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# Saddle up for the rodeo

WESTERN Australia's biggest rodeo will be held in Boddington on November 7, forming part of a weekend of festivities in the town.

The Boddington Lions Club have been staging the event since 1976 and expect more than 3000 visitors this year.

Organiser Stan Sherry said the rodeo was an important event to Boddington as well as the wider community.

"The rodeo brings people together and provides numerous benefits to the town of Boddington, as well as the charities that are supported," Mr Sherry said.

"There is a great mix of entertainment and activities, so the weekend has something to suit everyone."

Rodeo stalwart Grant Edwards has been competing since the beginning and will enter the team roping category this year.

He said there was a sense of excitement that lured people to the Boddington Lions Rodeo and kept them coming back.

"There is a great atmosphere and that attracts a good crowd," Mr Edwards said.

"Entrants come from all over the state as well as the eastern states.

"It's a special event for Boddington and for WA."

Boddington Shire president Paul Carrotts

said the event played an important role in introducing newcomers to the town as it embarked upon a phase of rapid revitalisation.

"The Boddington Rodeo is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful town and allows spectators and competitors to soak up the atmosphere of such a professionally run event," Mr Carrott said.

The rodeo attracts people from far and wide and the Lions Club does an outstanding job of organising an event of this magnitude."

There are a swag of prizes on offer including the top prize of \$3000 for the Open Bull Ride and awards for various open, women's and junior categories.

There is even a novice award to attract those new to the sport.

Points earned by winners go towards the national championships which will be held at the Gold Coast in Queensland next January. Other events during the rodeo weekend include dragon boat racing down the Hotham River, a street parade, art exhibition, shearing competition, children's activities and country and western bands

For more information visit [www.boddington.wa.gov.au](http://www.boddington.wa.gov.au) and [www.boddingtonlion-srodeo.com.au](http://www.boddingtonlion-srodeo.com.au)



**Hold on tight:** There will be plenty of action when the Boddington Rodeo is held on November 7