



News release

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Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo rocks the Isa

From 8 to 10 August, Mount Isa Mines returned once again as the naming rights sponsor of the 2014 Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo.

With more than 500 of Australia's best cowboys and cowgirls lining up for more than \$200,000 worth of cash and prizes, the Mount Isa Rotary Rodeo is the biggest and richest rodeo in the southern hemisphere.

The Mount Isa Rodeo draws about 30,000 people to the city every year and injects almost \$6 million into the local economy.

Mike Westerman, Chief Operating Officer for Glencore's north Queensland Copper Assets said the company takes great pride in supporting its local community and the events that make Mount Isa such a great place to live.

"Mount Isa Mines has been a proud supporter of the Isa Rodeo since the beginning, and after 55 years of thrills, spills and some of the best rodeo action in the world, we were excited to be back once again to support this fantastic community event," Mr Westerman said.

Rodeo 2014's nine-day program of events kicked into full swing at the Rodeo Ball on Saturday 2 August, with local Retail Manager Dannielle Horwood crowned the 2014 Rodeo Queen and Tegan Kastermans named this year's Charity Queen for her heroic fundraising effort, raising more than \$40,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

On the Thursday, TAFE Queensland, Best and Less and LJ Hooker took out their group categories in the Best Dressed Premises competition, and Taroom's Rebecca Knudsen riding champion sprinter 'Mojo' steamed across the finish line to claim the Mailman Express Sprint Time Trial title with a blistering pace of 11.91 seconds.

Friday saw the stunning floats of the Mardi Gras street parade celebrating 50 Years of the Royal Flying Doctor in Mount Isa. Mount Isa Mines' creation, led by a group of burly 'miners' and some pint-sized doctors and nurses, took out the Best Commercial Float category.

Over the final weekend, the Queensland Rail Bulls Masters taught spectators a thing or two about the gentleman's game in their exhibition cricket match, while Brophie's Boxing Tent left a couple of contenders with some pretty spectacular bumps and bruises come Sunday morning.

Australian country music stars 'The McClymonts' rocked the stage in their first ever appearance in Mount Isa supported by Townsville-based Triple J Unearthed up-and-comers 'King', who had the crowd dancing into the night with their unique rock, new age country and hip-hop sound.

Local talent was showcased in the main arena all weekend, with the Mount Isa School of Dance's Senior Elite Performance Group giving visitors a taste of the talent cultivated in the region with their dynamic dance numbers in the main arena.

"The draw of this event also gives us an opportunity to showcase our lifestyle and the unique, natural beauty of the north-west to the thousands of visitors who travel to Mount Isa for Rodeo every year," Mr Westerman said.

"To those who travelled to be with us for the weekend, thanks for taking the time to visit our great city and we look forward to welcoming you back next time."

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About Mount Isa Mines

Mount Isa Mines operates two separate mining and processing streams, copper and zinc-lead-silver, to deliver natural resources that have enduring roles in our society. The site hosts the world's largest zinc resource base, as well as the biggest network of underground mine development in the world.

The site includes two copper underground mines, one zinc underground mine and two zinc open cut mines; the copper concentrator and smelter, as well as the zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and zinc filter plant. Together, these represent Australia's largest industrial complex.

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