

2022 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour PBR Rockhampton Invitational Great Western Hotel Rockhampton, Queensland Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT

BUCKING WITH THE BEST IN ROCKHAMPTON – This weekend, for the 35th time in history, PBR Australia will travel to Rockhampton, Queensland. As the 25th event of the 2022 season, and fifth stop in Rockhampton, the PBR Monster Energy Tour Rockhampton Invitational will buck into the Great Western Hotel on Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT. Following the event in Rockhampton, just two events remain before the 2022 PBR Australia Grand Finals on Nov. 25-26 in Townsville, Queensland at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre.

THIS WEEKEND'S FORMAT – The PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour's Rockhampton Invitational at Great Western Hotel will feature two rounds of bull riding. All competing bull riders will attempt one bull each in both Round 1 and Round 2. Following the second round, the event champion will be determined by the rider with the highest total score from their two draws. One rider has the chance to win a maximum 80 national points in Rockhampton.

FAMILIAR WATERS – As competition gets underway for the PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour event in Rockhampton, Queensland, four riders will face familiar opponents in Round 1. Those rematches are:

- Seven-time PBR World Finals qualifier Lachlan Richardson will look to remain perfect against Bad Moon. Richardson rode the bull for 83.5 points during the 2021 Monster Energy Tour event in Burnett Heads, Queensland.
- The Kansas City Outlaws' Sam Woodall will have his rivalry with Ariat's Flaunt It renewed inside Great Western Hotel. In 2021, Woodall made the 8 atop the animal athlete for 85.5 points during the second stop of the PBR Origin tournament in Cairns, Queensland.
- Jackson Gray will climb atop Red Tin for the second time this season. At a previous Monster Energy Tour event in Rockhampton, Gray was sent airborne by the bull in 3.88 seconds.
- Wyatt Milgate is the final rider facing a familiar opponent in the opening round. Rug Rat bucked off Milgate in a quick 2.49 seconds earlier this season at an elite tour event in Rockhampton.

Round 2 of the PBR Rockhampton Invitational will feature four renewed rivalries. Those matchups are:

- Richardson has drawn his second familiar opponent in Ambush. Having met three times prior, Richardson has covered the bull just once. With all their meetings happening this season, the New South Wales contender rode the bull for 87 points in their first meeting during the Touring Pro Division stop in Cooyar, Queensland. Ambush, however, bucked off Richardson in their two meetings since, in 3.11 seconds at a Monster Energy Tour event in Rockhampton, and in 3.52 seconds at an elite tour stop in Caboolture, Queensland.
- Milgate will also face his second familiar opponent in Rockhampton in Round 2 when he attempts Ranga. Earlier this season at a Monster Energy Tour stop in Rockhampton, Ranga bucked off Milgate in 3.18 seconds.

- Young Gun Qynn Andersen will attempt to reverse his fortunes atop Get A Haircut. In 2021 at the Monster Energy Tour stop in Emerald, Queensland, the bull bested Andersen in 5.74 seconds.
- Taran Chirgwin has drawn Humdinger for the second time this season. At the Touring Pro Division event in Mount Isa, Queensland, Chirgwin was bucked off in a quick 3.03 seconds by the powerful animal athlete.

PAST ROCKHAMPTON EVENT WINNERS – One of the longest tenured events in PBR Australia history, since the Queensland city welcomed the organization for the first time in 2006, PBR has held a total of 34 events in Rockhampton, including seven tour stops throughout the 2021 campaign, and four held to date in 2022.

At the most recent PBR event in Rockhampton in mid-June, Kelsey Pavlou delivered a perfect 3-for-3 showing to win the event, cracking the Top 5 in the race for the 2022 PBR Australia Championship. Pavlou first converted in Round 1 when he covered Ariat's Flaunt It for 80 points. Seventh on the leaderboard entering Round 2, Pavlou then surged to the top of the event standings when he made the requisite 8 atop Bang and Grind for 82.5 points. Pavlou next readied to go head-to-head against King Kong in the championship round. As the last man to leave the chutes inside Great Western Hotel, Pavlou was a picture of perfection atop the mammoth animal athlete, reaching the whistle for 85 points to clinch the victory. The golden finish earned Pavlou a critical 89 national points, elevating him from No. 6 to No. 5 in the national standings. Pavlou will travel to this weekend's event in Rockhampton ranked No. 7 in the race to be crowned the 2022 PBR Australia Champion. He has drawn Loose Moose in Round 1 and I'm A Thug in Round 2.

This June's event in Rockhampton also included a shuffle atop the standings. Compliments of a third-place finish, which garnered him 55 national points, Lachlan Richardson overtook the No. 1 rank in the fierce battle to be crowned the season's PBR Australia Champion. Despite being bested in Round 1 by Rockslide in a hard-fought 7.86 seconds, the seven-time PBR World Finals qualifier returned determined in the second round. In perfect time with Run For Your Life, Richardson topped the round courtesy of an event-best 85.5-point score. The New South Wales sensation, however was no match for Ambush in the final round, sent to the ground in 3.11 seconds. Richardson, who began the event ranked No. 3, surged to the No. 1 rank in Australia, climbing 12 points ahead of No. 2 Cody Heffernan. In the months since, Richardson has slipped to No. 4 in the national standings. This weekend inside Great Western Hotel, Richardson has drawn two rematches including Bad Moon in Round 1 and Ambush in Round 2.

The complete list of past Rockhampton event winners includes:

Kelsey Pavlou (2022) Aaron Kleier (2022) Brady Fielder (2022) Kurt Shephard (2022) Aaron Kleier (2021) Kurt Shephard (2021) Bailey Woodard (2021) Aaron Kleier (2021) Kurt Shephard (2021) Macaulie Leather (2021) Aaron Kleier (2021) Sam Woodall (2020) Aaron Kleier (2020) Lawson Nobbs (2020) Lawson Nobbs (2019) Ryan Storey (2018) Jason Mara (2018)

Bailey Woodard (2017) Lachlan Richardson (2016) Fraser Babbington (2015) Roy Dunn (2015) David Kennedy (2009) Kevin "Jock" Connolly (2009) Cody Heffernan (2008) Ben Seeds (2008) Ben Jones (2007) Budd Williamson (2007) Ben Keliher (2007) Denny Farley (2006) Ben Jones (2006) Steven Clark (2006) Ryan Storey (2006) Wayne Brokenbrough (2006) Heath Shrimp (2006)

BULL PEN – During the opening round of the PBR Rockhampton Invitational, three bovine athletes hailing from Diamond J Rodeo Co. and Fred Kleier will make their PBR debut. Those animal athletes are: 25 (vs. Jono Couling), 901 (vs. JN Bennett) and Eetswa (vs. Clint Glass).

Several animal athletes will also begin the event having never been ridden. Those bulls are:

- Round 1: Some Gave All (1-0) vs. Jay Borghero; and Red Tin (4-0) vs. Jackson Gray.
- Round 2: Hawkeye (3-0) vs. Jono Couling; and It's A Disco (3-0) vs. Jackson Gray.

PROVIDING PROTECTION – This weekend's protection athletes are Jared Borghero and Gus Roberts.

NEXT UP – The 2022 PBR Australia season will continue Saturday, November 5 for the Monster Energy Tour's PBR Tamworth Iron Cowboy in Tamworth, New South Wales. Action at the AELEC Arena will get underway at 7:00 p.m. AEDT.

ROCKHAMPTON COMPETITORS BY COUNTRY

Australia (14) – Qynn Andersen, JN Bennett, Jay Borghero, Taran Chirgwin, Jono Couling, Joseph Down, Clint Glass, Jackson Gray, Wyatt Milgate, Ben Moran, Kelsey Pavlou, Lachlan Richardson, Scott Stringer, Sam Woodall.

BREAKDOWN BY STATE -

New South Wales – Jono Couling, Clint Glass, Lachlan Richardson; Queensland – Qynn Andersen, Jay Borghero, Taran Chirgwin, Jackson Gray, Wyatt Milgate, Ben Moran, Scott Strginer; Victoria – JN Bennett, Joseph Down, Kelsey Pavlou, Sam Woodall.

TOP 10 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL STANDINGS – Here are the Top 10 in the 2022 Australian national standings:

	Rider	Points	Dollars Won	Behind Leader
1.	Aaron Kleier	880	\$82,341.04	
2.	Cody Heffernan	621.5	\$43,340.56	-258.5
3.	Qynn Andersen	523	\$73,373.31	-357
4.	Lachlan Richardson	441	\$36,261.63	-439
5.	Jake Curr	352.83	\$24,757	-527.17
6.	Brady Fielder	350.5	\$19,594.32	-529.5
7.	Kelsey Pavlou	281.5	\$16,726.77	-598.5
8.	Braith Nock	218.5	\$14,520.04	-661.5
9.	Kurt Shephard	162	\$12,022.76	-718
10.	Michael Smith	129.83	\$10,833.24	-750.17

2022 PBR AUSTRALIA EVENT WINS - Here are the total individual wins for PBR Australia events in 2022:

- 10 Aaron Kleier (*Toowoomba, *Rockhampton #3, Bloomsbury #1, Cooyar, Mount Isa #1, *Cairns, *Caboolture, Bloomsbury #2, Quirindi, *Maryborough, *Mount Hunter)
- 3 Jake Curr (Mount Isa #2, *Cairns, *Mackay)
- 2 Brady Fielder (*Scone, *Rockhampton #2) Qynn Andersen (#Newcastle, #Brisbane) Cody Heffernan (Berry, Kilkivan)
- 1 Kurt Shephard (*Rockhampton #1) Brumby Brandenburg (*Mildura) Lachlan Richardson (#Tamworth) Kelsey Pavlou (*Rockhampton #4) Clint Glass (Quirindi)

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EVENT-BY-EVENT RESULTS - Here are the results from 2022 PBR Australia events:

Event	Winner	Ag. Score	Australian Points
*Rockhampton #1	Kurt Shephard	167	77
*Scone	Brady Fielder	171.5	72.5
*Rockhampton #2	Brady Fielder	87.5	65
*Mildura	Brumby Brandenburg	170	75.5
#Newcastle	Qynn Andersen	168	71
*Toowoomba	Aaron Kleier	169.5	100
*Rockhampton #3	Aaron Kleier	172.5	80
#Tamworth	Lachlan Richardson	170	69.5
Bloomsbury #1	Aaron Kleier	169.5	30
Berry	Cody Heffernan	166	30
#Brisbane	Qynn Andersen	168.5	72.5
Cooyar	Aaron Kleier	171.5	28
*Rockhampton #4	Kelsey Pavlou	247.5	89
Mount Isa #1	Aaron Kleier	177	27
Mount Isa #2	Jake Curr	169.5	25
*Cairns	Aaron Kleier	172	170
	Jake Curr	172	164
*Caboolture	Aaron Keleir	172	77
Bloomsbury #2	Aaron Kleier	254	93
Quirindi	Aaron Kleier/Clint Glass	166.5	21
*Maryborough	Aaron Kleier	175.5	77
*Mount Hunter	Aaron Kleier	170	80
Kilkivan	Cody Heffernan	170.5	32
*Mackay	Jake Curr	165	78

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2022 PBR AUSTRALIA 90-POINT RIDES – Here are the 90-point rides from the 2022 PBR Australia season:

	Score	Rider	Bull (Stock Contractor)	Event
1.	91	Braith Nock	Rambo (Dittmann Bucking Bulls)	Mount Isa #1
2.	90	Aaron Kleier	Super Natural (Colin Fry)	Mount Isa #1
	90	Aaron Kleier	Roid Rage (Dittmann Bucking Bulls)	*Maryborough

* Denotes a Touring Pro Division event.

2022 PBR AUSTRALIA 90-POINT RIDES BY RIDER – Here are the 90-point rides from the 2022 PBR Australia season by rider:

	Australian Rank	Rider	Number of 90-Point Rides
1.	1	Aaron Kleier	2
2.	8	Braith Nock	1

2022 RIDES BY PBR AUSTRALIA EVENT

City	R1 Rides	R2 Rides	R3 Rides	R4 Rides	CR Rides	Total Rides	Riding %
*Rockhampton #1	2	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	11.11% (4/36)
*Scone	6	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	17.30% (9/52)
*Rockhampton #2	1	1	N/A	N/A	2	4	9.52% (4/42)
*Mildura	5	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	15% (6/40)
#Newcastle	7	5	N/A	N/A	3	15	31.25% (15/48)
*Toowoomba	7	7	2	N/A	1	17	20.73% (17/82)
*Rockhampton #3	6	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	38.23% (13/34)
#Tamworth	7	8	N/A	N/A	2	17	35.41% (17/48)
Bloomsbury #1	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	11	30.55% (11/36)
Berry	3	2	N/A	N/A	2	7	21.21% (7/33)
#Brisbane	6	1	N/A	N/A	2	9	18.75% (9/48)
Cooyar	13	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	45.94% (17/37)
*Rockhampton #4	8	2	N/A	N/A	2	12	30.76% (12/39)
Mount Isa #1	9	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	38.63% (17/44)
Mount Isa #2	7	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	25.71% (9/35)
*Cairns	7	5	N/A	N/A	1	13	25.49% (13/51)
*Caboolture	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	7	20.58% (7/34)
Bloomsbury #2	4	3	N/A	N/A	1	8	27.587% (8/29)
Quirindi	8	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	38.89% (14/36)
*Maryborough	7	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	34.48% (10/29)
*Mount Hunter	4	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	17.14% (6/35)
Kilkivan	5	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	26.47% (9/34)
*Mackay	3	4	N/A	N/A	1	8	18/18% (8/44)

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2022 PBR AUSTRALIA ROUND WINS – Here is a list of the riders with the most round wins in 2022:

- 14 Aaron Kleier (*Toowoomba Round 2 & Round 3, *Rockhampton Round 1 & Round 2, Bloomsbury Championship Round, Cooyar Round 2, * Cairns Round 1 & 2, *Caboolture Round 1, Bloomsbury # 2 Championship Round, *Maryborough Round 2, *Mount Hunter Round 1 & 2, *Mackay Round 1)
- 9 Cody Heffernan (*Scone Round 1, #Newcastle Round 2, #Tamworth Round 1, Berry Championship Round, Quirindi Round 2, *Maryborough Round 1, Kilkivan Round 1 & 2, *Mackay Championship Round)
- 6 Qynn Andersen (*Mildura Round 1, #Newcastle Round 1, Bloomsbury Round 1, #Brisbane Round 2, Cooyar Round 1, Mount Isa #2 Round 1)
- 5 Lachlan Richardson (*Toowoomba Round 1, Berry Round 2, #Brisbane Round 1, Cooyar Round 2, *Rockhampton #4 Round 2)

Brady Fielder (*Rockhampton #1 Round 1, *Scone Round 2, *Rockhampton #2 Championship Round, *Rockhampton #4 Round 1, Mount Isa #1 Round 1)

- 3 Kurt Shephard (*Rockhampton #1 Round 2, Bloomsbury #2 Round 1 & 2)
- 2 Kelsey Pavlou (*Rockhampton #2 Round 1, *Rockhampton #4 Championship Round) Braith Nock (*Toowoomba Championship Round, Mount Isa #1 Round 2) Jake Curr (Mount Isa #2 Round 2, *Cairns Championship Round)
- 1 Chris Wilson (*Scone Round 2) Bailey Woodard (*Rockhampton #2 Round 2) Brumby Brandenbrg (*Mildura Round 2) Will Purcell (#Tamworth Round 1) Jono Couling (Berry Round 1) Taran Chirgwin (Cooyar Round 2) Caiden Sandilands (*Caboolture Championship Round) Lachlan Slade (Quirindi Round 1) Jay Borghero (*Mackay Round 2)

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**Note: This list is only inclusive of Round 1 and Round 2 at the three PBR Origin events as the bonus rounds did not award points. Those winners are: Cody Heffernan (Newcastle), Michael Smith (Tamworth) and Aaron Kleier (Brisbane).

THE BULLS

HIGH-MARKED BULL OF THE EVENT – Here are the bulls that received the highest score at each PBR Australia event in 2022:

- 6 Pretty Boy (*Rockhampton #1, *Toowoomba, Bloomsbury #1, *Rockhampton #4, *Cairns, *Mackay)
- 4 Roid Rage (*Rockhampton #2, Mount Isa #1, Mount Isa #2, *Maryborough)
- 2 Rambo (*Rockhampton #3, Bloomsbury #2)
- I G Shock (*Scone) Crackalackin (*Mildura) Posting Bail (#Newcastle) Comeback Kid (*Rockhampton #3) Screaming Deamon (*Rockhampton #3) Reload (*Rockhampton #3) Volatile (#Tamworth) Kick Start My Heart (#Tamworth) Im Cool (Berry) Told Ya So (Berry)

Cattle King Boogers Beach (#Brisbane) Suga Boom Boom (*Caboolture) Ranga (Bloomsbury #2) Almost Evil (Quirindi) Big Buck Hunter (Quirindi) Say When (Quirindi) POA Reload (*Maryborough) Feldt Jacket (*Mount Hunter) Canadian Club (Kilkivan)

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SEASON HIGH-MARKED BULLS – Here were the top bull scores from 2021 at PBR Australia Events:

Event	Bull	Stock Contractor	Score	Rider
*Rockhampton #1	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	44.5	Thomas Hudson, 2.29 seconds
*Scone	G Shock	Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls	43.5	Cody Groves, 1.49 seconds
	Natural Hillbilly	Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls	43.5	Steven Carter, 1.84 seconds
*Rockhampton #2	Roid Rage	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45.5	Bailey Woodard, 2.5 seconds
*Mildura	Crackalackin	Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls	44	Will Purcell, 2.89 seconds
#Newcastle	Posting Bail	Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls	44	Caiden Sandilands, 2.71 seconds
*Toowoomba	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	44	Aaron Kleier, 3.14 seconds
*Rockhampton #3	Comeback Kid	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43	Qynn Andersen, 1.72 seconds
*	Rambo	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43	Aaron Kleier, 86.5 points
	Screaming Deamon	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43	Taran Chirgwin, 1.8 seconds
	Reload	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43	Ben Reiter, 5.36 seconds
#Tamworth	Volatile	Maynes Bucking Bulls	44	Aaron Kleier, 1.39 seconds
	Kick Start My Heart	Diamond S Bucking Bulls – Scott	44	Chris Wilson, 5.1 seconds
Bloomsbury #1	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	45	Sam Woodall, 2.85 seconds
Berry	Im Cool	Lazy G Bucking Bulls	43.5	Ben Gard, 1.6 seconds
•	Told Ya So	Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls	43.5	Jono Couling, 1.9 seconds
#Brisbane	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Lachlan Slade, 2.71 seconds
Cooyar	Gin n Juice	Ruhland Ranch Bucking Bulls	44	Taran Chirgwin, 87 points
*Rockhampton #4	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	45	Brady Fielder, 3.28 seconds
Mount Isa #1	Roid Rage	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	46.5	Brody Woodard, 7.25 seconds
Mount Isa #2	Roid Rage	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	47	Braith Nock, 3 seconds
*Cairns	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	46	Lachlan Slade, 3.59 seconds
*Caboolture	Suga Boom Boom	BK Bucking Bulls	44	Toby Leake, 2.27 seconds
Bloomsbury #2	Rambo	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Cody Heffernan, 4.82 seconds
	Ranga	MJ/Keliher Bucking Bulls	44.5	Jack Keats, 4.18 seconds
Quirindi	Almost Evil	Throsby & Russell/Baille	43	Cody Heffernan, 5.12 seconds
	Big Buck Hunter	ST Bucking Bulls	43	Jono Couling, 1.93 seconds
	Say When	Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls	43	Lachlan Richardson, 7.37 seconds
*Maryborough	POA Reload	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Cody Heffernan, 4.77 seconds
	Roid Rage	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Aaron Kleier, 90 points
*Mount Hunter	Feldt Jacket	MJ/Shultz Bucking Bulls	43.5	Will Purcell, 2.51 seconds
Kilkivan	Canadian Club	Maynes Bucking Bulls	43	Braith Nock, 4.98 seconds
*Mackay	Pretty Boy	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45.5	Sam Woodall, 3.96 seconds

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