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Polocrosse carnival delivers horseback fun and brings the crowds to Emerald

Over the weekend (9-10 May), more than 100 people flocked through the gates to compete in and enjoy the horseback action at the Emerald Polocrosse Carnival, which was supported by the Emerald Polocrosse Club and volunteers, and with financial assistance from Yarrabee Coal Mine.

Yarrabee coal Mine was pleased to be the naming rights sponsor, donating \$3,000 to help ensure the event was a success and to raise much-needed funds for the Emerald Polocrosse Club.

The event welcomed nine senior teams and six junior teams from areas across Queensland, including Alton Down, Bauhinia, Roma, Bowen, Pyramid and Tansey.

Polocrosse is a fast-paced, exciting team sport and all competitors put on a great show of advanced riding skills and overall horsemanship.

Bryan Wells, President of the Emerald Polocrosse Club was thrilled with how the event went.

“The carnival always unites the Emerald community and brings competitors and spectators together to enjoy a day of fantastic and exciting horseback action.

“Our club really came together to put on a fantastic day, and the weather was perfect. It was a celebration of community, competition and country life.

“We had a strong turnout. with a number of people opting to make a weekend of it and camp at the grounds. We were serving yummy food and refreshments all weekend.

“Even though we had a smaller number of teams competing this year, we had an action-packed weekend and congratulations to all our winners.

“Polocrosse is a game full of excitement and enjoyment, and we love that the carnival attracts visitors from all over Queensland, who come and enjoy the polocrosse and the rich history of Emerald.

“Thank you to all our sponsors including Yarrabee Coal,” said Bryan.

The Emerald Polocrosse Club began in 1998. It is a small club with 8 members and year-on-year it is committed to hosting a great polocrosse carnival. It relies on volunteers and community donations, and support is always welcomed.

Yarrabee Coal Operations Manager, Mike Priestly, was happy to support Emerald Polocrosse Club for another year.

“The Polocrosse Carnival is a family-friendly and social sporting event. It always provides a tourism boost with many visitors coming to Emerald and enjoying our region, so financially assisting with the event is a perfect fit for us.

“Well done to all the competitors who participated, and we hope everyone had a fun and action-packed weekend,” said Mike.

The funding support is part of the Yancoal Yarrabee Community Support Program, which aims to make a difference in the community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the areas where it operates.

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