

Show Camp Student Text – Draft

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David Manchon - The Brisbane Boy

By Nehmat

David Manchon, a Brisbane raised horse rider and trainer, is performing the Brumby Run each night in the Main Arena to entertain the crowds.

The show is inspired by Banjo Paterson's poem, the Brumby Run, and includes 55 horses, miniature ponies and a young female trick rider.

David grew up in Brisbane city, so he didn't have much access to horses and buying a horse was too expensive for his family. To pursue his passion, he had to work for free to learn from horse riders and trainers in the country.

41-year-old David has spent most of his life learning about horse riding and has been riding horses professionally for 20 years but has always loved them.

"In horses, it's generally a life long career path. (It) takes a long time to learn and train these animals, so we're always learning and I'm grateful to be where I'm at," said David.

"I love horse riding because it's fast and slow at the same time or it can be both things. It can be exhilarating and then at the same time the slower moments with horses can be inspiring."

David trains his horses by gaining trust during practices everyday. After that he starts to introduce skills and tricks.

Before a show he takes care of the essentials for horses and makes sure they're happy. Comfort is the most important thing to David when it comes to preparation.

His favourite horse, Rocy, has been with him for 18 years and David loves his beautiful mind and sweet nature.



David Manchon and Rooftop Rocy

The Brisbane Show Camp is a joint program of The Department of Education Queensland and The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland. The camp is conducted by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre.

David takes shows like the Brumby Run all around Australia. He was at the Sydney Royal Show at Easter and at the end of September he is travelling to Melbourne to put on 'The Night Of The Show'.