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Non-Executive Director

Pony Club Australia is currently seeking a skilled and enthusiastic person to fill a vacancy on the board.

Pony Club Australia is recognised by the Australian Sports Commission as a National Sporting Organisation. There are over 700 clubs across all states and more than 40,000 members - making Pony Club® the largest equestrian organisation in Australia. It is affiliated with The Pony Club in the UK, and collaborates with Pony Club organisations in Canada, the USA, New Zealand, South Africa and China.

Pony Club Australia is a not-for-profit organisation whose aims and objectives include:

- Encouraging people to enjoy all kinds of sport and pleasure connected with horses and riding.
- Providing 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.
- Promoting the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

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 advocate for the highest standards of welfare for horses in our sport.

Role

Board members are expected to work as a team, sharing the responsibilities of establishing and maintaining the Strategic Plan, ensuring good governance, fiscal responsibility, risk management and the advancement of Pony Club® in Australia.

The Board meets at least 6 times per annum, usually as 2 face-to-face meetings held on weekends (including the AGM in Melbourne on Saturday May 25) and 4 or more evening teleconferences. It is an expectation that each board member will be a member of one or more subcommittees or working groups.



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The role is unpaid. Travel and other substantiated expenses associated with board activities are met by PCA.

Under the current PCA Constitution, directors are appointed for a two (2) year term.

The application process will be conducted by a Nominations Committee with an Independent Chairperson. The principles of equal opportunity and diversity will apply to this process.

We encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and all areas of Australia.

Further information, the constitution and the current strategic plan are available at www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au

Skills required

Pony Club Australia has a skills-based board and all directors are independent. The successful candidates will have demonstrated leadership and uphold the highest standards of governance, personal and professional integrity.

All directors are expected to have;

- Financial literacy – the ability to read and comprehend the company's accounts, financial material presented to the Board and financial reporting requirements.
- Stakeholder engagement skills to foster collaboration and business development opportunities.
- Relevant corporate governance knowledge including board and director duties and responsibilities.
- An interest in horses and horse sports

For the current vacancy, PCA is particularly seeking applicants with these skills identified using the board skills matrix:

- **Law** – Knowledge of legal and reporting requirements of the company and directors under Corporations Law. Understanding of dispute resolution frameworks, contracts, and intellectual property.
- **Education** - Experience in design and delivery of education programs for children and/or adults.
- **Human and/or equine health and welfare** – Medical, veterinary or equitation science qualifications and experience in the application of practices to safeguard the wellbeing of participants in equestrian sport.



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How to apply

Applicants are asked to provide career and personal details (not more than six (6) pages including C.V), expanding on relevant expertise and experience.

Applications should be forwarded to ceo@ponyclubaustralia.com.au by **Friday 26th April 2024**.

