



2021 PBR Australia Back to the Heartland Series Monster Energy Tour PBR Rockhampton Invitational Great Western Hotel – Rockhampton, Queensland Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. AEST

RETURNING TO ROCKHAMPTON – This weekend, for the fourth time in 2021, and 27th time in league history, PBR Australia will travel to Rockhampton, Queensland. Marking the fourth iteration of the Monster Energy Tour’s PBR Rockhampton Invitational, action at Great Western Hotel for the Back to the Heartland Series event will get underway Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. AEST.

THIS WEEKEND’S FORMAT – The PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour’s Rockhampton Invitational at Great Western Hotel will feature two rounds of bull riding. After each of the 30 competing riders attempt one bull each in Round 1, the 8 bull riders with the top ride scores will then advance to the championship round where they will attempt one final bull in an effort to be crowned the event champion.

KLEIER FURTHERS STRONGHOLD ON NO. 1 RANK – After making history in 2020, becoming the first rider in history to win the PBR Australia Championship in three consecutive seasons, Aaron Kleier is attempting to further etch his name in the league record books in 2021. Should he once again be crowned the national champion, Kleier would tie David Kennedy for most Australian national titles won by one rider in league history. Kennedy topped the national standings in 2009-2010, 2012 and 2014. Compliments of dominant individual showings at both PBR Origin I – Brisbane and PBR Origin II – Cairns, Kleier will resume the regular-season with his largest lead yet atop the national standings, currently 70.83 points ahead of No. 2 Macaulie Leather. When the state vs. state tournament began, Kleier travelled to Brisbane just 19.5 points ahead of No. 2 Leather. Going a perfect 2-for-2 to finish second in the individual event at PBR Origin I, Kleier earned a crucial 53 national points, expanding his lead to 60 points. He logged his qualified rides aboard Cliffhanger for 85 points and Roam Aviation High Risk for 84.5 points. When the 2021 iteration of PBR Origin continued the very next week in Cairns, Kleier remained dominant. Courtesy of his 84.5-point ride atop Tribal, which snapped the bull’s 12-out buckoff streak, Kleier concluded the individual event tied for sixth to earn an additional 10.83 points. Eager to further distance himself from the field, Kleier has drawn Vertical Limits in Round 1 of the PBR Rockhampton Invitational.

NOBBS CRACKS TOP 5 VIA ORIGIN SUCCESS – When the 2021 PBR Origin tournament got underway in Brisbane, Lawson Nobbs was ranked No. 7 in the national standings. However, after finishing seventh in the individual event in Brisbane, and winning in Cairns, Nobbs is now ranked No. 4 in PBR Australia competition, within 89.5 points of No. 1 Kleier. Registering one qualified ride in Brisbane, marked 84.5 points on Broken Halo, Nobbs excelled in Cairns. As the lone rider to go a perfect 2-for-2 in the opening rounds of competition, Nobbs covered Code Blue for 84.5 points and Notorious for 84 points. Seeking his league-leading third Australian event win of the season in Rockhampton, Nobbs has drawn Gangster’s Retreat in Round 1 of the event at Great Western Hotel.

SLADE WINS BRISBANE, GOES FOR 90 IN CAIRNS – In addition to vying for state pride, the competing riders at the 2021 PBR Origin tournament were also contending for crucial national points in the race for the 2021 PBR Australia Championship. In the individual battle at PBR Origin I – Brisbane, Team New South Wales’ Lachlan Slade was the top-performing individual rider, tallying 172 points to earn 72.5 national points. In Round 1, Slade rode Reloaded for 86.5 points before converting aboard Random Assault in Round 2 for 85.5 points. While Slade began the tournament stop No. 11 in the nation, climbed to now No. 5 compliments of the win, inching within 114 points of No. 1 Aaron Kleier. While Slade went on to finish fifth in Cairns, slipping to No. 6 in the national standings, now trailing Kleier by 99.83 points, he

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reached a crucial career milestone – his career-first 90-point ride. Avenging a 3.38-second buckoff streak from Brisbane, Slade covered Cattle King Boogers Beach for 90 points, the second 90-point ride in Australia in 2021, during the bonus round of the team event from Cairns. Earlier in the event, Slade had previously covered High Class Hooker for 85 points. Awaiting Slade in Round 1 from Rockhampton is Roam Aviation High Risk.

HELLOS AND WELCOME BACKS – This weekend at the Great Western Hotel, one rider will make his debut, while two familiar faces will return to competition. For Cody Fraser, son of former Australian rodeo champion Scott Fraser, he will compete for the first time with the PBR, having drawn Red Flash. For Jackson Gray, he will make his season debut after being sidelined by a non-bull riding foot injury. He will face off against Tribal in the opening round. Completing the trio is Daniel Rogan who last competed at his hometown event in Tamworth in November 2019. Awaiting Rogan in Rockhampton is Bang and Grind.

FAMILIAR WATERS – Round 1 of the PBR Rockhampton Invitational will feature three rematches, with just one rider having previously made the 8. For Lawson Nobbs, he will look to remain perfect against Gangster’s Retreat. Marking their second showdown, Nobbs previously covered the bovine athlete for 84.5 points en route to his event win at the PBR event held in tandem with the prestigious North Queensland Elite Junior Rodeo in late May. For Caiden Sandilands and Jackson Gray they will look to avenge one previous buckoff aboard their draw. A showdown first witnessed at PBR Origin I – Brisbane earlier this month, Sandilands was bucked off by Bang Ya Drum in a close 6.37 seconds. For Gray, he first faced off against Tribal at the second iteration of the Beaudesert, Queensland double-header, bested in a swift 2.42 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 26 events in Rockhampton, including three tour stops already held in 2021. The complete list of past winners is as follows:

Kurt Shephard (2021)	David Kennedy (2009)
Macaulie Leather (2021)	Kevin “Jock” Connolly (2009)
Aaron Kleier (2021)	Cody Heffernan (2008)
Sam Woodall (2020)	Ben Seeds (2008)
Aaron Kleier (2020)	Ben Jones (2007)
Lawson Nobbs (2020)	Budd Williamson (2007)
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Ryan Storey (2018)	Denny Farley (2006)
Jason Mara (2018)	Ben Jones (2006)
Bailey Woodard (2017)	Steven Clark (2006)
Lachlan Richardson (2016)	Ryan Storey (2006)
Fraser Babbington (2015)	Wayne Brokenbrough (2006)
Roy Dunn (2015)	Heath Shrimp (2006)

BULL PEN – Thus far in 2021, one bull has been dominant – Cattle King Boogers Beach. Hailing from the deep roster from Dittmann Bucking Bulls, Cattle King Boogers Beach has bucked at each PBR Australia event held to date, earning the top bull score at each tour stop. As the season got underway with a doubleheader in Rockhampton, Cattle King Boogers Beach was first marked 45 points for his 6-second buckoff of Macaulie Leather before posting an improved 45.5-point score for his swifter 2.49-second buckoff of Leather the next day. Cattle King Boogers Beach returned to the arena in Townsville for the Touring Pro Division event held in tandem with the North Queensland Elite Junior Rodeo, tying for the top bull honors with fellow Dittmann bovine athlete POA Fully Locked & Loaded. Both bulls posted a 45-point score. Cattle King Boogers Beach again bucked off Leather, this time in 3.66 seconds, while POA Fully Locked & Loaded sent Bailey Woodard to the dirt in 3.94 seconds.

At the final Monster Energy Tour event held prior to the start of the 2021 PBR Origin tournament, Cattle King Boogers Beach wowed again, turning in a 44-point score to lead the bull pen when he dispatched Brady Fielder in a quick 2.58 seconds. Boogers Beach split the honor in Rockhampton with Razor Sharp from Peter Wallace, who earned his score

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compliments of his 2.8-second trip with Cody Heffernan. As the 2021 PBR Origin tournament got underway in Brisbane, Cattle King Boogers Beach was back to being the top bovine athlete. He turned in a 44-point score when he denied Lachlan Slade a qualified ride, bucking off the Team New South Wales rider in 3.38 seconds. When the PBR Origin tournament continued in Cairns, Queensland, Cattle King Boogers Beach again tied for the top honor with Razor Sharp, both marked 45 points. Boogers Beach teamed with Slade for a 90-point ride, while Razor Sharp dispatched Kurt Shephard in 3.22 seconds. Cattle King Boogers Beach will look to continue his dominance in the championship round at the PBR Rockhampton Invitational.

Dittmann Bucking Bulls' other standout bovine athletes travelling to Rockhampton include Vertical Limits, drawn by three-time PBR Australia Champion Aaron Kleier in Round 1, and Ranga who will face off against surging young gun Macaulie Leather in the opening round. Vertical Limits is unriden in his two trips to date. He bucked off Sam Spencer in his debut earlier this season in Rockhampton, dispatching him in 3.79 seconds, and Trefor Sproule during PBR Origin II – Cairns in 4.91 seconds, earning a 39.5 and 42.5-point bull score, respectively. Ranga, the more experienced of the duo, has been ridden just once in 14 PBR outs on record, and will travel to the Queensland event amidst a 10-out buckoff streak. He last bucked at PBR Origin II – Cairns, sending Lane Mellers to the dirt in 2.66 seconds.

PROVIDING PROTECTION – This weekend's protection athletes are Jared Borghero of Gracemere, Queensland; Gus Roberts of Yeppoon, Queensland; and Shane "Maddog" Simpson of Mackay, Queensland.

NEXT UP – The 2021 PBR Australia season will continue Saturday, August 14 in Caboolture, Queensland at QSEC Arena. Action for the Monster Energy Tour's Caboolture Invitational will get underway at 7:00 p.m. AEST.

ROCKHAMPTON COMPETITORS BY COUNTRY

Australia (30) – Eli Bee, Josh Cavanagh, Taran Chirgwin, Jake Curr, Joseph Down, Brady Fielder, Bryn Francis, Cody Fraser, Jackson Gray, Clay Hall, Joshua Jones, Jack Keats, Aaron Kleier, Macaulie Leather, Lane Mellers, Wyatt Milgate, Lawson Nobbs, Mitchel Paton, Kelsey Pavlou, Sam Payne, Lachlan Richardson, Daniel Rogan, Dan Ruhland, Caiden Sandilands, Kurt Shephard, Lachlan Slade, Michael Smith, Beau Willis, Sam Woodall, Bailey Woodard

BREAKDOWN BY STATE –

New South Wales – Lachlan Richardson, Daniel Rogan, Lachlan Slade; Northern Territory – Eli Bee; Queensland – Josh Cavanagh, Taran Chirgwin, Jake Curr, Brady Fielder, Bryn Francis, Jackson Gray, Clay Hall, Joshua Jones, Jack Keats, Aaron Kleier, Macaulie Leather, Lane Mellers, Wyatt Milgate, Lawson Nobbs, Mitchel Paton, Sam Payne, Dan Ruhland, Caiden Sandilands, Kurt Shephard, Michael Smith, Beau Willis, Bailey Woodard; South Australia – Cody Fraser; Victoria – Joseph Down, Kelsey Pavlou, Sam Woodall.

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

	Rider	Points	Dollars Won	Behind Leader
1.	Aaron Kleier	216.33	\$10,555.48	
2.	Macaulie Leather	145.5	\$4,560.04	-70.83
3.	Kurt Shephard	128.5	\$7,946.08	-87.83
4.	Lawson Nobbs	126.83	\$7,541.60	-89.5
5.	Brady Fielder	117.83	\$4,066.60	-98.5
6.	Lachlan Slade	116.5	\$8,682.28	-99.83
7.	Lachlan Richardson	99.5	\$3,933.20	-116.83
8.	Bailey Woodard	69	\$3,190.80	-147.33
9.	Lane Mellers	67.5	\$3,786	-148.83
10.	Cody Heffernan	52.5	\$2,175.60	-168.83

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

2 – Lawson Nobbs (Alice River, #Cairns)

1 – Aaron Kleier (*Rockhampton #1)
Macaulie Leather (*Rockhampton #2)
Kurt Shephard (*Rockhampton #3)
Lachlan Slade (#Brisbane)

* Denotes a Monster Energy Tour event.

Denotes a PBR Origin Event. For these events, the individual leaderboard was only determined by Round 1 and Round 2. The bonus round did not impact the standings.

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

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2021 RIDES BY PBR AUSTRALIA EVENT

City	R1 Rides	R2 Rides	R3 Rides	CR Rides	Total Rides	Total Riding %
*Rockhampton #1	7	N/A	N/A	2	9	22.5% (9/40)
*Rockhampton #2	6	N/A	N/A	0	6	14.63% (6/41)
Alice River	6	N/A	N/A	1	7	26.92% (7/26)
*Rockhampton #3	9	N/A	N/A	2	11	29.72% (11/37)
#Brisbane	7	6	N/A	2	15	31.25% (15/48)
#Cairns	9	8	N/A	2	19	39.58% (19/48)

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

2 – Lachlan Richardson (Rockhampton #1 Championship Round, Brisbane Round 2)
Kurt Shephard (Rockhampton #3 Championship Round, Cairns Round 1)
Lachlan Slade (Brisbane Round 1, Cairns Round 2)

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- 1 – Aaron Kleier (Rockhampton #1 Round 1)
- Macaulie Leather (Rockhampton #2 Round 1)
- Bailey Woodard (Alice River Round 1)
- Lawson Nobbs (Alice River Championship Round)
- Brady Fielder (Rockhampton #3 Round 1)
- Cody Heffernan (Brisbane Round 2)

*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).

THE BULLS

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

- 6 – Cattle King Boogers Beach (Rockhampton #1, Rockhampton #2, Alice River, Rockhampton #3, Brisbane, Cairns)
- 2 – Razor Sharp (Rockhampton #3, Cairns)
- 1 – POA Fully Locked & Loaded (Alice River)

SEASON HIGH-MARKED BULLS – Here are 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 Bookers Beach	Dittmann Bucking Bulls	45	Lachlan Slade, 90 points
	Razor Sharp	Peter Wallace	45	Kurt Shephard, 3.22 seconds

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