

President's Message 2017

The 2017 Yamaha Mareeba Rodeo is fast approaching and a small team of volunteers have already done a mountain of work to prepare the grounds at Kerribee Park for what is looking to be another huge Festival. We welcome competitors from all over Australia who travel north to match it with our local champions in one of the biggest Rodeo's in Australia with over \$50,000 in total prizemoney.

What has improved the most over the years is the production of the complete event that is this year titled the Yamaha Mareeba Rodeo, it includes the Mazda Downtown Parade, the Bendigo Bank Agricultural Show, the Side Show Alley and Woodchops arena and all the action that takes place in centre ring including the ABCRA Rodeo Programme with added Novelty events including the Bucking Ponies, Trick Riding Demonstrations, Comedy Clown Big Al. An absolute must to see is the RTS Concreting Interstate Rodeo Challenge with QLD and NSW going head to head in a State of Origin Battle in the Main Rodeo Events on Saturday Night.

We have 12 Lovely Ladies entered in the Rodeo Queen Competition this year, sponsored by the Mareeba Leagues Club, and they have been busy attending numerous functions and being judged throughout the Festival. The winners will be crowned on Friday Night on stage at the Parade and Mardi-gras but I think they are all winners for taking part.

The Yamaha Mareeba Rodeo is not just a Rodeo it is a celebration of our Country Lifestyle so I invite you all to be a part of this major regional event and if you haven't been to the rodeo for years please come and see how we have grown to be a true spectacle of entertainment. The Mareeba Rodeo Association has gone to great expense to secure a fantastic Big Screen Production for this years rodeo which includes RATCH Australia Corp. Big Screen with an additional screen in the Bronc Bar so you don't have to miss any of the action.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps and supports in any way with presenting the event, our Sponsors especially Yamaha and Mareeba Yamaha our event partners for 2017, Committee and Volunteers, Rotary and Lions Clubs, SES, the Travelling Community, and those who have assisted over many years.

This is my first year as President and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to assist in this role and look forward to seeing everyone at the Yamaha Mareeba Rodeo, please be safe and enjoy the hospitality of the Mareeba Rodeo Association for 2017.