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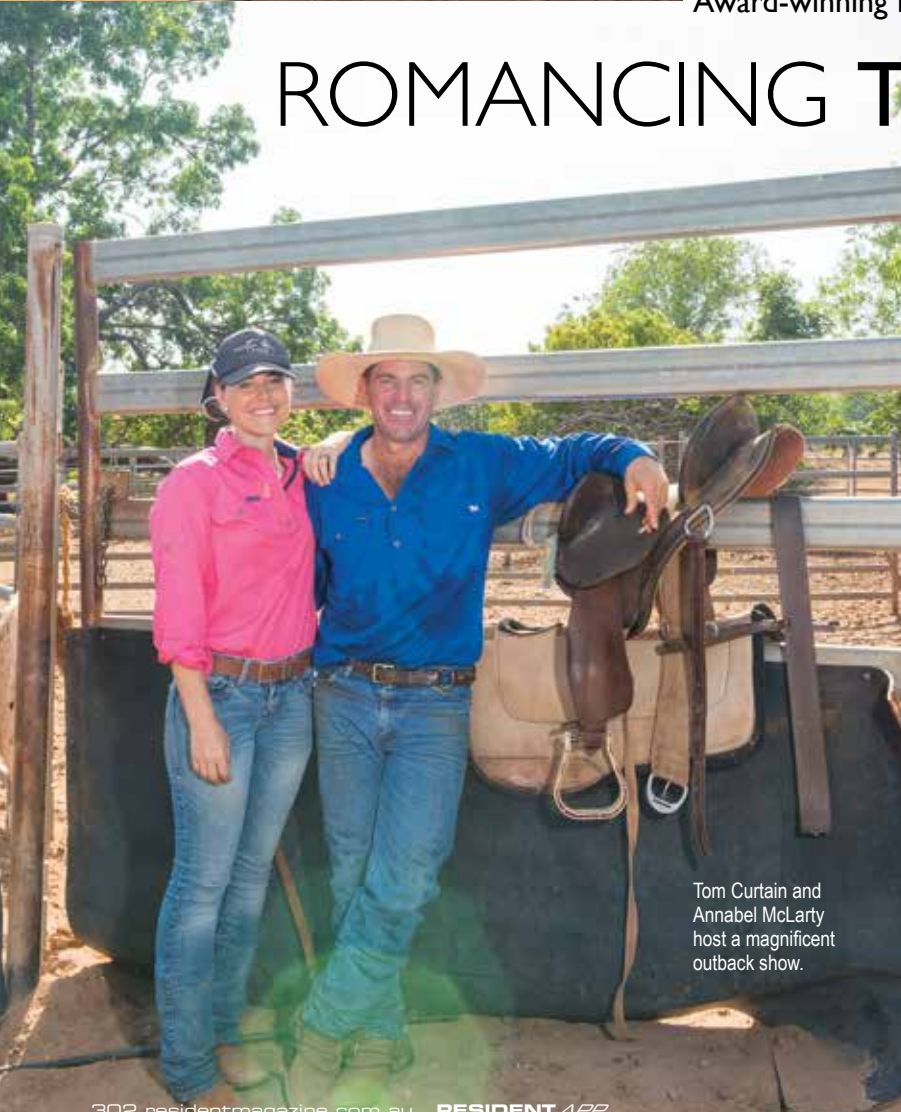


Tom Curtan, the singing cowboy.

Grab front row seats and enjoy the show.

Many dream of a life on an Australian outback cattle station, but few get to experience it. Now everyone from young to old can have their fantasies fulfilled at Brolga Award-winning Katherine Outback Experience (KOE).

# ROMANCING THE OUTBACK



Tom Curtan and Annabel McLarty host a magnificent outback show.

‘Our show celebrates life in the outback,’ says Tom Curtan, owner of KOE. ‘People see us actually breaking-in wild horses and training working cattle dogs. It’s our everyday job, our living.’

Just 6.5kms from town, the show celebrates life on the land. It’s raw and authentic. ‘There’s no fancy production set, prancing horses or glamorously dressed actors,’ says Tom’s partner and co-owner Annabel McLarty. ‘But, there is plenty of red dirt, dust, strong, gritty Aussie cowboys, equally headstrong wild horses and working dogs. Nothing is scripted, and things don’t always go to plan, but that’s part of the beauty of the real Australian outback, and why we’ve quickly become one of the Territory’s premier attractions.’ From the shaded seating area, visitors watch Tom work with an untrained horse using his natural methods garnered from 20 years’ cattle station experience. Tom also sings (extremely well, having won two Golden Guitar Awards at Tamworth), often from the saddle. The songs come from his three nationally acclaimed albums: Territory Time, Heatwave and Smack Bang. ‘By sharing his country music and humorous bush tales, it provides an insight into stock camp life,’ adds Annabel. ‘At the conclusion of the show, visitors can chat with the team, meet some of the station characters including Bernie the Buffalo, Tin Shaker the Brahman Steer and Cecil the Mule, or pat the dogs. If you’re lucky, there may even be puppies to cuddle.’ While the Katherine show operates from April to the end of October, Tom and Annabel have a travelling version with animals and Tom’s music that they have already shared with schools and events. KOE appeals to all ages and is a stop for the Ghan train and many bus groups.

To learn more about Katherine Outback Experience or make a booking, head to

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