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### **Hinchinbrook MP and three locals take the bulls by the horns**

MEMBER for Hinchinbrook Nick Dametto, Power100 Breakfast Radio Presenter Archie Arenson, Komatsu 3rd Year Apprentice Alana Romano and Machinery Operator Morton's Earthmoving Jonty Collins-Furber all took the bull by the horns, battling it out for charity at the Ingham Sugar City Rodeo, July 2.

Jonty Collins-Furber topped this year's leader board with a time of 4.03 seconds, in second place was Archie Arenson with 4.01 seconds, Nick Dametto came in third place with 2.83 seconds and Alana Romano followed with 2.14 seconds.

The Ingham Sugar City Rodeo Committee and the four riders acknowledged and praised the community for their support and generosity, with a total of \$5496 being raised.

The donations will be split equally amongst the rider's charity of their choice, which include Audrey's Angels of Hope (Nick Dametto MP), Black Dog Institute (Archie Arenson), QCWA Long Pocket (Alana Romano) and Angel Flight (Jonty-Collins Furber).

Ingham Sugar City Rodeo donated a further \$500 to Jonty-Collins Furber's charity of choice, Angel Flight for taking out first prize and riding the best time.

The Hinchinbrook MP said although it wasn't his best performance, he enjoyed giving it a good crack to raise donations for vital charities that support locals.

"I must say all four bulls were definitely angry and stirred up this year," Mr Dametto said.

"Looking back on it, maybe wearing a bright red shirt was a bad idea.

"After hitting the ground pretty bloody hard, it's safe to say that my hand and back are a little sore after holding on for dear life.

"You know what they say, practice makes perfect so maybe next year I will get the eight seconds.

"Until then, I will continue taking on the raging bulls in the Queensland Parliament."

The 2022 Charity Bull Ride winner Jonty Collins-Furber said it's not all about the win, but rather about the charities.

"A huge thank you to everyone that donated and the organisers," said Mr Collins-Furber.

**NICK DAMETTO**

**Member for Hinchinbrook**

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"The adrenaline is still pumping, bring on next year's competition, fingers crossed our State Member brings his A-game.

"This year I rode in memory of my mate Will Murdoch, he would have made the eight seconds."

Nick Dametto MP thanked the three brave locals who rode with him for taking the bull by the horns to raise funds for local charities. He also thanked the Ingham Sugar City Rodeo Committee for their efforts in creating another successful event.

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

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