

That Woz the Day That Woz!

17th May 2009



A picture is worth a thousand words!

Sponsoring Eliza, Dancing, variety, soloists, duos, and the band **Top Dead Centre** all provided an action-packed day at our **Gawler Country Music Club** show in May.

Our regular young visitor **Mikalya** was mesmerized by the activities of the day.

Thanks for another good show folks!

Keith Warren
Eliza
Dave and Soni
Dave Pearce and Doug.
Top Dead Centre
David Morrissey
Freddy Bowen
Mikalya

Alan Wood's and the Brumby Buckjumper!

A recent visit to **Dave's Place Alcheringa** inspired some looking into the history of the poster pictured here.

It turns out that this is the **most famous Rodeo Photo** taken in Australia.

Thanks to **Doug Tilley** for providing information on the origin of the photo.

Doug has a **Curio** webpage on www.doug-and-dusty.id.au/curio_of_marrabel.htm. He became a fan of **Curio** when his parents took him to **Marrabel Rodeo** in 1952.

"I was just 9 years old and I remember seeing **Curio** in action. It was the following year that **Alan Woods** rode the full 10 second.

In the last few years I have done a lot of research about **Curio**, and **Alan**. I tracked him down at **Oakey** in **Qld 1997** and took a photo of him by my 4x4 **Rocky** that had the name **Curio** on the bug deflector,

I also visited the **Macumba Station** where **Curio** was born in 1943, same year as me. I'm still using that name today on my **Land Cruiser** bug deflector, you might say the history of **Curio** is like a hobby"

The picture shows **Alan Woods** on board the great brumby mare **Curio** at **Marrabel SA** in 1953. **Alan** was the first rider ever to stay the 10 seconds on **Curio**.

At 32 years of age photographer **Keith Stevens** captured the day and the special event.

For many years the fame and reputation of **Marrabel Rodeo** was as a result of **Curio**, a brumby bought in a mob in 1945.

Unbeaten for eight years, she became the **most famous buckjumper in Australia**.

Curio bore 4 live foals – **Son of Curio**, **Curio's Special**, **Curiosity** and **Curio's Farewell**.

All became successful buckjumpers in their own right. The Queen of buckjumpers was finally retired in 1964, an incredible nineteen years after her debut.

She died aged twenty eight, in 1970.

In 1991 **Curio** was recreated in cold cast bronze in a magnificent statue situated in the main street **Marrabel**.

See Page 10 ... The Legend of Alan Woods and Curio



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