



**2021 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour
PBR Rockhampton Invitational
Great Western Hotel
Rockhampton, Queensland
Friday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m. AEST**

AND SO IT BEGINS – This weekend, for the 31st time in league history, PBR Australia will travel to Rockhampton, Queensland as the 2022 season gets underway. The season-launch PBR Monster Energy Tour Rockhampton Invitational will buck into the Great Western Hotel on Friday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m. AEST.

THIS WEEKEND’S FORMAT – The PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour’s Rockhampton Invitational at the Great Western Hotel will feature two rounds of bull riding. After all competing bull riders attempt one bull each in Round 1 and Round 2, the event champion will be determined by the rider with the highest total score from their three draws. One rider will have the opportunity to earn a maximum 80 points, with 50 to be awarded to the event victor, and 15 to each round winner.

WOODALL RIDES INTO ROCKHAMPTON HIGH ON GRAND FINALS VICTORY – Only one rider will travel to the season-launch event in Rockhampton having won the last PBR event he compete at – Sam Woodall. Courtesy of a near-perfect 3-for-5 showing, Woodall won the prestigious 2021 PBR Australia Grand Finals event title, along with \$11,800. Woodall was electric on Championship Saturday for the year-end event, rebounding from a dismal opening day of competition when he was bested by Breaking Bad in 4.63 seconds in Round 1, and Blinky Bill in 4.96 seconds in Round 2. In a must-ride situation, Woodall snapped his backwards skid at the Grand Finals when he covered Super Natural for 86.25 points, the second-best score of Round 3. He continued to climb the leaderboard in his very next out, winning Round 4 when he bested Drag Iron for 85.75 points. Woodall then cemented his event win by reaching a crucial career milestone. In near picture-perfect form, the 23-year-old rode POA Fully Locked & Loaded for 90 points, the first 90-point score of his career. Adding to the significance of the out, it also marked the swan song for POA Fully Locked & Loaded who retired following the trip. Throughout his career, the Dittmann Bucking Bulls’ bovine athlete was ridden just 9 times in 54 outs. Woodall concluded the year No. 7 in the national standings, after beginning the event No. 9 in Australia, his second consecutive year-end Top-10 ranking. Throughout 2021. Woodall went a career-best 7-for-18 in Australian competition, covering 38.89% of his draws. Eager to continue his success as he seeks his career-first PBR Australia Championship in 2022, Woodall has drawn Meet Ya Maker in Round 1 of competition inside the Great Western Hotel, and Mob Law as his Round 2 opponent.

FOCUSED FIELDER READIES FOR SEASON DEBUT – In 2021, for the third time in as many years, Clermont standout Brady Fielder was narrowly bested by his fellow Queensland native Aaron Kleier for the PBR Australia Championship. In 2021, however, it was the closest Fielder had come to earning his first national title, concluding the year second to No. 1 Kleier by a mere 248.01 points. Despite falling just short of the top ranking, Fielder concluded the year with a runner-up finish at the prestigious PBR Australia Grand Finals. After covering Meet Ya Maker for 85 points in Round 1, Fielder concluded the year with two qualified rides to rebound from buckoffs in Round 3 and Round 4. Fielder first righted himself in Round 4 when he covered Gangatino for 85.25 points, and then capped the event with an 89.75-point effort aboard Black Tuxedo. Throughout the year, Fielder went 15-for-32 (46.87%), registering a collective 10 Top 10 finishes. Eager to begin the 2022 season on a strong note, Fielder has drawn Rifleman in Round 1 and a rematch in Ariat’s Ol’ Son for Round 2 of the PBR Rockhampton Invitational.

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SHEPHARD SETS SIGHTS ON FIRST AUSTRALIAN TITLE – While Kurt Shephard may be a now decade veteran of the PBR, one honor has eluded him – that of PBR Australia Champion. In 2021, however, Shephard got within striking distance of capturing his first national title, finishing a career-best No. 3 in the national standings for the second consecutive season. His year included two event wins, along with an accompanying nine Top 10 finishes, including a seventh-place result at the 2021 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour Grand Finals. Shephard went a torrid 16-for-31 throughout the campaign. Covering 51.61% of his bovine athlete opponents, Shephard had the second-best riding percentage in PBR Australia throughout 2021, trailing only Aaron Kleier. As the 2022 season gets underway in Rockhampton, Shephard is poised to face Maverick’s Quicksilver in Round 1 and Night Fury in Round 2.

FAMILIAR WATERS – While Round 1 of the season-launch 2022 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour Rockhampton Invitational will not feature any familiar showdowns, five rematches will headline Round 2, including a rubber match between Brady Fielder and Ariat’s Ol’ Son. The two athlete first went head-to-head in 2020 during the championship round of the Monster Energy Tour event in Airlie Beach. Despite a valiant effort by Fielder, Ariat’s Ol’ Son emerged the dominant athlete, sending him to the ground in 4.31 seconds. In 2021, however, their rivalry was renewed at the Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton. Fielder avenged his buckoff from the previous season, reaching the requisite 8 for 86 points. Beau Willis and Michael Smith have also drawn bulls they have been aboard multiple times prior, however both will be seeking their first qualified ride. Willis faced off twice against Iron Man in 2021. After the bull bested Willis in 2.32 seconds in Rockhampton, Iron Man again made quick work of him in Mackay, that time sending him to the ground in 3.23 seconds. For Smith, his rivalry with Roam Aviation High Risk dates to 2020. Roam Aviation High Risk first bucked off Smith in Caboolture in 4.95 seconds, only to get the better of him in a quicker 2.38 seconds later that year in Beaudesert.

The remaining Round 2 rematches are:

Joseph Down vs. Big Buck Hunter (2020 Toowoomba – Round 2 | 2.18 seconds)

Kurt Shephard vs. Night Fury (2021 Caboolture – Round 1 | 5.68 seconds)

PAST ROCKHAMPTON EVENT WINNERS – One of the longest tenured events in PBR Australia history, since the Queensland city welcomed the league for the first time in 2006, PBR has held a total of 30 events in Rockhampton, including seven tour stops throughout the 2021 campaign. The complete list of past winners is as follows:

Aaron Kleier (2021)
Kurt Shephard (2021)
Bailey Woodard (2021)
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Macaulie Leather (2021)
Aaron Kleier (2021)
Sam Woodall (2020)
Aaron Kleier (2020)
Lawson Nobbs (2020)
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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 – This weekend, as the 2022 PBR Australia season gets underway in Rockhampton, Queensland, all eyes will be on Peter Wallace’s bovine athlete standout Pretty Boy. Roughly one month ago, the commanding bull delivered a performance that won’t soon be forgotten at the 2021 PBR Australia Monster Energy Grand Tour Finals. Bucking twice, out in both Round 2 and the championship round, Pretty Boy was marked 45 points or more in both trips. His performance inside the Townsville Entertainment & Convention Center began in Round 2 when he dispatched Lachlan Richardson in a quick 4.15 seconds to earn a 45-point bull score. Only improving, Pretty Boy returned to the lineup in the championship

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round when he was drawn by Jake Curr. Pretty Boy went on to deliver the top marked effort of his career, sending the Queensland cowboy to the ground in 4.62 seconds to earn a 45.25-point score. As a result of his efforts, Pretty Boy earned the PBR Australia Bull of the Grand Finals award.

In Rockhampton, Pretty Boy will be joined by eight other athletes from Peter Wallace. Joining Pretty Boy in Round 2 are Slick 60, Seven Eleven, Cursor and Iron Man, while Alcatraz and Bluey Brown are out in Round 1. Holy Poly and Mickey Mouse complete the contingent, both travelling to Rockhampton as re-rides.

PROVIDING PROTECTION – This weekend’s protection athletes are Jared Borghero of Gracemere, Queensland; Gus Roberts of Yeppoon, Queensland; and Kirstin Wood of Aratula, Queensland.

NEXT UP – Following a one-month break, the 2022 PBR Australia season will continue on Saturday, February 5 in Scone, New South Wales, at the White Park Equine Arena. Action for the Monster Energy Tour’s Scone Invitational will get underway at 7:00 p.m. AEST.

ROCKHAMPTON COMPETITORS BY COUNTRY

Australia (18) – Qynn Andersen, JN Bennett, Derryn Bonisch, Chris Borghero, Brumby Brandenburg, Steven Carter, Joseph Down, Brady Fielder, Thomas Hudson, Jack Keats, Oscar Leake, Kelsey Pavlou, Kurt Shephard, Michael Smith, Eli Toby, Will Watson, Beau Willis, Sam Woodall.

BREAKDOWN BY STATE –

New South Wales – Chris Borghero, Steven Carter, Thomas Hudson, Oscar Leake; Queensland – Qynn Andersen, Derryn Bonisch, Brumby Brandenburg, Brady Fielder, Jack Keats, Kelsey Pavlou, Kurt Shephard, Michael Smith, Eli Toby, Beau Willis; Victoria – JN Bennett, Joseph Down, Will Watson, Sam Woodall.

TOP 10 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL STANDINGS – Here were the Top 10 in the 2021 Australian national standings:

Rider	Points	Dollars Won	Behind Leader
1. Aaron Kleier	679.83	\$56,131.77	
2. Brady Fielder	431.82	\$17,265.59	-248.01
3. Kurt Shephard	389	\$17,464.52	-290.83
4. Macaulie Leather	377.5	\$12,783.32	-302.33
5. Lawson Nobbs	351.33	\$14,438	-328.5
6. Lachlan Richardson	315	\$13,394.28	-364.83
7. Sam Woodall	276	\$15,857.88	-403.83
8. Beau Willis	154	\$6,758.80	-525.83
9. Bailey Woodard	149	\$6,507.68	-530.83
10. Lachlan Slade	136.5	\$10,082.28	-543.33

2021 PBR AUSTRALIA EVENT WINS - Here are the total individual wins for PBR Australia events in 2021:

4 – Aaron Kleier (*Rockhampton #1, *Rockhampton #4, *Mackay, *Rockhampton #7)

2 – Lawson Nobbs (Alice River, #Cairns)
Kurt Shephard (*Rockhampton #3, *Rockhampton #6)
Macaulie Leather (*Rockhampton #2, *Emerald)

1 – Lachlan Slade (#Brisbane)
Lachlan Richardson (Burnett Heads)
Bailey Woodard (*Rockhampton #5)

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Beau Willis (Caboolture)
Sam Woodall (*Townsville – Finals)

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EVENT-BY-EVENT RESULTS - Here are the results from 2021 PBR Australia events:

Event	Winner	Ag. Score	Australian Points
*Rockhampton #1	Aaron Kleier	178.5	77
*Rockhampton #2	Macaulie Leather	88.5	65
Alive River	Lawson Nobbs	169.5	39
* Rockhampton #3	Kurt Shephard	163.5	65
#Brisbane	Lachlan Slade	172	72.5
#Cairns	Lawson Nobbs	168.5	68.33
*Rockhampton #4	Aaron Kleier	174.5	77
Burnett Heads	Lachlan Richardson	171	39
*Rockhampton #5	Bailey Woodard	85.5	65
*Rockhampton #6	Kurt Shephard	174.5	75.5
*Mackay	Aaron Kleier	84.5	65
*Emerald	Macaulie Leather	168.5	75.5
*Caboolture	Beau Willis	164	148
*Rockhampton #7	Aaron Kleier	254	89
*Townsville – Finals	Sam Woodall	262	100

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2021 PBR AUSTRALIA 90-POINT RIDES – Here are the 90-point rides from the 2021 PBR Australia season:

	Score	Rider	Bull (Stock Contractor)	Event
1.	90.5	Aaron Kleier	Black Tuxedo (Peter Wallace)	*Rockhampton #1
2.	#90	Lachlan Slade	Cattle King Boogers Beach (Dittmann Bucking Bulls)	Cairns
	90	Sam Woodall	POA Fully Locked & Loaded (Dittmann Bucking Bulls)	*Townsville - Finals

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Denotes a ride earned during the bonus round of the 2021 PBR Origin which did not impact the national standings.

2021 PBR AUSTRALIA 90-POINT RIDES BY RIDER – Here are the 90-point rides from the 2021 PBR Australia season by rider:

	Australian Rank	Rider	Number of 90-Point Rides
1.	1	Aaron Kleier	1
	7	Sam Woodall	1
	10	Lachlan Slade	1

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2021 RIDES BY PBR AUSTRALIA EVENT

City	R1 Rides	R2 Rides	R3 Rides	R4 Rides	CR Rides	Total Rides	Riding %
*Rockhampton #1	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	9	22.5% (9/40)
*Rockhampton #2	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	6	14.63% (6/41)
Alice River	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	7	26.92% (7/26)
*Rockhampton #3	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	11	29.72% (11/37)
#Brisbane	7	6	N/A	N/A	2	15	31.25% (15/48)
#Cairns	9	8	N/A	N/A	2	19	39.58% (19/48)
*Rockhampton #4	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	14	36.84% (14/38)
Burnett Heads	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	17	51.51% (17/33)
*Rockhampton #5	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	7	19.44% (7/36)
*Rockhampton #6	4	6	N/A	N/A	3	13	32.5% (13/40)
*Mackay	5	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	24.32% (9/37)
*Emerald	10	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	44.11% (15/34)
*Caboolture	7	4	N/A	N/A	0	11	27.5% (11/40)
*Rockhampton #7	6	1	N/A	N/A	3	10	25% (10/40)
*Townsville-Finals	6	3	4	5	2	20	21.27% (20/94)

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2021 PBR AUSTRALIA ROUND WINS – Here is a list of the riders that had the most round wins in 2021:

- 9 – Aaron Kleier (Rockhampton #1 Round 1, Rockhampton #4 Championship Round, Rockhampton #5 Round 1, Mackay Round 1, Caboolture Round 2, Rockhampton #7 Round 2 & Championship Round, Townsville – Finals Round 1 & Round 2)
- 6 – Lachlan Richardson (Rockhampton #1 Championship Round, Brisbane Round 2, Burnett Heads Championship Round, Rockhampton #6 Round 1, Townsville – Finals Round 1 & Round 3)
- 5 – Kurt Shephard (Rockhampton #3 Championship Round, Cairns Round 1, Rockhampton #5 Round 1, Rockhampton #6 Championship Round, Emerald Round 1)
- 3 – Bailey Woodard (Alice River Round 1, Burnett Heads Round 1, Rockhampton #5 Championship Round)
Macaulie Leather (Rockhampton #2 Round 1, Rockhampton #4 Round 1, Emerald Round 2)
Sam Woodall (Rockhampton #7 Round 1, Townsville – Finals Round 4 & Championship Round)
- 2 – Lachlan Slade (Brisbane Round 1, Cairns Round 2)
Brady Fielder (Rockhampton #3 Round 1, Rockhampton #6 Round 2)
Troy Wilkinson (Mackay Round 2, Emerald Round 2)
- 1 – Lawson Nobbs (Alice River Championship Round)
Cody Heffernan (Brisbane Round 2)
Beau Willis (Caboolture Round 1)

*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: Kurt Shephard (Brisbane) and Lachlan Slade (Cairns).

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THE BULLS

HIGH-MARKED BULL OF THE EVENT – Here were the bulls that received the highest score at each PBR Australia event in 2021:

- 9 – Cattle King Boogers Beach (Rockhampton #1, Rockhampton #2, Alice River, Rockhampton #3, Brisbane, Cairns, Rockhampton #4, Rockhampton #5, Emerald)
- 5 – Razor Sharp (Rockhampton #3, Cairns, Burnett Heads, Mackay, Rockhampton #7)
- 2 – Roid Rage (Rockhampton #5, Emerald)
Pretty Boy (Caboolture, Townsville – Finals)
- 1 – POA Fully Locked & Loaded (Alice River)
Rambo (Rockhampton #5)
Reloaded (Rockhampton #5)
Black Tuxedo (Rockhampton #5)
Flyin Hippie (Rockhampton #6)

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

Event	Bull	Stock Contractor	Score	Rider
*Rockhampton #1	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45	Macaulie Leather, 6 seconds
*Rockhampton #2	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45.5	Macaulie Leather, 2.49 seconds
Alice River	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45	Macaulie Leather, 3.66 seconds
	POA Fully Locked & Loaded	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45	Bailey Woodard, 3.94 seconds
*Rockhampton #3	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44	Brady Fielder, 2.58 seconds
	Razor Sharp	Peter Wallace	44	Cody Heffernan, 2.8 seconds
#Brisbane	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44	Lachlan Slade, 3.38 seconds
#Cairns	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45	Lachlan Slade, 90 points
	Razor Sharp	Peter Wallace	45	Kurt Shephard, 3.22 seconds
*Rockhampton #4	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Daniel Rogan, 2.69 seconds
Burnett Heads	Razor Sharp	Peter Wallace	44.5	Sam Payne, 2.1 seconds
*Rockhampton #5	Rambo	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43.5	Lawson Nobbs, 2.72 seconds
	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43.5	Aaron Kleier, 3.57 seconds
	Reloaded	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43.5	Lachlan Richardson, 3.61 seconds
	Black Tuxedo	Peter Wallace	43.5	Daniel Rogan, 2.91 seconds
	Roid Rage	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	43.5	Taran Chirgwin, 2.85 seconds
*Rockhampton #6	Flyin Hippie	Peter Wallace	45	Wyatt Milgate, 2.68 seconds

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*Mackay	Razor Sharp	Peter Wallace	44.5	Macaulie Leather, 3.5 seconds
*Emerald	Cattle King Boogers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Beau Willis, 7.74 seconds
	Roid Rage	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	44.5	Kelsey Pavlou, 4.3 seconds
*Caboolture	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	45	Aaron Kleier, 4.53 seconds
*Rockhampton #7	Razor Sharp	Peter Wallace	44.5	Lawson Nobbs, 4.54 seconds
*Townsville-Finals	Pretty Boy	Peter Wallace	45.25	Jake Curr, 4.62 seconds
			45	Lachlan Richardson, 4.15 seconds

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