

What does a Tie Do?

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2014. In amongst the sweat and the sheen of the sharpened blades walks a man. There's no doubting the Akubra firm on the head but what is happening with the tie? A touch of formality; after all the stakes are high at the woodchopping events. Our friend in the tie is surrounded by men, young and old, in Dunlop vollies, t-shirts and cotton trousers. He must be an official of some sort, and as for tucking the tie in, perhaps he has to bend over the stump to judge the grain and there is the fear it may get in the way of one foul swoop.

