



**2022 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour
PBR Cairns Invitational
Cairns Convention Centre
Cairns, Queensland
Saturday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT**

COMPETITION CONTINUES IN CAIRNS – This weekend PBR Australia will travel to Cairns, Queensland. As the 17th event of the 2022 season, the PBR Monster Energy Tour Cairns Invitational will buck into Cairns Convention Centre on Saturday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT.

THIS WEEKEND'S FORMAT – The PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour's Cairns Invitational at Cairns Convention Centre will feature three rounds of bull riding. After all competing bull riders attempt one bull each in Round 1 and Round 2, the Top 8 riders will advance to the championship round where they will draft their final animal athlete opponent. The event champion will be determined by the rider with the highest total score from their three draws.

RICHARDSON RISES TO NO. 1 – Lachlan Richardson will travel to Cairns, Queensland, this weekend as the No. 1 ranked bull rider in the 2022 PBR Australia standings. The seven-time PBR World Finals Qualifier overtook the top position in June at the Monster Energy Tour event in Rockhampton, Queensland, compliments of a third-place finish. Despite being bested in Round 1 by Rockslide in a hard-fought 7.86 seconds inside the Great Western Hotel, Richardson 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 No. 1 in the standings, pulling 12 points ahead of then No. 2 Cody Heffernan. In the weeks since, while Richardson rode at both Touring Pro Division events in Mount Isa, Queensland, he was shutout. As a result, while Richardson remained No. 1 in Australia, he leads new No. 2 Qynn Andersen by a slim 10.5 points. This weekend in Cairns, Richardson has drawn Mavericks Plum Loco in Round 1 and No Vacancy in Round 2.

PERFECT PAVLOU WINS ROCKHAMPTON – During the most recent PBR Australia event in Rockhampton, Queensland in mid-June, there was no rider more dominant than Kelsey Pavlou. Going a perfect 3-for-3, not only did Kelsey Pavlou win the event, but he also cracked 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. Following his win, while Pavlou competed at both Touring Pro Division events in Mount Isa, Queensland, he was shutout, going 0-for-3. As a result, Pavlou slid one position in the national standings, now No. 6 and 93 points behind No. 1 Lachlan Richardson. This weekend in Cairns, Pavlou has drawn Law& Order in Round 1 and Gangster's Retreat in Round 2.

KLEIER MARCHES TOWARDS HISTORY – This season, Aaron Kleier is attempting to accomplish a feat never before done by any rider in PBR history. After tying David Kennedy for most Australian national titles won by one rider 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. And at the recent Touring Pro Division event in

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Mount Isa, Queensland, Kleier inched closer to making that a reality. Compliments of a walk-off, 90-point ride, four-time Kleier won the first of two developmental events in Mount Isa to surge to No. 3 in the heated battle to be crowned the 2022 PBR Australia Champion. In Round 1, Kleier first put points on the board when he covered Random Assault for 87 points. Tied for second on the event leaderboard, Kleier next readied to go head-to-head against Super Natural. In near picture-perfect form, Kleier covered the powerful animal athlete for a monstrous 90 points, clinching the PBR Mount Isa Show event win. The 90-point ride was the second of Kleier's career, and first on Australian soil in 2022. For his efforts, Kleier earned 27 national points. Not competing during the second night of competition in Mount Isa, Kleier slipped to No. 4 in the national standings, now a slim 15.5 points behind No. 1 Lachlan Richardson. Eager to continue his climb up the rankings, Kleier will look to surpass Richardson this weekend in Cairns, first attempting Bombshell in Round 1, followed by Comeback Kid in Round 2.

FAMILIAR WATERS – In Round 1 of this weekend's PBR Cairns Invitational, four riders will face familiar foes, with just one having previously made the 8. For Brady Fielder, he will look to remain perfect against Random Assault. In 2021, Fiedler rode the bull for 83 points during the Mackay Invitational. Jack Keats, Jake Curr and Kurt Shephard will all look to reverse their fortunes aboard their opening round draws in Cairns. Keats and Shephard are both facing bulls that have already attempted once this season. Keats was bucked off by Living Dreams in Bloomsbury in 1.56 seconds, while Shephard was upended by Bad Moon in 2.3 seconds during the recent Touring Pro Division event in Mount Isa. Curr will have his rivalry with Rip Slinger renewed. The bovine athlete bucked off the Aussie in 2.35 seconds during the 2020 New Years Eve event in Rockhampton.

Round 2 of competition, however, will feature six rematches, with no rider having previously made the 8. Those matchups are:

- Braith Nock vs. Ambush (2022 PBR Origin III – Brisbane, Queensland | 7.74 seconds)
- Brody Woodard vs. Drag Iron (2019 Mount Isa, Queensland | 3.69 seconds)
- Jake Curr vs. POA Crack The Latch (2020 PBR Australia Grand Finals Townsville, Queensland | 1.54 seconds)
- Lachlan Richardson vs. No Vacancy (2022 Mount Isa, Queensland)
- Michael Smith vs. Super Natural (2022 PBR Origin III – Brisbane, Queensland | 5.16 seconds)
- Taran Chirgwin vs. Cattle King Screaming Deamon (2022 Rockhampton, Queensland | 1.8 seconds)

PAST CAIRNS EVENT WINNERS – Historically, PBR Australia has held seven events in Cairns, Queensland, with the most recent being the second leg of the 2021 PBR Origin tournament. Competing in front of a home state crowd, Team Queensland defeated Team New South Wales 1,005.5-590.5 to earn their second consecutive Origin Championship.

Prior to the debut of Origin in Cairns in 2021, the city welcomed the organization six times. The complete list of those past winners is as follows:

Aaron Kleier (2019)
Jason Mara (2018)
Kurt Shephard (2017)
Edmilson Goncalves (2016)
Justin Paton (2015)
Lachlan Richardson (2014)

BULL PEN – This weekend in Cairns, some of Australia's rankest bovines will buck under new ownership. Previously owned by Wallace Bucking Bulls, Pretty Boy is now with the Dittmann Bucking Bulls outfit, and I'm a Thug and Razor Sharp will buck for MJ and Keliher Bucking Bulls.

PROVIDING PROTECTION – This weekend's protection athletes are Shane Simpson, Brodie Frizzell and Kerry Whitehouse.

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NEXT UP – The 2022 PBR Australia season will continue on Saturday, July 23 for PBR Monster Energy Tour’s Caboolture Invitational in Caboolture, Queensland. Action at QSEC Arena will get underway at 7:00 p.m. AEDT.

CAIRNS COMPETITORS BY COUNTRY

Australia (22) – Qynn Andersen, Brumby Brandenburg, Taran Chirgwin, Jono Couling, Jake Curr, Brady Fielder, Cody Heffernan, Jack Keats, Aaron Kleier, Wyatt Milgate, Ben Moran, Braith Nock, Kelsey Pavlou, Will Purcell, Lachlan Richardson, Kurt Shephard, Lachlan Slade, Michael Smith, Trefor Sproule, Bradley Wheeler, Beau Willis, Brody Woodard.

BREAKDOWN BY STATE –

New South Wales – Jono Couling, Cody Heffernan, Braith Nock, Lachlan Richardson, Lachlan Slade, Trefor Sproule, Bradley Wheeler; Queensland – Qynn Andersen, Brumby Brandenburg, Taran Chirgwin, Jake Curr, Brady Fielder, Jack Keats, Aaron Kleier, Wyatt Milgate, Ben Moran, Kelsey Pavlou, Kurt Shephard, Michael Smith, Beau Willis, Brody Woodard; Victoria – Will Purcell.

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

Rider	Points	Dollars Won	Behind Leader
1. Lachlan Richardson	342.5	\$32,847.23	
2. Qynn Andersen	332	\$64,411.73	-10.5
3. Cody Heffernan	330.5	\$25,228.12	-12
4. Aaron Kleier	327	\$36,430.51	-15.5
5. Brady Fielder	261.5	\$16,886.60	-81
6. Kelsey Pavlou	249.5	\$15,330.55	-93
7. Braith Nock	138.5	\$10,842.14	-204
8. Brumby Brandenburg	121.5	\$9,682.44	-221
9. Michael Smith	113.83	\$9,955.52	-228.67
10. Ben Moran	108	\$6,085.59	-234.5

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

5 – Aaron Kleier (*Toowoomba, *Rockhampton #3, Bloomsbury, Cooyar, Mount Isa #1)

2 – Brady Fielder (*Scone, *Rockhampton #2)
Qynn Andersen (#Newcastle, #Brisbane)

1 – Kurt Shephard (*Rockhampton #1)
Brumby Brandenburg (*Mildura)
Lachlan Richardson (#Tamworth)
Cody Heffernan (Berry)
Kelsey Pavlou (*Rockhampton #4)
Jake Curr (Mount Isa #2)

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

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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	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

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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

* 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.	4	Aaron Kleier	1
	7	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	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)

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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)

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

- 6 – Aaron Kleier (*Toowoomba Round 2 & Round 3, *Rockhampton Round 1 & Round 2, Bloomsbury Championship Round, Cooyar Round 2)
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)
- 4 – Cody Heffernan (*Scone Round 1, #Newcastle Round 2, #Tamworth Round 1, Berry Championship Round)
- 2 – Kelsey Pavlou (*Rockhampton #2 Round 1, *Rockhampton #4 Championship Round)
Braith Nock (*Toowoomba Championship Round, Mount Isa #1 Round 2)
- 1 – Kurt Shephard (*Rockhampton #1 Round 2)
Chris Wilson (*Scone Round 2)
Bailey Woodard (*Rockhampton #2 Round 2)
Brumby Brandenbg (*Mildura Round 2)
Will Purcell (#Tamworth Round 1)
Jono Couling (Berry Round 1)
Taran Chirgwin (Cooyar Round 2)
Jake Curr (Mount Isa #2 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:

- 4 – Pretty Boy (*Rockhampton #1, *Toowoomba, Bloomsbury, *Rockhampton #4)
- 3 – Roid Rage (*Rockhampton #2, Mount Isa #1, Mount Isa #2)

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1 – G Shock (*Scone)
 Crackalackin (*Mildura)
 Posting Bail (#Newcastle)
 Comeback Kid (*Rockhampton #3)
 Rambo (*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)

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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	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

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