



AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN 2024

COMPETITOR INFORMATION HANDBOOK

17th - 21st April 2024



**WELCOME TO
AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST
HORSEWOMAN 2024
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU
HAVE MADE IT!
WE HOPE YOU HAVE THE BEST
TIME BEING PART OF THIS
GREAT EVENT.**

Shaye Hughes





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OUR JUDGES

Reining - Glenn Wyse

Cutting ~ Nikki Morgan

Obstacles ~ David Cowley (Canada)

Cow Horse ~ Glenn Wyse

Cowgirl Up ~ Magen Warlick (USA) &

David Cowley (Canada)

Liberty ~ Skye Liikanen, Magen Warlick &

David Cowley

Horsewomans's Touch Colt Start Judges

Glenn Wyse

Magen Warlick

David Cowley

Skye Liikanen

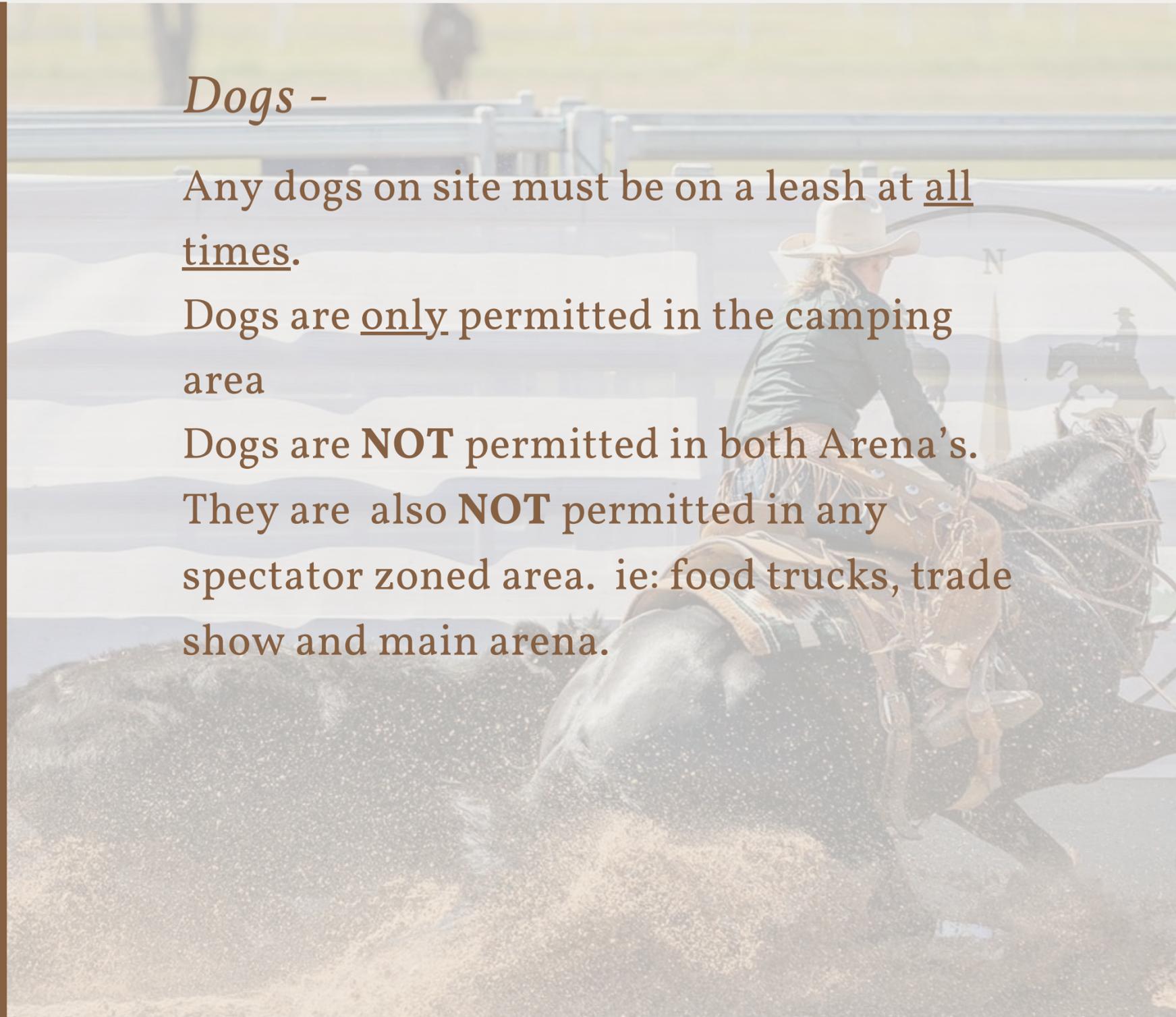
Dogs -

Any dogs on site must be on a leash at all times.

Dogs are only permitted in the camping area

Dogs are **NOT** permitted in both Arena's.

They are also **NOT** permitted in any spectator zoned area. ie: food trucks, trade show and main arena.



Media Services

Photographers will be on site for the entire event to capture special moments for all. Pre Booking is Essential to ensure that you have a photographer dedicated to capturing your runs. Please refer to the flyers on the competitors facebook pages. Some photographers will not have galleries after the event, so considering pre booking so you guarantee your shots.

We have also engaged the services of Paul Newport Video Productions who will be filming all runs and they will be available to purchase for \$ 10 per run. You do not need to pre book this service. We will also be running a live stream to be announced in the days leading up to the event with a link being provided through our website.

THE DUSTY LENS
MEDIA



Kathy Gabriel
Photography

PAUL NEWPORT
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

Captured by Rhi

COMPETITOR ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES

TUESDAY: CLINICS, LIBERTY & AGHW 3PM -6PM

WEDNESDAY: AGHW 3-6PM

THURSDAY: REIN IN PINK 3-5PM

FRIDAY: LADIES COWGIRL CUTTING 3-5PM

COWGIRL UP SATURDAY ONLY 6-7AM

**Please be respectful of these times and allocated camp spot, as we have a lot happening each day and want to streamline the process for everyone. We will have a volunteer dedicated to bump in and stable allocation during arrival times.*

All competitors must depart no later than 12pm Monday 22nd April.

Please ensure you have the correct number of camping and stabling nights booked in, any additional days will be invoiced.

**PLEASE NOTE COMPETITOR ENTRY IS VIA THE CARAVAN PARK END
OF THE VENUE (not the arena end)**

**should your arrival time be outside of these hours please let us know in advance.*

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Arrivals, Camping & Stabling

ON ARRIVAL:

Please make your way to your allocated camp site.

If you arrive before the person in front of you please move forward to that place to make it easier for the other person coming in to camp.

There are 4 camp spots per power/water stand, please keep this in mind when setting up.

There will be a camping and stabling coordinator who will be available through arrival times to direct.

When you arrive please make your way to the office to sign the waiver and finalise any paperwork (**you are not permitted to ride at the venue without this being signed**)

The camping area is going to be very busy so please be respectful and patient.

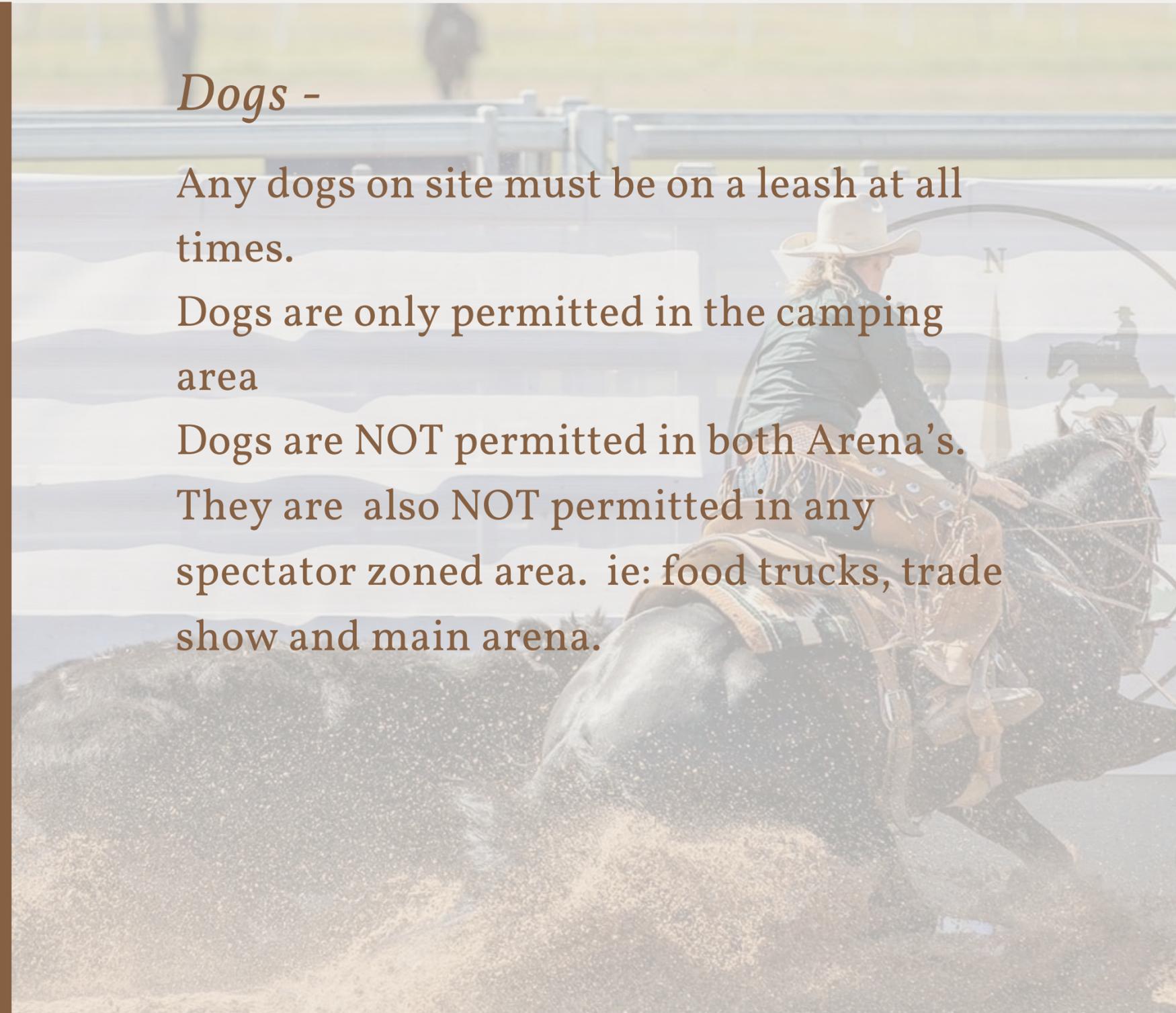
Please stick to all roadways on entry and exit.

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Camping & Stables

STABLES WILL BE UNLOCKED AFTER YOUR OFFICE CHECK IN ON YOUR ARRIVAL
STABLES AND CAMP SITES ARE TO BE LEFT CLEANED OUT AND ALL HORSE POO, FEED AND RUBBISH REMOVED
NO FIRE PITS (GAS HEATERS THAT ARE CONTAINED ARE PERMITTED)

Please note no changes will be made on arrival. Stable & Camping allocation will be posted on the Competitors Facebook page prior to arrival days, **failure to clean your stable/s on departure will result in a cleaning fee of \$110.**



Camping & Stables

Checklist Please supply your own.

EXTENSION LEAD FOR YOUR POWERED SITE

(A LONG ONE IS A GOOD IDEA)

WATER HOSE

TAP FITTINGS

WHEEL BARROW

WATER BUCKETS

YOU WILL REQUIRE A WHEEL BARROW FOR YOUR OWN HORSES SHAVINGS AND MANURE

SHAVINGS WILL BE SITUATED IN 2 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ON SITE

MANURE RAKE

PLEASE ENSURE ALL MANURE GOES TO THE ALLOCATED MANURE DISPOSAL SITES

STABLE ID CARDS IF YOU HAVE THEM

BACK NUMBER PRESENTATION COMPETITORS ADDRESS & BREAKFAST

7.30 am Thursday 18th April

All competitors are required to be at the back number presentation and competitors address.

This is an opportunity for us to pass on any last minute information.

For competitors to ask any questions.

Back Numbers will be presented to competitors.

A wonderful opportunity for a meet and greet

Bacon & Egg Breakfast Supplied

Hay Supply Services

*Event Sponsor H S Hay Services
Will be delivering their top quality
hay for competitors to the venue.
“Save hauling in”, Sam will be
delivering quality hay for you.
Pre booking and pre payment
required.*



H S HAY SERVICES

0417 580 340

Price per bale

Lucerne (premium grade)	\$26.....QTY.....
Lucerne	\$22.....QTY.....
Native pasture hay (no rye)	\$16.....QTY.....
Teff Hay	\$24.....QTY.....
Oaten Hay	\$20.....QTY.....

Please text your order with your name and AGHW as a reference Sam will let you know how to make payment

Open Arena Times

Undercover Outdoor Arena

Open at all times with
the exception of

-Wednesday 8am-1pm
there will be a clinic in
progress.

-While cattle are being
moved around

Main Arena - closing every day at 6am

Wednesday Evening 5-6pm - Liberty Competitors **Only**

Wednesday Evening - After 9.30 or at least 45 minutes after
the conclusion of the Liberty.

Thursday - After the AGHW Reining event until 6pm.

Thursday - After 9.30pm or 30 minutes after the conclusion
of the Rein in Pink.

Friday - Open Arena 45mins- 1hour after the conclusion of
the evening Cutting event.

Saturday - Open Arena 9.30pm - 6am

Please Note - please use the arena etiquette for the warm up pen. Right circles at the top end, Left Circles at the bottom end, slower riders to the middle and faster riders to the outside, with the first 30 minutes of the hour for circles spins and the 2nd 30 minutes for run downs, stops, roll backs. Please be aware of everyone riding, there are many disciplines that may need to practice specific manoeuvres, so please be courteous to each other and inform other riders if you would like to practice anything different to the above .

HOW PLACINGS ARE DETERMINED

AGHW Open Class

Combined Scores of the Reining, Cutting and Obstacles will determine the top 10 Highest Scores overall, with the top 10 competitors going through to the clean slate final on Sunday.

All remaining competitors will automatically go into the draw for the Ladies Fencework Finale.

AGHW Rookie & Junior Class

Combined Scores of the Reining, Cutting, Obstacles and Reined Cow Horse will determine the overall placings for these classes.

Please Note: Scores sheets for the senior classes Reining, Cutting and obstacles will be released after the announcement of the Top 10 (displayed at the office caravan only). Rookie and Junior Score sheets will not be released until after the finals presentations, at which point they will be posted on the competitors page and at the office caravan.

Clinic & Competition Schedule

THESE ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES

WEDNESDAY 17TH

LIBERTY CLINIC 9AM START (8.30AM MEET & GREET)

COW HORSE CLINIC - 9AM START (8.30AM MEET & GREET) UNDERCOVER ARENA

OBSTACLE CLINIC - 9AM START (8.30AM MEET & GREET)

LIBERTY COMPETITION - 6.30PM START

THURSDAY 18TH

7.30AM COMPETITORS ADDRESS & BREAKFAST (ALL COMPETITORS)

REINING CLINIC - 9AM START (8.30AM MEET & GREET)

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN REINING - 1-1.30PM

REIN IN PINK 6.30PM

FRIDAY 19TH

CUTTING CLINIC 8.30AM START (8AM MEET & GREET)

HORSEWOMAN'S TOUCH COLT START - 12-30 - 1PM

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN CUTTING - 3.30PM

LADIES OPEN CUTTING - 6.30 - 7PM START

SATURDAY 20TH

COWGIRL UP QUALIFYING ROUND - 7.45AM WALK THROUGH

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN OBSTACLES - JUNIOR

HORSEWOMAN'S TOUCH COLT START - 12.30-1PM

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN OBSTACLES - ROOKIES AND SENIOR

TOP 10 ANNOUNCEMENT, ALL AGHW COMPETITORS TO BE IN THE ARENA WITH A COLLARED SHIRT AND HAT (WESTERN ATTIRE)

COWGIRL UP CHALLENGE 6PM

SUNDAY 21ST

LADIES FENCEWORK FINALE - 9AM

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN JUNIOR - REINED COW HORSE

HORSEWOMAN'S TOUCH COLT START FINAL - 12.30-1PM

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN ROOKIE - REINED COW HORSE FINAL

AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST HORSEWOMAN SENIOR - REINED COW HORSE FINAL

- PLEASE NOTE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES, THIS IS HORSES!!



Presentations

**ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO
BE AT PRESENTATIONS**

Top 10 announcement will be Saturday evening prior to the Cowgirl Up Final , all AGHW competitors to be in the arena with a collared shirt and hat (western attire)
Competitors are required to be present at presentations, should a competitor fail to attend they may forfeit their place unless previously show management/office have been notified. For the final presentations we would request that all competitors be mounted.

Presentation Schedule

*Ladies Freestyle
Liberty*

Wednesday Evening

Presentations will be at the conclusion of the event after Judges Scores are tallied

*Rein in Pink
Thursday Evening*

Presentations will be at the conclusion of the event after Judges Scores finalised

*Ladies Cowgirl Cutting
Friday Evening*

Presentations will be at the conclusion of the event after Judges Scores finalised

*Horsewoman's Touch
Colt Start*

Presentations will be at the conclusion of the event on the final day after all Judges Scores are tallied
Sunday 21st April

*Ladies Fencework
Finale, Reining,
Cutting & Obstacles
Go Rounds*

Presentations will be held at the conclusion of events on
Sunday 21st April

*Australia's Greatest
Horsewoman 2024
Junior, Rookie & Senior*

Presentations will be held at the conclusion of events on
Sunday 21st April

Event Rules & Guidelines

Each discipline is run with the rules of that association, with the exception of our event guidelines over ruling for example:

The Bridle Rule - you must ride in the same set up for all classes in AGHW, so if you ride in a snaffle it is a snaffle for all 4 phases, if you ride in a bridle, you must ride one handed.

Please take the time to read over the event rules and guidelines.

● **REINING - NRHA**
www.nrha.com

● **CUTTING - NCHA**
www.ncha.com.au

● **OBSTACLES - NCCA**
www.nationalcowboychallengeassociation.com

● **NRCHA**
www.nrcha.com

Event Rules & Guidelines

*Competitors/clinic participants are the only riders permitted to ride at the venue. ie: no warm up riders permitted without signing indemnity.

*Riders must not ride at venue until indemnity has been signed.

* All riders are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and display good sportsmanship. *All riders will be required to present for a gear check & horse health check prior to competing.

*Australia's Greatest Horsewoman competitors must ride in the same gear for all phases, failure to do so will incur elimination, there will be a gear check for each round.

*Horse welfare is paramount. Any rider displaying any cruelty, excessive riding/excessive warming up, excessive use of gear etc will be eliminated and asked to leave the premises immediately. This is at the discretion of the committee.

*Bump in for competitors will be from 4pm - 6pm Tuesday 16th April and 4-6pm Wednesday 17th April Bump out by 12pm Monday 22nd April 2024.

*There will be open pen for competitors on evenings after completion of the days events, time slots will be allocated for discipline specific open pen riding, times to be confirmed and posted in competitor page/s. *Riders must ride with gear accordingly - shank bit must be ridden one handed in every section, snaffle bit/Bosal ridden two handed. No gag bits, nose bands, tie downs. If you are unsure about a piece of gear please email the team with your enquire. Failure to do so will result in elimination from the round. *Stables are to emptied out completely at the conclusion of the event, failure to do so will incur a \$110 cleaning fee.

*Judges decision is final. Any complaints should be given in writing to the office.

*The committee has the final say. Our Intention is for everyone to enjoy the event so please talk to us with any issue that may arise, to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.

*In the case of an issue arising the correct complaint/dispute procedure must be followed. If a competitor wishes to make a complaint about anything pertaining to the competition or if a competitor wishes to challenge a decision made in relation to the competition it must be done so in writing and emailed to the committee up until 10pm of the day of the round and/or competition.

*Poor sportsmanship &/or negative/aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

*A participant should never speak to or about the organizing committee and extended volunteers and helpers in a defamatory manner including and not limited to social media platforms.

*Participants are prohibited from competing/participating under the influence of Alcohol or non prescription drugs.

*Riders and companion person only are permitted in the warm up arena while events are on, and only competitors and officials are permitted in the main arena for open pen times.

*Competitors are required to be present at all presentations, should a competitor fail to attend they may forfeit their place, unless previously show management/office has been notified prior to presentation time. *Junior competitors are not permitted to compete on a Stallion.

*Junior competitors are required to be 12 years and above as at the 1st of January of the competition year. *Junior competitors are required to wear an approved helmet at all times while riding.

*Minimum age of all competitors horses is to be 4 years old, as at the 1st January in the competition year (This does not include the Colt Start)

Snaffle Bit Cutting

Below rules are guidelines are the rules of The Australian Cowgirl Open Cowgirl Cutting Class - Open Snaffle Bit Cutting.

All Rules and Guidelines for The Australian Cowgirl Events also apply to this special event.

General Guidelines - Open Snaffle Bit Class

- This class is open to all Ladies and all horses regardless of age & regardless of earned money by competitor.
- Competitor will show in a Snaffle Bit with split reins, regardless of horse's age.
- Competitor can show in any saddle.
- Chaps & Chinks NOT Required.
- Open to any rider 12yrs and over.
- Should the Championship result in a draw, there will be a run off to decide 1st and 2nd placings.
- Placings to 6th place with ribbons and prizes, buckles for Champion and Reserve Champion
- Time Allowed for each horse to work is two and a half (2.5) minutes
- The judge/s will discuss their requirements prior to competition.

Equipment – Open Snaffle Bit Class

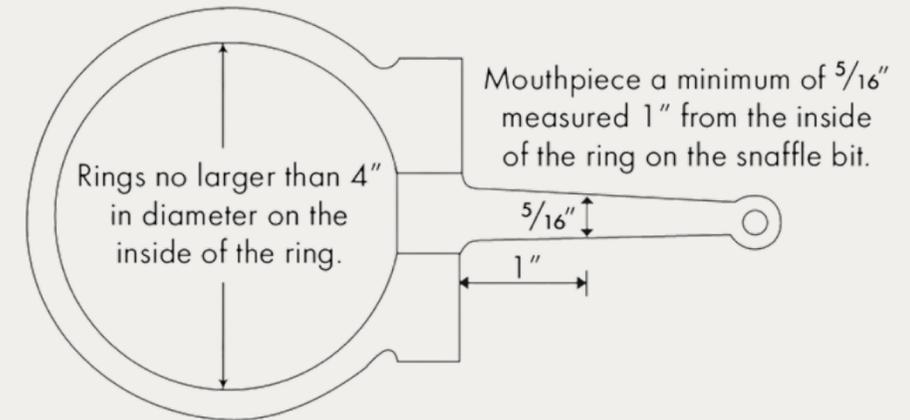
- Snaffle Bit shall be either “D” or “O” Ring type
- Snaffle Bit should be no larger than 4 inches in diameter on the inside of the cheek piece ring.
- It must have a broken, 2 piece, mouth piece, being a minimum of 5/16 inch in diameter, measured 1 inch in from the inside of the ring on the snaffle bit, with a gradual decrease to center of the snaffle.
- The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal.
- It may be inlaid but must be smooth.
- Latex wrap is not acceptable.
- These bits must be such that when the reins are pulled no undue leverage is applied, i.e. the inside of the circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb, or head stall attachments.
- A leather or other woven material chin strap of any width is to be used. No iron, chain or other material may be used. Chin Strap is allowed to include metal buckles and/or keepers on snaffle bits only.
- Reins are to be attached above the chin strap.
- Split reins must be used; no closed reins.
- Two hands must be used on the reins, except in the herd
- work or to provide safety to rider or adjust equipment.
- Rider or representative may be required to drop the bridle to the designated bridle checker or judge. The bridle checker may have a magnet to check chin straps for metal objects (inside) or cores. Designated bridle checker /judge will not touch horse's mouth. Failure to drop bit for bit checker will result in a score of zero.

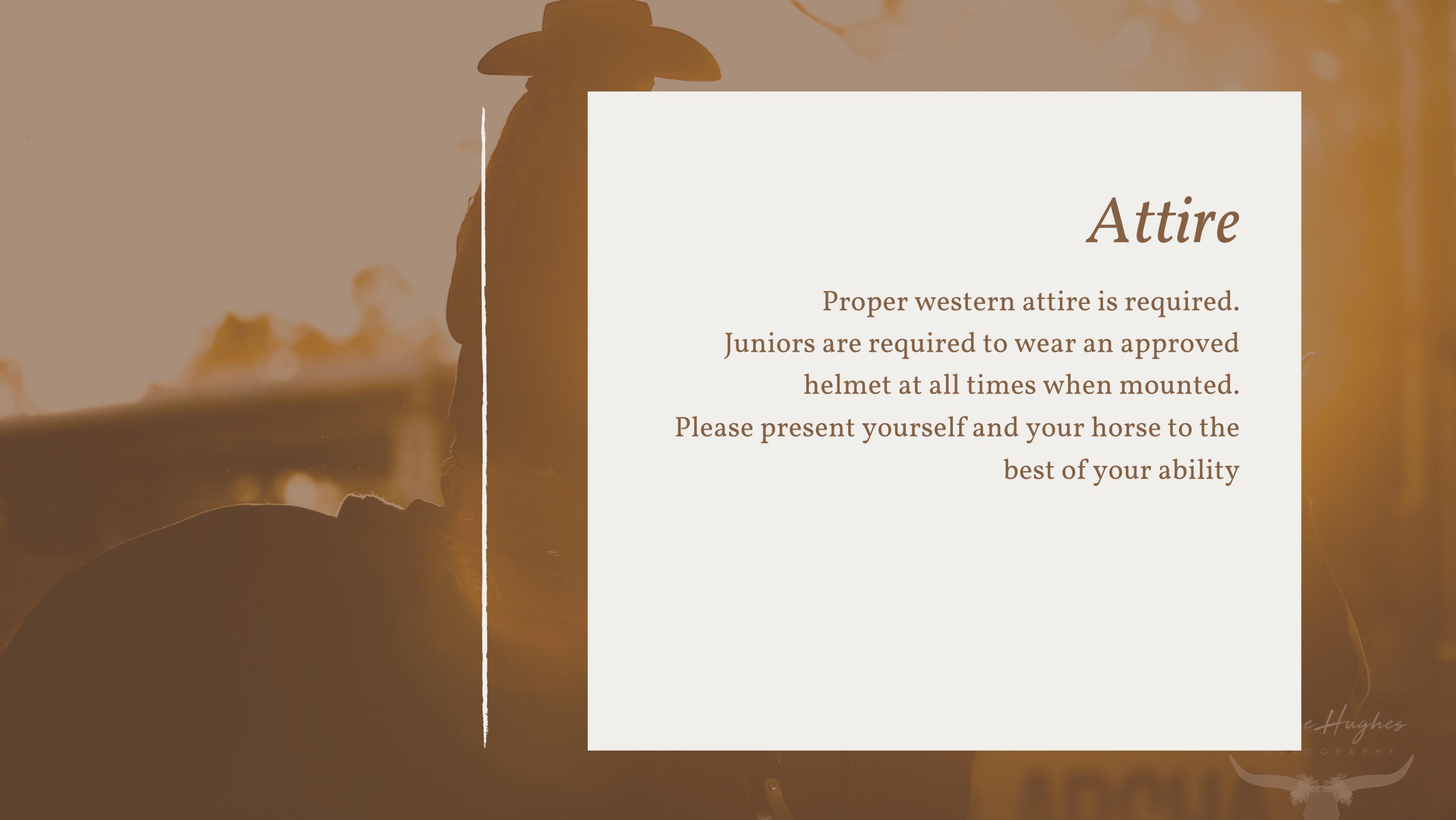
Illegal Equipment – the following equipment is considered illegal and should not be used at any time, in any location, including, but not limited to, barns, stalls, practice area and show arena:

Tie-downs

Saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores.

Any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail.



A silhouette of a cowboy wearing a wide-brimmed hat, standing on a horse. The background is a warm, golden sunset with soft clouds. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent white rectangular box containing text.

Attire

Proper western attire is required.
Juniors are required to wear an approved
helmet at all times when mounted.
Please present yourself and your horse to the
best of your ability



Competitor & VIP Dinner

Saturday Evening - This is a Ticketed Event

This Dinner starts after presentations of the Cowgirl Up Challenge .

Please be sure to bring your dinner ticket along (your tickets are in your competitor show bag)

Take this opportunity to socialise with your fellow competitors, our VIP's, Sponsors and other guests. You may even have some of the kids asking for your autograph in the program.



Food Vans & Bar

PIZZA NIGHT

Wednesday night is Pizza night, so to make your arrival and set up a little easier you can pop on down to the food truck area and order a pizza for your dinner. Or if you're already on site and watching the Liberty show you can grab a pizza and watch the show.

FOOD VANS

We have four other food trucks and a coffee van that will be on site for the duration of the event, offering a nice variety of foods and most importantly coffee!



BAR

This event is fully licensed there is NO BYO or glass permitted in the Licensed areas which includes Horse Arena's Food Van area and The Stables Trade show area.

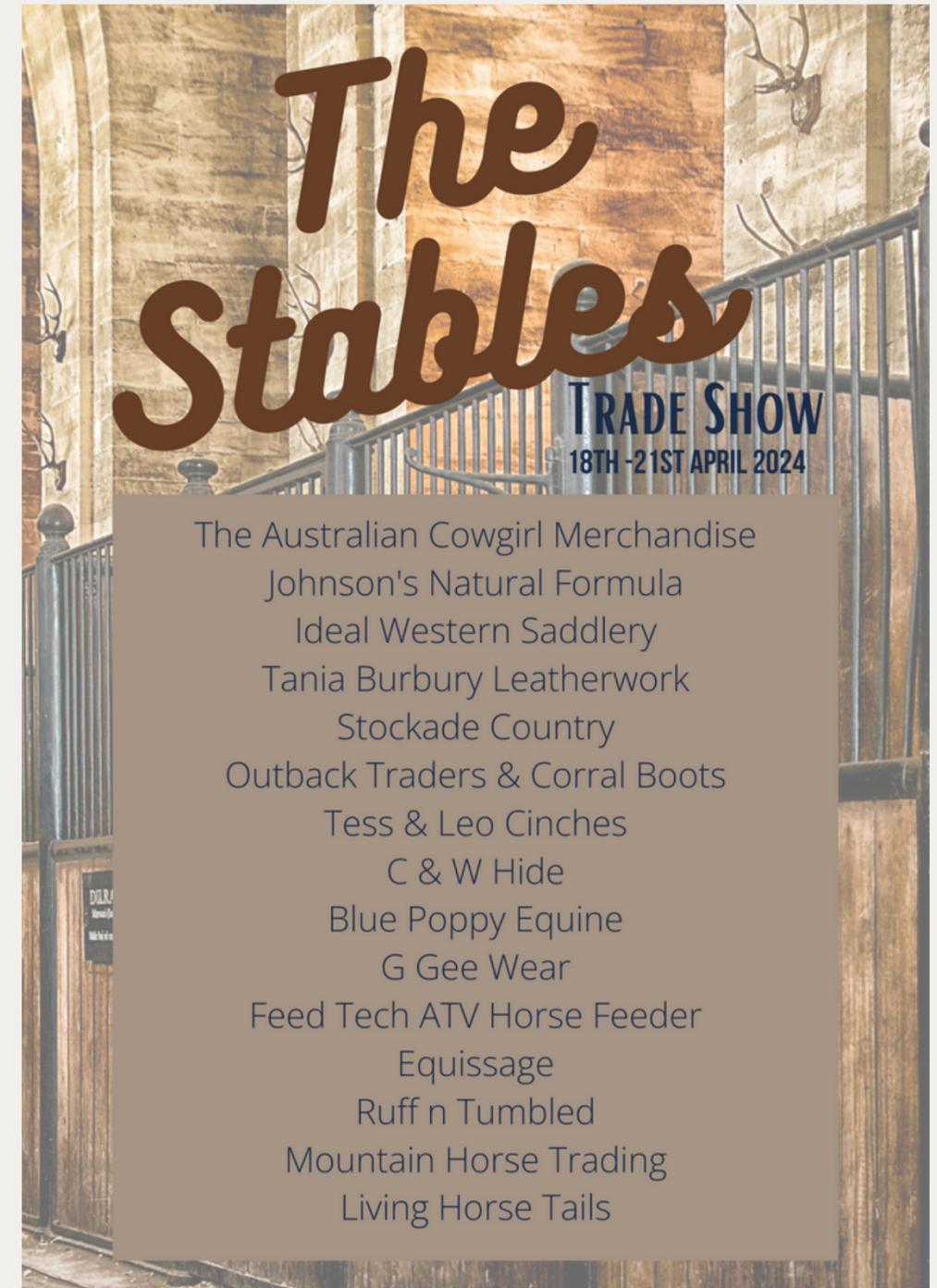
The Bar will be open from 2pm on Wednesday and Thursday and 1pm each day after that. Offering a wide variety of drinks and also yummy cocktails

Trade Show & Shopping

CHECK OUT THE TRADE SHOW

Just in case you want to do some shopping, or you need something that you have left behind, we have a great range of shopping to be had from Thursday to Sunday.

Some of these stands are our sponsors so be sure to thank them for their support, we know it will be appreciated.





TO OUR COMPETITORS
ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST!

**You never know
if there's a young
girl watching &
thinking, I
wannna be just
like HER**



Shaye Hughes
PHOTOGRAPHY





*Thank you for being part of
Australia's Greatest Horsewoman.*

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