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# Hinchinbrook MP Nick Dametto puts his body on the line for charity

Katter's Australian Party (KAP) Deputy Leader and Hinchinbrook MP, Nick Dametto is gearing up to take the raging bull by the horns to raise money for charity at the Ingham Sugar City Rodeo this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, at the Ingham Showgrounds.

The Hinchinbrook MP said the community was eager to see familiar faces battle it out for charity after the event was originally postponed due to wet weather conditions back in May.

This year's riders include:

Nick Dametto MP, State Member for Hinchinbrook, who is donating to *Audrey's Angels of Hope* and riding in honour of Judy Reardon.

Archie Arenson, Power 100 Breakfast Radio Presenter, who is donating to *The Black Dog Institute*.

Jonty Collins-Furber, Machinery Operator Morton's Earthmoving, who is donating to *Angel Flight* and riding in honour of close family friend Will Murdoch.

Alana Romano, Komatsu 3rd Year Apprentice, who is donating to QCWA Long Pocket.

With just a few days until the event, the riders had reached just over \$3,000 of their \$4,000 goal and Mr Dametto thanked the community for their generosity and support.

"Hinchinbrook has always been a very giving and tight-knit community, fundraising events like this are not possible without the community backing it," Mr Dametto said.

"Each year, I ride in honour of Judy Reardon who tragically passed away in a car accident on the Bruce Highway back in 2019.

"Our community lost an angel that day and I will continue to ride in memory of her until I hit the magic 8 seconds.

"Judy was heavily involved with Audrey's Angels of Hope which relies on donations to support

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cancer patients and their families. This is a valuable charity to Hinchinbrook that I am 100 per cent behind."

Charity Bull Ride Organiser, Monique Giliberto said that when the Charity Bull Ride commenced in 2019, she never expected it would grow into an event of such magnitude.

"The Charity Bull ride is the perfect example of how important helping others is to our community and turning it into a competition makes it that extra bit fun," Ms Giliberto said.

"It blows me away each year when it's time to look for our next round of Charity Bull Riders just how many people are willing to put their hand up to say yes without any hesitation or a second thought. I can't wait to see who wants to give it a try next year."

To donate to this year's Charity Bull Ride, please visit the GoFundMe page <a href="https://gofund.me/4f444a15">https://gofund.me/4f444a15</a>

The total amount of donations will be split equally, and each rider will donate their share to a charity of their choice.

The rider with the best time will receive an additional \$500 to donate to their selected charity thanks to the Ingham Sugar City Rodeo Committee.

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**Photo:** Ingham Sugar City Rodeo, 2022 Charity Bull Riders – Jonty Collins-Furber, Nick Dametto MP, Archie Arenson, and Alana Romano.

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