



**2022 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour  
PBR Rockhampton Invitational  
Great Western Hotel  
Rockhampton, Queensland  
Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT**

**RETURNING TO ROCKHAMPTON** – This weekend, for the 33<sup>rd</sup> time in league history, PBR Australia will travel to Rockhampton, Queensland. As the seventh event of the 2022 season, and third stop in Rockhampton, the PBR Monster Energy Tour Rockhampton Invitational will buck into the Great Western Hotel on Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT.

**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.

**KLEIER RIDES TO VICTORY** – After making his 2022 season debut at PBR Origin I – Newcastle, helping lead Team Queensland to victory, Aaron Kleier continued his winning ways at the most Monster Energy Tour stop in Toowoomba. Topping two rounds of competition, Kleier clinched the event win at the Toowoomba Invitational at Meatstock, catapulting him to No. 5 in the race for the 2022 PBR Australia Championship. While Kleier's outing at the Toowoomba Showgrounds began in less-than-ideal fashion, bucked off by Double Dealings in 5.76 seconds in Round 1, the reserved Queensland contender was quick to rebound as Championship Saturday got underway. Kleier first topped the field in Round 2 when he covered Mickey Mouse for a commanding 86 points. In Round 3, the 24-year-old again led the draw, conquering Pirate Patch for 83.5 points. While Kleier was unable to cap his event with a qualified ride, bucked off by Pretty Boy in 3.14 seconds in the championship round, his back-to-back, round-winning scores were enough to clinch the win at the PBR Toowoomba Invitational at Meatstock. For his efforts, Kleier collected a crucial 100 national points. He is now ranked No. 5 in the national standings, 104.5 points behind the No. 1 position.

In 2022, Kleier is chasing history. After tying David Kennedy for most Australian national titles won by one rider in league history in 2021, each now with four, should Kleier win his unprecedented fifth consecutive national title at season's end, he would become the winningest bull rider in PBR Australia competition. In Rockhampton, Kleier will attempt Get A Haircut in Round 1 and Rambo in Round 2.

**FAMILIAR WATERS** – While no riders will face a familiar opponent in Round 1, two riders have drawn a rematch in Round 2 of the PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour's Rockhampton Invitational. For four-time PBR Australia Champion Aaron Kleier he will again attempt Rambo. The duo of athletes first went head-to-head in Julia Creek, Queensland in 2019 with Rambo besting Kleier in 2.05 seconds. Kelsey Pavlou will also climb aboard a bull he has past attempted in Vertical Limits. A showdown already seen in 2022, Vertical Limits bucked off Pavlou in 2.27 seconds earlier this year in Rockhampton.

**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 32 events in Rockhampton, including seven tour stops throughout the 2021 campaign, and two held to date in 2022.

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At the most recent PBR event in Rockhampton in mid-February, Brady Fielder went 1-for-3 to clinch the event win and further his then stronghold on the No. 1 rank in the race to be crowned the 2022 PBR Australia Champion. While Fielder's event began in less-than-ideal fashion, bested by Territory Ringer in a hard-fought 6.55 seconds in Round 1 and by Black Tuxedo in a swift 3.31 seconds in Round 2, the resilient cowboy returned determined in the championship round. Drawing Freckles Brown, Fielder matched the powerful animal athlete for an event-best 87.5 points, propelling him to the top of the event leaderboard. Marking his second event win of the season, Fielder's golden effort earned him 65 national points, and he extended his lead to 76.5 points over then No. 2 Cody Heffernan.

The complete list of past winners is as follows:

Brady Fielder (2022)	Lachlan Richardson (2016)
Kurt Shephard (2022)	Fraser Babbington (2015)
Aaron Kleier (2021)	Roy Dunn (2015)
Kurt Shephard (2021)	David Kennedy (2009)
Bailey Woodard (2021)	Kevin "Jock" Connolly (2009)
Aaron Kleier (2021)	Cody Heffernan (2008)
Kurt Shephard (2021)	Ben Seeds (2008)
Macaulie Leather (2021)	Ben Jones (2007)
Aaron Kleier (2021)	Budd Williamson (2007)
Sam Woodall (2020)	Ben Keliher (2007)
Aaron Kleier (2020)	Denny Farley (2006)
Lawson Nobbs (2020)	Ben Jones (2006)
Lawson Nobbs (2019)	Steven Clark (2006)
Ryan Storey (2018)	Ryan Storey (2006)
Jason Mara (2018)	Wayne Brokenbrough (2006)
Bailey Woodard (2017)	Heath Shrimp (2006)

**BULL PEN** – At this weekend's PBR Rockhampton Invitational at Great Western Hotel, five different stock companies will be represented including: Colin Fry (AUCF), Fred Kleier (AUFK), Dittmann Bucking Bulls (AUJD), JD Bucking Bulls (AUJDBB) and Diamond J Rodeo (AUDJ).

A relatively experienced pen of bulls, here bulls will make their PBR debut in Round 1, Mr. Bombastic (Diamond J Rodeo Co.), Lightning (Colin Fry) and Thunder (Colin Fry), while Round 2 will feature the first out for four animal athletes including Hipshot (Diamond J Rodeo), It's A Disco (Diamond J Rodeo), Little Earth (Diamond J Rodeo) and Firebug (Colin Fry).

**PROVIDING PROTECTION** – This weekend's protection athletes are Gus Roberts and Kirstin Wood.

**NEXT UP** – The 2022 PBR Australia season will continue Saturday, April 23 for the second iteration of the 2022 PBR Origin Tournament in Tamworth, New South Wales. Action inside AELEC Arena will get underway at 7:00 p.m. AEDT.

## **ROCKHAMPTON COMPETITORS BY COUNTRY**

**Australia (17)** – Qynn Andersen, Brumby Brandenburg, Taran Chirgwin, Hayden Davis, Cody Fraser, Jackson Gray, Blayne Johnson, Aaron Kleier, Wyatt Milgate, Ben Moran, Kelsey Pavlou, Ben Reiter, Lachlan Richardson, Caiden Sandilands, Michael Smith, Beau Willis, Brody Woodard.

## **BREAKDOWN BY STATE** –

New South Wales – Lachlan Richardson; Queensland – Qynn Andersen, Brumby Brandenburg, Taran Chirgwin, Hayden Davis, Jackson Gray, Blayne Johnson, Aaron Kleier, Wyatt Milgate, Ben Moran, Kelsey Pavlou, Caiden Sandilands, Michael Smith, Beau Willis, Brody Woodard; South Australia – Cody Fraser; Victoria – Ben Reiter.

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

Rider	Points	Dollars Won	Behind Leader
1. Cody Heffernan	210.5	\$13,835.24	
2. Brady Fielder	192.5	\$11,266.40	-18
3. Qynn Andersen	188.5	\$16,327.20	-22
4. Braith Nock	123.5	\$9,388.52	-87
5. Aaron Kleier	106	\$8,776.50	-104.5
6. Kelsey Pavlou	104.5	\$5,750.48	-106
7. Kurt Shephard	77	\$5,544.96	-133.5
8. Brumby Brandenburg	75.5	\$7,363.20	-135
9. Lachlan Richardson	72	\$4,772	-138.5
10. Will Purcell	61.5	\$2,747.40	-149

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

2 – Brady Fielder (\*Scone, \*Rockhampton 2)

1 – Kurt Shephard (\*Rockhampton 1)  
 Brumby Brandenburg (\*Mildura)  
 Qynn Andersen (#Newcastle)  
 Aaron Kleier (\*Toowoomba)

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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

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**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)

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\*Toowoomba      7                      7                      2                      N/A                      1                      17                      20.73% (17/82)

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

3 – Brady Fielder (\*Rockhampton #1 Round 1, \*Scone Round 2, \*Rockhampton #2 Championship Round)

2 – Qynn Andersen (\*Mildura Round 1, #Newcastle Round 1)  
Cody Heffernan (\*Scone Round 1, #Newcastle Round 2)  
Aaron Kleier (\*Toowoomba Round 2 & Round 3)

1 – Kurt Shephard (\*Rockhampton #1 Round 2)  
Chris Wilson (\*Scone Round 2)  
Kelsey Pavlou (\*Rockhampton #2 Round 1)  
Bailey Woodard (\*Rockhampton #2 Round 2)  
Brumby Brandenbrg (\*Mildura Round 2)  
Lachlan Richardson (\*Toowoomba Round 1)  
Braith Nock (\*Toowoomba Championship Round)

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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).

## **THE BULLS**

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

2 – Pretty Boy (\*Rockhampton #1, \*Toowoomba)

1 – G Shock (\*Scone)  
Roid Rage (\*Rockhampton #2)  
Crackalackin (\*Mildura)  
Posting Bail (#Newcastle)

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Bull</b>	<b>Stock Contractor</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Rider</b>
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*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

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