



**2022 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour  
PBR Mildura Invitational  
Mildura Recreation Reserve - Brian Weightman Oval  
Mildura, Victoria  
Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT**

**RETURNING TO VICTORIA** – This weekend, for the first time since March 2020, the elite PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour will travel to the state of Victoria. For the second time in history, the organization will buck into Mildura, holding the fourth event of the 2022 season, the PBR Monster Energy Tour Mildura Invitational, at the Mildura Recreation Reserve - Brian Weightman Oval, on Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. AEDT.

**THIS WEEKEND'S FORMAT** – The PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour's Mildura Invitational at Mildura Recreation Reserve - Brian Weightman Oval 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 two draws. One rider will have the opportunity to earn a maximum 80 national points, with 50 to be awarded to the event victor, and 15 to each round winner.

**TIME TO MAKE THE TEAM** – This weekend's event in Mildura will mark riders' last chance to earn a berth to compete for Team New South Wales or Team Queensland at the 2022 iteration of PBR Origins, beginning March 26 in Newcastle, New South Wales. Team New South Wales will be captained by 2016 PBR Australia Champion Cody Heffernan, while four-time, and reigning, PBR Australia Champion Aaron Kleier will lead defending event winners Team Queensland. Each team will be comprised of 10 riders, including the captains, with the remaining nine positions filled by the current national and world standings prior to each Origin event. While Heffernan and Kleier have their spots locked for each of the three installments of the state vs. state tournament, the remaining nine positions can fluctuate. Following the PBR Mildura Invitational, each state's roster will be set for the opening event, PBR Origin I – Newcastle, at Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

**FAMILIAR WATERS** – This weekend Round 1 of the PBR Mildura Invitational will feature one rematch as Brumby Brandenburg readies to attempt Cash Money for the second time in his career. The duo first met earlier this season in Scone, New South Wales, as Cash Money got the better of Brandenburg in 2.29 seconds.

**PAST MILDURA EVENT WINNERS** – Historically, PBR Australia has only held one prior event in Mildura, debuting in the Victoria city in October 2019. As one of four riders to go a perfect 2-for-2, Lawson Nobbs won the tour stop. He began the event with an 84.25-point ride on Wallaby Bob in Round 1, and then clinched the victory with an 84.5-point effort earned aboard High Flying Akubra. Looking down the leaderboard, Nathan Burtenshaw was second, followed by Aaron Kleier in third and Cliff Richardson in fourth, all of whom went a perfect 2-for-2 in Mildura.

**BULL PEN** – This weekend's Monster Energy Tour event in Mildura, Victoria, will mark the PBR debut for many animal athletes. In Round 1, a maximum 15 bulls will buck for the first time in PBR competition, while in Round 2, 10 bovine athletes will potentially make their first out in PBR competition.

Round 1: Yella Belly (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Born For This (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Lost It (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Makers Mark (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Battle Axe (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Radical Impact\* (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Say When\* (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Mr. Bright Side\* (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Hells Gate (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Short Cut (Woodall Rodeo Co.),

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Smokie (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Marty (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Good Times (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Ghost Face (Woodall Rodeo Co.), and Real Time (Woodall Rodeo Co.).

Round 2: Radical Impact\* (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Say When\* (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Mr. Bright Side\* (Throsby & Russell Bucking Bulls), Stitches (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Boogie Man (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Aces High (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Time Bomb (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Mum Said No (Woodall Rodeo Co.), Trick or Treat (Woodall Rodeo Co.), and Golden Boy (Woodall Rodeo Co.).

\* Denotes a re-ride bull.

**PROVIDING PROTECTION** – This weekend’s protection athletes are Eric Richardson, Wade Nichele and Corey Duncan.

**NEXT UP** – The 2022 PBR Australia season continues Saturday, March 26 in Newcastle, New South Wales, as the 2022 PBR Origin tournament gets underway. Action for the PBR Monster Energy Tour Origin I – Newcastle, will get underway at 7:00 p.m. AEDT at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

### **MILDURA COMPETITORS BY COUNTRY**

**Australia (22)** – Qynn Andersen, Brumby Brandenburg, Taran Chirgwin, Jono Couling, Cody Fraser, Bradie Gray, Cody Heffernan, Thomas Hudson, Jack Keats, Oscar Leake, Toby Leake, Darcy McBean, Ben Moran, Braith Nock, Kelsey Pavlou, Will Purcell, Lachlan Richardson, Caiden Sandilands, Michael Smith, Trefor Sproule, Will Watson, Chris Wilson.

### **BREAKDOWN BY STATE** –

New South Wales – Jono Couling, Bradie Gray, Cody Heffernan, Thomas Hudson, Oscar Leake, Toby Leake, Braith Nock, Lachlan Richardson, Trefor Sproule; Northern Territory – Darcy McBean; Queensland – Qynn Andersen, Brumby Brandenburg, Taran Chirgwin, Jack Keats, Ben Moran, Kelsey Pavlou, Caiden Sandilands, Michael Smith. South Australia – Cody Fraser; Victoria – Will Purcell, Will Watson, Chris Wilson.

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

<b>Rider</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Dollars Won</b>	<b>Behind Leader</b>
1. Brady Fielder	192.5	\$11,266.40	
2. Cody Heffernan	116	\$5,094.24	-76.5
3. Kurt Shephard	77	\$5,544.96	-115.5
3. Kelsey Pavlou	77	\$4,954.88	-115.5
5. Bailey Woodard	45	\$2,380.80	-147.5
6. Chris Wilson	43.5	\$2,157.28	-149
7. Jake Curr	32	\$1,334.40	-160.5
8. Trefor Sproule	12.5	\$233.52	-180
8. Braith Nock	12.5	\$233.52	-180
10. Will Purcell	7	\$0	-185.5

**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)

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Ag. Score</b>	<b>Australian Points</b>
*Rockhampton #1	Kurt Shephard	167	77
*Scone	Brady Fielder	171.5	72.5
*Rockhampton #2	Brady Fielder	87.5	65

\* Denotes a Monster Energy Tour event.

**2022 RIDES BY PBR AUSTRALIA EVENT**

<b>City</b>	<b>R1 Rides</b>	<b>R2 Rides</b>	<b>R3 Rides</b>	<b>R4 Rides</b>	<b>CR Rides</b>	<b>Total Rides</b>	<b>Riding %</b>
*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)

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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)

1 – Kurt Shephard (\*Rockhampton #1 Round 2)  
Cody Heffernan (\*Scone Round 1)  
Chris Wilson (\*Scone Round 2)  
Kelsey Pavlou (\*Rockhampton #2 Round 1)  
Bailey Woodard (\*Rockhampton #2 Round 2)

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**THE BULLS**

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

1 – Pretty Boy (\*Rockhampton #1)  
G Shock (\*Scone)

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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>
*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

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\*Rockhampton #2 Roid Rage                      Dittmann Bucking Bulls                      45.5                      Bailey Woodard, 2.5 seconds

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