



**PONY CLUB**  
AUSTRALIA



# Annual Report

2022



A **life**  
with **horses**  
starts here

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# Snapshot of 2022



Pony races popular in their second year, thanks to Thoroughbred Industry Careers partnership.



Riders represent Australia in showjumping, dressage and quiz.



We farewelled Dr Andrew McLean after three terms as an appointed director of the PCA Board. His expertise on equitation science guided the revision of the PCA certificate manuals in 2019.



'JustGo' starts; a new national database to help states manage memberships and events.

## Committed to protecting our sport



We introduce a National Integrity Framework in line with all recognised sports in Australia. It sets out the same consistent standards around acceptable behaviour in sport.



New policies introduced - Horse Welfare, Medical, Sport Integrity.

**WEBINAR**  
Inclusive Coaching

Made Easy and Fun



Sally Francis, OAM & Mary Longden

Webinar series kicks off incl. inclusive coaching, gear checking, horse welfare, biting, sport integrity and insurance.

We appoint young reps to the Pony Club International Alliance Youth Advisory Council.





Talicia Beardsmore becomes a PCA Ambassador and has 45,000 followers on Instagram.

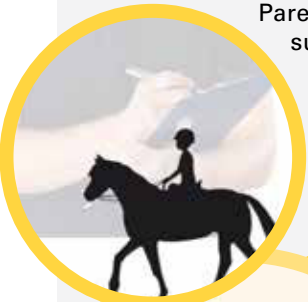
A new Lungeing Manual is produced by the Coaching Advisory Council to help riders studying for their C\* and K certificate manuals and above.



Horse archery is introduced as an official PCA sport.



Parents and supporters can now help their club by becoming an accredited gear checker.



National Gear Rules are introduced and take effect in July. Representatives from all States contributed. They bring states into line with each other and incorporate rider safety and horse welfare.



Foundation Coach is a new step for people to start their Pony Club coaching journey.



A 'virtual' dressage international competition is held among Pony Club International Alliance members. Riders are filmed riding their own horses and judged by overseas judges.

## ... also in 2022

- NSW Pony Club hosts the Pony Club Australia National Prince Phillip Mounted Games Championships (PPMG) in October 2022.
- PCA reached a large audience at Equitana Melbourne with a coaching demonstration, arena mounted games and stockman's challenge competitions and a display stand promoting Pony Club.
- Members are invited to make cards and email them to Pony Club UK to be displayed for the Queen during her Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Within a few months (Sept) the Queen passes away aged 96.
- Australia hosts an international Quiz online with five countries participating.
- We run a voluntary survey for female riding members 10-17 years about how periods affect their Pony Club experience. This later translates into allowing dark coloured jodhpurs for rallies, musters and some levels of competition.
- Catastrophic flooding events affect parts of South East Queensland, Victoria and the NSW east coast. It is hard to believe that 12 months earlier, we were all worried about Clubs threatened by the horrific Black Summer fires in several states.
- Pony Club members score well at the Modern Pentathlon National Championships, including Rhys Lansky 1st senior male.

# Message from the Chair

The 2022 year saw many challenges, including the ongoing effects of COVID-19, severe weather events, supply chain disruptions and labour shortages. Through it all PCA once again proved its resilience in managing these challenges and taking advantage of opportunities as they have arisen.

We continued to make good progress on our strategic plan, we launched our Horse Wellbeing Policy - a world first - and the National Safety Policy which included several adjustments to align with the needs of our communities far and close because nothing is more important than the health and safety of our horses and people.

We created another world first with the Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) virtual competition for Showjumping and again offered an international virtual Dressage competition and Quiz. We applaud participants who worked hard to qualify and compete, and we thank the many wonderful volunteers and loved ones behind the scenes that enable our members to ride with pride and joy.

Importantly we took several steps to further strengthen our membership services and tighten our membership management systems. Significant work has continued with JustGo, including continued training and support. The work that has gone into this system over the past few years sets us up for the future and enables us to ensure we have the right information such as ensuring our children are being looked after by individuals with the appropriate credentials and that all relevant persons are captured for insurance requirements. This is providing peace of mind, compliance and good governance for clubs and states and feeds into the National Integrity Framework via Sport Australia that all sporting organisations must comply with.

We have a loss for this financial year. This is due to investment in our systems and our focus and determination to build and deliver systems, processes and opportunities that support Pony Club communities and welcome participation. Managing any loss while moving into a future with surplus is possible because we have the right people in our team to deliver on our strategic plan.

I would like to thank my fellow board directors who volunteer their time, contribute skills and passion to ensure Pony Club has a strong future. I'm grateful to our talented team of PCA staff and our wonderful



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and truly amazing CEO. I offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all you do, your passion, ingenuity and teamwork that is delivering results, thank you. To our state representatives your combined diverse skills are generating positive results, so thank you for giving of your time. To zones, clubs, members, volunteers, and everyone that is part of Pony Club – thank you for all that you do and all that you give to our sport and community.

I am proud of the positive difference we are making and I'm excited for our future.

**Heather Disher**  
Chair, Pony Club Australia

# Message from the Australian Sports Commission

Sport has a place for everyone and delivers results that make Australia proud.

This is the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) vision as we embark on a defining era in Australian sport over the next decade and beyond.

We are setting out to lead, support and provide opportunities for all communities to be involved in sport, while growing elite success and representation, inspiring future generations.

Our role, as the Australian Government agency responsible for supporting and investing in sport at all levels, is to increase involvement in sport and enable continued international sporting success.

We do this through leadership and development of a cohesive and effective sports sector, targeted financial support and the operation of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

We play a unique role in the sport ecosystem and tackle the big challenges and opportunities with and for the sector.

We're proud to do so and through our vision, we aim to bring out the best in everyone involved in sport as we establish Australia as the world's best sporting nation.

The 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games provided a perfect launch pad for our athletes to shine.

To finish on top of the medal table with 67 gold and cement our status as the most successful nation in the event's history sets us up brilliantly as we look to host the next Games in Victoria 2026.

These Games, uniquely hosted in regional areas, will be another opportunity to inspire Australians to get involved in sport, and to champion the role sport can play in engaging every Australian.

This is a defining era for Australian sport. We have begun the Green and Gold decade to Brisbane 2032, and we are focused on building sustainable success for decades to come.

The sporting strategies, programs and facilities we deliver now have the capacity to shape Australia's long-term prosperity, well beyond sporting boundaries. A thriving Australian sport system is enormously influential to a thriving Australia.

We will advocate for sport and its positive influence on Australia, promote and support inclusive and diverse sporting environments and drive thought leadership and innovation to inspire world's best practices.



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We will build the capability of sport and the people involved through projects like our Sport Volunteer Coalition Action Plan which outlines a new approach to foster positive, safe and fulfilling experiences for sport volunteers, and our Women Leaders in Sport programs which champion equal representation in sport.

It has been great to see the AIS site buzzing with activity again after a challenging few years due to COVID-19. We continue to welcome sports and athletes back to the campus, who are all keen to use our facilities to prepare for major sporting events.

Our aim is for sport in Australia to be world's best so we will optimise our facilities to advance sport and use them to showcase sport at its best.

This is an incredible opportunity to unite and inspire Australia through sport as we capitalise on the calendar of major sporting events on the road to a home Olympic and Paralympic Games.

On behalf of the ASC, thank you to everyone who contributes to Australian sport with the aim of making it better for all.

**Josephine Sukkar AM**  
**Chair, Australian Sports Commission**

# Message from the CEO

2022 was the first year of the new 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan. The plan was developed in consultation with Member State organisations and facilitated by Kate Palmer AM. The changes in the operating environment, increased urbanisation and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic are impacting Pony Club, with fewer people taking up horse riding as a sport. This lack of awareness also affects the 'social license' of horse sports.



Dr Catherine Ainsworth

## Strategic priorities

### Secure the sport's position as the leading horse sport organisation in Australia

Australia is the current Chair of the Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) and the group, with representatives from the UK, USA, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Ireland and South Africa meets quarterly. Major projects completed in 2022 included benchmarking of the syllabus in each country and the formation of the PCIA Youth Advisory Council to elevate the voice of members.

Virtual competitions were conducted by PCIA in dressage, showjumping and quiz. The benefits of these events, enabling more riders to represent Australia in international competition, were welcomed.

The PCA National Safety Committee has representatives of state Pony Club associations and PCA. The value of the national Incident Reporting system is evident with more than 3000 reports received by the end of 2022. This data has enabled the analysis of the type, severity, circumstances and patterns of incidents.

Awards and recognition are an important program for PCA:

- Pony Club values unite us, and we were pleased to give awards to our Community Captains, Welfare Warriors and Sustainability Champions in 2022.
- PCA paid tribute to our volunteers during National Volunteer week and shared stories of the many contributions made by 'Committed Coaches', 'Event Organisers Extraordinaire', 'Helpful Handy Andy', 'Fabulous Fundraisers' and 'Officially Awesome' officials.
- The PCA Awards also recognised the best of the best riders, coaches and clubs. These are covered in more detail elsewhere in the Annual Report.

The PCA board received its governance report card from the Australian Sports Commission

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and remains highly rated. The few items in the Governance Improvement Plan have been the focus of activity during 2022, such as documenting PCA's approach to roles and responsibilities across the organisation.

PCA appreciates the recognition and financial support of the Australian Sports Commission and looks forward to the introduction of the new participation funding model in 2024.

### Deliver a strongly aligned sport nationally

The year started with a lot of work and focus on the replacement of the membership and events software with the JustGo platform. PCA appreciates the time of all involved, both in learning the new system and setting it up to best serve their community at the club, state and national level. Particular thanks to PCA's Sports Development Officer, Monil Shah, for managing the project.

The Safety Committee designed and supported the introduction of the Minimum Medical Services Framework which provides standards for competitive and non competitive events based on their risk profile. The implementation continues to be monitored and a minor revision was passed at the end of 2022 in response to data and feedback. PCA appreciates the support and feedback from the Pony Club community as we continue to address risks in horse sports.

The National Gear Rules were introduced after two years of deliberation by the National Gear Committee. Bronwyn Wheatley, who planned



## Values



### Unity

We draw strength from our core purpose and support each other as a team.



### Integrity

We are committed to trust, transparency, fairness and evidence-based decisions and initiatives.



### Innovation

We have courage and insight to be innovative to improve our value to members.



### Accessibility

We actively facilitate participation and create pathways in our sport, regardless of background, abilities, beliefs or situation.



### Kindness

We are considerate and advocate for the health and wellbeing of our members and our community.



### Horse Welfare

We uphold and promote the highest standards of welfare for horses in our sport.



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to retire from PCA in 2021, continued to support the project through to delivery. Sally Wiseman, Participation and Development Manager, along with committee members Dianne Ould and Michael Carlson, assisted those riders seeking clarification or an exemption for use of particular items not included in the gear rules. The National Gear Rules will now move to an annual update.

The Club Support portal on the PCA website is growing with resources for marketing, risk management and integrity. The PCA website and YouTube channel now host recordings of the many webinars PCA delivered including inclusive coaching, bit fitting, insurance, horse welfare, archery, concussion management and more.

The national discipline committees in Tetrathlon and Mounted Games advanced the management of those sports through national collaboration. Following a review in 2022, the PCA board is refreshing other committees, with a goal of uniform national rules for common disciplines by the end of 2023.

### Enhance the image and perception of Pony Club

The reach of PCA's social media channels continues to grow. Our strategy was recognised in a surprise article by Stu Williams from Shunt Creative on LinkedIn. Despite being a rule breaker and focussing on education-based posts, PCA was receiving engagement statistics six times the industry average for sporting organisations. The August 2022 PCA Facebook post on the 20 minute time limit for lungeing sessions reached more than 350,000 people globally.

Outside of the rider and coach syllabus, PCA's education offerings in 2022 included a new, free manual for lungeing, in addition to articles and resources on parasitology, nutrition and horse massage.

Sally Wiseman, with assistance from the PCA Education and Development Committee, completed the task of mapping the PCA rider syllabus to national Vocational Education and Training (VET) standards. Members seeking careers in the horse industry and enrolling in further study will be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) from the PCA rider certificates they have completed.

Promotional campaigns in 2022 included:

- Hygain club rewards that saw dozens of clubs receive cash grants. Thanks Hygain
- The "We love Pony Club" video competition conducted by the Youth Advisory Council to celebrate the diversity of Pony Club and its members in Australia.
- PCA's presence at Equitana with a coaching demonstration, arena competition, display stand and the launch of PCA branded shirts, riding socks, hats and umbrellas.

- PCA appointed its first Ambassador, Talicia Beardsmore, in May 2022. Talicia has a strong social media following, is an active NSW competitor, and is employed in the horse supplement industry whilst also riding track work and training equestrian mounts.

### Create opportunities for everyone to participate in horse sports

The diversity of riding disciplines in Pony Club is one of its strengths and this expanded in 2022 with the addition of horse archery. The Discipline of the Month series now has fifteen guides on the PCA website that clubs can use to incorporate additional activities into rallies and musters.

In conjunction with Thoroughbred Industry Careers, exhibition pony races were conducted at Warwick Farm, Moonee Valley and Scone.

Following the 2021 pilot, the first full intake of the PCA Leadership Certificate in February 2022 saw almost 20 members embark on a year long program of independent learning. The three modules of the Leadership Certificate are skill development, completion of a volunteer project and leadership practice in the Pony Club setting. PCA is grateful to the professionals that have given their time to support the program by running webinars and mentoring the participants.

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Two fundamental officials' programs were developed in response to feedback about the complexity and time commitment required to gain accreditations. Michelle Newham, PCA's Member Services Officer, drew on her grass roots Pony Club experience as a rider, parent and coach to develop these programs. The education material and assessment tools for the PCA Gear Checker Certificate are online, enabling self-paced learning and assessment at the local club level. The PCA Foundation Coach is now the first step in the PCA coach pathway, with a series of on-demand webinars, a low cost manual and online assessment tools.

The participation model for PCA now includes PCA Accredited Riding Centres for people without access to their own horse. The pathway from riding centre to horse ownership and club membership works best when there is on-the-ground cooperation between riding centres and local clubs. Disappointingly, there are still barriers due to resistance by local Pony Clubs to admit riding centre members to local events. PCA appreciates the foresight of those clubs that recognise this participation pathway and open their events.

PCA welcomes the increased number of clubs that are accepting adult members. This membership group has long been important in Queensland and South Australia and is expanding in other states. Pony Club offers a community environment, education program and lower-level competition that this group of members seek. It is an area of increased attention for PCA.

In conjunction with Dr Kirrilly Thompson from the University of Newcastle and collaborators, PCA conducted a survey of younger female members to investigate the impact of periods on participation in horse sports, and practical changes that could make a difference. The survey told us that changes in uniform rules to include dark coloured jodpurs, and improved bathroom facilities would be welcomed. This is now being incorporated into PCA National Gear Rules and PCA urges change in club, zone and state uniform options.

### Develop an ethical framework for participants within the PCA environment

PCA adopted the new National Integrity Framework (NIF) in July 2022 which sees Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) now managing certain matters such as Child Safety and Member Protection. A new suite of integrity policies was launched based on the accepted national format from SIA.

Following a partial grant from SIA, Suanne Waugh was appointed to the position of PCA National Integrity Manager in July 2022. The focus of the first phase of implementation of the NIF has been Child Safety and all volunteers are required to do the Child Safety training. A range of free courses on aspects of the NIF are available.

The new PCA Horse Welfare Policy was launched in September 2022 and is the first time globally that an equestrian organisation has utilised the Five Domains model of animal welfare in such a policy. This model ensures that we consider both the elements necessary for survival (food, water, shelter, health care) and the interactions that contribute to a 'good life'. The policy provides advice on caring for your horse at home, as well as the rules that members must comply with at Pony Club competitions and activities.

**Dr Catherine Ainsworth**  
CEO, Pony Club Australia

# International and National Competitions

## PPMG

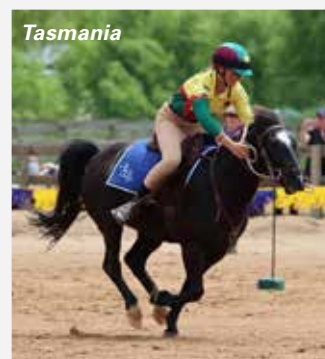
The Prince Phillip Mounted Games National Championships were held in Canberra in October 2022. Teams travelled from WA, NT, SA, VIC, TAS & NSW, with WA taking both the senior and junior titles.

Teams got to know each other and the ACT with some sightseeing - Australian Parliament House, The Royal Australian Mint and the Australian Institute of Sport as well as a trip to Mt Ainslie lookout.

Despite heavy rainfalls, including 60ml one day before the Juniors' competition, competition was keen, many new friendships were formed and the activities and tours were enjoyed by all teams.

The rain caused a venue change from Hall to Murrumbateman's sand arena, so you could say weather made the use of 'pool' horses even more appropriate!

The riders rode outstandingly with a great display of skill, horsemanship, and teamwork. It was fabulous to see NT with a competitive young team in the competition after not being able to source a team for the past six years.



# International and National Competitions

## International Quiz

Pony Club Australia hosted the 2022 International Quiz held virtually in December.

The Australian team competed against the UK, USA, Hong Kong and Canada. While it can be hard to co-ordinate time zones, everyone managed to have a great time.



Australian National Quiz Team
<b>Bethany Cook</b> SA
<b>Kaitlin Goss</b> WA
<b>Sharne Haskins</b> NSW
<b>Kira Hetherton</b> VIC



*Kaitlin Goss*



*Sharne Haskins*



## Virtual Showjumping

The Pony Club International Alliance International Showjumping was held virtually, with each team competing in their own country over the same replicated course. The Australian Senior and Junior teams came from Pony Club WA, and competed in their home state against riders from Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Africa and UK. The teams jumped two showjumping rounds, one against the clock. The Australian team did very well and found it an excellent learning experience for all riders involved.

Junior team
<b>Carly Ballantyne</b> Beverly H & P C
<b>Jack Bennett</b> Swan Valley H & P C
<b>Jessica Mason</b> Capel H & P C
<b>Savannah Beveridge</b> West Plantagenet PC
Senior team
<b>Charlee Morton-Sharp</b> Capel H & P C
<b>Charli Brajkovich</b> Swan Valley H & P C
<b>Lewis Hudson</b> Wooroloo H & P C
<b>Zenniah Albonetti</b> Wanneroo H & P C



# International and National Competitions

## Inter Pacific Exchange

This trip involved showjumping competitions between Australia, USA, Canada and host New Zealand, held on the South Island.

The Kangaroo Cup, the Kiwi Cup and the Nations Cup events were a highlight but riders agreed just meeting new people from around the world and touring beautiful New Zealand was equally special.

### Team:

Georgia Goss (WA)  
 Georgia Elias, (TAS)  
 Bridget Mouat (VIC)  
 Ashleigh Bennett (NSW)  
 Coach Meaghan Sutherland  
 Manager Deziree Roos



## International Dressage

Pony Club Australia were excited to give members the opportunity to take part in an International Virtual Dressage Competition alongside members from other Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) countries (Hong Kong, USA, Canada, UK, NZ, South Africa). Riders were filmed in their own country, and judged by an international judge. There were four classes and we selected four riders to compete in each class and they all did us proud.



Paris Fiedler VIC



Asha Fiedler VIC



Lauren Rowe, Busselton PC (WA) who won her class.

USDF Training Level Test 1 <span>2<sup>nd</sup></span>	USDF First Level Test 1 <span>1<sup>st</sup></span>	USDF Second Level Test 1 <span>3<sup>rd</sup></span>	Prix Caprilli <span>3<sup>rd</sup></span>
<span>4<sup>th</sup></span> <b>Chenin Hislop</b> Woodridge HPC, WA	<b>Matthew Kerridge</b> Tamworth PC, NSW	<b>Darcy Eyb</b> Cudal PC, NSW	<b>Mirri Lang</b> Gisborne PC, VIC
<b>Lucy Johnston</b> Midlands PC, TAS	<b>Jessica Ridley</b> Busselton HPC, WA	<b>Kirra Ayala</b> Rosewood PC, QLD	<b>Kassi Jones</b> Fernpark PRC, TAS
<b>Amelia Gordon</b> Serpentine HPC, WA	<b>Asha Fiedler</b> Horsham PC, VIC	<b>Sophie Appleby</b> Serpentine HPC, WA	<b>Amy Bennett</b> Balnarring PC, VIC
<b>Tommie Parker</b> Harden PC, NSW	<span>1<sup>st</sup></span> <b>Lauren Rowe</b> Busselton HPC, WA	<span>5<sup>th</sup></span> <b>Paris Fiedler</b> Horsham PC, VIC	<b>Robin Henry</b> Quirindi PC, NSW
<i>Judged by Canada Pony Club</i>	<i>Judged by Hong Kong Pony Club</i>	<i>Judged by Pony Club South Africa</i>	<i>Judged by Pony Club New Zealand</i>

# New Sports

## Pony Racing

In conjunction with Thoroughbred Industry Careers, exhibition pony races were conducted at Warwick Farm, Moonee Valley and Scone in 2022. These events are proving popular with members and showcasing Pony Club members' skills to a racing audience. It also gives riders a taste of race day atmosphere, and perhaps the idea of moving into a career in race riding, training or breeding.



PCA CEO Dr Catherine Ainsworth and Lindy Maurice from Thoroughbred Industry Careers.



## Horse Archery

Horse archery has been introduced as an official Pony Club sport. While some states were already offering this using experienced horse archery coaches, it is now more available to all clubs. We are confident a YouTube webinar for interested clubs, Discipline of the Month on the website, and a system for training existing Pony Club coaches to be able to teach horse archery, will see this sport grow quickly.

# Accredited Riding Centres



Accredited Riding Centres continue to prove popular with increased membership of riders this year, some new centres and over 100 PCA Syllabus Certificates assessed and presented to riders.

Floods in early 2022, particularly in Northern NSW and South East Queensland, affected some centres being able to conduct lessons in the second quarter, but all centres were fully operational by May again.

Congratulations to Phoenix Acres Riding Centre, awarded PCA Centre of the Year 2022. This innovative centre nominated teams and competed in their local gymkhanas, winning a March Past with their team.

Also showing great alignment with local Pony Club inclusion was Little Ranch Riding Centre in Casino, NSW, who held school holiday rider camps that welcomed all Pony Club members to attend.

Firefly Park Equestrian Centre focussed on training their NDIS rider, Amelia Van Leent, to compete in her first dressage competition, leading the way in inclusive coaching for riders.

Four Mile Farm in Queensland had two new coaches assessed and accredited through Pony Club Queensland and also had member riders compete in local showjumping competitions.

The centres continue to try to work with the states in growing opportunities for riders to compete.

The transfer of some memberships from non-horse owning Accredited Centre Members to horse owning Pony Club members across most states was also accomplished this year.



## Accredited Riding Centres 2022

NSW	Horsetalk Riding Farm (Jiggi)
	Little Ranch Horse Riding Lessons (Yorklea)
	Skywood Equestrian Centre (Williamstown)
	Sydney Riding School (Duffys Forest)
	Whitethorn Academy (Maitland Vale)
	Yara Balba Stables (Mandalong)
QLD	Yass Valley Riding Centre (Manton)
	4mile Farm (Gracemere)
	Bonogin Valley Horse Retreat (Bonogin)
	Bribie Island Road Saddle Club (Caboolture)
	Elemental Equine (Gympie)
	Firefly Park (Jimboomba)
	Horses And Humans (Bellie Park)
	Kurshonbrooke Lodge (Gumdale)
	Mundoolun Reins Riding Academy (Mundoolun)
	Phoenix Acres Equine Centre (Sharon)
TAS	Wattle Creek (The Gap)
	Jeu De Cheval (Hobart)
	Junction Farm (Carrick)
	Nan's Riding School (Longford)
VIC	Oakwood Equestrian Academy (Birdwood)
	Avoca Park (Macclesfield)
	Beltain Park (Seville)
	Classical Dressage Academy, (Pakenham Upper)
WA	Jolong Park Riding School (Bangholme)
	Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre (Claremont)
	Zia Park (Gidgegannup)
	Eq Cetera Riding Centre (Darling Downs)

# 2022 PCA Awards



**Rider of the Year 12 Years and Under**

**Isac Staley**

Mornington Peninsula Pony Club VIC

**Finalists:** Ariya Stevens, The Rock Pony Club NSW  
Lianna Murphy, Maroochy Pony Club QLD



**Best achievement, Rider 13-17 years**

**Abby Raymond**

North Dorrigo Pony Club NSW

**Finalists:** Matilda Mason, Hamilton Pony Club VIC  
Samantha Barker, Lilydale & District Pony Club TAS



**Best Achievement, Rider 18-25 Years**

**SHARNE HASKINS**

Londonderry Pony Club QLD

**Finalists:** Jayde Kirkham, Macedon Pony Club VIC  
Kate Duignan, Mornington Peninsula Pony Club VIC



**Volunteer of the Year**

**Dianne Ould**

Peel Metro Horse and Pony Club WA

**Finalists:** Joy & Peter O'Keefe, Emu Creek Pony Club VIC  
Margaret Pomeroy, Bajool and District Pony Club QLD  
Ruth Hanssen, Litchfield Horse and Pony Club NT





**The Kay Irving Award Coach of the Year**

**Jacqui Bladier**

Mornington Peninsula Pony Club VIC

**Finalists:**

Katelyn Burgess, Greenbank Pony Club QLD  
Samantha Lidden, Lake Albert Pony Club NSW



**Gill Rolton Memorial Alumni Award 2022**

**James Meyer**

BSc(PV) DVM MANZCVS (Equine Dentistry)

Goolwa District Pony Club, SA  
(and now in WA)



**Club of the Year**

**Yandina Pony Club**

QLD

**Finalists:** Benalla Pony Club VIC  
Mount Duneed Pony Club VIC

**Riding Centre of the Year**

**Phoenix Acres Equine Centre**

Bundaberg, QLD



# Victoria



2021 was a testament to the resilience, commitment and passion of our volunteers, members and staff, and with 2022 promising a return to normality, the year started at a rapid pace, and never slowed down.

The appointment of two additional staff members was welcomed by the team and the membership, providing some needed assistance during the introduction of the new database.



Early 2022 also saw the first AGM following the formation of PCV's inaugural board, who began the extensive process of establishing the required policies and procedures that will sit under our Rules of Incorporation.

With the hope of a full calendar of events coming true, the Board would like to recognise the efforts of the East Gippsland Zone for hosting our Dressage & Showjumping Championships, Mansfield PC for hosting our State Horse Trials Festival, and the PCV organising committees that delivered the State Games, Flat & Musical Ride, Ride to Time and Tetrathlon Championships, and our Quiz and Prince Phillip Mounted Games events.

This year saw the introduction of several new national policies, and the new Victorian Child Safe Standards, all going live on July 1. Changes of this magnitude can be very unsettling, and we were committed to reducing any disruptions these changes could have and were happy to see that the impact was kept to a minimum.

Through consultation to date, we have identified the need to review our coach registration categories to ensure all coaches are appropriately engaged, supported and insured. It has also become apparent that many of our affiliates need assistance regarding their legal requirements as clubs and committees, and the general management of their organisations. Whilst we have already made a large number of online learning opportunities and digital

resources available, we will be increasing this output in the year ahead, with an initial focus on Consumer Affairs requirements and Child Safety.

As 2022 came to an end, so did our current Strategic Plan. This has provided us with the opportunity to step back and reflect on all we have achieved in the recent trying years and envisage the future that we want to experience!

All that PCV has achieved this year has been thanks to the tireless efforts of our riders, their families, our volunteers and our small team in the office. The Board would like to thank you all, especially those that donated extra time to contribute to the many committees PCV has to deliver Pony Club across our state.





*With the hope of a full calendar of events coming true, the Board would like to recognise the efforts of the East Gippsland Zone for hosting our Dressage & Showjumping Championships, Mansfield PC for hosting our State Horse Trials Festival, and the PCV organising committees that delivered the State Games, Flat & Musical Ride, Ride to Time and Tetrathlon Championships, and our Quiz and Prince Phillip Mounted Games events.*



# Queensland



2022 brought a new challenge to our members, zones, clubs and staff with the introduction of the new national online membership database.

The tradition of an annual State Seminar set the stage for 2022 hosted by Southport Pony Club. The State Chief Instructors Panel and Regional Directors of Coaching met prior to the State Seminar in the first of two scheduled workshops for 2022 with the second being held mid-year at the Pony Club Queensland Office.

These workshops are important and integral to the planning for the year of the ongoing education and upskilling of our coaches, officials and riders which is carried out across the state through our intensive and robust coaching network.

Momentum is steadily building across the state for the Queensland State Chief Instructor Medal initiative which acknowledges the good practical horseperson within Pony Club Queensland and is designed to encourage Pony Club members to progressively develop practical horseperson skills.

Again, Queensland was subjected to terrible weather in the first half of the year with significant flooding affecting the south east and south west of the state resulting in several clubs being inundated with floodwaters and unable to operate. Those clubs throughout the state not affected by the flooding, returned to regular musters, clinics, competitions and face to face Pony Club friendship.



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Pony Club Queensland also welcomed a new face to its Executive Committee with the appointment then later the election of Vice President Scott Jackson, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the sporting disciplines of Pony Club.

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Pony Club Queensland was fortunate to have retained our ongoing sponsors for 2022 with the State Government providing funding assistance and Greg Grant Saddlery, Riverina, Oz Shots and Australia Show Ribbons providing support for the State Championship events.

Pony Club Queensland acknowledges and thanks the vast team of volunteers consisting of office bearers, coaches, officials, parents and riders spread throughout our zones and clubs who through their efforts, commitment, knowledge, experience and dedication, work to ensure the Pony Club journey continues.



# South Australia



This year has had its challenges; we are still recovering from COVID-19 and the weather certainly has presented problems for clubs and zones trying to organise training and competitions. Some clubs have had damage to arenas and grounds which resulted in postponed events and ultimately having to cancel said events.

At our AGM the membership approved our new constitution, which sees some changes to how our Executive Council and committees are set up and operate.

We have had an application form circulated to all members regarding attracting an applicant to apply for an independent position on our Executive Council. We have two of these positions to fill.

On a sad note we have lost some clubs in 2022, due to declining member numbers, new rules and rising costs.

On a positive note some clubs have seen an increase in membership.

We had five Level One coaches successfully finish their assessments.

We held a successful ODE Championships for Grades 1,2 & 3 plus a State ODE for Grades 4 and 5 and ran a successful championship for Dressage, Showjumping, Mounted Games, Horse and Rider of the Year and Quiz.

Pony Club SA was represented by Beth Cook as part of the International Quiz team.



Beth Cook (photo, Keara Watson)

*PCASA proudly held their Gala Dinner awards night in November at the Lakes Resort. This is a night where we recognise and thank our fantastic volunteers. Certificates of appreciation, award of merit, service pins and the Jim Toole award for volunteer of the year were awarded to members. All who attended including our Pony Club Patron. Ms Clare Lindop agreed it was a great night with fun and games.*



Trudi Day (Photo, Alix Bell)



Trinity Watson (Photo, Alix Bell)

We held a coach update in July with over 20 coaches attending over the two days. The topics covered included a session about conflict and how to avoid and deal with it, a new syllabus review and sessions on mounted games and showjumping.

PCASA has had members continue to represent us on committees for rules and safety.

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We were fortunate to receive sponsorship from Horseland this year, which helped us run our Championships and the PCASA one day event.

We continue to be fortunate to have Racing SA as our sponsor for our Championships and PCASA one day event.

PCASA ran an online quiz competition in October, with competitors completing a Kahoot quiz each week with the results put together to come up with a winner in Sub Junior, Junior and Senior. The sponsorship from Horseland helped greatly with the prizes which were \$150 first, \$100 second and \$75 third.

PCASA sent a senior team to Canberra for the Mounted Games.

Sadly, PCASA lost one of their life members in 2022. Phyllis Lucas, fondly known as Joan, passed away in November.



Joan (pictured right) was a long-standing member of Pony Club, she worked tirelessly for her club, zone and the state. Joan had been recognised over the years with an award of merit and life membership. She received the Jim Toole award for volunteer of the year.

Joan will be missed for her compassion, knowledge and dedication to all Pony Clubbers. She helped hundreds of members over her 50 odd years in Pony Club.



Top: Margaret DeGreef received the Jim Toole Award, presented by Ann Olsen PCASA President.

Middle: Back row Megan Brown, Karen Charles (manager), Sahara Warren, Sue Young (coach) Front row Katlin Charles, Tierym Warren, Milly Young.

Right: Ruby Kenny, Mackenzie Richards-Fennell, Trevor Watson, Joan Lucas and Bella Polish.

# Tasmania



Pony Club Tasmania continues to have a great team of volunteers who work tirelessly to allow our membership to ride and enjoy all kinds of sport concerned with horses and riding, in a safe and supportive environment. However the workload is increasing and not having any paid staff is really starting to become a problem for the state. The support of the Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania, both financial and administrative is also acknowledged, assisting us to provide quality education and training programs at the grass roots level of our sport.

In March 2022, we saw Circular Head Pony Club run State Trials for the North West Zone with over 100 riders enjoying a super event over the fantastic cross country course at Tall Timbers, which had been brilliantly redesigned by Craig Gordon and the Circular Head Pony Club members. The course was incredibly decorated and received a high level of praise from all involved. This was a very professionally run competition, and we thank Circular Head Pony Club and North West Zone for all the work they put into this state championship.

We were then off to the north with the Dressage and Jumping Championships being run by the Northern Zone, at the lovely Westbury showgrounds. The Northern Zone worked well together to coordinate a great weekend of competition and provided a great atmosphere for the competition.

Finally, we travelled south with Mounted Games Championships being run at Pontville in June and

what a lovely day and friendly competition this was. Congratulations to Brighton and Southern Midlands Pony Club and the Southern Zone on another well-run Championship.

In August we ran our annual stakeholder forum for all DCs and club representatives. This year's topics included a presentation on insurance from Gow Gates, a horse welfare presentation from PCA representative Karen Luke, handbook/rule updates and a Chief Coaches update. In the afternoon there was a facilitated workshop with DCs sharing experiences to assist newer DCs and discussing issues that are common across a lot of clubs, with participants sharing ideas and solutions.

It is great to see National and International Pony Club events back on the calendar following a suspension in these activities due to COVID-19. In October we saw our Junior and Senior national Prince Phillip Mounted Games teams travel to NSW to compete in the national competition. The Senior team finished an incredible second to Western Australia and our Junior team finished fourth, with none of these riders having been interstate to compete on borrowed horses before. It was also great to see two of our members compete in the 2022 International Dressage Competition and be part of placing teams.

We must recognise and say thank you to the amazing volunteers, members and supporters of Pony Club in Tasmania for their valuable contribution and support.







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# Northern Territory



The NT sent a junior team to the national Prince Phillip Mounted Games (PPMG) championships in 2022. These five girls aged just 12 & 13 stepped up, committed to the challenge 100% and did amazingly well. The girls have grown so much from their experience and did our state proud.

We cannot thank enough the organisers, supporters, and sponsors for helping us get to Nationals. Without your assistance and support this trip would not have been possible. You all welcomed our team and they made friends for life.

We hope in the not so distant future we can bring Nationals to the NT and showcase our beautiful home to PPMG riders from around the country – something we have never done before.

Darwin Horse and Pony Club hosted an 'off the track' clinic sponsored by Thoroughbred Racing Northern Territory. The thoroughbreds were about to hit the equestrian scene and were very trainable and well behaved for their first outing.

As per the PCA syllabus, the day included training in ground work, stop and go, shaping 'park', and developing proactive riders who can read the horses' behaviours and shut down potential problems early.

The lunch time discussion was around the horse's ethology and natural behaviours, anxiety and stress thresholds, biomechanics and learning ability. It was

a really interesting chat and encouraging to see how enthusiastic these riders were to learn more about what makes their horses display certain behaviours.

Alice Springs Pony Club held their second Ronald McDonald House Charities Fundraising Jump Competition and raised a massive \$2,768, which provides over 17 nights' accommodation for a family whilst their loved one is getting treatment or in hospital.

Congratulations to Lalwa May who has been selected by Pony Club Australia to compete in the Generali Open de France at Lamotte Beuvron in July 2023, as part of the Australian show jumping team led by PCA coach of the year, Rachael Edwards (VIC). We wish Lalwa and the rest of the team the best of luck!

The NT's Ruth Hanssen was a finalist in the PCA Volunteer of the Year. Ruth, from Litchfield Horse and Pony Club, has volunteered for many years as a coach for children and adults and as an event manager. She is also a long-time volunteer on the PCANT board. We are very proud of Ruth and grateful to have her skills and dedication here in the NT.

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Litchfield HPC held a well-attended First Aid training session conducted by Red Cross. The club now has 20 trained volunteers. The training was provided by a grant from the NT Government Dept of Industry, Tourism and Trade.

Fran Ford from Noonamah Horse and Pony Club was acknowledged for her work as a volunteer this year.

Fran spends her weekend pushing ponies up hills, running beside the little kids and creating the fun that keeps these tiny riders engaged, interested and happy to be riding.

She never loses her patience, is always with a smile and her famous bag of lollies. Fran truly embodies what it takes to keep our youngest riders at the grass roots level engaged and is dedicated to growing our future champions. Thanks Fran!

## The five clubs in the Northern Territory

- Darwin Horse and Pony Club
- Alice Springs Pony Club
- Katherine Horse And Pony Club
- Litchfield Horse & Pony Club
- Noonamah Horse & Pony Club



# New South Wales



With COVID-19 restrictions behind us, 2022 saw a very wet year for NSW. We had many of our Club rallies, Zone and State Events cancelled due to rain and unsafe footing on wet and sodden grounds. The floods started at the beginning of the year and moved their way around the state to wherever we had an event! Our cancelled State Championships only included Mounted Games and Team Sporting and we managed to postpone Dressage (Zone 2 hosting) and Jumping Equitation (hosted by Zone 5) to early 2023.

Our Annual State Camp is the highlight of the year for NSW where 75 of our best riders come together for a week of training and learning from some of the best coaches around Australia. These included Sam Lyle, Peter Shaw and Jamie Coman, all coaches or riders at the top of their game. The riders got to meet Olympic Medallist and Pony Club NSW Ambassador Shane Rose, learnt about horse nutrition and made lots of new friends. Pony Club NSW also ran a well supported Advanced Instructors School in conjunction with camp so that coaches could experience the first class coaching. We were impressed with the riders' performances, behaviour and support of the staff, committee and volunteers to make this event a huge success.

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We were lucky enough to get to run a few of our championships in 2022 which included:

### **Formal Gymkhana and Tetrathlon**

Our Formal Gymkhana and Tetrathlon Championships were held in March in Zone 7 at Denman. 'Tet' is a growing discipline that is proving to excite many of our riders and every year sees growing numbers of entries into this event. We are excited to be holding more Tetrathlon Schools to educate and train our riders throughout the state in 2023.

### **State One Day Event and Combined Training**

State ODE and Combined Training was held at Harden in Zone 2. Harden is also a long standing EA Horse Trials course and we are grateful for the opportunity to hold our championships there. Numbers were sound and we had some super hospitality from a wonderful country event.

### **Sporting, Camp Drafting and Team Penning**

Our biggest event, the Sporting, Camp Drafting and Team Penning Championships were held at Coonamble in Zone 4 and while the rains were daring to threaten the event it was cleared to go ahead. The weekend proved to be a successful and the riders enjoyed being able to compete again after missing out the previous year.

### **Sydney Royal**

Sydney Royal was back in full swing and we were pleased to have a number of Pony Club competitors showcasing their disciplines of Area Jumping Teams, Area Sporting Teams and Show Riding to the public.

### **Showjumping Championships**

Our Showjumping Championships nearly didn't go ahead however we were lucky that after a wet ground closure at Bingara, Zone 8 stepped up and Warialda saved the event. The event went ahead with some frosty July mornings and freezing cold nights.





### Show Riding

Show Riding Championships were held in December at Glen Innes in Zone 13. The weekend was a huge success after many years of cancellations. This year we were excited to be able to add extra Champion and Supreme Classes to the event and each division of Show Hunter/Show Horse and Rider receiving garlands and rosettes from our sponsors.

### Prince Phillip Mounted Games

This year Pony Club NSW was fortunate enough to host the Prince Phillip Mounted Games in October in Canberra, ACT. The event was proven a success with 50 riders and 18 teams travelling from all over NSW, NT, SA, TAS, VIC, & WA. The rain didn't stop them, the excitement that the games riders faced over the few days not only included riding but also exploring the sites of Canberra as well. This event could not have happened if it wasn't for the generosity of the local horse owners who travelled in, provided their time and tack and entrusted the riders who they have never met before with their horses.

We saw many of our NSW riders represent the State over the year in Mounted Games and Horseball overseas.

Membership numbers seemed to drop slightly again for 2022 however still remain slightly over the 9000 mark – our NSW members have had a lot to deal with in the past few years with drought, floods, bushfires and an ongoing pandemic. We have had many return and are looking forward to building on membership numbers in 2023 and competition entries as well as ensuring that our members are kept safe, supported and educated as best we can.

2023 has begun in the positive manner no major rain events so far and no COVID-19 outbreaks, we have big plans for 2023 and our state events. We kicked



off the year with State Camp and this was another huge success.

The State Office welcomed three new staff in 2022 which leads to more structure and development in the State. We are still proving to play catch up but we are now present and ticking off goals one at a time. We have launched a new Pony Club NSW monthly magazine called the PonE News which delivers our members the latest news, achievements, results and informative articles each month. We have started an educational Podcast where we chat to various vets, top riders and up and coming riders about veterinary topics, achievements and how to grow as a rider. We have developed a new website which has just been launched and we have restructured and developed a new coaching system for our NSW Coaches which is our Bronze Coaching Book (equivalent to old Prelim), the base level of beginning coaching in NSW.

We also need to acknowledge our fabulous representatives in our ZCIs and Zone Secretaries from each of our 27 Zones around the state who positively contribute to the organisation.

All in all we are very excited for 2023 - bring it on...

# Western Australia



2022 started with a huge learning curve through the adoption of the JustGo Membership platform. Working with PCA and JustGo, club admins and staff attended a number of seminars, with extra information being circulated and assistance provided. The saturation approached worked well, with not just staff and club admins coming to grips, but also our members. It was a huge amount of work and heading into 2023 the work has paid off with most of our clubs and members enjoying a seamless transition into the new season.

On the subject of technology, Pony Club WA continues to use different technology platforms to our advantage. Our State high performance squads attended many training opportunities and performance reviews with the incredible use of zoom seminars. This innovative platform also saw our State Coaching Panel conduct leading PCA NCAS online Preliminary and Level 1 Coaching webinars. With the take up of online activity we have received better engagement with all members, coaches and officials especially in rural areas.

Our State Coaching School was conducted at Orange Grove Horse and Pony Club, with nearly 100 coaches around the state in attendance. They received coaching tips and took away expertise from other leading coaches and industry experts.

In the first year, our Ready2Ride Program was a huge success being taken up by around half of our clubs and attracting 142 members to this new category. It is worth noting that the majority of Ready2Ride members were brand new members, exactly what this program is aimed at. In short, Ready2Ride is designed for riders under eight years old and provides a half day structured program at club rallies. The program is aimed to appeal to younger riders and includes 31 pre-written coaching lessons available to coaches. Ready2Ride is non-competitive and revolves around fun. Feedback so far as been very positive. Many thanks to Pony Club Victoria for sharing the program with us.

On the competition front, WA riders continued to impress with high profile performances.

Georgia Goss, a long time member and international competitor was selected in the PCA Inter Pacific team who travelled to New Zealand. The Aussies

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finished 2nd to the USA team, with Canada 3rd and NZ 4th.

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It was a clean sweep for our Western Australian Mounted Games team who travelled to Canberra for the PPMG National Championship. WA took home both the Junior and Senior Championships titles.

Kaitlin Goss from Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club represented Pony Club Australia in the 2022 International Quiz, with the Australian team finishing at a creditable 5th place to the UK.

Other achievements have been made throughout 2022 for WA members however we would also like to acknowledge our 'B' Proficiency Certificate holder from Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club, Lucinda Boulter.

In 2022 Pony Club WA began working with our local First nations community to better acknowledge our Indigenous heritage across the state. An Indigenous art competition was conducted and our creative Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club member Mikayla Woods produced inspiring artwork which took you on a on her personal journey at Pony Club and her connection to Country. The artwork was turned into an special edition State Indigenous polo shirt which was snapped up by members across the state in a flash! Mikayla's winning artwork also provided a show jump for her club where her journey has been featured on the jump wings.

Looking forward, 2023 will see a exciting Nationals year in WA! We are all looking very much forward the coming year were we hope to strive for a successful Nationals. This will be ran as a hybrid event. We are already receiving positive feedback from members both local and interstate.



# China Pony Club

2022 is the third year of the epidemic in China. Most Chinese equestrian centres including CPC member clubs had difficulties in operation. They were affected by the epidemic control like all enterprises in the service industry and education/training industry. When the epidemic control at its most serious, they would even close temporarily, which led to deficit in most equestrian centres and Pony Clubs. The CPC office was also greatly affected. All CPC colleagues worked from home for two periods during the strict lockdown in 2022 for around three months. CPC activities in different places of China had also been postponed or cancelled many times.

Sadly the epidemic control measures in 2022 led to the permanent closure of six CPC clubs and, over the three years, to the closure of 13 China Pony Clubs in total.

CPC centres sometimes had to communicate through online meetings instead of meeting face to face with the domestic travel ban. In 2022, each CPC colleague attended about 50 online meetings.

Under such circumstances, CPC had made the following progress during 2022 in addition to providing regular member service, rider proficiency level tests, prelim coach training and tests:

1. We held a Level One coach webinar for the first ever time with 17 experienced coaches participating;
2. For the first time, CPC cooperated with a college (TAFE) to train their equestrian major students following Pony Club coach syllabus, and helped all the equestrian major graduates of 2022 find jobs in our member clubs (all Chinese Pony Clubs operate all the year round);
3. More riders started to apply to take the C level rider test and some riders passed the C level test with excellent performances. Previously we only E-D\* riders;
4. We held one gymkhana.

The good news is that at the beginning of December 2022, China finished the domestic pandemic control, and Chinese borders were gradually reopened after that.



Award presenting at a Gymkhana held by CPC.

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In 2023, CPC plans to:

1. Organize at least one CPC team to attend a Pony Club competition or camp in Australia.
2. Resume the exchange of international Pony Club Riders to China and Australian coaches visit Chinese Pony Clubs regularly as soon as possible.
3. Hold free Question and Answer webinars every two months to all CPC coaches to solve their questions about horse training, coaching and riding.
4. Provide PCA Foundation Coach accreditation in China.
5. Provide PCA gear checker accreditation in China.

2022 is a year full of the spirit of perseverance and dedication of Pony Club. Many selfless contributions were made by CPC CPC colleagues and PCA coaches during difficult times. We thank all these people for making CPC full of warmth in this difficult year.





CPC staff having an online meeting with the coaches of a CPC member club.



CPC colleagues giving horse handling lesson to a group of E level CPC riders in a member club.



A Gymkhana held by CPC.



Riders participate in a proficiency level test in a CPC member club.



CPC riders at a Pony Club winter camp preparing to take rider proficiency level test.



Two CPC coaches demonstrate using each farrier tool on a toy pony which is so professional but with a lot of fun



Equestrian major students of a TAFE being trained by CPC.





*We continued to make good progress on our strategic plan, we launched our Horse Wellbeing Policy - a world first - and the National Safety Policy which included several adjustments to align with the needs of our communities far and close because nothing is more important than the health and safety of our horses and people.*

*Heather Disher  
Chair, Pony Club Australia*

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# **Pony Club Australia Ltd**

ABN: 95 090 080 265

## **Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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### Directors' Report 31 December 2022

The Directors of Pony Club Australia Limited ("PCA") present their report together with the combined financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the Independent Audit Report thereon.

#### Information on directors

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

##### **Ms Heather Disher**

Appointed May 2019  
Qualifications Certified Chair (CCABC), Certificates in Governance and Finance  
Special responsibilities Board Chair, Nominations Committee

##### **Ms Marylou Hodges**

Elected May 2018, Resigned January 2022  
Qualifications Bachelor of Social Welfare, Accredited Equine Specialist, Diploma in Community Services, Diploma in Business Management, Cert IV Business Administration

##### **Dr Andrew McLean**

Appointed May 2016, Concluded May 2022  
Qualifications B.Sc., PhD., Dip Ed., NCAS II.

##### **Mr Jacob McLoughlin**

Elected May 2020  
Qualifications Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia  
Special responsibilities Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Secretary

##### **Dr Juliet Skinner**

Elected November 2017, Concluded May 2022  
Qualifications MB.BS.; DRCOG; FACRRM  
Special responsibilities Nominations Committee

##### **Ms Jo Morgan**

Elected May 2021  
Qualifications Bachelor of Business, Marketing Major  
Masters of Applied Finance  
Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors  
Fellow of FINSIA (Financial Services Institute of Australasia)  
Special responsibilities Nominations Committee

##### **Mrs Carole-anne Hodges**

Elected May 2021  
Qualifications Certificates in Finance and Business Management

##### **Mrs Michelle Harper**

Appointed May 2021, Resigned April 2022  
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

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#### Information on directors

##### Nick Hassett

Elected May 2022  
Qualifications Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), Governance in Sport qualification from the Governance Institute of Australia, Masters in Public Policy and Management from Monash University.  
Special responsibilities Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and Nominations Committee

##### Tonia Murtagh

Elected May 2022  
Qualifications Licensed Real Estate Agent

##### Kate Fenner

Appointed May 2022  
Qualifications Bachelor of Equine Science (Hons), PhD (Horse Behaviour, Training and Welfare), University of Queensland Lecturer and Researcher, equestrian coach, horse trainer, International Society for Equitation Science JV President

##### Maris Beck

Appointed May 2022  
Qualifications Bachelor of Arts (University of Canterbury), Masters of International Politics (University of Melbourne), Doctoral candidate (University of Sydney), Diploma of Government Investigations (Australian Security Academy), Foundations of Directorship (Australian Institute of Company Directors)  
Special responsibilities Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and Nominations Committee

##### Dennis Clark - Non Director

Qualifications B Ec, Dip Ed, FCPA, FCIS, FGIA, FAICD (Dip), FAIM, MIIA (Aust) MIMC, MIPAA, MRMIA, MGRCI  
Term concluded June 2022  
Special responsibilities Chair: Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

##### Venetta Sacha - Non Director

Qualifications B Ec, CA, Chartered Tax Adviser, Financial Adviser  
Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors  
Special responsibilities Chair: Finance, Audit and Risk Committee  
Appointed September 2022

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

## **Pony Club Australia Ltd**

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# **Directors' Report**

## **31 December 2022**

### **Principal activities**

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

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

### **Short term objectives**

PCA'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; and
- Develop best practice, innovative programs for riders, coaches, officials and volunteers.

### **Long term objectives**

PCA's long-term objectives are to:

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

### **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 2022 the collective liability of members was \$ 140 (2021: \$ 140 ).

### **Operating results**

The loss of the Company after providing for income tax amounted to \$ 65,750 (2021: \$ 29,090 ).

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## Directors' Report 31 December 2022

### Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

### Environmental issues

The Company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory of Australia.

### Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of Pony Club Australia Ltd.

### Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 8 meetings of directors and 3 Finance, Audit and Risk committee meeting were held. Attendances were as follows:

	Board Meetings		Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meetings	
	Held *	Number attended	Held *	Number attended
H Disher	8	8	-	-
A McLean	3	3	-	-
J McLoughlin	8	8	3	3
J Skinner	3	3	-	-
J Morgan	8	8	-	-
C Hodges	8	8	-	-
M Harper	2	2	-	-
N Hassett	5	5	3	3
T Murtagh	5	5	-	-
K Fenner	5	4	-	-
M Beck	5	5	3	2
D. Clark #	-	-	1	1
V Sacha #	-	-	2	2

\* denotes the number of meetings held whilst a Director

# - Non Director



**Pony Club Australia Ltd**

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**Directors' Report**  
**31 December 2022**

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



Director: .....  
Ms Heather Disher



Director: .....  
Mr Jacob McLoughlin

Dated this .....30th..... day of .....April..... 2023

## 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 2022, 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, 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)

Dated this .....1st..... day of ....May..... 2023

Melbourne, Australia

## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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### Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue and Other income	4	1,534,524	778,266
Amortisation expenses		(778)	(5,103)
Employee benefit expenses		(501,869)	(400,115)
Event costs		(17,545)	(59,928)
Insurance premium and related expenses		(689,564)	(9,336)
Merchandise purchases		(81,749)	(97,302)
Office and IT costs		(198,808)	(101,259)
Other expenses		(14,907)	(13,587)
Professional fees		(24,045)	(71,593)
Program and Marketing expenses		(71,009)	(49,133)
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(65,750)</b>	<b>(29,090)</b>
Income tax expense	2(b)	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(65,750)</b>	<b>(29,090)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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### Statement of Financial Position As At 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	606,533	660,624
Trade and other receivables	7	14,046	38,467
Other assets	8	23,438	58,674
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>644,017</u>	<u>757,765</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible assets	9	1,436	2,213
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,436</u>	<u>2,213</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>645,453</u>	<u>759,978</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	23,991	19,849
Employee benefits	11	59,317	46,943
Other liabilities	12	51,262	130,849
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>134,570</u>	<u>197,641</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	11	14,296	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>14,296</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>148,866</u>	<u>197,641</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>496,587</u>	<u>562,337</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		<u>496,587</u>	<u>562,337</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>496,587</u>	<u>562,337</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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### Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 2022

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	<b>562,337</b>	<b>562,337</b>
Loss attributable to members of the company	(65,750)	(65,750)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>496,587</b>	<b>496,587</b>

#### 2021

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	591,427	591,427
Loss attributable to members of the company	(29,090)	(29,090)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>562,337</b>	<b>562,337</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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### Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Note	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Receipts from members	778,229	522,200
JobKeeper and COVID-19 Stimulus	-	22,289
Insurance Contribution income received from members	659,585	-
Government grants received	165,403	130,000
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,659,031)	(935,116)
Interest income	1,723	78
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14 <u>(54,091)</u>	<u>(260,549)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(54,091)	(260,549)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>660,624</u>	<u>921,173</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 <u><u>606,533</u></u>	<u><u>660,624</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

## For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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

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

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 - Simplified Disclosures, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

These financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements are provided below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Revenue and other income

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.

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

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
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.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(a) Revenue and other income**

###### **Revenue from contracts with customers**

###### **Grant revenue**

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Amounts arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at the assets fair value when the asset is received. The Company considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

###### **Rendering of services**

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised when the outcome of the services can be measured reliably.

###### **Membership fees**

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the Membership can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company.

###### **Merchandise sales and affiliation fees**

Merchandise sales and affiliation fees is recognised upon receipt.

###### **Other income**

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.



## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(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:

- 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.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(d) Financial instruments**

###### **Financial assets**

###### *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.

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.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **(d) Financial instruments**

###### **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 mainly of trade and other payables.

##### **(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.

###### **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 2022, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Company.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 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

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
- Insurance contribution	659,586	-
- Capitation fees	431,596	230,693
- Grant funding	165,403	130,000
- Sales income	147,175	189,630
- International team member contributions	21,000	-
- Affiliation fees	12,609	10,540
- Other Income	11,492	90,633
- Interest received	1,722	78
- Event and program fees	83,941	104,403
- JobKeeper and COVID-19 Stimulus	-	22,289
	<b>1,534,524</b>	<b>778,266</b>

#### 5 Result for the Year

The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Other expenses:		
Employee benefit expenses	428,092	363,507
Superannuation contributions	42,684	34,745
Amortisation expenses	778	5,103
Event costs	17,545	59,928

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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
Note	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	606,533	475,218
Deposits at call	-	185,406
13	<u>606,533</u>	<u>660,624</u>

#### 7 Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
Note	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	13 10,001	36,497
GST receivable	4,045	292
Membership fee receivable	-	1,678
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<u>14,046</u>	<u>38,467</u>

#### Financial assets at amortised cost classified as trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables	14,046	38,467
Less: Other receivables (net GST receivable)	(4,045)	(292)
<b>Financial assets as trade and other receivables</b>	<u>10,001</u>	<u>38,175</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

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accrued income	-	9,324
Prepayments	23,438	4,350
Deposits - Database	-	45,000
	<u>23,438</u>	<u>58,674</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 9 Intangible Assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Patents, trademarks and other rights</b>		
Cost	6,562	6,562
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	<u>(5,126)</u>	<u>(4,616)</u>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>1,946</u>
<b>PCA Database</b>		
Cost	24,987	24,987
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	<u>(24,987)</u>	<u>(24,987)</u>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Website</b>		
Cost	3,870	3,870
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	<u>(3,870)</u>	<u>(3,603)</u>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>267</u>
<b>Total Intangibles</b>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>2,213</u>

#### (a) Movements in carrying amounts of intangible assets

	Patents, trademarks and other rights	PCA Database	Website	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 31 December 2022</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,946	-	267	2,213
Amortisation	<u>(510)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(267)</u>	<u>(777)</u>
<b>Closing value at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,436</u>

	Patents, trademarks and other rights	PCA Database	Website	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 31 December 2021</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	2,457	3,819	1,041	7,317
Amortisation	<u>(511)</u>	<u>(3,819)</u>	<u>(774)</u>	<u>(5,104)</u>
<b>Closing value at 31 December 2021</b>	<u>1,946</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>2,213</u>

## Pony Club Australia Ltd

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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 10 Trade and Other Payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	23,991	19,675
Other payables	-	174
	<u>23,991</u>	<u>19,849</u>

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

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Trade and other payables	<u>23,991</u>	<u>19,849</u>

#### 11 Employee Benefits

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	<u>59,317</u>	<u>46,943</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	\$	\$
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for long service leave	<u>14,296</u>	<u>-</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**11 Employee Benefits**

**(a) Reconciliations**

	<b>Provision for annual leave</b>	<b>Provision for long service leave</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Opening balance	46,943	-	46,943
Additional provisions raised during the year	12,374	14,296	26,670
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>59,317</b>	<b>14,296</b>	<b>73,613</b>

	<b>Provision for annual leave</b>	<b>Provision for long service leave</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Opening balance	49,435	-	49,435
Amounts used	(2,492)	-	(2,492)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>46,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,943</b>

**(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.

**12 Other Liabilities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
CURRENT		
Amounts received in advance	51,262	130,849



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### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 13 Financial Risk Management

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Held at amortised cost			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	606,533	660,624
Trade and other receivables	7	14,046	38,467
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>620,579</b>	<b>699,091</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	10	23,991	19,849
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>23,991</b>	<b>19,849</b>

#### 14 Cash Flow Information

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

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Loss for the year	(65,750)	(29,090)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- amortisation	778	5,103
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	24,421	(15,525)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	35,237	(50,723)
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	(79,587)	(164,448)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	4,140	(3,374)
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	26,670	(2,492)
Cashflows from operations	<b>(54,091)</b>	<b>(260,549)</b>

#### 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 2022 the number of members was 7 (2021: 7).

#### 16 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$ 138,914 (2021: \$ 138,284).

#### 17 Related Parties

##### Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

No related party transactions occurred during the year.

## **Pony Club Australia Ltd**

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **18 Economic Dependency**

As noted above, PCA is dependent on grants received from Sport Australia for the material percentage of its revenue used to fund its operations, at 12% of PCA's revenues for the financial year (2021: 14%). At the date of this report the Directors have no reason to believe Sport Australia will not continue to support the company.

#### **19 Contingencies**

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021:None).

#### **20 Events after the end of the Reporting Period**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

#### **21 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

**Pony Club Australia Ltd**

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**Directors' Declaration**

The directors of the Company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 22, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
  - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2022 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 .....  
Ms Heather Disher

Director .....  
Mr Jacob McLoughlin

Dated this 30th day of April 2023

# Independent Audit Report to the members of Pony Club Australia Ltd

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Pony Club Australia Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, 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 for the year ended 31 December 2022 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2021 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 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.

### Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors of the Company are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### 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 the 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 this financial report.

## 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 management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's 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 reporter, 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 management 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 management 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 management, 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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