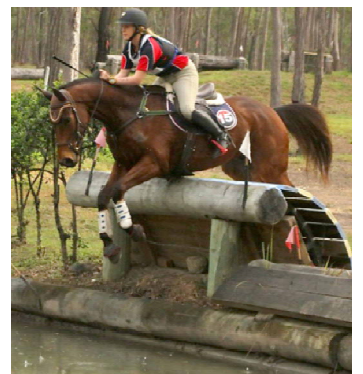


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Message from SPORT AUSTRALIA

It has been a watershed year for the Australian Sports Commission. We've launched a new public-facing brand - Sport Australia – with a renewed vision for Australia to be the world's most active sporting nation, known for its integrity, sporting success and world-leading sports industry.

This aligns with the Australian Government's long-term vision for sport in this country, outlined in Sport 2030, released in August 2018 by Minister for Sport Bridget McKenzie. Sport Australia will be central to delivering the priorities outlined in this national sport plan.

At the fundamental level, Sport Australia's focus will be on getting Australians moving through sport and, more broadly, physical activity. We want to inspire and activating people across every age, race, gender, cultural background and physical ability. We will continue to build partnerships in the health and education sectors to ensure physical activity is a national priority.

We need to ensure sporting organisations are equipped to make the most of a renewed interest in physical activity, and so we will continue working with sports to improve the workforce capability, governance and partnerships. We want to help sports innovate, connect with existing and new participants in the digital era and provide products that meet current expectations.

The AIS is redefining its role too, leading a united and collaborative high performance system for Australian sport. Success will be measured by Australians consistently winning medals at major international events, but also in the national pride and inspiration generated by our athletes.

Working in partnerships, the AIS will be focused on doing the big system-level things on the frontiers of ethical sporting performance that no other body is naturally positioned to do.

The AIS has launched a new Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement team, focused on supporting athletes to transition through their sporting careers and connect with their communities. We want sporting champions to be positive influences.

Australia enjoyed genuine sporting success in 2018. In challenging times, the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games helped restore Australia's faith in our sports and athletes.

Positions on the podium are wonderful to celebrate, but the narrative is incomplete without humility, generosity of spirit, confidence in what our athletes stand for and how they carry themselves.

At the Gold Coast Games, we saw the very best in our athletes, and this display of spirit and integrity is sure to give them the best start to their preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We also had some outstanding performances at the PyeongChang Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. Australia equalled its most successful Winter Olympics haul of three medals in PyeongChang, two silvers and one bronze medal matching the result in Sochi 2014. It was also our best result at a Paralympic Winter Games in 16 years.

Sport integrity has justifiably gained additional focus in the past year, and is a very important priority for Sport Australia and for Australian sport more generally. We, and everyone involved in sport, owe it to the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, fans and the public at large to ensure that Australian sport is fair and clean, and is seen to be fair and clean.

We thank all of our partners – including athletes, coaches, board members and administrators – for your effort and contribution to Australian sport, and your enthusiasm for building a more active Australia. We look forward to continued success and progress together.

John Wylie AM
Chair
Sport Australia



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

It is a pleasure to submit the Chair's 2018 Report to the largest and oldest club-based equestrian organisation in Australia.

Pony Club in Australia celebrates its first 80 years this year. Our first rally was held in Ingleburn NSW on Sunday 20 May 1939 and from that small beginning, we have grown to become the foundation of equestrian sport in Australia. The true grass roots from which it all grows. The riders we have created have become farriers, vets, dentists, jockeys, horse trainers, trail riders, camp drafters, polo players, modern pentathletes and Olympians. We have attracted and trained volunteers and we have secured facilities that provide not only for our own needs but that enable other codes of equestrian enthusiasts to participate in horse riding. Most importantly of all, we have created a community across Australia. A life with horses does start here. In Pony Club.

Pony Club Australia is recognised by Sport Australia (formerly the Australian Sports Commission) as the National Sporting Organisation for Pony Club. We acknowledge Sport Australia and appreciate their continued support of Pony Club. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Sport Australia and the development of further opportunities with them.

PCA thanks its sponsors, Mitsubishi Motors, Gow Gates, Horseland, Horse Wyse Magazine, Wini, Sports Marketing Australia and Thoroughbred Industry Careers for their support of Pony Club Australia in 2018. PCA also thanks our Member States for promoting PCA sponsors to their members. The highly valued support of our sponsors enables the diversification of income sources for PCA.

The PCA Board farewelled our previous Chair, Carol



Paterson, and our previous Secretary, Judy Pitt, in 2018. Both Carol and Judy were part of the PCA Board since its inception and PCA sincerely thanks Carol and Judy for their contribution to Pony Club Australia. The PCA Board welcomed our new Patron, Heath Ryan and the addition of two new elected directors, Mark Bradley and Marylou Hodges. Marylou Hodges was the recipient of a NSW Premier's Award for services to sport. Melanie Woodward was awarded the Chief Financial Officer of the Year at the 2018 Women in Finance Awards and was recognised in the Commonwealth Bank Not-for-Profit Treasurers Awards for her contribution in this sector. PCA acknowledges the contribution made to Pony Club by each and every one of our directors and thanks the Board for the donation of their skills and expertise throughout 2018. PCA would also like to thank our CEO, Dr Catherine Ainsworth, for her hard work and dedication in the management of Pony Club Australia.

In consultation with our Member States, PCA developed and approved the 2019 - 2021 Strategic Plan with the five pillars of Organisational Governance, Increased Participation, Awareness and Connection, Welfare and Care, and Education and Development. During 2018, PCA released its Concussion Policy, Concussion Recognition Tool

and Child Safety Code of Conduct. PCA will continue to work on delivering the outcomes of the Strategic Plan for the benefit of Pony Club in Australia.

Internationally, Pony Club Australia was represented by our CEO, Dr Catherine Ainsworth, and the Chair of PCA at the Pony Club International Alliance meeting in the United Kingdom in August 2018. Pony Club Australia's seat at the table ensures that Australia's voice is heard in the international arena regarding the many international opportunities available to our members. The 2020 PCIA meeting will be held in Australia for the first time and we look forward to hosting our international delegates from the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Pony Club Australia has been well represented internationally. Throughout 2018, PCA was pleased to send 49 young people from across Australia as members of the PCA teams that competed at Tetrathlon in the USA, the Generali World Cup Tournament in France, Show Jumping and Gymkhana in China, Polocrosse in the UK and Mounted Games in the UK. Congratulations to all 49 riders for being excellent ambassadors for Pony Club Australia.

Nationally, preparations for the Thoroughbred Industry Careers Pony Club Australia Nationals, hosted by Pony Club Association of New South Wales, were well underway in 2018. The Sydney International Equestrian Centre was chosen by the host state and it will be an excellent venue for what will surely be a very well organised event.

All of our Member States now participate in our national insurance scheme. Pony Club enjoys strength in numbers which is one of the factors that kept our 2018 insurance premiums at the same level as the previous year.

Pony Club Australia's much anticipated PCA Syllabus of Instruction galloped towards completion in 2019 and will bring Pony Club into line with an evidence-based

approach to our core activities of riding and horsemanship. The National Coaching Committee are currently assisting PCA with the implementation of the new PCA Syllabus of Instruction.

Pony Club Australia's National Coaching Committee held a successful coaching conference in August 2018. Upon the request of the NCC, PCA has increased the terms of the members of the NCC from 2 to 3 years to ensure continuity with the delivery of the new PCA Syllabus of Instruction.

Back in 2017, Pony Club Australia devised a program to develop a leadership group and learning network within a single sport across Australia. The success of this program was recognised by Sport Australia and is now being offered by Sport Australia to many sports. In December 2018, Pony Club Australia received an organisational development grant to enable 8 women from Pony Club to participate in the Sport Australia Women Leadership in Sport program and we look forward to the participants' contribution at the club, zone, state and national level in the future.

All of us in Pony Club have the same aims; to encourage young people to ride, to teach horsemanship and the care of horses and to foster sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty. Pony Club Australia has continued to do its part in fulfilling these aims in 2018. Looking to the future, may the next 80 years be as successful as the first 80 years have been.

Michelle Harper

Chair, Pony Club Australia.

(Michelle is pictured at her home club, Yarra Glen and District Pony Club, 2018)

STRATEGY REVIEW

Governance

The governance of PCA continues to be ranked highly by Sport Australia. PCA uses the published Mandatory Sports Governance Principles as a benchmark. The constitution of PCA provides for key elements such as an independent board with limited terms for directors.

In order to acquire and maintain the diverse skills required for the priorities of PCA, a skills matrix is now used to inform recruitment of board positions. In 2018 a Nominations and Performance Committee of the board was formed to provide greater attention to these critical decisions.

The Audit and Risk Committee, under independent Chair Dennis Clark completed an annual review of risk across the organisation. Financial risk was audited by Sport Australia and PCA was judged as low risk for its balance sheet with recommendations to develop longer range financial forecasts in line with the new strategic plan.

PCA offers assistance to member states on governance reform and advocates the adoption of best practice and fit-for-purpose governance structures and processes throughout Pony Club.

Despite being below the threshold for business size for a mandatory plan, PCA developed a Data Breach Notification Plan which has been adopted for data held in the Pony Club member database and national office.

The national member insurance scheme was under increased premium cost pressures due to changes in the global equestrian insurance market however the addition of all states to the national scheme has expanded the pool and helped to contain premium increases.

Marketing

The benefits of Pony Club membership to individuals and communities were promoted in equestrian and local media, highlighting opportunities and achievements.

PCA used social media channels to identify the connection of successful equestrians to Pony Club and reinforce our role as the grass roots of equestrian sport.

Regular articles appeared in HorseWyse magazine on individuals, clubs and programs and a new partnership was formed with Equestrian Life that will also feature a Pony Club story each issue.

The national sponsorship agreement with Mitsubishi entered its second year. Having a major brand name associated with Pony Club is important for our profile and more effort needs to be put into promoting the availability of the national fleet discount to all Pony Club members purchasing any new Mitsubishi.

Thoroughbred Industry Careers is a new consortium promoting the diverse roles and opportunities in racing and a new national partnership was formed that includes principle sponsorship of the 2019 Thoroughbred Industry Careers Pony Club National Championships.

Education

The content for the new Pony Club Australia syllabus and instruction materials for certificates up to C* and K was completed in 2018. Launch of the new material and the development of the A and B certificates will be completed in 2019.

PCA was successful in securing a second grant under the Sport Australia Women Leaders in Sport program for the development of the next generation of Pony Club leaders. The group will work together over 2019 on their leadership pathway.

The National Coaching Conference was held in August 2018 in Southport, Queensland. A total of 93 coaches from all states and China Pony Club attended sessions on equitation science, diverse horse sports and horse care.

PCA continued with rider and coach education programs in China, sending 11 PCA coaches on the program. PCANCAS Preliminary accreditation was issued to 127 coaches. A total of 590 riders achieved either E, D or D* certificates.

A lesson plan competition was run to encourage innovation in delivery of the riding syllabus, with winning entries made publicly available.

Participation

Pony Club provides sports participation to riders, coaches, officials and volunteers and contributes to physical activity and social interaction for a population aged from 5 to 85 years in all states.

Membership numbers were relatively stable in 2018. There were fewer riding members in NSW, Queensland and Victoria, same in WA and more in SA, Tasmania and China.

The PCA awards for riders, coach, volunteer and club of the year were presented in May 2018. An additional national PCA award was introduced for achievement by a rider aged 10-12 years.

PCA competed in International Mounted Games in UK, Tetrathlon in USA, Generali World Club Showjumping in France, Polocrosse in UK and China Pony Club Championships in Yangshan.

In addition, 3 groups of riders and coaches travelled to visit centres of China Pony Club. This made a total of 70 international travellers in 2018.

PCA representatives attended the Pony Club International Alliance meeting in the UK in August 2018.

PCA and NZ Pony Club met to discuss collaboration and exchange opportunities for riders.

Communication

PCA communicates with the many layers of members using monthly newsletters, bulletins to state offices, and social media. Engagement through social media is increasing due to immediacy and access.

Representatives of PCA, state associations and riding members participated in a workshop to develop a Digital Strategy for Pony Club for implementation in 2019.

2018 was the final year of the current Strategic Plan and a new 3 year plan was developed for 2019-2021.



PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA AWARDS 2018

The awards were presented in May 2018 in Canberra at a dinner attended by new PCA Patron, Heath Ryan.

Best achievement by a rider 12 years and under, sponsored by HorseWyse - **Isabella Forsyth, Queensland**

Isabella loves Gumdale Pony Club and has brought several friends to the club. Isabella is always on hand as a rail steward and is very supportive of her peers. She has completed her D, D* and C certificates and had a successful year in showjumping with many wins at club, zone and state level. Isabella believes that a partnership with her horse is the best way to achieve her goals and spends all her time caring for her 3 horses and the other 14 at home.

Best achievement by a rider 13-17 years, sponsored by Horseland - **Anika Green, Queensland**

Anika has been a member of Greenbank Pony Club since 2003. Anika has completed all of her certificates up to B and competed in gymkhana, dressage and horse trials. When her beloved horse Aspire4Gold, that she had trained from a yearling, was forced to retire in 2017 with navicular disease, Anika pursued her instructor's certificate, First Aid and CPR training, Preliminary Dressage Judge certification and helped out club members by training their horses. Anika's resilience

and dedication is an inspiration to others.

Best achievement by a rider over 17 years, sponsored by Horseland - **Jarryd Stanley, Victoria**

Jarryd participates in Seville Pony Club rallies, competitions and events, Zone Competitions and Clinics, PCAV State and PCA National Events as a rider, volunteer, mentor, positive role model and instructor. At the 2017 PCA Nationals Jarryd was a leader of the Victorian team, member of the winning senior eventing team and second individually. Jarryd has a passion for cross country course design and has completed course building clinics at FEI level, designed and built the highly acclaimed course for Grade 5 to Championship Level at the Seville Pony Club Horse Trials at Wandin Park in 2017. With 2018 his final year as a rider, Jarryd is actively seeking ways to contribute to Pony Club at club, state and national level.

Volunteer of the Year sponsored by Sports Marketing Australia - **Debbie Cook, South Australia**

Debbie is a driving force and President of Jupiter Creek Pony Club. Debbie contributes across the Southern Zone organising zone camps, training days and clinics, and as zone representative. Debbie steps into multiple roles at events be



Flinders Island Pony Club - Club of the Year 2018 (Photo courtesy The Examiner, Launceston.)



Some of the rider award finalists with Patron Heath Ryan

it canteen, secretary, stewarding, gear checking or protest committee. Her positivity about Pony Club is displayed in her determination, drive, innovation, leadership, respect, team work, selflessness and commitment.

Coach of the Year, sponsored by Wini Equine - **Tiffany Joesse, Victoria**

Tiffany recognises the value of diverse disciplines and develops innovative rally plans, which include games and musical rides, jumping equitation, ride to time, all aspects of theory, certificate work, showing, practice competitions, rider body awareness and balance, as well as lessons in the three Olympic disciplines at Merricks Pony Club. Tiffany is the club certificate coordinator, runs the Zone C* clinics and assists at neighbouring Main Ridge, Mornington Peninsula and Hastings Pony Clubs. Club members recognise Tiffany's patience,

empathy and generosity in sharing her time and expertise with riders, parents and colleagues.

Club of the Year, sponsored by Gow Gates Insurance - **Flinders Island Pony Club, Tasmania**

Flinders Island PC serves a small population and despite its size and isolation it has increased its junior members by 400% in the past two years. It has concentrated on continuity of quality coaching and creating a supportive environment to retain and build membership. For the first time in many years the club will be presenting certificates to its members. It now brings in coaches from Tasmania, runs weekend camps for riders, has new competitions at the local show and funds a dressage judge to travel between Flinders Island and King Island where riders compete over two rounds for the "Island Cup".

REPORT FROM CHINA PONY CLUB

After three years developing from a quiet beginning, China Pony Club (CPC) system has become the most popular foreign equestrian system in China, because CPC follows PCA coaching syllabus. There are 1239 current individual members from 36 different member clubs.

The following comparison form shows CPC's annual progresses in different aspect

The red dots shows CPC member clubs' locations:

As well as the regular PCA prelim coach seminars and tests, rider level tests, and training with PCA coaches' help, the new initiatives CPC tried in 2018 were:

- A group of CPC delegates attended PCA bi-annual National Coaching Conference, which was a very valuable chance for CPC coaches and club managers to gain first hand knowledge.
- CPC held exchanges and competitions with PCA teams attending for more visits. A third country participated for the first time: a team sent by New Zealand Pony Club Association attended the exchange in Gold Saddle riding centre together with PCA team and Chinese children.
- Two PCA coaches worked in two different clubs for a longer than usual term, which was really helpful for consolidating the PCA system, and also for PCA coaches to enjoy Chinese culture and understand the Chinese equestrian situation better.

- CPC held a national coach update seminar for the first time with PCA coach Carol Hobson's help, which gave CPC coaches an opportunity to gain a higher level of knowledge about the PCA coaching system compared to the prelim coach seminar content.

CPC would like to give a special thanks to all PCA coaches who helped CPC in China till the end of 2018, including team managers who brought PCA teams to China, judged the competitions, designed the showjumping courses, gave clinics and assessed rider level tests. CPC couldn't develop this fast and far without them. These PCA coaches are:

Queensland: Carol Paterson, Jan Moland, Danae O'Keeffe, Richard Mitton, Kev Walsh, Wendy Smith, Jacqui Larson.

Tasmania: Carol Hobson, Jo Banfield.

Victoria: Virginia Mock, Ian Chalmers, Brooke Charteris, Kim Ward, Rachael Edwards, Edwina Hare

South Australia: Felicity Stanway,

NSW: Janet Hamblin, Annyka OvertonSarah Eyb,

WA: Sally Davis

China Pony Club always welcomes more PCA coaches and riders to do exchanges in China.





Red dots: China Pony Club member club locations



The following comparison form shows CPC's annual progresses in different aspect

	2016	2017	2018	In total
	From Feb when cpc officially started promote PCA system - Dec 31st	From Jan 1st -Dec 31st	From Jan 1st -Dec 31st	
New member clubs	4	10	22	36
New individule riding members	38	262	1239	1539
Newly accredited riders	0	132 (E:103, D:29)	105 (E451, D108, D*31)	722 (E554, D137, D*31)
Newly accredited prelim coaches	19	54	127	200
Competitions	4	8	3	15
Pony club camps organized by cpc	1 (in China)	3 (1 in China, 2 to Australia)	2 (to Australia)	6 (2 in China,4 to Australia)
Australian riders who attended CPC exchanges in China	0	10	33	43



Natasha Clayton, NT
Chloe Davidge, NT
Alix Kennedy, WA
Rachel Pernice, NSW
Connor Richardson, NSW
Hannah Rutley, WA
Matilda Scott, Tas
Jo Tremellen, SA – Coach
Matt North, NSW - Manager



UNITED KINGDOM POLOCROSSE TOUR

Our journey began on the 11th of July when each member of the team met at our respective airports, from there we travelled to Abu Dhabi where we met each other, some of us for the first time. We then flew to our final destination, London. Before we knew it, the team had cards out and were playing games and really demonstrating the foundation of a good team, mateship. Once we arrived in London we then travelled to our host families. The first couple of days were used to get accustomed to the time difference.

Once we were settled in, we headed to the Limerere polocrosse grounds where the team would meet the horses and the UK teams. Saturday and Sunday the team played in the Chairman's Challenge against three other teams. As this was the first time the team had played together it took a few chukkas for them to work out combinations and communications, however with each game they played they got stronger and more confident with themselves and the wonderful horses they were riding. Unfortunately, in the last game on Saturday Rachel had a nasty fall and broke her collarbone, which set back the team's confidence.

Limerere Polocrosse Club and The Pony Club UK put on a wonderful weekend for our team and were exceptionally helpful with keeping the riders hydrated and fed. Throughout the following week we travelled around, from hiking around beautiful London to riding rollercoasters at Alton Towers. The week of sightseeing was loads of fun. Wednesday morning, we said farewell to our host families and headed north to the Celyn Polocrosse grounds (on the

Welsh border). The next few days were used to regroup the team and practice before the Test matches.

Saturday and Sunday the team played against the UK team in the test matches. The Saturday game was an eye opener with the UK side playing an extremely strong style of polocrosse, however our side never gave up and played till the final buzzer. After a debrief and tactics chat our side came out on Sunday and really played out of their skins. Although beaten again on Sunday the class and style of polocrosse our team played was much better. Although we didn't come away with a win the tour was an amazing experience for the team and we sincerely hope that these polocrosse tours can continue in the future as it allows young riders to establish and build friendships that will last a lifetime. At the end of the day that is what Pony Club and polocrosse are all about .



Emily Conn, NSW
Kelly Coyne, Qld
Tiger Lily Gibbs, WA
Grace Perkins, Vic
Gypsy Schmidt, NT
Tim Ling, Vic – Coach
Janet Teague Vic - Manager



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES

The International Mounted Games Exchange was held in Great Britain in August 2018.

It all started with a training camp at St Andrews Pony Club in Victoria. A huge thank you to the club for hosting the team which enabled them to meet each other and for the coach to refine skills of the riders, determine what races the riders would be most suited to and in what order the riders would ride in each race.

The team flew into Manchester and met up with the UK hosts and other teams. Sightseeing included a day at Scarborough beach, tour of York and high rope climbing followed by Segway riding through the forest at Dalby. There were quite some excitable moments, but we all left with a 'Certificate of Awesomeness'.

Thursday was the International Friendly competition, where the teams consisted of a rider from each country. This was held at Wetherby Race Track, West Yorkshire. The riders had the pleasure of riding some amazing games ponies loaned by the local community.

The next day we visited a local Farm Park and played on a few of the fun rides, then headed to Ayr Races to see some of the behind the scenes action at the racetrack. We spoke to a local female jockey who just happened to win her race later in the night, some Aussie luck rubbed off we think.

Monday we travelled by all modes of transport, bus, train, tram and foot to visit Edinburgh. We went on a tour around town in a double decker bus and visited Edinburgh Castle. While in Lanark we visited the Mounted Police stables, Flip Out (the biggest indoor trampoline park in the UK), toured Glasgow then played some fun games with the Lanark Pony Club who also provided a lovely dinner for us.

Wednesday we were on the move again and four hours

later arrived in Oswestry, Wales. We were greeted with a lovely spread of afternoon tea before our Wales host families came to collect us. Zip World at Penrhyn Quarry is the biggest zip line in the world and runs at 165 miles per hour over one mile long. The scariest part was the truck ride up the edge of the quarry to get to the take off platform.

The day of competition was part of the UK Pony Club Championships at Cholmondeley. The team did Australia proud, coming second behind the UK. The ponies were awesome and after the event we spent time with the pony lenders chatting about their ponies and thanking them. That evening we had a Gala Dinner, it was an opportunity to thank GB for their hospitality and organising such a great event. After dinner there was dancing and exchanging of riding tops.

Then came the sad goodbyes as the riders headed home with the host families for the last time. There were some great friendships made over the two weeks and the Aussie kids were wonderful ambassadors for Australia. We encourage all Pony Club members to take this opportunity of a lifetime, to put yourself out there and have a go. On behalf of the team we thank Pony Club Australia for this amazing opportunity and the parents for giving their children an experience they will never forget.



Lucy Blenkiron, SA
Elli Clavarino, Vic
Vanessa Davis, WA
Teresa McCallum, NT
Amanda Mills, Qld
Pyper Page, Tas
Cohen Wade, Vic
William Wood, NSW
Carol Hobson, Tas – coach
Kev Walsh, Qld – coach



CHINA PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The team assembled in Sydney and left on a cool winter morning then landed in Wuxi province on a hot, rainy summer day. We had a very fast train (300km/hour) to Yangshan Equestrian Centre. Yangshan Equestrian Centre is 200 acres with two large stable blocks, a covered arena and a large outdoor sand/fibre arena. Along with the horse facilities there is a 40 room guesthouse and restaurant. We were taken to our luxurious accommodation in the administration building. The horses ranged from warmbloods to Mongolian ponies and after some practice we selected a horse for each team member.

Carol, our team coach, had been to China a number of times before and she assessed a number of riders for their D and D* certificates. At the official dinner there were awards presented to China Pony Club members and Carol received an award for her services to Pony Club in China.

Competition day dawned and approximately 130 riders saddled up for the first event after an opening ceremony. The event was a 60cm, one round, fastest time class. The Australian riders picked up a first, second and fifth place.

The next event was very interesting. The jump wings from the previous course were left in place, but the jumps were



replaced by three trot poles. The riders had to trot around the course, and they received four penalties for each canter stride. The event was judged on ideal time. It was an interesting event that got the younger riders involved and it was teaching them to ride a course.

The third jumping event was an AM3 80cm. Australia rode well, but we only managed a fifth place in this event, a couple of unlucky rails in the jump off proving costly.

After the competition half the team went to Saga Pony Club, while the other half of the team visited Caballero and West End Pony Clubs. Saga and Caballero Clubs are both located inside shopping centres, whereas West End Pony Club is a breeding and riding centre. The ponies all had exceptionally good temperaments and little education. The riding surfaces in the shopping centres are very fine beach sand mixed with fibre. All Chinese riders basically receive private lessons. Our team members assisted the young Chinese riders.

The trip to China was also a cultural exchange. All the female members of the team were billeted with host families and experienced true Chinese culture. Our riders

participated in various activities including games, trips to museums, kayaking and of course shopping.

On behalf of the team, we sincerely thank the families who billeted our team members. We also thank the staff and owners of the various riding centres for their hospitality. Thank you to China Pony Club for inviting our team to experience Pony Club in another country. It was a great experience for our team members to experience a culture that is vastly different to our Australian way of life .



Brooke Bishop, WA
 Courtney de Barro, SA
 Nick Hardwick, WA
 Isobel Pain, Vic
 Andrew Rowe, WA
 Lachlan Waddell, Victoria
 Darcy Wade, Victoria
 Tully Watt, Vic
 Janet Hamblin, NSW – coach
 Erin Kelty, WA - manager



INTERNATIONAL TETRATHLON



Inspired by the great results and the amazing experience of the 2016 Tetrathlon team in Ireland, selection into the 2018 team travelling to North Carolina, USA was a dream come true for each member. The team travelled with 'Golden Dreams', the delightful green and gold unicorn mascot.

The trip started with a night on the town in Sydney, a visit to the Sydney Opera House, a ferry ride across the harbour, followed by dinner. The fun night out was followed by a very long day of travelling, then we were greeted by our US hosts and the Irish team (including the infamous John Flood, on his 17th trip at Irish team manager), who had arrived shortly before us. We were welcomed to the dorms at North Carolina State University, which became our home for the next week, with American style pizza.

The first few days were spent getting to know the American/Canadian, Irish and UK team with a variety of fun games, some training, yoga, indoor rock climbing, a swim and beach volleyball. On day four we had a friendly

competition over a 3km run and a shoot at Terrell's Creek Farm. Australia was disadvantaged by not being able to bring our own pistols, so it was good practice.

The next couple of days were a blur, with a trip to North Carolina State University Veterinary School, volunteering for Riding for the Disabled, taking a tour of the Charlotte Speedway, and becoming hard core baseball fans (Go the Knights!). Not to mention moving to our next home, the picturesque Queens University in Charlotte.

Day eight was spend at US National White-Water Centre. It was all business to start with, with a 3km run through the forest as part of our first mini-tetrathlon.

Then a thrilling ride through the rapids. Over the next couple of days, we completed the swimming, shooting and riding portion of the mini-tetrathlon, with good results in all phases, but it wasn't all hard work managing to squeeze in some river tubing and a master class in s'mores making.

Tryon International Equestrian Centre was an absolute horse heaven! We arrived there on day 13 and were blown away by the grandeur of the place. The International Tetrathlon Competition was being held in combination with the East Coast US Pony Club Championships, so the ground was alive with Pony Club kids from all over the east coast. We were treated as celebrities, with kids eager to meet the team and swap pins. We teamed up with the UK team to enter the prestigious opening night lip-synch battle, going up against 20 other teams. The combined team came up with an amazing version of "Every time we touch" by Cascada, complete with synchronised dance moves and lead by team heartthrob, Andrew. Although facing some tough competition, the Aussie/UK combination was unbeatable, winning \$1000, which was donated to the Strassburger Fund (a major supporter of the tetrathlon exchange).

The next day we were straight into competition mode, starting with the riding phase. Tully, Lachie, Darcy and Brooke had beautiful clear rounds, with the Australian team living up to their reputation as excellent equestrians. Tully was one of only three to go double clear across both the male and female divisions. It was then off to the shooting, where Lachie had a perfect score of 1100. Isobel, Tully and Darcy were not far behind with scores over 1000 points. The team had an excellent swim with several personal best times, and an amazing time of 2:14 from Lachie in the 200m swim.

The last day of competition was the run, which had been dreaded by most due to the hot and humid conditions, several incredibly steep hills and a water jump. Despite the difficult course and extreme heat Courtney and Tully had great runs, and the whole team put in an outstanding effort. The celebrations began as soon as the run was finished, with a mix of excitement, relief, pride and sadness that the trip was soon coming to an end. Overall the girl's team placed 3rd and the boy's 4th. Individually, Tully won the girl's division, making her the first Australian to ever win the international tetrathlon.

Our team had an unforgettable trip and we are eternally grateful to Pony Club Australia. We appreciate US Pony Club for hosting the International Tetrathlon and all the work they put into to keeping us fit, fed and entertained, as well as the other teams for their fierce competitors and great friendships. Lastly, we would like to thank our families and friends for their loving support, without which this trip would also have not been possible.



Hannah Dearlove, Qld
J'Aime Mallon, Vic
Georgia Pearce, Tas
Jessica Towns, NSW
Danaë O'Keeffe, Qld - coach



FRANCE ~ Mondial des Clubs Competition

We arrived in France just in time for the French 'Bleus' to win the Soccer World Cup. After which, anyone with a mL of French blood in their veins took to the streets to celebrate. Even the residents of the tiny village of Fontaine le Pin, where we called home for the first few days, celebrated joyfully and rowdily in the street, in case anyone hadn't heard the news. Our first full day was spent recovering from our flights, and exploring the seaside town of Coburg, where we got our feet wet in the Channel.

It's clear to see the equine industry represents an integral part of the social and economic fabric of the Normandy region. We were treated to visits to some of France's premier equine establishments include Haras Nationaux du Pin, which hosted the 2014 WEG and is also home to one of the world's leading breeding research labs, Haras Nationaux du St Lô during which we were fortunate to speak with breeding experts. There were also a number of more formal events including a cocktail part with regional leaders and

lunch with the Mayor of Saint Contest, a town just on the outskirts of Caen, and some leading researchers in equine immunology.

But it wasn't all strictly horse related. We experienced a fantastic ride out to Mount Saint Michel and were awed by the majesty of the building which dates back to William the Conqueror, as does L'Abbaye aux Dames, to which we were treated to an after hours private tour. Kayaking in the resort town of Clécy was also a hit, with lots of splashing, laughs and fun. Safe to say we were all suitably wet by the end of 6km!

What will stick with us most though, was the opportunity to tour the Mémorial de Caen, a selection of landing beaches and the American War Cemetery at Omaha beach. Seeing the scarring across the Normandy region, the terrain and the sheer number of graves of soldiers who weren't repatriated was awe inspiring and humbling for all of us and something that I would recommend that all Australian's do.

Unlike many of the teams, the Australian girls were riding borrowed horses for the event. We had 4 days of training at Haras de la Chéchinrière prior to event to get to know the horses and work out the partnerships.

The French Open Championships are something that is hard to fathom from Australia. The first week 7,000 horses compete. The following week is slightly quieter with only 6,000 horses (!) competing across 14 different disciplines. The grounds are enormous, with 25 hectares of arenas, plus a further 25 hectares for the cross country course, 20 hectares of parking, a hotel and of course a castle! In total,





there are 27 arenas plus warm up arenas and the grounds now feature Europe's biggest indoor arena.

The start-list for the World Club Championships was truly international with a record 14 nations competing: France, Belgium, England, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Mauritius, India, Ireland, Italy, Morocco, Thailand, and Turkey. Australia led the parade of nations before the first day and we entered the arena to strains of Advance Australia played for the entire French championship to hear.

The final results were: 1st Belgium, 2nd France, 3rd Italy, 4th Chile, 5th Mauritius, 6th Ireland, 7th India, 8th Australia, 9th China, 10th Morocco, 11th England, 12th Thailand, 13th Côte d'Ivoire, 14th Turkey. The Australian team finished just 8 faults outside the top 3 after 3 rounds of competition. This was quite an achievement, as out of all the teams, ours had access to their horses the least



amount of time. The girls rode very classy rounds and were a little unlucky to not finish higher up the order. However, the quality of their riding was noticed, with a number of chef's and coaches commenting on how well they rode on borrowed horses.

Our final day was spent on a quick tour of Paris, complete with a visit to the Eiffel Tower, a wander down the Champs Élysées and afternoon tea at Laduree, the home of the macaron, followed by our flight out the following day. We thank COREN, Normandy and PCA for this opportunity.





NEW SOUTH WALES



PONY CLUB
NEW SOUTH WALES

The year kicked off with the Annual State Camp at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in January. Selectors had the difficult task of selecting 72 of the top riders in the State from around 120 applications. As always, riders received tuition from some of the best coaches in Australia across Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing, Advanced Horsemanship and Mounted Games.

Our State Championships have gone through a considerable change over the past few years, with the 2018 format proving to be well liked with our members. A total of 1149 entries from 594 riders competed across 11 disciplines in our State Championships over 2018, with entry numbers consistent to the year before. Showjumping again proved to be our most popular discipline, with 170 riders competing in the championships at Morisset in Zone 24. Nationally, the NSW Mounted Games team had a sensational victory and a brilliant experience at the 2018 Prince Philip Mounted Games Championship in Victoria.

The Pony Club classes at the Sydney Royal Easter Show had fantastic entry numbers, with over 150 Pony Club riders taking part across Showjumping, Hacking, and Sporting. Riding at the Sydney Royal is a wonderful experience for our Pony Clubbers, with quite a few riders taking part in their first Sydney Royal in the Pony Club classes.

We were fortunate enough to have NSW team members selected for the International Mounted Games Event, the Pony Club UK Polocrosse exchange, and the Generali World Club Championship in France. We have also had riders from NSW able to participate in the China Exchange program, which is a wonderful development opportunity for our riders, with China Pony Club riders gaining experience and knowledge from our riders too. Janet Hamblin from NSW was the coach for the international Tetrathlon competition in the USA, but unfortunately we did not have any riders apply for the team.

The Annual PCANSW Awards were presented in July, with

the outstanding support of our volunteers and members recognised. The Club of the Year award was presented to North Dorrigo Pony Club. It is important that hard work within clubs and zones doesn't go unnoticed.

By the end of 2018, our Facebook page had over 6000 'Likes', a 17% growth rate from the same time last year. We would like to investigate more social media channels in 2019 to ensure engagement with members of all ages is kept at a high level, and we are also reaching potential new members. Our website continues to be a major source of information, with most of the website traffic coming from

our social pages or Google searches. Team App is proving to be popular with both riders and parents, making it easy to source any information for State Championships at the touch of a button.

We are set to have a busy 2019 with the upcoming National Championships being hosted by NSW in Sydney. Some State Championships are being held earlier than usual, to ensure riders have qualifying results for team selections, and are also well prepared for the competition. We hope to see you all in Sydney in October!





NORTHERN TERRITORY



PONY CLUB NORTHERN TERRITORY

Disaster struck this year in the form of Cyclone Marcus, which destroyed Darwin Horse and Pony Club (DHPC), ripping up fences and trees.

This resulted in DHPC not having home grounds for most of the year whilst they grappled with insurance claims and the rebuilding of their facility.

This Club had many beautiful African mahogany trees which provided beautiful shade, however they have proved very prone to falling over in cyclones. The upside to this disaster was all offerings of help from other clubs to help facilitate and support those displaced riders.

The Northern Territory has five Pony Clubs – three in Darwin, and each in Katherine and Alice Springs. The regional clubs saw the most growth this year.

All clubs in 2018 were very active in running a variety of interclub events as well as their regular rally days. This included annual favourites such as the very successful Noonamah Horse and Pony Club Camp and some new and interesting ones like the Litchfield Horse and Pony Club Bunyip Hunt.

The PCANT State Championships sub-committee worked hard to put together a very comprehensive program, held in Katherine. It was a fantastic fun inclusive weekend with a couple of exciting firsts for us. We had representatives from every club in the NT which is a first for many years. We would like to acknowledge the incredible distance our young Alice Springs competitor drove to be part of the Championships.

Secondly, we ran a Quiz Championship for the first time.

Thank you to Katherine Horse and Pony Club for being exceptional hosts.

In other highlights, Shannah Mudge was awarded a NT Sports Award; we held a combined rally with interstate coaches, and PCANT sponsored specialist clinics in Katherine and Alice Springs.

Nationally, Shannah Mudge was runner up at the Pony Club Australia awards. PCANT sponsored Shannah to attend this award night.

Internationally, Gypsy Schmidt from Katherine represented the NT in the International Prince Phillip Mounted Games in the UK. Chloe Davidge and Natasha Clayton represented the NT in the UK for Polocrosse and Teresa McCallum and Yasmin Boehme represented the NT on a tour to China.

NT Coaching is in a good position for the roll out of the updated syllabus, thanks to forward planning.

Pony Club Northern Territory hosted Andrew McLean to deliver at the State Coaching School in 2016 which gave attending coaches an overview of equine science and the philosophy behind the way of thinking. This was followed up with two visits from Portland Jones and Sophie Warren. The workshops were well attended and the feedback from attendees is why we brought them back for a second time.

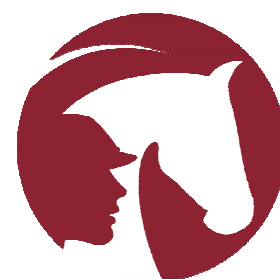
Having a smaller member base, we have been slowly but steadily growing numbers of accredited Prelim coaches and have Prelim coaches working towards their Level 1 accreditation.

For 2019 the PCANT Board have endorsed the commencement of a junior coach development squad. This

squad of young coaches are mentored by a knowledgeable coach and assisted at rallies and other Pony Club events. They also have regular workshops with equestrian identities and industry representatives.

The outcome for these riders will be to gain a Prelim coaching accreditation whilst approaching the eligible age. Some of these young coaches will commence working towards their Level 1 coaching accreditation later in the year.





PONY CLUB QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND

Pony Club Queensland was delighted to host the 2018 Pony Club Australia Biennial Coaching Conference in Queensland at the Southport Pony Club, for three days in August.

In all, 93 Pony Club coaches from across Australia and China, Queensland Zone representatives and members of the State Chief Instructor's Panel, attended.

Participants at the conference were treated to a feast of information, demonstrations and practical skills so they could embrace and adopt the newer disciplines such as Tetrathlon, Vaulting and Stockman's Challenge. The agenda featured the new PCA Coaching Syllabus, which is designed to take riders, clubs and our State Associations into the future. Delegates were divided into manageable groups for various sessions, with time for questions and hence greater insight into each topic.

This was the first time such a large contingency from PCQ has been able to attend, which in the past has been held in southern States. A very big thank you to the Conference Co-ordinator Michael Carlson for his tireless efforts and

adaptability, the National Coaching Committee for their support, the presenters for their time and knowledge and the PCQ administration office for their assistance.

As per tradition, Queensland's year kicked-off with the Annual State Seminar at Southport Pony Club. The State Seminar has much to offer members. Not only has it a varied and informative program, it offers officials, coaches and riders the opportunity to meet, spend time and network with other Pony Clubbers from all disciplines, regions and backgrounds.

All courses were very well supported and included lessons in coaching the young rider in Dressage and Showjumping, conducted by David Quick, Libby Welch and Billy Raymont. As usual there was also refreshers, pre-schools and instructor examinations and assessments.

The State Chief Instructors Panel met, as did the Regional Directors of Coaching, to discuss and share information, issues and identify commonalities within the ten Queensland regions. The State Chief Instructors Panel



meeting centred on rule books, saddlery and gear, coaching and officiating.

There was a changing of the guard with Raymond Stacey stepping down as State Chief Instructor and passing the reins to Michael Carlson. Our sincere thanks and gratitude goes to Raymond for his leadership over the years.

In 2018 a total of 207 Pony Clubs with a combined membership of over 9,000 enjoyed all the activities that Pony Club has to offer. Our clubs continue to conduct rallies, open days, official events and other competitions for members and non-members alike which bodes well for our sport.

Throughout the year, our Zones, Regional Directors of Coaching and presenters conducted preparation clinics, updating clinics, assessments for our tireless fleet of candidates, coaches, instructors and officials.

State Championship events were hotly contested with over 1,000 riders competing in nine disciplines at the three state championships hosted by Zone 6 at Nambour and Zone 7 at Maryborough.

Support and participation for Tetrathlon is increasing with more clubs conducting these events. Clubs are taking advantage of the free use of PCQ's Tetrathlon equipment. Our heartfelt thanks go to Barry Dossetto for his continued support in guiding the clubs on the use of this equipment.

PCQ is in its second year of the State Development Program three year initiative and is grateful for the ongoing funding support from the Queensland Government. Our sponsors continue to support PCQ with prizes and products for state event winners.

Lastly, to the plethora of club and zone administrators, coaches, officials, scorers, riders, parents, and all the countless volunteers who have given up their time during the year to contribute in their own way to the success of our pony clubs in Queensland, thank you!





PONY CLUB
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In 2018 two new South Australian clubs started up - Globe Derby PC and City West PC - and Southern Yorke Peninsula PC came out of recess.

Our Zones ran their own rider development clinics covering Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing, Mounted Games and Horse Archery as well as gear checking, and there was an increase in the number of candidates doing certificates C and above. Horse Archery has continued to grow with some riders achieving their Level 3 achievement patch.

We have also seen an increase in the number of Preliminary and Level 1 coaches completing their qualifications. We held a very successful Coaches Clinic with Di Keach and Clive Read using quite a different format this year, which coaches from all over the state found helpful.

Our State Championships were held in Kimba in October with kind weather and good numbers. The Preliminary dressage had the most riders we have ever seen which is fantastic. The event included a Quiz competition with 30 members taking part - a very successful night with everyone having a good time.

Mr. Greg Bailey retired as state President after 26 years of outstanding service to PCASA. Greg will continue to contribute to pony club SA as our Building Manager and our Grants Officer.

Ann Olsen is the newly elected State President with Di Birmingham and Deb Cook as Vice Presidents and Christine Bailey as Treasurer. We have a new Complaints Officer, a

Program Proof Reader and a Newsletter Editor. Some members have been working through the member protection information officer course, boosting Pony Club SA's number of MPIOs. Also, with a new strategic plan in place, we have been busy putting it into implementation.

Some of our riders travel overseas for international competitions and exchanges and two clubs celebrated big milestones:

LeHunte Pony Club celebrated its 50th Birthday. This club was formed on 28th April 1968 with Bill Heath and Birdie Barns the first President and Secretary. In the years that followed membership varied. At one stage the club was almost forced into recess due to low numbers, but is again at healthy levels with new young riders and new families joining in.

.Pegasus Pony Club celebrated its 65th birthday. This club was established in 1953 by founding member Margaret Clarke, and it is the oldest running Pony Club in South Australia and the second oldest in Australia. The Club has strong connections with the legendary Tom Roberts and RM Williams.

Over the years Pegasus Pony Club has moved around the Tea Tree Gully area, with initial lessons given on Margaret Clarke's property in Houghton. It then moved to Anstey Hill Reserve and Milne Road, Modbury and after negotiations with the City Of Tea Tree Gully Council, to its current grounds on Greenwith Rd, Golden Grove.





TASMANIA



The new format of the Pony Club Tasmania awards was well supported with the winners going through to the National Awards program. There was great excitement when Flinders Island Pony Club was awarded the National Pony Club of the Year award in a quality field of nominations from all over Australia.

Tasmania was well represented at national and international competitions this year with a team travelling to Victoria to compete in the National Prince Philip Games. Tasmanian riders were selected as part of Australian teams for Polocrosse in the UK, Showjumping in France and Gymkhana, Showjumping and Games in China. Five representatives were also selected by Pony Club Australia to take part in exchange programs in China.

All clubs provided rallies on a regular basis with quality coaching based on the national syllabus. As a result, riders achieved over 180 efficiency tests. Also pleasing is the information shared at the PCA National meeting in May, that when comparing pony club members as a ratio per head of population, Tasmania continues to lead.

Tom Johnson clinics were held in each zone with over 50 riders at or around C test level participating. Successful State Championships in the disciplines of Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage and Games were held throughout the year.

PCT has held well attended coaching workshops in each of the zones and coaching and assessing numbers are increasing. A number of coaches and examiners also attended an assessors' workshop and four of our coaches attended the bi-annual national coaching workshop in Queensland. Four PCT Board members attended the National AGM, the member forum and Chief Coaches

meeting in May where valuable discussions and networking took place.

A Technical Delegate clinic attracted over 30 participants and was invaluable for keeping our TDs and course designers up to date with rules changes and safety upgrades. Pony Club Tasmania officials also participated in a risk management and safety clinic with the National Safety Officer for Equestrian Australia (EA) Roger Kane, organised by Equestrian Tasmania.

The bi-annual jumping equitation clinic with David Quick was again a wonderful success with coaches, judges, pencilers and riders coming from throughout the State.

Each Zone held an education clinic supported financially by State, which included a cross country stewards briefing clinic.

After a review of Pony Club Tasmania's governance profile, in 2018 PCT moved to a Board structure, with a nine member Board. A year on, the Board has prepared and adopted a new Strategic Plan and has worked towards achieving the objectives of that Plan. The Board continues to monitor and update the PCT Handbook.

This year has seen the ongoing development of the national database and a number of clubs have trialled the new membership platform. From January 2019, all clubs will have moved to the new online platform for their memberships.

The Facebook page has become a major communication link for our members and we will continue to use this to communicate with members and promote events.

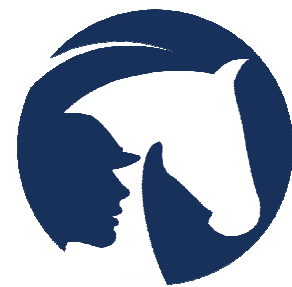
The Stakeholder Forum in September had excellent participation rates from clubs. This has become a major



event on our calendar and is a great way to disseminate information to Pony Clubs as well as enabling club officials to network and discuss common issues.

Pony Club Tasmania continues to be strong and offer a wonderful opportunity for our riders to learn the skills of riding and horsemastership in a safe and supportive environment, while making wonderful friendships along the way. The backbone of our organisation is of course our monthly rallies at the grassroots level; this would not be possible without the club officials and volunteers giving their time and providing such a supportive environment for our members.





PONY CLUB VICTORIA

VICTORIA

In 2018, the National Mounted Games were held at the Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre. The event was extremely well run and a credit to the organisers and all our volunteers.

A special thanks to members who provided horses. It was also a credit to all participants who competed in the full spirit of the games and represented their states with distinction.

The development of the PCV Equestrian Centre continues, with improvements added regularly. Our clubs, members and outside users continue to access the venue at an increased rate, however there is still a long way to go to fully realise the vision and potential of the centre.

This year has seen some significant changes but passion is strong as we work on the best way to move forward.

The major focus for the year has been the review of the PCV governance structure. Various attempts at change have been made over the years. Change is not just about compliance it is also about ensuring that we remain relevant and can adapt quickly to an ever-changing environment.

Over 18 months, a Governance Sub Committee looked at

the issue. An experienced facilitator was engaged to assist the process, and a market research company to conduct a survey of the membership and key stakeholders as part of the review process. This survey has provided further data to help with future planning and direction of PCV and is good food for thought.

After a very close vote at a State General Meeting, the proposed Constitution needed to be revised again so the process is still ongoing.

Our State Council is currently working on our next Strategic Plan, which has relied heavily on the results of the Membership Survey, and feedback from members and stakeholders.

The Victorian State Government and Sport and Recreation Victoria are big supporters of Pony Club and we thank them for their support. PCV is into its final year of the Supporting Victorian Sport & Recreation (SVSR) funding cycle.

We also thank all the volunteers in our zones and clubs that make Pony Club possible, our hard working State Council and State sub-committees, and of course the state office staff and volunteers.





WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PONY CLUB WESTERN AUSTRALIA

‘Connect, Sustainability, Community and Participation’ are the four pillars of the new vision and strategic plan for the next three years developed by the Board of Pony Club WA. These were formulated using the feedback from a member survey.

Hence 2018 was the final year of implementing the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. This focused on internal structure and process so we are well positioned to implement external policies, procedures and programs that support our member clubs, members and volunteers.

The past 12 months have been a period of consolidation and advancement for Pony Club WA. The Board has continued to focus on establishing and strengthening their governance processes and supporting

documentation. This has been to comply with applicable legislation, to satisfy funding requirements and to ensure that the Association continues to be held in the highest regard by the Department of Local Government Sporting and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI, formerly the Department of Sport and Recreation), the Western Australian Sports Federation (WASF) and Healthway. Board members have attended training opportunities offered by DLGSCI to ensure that governance processes are in line with best practice.

Our State Sport Committees have continued to do a wonderful job throughout the year, thinking outside the square to increase participation at State Competitions and running events that are inclusive of riders of all abilities, and producing excellent competition and camaraderie. These events have been run professionally and to budget. The first Tetrathlon State Championships were held since the introduction of new rules to align with the National Rules, and the success of this initiative

was demonstrated by increased participation in this event.

Accreditation pathways for officials are ongoing. An Eventing Technical Delegate/Course Designer seminar was held in March. FEI Judge Penny Dodd and FEI Course Designer Fred Freeman conducted an Officials Development Seminar and Practical Clinic at the Showjumping Championships.

The State Coaching Panel has driven the development of coaches and accredited gear checking officials and supported the statewide implementation of the PCA Syllabus of Instruction. A great initiative has been the development of both Gear Checking Webinars and NCAS PC Preliminary Coaching Webinars, allowing regional members affordable access to professional development. Funding from DLGSCI supported the participation of Associate Riding Members through the Youth Leadership Programme.

Our partnership with Healthway continued with some restructure, and with ongoing support for our State Championship Programs. The ‘Go For 2&5’ message was promoted through initiatives like Healthy Kids Healthy Horses Workshops, Fuel to Go Canteen Competition and The Go for 2 & 5 Race Around the State. The educational, hands-on activities encourage our members to adopt healthy eating principles as a part of their daily life routine.

Our Speed to Safety Program supported by Careers in Racing continued in 2018. This program is aimed at empowering a generation of riders to understand the importance of control and safety when riding at speed, and to broader opportunities within the equine and racing industries. It was also an opportunity to merge the

knowledgeable and experienced individuals of the racing industry with the enthusiasm and determination of our youth. The 2018 program included a track visit plus four Speed to Safety events at Larkhill, Kalgoorlie and Bunbury.

The highlight of 2018 was the Pony Club WA Annual Awards Evening. The evening encompassed both State Awards, Annual Awards and Leaderboard placings and celebrating the efforts of our clubs, volunteers, officials and members. There were a record number of nominations for volunteer awards. We acknowledged our 2018 Junior National Mounted Games Team who placed second at the Championships and the members selected to represent PCA

at the International Tetrathlon Exchange, International Mounted Games Exchange, UK Polocrosse Exchange, PCA Pony Club Championships Team (China) and various China club and coaching visits. We are grateful to PCA for providing our members with these amazing opportunities.

Pony Club WA wishes to thank our member clubs and individual members for their continued support and acknowledges the generous funding and support received from our corporate partners. Our volunteers are the cogs that keep the wheels of Pony Club turning and for this we are grateful as we strive to engage, inspire, educate and unite our members through a mutual love of horses.



CHINA PONY CLUB VISITS

In 2018, Pony Club Australia was invited to send three groups of riders to visit one of the China Pony Club centres. The itinerary for each team included a fantastic mix of sightseeing, cultural experiences and riding.



iHorse, Wuhan

Yasmin Boehme, NT

Bethany Hirst, Tas

Eloise Trolove, WA

Lara Hamblin, NSW

Ella Trevorrow, Vic

Lillian Trevorrow, Vic

Zaydee Kiagoes, WA

Kim Ward, Vic – Manager

Caballero, Wuxi

Mia Hankin, Tas

Shannon Kelly, Tas

Brooke Foster, Tas

Hollie Huffadine, Qld

Boo Edwards, SA

Satine Lavender, SA

Darcey Eyb, NSW

Olivia Pitt, NSW

Zoe Rivas-Szabados, NSW

Tayla Stocker, Vic

Rachael Edwards, Vic - Coach

Edwina Hare, Vic - Coach

Gold Saddle, Guilin

Amelia Coddington, NSW

Gabrielle Mills, NSW

Nathan Moynihan, Qld

Thomas Tornabene, Qld

Rhiannon Bishop, SA

Alexandra Mulcaster, Tas

Lucy Phipps, Vic

Holly DeGaris, Vic

Sarah Eyb, NSW - Coach



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For the year ended 31 December 2018**



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Directors' Report

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 2018 and the Independent Audit Report thereon.

Director Details

The following persons were Directors of PCA during or since the end of the financial year.

Mrs Michelle Harper

Director

Appointed:

May 2016

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 (The Royal Melbourne Hospital)

Special Responsibilities

Chairperson (appointed May 2018)

Mrs Sonia Murphy

Director

Appointed:

May 2017

Qualifications:

PCA NCAS Instructor Level 1, PCV Dressage Judge, PCV Certificate Examiner

Special Responsibilities:

Secretary (appointed May 2018)

Ms Shannon Durrant

Director

Appointed:

May 2016

Qualifications:

Masters of Applied Finance (Financial Planning), MBA

Special Responsibilities

Secretary (resigned May 2018), Audit and Risk Committee

Mr Mark Bradley

Director

Appointed:

May 2018

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Laws, Cert IV Financial Services (General Insurance), Cert IV Assessment & Workplace Training, MAICD

Ms Mary-Lou Hodges

Director

Appointed:

May 2018

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Social Welfare, Accredited Equine Specialist, Diploma in Community Services, Diploma in Business Management, Cert IV Business Administration

Dr Andrew McLean

Director

Appointed:

May 2016

Qualifications:

B.Sc., PhD., Dip Ed., NCAS II. 'B' & 'K' cert PC

Dr Juliet Skinner

Director

Appointed:

Nov 2017

Qualifications:

MB.BS.; DRCOG.

Mrs Melanie Woodward

Director/ Treasurer

Appointed: April 2016
Qualifications: Bachelor of Business (Accounting); FCPA; FGIA; GAICD
Special Responsibilities: Audit and Risk Committee

Mrs Carol Paterson

Director

Appointed: May 2016
Resigned: May 2018
Qualifications: PCA NCAS Instructor level 1, NCAS Assessor, EA Elementary
Dressage Judge
Special Responsibilities: Chairperson (resigned May 2018)

Mrs Judy Pitt

Director

Appointed: May 2016
Resigned: May 2018
Qualifications: Diploma of Management

Principal Activities

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

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:

- Enhance the visibility of the Pony Club brand and improve communication and information to internal and external stakeholders;
- Increase participation by existing and new members in horse riding activities conducted by the organisation at all levels;
- Improve the quality and accessibility of the programs conducted by Pony Club.
- Grow external revenue from a range of sources; and
- Develop and apply best practice governance throughout the organisation.

Long-term objectives

PCA's long-term objectives are to:

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

Directors' meetings

During the financial year, 8 meetings of directors and 3 audit and risk committee meeting were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

Director	Board Meetings		Audit and Risk Committee Meetings	
	Held (a)	Attended	Held (a)	Attended
M Harper	8	8		
C Paterson	3	3	-	-
S Murphy	8	8		
S Durrant	8	6	3	3
M Bradley	5	4	-	-
ML Hodges	5	5	-	-
A McLean	8	6	-	-
J Skinner	8	7	-	-
M Woodward	8	6	3	3
J Pitt	3	2	-	-

(a) number of meetings held whilst a member

Contribution in winding up

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 state is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 31 December 2018, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the Company wound up is \$140.

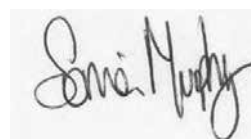
Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration, under section 307C of the *Corporations Act*, for the year ended 31 December 2018 has been received and can be found on page 5.

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



Ms Melanie Woodward
Director



Ms Sonia Murphy
Director

Dated this 3rd day of May 2019



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Auditor's Independence Declaration

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 31 December 2018, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- (ii) No contraventions of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

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NIGEL BATTERS
Partner

Brisbane, Queensland

03 May 2019

Ken Ogden
Nigel Fischer
Mark Nicholson

Peter Camenzuli
Jason Evans
Ian Jones

Kylie Lamprecht
Norman Thurecht
Brett Headrick

Warwick Face
Nigel Batters
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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Revenue and other income	4	515,763	332,836
Gross profit		515,763	332,836
Employee benefits expense	5	(156,630)	(142,514)
Amortisation expense		(5,420)	(5,153)
Insurance premiums and related expenses		(7,575)	(4,197)
Office and IT cost		(50,367)	(52,878)
Professional fees		(25,629)	(6,500)
Event and promotion expenses		(195,811)	(90,764)
Travel, board and committee expenses		(58,301)	(19,111)
Other expenses		(9,727)	(7,275)
Total expenses		509,460	328,392
Profit before income tax		6,303	4,444
Income tax expense	1(d)	-	-
Profit for the year		6,303	4,444
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the company		6,303	4,444

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	240,361	255,547
Trade and other receivables	7	3,346	45
Other assets	9	134,276	101,466
Total Current Assets		377,983	357,058
Non-Current Assets			
Intangible assets	8	17,849	23,269
Total Non-Current Assets		17,849	23,269
TOTAL ASSETS		395,832	380,327
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	33,014	7,174
Other liabilities	11	5,833	28,208
Provisions	12	18,589	12,852
Total Current Liabilities		57,436	48,234
TOTAL LIABILITIES		57,436	48,234
NET ASSETS		338,396	332,093
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		332,093	327,649
Net income		6,303	4,444
TOTAL EQUITY		338,396	332,093

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$
Balance as at 31 December 2016	327,649	327,649
Comprehensive income		
Profit for the year attributable to members of the company	4,444	4,444
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the company for the year	<u>4,444</u>	<u>4,444</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2017	<u>332,093</u>	<u>332,093</u>
Comprehensive income		
Profit for the year attributable to members of the company	6,303	6,304
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the company for the year	<u>6,303</u>	<u>6,304</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2018	<u>338,396</u>	<u>338,396</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Government grants received		75,000	195,800
Receipts from members and clubs		452,192	184,358
Payments to suppliers and employees		(543,931)	(355,085)
Interest received		1,555	3,782
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	13	(15,185)	28,855
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for intangible assets		-	(3,870)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		-	(3,870)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held		(15,185)	24,985
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		255,546	230,562
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	240,361	255,547

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The combined general purpose financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. A statement of compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) cannot be made due to the Company applying not-for-profit specific requirements contained in the Australian Accounting Standards and Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR) therefore not compliant with IFRS.

PCA is a Public Company limited by guarantee incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The address of its registered office and its principal place of business is 4/24 Parnell Street, Elsternwick Victoria 3185.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 3rd May 2019.

(a) Basis of preparation

Historical cost convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Revenue

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably. Risks and rewards of ownership are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery of the goods to the customer.

Levies and related contributions revenue is recognised in the period in which the service is provided.

Sponsorship revenue is recognised as and when received.

Revenue from organising and hosting events is recognised in the period in which the events are held.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(c) Contributions, Government Grants and Donations

A non-reciprocal contribution or grant is recognised when the entity obtains control of the contribution or grant and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company, and the amount of the contribution or grant can be measured reliably.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

If conditions attached to the contribution or grant that must be satisfied before the company is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of contribution or grant as income is deferred until those conditions are met.

A non-reciprocal donation is recognised when the right to receive a donation has been established.

When the entity receives grants but is obliged to give directly approximately equal value to the contributor, recognition of grant income will be deferred until the delivery of service.

(d) Income tax

No provision of income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(e) Financial instruments

Classification

The company classifies its financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, loans and receivables, held to maturity investments, and available for sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the instruments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition. The organisation does not hold derivative financial instruments.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments consist of investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other payables.

Financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value, plus directly attributable transaction costs (if any), except for instruments recorded at fair value through profit and loss. After initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as described below.

Available-for-sale

Available for sale assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories and are measured at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity. The cumulative gain or loss is held in equity until the financial asset is de recognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss held in equity is recognised as a profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors and loans from third parties.

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(f) Impairment of assets

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

(g) Employment benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

Contributions made by the company to Superannuation funds are charged as expenses when incurred.

(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(i) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(j) Intangibles

Registered Trademarks

This registered trademark refers to the Pony Club Australia Logo and will be amortised in accordance with the registration period of the trade mark, 10 years, according to date registration became effective.

PCA National Database

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

Website

A company was contracted in 2017 to redevelop the PCA website. This PCA website is amortised over a 5 year period.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Certain accounting estimates include assumptions concerning the future, which, by definition, will seldom represent actual results. Estimates and assumptions based on future events have a significant inherent risk, and where future events are not as anticipated there could be a material impact on the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities discussed below.

(a) Annual leave

Net present value calculations are used to estimate the annual leave provision.

3. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT OPERATIVE AT DECEMBER 2018

There is not expected to be any significant impact on the Company's financial report as the initial application of Australian Accounting Standards issued at reporting date but not yet effective. AASB16 (Leases) is effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, with earlier adoption permitted only if Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB15), has also been applied.

4. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Revenue from grant funding	100,000	105,500
Sales income	39,774	32,045
Affiliation fees	3,528	6,809
Capitation fees	169,537	100,197
National database contribution by member states	-	10,000
International team member contributions	201,369	74,241
Interest received	1,555	3,782
Other income	-	262
Total Revenue and other income	515,763	332,836

5. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

a. Expenses

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Employee benefits expense:		
- wages and salaries	(136,346)	(124,566)
- contributions to defined contribution superannuation funds	(12,953)	(11,834)
- employee entitlements	(5,737)	(4,934)
- worker's compensation	(1,594)	(1,180)
Total employee benefits expense	(156,630)	(142,514)
Auditor's remuneration:		
- auditing or reviewing the financial statements	(2,200)	(818)
- accounting services provided	-	-
Total auditor's remuneration	(2,200)	(818)

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	240,361	255,547
Total cash and cash equivalents as stated in the statement of financial position	240,361	255,547

7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Trade receivables	3,344	-
<i>Other receivables</i>		
Sundry debtors	2	45
Total current trade and other receivables	3,346	45

All amounts held are short-term. The net carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value.

All of the company's trade and other receivables have been reviewed for indicators of impairment.

8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Database – at cost	24,986	24,986
Accumulated amortisation	(12,840)	(8,675)
Net carrying amount	12,146	16,311
Registered trade-marks – at cost	6,198	6,198
Accumulated amortisation	(3,085)	(2,603)
Net carrying amount	3,113	3,595
Website – at cost	3,870	3,870
Accumulated amortisation	(1,281)	(507)
Net carrying amount	2,589	3,363
Total intangible assets	17,849	23,269

	Database	Registered Trade Marks	Website	Total
	\$	\$		\$
2018				
Balance at the beginning of the year	16,311	3,595	3,363	23,269
Additions	-	-	-	-
Amortisation charge	(4,164)	(482)	(774)	(5,420)
	12,147	3,113	2,589	17,849

9. OTHER ASSETS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Prepayments	11,317	10,455
Accrued income	122,959	91,011
	<u>134,276</u>	<u>101,466</u>

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Current			
Other creditors and accruals		25,112	-
Other payables		7,902	7,174
		<u>33,014</u>	<u>7,174</u>

a. Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Trade and other payables:			
- total current		33,014	7,174
		<u>33,014</u>	<u>7,174</u>
Less: other payables (net GST payable)		1,117	411
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	18	<u>34,131</u>	<u>7,585</u>

11. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Grant monies received in advance	5,833	28,208
	<u>5,833</u>	<u>28,208</u>

12. PROVISIONS

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Provision for employee benefits: annual leave	18,589	12,852
	<u>18,589</u>	<u>12,852</u>
	Employee Benefits	Total
	\$	\$
Analysis of total provisions		
Opening balance at 1 January 2018	12,852	12,852
Additional provisions raised during year	11,474	11,474
Amounts used	(5,737)	(5,737)
Balance at 31 December 2018	<u>18,589</u>	<u>18,589</u>

Provision for employee benefits

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave.

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

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

No provision has been raised in respect of long service leave accrued to 31 December 2018. PCA performs an assessment at the end of each financial year, considerations was given to the fact that there is one employee on payroll and the terms of service of this employee and any Long Service Leave provision associated was deemed immaterial.

13. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of cash flows from operations with profit for the year		
Profit for the year	6,303	4,444
<i>Non-cash flows in profit:</i>		
- amortisation	5,420	5,153
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>		
- (increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	(34,837)	85,532
- (increase) / decrease in other assets	(861)	(40,474)
- (decrease) / increase in trade and other payables	3,053	(5,223)
- (decrease) / increase in provisions	5,737	1,435
- (decrease) / increase in other liabilities	-	(22,011)
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>(15,185)</u>	<u>28,855</u>

14. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that company is considered key management personnel (KMP).

The totals of remuneration paid to KMP of the company during the financial year are as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
KMP compensation	132,950	136,400

15. MEMBER'S GUARANTEE

The Company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member state is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 31 December 2018, the number of members was 7 (2017: 7).

16. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	240,361	255,547
Loans and receivables	7	2	46
Total financial assets		240,363	255,593
Financial liabilities			
<i>Financial liabilities amortised at cost:</i>			
- trade and other payables	12a.	33,013	7,585
Total financial liabilities		33,013	7,585

The board of directors have overall responsibility for identifying and managing operational and financial risks. These risks are managed by the Audit and Risk Committee.

Of the financial risks, the company is exposed to, including government funding, interest rate, credit and liquidity risks, arising from the above investments in financial instruments. The board has determined the key risk to PCA as at 31 December 2018 is government funding risk.

Given PCA is dependent on federal government funding to operate many of its services, the risk of loss of these funding streams is considered to be material to the company. During the period since incorporation, government funding contributed 19% (2017: 29%) of the company's revenues.

This risk is managed through a range of complementary strategies, though cannot be totally mitigated by PCA.

17. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

As noted above, PCA is dependent on grants received from the Australian Sports Commission ("ASC") for the majority of its revenue used to fund its operations, at 19% of PCA's revenues for the financial year (2017: 29%). At the date of this report the Directors have no reason to believe the ASC will not continue to support the company.

18. INKIND SPONSORSHIPS

During FY18 Pony Club Australia entered into an inkind 3 year sponsorship agreement with Mitsubishi Motors Australia Ltd. Mitsubishi has provided Pony Club Australia with the use of a leased Mitsubishi vehicle for the duration of the agreement. This lease has not been accounted for within these financial statements.

19. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No other 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 year.

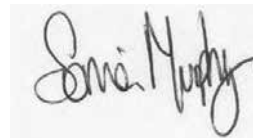
Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Pony Club Australia Ltd, the directors of the company declare that:

1. The combined financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 19, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements;
 - b. give a true and fair view of the combined financial position of the company as at 31 December 2018 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
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.



Ms Melanie Woodward
Director



Ms Sonia Murphy
Director

Dated this 3rd day of May 2019



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Independent Auditor's Report to the Directors of Pony Club Australia Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Pony Club Australia Ltd ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and 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 Pony Club Australia Ltd, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2018, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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

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