



New Game Plan Tool to Help Pony Clubs

We welcome new tools to assist the many hard-working volunteers who run the 800 Pony Clubs around Australia.

Pony Club Australia (PCA) is supporting the roll out of 'Game Plan' from Sport Australia – tools to help with running clubs, setting goals and making improvements. It will also mean that when office bearers and organisers change over, as they inevitably do, a Club has a solid and secure record to enable Club continuity.

PCA CEO Dr Catherine Ainsworth said Sport Australia's Game Plan replaces the previous 'Club Health Check' from Sport Australia.

"It is a digital platform designed to provide sporting clubs of all sizes with insights into their current capability and connect them with specific tools and resources to build and support ongoing development. We had several Pony Clubs participate in the pilot program," Dr Ainsworth said.

"I was happy, on behalf of Pony Club Australia, to take part in a video encouraging Clubs for all sporting codes to take advantage of this great tool from Sport Australia. Having seen the benefits of the Club Health Check for many Pony Clubs in past years, this is another step up I believe Clubs will find easy to use and very helpful."

Club representatives will be able to watch a short video to find out more, then register and get started. With Pony Clubs resuming for a new year at present, the timing is perfect.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/ooFZnHinlak>

Dr Ainsworth said Game Plan will give Clubs tools to improve volunteers' skills, help Clubs adapt to changing circumstances, identify areas for improvement and maximise their resources.

As well as best practice resources for Clubs, Game Plan will also provide insights to Sport Australia and national and state organisations, so they can prioritise areas of need for future focus and investment.

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Katrina Kelly, Vice President, Lilydale District Pony Club Tasmania – the PCA Club of the Year, 2020 – made this comment

"Game Plan is a comprehensive, easy to use online tool. In the past we have done six monthly Club audits using the Club Health Check but Game Plan takes these audits to a whole new level. There is a lot of fabulous information and resources, and the analysis is comprehensive and tailored. Our Club Officials will definitely use this invaluable site, especially when reviewing our Strategic Plan and operating procedures and I encourage others to do so."

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