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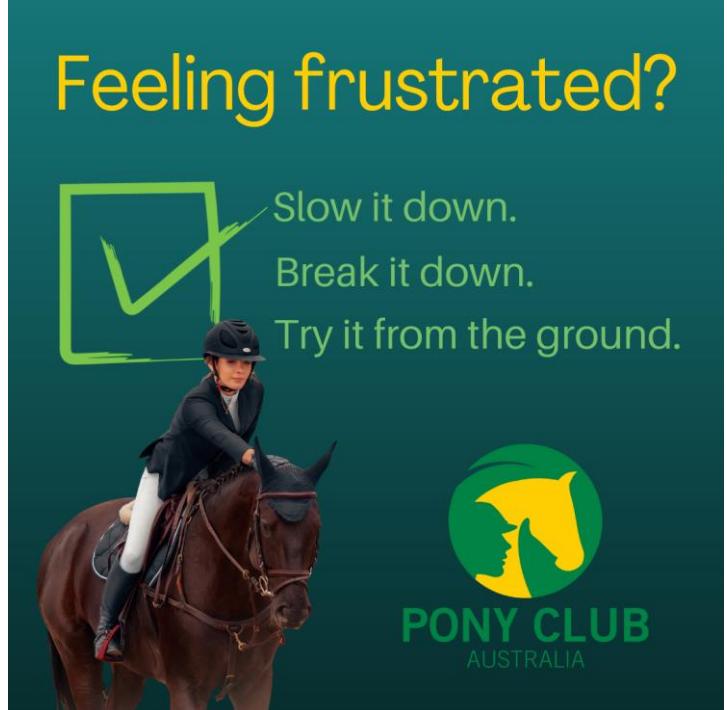
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Pony Club Australia - going viral in a good way

Pony Club Australia is an international leader in rider education and is actively influencing rider performance, horse welfare and safety.

This recent social media post (at right) was praised and shared hundreds of times by horse riders and coaches across the world including NZ, UK, US, Canada, Finland, Denmark and The Netherlands.

The Pony Club Australia syllabus encourages riders of all ages to consider how to overcome obstacles by getting back to basics of what and how they are communicating with their horse. This also helps build social and nontechnical skills in riders. Working with a horse on the ground helps the horse's understanding of the aids when the rider is in the saddle.



Manuela McLean was a guest speaker at The Pony Club UK coaching conference this week. Manuela's work with Andrew McLean and Equitation Science International, was the inspiration for the revision of the Pony Club Australia syllabus in 2019. It is a rider- and horse-centred systematic approach of training horses on the ground and under-saddle according to the principles of learning theory. The signals or aids used are shaped progressively, and the horse's responsiveness to them is the benchmark for progression. Calmness, relaxation and safety are the base for all training, with the rider having a clear understanding of the signals he/she needs to use to ride and train their horse.

Pony Club Australia is proud to go viral with its education program. Since Pony Club Australia started in 1939, it has been the start of the riding journey for hundreds of thousands of Australians. The Pony Club® program is focussed on education, participation, fun and community, with many different horse sports to choose from. A life with horses starts here.

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