

Celebrating 80 Years of Pony Club in Australia



2019 Annual Report



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Message from SPORT AUSTRALIA

SPORT and physical activity has enormous influence on our nation's health, education, social, economic and diplomatic outcomes.

It's why Sport Australia and the AIS remain steadfast in our vision: to make Australia the world's most active sporting nation, known for its integrity, sporting success and world-leading sports industry.

Australia's commitment, outlined in the Australian Government's national sport plan, Sport 2030, is to reduce physical inactivity by 15 per cent. It's a huge challenge Sport Australia enthusiastically accepts.

We are making significant progress and Sport Australia's programs are benefitting sport, as well as broader community health and wellbeing, including tackling issues such as obesity. Our partnerships with National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) remain fundamental, but we are also engaging more than ever with other networks to grow our sporting industry. Collaboration with physical activity providers, health, education and various levels of Government can deliver more for sport and all Australians.

This was highlighted in 2018-19 when Sport Australia, on behalf of the Australian Government, delivered \$150million in new participation programs. The \$100million Community Sport Infrastructure grants program is enhancing hundreds of grassroots facilities across Australia. The \$28.9million Participation grants program is encouraging innovative programs that help break the down barriers to physical activity. The new \$22.9million Better Ageing grants program is helping senior Australians 65 and older to get more active and socially connected.

Our national Sporting Schools program remains a key platform to address childhood inactivity and drive generational change. We have funded 7300 schools and recorded more than 5.2million attendances since its launch in mid-2015. We continue to look at ways to maximise the impact of Sporting Schools and link it with our work in physical literacy. By teaching our children to run, throw, jump or kick, we put them on the path to better lives.

There is no success without integrity. We continue to encourage environments that are inclusive and welcoming. Increasing diversity in our industry is critical and we want to make sport the benchmark for a more equitable society.

All this work is emphasised by our national behaviour change campaign, Move It AUS. Our call to action is to 'Find Your 30' minutes of physical activity every day, and enjoy the benefits.

We are continuing to build the capability of the sports industry, addressing governance reform to bring out the very best in our sporting organisations. The One Management project looks at helping sports align their strategy, workforce and financial management.

The AIS, in partnership with the National Institute Network and National Sporting Organisations, is aligning Australia's high performance sport strategy too. The National High Performance Sport Strategy 2024 signals the first time all Federal and State/Territory sports agencies have signed up to a joint high performance strategy.

In November 2018, the AIS announced an updated investment model for high performance sport and through this improved framework, Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games sports will benefit from a longer term approach to funding. Instead of annual grants to sport, for the first time the AIS is providing longer-term funding commitments to give sports more stability and certainty to plan ahead.

All of this work is important for future Olympics, Paralympics and Winter Games.

Enhancing athlete pathways and athlete wellbeing are primary areas of focus for the AIS, and are keys to creating long-term sustainable success. We have embedded 20 Athlete Wellbeing Managers across National Sporting Organisations, and, working closely with the AIS Wellbeing and Engagement team, are delivering key programs and support from mental health programs, through to career guidance and connection to Australians at the community level.

The AIS is also leading collaborative sports research, applied technology and innovation initiatives including the Gold Medal Ready program, a unique partnership with the Australian Army to help athletes perform under pressure.

From backyards to benchmark international events, we believe unquestionably in the power of sport and physical activity to reflect the very best in our culture and to be a powerful vehicle for change.

Thank you for all you do for Australian sport and best wishes for the year ahead.



John Wylie AM. Chair, Sport Australia



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

This year, we celebrated 80 years of Pony Club in Australia. Pony Clubs across Australia made the best and the most creative birthday cakes to celebrate and then shared the fun on social media. Over 100 'Living Legends' aged 80 years and over received PCA certificates, often presented at their local club, to acknowledge their contribution to Pony Club.

2019 has also been an important year for Pony Club Australia with its focus on the delivery of initiatives to increase education, safety and participation in Pony Club.

During 2019, PCA gathered nation-wide talent for a new Education and Development Committee and a new Youth Advisory Council. These new committees will sit alongside our existing Coaching Advisory Council and PCA looks forward to harnessing their collective experience for the future benefit of Pony Club.

PCA launched the much-anticipated new syllabus in September 2019. The new syllabus is based upon world's best practice in equitation science and will improve rider safety and the welfare of horses for many years to come. Coach training was held across Australia to assist with the implementation of the new syllabus and new proficiency certificate manuals are now available for Pony Clubbers.

Given the safety of our riders is paramount, the PCA Board announced its intention to hold a National Safety Conference for Horse Sports and open a dialogue about safety with other equestrian organisations. The Pony Club Only Workshops, which followed the expert presentations, enabled all levels of Pony Club from across Australia to provide their input into the important issue of safety in Pony Club.

PCA believes that removing barriers to participation in Pony Club will assist with increasing our membership numbers in Pony Club. First raised at the 2018 AGM, PCA implemented the Centre Membership program in 2019. We trust that it will be as successful as it has been for The Pony Club UK over the past 20 years, measured by the increase in membership numbers. Not owning a horse

might have been a barrier to participation in Pony Club, but now it can be a case of 'no pony, no problem'.

The Thoroughbred Industry Careers PCA National Championships were held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in October 2019. Hosted by the Pony Club Association of New South Wales at one of Australia's best equestrian venues, the 2019 PCA National Championships were enjoyed by hundreds of Pony Clubbers and their supporters. PCA looks forward to the next PCA National Championships to be hosted by Pony Club Victoria in 2021.

*' 2019 was a year for celebrating
80 years of Pony Club in Australia '*

Internationally, PCA is very proud of the Australian team who won the International Mounted Games Exchange Championship held in Colorado USA in August 2019. Congratulations to all involved in such a great outcome. PCA also sent 11 separate groups of Pony Clubbers to China to enjoy Pony Club and Chinese cultural activities; another amazing experience for our Pony Club members.

PCA farewelled two appointed directors, Shannon Durrant and Melanie Woodward, in 2019 and we thank them both for their significant contribution to the board. We warmly welcomed two new appointed directors, Heather Disher and Mark Trayling, and we look forward to working together with them. PCA has also welcomed two new staff members, Bronwyn Wheatley, Marketing and Development Officer and Dr. Kirrilly Thompson, Participation Manager. I would like to thank the PCA board and our CEO, Dr. Catherine Ainsworth, and staff for the dedication and hard work that has made 2019 such a successful year for Pony Club Australia.

Michelle Harper

Chair, Pony Club Australia.



National Safety Conference for Horse Sports

What Participants Said:

*"Thank you . . .
such a wealth of experience
and knowledge."*

*"Very organised and well
put together. Pleased I was
able to be involved in such
an important aspect of
Pony Club."*

*"A wonderful experience.
Thank you so much to
PCA for running these
two days. The information,
collaboration and
networking has been
invaluable."*

*"Just like to say a big
thank you to PCA for the
brilliant seminar on
National Horse Safety.
Great speakers, very
informative & very well
run. Looking forward
to more of the same
in the future."*

After months of planning in 2019, Pony Club Australia took the initiative and staged the first National Safety Conference for Horse Sports in Melbourne in February 2020.

Over 100 attendees from a range of horse sports found the speakers' topics relevant and enlightening. It was evident a common goal in the equestrian industry is to keep our great sport as safe as possible, and that we all need to keep working on reducing injuries for riders, horses and spectators. The high calibre speakers included:

- Equestrian Australia's newly appointed National Safety Manager, Meredith Chapman
- Dr Andrew McLean, PCA Board member and founding member of the International Society for Equitation Science.
- Geoff Sinclair, Chair, FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group
- Dr Tess Goodwin, EA Chief Medical Advisor, on minimum medical skills and medical equipment for cross country events
- Denzil O'Brien, statistician and expert in horse-related injury and in spinal cord injury
- Roger Kane National Safety Officer, EA
- Former Olympic gymnast and sports psychologist Lindsay Nyland on characteristics of rider falls
- Equestrian Australia National Safety Officer Roger Kane
- Cultural anthropologist Dr Kirrilly Thompson on safety culture

The event was very successful with great feedback, and the intention is to hold a conference annually, around the various states, with a focus on different aspects of equestrian sport.

The following day over 60 Pony Club representatives gathered at the same venue for a safety workshop which was also very well received, and the outcomes shared with all Clubs.

STRATEGY REVIEW

2019 was the first year of the new PCA Strategic Plan. It is built on five pillars;

- ◇ Organisational Governance
- ◇ Increased Participation
- ◇ Awareness and Connection
- ◇ Education and Development
- ◇ Welfare and Care



PCA Board (l to r):

Mark Trayling, Andrew McLean, Michelle Harper (Chair), Juliet Skinner, Heather Disher, Marylou Hodges, Sonia Murphy and Mark Bradley.

Organisational Governance

PCA uses the Mandatory Sports Governance Principles published by Sport Australia to guide continuous improvement of governance at the national level. The annual governance review by Sport Australia resulted in a governance score of 93% for 2019. PCA enlisted the assistance of Sport Australia to conduct a Board evaluation in early 2020 in order to address the single area for improvement, being an external evaluation.

The PCA Board was enhanced by the appointment of two directors with expertise addressing identified gaps on the skills matrix, particularly marketing and stakeholder management. We welcomed Mark Trayling and Heather Disher to the PCA Board in 2019 following the retirement of Shannon Durrant and Melanie Woodward, whom we thank for their years of service.

The Audit and Risk Committee, under independent Chair Dennis Clark, completed an annual review of risk across the organisation. Financial risk was audited by

Pony Club Australia Strategic Plan 2019 - 2021

Our Vision

A life with horses starts here

Our Mission

Remain the largest equestrian organisation in Australia through education, opportunities, enjoyment and community

Our Shared Values

Unity Leadership Integrity
 Responsibility Innovation Accessibility

Our Outcomes:

Increased participation in equestrian sport

Improved unity and strategic alignment

Higher profile in local and national media

Financial resilience through diversification of revenue sources

Technology enabling connection with participants and the community

Enhanced care of horses and riders

Leading education programs for riders, coaches and officials

Our Strategic Priorities:

Organisational Governance

Increased Participation

Awareness & Connection

Welfare & Care

Education & Development

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Sport Australia and PCA was again judged as low risk for its balance sheet and finance risk metrics. PCA implemented its financial reserves policy to increase the resilience and sustainability of the organisation.

Increased Participation

Membership numbers were relatively stable in 2019. The Youth Advisory Council was formed in 2019 with representatives from across Australia now working on membership structures, opportunities and programs targeting riders in early adulthood.

Following a successful grant application, PCA launched its Centre Membership program which enables riders at PCA accredited riding schools to benefit from the Pony Club education system and insurance cover. Riding schools welcomed the opportunity to be accredited for meeting PCA standards for coaching, facilities, safety and animal welfare. Centre Membership is an important part of the Pony Club system overseas. PCA signed an agreement with e-commerce business Hopoti to provide specialist business management software to participating riding centres.

The PCA awards for riders, coach, volunteer and club of the year were presented in October 2019. (See Page 12) The award program is highly successful in enabling PCA to identify great contributions and innovation across the organisation. PCA appreciates the support of award sponsors Heiniger Australia, HorseWyse magazine, Wini Equine, Sports Marketing Australia and Gow Gates.

The Australian team won the International Mounted Games in USA in an outstanding performance of skill and sportsmanship. Our team for the InterPacific Exchange in Hong Kong competed well in challenging conditions. (Page 13)

In total, 11 teams travelled to China for competition and cultural exchange. PCA welcomed teams from China and France to the PCA Nationals in Sydney for the Tri-Nations Cup show jumping on borrowed horses, with the team from China emerging victorious. (Page 14-15)



NEW

In 2019 the call was put out for nominations for two new committees to advise and work with Pony Club Australia. The response has highlighted what talented and “committed adults and youth we have.

Education and Development Committee

This Committee will help develop strategies, policies and programs for coach and official education, rider syllabus and leadership.

The members are:

Alison Cairns
Meredith Chapman
Lisa Coffey
Rebecca Ham
Jen Mainland
Elizabeth Stanfield
Tracy Talbot
Julia Walker.

Youth Advisory Council

The PCA Youth Advisory Council for members 16-28 years is a consultative forum for PCA to engage with its riding members on matters including the PCA Syllabus, leadership programs and relevant PCA policies. It will also be a training ground for future Pony Club leaders.

Amy Kennedy
Leilani Justice
Lydia Kelly
Julia Walker
Rainy Streeter-Gillard
Zoe Zekov
Emma Duffey
Jaslyn Streeter-Gillard
Mack Stevens
Shakaya McCrae-Wilson
Sharne Haskins.

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Awareness and Connection

2019 was the 80th birthday of Pony Club in Australia and was a fantastic promotional opportunity with excellent local and national media coverage. Over 100 members received the 'Living Legends' award for Pony Club volunteers as old as Pony Club. Their certificates were presented locally and they were honoured by their local communities. The competition for Pony Club birthday cakes was a highlight of the creativity and fun of Pony Club for all ages; again with over 100 entries which caused some very excited voting in an online poll.

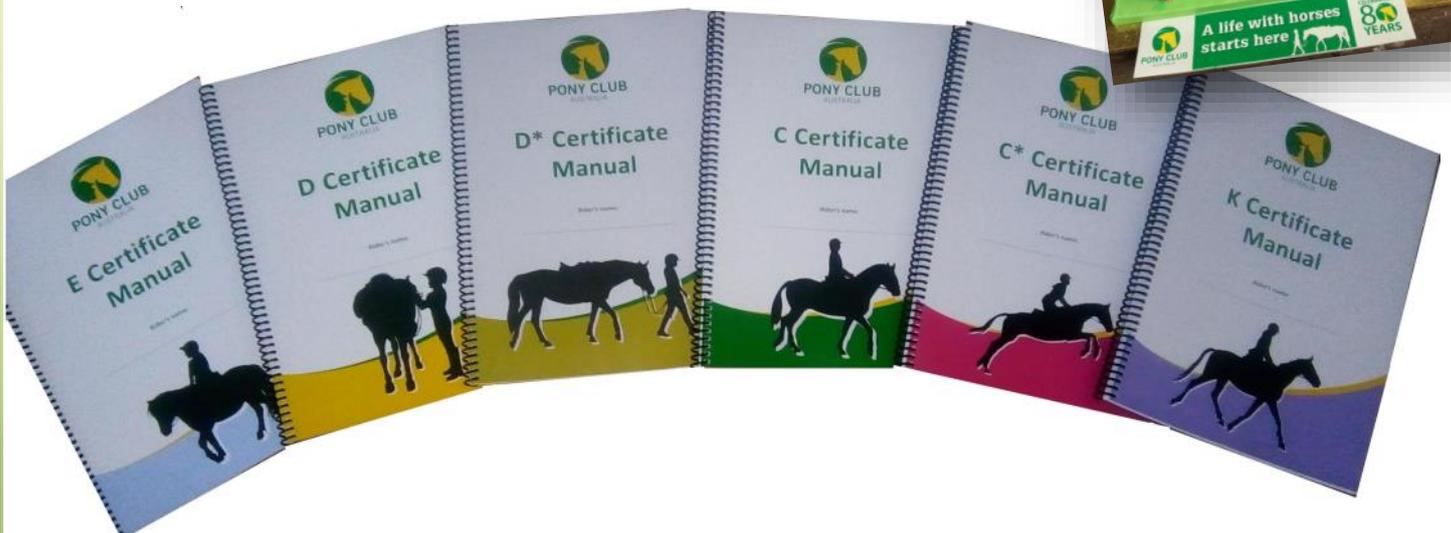
In cooperation with state representatives, and supported by Sport Australia, PCA worked on a Digital Strategy for the organisation. Utilisation of the MyPonyClub database for membership and events provides greater participation data to enable Pony Club to provide better services to members.

Social media engagement continues to grow through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube accounts. PCA enjoys the opportunity to share the fun, benefits and achievements of Pony Clubs and members with the wider community. Regular articles appeared in HorseWyse and Equestrian Life magazines on individuals, clubs and programs. We also value the support of Horse Deals magazine to share news items.

PCA appreciates the support of national sponsors Mitsubishi Motors, Gow Gates and Thoroughbred Industry Careers.

Education and Development

The new syllabus for riders was launched in 2019 and Australia is the first Pony Club organisation in the world to incorporate evidence-based practices and equitation science in a program for young riders. The new manuals for riders are visually appealing and comprehensive to support the new sections of the syllabus. The release of the new manuals and updated Syllabus of Instruction was followed



STRATEGY REVIEW



up by well-attended training days in each State and the manuals have been well accepted. 2020 will see the launch of an updated program for coaches under the PCA National Coach Accreditation Scheme.

The Coaching Advisory Council is a representative group from all states implementing a consistent model of coach education to increase the quality and number of qualified coaches in Pony Club.

The Education and Development committee was formed in 2019 with expertise in digital learning, program design, human resources and coaching. PCA is very fortunate to have access to this expertise to increase the accessibility and appeal of its education courses for riders and coaches.

A second PCA group participated in the Sport Australia Women Leaders in Sport program for the development of the next generation of Pony Club leaders. These young women are now taking up leadership roles at their local club and zone level.

Welfare and Care

The focus on welfare of horse and rider is central to Pony Club. Improving the partnership between both is an important contributor to animal welfare and rider safety and is central to the new rider syllabus. Work has commenced on a new Horse Welfare policy based on contemporary principles of the five freedoms (right).

PCA convened the first National Safety Conference for Horse Sports early in 2020 (Page 5), which was attended by people from all states and diverse organisations. PCA is committed to improving rider safety using a holistic approach incorporating rider education, grading of riders for competition, course design and safety equipment.

First PCA Accredited Centres Sign Up

PCA is now able to offer Pony Club to those who want to ride but don't have a horse. They are able to become PCA members who ride at centres which follow the Pony Club Syllabus of Instruction.

We have begun signing up riding centres who go through a thorough check to meet the criteria which includes assessing coaches, safety standards, facilities, horse welfare, working with children checks, and more.

The trailblazing centres are:

- Yara Balba Stables NSW
- Equitation Science Coaching SA
- Skye Equestrian Academy VIC
- Jolong Riding School VIC
- Sydney Riding School NSW
- The Equine Club VIC

80th Birthday Celebrations



In 2019, a big milestone was achieved - 80 years of Pony Club in Australia. The Pony Club birthday celebrations included an 80th birthday cake competition, and the acknowledgement of our 'Living Legends'; those aged 80 and over who had given many years of service (usually all voluntary) to the organisation.

Clubs were asked to nominate their Living Legends and the response surpassed all expectations. In all, 112 certificates of appreciation were sent out right around the country. Many were presented at rallies and musters, often on the day the respective club cut and shared their 80th birthday cakes. And in many cases, the awards were a surprise to the legend, but very much appreciated nonetheless.

The birthday cake competition was also huge, with over 100 photos of wonderful culinary creations submitted. A survey to decide the best decorated cakes from the finalists drew a huge number of votes and sashes awarded to the top 10.



80th Birthday Celebrations



Above: Two of the 80th birthday cake finalists.



From the Outback to the City



As part of the 80th birthday celebrations, Pony Club Australia also invited photos from Pony Clubs around the country, which were made into a video celebrating the fun, friendship and diversity of Pony Club in Australia in the 21st century.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atHVIXUyHFO>

PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA AWARDS

The awards were presented at the Pony Club Australia National Championships in Sydney in October, during the formal dinner.

Sub-Junior Rider 12 years and under

Sponsored by HorseWyse

This award is based on a rider's participation in Pony Club rallies and activities, achievements in riding, completion of Pony Club certificates and a demonstrated partnership with and care for their pony.

- Zali Duncan Cobargo Pony Club NSW

Best achievement by a Junior Rider 13-17 years,

Sponsored by Heiniger Australia and ProGroom

This award is based on a rider's participation in Pony Club rallies and activities, improvement in riding and leadership skills through diligence and effort, and Club citizenship.

- Grace McGlinchey, Kiama Pony Club, NSW

Best achievement by a Senior Rider 18-25 years,

Sponsored by Heiniger Australia and ProGroom

This award is based on a rider's participation in Pony Club rallies and activities, improvement in riding and leadership skills and contribution to their club or zone.

- Adeline Collins, Corner Inlet Pony Club, VIC



Above: Cudal was the top Club for 2019

Right: Cudal's Sarah Eyb and daughter Darcy accepted the trophy on behalf of the club.

Volunteer of the Year

Sponsored by MyPonyClub

This award is based on a volunteer displaying Pony Club values, contributing to the development of their Pony Club for the benefit of members, and a commitment to good governance and professionalism.

- Rod Dowding, Horsemen's Pony Club, WA

Coach of the Year - Miss Kay Irving Award

Sponsored by Wini Equine

This award is based on a coach's contribution to the coaching program at Pony Club, commitment to coaching excellence, and personal passion and resilience.

- Lucinda Alexander, Mersey Valley Pony Club, TAS

Club of the Year

Sponsored by Gow Gates Insurance

This award is based on a Club implementing initiatives and showing inclusivity and innovation. They must have also shown delivery of coaching syllabus, and demonstrated achievements by members and coaches.

- Cudal Pony Club, NSW



International Mounted Games Exchange

PCA International Mounted Games Colorado, USA

July/August 2019

Karen Pearce - Manager Tim Ling - Coach

Aaron Newham NSW
Asha Lamprey TAS
Sky McMullen WA
Tiarni Kenderdine QLD
Caitlin Seini VIC

Pony Club Australia congratulates the Mounted Games team for their victory in the international Pony Club competition in Colorado.

The team represented the best riders under 16 years from across Pony Club, and did Australia proud.

The win follows second place finishes in 2017 and 2018. The team enjoyed a range of activities in Colorado in the two weeks leading up to the competition with their fellow competitors from US, Canada and UK.

Mounted Games is a great equestrian sport at Pony Club and develops riding skills, teamwork and partnership with your horse. It is always fun for competitors and exciting for spectators. The International Mounted Games competition is an annual event and will be hosted in Western Australia in 2020.



Inter Pacific Exchange, Hong Kong

Coach

- Ian Chalmers

Team Manager

- Anyka Overton

Jess Cowan

Manon Schey

Kaitlin Goss

Georgia Laird

The Hong Kong IPE in 2019 was described as one of the best due to an extremely talented group of riders from Hong Kong, USA, Canada, New Zealand and of course Australia, who connected quickly and easily, rode at a very high standard and supported each other no matter what nation they were from.

Despite high temperatures, high humidity and a monsoon while touring on a junk boat, the cultural experiences were a highlight for the Australia team. The competitions, first riding in mixed teams and then for Australia in the Nations Cup show jumping, also had many memorable moments.



In the Nations Cup, there were two rounds only, as it was deemed to hot for the horses to have to complete a third round jump off, so time was counted in the second round. Australia finished third behind the USA and New Zealand, and ahead of Canada fourth and Hong Kong fifth. The girls were exceptional role models in the face of many challenges and proved themselves to be talented horsewomen.

National Championships



Dressage in the shadows of the Sydney 2000 Olympic stadium; a perfect venue for the 2019 PCA National Championships

Almost 350 riders converged on the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in October for the Thoroughbred Industry Careers Pony Club Australia Nationals Championships.

A multitude of disciplines were showcased at the event, displaying the diverse and outstanding talents of the riders and the opportunities available to Pony Club Members - dressage, show jumping, eventing, tetrathlon, mounted games, formal gymkhana, and quiz.

The Tri-Nations Cup International Showjumping Challenge was incorporated into the week, with teams from France, Australia and China battling it out on borrowed horses in the indoor arena. A number of these pool horses were off the track thoroughbreds that had been re-trained by Team Thoroughbred NSW with the assistance of Pony Club NSW riders. The Australian team was NSW rider Ashleigh Bennett, Georgia Elias (TAS), J'Aime Mallon (VIC) and Kaitlin Goss (WA). Ron Waddell (VIC) was the team coach, whilst Janet Hamblin (NSW) was Team Manager.



National Championships



New South Wales was able to claim the high point Roger Braham Trophy on home soil, just one point in front of team Victoria. Dedicated families from Tasmania made the almost 24 hour long trip across the water to Sydney for a successful competition while SA and WA contingents also made a big trek to compete.

The most popular event was dressage with 75 entries, followed by the Tetrathlon with 70 competitors. Tetrathletes compete in running, swimming, shooting and riding.

The Quiz event is an unmounted knowledge test of all things equestrian – including Pony Club governance, equestrian history, gear, horse health, and everything in between. The Victorian team came out on top in the junior division, with New South Wales taking home the team champion in the senior division.

A big thank you must go to the organising committee, Pony Club NSW, Pony Club Australia, officials, volunteers, riders, parents, and everyone in between!

The next Pony Club Australia National Championships will be held in Benalla, Victoria in 2021. We look forward to seeing you all there.

(Photos Julie Wilson and Horse Deals)





NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales had a very memorable year in 2019. With so much happening around the State, it was hard to keep up! It was wonderful to see such a wide cross section of our equestrian community enjoying the benefits of Pony Club, from our grassroots beginners at their first rally day, all the way to National and International competition.

We started off 2019 with our Annual State Camp. This is our High Performance camp where the top 12 riders aged 15-25 years in their respective disciplines are selected to come to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre for four days of intensive training from some of Australia's top coaches. This camp has been running for 26 years and it is still the pinnacle of achievement to be selected to attend.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is always a highlight in the Pony Club calendar, with almost 140 riders competing in 2019. We are very lucky to be able to offer this opportunity to our riders, as it is such a thrill for many of our riders to compete at the Royal or go along as a cheer squad for their Zone or Area. The atmosphere at the show is unlike anything else and is a great step up for ambitious riders.

The Annual PCANSW Awards were presented in July, with the outstanding support of our volunteers and members recognised. It is so important that hard work within clubs and zones doesn't go unnoticed.

The Club of the Year award was presented to Cudal Pony Club, who also took out the Pony Club Australia Pony Club of the Year in October! Other NSW award recipients at the PCA Awards were Zali Duncan from Cobargo Pony Club, who won the sub-junior Rider of the Year Award, and Grace McGlinchey of Kiama Pony Club, winner of the Junior Rider of the Year Award.

2019 was a successful, but tough year for Pony Club NSW

With New South Wales hosting the National Championships in Sydney for the first time in 10 years, a large number of our riders competed at our State Championships to gain their final State performances before teams were selected for the National in October. Showjumping, One Day Event and Team Penning had the highest entry numbers we have seen in at least the last 15 years, which was a very positive sign.

The most popular discipline was Sporting in 2019, with 218 riders competing, closely followed by Showjumping with 214 riders. In the lead up to the Nationals, NSW team



hopefuls were able to attend a series of Nationals Training Clinics held around the State, after we successfully attained a Sport Development Grant through Sport NSW. This allowed many riders across the State, particularly in regional areas, access to high level coaching to best prepare them for possible selection onto the team.

After two years in the making, October saw the Thoroughbred Industry Careers Pony Club Australia Nationals Championships take place, with almost 350 riders from around Australia travelling to the prestigious Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

We were very pleased that every State except for Northern Territory were represented at the Championships, as well as teams from Australia, China and France attending for the Tri-Nations Cup International Showjumping Challenge.

New South Wales were very proud to take home the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield for the highest overall state point score at the Championships, although only by a very slim margin to Victoria. This was a huge undertaking for our staff and volunteers, and although it was a jam-packed week, we enjoyed the opportunity to host riders from around the country at our event.

Internationally, we had Aaron Newham represent NSW on the Australian team for the International Mounted Games Exchange, where the team came home victorious. We also had Ashleigh Bennett represent Australia at the Tri-Nations Cup in Sydney. Around 18 of our members took up the opportunity to travel to China with Pony Club Australia as riders and coach/managers, for what was a wonderful experience!

On a club level, we saw many of our members get involved in community activities, such as Australia Day



Awards, ANZAC Day marches, Christmas parades, and various fundraising and volunteering initiatives. It is fantastic to see the depth of Pony Club within our communities.

2019 was a tough year for many of our members, with bushfires affecting much of the State and the ongoing drought confronting us daily. It was very pleasing to see so many members participating in Pony Club across the state at all levels of the organisation, despite these challenging times.

Our Pony Club community banded together with strength and resilience which was fantastic to see. We look forward to 2020 being brighter than ever for our association and its members.





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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Pony Club WA acknowledge the 2019 Board Members who, as volunteers, have made valuable contributions to Pony Club WA with not only their time, but their skills and areas of expertise to ensure our organisation operates in a professional manner.

This is clear in the recently completed Board Review conducted by Sports Australia (SA) and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) where the Board's overall assessment score was above the average of the high performing sports boards. Whilst there remains four key areas of attention and improvement, the Board are looking forward to undertaking further training and recruiting in these areas.

Both the Board and the CEO have utilised professional development opportunities offered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. These training programmes ensure the Association remains at the cutting edge and best practice of legislative requirements and governance for association in Western Australia.

The 2019-2021 Pony Club WA Strategic Plan recognises and builds upon the important work of the past and sets a strong direction for the future. Board and management have collaborated with key stakeholders to create a strategic direction with a focus on communicating with our members, better support for clubs and zones, engagement of members in programs and benefits whilst ensuring the sustainability of our association.

Four priority areas; Connect, Sustainability, Community, Participation and their objectives, have been identified as critical to the success of Pony Club WA over the next three years. The first year of delivery has been about laying the foundations that will strengthen connections

across the state, gathering feedback to gain a wholistic view on how to revitalise the purpose of zones, engaging members in programs and activities and reviewing policies and procedures so best practice can be adhered to at all levels of the Association.

2019 was a year of outstanding member achievements. Those we celebrated included sponsored riders, State Award recipients, Annual Award nominees and winners and those members who represented either Pony Club WA or Pony Club Australia at National and International competition and tours.

Our State Championship programs continue to flourish and provide a high standard of competition for members to participate in with championship events held in all disciplines across our great State from the Show Jumping and Dressage at the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon to the Eventing Championships in Dardanup, and the PPMGs in Serpentine. All clubs and zones had the opportunity to showcase their riders and make many new friends at these well-run events.

At the other end of the scale, 2019 was a Festival year. The Go For 2&5 Festival provides a state level of competition for entry level or 'grass roots' members. For many, this is their first introduction to competition.

The Annual State Coaching School is always a popular way to start the year for our registered coaches. Many find the weekend program refreshes and inspires new ideas going into the new membership year. These state events would not be possible without the dedication, knowledge and hard work of our state committees.

With showjumping participation being low for WA at the 2019 Nationals, the State Showjumping Committee launched Pony Club WA's first high performance squad. The State Showjumping Squad provides an opportunity for combinations to be supported by mentoring and to



assist with increasing skills, knowledge and experiences. The aim is to increase participation in the showjumping discipline and encourage combinations with potential to compete at higher levels.

Our State Committees are also responsible for the development and training of sports officials. With a revamp of recruitment initiatives and the use of webinars and video conferencing to support regional members, 2019 saw the reaccreditation of showjumping officials, as well as newly accredited eventing and mounted games officials. The State Coaching Panel also added several Associate Riding Members to their list of accredited coaches through our Youth Leadership Development Programs.

The State Coaching Panel, Gear Checking Advisory Panel and Discipline Sport committees have had a very constructive year ably supported by the Pony Club WA CEO and office staff. The list of tasks for all is immense, with some of their tasks including developing their sports, gear and rule amendments and officials training.

The introduction by Pony Club Australia of a new Syllabus of Instruction has been challenging for our dedicated State Coaching Panel. With over 400 registered coaches state-wide, the Panel has worked hard to support coaches in managing this change with limited resources available to

them. With professional demeanours, positive attitudes and baby steps, I am confident that our coaches will be well equipped with extra tools in their toolbox that complement the knowledge, skills and experience they already have.

Pony Club WA would like to acknowledge our sponsors and thank them for their continued support of our youth organisation. These are Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI), Healthway, Go for 2 & 5, Gallagher, Horseland, Careers in Racing through Racing and Wagering WA, Milne Feeds and the Government of Western Australia. We look forward to your continued support in 2020.

Our members, both club and individual, are the backbone of Pony Club in WA and the reason for our being. Whilst the steady decrease in number is a continuing concern, those that choose us as the youth equestrian organisation of choice in WA have enjoyed the opportunity to engage with programs and initiatives at club, zone and state level. Thank you to our member clubs and individual members for their continued support as Pony Club WA continues to strive to engage, inspire, educate and unite our members through a mutual love of horses.

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PONY CLUB
NORTHERN TERRITORY

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers in the form of club committees, parents, grandparents and siblings. Every little bit of help is appreciated.

Pony Club in the Northern Territory remains entirely run by volunteers without a State Office. A special thank you to Julie Cook for all her hard work over many years with PCANT. 2019 saw the end of Julie Cook's term with PCANT. She has been an incredibly hard-working member of the team with intricate knowledge of our handbook and rules.

All our memberships have increased apart from senior rider numbers dropping. Social membership showed the biggest growth. This growth in numbers is an indicator that our clubs are providing good programs that meet the public demand.



Events

It was decided in 2018 to run State Championships on a biennial basis. This was our first year running the PCANT Festival in place of Championships. Although numbers were not huge, those who participated had a lot of fun and we expect this event will grow.

Individual clubs were very active in running events in 2019 many of which were very well received.

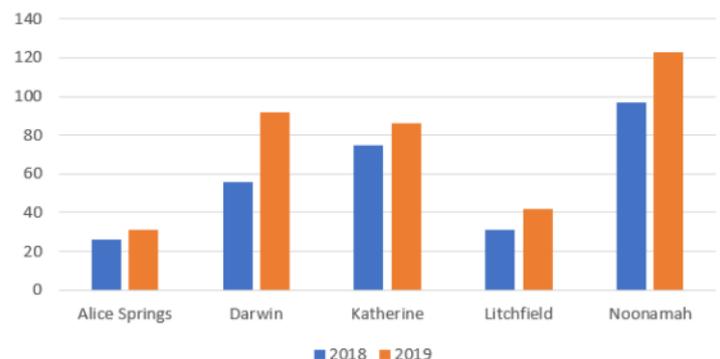
PCANT ran several clinics this year:

Mounted Games Clinic with Dan Foster from WA
Equitation Science Clinic with Sophie Warren and Portland Jones from WA and

Dressage clinic with Fiona Fehlberg from Tasmania

PCANT sponsored clubs to run clinics and camps with many interstate coaches.

Club membership growth





Coaching

This year did not see as many coaches accredited despite tireless efforts to try and engage volunteer coaches. We very much value our volunteer coaches and do understand for some accreditation is not what they are seeking.

PCANT ran an incredibly successful coaching school with Andrew McLean (previous page). We had coaches attend from all our regional centres as well as coaches from RDA and Private Centres joining in. Our National Coaching Delegate Debbie Thiel worked tirelessly and successfully to ensure the event's smooth running.

The new syllabus was very well received with many coaches going away to think about how to introduce it to riders.

National AGM

Pony Club Northern Territory were extremely proud to host the Pony Club Australia AGM in 2019, at Darwin Waterfront. All state delegates enjoyed coming to Darwin in the middle of winter. The National Coaching Advisory

Council members received a personalised tour of Darwin. All in all, we believe it was very successful. Thank you to PCA for allowing this to happen and thank you also to all the hard-working Board members.





SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In September 2019, PCASA and Pegasus Pony Club ran the first Pony Club Horse Archery competition in Australia. It was a fantastic day with training in the morning and the competition in the afternoon.

We were lucky to have Channel 7 news come and do some filming and we had a spot on the news that night. A huge thank you to Bianca Stawiarski for her help. Bianca has been, and continues to be, extremely supportive of PCASA and our horse archery. Thank you to Sylvia Usher who put a huge amount of time and effort in to the day. Congratulations to the riders who competed and to those that achieved their Horse Archery patches from Level 1



through to Level 3. Hopefully this will lead to more competitions in the future and a State Championship event.

We held a very successful Coaches Clinic in July with Horse Mastership as the primary focus, covering a range of health topics from colic to laminitis along with foot care, horse massage and equine first aid. We also had a demonstration on Working Equitation.

Our State ODE Championships were held in Mt Gambier with a small group of riders due to PCA Nationals scheduled a short time later.

Our State Championships were held in Kadina in August 2019 in very cold and wet conditions. The dressage numbers continue to grow and the increase in C, B and A grade show jumping entries was fantastic. The always super fun Quiz had good numbers again.

The team to the Nationals in Sydney had 36 riders representing PCASA. Our riders were fantastic ambassadors for SA with some great results and personal bests achieved in a very competitive competition. The team spirit and sportsmanship they showed was fantastic. SA stood out in the crowd with our riders in their red uniforms.

Our Zones have run their own rider development clinics covering dressage, showjumping, eventing, mounted games and horse archery as well as gear checking.

We had a few clubs celebrate milestones in 2019.

Far West celebrate 50 years

Far West Pony Club had its inaugural meeting at the Ceduna Show grounds on February 9th 1969 with 15 adult and 15



junior members present. Patron, Mr N Hurrell donated \$10 to start the club off financially and membership fees were set at \$2 per year. FWPC hit the ground running with six instructors, rallies held twice a month, a gymkhana in the April and running of the horses in action at Ceduna agricultural show!

The original formal uniform was a yellow pullover, yellow tie, with shirt with fawn jodhpurs. There were several uniform changes over the years until 2015 Far West had a complete wardrobe clean out, changing club colours to teal, grey, black and white.

Gawler River celebrate 60 years

The club started at Newbold Stud at Gawler River in 1959, moved to Clonea Park just outside Gawler and

then moved again to its current location at Hillier. On the 9th February, they invited founding members and past presidents and other VIPs to the club for a birthday celebration. The Club was fortunate to have nearly 60 past and present members attend and a good night was had by all. Diana Birmingham, the club's chief instructor and Vice President of PCASA was in attendance saying it was great to catch up with those members who hadn't been there for some time.

SA had two cakes in the finals for the PCA 80th Birthday Cake competition.





PONY CLUB
QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND

It has been a busy year for Pony Club Queensland.

The year commenced with the traditional annual State Seminar held at the Southport Pony Club during the first week in January. The activities began with the Regional Directors of Coaching meeting, where they discussed their regions, shared information and identified commonalities and individual issues they had experienced.

This forum was followed by the State Chief Instructor's Panel workshop where they covered a full agenda consisting of risk management issues, state events, rules, coach assessments, Sports Connect Policy updates, national and international selections, scoring changes and various other items.

The seminar also saw the involvement of participants in the Open the Gait program which is an initiative designed to support and develop future leaders in pony club and those invited to attend were members who have demonstrated commitment to their clubs, zones and pony club in general.

2019 was the year Technical Delegates took the opportunity to participate in an Eventing Masterclass

under the experienced guidance of Darryl Burges as well as visiting the Tallebudgera grounds to view the newly installed short-course event facility.

Once again Guy Creighton was there to ensure our showjump judges and course builders improved their knowledge and upskilled their accreditations as well as giving instructors the opportunity to brush up on the finer pints of course building as part of their biennial refreshers.

A Jumping Equitation Judges workshop under the leadership of David Quick was well received as were the Young Riders clinics supported by David Quick and Libby Welch over the duration of the Seminar.

The seminar culminated with the coach refresher clinics, including horse condition sessions, Quiz sessions and an open forum with the Chief Instructors Panel and Regional Directors of Coaching. The State Seminar is always well received and enjoyed by all attendees.

Our coaching network continues to provide leadership and guidance for our members with attendance at coaching activities being well supported.



A Strategic Plan workshop was conducted to outline the future direction of PCQ. In total there were 20 plus attendees including the Executive Committee, staff and other individuals from around the state who contributed.

The membership remains stable and Pony Club Queensland experienced a successful year in competitions from local, state and national competitors. Over 1,000 riders and supporters travelled widely throughout the state from Rockhampton in Central Queensland, to Maryborough in the Wide Bay area and Millmerran in the South West to support and compete in the State Championships.

Pony Club Queensland celebrated its 60th Anniversary in 2019 and while the festivities were low-key PCQ took the opportunity to recognise this milestone with an anniversary cake at the AGM with our Patron, Grace Brodie given the honours of the first cut.

Pony Club Queensland prepared and lodged a submission which organisations were asked to provide to the Horse Racing and Integrity Commission who conducted an

enquiry into Animal Cruelty in the Management of Retired Thoroughbred and Standardbred Horse in Queensland.

Our sponsors continue to remain loyal and supportive of Pony Club Queensland with contributions of prizes and product for our winners at our state events and play an important and crucial role in Pony Club.

Funding received from the State Government through the State Development Program enables Pony Club Queensland to continue to provide financial assistance for the ongoing education of the Coaching/Official and Accreditation Programs, Rider Training and Development, Competition and Events and Club Administration and Management Support. Without this support these programs would be jeopardised.

It would be remiss if Pony Club Queensland did not salute the many volunteers, members and supporters at all levels of Pony Club throughout the state for their ongoing contribution and tireless efforts over the past 12 months.





PONY CLUB TASMANIA

TASMANIA

Our organisation is operated by volunteers whose mission it is to encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport concerned with horses and riding, in a safe and supportive environment. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many volunteers who run our organisation at club, zone and state level, all of whom assist with ensuring the objectives of our Strategic Plan are met.

The support of the Department of Sport and Recreation Tasmania, both financial and administrative, is also acknowledged, as this support enables us to provide quality education and training programs at the grass roots level of our sport.

We are pleased to report that Tasmania has managed to maintain its membership numbers, and data provided by Pony Club Australia indicates that Tasmania leads the nation in having the highest ratio of pony clubbers per head of population of all States and Territories.

Special mention to the wonderful work of Kyra Jackson, our administrative assistant who resigned after being in the position for six years.

Participation

All Clubs continue to provide rallies on a regular basis with quality coaching using the national Syllabus. As a result, over 180 efficiency tests will have been achieved by our riders over the 12 months and it is great to report that Tasmania continues to be a leading State in this area. As testament to this, the State had eight riders achieve their B Test in this period.

Tom Johnston clinics have been held in each Zone with over 50 riders at or around C test level throughout the State participating. Pony Club Tasmania supports each Zone financially to run these camps.

Successful State Championship qualifiers in the disciplines of Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage and Games were held throughout the year by each Zone, with in excess of 100 riders competing at each of the events. I take this opportunity to thank Zones and Clubs for their input into running these wonderful competitions for our qualifying riders.

Tasmania was well represented at National and International competitions over the year with a team travelling to Victoria to compete in the National Prince Philip Mounted Games competition; a representative in the International Mounted Games Exchange team travelling to Colorado and a representative in the Inter-Pacific Exchange team travelling to Hong Kong. A number of Tasmanian riders were also selected by Pony Club Australia to take part in exchange programs in China.

We had 38 riders head across Bass Strait with their horses to Sydney to attend the National Pony Club Championships and we are extremely proud to have them competing at this prestigious event.

Our Awards program was extremely well supported again this year with wonderful candidates nominated in six of the seven sections.

Education

Pony Club Tasmania has held well attended coaching workshops in each of the Zones and coaching and assessing numbers are stable. We hosted our biannual cross country building clinic with FEI Technical Delegate Hunter Doughty and course builder Craig Gordon both from NSW, and a coaching clinic on the new National Syllabus with Andrew McLean, an expat of Pony Club in Tasmania and now PCA Board member.



Four PCT Board members attended the National AGM, Member Forum and Chief Coaches meeting in May where valuable discussions and networking took place.

A well attended Technical Delegate Clinic was held in March, in conjunction with Trials, with over 30 participants. This clinic continues to be invaluable in keeping our TDs and course designers up to date with rule changes and safety upgrades in our sport of eventing.

Governance Management

The Board continues to work towards best practice governance. In 2018, the Board took the decision to move its financial year end from 30th September back to 31st May. This was done to enable the holding of the AGM at the annual Stakeholder Forum to encourage better participation rates.



Communication

2019 has seen all clubs formally move to the new national database and membership platform. The database 'MyPonyClub' has enabled easy direct contact with our members to ensure they are advised of matters in a timely fashion.

Our Facebook page continues to be an invaluable communication tool with our members and now has an audience of over 1600 followers.

The Stakeholder Forum continues to receive excellent participation rates from Clubs and has become a major event in our calendar. It's a great educational opportunity for club officials and enables fantastic networking and discussion of common issues and resolutions.





PONY CLUB VICTORIA

VICTORIA

It has been a productive and busy year in Victoria.

The Chief Instructors' Panel has had some small personnel changes but is working extremely well as a group to deliver consistent education and training around Victoria. The current group collectively has decades of Pony Club expertise across all aspects of Pony Club and they are united in their decision-making processes to the benefit of all coaches and riders.

There has been a lot of focus on the new PCA Syllabus of Instruction and discussion around how we deliver that to everyone in Pony Club consistently. For the most part the new syllabus is being well accepted at ground level.

State Training Workshops

We provided two State Training Workshops in the 2018/19 year. Normally these are one day workshops but after feedback we trialled a two day format in May and offered actual rider training as well as coach and official training. It was advertised fairly late and as a consequence there were smaller numbers than anticipated but the feedback from those who attended was very good. A lot of feedback was offered for topics of interest that are being investigated for next year.

NCAS Training and Assessment

NCAS Training and Assessments have improved this year with seven Zones participating. There is still a lot of

improvement to be made here as all 10 Zones should be offering some coach training and assessment every year to give existing coaches an opportunity to gain updating points and to provide opportunity for all coaches to be accredited. In 2018/19 we had 751 coaches register, including 40 new coaches.

Ride To Time

Ride to Time (RTT), conducted at Moonee Valley Racecourse, is gaining more popularity and the increasing numbers are exciting. Joint qualifiers with several Zones at once are proving to be really beneficial, giving opportunities for riders in Zones with lower participation.

Over the year Jo Martin has undertaken a lot more of the RTT duties as she worked closely with Lisa Coffey from Racing Victoria in previous years.

As a result of the funding we received from Racing Victoria to run this program PCV have been more hands-on in the organisation than in previous years. That funding has also meant that we have been able to invest a little more into the program.

In early 2019 we were able to offer a Ride to Time coach training day for 16 people at Bendigo Racecourse. Those coaches now form our group which can be contacted by Clubs for training days and rally activities and will also be the ones we expect will run the qualifying events around



the Zones. The Racing Victoria grant has enabled us to offer some small reimbursement for this as well. PCV purchased a set of Beeper for Zones/Clubs to borrow for RTT activities.

National Championships

Our state teams did very well in Sydney with a very large contingent of riders attending. Many of our riders featured on the podium or very close to it. Reports from parents and riders were very positive, and congratulations to PCNSW on an excellent event. Our Team Manager Tracy Hosier took away a lot of information to help Victoria host the event in 2021 at Benalla. Tracy is very experienced and has built a very good committee to plan 2021, with work commencing the day after Sydney finished.

Adult Riding Members

Pony Club membership was extended to include adults around seven years ago, in response to country clubs requesting the ability to hold on to older members longer and also to enable parents to ride with their children. Many of these areas did not have an adult riding club available and it did not make sense to create two clubs, to achieve what one club could. This membership category has been well received and utilised particularly in country areas.

Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre

2018-2019 saw a significant growth in the use of the centre at Gladysdale for both PCV State and Club events, however the major increase came from other clubs and private users. It was exciting to see external organisations investing in Pony Club Victoria. The Centre hosted several major activities in 2019 largely supported and sponsored by Horseland. These events included State Dressage and Showjumping (March), Horse Trials Festival (May) and the Prince Philip Mounted Games Challenge (June).

The venue also hosted the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria Top Team trophy (HRCV TTT) Horse Trials (approx. 400 riders) and the HRCV TTT Navigation Ride (150 riders). Riding for the Disabled has also met to discuss

holding events and activities at the centre. Upgrading of the toilet/shower/septic facilities was a major project for the latter part of 2019.

Overall bookings increased from 375 last financial year to 1426 this financial year. Advance bookings for 2020 are already exceeding last year's total.

Onsite state training and coaching activities are set to become a regular item in the PCVEC Calendar, having been successful this year.



China Pony Club & Exchange Program



In 2019 11 new riding centres joined China Pony Club which now has 1327 individual members all using the Australia Pony Club syllabus. The 45 member clubs of CPC are located in 20 different provinces.

Pony Club Australia also sent 11 teams to China on exchange programs. PCA team members enjoyed a varied program, including visiting Chinese local schools or TAFEs to chat with students, being interviewed by local papers, attending National Day celebrations in a local community, attending sporting events and banquets and learning Chinese calligraphy, all while billeted with Chinese families.

A CPC sponsored team attended the Tri-Nations Showjumping Challenge in 2019 at the PCA Nationals for the second time (left) and came away with a win in the Nations Cup against Australia and France. CPC delegates visited the 2019 Inter Pacific Exchange in Hong Kong.

PCA assessors continued to visit clubs to assess riders and coaches for their PCA accredited proficiency certificates.

China Pony Club ran a national camp for the first time ever during the summer of 2019. CPC sponsored all the camp cost for the 30 campers, including four Australians, including accommodation, meals and the cost of riding aspects as the benefit for CPC members. Australian coaches took all the lessons during the camp, which let CPC riders experienced authentic PCA lessons. This free national camp was a great success with so many favorable comments from the parents, it is intended to hold it every year.

Because of China's unique land policy, many outdoor equestrian centres across China were destroyed by local governments in March 2019. Four CPC member clubs were not spared in this disaster. This also led to the cancellation of 2019 CPC Nationals (with PCA team's participation) and rider testing which was planned to be held in Yangshan Equestrian Centre. Fortunately three of the four CPC centres have been rebuilt or found a new site, and are back on track.

2019 witnessed the close cooperation and communication between CPC and PCA. It was a busy and progressive year for CPC and we know this progress can't be achieved without the help and support of PCA, CPC's cooperating organisations and the foreign coaches who love equestrian sport and respect Chinese culture. CPC will strive to develop Pony Club and benefit more people who love equestrian activities.



Pony Club Australia Ltd

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

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Directors' Report 31 December 2019

The directors present their report on Pony Club Australia Ltd for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Mrs Michelle Harper

Qualifications Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia. Certificate of General Nursing, Royal Melbourne Hospital
Special responsibilities Chairperson

Mr Mark Bradley

Qualifications Bachelor of Laws, Cert IV Financial Services (General Insurance), Cert IV Assessment & Workplace Training, MAICD
Special responsibilities Audit and Risk Committee

Ms Heather Disher

Qualifications Certificates in Governance and Finance
Appointed May 2019
Special responsibilities Audit and Risk Committee

Ms Shannon Durrant

Qualifications Masters of Applied Finance (Financial Planning), MBA
Resigned May 2019
Special responsibilities Audit and Risk Committee

Ms Marylou Hodges

Qualifications Bachelor of Social Welfare, Accredited Equine Specialist, Diploma in Community Services, Diploma in Business Management, Cert IV Business Administration
Special responsibilities Nominations Committee

Dr Andrew McLean

Qualifications B.Sc., PhD., Dip Ed., NCAS II.
Special responsibilities Nominations Committee

Mrs Sonia Murphy

Qualifications PCA NCAS Instructor Level 1, PCV Dressage Judge, PCV Certificate Examiner
Special responsibilities Secretary

Dr Juliet Skinner

Qualifications MB.BS.; DRCOG; FACRRM
Special responsibilities Nominations Committee

Mr Mark Trayling

Qualifications Bachelor Science (Economics) Honours, University of London; Master Business Law, Monash University; MBA Columbia University, USA; Chartered Marketer, UK; PMQ Association for Project Management, UK.
Appointed May 2019

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Directors' Report 31 December 2019

Mrs Melanie Woodward

Qualifications	Bachelor of Business (Accounting); FCPA; FGIA; GAICD
Resigned	May 2019
Special responsibilities	Audit and Risk Committee

Dennis Clark - Non Director

Qualifications	B Ec, Dip Ed, FCPA, FCIS, FGIA, FAICD (Dip), FAIM, MIIA (Aust) MIMC, MIPAA, MRMIA, MGRCI
Special responsibilities	Chair, Audit and Risk Committee

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activity of Pony Club Australia Ltd during the financial year was that of being the national governing body of Pony Club in Australia, recognised as a National Sporting Organisation by the Sport Australia.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to:

- Raise the standards of governance across the organisation to unify and strengthen Pony Club;
- Offer memberships, activities, and opportunities that increase and retain the number of riders and coaches in Pony Club;
- Connect with members, stakeholders and the community to increase the profile and recognition of Pony Club;
- Put the welfare of members and horses first in everything we do;
- Develop best practice, innovative programs for riders, coaches, officials and volunteers; and
- Educate and develop members aligned with current evidence through the creation and deployment of the PCA syllabus for riders and coaches.

Long term objectives

The Company's long term objectives are to:

- Encourage young people to enjoy all kinds of sport and pleasure connected with horses and riding;
- Provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and instilling in young people a love of their horses, a sense of responsibility and acceptance of the responsibility for the proper care of their animals; and
- Promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

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Directors' Report 31 December 2019

Members' guarantee

Pony Club Australia Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$ 20 for members subject to the provisions of the company's constitution.

At 31 December 2019 the collective liability of members was \$ 140 (2018: \$ 140).

Operating results

The profit of the Company after providing for income tax amounted to \$ 14,581 (2018: \$ 6,303).

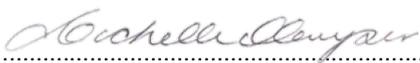
Meetings of directors

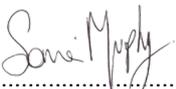
During the financial year, 9 meetings of directors and 3 audit and risk committee were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

* denotes the number of meetings held whilst a Director

	Board Meetings		Audit and Risk Committee Meetings	
	Held *	Number attended	Held *	Number attended
Mrs Michelle Harper	9	9	-	-
Mr Mark Bradley	9	7	1	1
Ms Heather Disher	5	5	1	1
Ms Shannon Durrant	3	3	1	1
Ms Marylou Hodges	9	8	-	-
Dr Andrew McLean	9	8	-	-
Mrs Sonia Murphy	9	7	-	-
Dr Juliet Skinner	9	9	-	-
Mr Mark Trayling	5	4	-	-
Mrs Melanie Woodward	3	2	1	1
Dennis Clark - Non Director	-	-	2	2

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director: 
Mrs Michelle Harper

Director: 
Mrs Sonia Murphy

Dated 15 April 2020

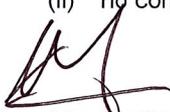
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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Pony Club Australia Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2019, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Jaco Vorster CA, Associate Partner (auditor registration number 507089) on behalf of
Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants
Authorised audit company registration number 294178 (ACN 115 749 598)

Melbourne, Australia

Dated 15 April 2020

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue and other income	4	642,494	515,763
Amortisation expenses		(5,448)	(5,420)
Employee benefit expenses		(263,785)	(156,630)
Insurance premium and related expenses		(5,015)	(7,575)
Office and IT costs		(49,178)	(50,367)
Professional fees		(1,325)	(25,629)
Event and promotion expenses		(256,713)	(195,811)
Travel, board, and committee expenses		(30,643)	(58,301)
Other expenses		(15,806)	(9,727)
Profit before income tax		14,581	6,303
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit for the year		14,581	6,303
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax			
Total comprehensive income for the year		14,581	6,303

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position As At 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	466,731	240,361
Trade and other receivables	7	81,916	3,347
Other assets	8	12,866	134,275
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		561,513	377,983
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible assets	9	12,765	17,849
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		12,765	17,849
TOTAL ASSETS		574,278	395,832
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	42,405	33,014
Employee benefits	11	27,293	18,589
Other liabilities	12	151,603	5,833
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		221,301	57,436
TOTAL LIABILITIES		221,301	57,436
NET ASSETS		352,977	338,396
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		352,977	338,396
TOTAL EQUITY		352,977	338,396

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

2019

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2019	338,396	338,396
Surplus attributable to members of the company	14,581	14,581
Balance at 31 December 2019	352,977	352,977

2018

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2018	332,093	332,093
Surplus attributable to members of the company	6,303	6,303
Balance at 31 December 2018	338,396	338,396

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Government grants received	193,408	100,000
Receipts from clubs and members	559,748	429,953
Payments to suppliers and employees	(527,736)	(546,693)
Interest income	1,314	1,555
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14 <u>226,734</u>	<u>(15,185)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>(364)</u>	-
	<u>(364)</u>	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	226,370	(15,185)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>240,361</u>	<u>255,546</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 <u>466,731</u>	<u>240,361</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The financial report covers Pony Club Australia Ltd as an individual entity. Pony Club Australia Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of Pony Club Australia Ltd is Australian dollars.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 15 April 2020.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

For comparative year

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the Company obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

When grant revenue is received whereby the Company incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Revenue from contracts with customers

For current year

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations

5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Company have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it.

(b) Income Tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Financial instruments

Financial assets

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Financial instruments

Financial assets

The Company uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Company uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse to the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Company in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Company has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Company renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Company measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Company comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Intangibles

Patents and trademarks

Patents and trademarks are recognised at cost of acquisition. Patents and trademarks have a finite life and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses. Patents and trademarks are amortised over their useful life of 10 years.

PCA National Database

As per the Software and License and Service Agreement with Sports Marketing Australia Pty Ltd, the total cost incurred for the PCA National Database is amortised across the term of the agreement (available use) with the second available term concluding 1 December 2021. The agreement commenced 1 December 2015 meaning that the PCA National Database will be amortised across a 6 year period.

Website

The website is amortised over a 5 year period.

Amortisation

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, from the date that they are available for use.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(h) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Company has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 31 December 2019, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Company or refer to Note for details of the changes due to standards adopted.

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3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

4 Revenue and Other Income

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
- Grant funding	193,408	100,000
- Sales income	91,146	39,774
- Capitation fees	188,337	169,537
- International team member contributions	160,404	201,369
- Interest received	2,099	1,555
- Affiliation fees	7,100	3,528
Total Revenue and Other Income	<u>642,494</u>	<u>515,763</u>

5 Result for the Year

The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Other expenses:		
Employee benefit expenses	242,235	143,677
Amortisation expenses	5,448	5,420
Superannuation contributions	21,550	12,953

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2019	2018
Note	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	281,650	56,370
Deposits at call	185,081	183,991
	<u>466,731</u>	<u>240,361</u>

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7 Trade and other receivables

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT			
Trade receivables	13	<u>81,916</u>	<u>3,347</u>

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

8 Other Assets

	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	3,542	11,316
Accrued income	9,324	122,959
	<u>12,866</u>	<u>134,275</u>

9 Intangible Assets

Patents, trademarks and other rights		
Cost	6,562	6,198
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(3,595)	(3,085)
Net carrying value	<u>2,967</u>	<u>3,113</u>
PCA Database		
Cost	24,987	24,987
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(17,004)	(12,840)
Net carrying value	<u>7,983</u>	<u>12,147</u>
Website		
Cost	3,870	3,870
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(2,055)	(1,281)
Net carrying value	<u>1,815</u>	<u>2,589</u>
Total Intangibles	<u>12,765</u>	<u>17,849</u>

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9 Intangible Assets

(a) Movements in carrying amounts of intangible assets

	Patents, trademarks and other rights \$	PCA Database \$	Website \$	Total \$
Year ended 31 December 2019				
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,113	12,147	2,589	17,849
Additions	364	-	-	364
Amortisation	(510)	(4,164)	(774)	(5,448)
Closing value at 31 December 2019	2,967	7,983	1,815	12,765

10 Trade and Other Payables

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT			
Trade payables		35,259	9,972
GST payable		3,584	835
Other payables		3,562	22,207
		42,405	33,014

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Trade and other payables		42,405	33,014
Less: other payables (net GST payable)		(3,584)	(835)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	13	38,821	32,179

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11 Employee Benefits

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	27,293	18,589
	<u>27,293</u>	<u>18,589</u>

(a) Reconciliations

	Provision for annual leave
	\$
2019	
Opening balance	18,589
Additional provisions raised during the year	16,092
Amounts used	<u>(7,388)</u>
Closing balance	<u>27,293</u>

(b) Provision for annual leave

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service.

The company does not expect the full amount of annual leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the company does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

No provision has been raised in respect of long service leave accrued to 31 December 2019. PCA performs an assessment at the end of each financial year, considerations was given to the fact that there is one employee on payroll and the terms of service of this employee and any Long Service Leave provision associated was deemed immaterial.

12 Other Liabilities

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Amounts received in advance	151,603	5,833
	<u>151,603</u>	<u>5,833</u>

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13 Financial Risk Management

		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Financial assets			
Held at amortised cost			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	466,731	240,361
Trade and other receivables	7	<u>81,916</u>	<u>3,347</u>
Total financial assets		<u>548,647</u>	<u>243,708</u>
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	10	<u>38,821</u>	<u>32,179</u>
Total financial liabilities		<u>38,821</u>	<u>32,179</u>

14 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Profit for the year		14,581	6,304
Non-cash flows in profit:			
- amortisation		5,448	5,420
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(78,569)	(3,300)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets		121,410	(32,810)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		155,161	3,464
- increase/(decrease) in provisions		<u>8,703</u>	<u>5,737</u>
Cashflows from operations		<u>226,734</u>	<u>(15,185)</u>

15 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$ 20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company. At 31 December 2019 the number of members was 7 (2018: 7).

16 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The totals of remuneration paid to the key management personnel of Pony Club Australia Ltd during the year are as follows:

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$ 129,962 (2018: \$ 132,950).

17 Economic Dependency

As noted above, PCA is dependent on grants received from the Australian Sports Commission ("ASC") for the material percentage of its revenue used to fund its operations, at 30% of PCA's revenues for the financial year (2018: 19%). At the date of this report the Directors have no reason to believe the ASC will not continue to support the company.

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18 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018:None).

19 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

The financial report was authorised for issue on 15 April 2020 by the Board of Directors.

The rapid outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) presents an alarming health crisis and has a significant impact on the economies of the affected countries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on its members, employees and vendors all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted.

This event will not individually or collectively cast a significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and all the going concern assumptions are still appropriate as a basis for the preparation of the Company's financial statements.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

20 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Pony Club Australia Ltd
4/24 Parnell Street
Elsternwick
VICTORIA 3185

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 19, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director
Mrs Michelle Harper

Director
Mrs Sonia Murphy

Dated 15 April 2020

Independent Audit Report to the members of Pony Club Australia Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Pony Club Australia Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We also draw attention to Note 19 of the financial report, which describes the events occurring after the reporting date. The COVID-19 outbreak has caused business disruption through reduction in membership fees and international teams not travelling. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

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Independent Audit Report to the members of Pony Club Australia Ltd

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants
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We celebrated
Pony Club's 80th
birthday



Australia won the International
Mounted Games Exchange
Championship in Colorado, USA



Our National Championships
were held in Sydney



We introduced a world first
syllabus of instruction which
included Equitation Science and
held coach training in all states



We acknowledged over 100 Living
Legends (aged 80 and over) for
their Pony Club contributions



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We launched Pony Club Centre
membership for those without
horses, to attract new people to
horse riding



PCA announces the first
National Safety Conference
for Horse Sports (for 1/2/2020)



We published new Proficiency
Certificate manuals - A and B
levels to come in 2020



Pony Club members enjoyed
trips to China Pony Clubs



We have gathered nation-wide
talent for new development and
youth advisory committees