his young stallion, who is by Lawlors Mandana and out of Rohan’s partner Kerry Turner’s “Willdo Hingis” – the 2019 Warwick Gold Cup Champion.



Rohan Marks on - Turnermarks Linesman

Kerry and Hingis won the 2025 Dolly Everett Memorial Ladies series for the third year, being the highest scoring combination over the Triple Crown Ladies events.

The Ascot Cattle Co Canning Downs saw an equally exciting level of competition, with Bill Carey on “Gidget” securing victory from a field of 754 combinations after 3 outstanding scores of 90, 89 and 91 through the two rounds and final. The 14-year-old mare, by Dual Smart Rey and out of EP Spin O Catt, was also awarded the highest placed AQHA in the event.

The Wright Pastoral & Rose City Meats Champion of Champions event, featuring horses who have won 3 or more Open Campdrafts, is always a highlight – and Ken Boulton’s win aboard “Mewburn Tina Arena” (Warrenbri Clancy x Durkins Diamondtina) was certainly that! Ken has been competing at Warwick for 39 years and in 2025, he not only won the Champion of Champions with a 90 + 90.5 – but also placed 2 nd in the Gold Cup on “Obenvale Allamo”.

The Frasers Livestock Transport Stallion Campdraft came down to a thrilling 3 way run-off after the final, with 2024 Gold Cup Champion “SDP Scott David” and Sam Campbell emerging victorious with an aggregate of 200 points. A particularly meaningful win for Sam and his and wife Sarah’s 12-year-old stallion, by Hydrive Cat out of Spins Cherry Oak, coming off the back of a Gold Cup victory last year under Kimberley Sammon.

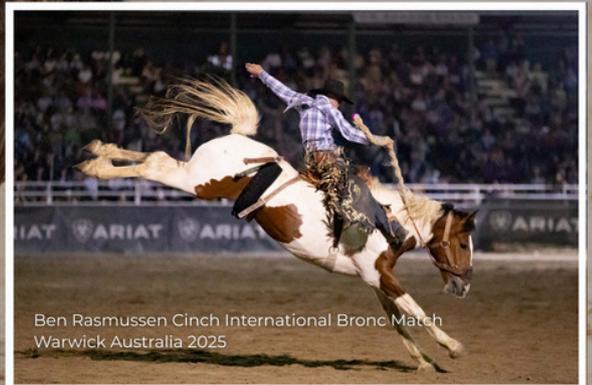
The Black Truck & Ag and Nasco Auctions Ladies Silver Cup is the most hotly contested Ladies event in Australia each year and in 2025, it was won in style by JJ Lamb and her big Conman gelding “Yakyak Foster” who held their lead through the final after Round 1. An emotional victory for JJ, who dedicated the win to her late mother on the second anniversary of her passing.

An award at Warwick each year which also has a long history is the JHS Barnes Trophy, which is awarded to the most consistent working horse over the event and is judged on ability, type and temperament. In 2025 it was awarded to Peter and Michelle Boulton’s “Ropeley Park Grace”, a 10-year-old mare by Ropeley Park Brigalow and out of Ropeley Park Cleo.

Rounding out an impressive line-up of 2025 Warwick Campdraft award winners were Mac Knudsen – winner of the Associate Rider award, Sam Campbell – who added highest scoring local rider to his list, Steve Comiskey’s “Delt Me N Acre” - who won the AQHA horse award and Ben Hall with “Chisums Cash” – who scored the highest aggregate over the Triple Crown events.

What makes Warwick a unique event is the combination of both Campdraft and Rodeo action in one arena – and competitors in “Australia’s most famous” Ariat Rodeo certainly provided spectators with exciting action across the last 4 days of the week.

Warwick’s youngest competitors converged to demonstrate the top-level skills amongst Australia’s next generation of Rodeo when Wyatt Gill won the U12 Steer Ride, Katie Pierce emerged victorious in the U12 Barrel Race and Mason Iker wowed the crowd in the U12 Junior Breakaway competition.



WINNER- Rohan Marks on - Turnernarks Linesman - Prydes EasiFeed Warwick Gold Cup 2025

Ben Rasmussen Cinch International Bronc Match Warwick Australia 2025

CAMPDRAFT RESULTS (ACA)

GOLD CUP

Rohan Marks TURNERMARKS LINESMAN (177) TURNERMARKS	270
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Ken Boulton OBENVALE ALLAMO (177) KEN BOULTON	266
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Steve Comiskey LYRA PARK DELT ME N ACRE (176) STEVE & LOUISE COMISKEY	265
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Peter Boulton REFLEX (182) PETER AND MICHELLE BOULTON	265
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CANNING DOWNS

Bill Carey GIDGET (179) BILL & GILL CAREY	270
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Kay Radke SELIGMANS SHANELL (177) KAY RADKE	268
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Rohan Marks TURNERMARKS LINESMAN (179) TURNERMARKS	268
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Cal Gibson GIBS SNEAKY CAT (179) CAL GIBSON	267
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Ben Hall HALLS ELTORRIO (179) JAYE & BEN HALL	267
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STALLION

Sam Campbell SDP SCOTT DAVID (178) SAM AND SARAH CAMPBELL	200
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Kylie McPhee DENMARK VICTOR - HSH (178) DW KEYS & KA CJ MCPHEE	199
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Wyatt Young NASHVILLE NIGHTMAN (178) MARGE HINDE	195
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LADIES SILVER CUP

JJ Lamb FOSTER (92) JJ LAMB	177
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Bec Hayes SHAYDACK AUDI (89) MICHAEL & BEC HAYES	176
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Courtney Mulcahy RADAR ISSY (87) LUKE COLLMAN	176
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Hayley Condon DIEGO (84) HAYLEY CONDON	175
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Meagan Macintosh BOGANVILLA FINESSE (87) DJ & TG HEINRICH	175
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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Ken Boulton MEWBURN TINA ARENA (90) KEN BOULTON	180.5
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David Thorn SHEEZA STYLISH CAT (90) JASON AND AIMEE PENNY DAVID AND KANDEE THORN	178.5
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Wayne Bean TWENTY X (88.5) WAYNE & RACHAEL BEAN	177.5
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Tom Webster Cinch International Bronc Match
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JHS Barnes Memorial Trophy Prydes Easifeed
Warwick Gold Cup Peter Boulton on REFLEX. Most
consistent working horse with Lorna Fanning



Poly Buck Jump - Dr Haley Rose

Focus then moved to the Juniors, where the Luca Civil Junior Bull Ride was hotly contested and well won by local Southern Downs rider Billy Gallaway on 74 points. Kade O’Dea and Cody Hill teamed up to win the Double M Productions Junior Team Roping, Fraser Innes took home a cheque for \$520 in the Heritage Finance Junior Steer Ride and Brandy Durbridge has a blazing run in the Cooler Junior Barrels to take the win. Cruz Leahy impressed in the Cooler Junior Breakaway, catching in 3.2 seconds to secure the victory.

Then it came down to the wire between some of the best cowgirls in the country in the Katie B Open Breakaway Roping, which was won by Australian Champion cowgirl Ellysa Kenny.

The Circle L Australia Barrel race was just as close, with Chelsea Davison taking home the cheque after posting the fastest time of the final.

Pure speed, strength and skill were on show across the Great Northern Brewing Co Rope & Tie and Black Toyota Steer Wrestling, which were won by Jay Green and 5-time Australian Champion Ryley Gibb consecutively.

Impressive lines of Australia’s top bucking stock ensured that the cowboys brought their best, with the Darling Downs Bank Bull Ride won by the versatile rough stock competitor Toby Collins from Victoria.

The Westbuilt homes Saddle Bronc competition came down to an exciting final round, where Clayton Braden and Tim Hammond’s equal aggregate scores saw them split the win. Jarrod McKane proved why he is a 4-time Australian Champion after taking out the Hutchinson Quarries Bareback competition with two round wins.

Logan Penfold and multiple Australian title holder Campbell Hodson were standouts in the Laird Engineering Team Roping, taking out the win with a 2.4 second lead.

Spectators were in force from start to finish each day at the Warwick Campdraft & Rodeo, with huge crowds descending on the showgrounds on Saturday night for an exciting addition to the 2025 program – the CINCH Australian Invitational Global Bronc Match.

The first event of its kind to be held at Warwick saw the best bronc riders invited to represent Australia, the US and Canada go head-to-head with Australia’s best bucking horses in one thrilling night of competition. Cowboys were split into 4 pools, with the top 2 riders from each advancing 8-man short go and a shot at the \$50,000 prize pool.

Broncs from Gill Bros Rodeo, Rick Knudsen and McPhee Rodeo Company performed exceptionally and the short go ‘final’ saw high scoring ride after high scoring ride – with world #11 Brody Wells from Wyoming, USA riding 158 WHISKEY BOY to clinch the win with a score 89.5!

Only half a point behind was Injune’s Darcy Radel on 752 CHARLIE BROWN on 89 points. An exciting finish for this Australian cowboy who has been living in Texas for three years as he chases his Rodeo dreams.

World #4 Damian Brennan from Injune, who spearheaded the event with Jake Finlay and Eddie Gill, rode 049 BLACK GOLD to match Canadian cowboy James Perrin and 656 CLASSIC COWBOY’s 86 points to split 3 rd place. Damian was thrilled with the event, which saw a full house on the edge of their seat all night. “A huge thank you to the Warwick Campdraft & Rodeo Committee for hosting what the biggest bronc match Australia has seen!”

With non-stop entertainment from the arena to the dancefloor, Warwick continues to stand the test of time and sees thousands celebrate the action, atmosphere and history of Australia’s most iconic event. Congratulations to all involved - we can’t wait to see what 2026 will have in store!

RODEO RESULTS (APRA)

SB

- 1 Tim Hammond
156.5
\$1956.00
- 1 Clayton Braden
156.5
\$1956.00
- 3 Ben Rasmussen
155.5
\$1173.60
- 4 Mitch Franz
143
\$652.00

BAREBACK

- 1 Jarrod McKane
165
\$1344.34
- 2 Sam Fuller
147
\$980.99
- 3 Cohen Collins
80
\$690.33

TEAM ROPING

- 1 Logan Penfold
OPEN TR - HEELER (16.9)
\$2292.50
- 1 William Miller
OPEN TR - HEADER (16.9)
\$2292.50
- 2 Lachlan Smith
OPEN TR - HEELER (19.3)
\$1637.50
- 2 Campbell Hodson
OPEN TR - HEADER (19.3)
\$1637.50
- 3 Jeff Miller
OPEN TR - HEADER (20.2)
\$1179.00
- 3 Kobe Miller
OPEN TR - HEELER (20.2)
\$1179.00

STEER WRESTLING

- 1 Ryley Gibb
11.4
\$2198.00
- 2 Josh Barnett
11.8
\$1570.00
- 3 Rope McPhee
13.5
\$1130.40

ROPE & TIER

- 1 Jay Green
24.7
\$1883.00
- 2 Logan Penfold
25.55
\$1345.00
- 3 Coben Ayers
25.75
\$968.40

LADIES BARRELS

- 1 Chelsea Davidson
36.791
\$2807.00
- 2 Dameeka Simmons
36.878
\$2005.00
- 3 Leslie Moore
37.043
\$1443.60

BREAKWAY

- 1 Ellysa Kenny
6.25
\$2618.00
- 2 Georgie Kapeller
7.5
\$1870.00
- 3 Jane Ryan
7.55
\$1346.40

BULL RIDE

- 1 Toby Collins
171
\$2104.00
- 2 Nash Jones
158
\$1578.00
- 3 Zane Hall
83.5
\$1052.00

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY

- 1 Cruz Leahy
3.4
\$600.00
- 2 Cooper Hoare
4.15
\$450.00
- 3 Billy Gallaway
4.35
\$300.00

JUNIOR TEAM ROPING

- 1 Kade O'Dea
JNR TR- HEADER (12.95)
\$450.00
- 1 Cody Hill
JNR TR - HEELER (10.85)
\$360.00
- 2 Rhys O'Toole
JNR TR - HEELER (13.5)
\$270.00
- 2 Hank Woodard
JNR TR - HEADER (26.2)
\$270.00
- 3 Cruz Leahy
JNR TR - HEELER (16.8)
\$180.00
- 3 Jackson Ramsay
JNR TR - HEADER (33)
\$180

JUNIOR BARREL RACE

- 1 Brandy Durbidge
18.117
\$960.00
- 2 Katie Pierce
18.461
\$720.00
- 2 Sunni Paterson
18.482
\$480.00

JUNIOR STEER RIDE

- 1 Fraser Innes
67
\$520.00
- 2 Brodie Salter
66.5
\$390.00
- 3 Jackson Ramsay
65.5
\$260.00