

With Love We Remember



Cameron
McNaughton

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SON SAVES FATHER'S LIFE

Prompt action by 13-year-old Cameron McNaughton saved his father from serious injury or possible death at a farm in Eastern Bush yesterday afternoon.

Sitting on the rails of an improvised stockyard he was the sole spectator of a near tragedy when a young bull in a sudden spasm of fear turned and struck out madly at his father.

Mr McNaughton, a few moments before, had thrown the bull and tied a half hitch round the back legs in an endeavour to ring it, when the incident occurred.

The bull, only 18 months old, and weighing more than 600 pounds, jerked violently, and in a fraction of a second had freed itself.

Alone in the yard with the bull, Mr McNaughton was defenceless. The bull charged and threw him. Massive horns began to gore his shoulders.

A few seconds later he would have been a cripple for life, if not killed outright.

Without any hesitation, however, his son, Cameron, the horrified witness of the incident, leapt into the yard and by shouting attracted the bull's attention. Its savage onslaught was interrupted.

Still conscious but badly bruised, bleeding and with his left arm useless, he made good his escape. How he reached the rails and surmounted them he does not remember.

For that short time when the bull stood puzzled by the new development father and son were on the safe side of the rails.

Mr McNaughton was released from hospital today with a dislocated shoulder and bruises on his face and body. Doctors said he was a lucky man. He is also a proud and grateful man.

“His family was his passion.”

Cam's family thank you for your support and attendance today. They invite you to share further memories and refreshments at the conclusion of his farewell.