



Annual Report

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COVER and above: In 2021 PCA began pony racing display events at major race meetings, organised by PCA major sponsor Thoroughbred Industry Careers (tbindustrycareers.com.au). Photos: Courtesy Thoroughbred Industry Careers

Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC), comprising Sport Australia and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), is proud to lead, support and grow Australian sport at all levels.

On behalf of the Australian Government, we nurture and develop community sport through areas such as volunteering, community coaching and governance. Our vision in high performance sport is to create sustainable success that inspires all Australians.

We are living through tumultuous times and a global pandemic, but we are supporting Australian sport to thrive.

Across 2021-22 we oversaw an unprecedented four Olympic and Paralympic campaigns in the space of eight months. An equal-record 17 gold medals at the Tokyo Olympics, followed by a record four medals at the Beijing Winter Olympics, is testament to how our athletes and sports are excelling.

More so, it has been inspiring to see how our Olympics, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games athletes continue to represent Australia so proudly with humility and respect, reinforcing their status as important role models.

The upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022 provides another opportunity to inspire Australians to get involved in sport.

The unprecedented challenge of the global Covid-19 pandemic has required incredible resilience as a society and within our sport sector. We know sport is playing a crucial role in the nation's rebuilding efforts.

In March 2022, we welcomed our new CEO, Kieren Perkins OAM, who will oversee Sport Australia and the AIS. His role will be connecting Australian sport from our grassroots sporting fields to our international representatives.

This connection is crucial, and we are immensely proud of our many programs and initiatives that support this involvement with sport.

Through our Participation Grants, Sporting Schools program, Regional Sport Events Fund, Local Sporting Champions and Local Para Champions program we're helping Australians of all ages and abilities get active and lead happier, healthier lives.

The ASC is a strong advocate for greater diversity in sport. As one example, our Women Leaders in Sport (WLIS) programs, with support of the Office for Women, provides women with valuable leadership development opportunities on and off the field.

Our focus is on building sustainable success. Every action we take today must have positive and lasting impact well into the future as we lead a new era towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond.



Funding is critical to high performance sport and we thank the Australian Government for their ongoing commitment. The AIS has already committed funding to sports for the entire 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic cycle. This \$257m announcement is historic and meets the needs of sports to plan ahead with greater certainty. By the end of this year, we'll give the same certainty to our Winter Games team for 2026.

We care about people in sport. We're putting athletes first because we want them to be successful in sport and life.

We are providing \$14.6m a year in direct funding to athletes via our dAIS grants, but this is complemented by world-class athlete support in mental health and wellbeing services. As one example, the AIS Mental Health Referral Network received 444 referrals in 2021, a rise of 68 per cent.

Additionally, the AIS is supporting our athletes and sport through innovation and technology, medicine and sport science, wellbeing and community engagement, coaching and leadership, as well as high performance facilities.

The announcement of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane in 2032 provides an incredible opportunity to unite Australia through sport. It can be a catalyst to drive participation and strengthen our volunteer workforce, as well as identify, develop, support and progress talented athletes.

Brisbane 2032 has become a beacon to aim towards, aligning our sports, our infrastructure and our communities to leave a positive legacy for Australia.

This is a pivotal time for our sector and the green and gold runway provides an opportunity to consider the role that each of us can play in making Australia stronger through sport.

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

Josephine Sukkar AM
Chair, Australian Sports Commission

Message from the Chair

It has been another year with several uncertainties; including ongoing pandemic restrictions and 'living with Covid-19' rules, floods and other challenges. Through it all our communities continue to support each other, remaining united, strong and excited about being able to connect again. These challenges did not hold PCA back; we focused on the future and developed our new Strategic Plan for 2022-2024 with updated priorities.

Some of our biggest achievements this year, like for many of you, came by overcoming challenges. We released several National Rules, and completed pilot programs such as our Leadership Certificate and Pony Racing to the delight of racing fans.

We supported clubs with marketing packs, promotion of adult memberships, guides on grants for grounds and medical equipment, and Discipline of the Month to name just a few.



There was international opportunity for members in Virtual Dressage and Quiz through our collaboration with the Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA). The dressage was a world-first and enjoyed by all. Speaking of world firsts, I wish to acknowledge and applaud everyone involved with the PCA Virtual Nationals. This was a massive enterprise for PCA, states and all of you wonderful volunteers, competitors, and supporters. I am so proud of everyone for what we were all able to achieve together.

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We have continued to focus on improving stakeholder and member satisfaction and engagement, as well as systems and products that support animal welfare, while educating and keeping our riders and members safe. Our councils and committees continue to advise and offer expertise to the board across multiple disciplines, national policies and guidelines.

In the past year our financials show investment in technology, in particular the launch of two new platforms; MyPonyClub with Just Go and PCA Academy. Our strong governance, operations and financial management has enabled us to invest into these key deliverables as part of our Strategic Plan.

PCA will farewell appointed Directors Dr. Andrew McLean and Michelle Harper and elected Directors Dr. Juliet Skinner and MaryLou Hodges. We thank them for their contribution to the board and the wider Pony Club® community and we wish them good health and success as they take on new endeavours. We welcome Jacob McLoughlin for another term and look forward to working with incoming board members.

A huge thank you to our CEO Dr. Catherine Ainsworth who leads from the front, bringing the organisation into the future through excellent management of our resources, commitments and expectations of our stakeholders and members.

I would also like to thank the amazing PCA team, some of whom are new this year – welcome and thank you for all that you do. Many thanks to my fellow Directors, our business partners, stakeholders, committee members and of course our members and the many amazing volunteers, who make it possible for Pony Clubs® across Australia to be a place of belonging and joy for all.

Heather Disher
Chair, Pony Club Australia



Pony Club Australia Strategic Plan 2019 - 2021

Our Vision

A life with horses starts here

Our Mission

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

Our Shared Values

Unity	Leadership	Integrity
Responsibility	Innovation	Accessibility

Our Outcomes:

Increased participation in equestrian sport

Improved unity and strategic alignment

Higher profile in local and national media

Financial resilience through diversification of revenue sources

Technology enabling connection with participants and the community

Enhanced care of horses and riders

Leading education programs for riders, coaches and officials

Our Strategic Priorities:



Organisational
Governance



Increased Participation



Awareness &
Connection



Welfare & Care



Education &
Development

2021 was the final year of our Strategic Plan and we spent time developing the PCA 2022-2024 Strategic Plan.

Message from the CEO

The challenges of 2020 continued into 2021 and necessitated additional compliance activities to ensure that we could make the most of opportunities to ride despite the restrictions. This was the final year of the 2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan and PCA was focussed on objectives in the areas of:

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

Organisational Governance

Sport Australia compliance and reporting obligations have increased, however PCA's Constitution, structure and sustained attention to governance has meant that the areas for improvement on our scorecard are few. PCA committed to a Governance Improvement Plan which includes annual execution of each director's agreement to abide by the Board Charter and Code of Conduct, and a review of the board diversity targets.

The existing board skills matrix was applied to direct recruitment of two appointed director positions in May 2021. In line with best practice, PCA has an independent Chair of the Nominations Committee and appreciates former PCA Director Shannon Durrant volunteering for this task. The roles were widely advertised and Heather Disher and Michelle Harper were appointed.

PCA conducted a review of the organisation and engaged with member states to develop the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan. PCA is grateful for the assistance of former CEO of the Australian Sports Commission, Kate Palmer, for her assistance with the plan.

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, with independent Chair Dennis Clark, conducted an annual review of the Risk Register, Risk Appetite Statement and Risk Management Plan. The FARC also managed the calendar for review of PCA Policies.

Increased Participation

There was no international travel, but members competed in both international dressage and quiz competitions in a virtual format. We congratulate our riders on their initiative and success.



The PCA Education and Development Committee is an independent, skills-based committee targeting rider and coach programs. In 2021 we welcomed new members Cathy Beh, Karen Luke and Sally Milbourne. The PCA Leadership Certificate is an initiative to retain older riders. It aims to provide a tangible qualification, and the opportunity to practice and develop leadership skills through volunteer Pony Club® projects. A pilot of the PCA Leadership certificate was conducted with six Pony Club® members in 2021 and this will be launched in full in 2022 with 20 participants.

Australia continued holding the Chair of the Pony Club International Alliance in 2021 and under Heather Disher there has been projects to benchmark the rider syllabus at an international level, further expand virtual competitions, elevate the voice of Pony Club® on the international stage and to develop a new International Youth Advisory Council. We congratulate Morgan Lane from Victoria and Kayleigh Brown from WA on being selected to represent Australia on the PCIA YAC.

With the uncertainty and restrictions brought about by Covid-19, the 2021 Thoroughbred Industry Careers PCA National Championships were run in a virtual format. It took an enormous amount of time and ingenuity from volunteers and staff at all levels of the organisation and we appreciate the time and support provided by everyone.

PCA finalised standard national rules for Mounted Games, Tetrathlon and Quiz and we appreciate the work of the committees to support these disciplines. For the first time, PCA also has National Gear Rules that were developed by a dedicated group of state representatives over almost two years.

Awareness and Connection

Pony Club® has a recognised place in the national sporting and community landscape and PCA was successful in securing the Trade Mark for the name Pony Club. This means that unaffiliated organisations and businesses can now be prevented from using the Pony Club® name.

The audience for news and information from Pony Club® has expanded on social media and our regular posts highlight fun and participation in local events, the contribution of volunteers and recognition of annual celebrations such as ANZAC Day. The Mindful Monday, Training Tuesday and Welfare Wednesday posts have attracted a big international audience as we highlight the key messages from the PCA rider syllabus. It affirms the leadership PCA has demonstrated in the introduction of new components of the syllabus.

PCA again supported Active April which was dominated by Queensland clubs. We congratulate Southside Pony Club, Northern Suburbs Pony Club and Hervey Bay Pony Club for their enthusiasm. We highlighted 100 long serving Pony Club® ponies in a special feature in May. The annual PCA awards attracted strong fields and were announced by live stream. We encourage nominations for the Values Awards at any time of the year to reward those members who are a 'Welfare Warrior', 'Sustainability Champion' or 'Community Captain'.

We appreciate the support of sponsors including Thoroughbred Industry Careers, Gow Gates, Hygain, Polymaster, Heiniger, Sonaray and DMAC Apparel.

The replacement of our membership and events database was a major project in 2021. No software project is easy and this was a major stress on the organisation at the end of 2021. The new platform does allow more customised membership configuration and other benefits that we will be able to realise in the coming year.

Education and Development

The PCA Academy was launched in 2021 and will be further developed as a portal to support our rider and coach education programs. Many are now taking advantage of the site for online practice exams and exams for the C certificate and above. PCANSW also produced a series of videos for coach education that are now hosted on the PCA Academy. Our ability to hold workshops that reach a national audience is limited and digital delivery of education is a priority for the organisation.

The new B certificate and a significantly revised PCANCAS Preliminary Coaching program were both launched in 2021. Work is continuing to complete the new A certificate and revise the PCANCAS Level 1 Coaching Program.

Contributions by our nutrition expert Dr Jennifer Stewart and our Veterinary Parasitologist Jacqui Panozzo are regular features in the monthly PCA Newsletter and add to the significant material on the PCA website under "Horse Resource". PCA commissioned a new graphic for body condition scoring of horses to replace an old one from the 1970s.

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Our ability to continue the rider education program in China was severely affected by travel restrictions but PCA has continued rider assessments using video technology and delivered coach webinars.

Welfare and Care

The National Safety Committee has representatives from all states and has been working on major initiatives to improve information, education and policies to improve safety. The PCA Incident Reporting system was launched in January and provides an efficient report on injuries, incidents and risks at Pony Club® events. The data allows analysis of incidents by age, grade, sport and many other parameters and after a year is now yielding information to support decision making. Incident Reporting is also important to ensure that all riders and clubs observe the PCA Concussion Policy.

The National Safety Committee also released a standard guide to First Aid Kits for horses and humans and has developed a framework for appropriate medical services at the diversity of Pony Club® events.

PCA welcomes the establishment of Sport Integrity Australia and the completion of the new Integrity Framework for sport, which will be introduced in 2022. Pony Club® maintains its focus on Child Safety at all levels of the sport.

Pony Club Australia has progressed through its 82nd year and enjoys a great reputation in society. We continue with our focus to inspire more Australians to enjoy horses and being involved in our community and look forward to a more active 2022.

My thanks to the PCA Board for their contribution and support and to our small, dedicated and hard working team of staff.

Dr Catherine Ainsworth
CEO, Pony Club Australia

PCA Award Winners

Best Achievement Rider Under 13 Years

Tehani Badke, Coffs Harbour PC NSW



Best Achievement Rider 13-17 Years

Zoe Addinsall, Dunkeld Pony Club VIC



Best Achievement Rider 18 - 25 years

J'Aime Mallon, Riddells Creek Pony Club VIC



National Volunteer of the Year

Belinda North,
Mudgeeraba Pony and Hack Club Qld



National Accredited Centre of the Year

Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre, WA



Miss Kay Irving National Coach of the Year

Meaghan Sutherland, Riddells Creek Pony Club



National Pony Club of the Year

Londonderry Pony Club



Thanks to our 2021 PCA Awards sponsors



Gillian Rolton Alumni of the Year

Making a return after a few years' break was the Gillian Rolton Memorial Alumni award, for past members who have gone on to have successful careers in the equestrian field. Gill was a dual Olympic three day event gold medallist, famously remounting and finishing the Atlanta cross country course after falling and breaking her collarbone. She passed away in 2018 from cancer, aged 61. The calibre of nominations this year was extremely high, and PCA has decided to award Alumni status to three outstanding individuals:



Clare Lindop – Racing

Clare was a member of Warrnambool Pony Club and became a very successful jockey. In 2004 she rode a record breaking 111 wins for a female jockey in a racing season. In 2008 Clare became the first Australian female to ride in the Melbourne Cup and she has been inducted into the Racing SA Hall of Fame.

She has joined the Racing SA team as the Industry and Development Training Manager, working closely with Pony Clubs® to identify talent and create pathways in to racing.

Clare has responded to her win with the following comments:

"Firstly I would like to pay my respects to the incredible athlete that Gillian Rolton was. Her Olympic performances aboard Peppermint Grove were simply outstanding, and to see it still celebrated and recognised by Pony Club® is important and sends encouragement to us all as we face our own individual battles.

It's very special to be remembered as an Alumni of Pony Club®. The few years I spent at Warrnambool Pony club as a young rider were a time of great fun and learning, and helped my development in both horsemanship and sportsmanship. Pony Clubs® give you a community to enjoy and share the love of horses, help educate you in animal welfare, and drive you to be the best rider you can be.

One of my favourite sayings taught to me by one of my first horse teachers which I would like to share with everyone is the saying:

"A horse will become a better horse, when a rider becomes a better rider."



Sally Francis, OAM

Sally was a member of Mornington Pony Club. She was acknowledged with an Order of Australia Medal in 2019 for services to horse sports and to people with a disability. Sally has been a team assistant at five Paralympic Games, World Para-Equestrian Championships and World Equestrian Games.

Sally has coaching accreditations with PCA, EA and RDA. Sally is also on the PCV Sports CONNECT panel and often gives her time to review Pony Club® members' needs to ensure they can compete on a fair playing level as other members. In 2007 Sally started Equine Facilitated Learning in Australia.

She says:

"To be awarded the Gill Rolton Alumni Award for 2021 is an amazing honour. This an extraordinary thrill and in such amazing company. I have known Sharon Jarvis for many years having assisted her as chef d'équipe or Assistant Coach in four international para equestrian competitions with her from Hong to Rio. And, from afar, I have admired Clare Lindrop's illustrious racing career.

I deeply appreciate the Pony Club® movement and the legacy of all I have learnt and experienced throughout my years as a member, coach and official during almost six decades. All of this is even closer to my heart as I grew up with my mother Judy Francis being one of the early founders of the Pony Club® movement in Victoria, serving tirelessly from the 1950s through the 2000s.

I knew Gill Rolton well, particularly from the Atlanta Olympics where the team won gold. I know how devoted she was to helping Pony Club® riders and coaches and so it is doubly rewarding to win this award that bears her name.

I would like to thank Pony Club Victoria for nominating me and Pony Club Australia for recognising my work in this way.



Sharon Jarvis – three time Paralympian

Sharon was a member of Donnybrook Horse and Pony Club and then Capel Horse and Pony Club, in WA. She was unable to ride between the ages of 5 and 13 years due to her cancer diagnosis but resumed and went on to great heights. She is the first Australian to be selected to the Australian Paralympic Team for three Paralympic Games in equestrian (Beijing, Rio and Tokyo). Best performances include placing 4th, 6th and 7th in Beijing, and two bronze medals at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky in 2010. In 2010 she was awarded the Domestic Rider of the Year by Equestrian Australia and the next year, the Western Australian Institute of Sport Athlete with a Disability of the Year.



Sharon is now a Level 2 NCAS Coach and works as Pathways Co-ordinator for Para Equestrian Australia. She regularly gives motivational/inspirational talks to Pony Club® riders at rallies and camps. Sharon said:

“It is an honour to be awarded the Gill Rolton Alumni Award, named after such an incredible person who provided me with a lot of inspiration with her amazing equestrian feats. This is an award not just for me - it is also for all those who helped forge me into who I am today. Especially those who helped in those early years of mine at Pony Club®. I am forever grateful to the coaches who guided my non-horsey family. Pony Club® played such a pivotal place in my teenage years after recovering from illness, it provided me with a safe haven

where I relished in the friendships forged and the opportunities of learning, camping and competition of varied types. Pony Club® continued to provide opportunities by having a great impact on developing my coaching skills and I have loved helping the next generation of riders as a chief coach for some years.

There is no greater feeling than putting on your country’s uniform with the Australian Flag. For me it creates that same feeling of when I used to put on my Pony Club® uniform and compete for my club; the honour of representing your people. I would have never imagined that many years later I would create Australian history to be the first Aussie Rider to compete at three Paralympics. If my story can inspire any of the young riders at Pony Club® now to dream big and never give up, then that would make me very happy because you never know what can happen, it did happen for this kid from the south west of WA.”

We congratulate the finalists for 2021

Rider Of the Year Under 13yrs

Hayley Dagnall, Wallangarra Riding and Pony Club WA
Robin Henry, Quirindi Pony Club NSW

Rider of the Year 13-17yrs

Lili Taylor, Riddells Creek Pony Club VIC
Sarah O’Connor, Coffs Harbour Pony Club NSW

Coach of the Year

Karen Charles, Strathalbyn Pony Club SA
Meaghan Johnston, Macarthur Pony Club VIC

Volunteer of the Year

Candace McInnernay, Surat Pony Club QLD
Peter Tornabene, Samford Golden Valley Pony Club QLD

Centre of the Year

Junction Farm, Equestrian Academy, TAS
Phoenix Acres Equine Centre QLD

Club of the Year

Riddells Creek Pony Club VIC
Samford Golden Valley Pony Club QLD



Rider of the Year nominees Robin Henry (top) and Sarah O’Connor (above).

Left: Volunteer of the year nominee Peter Tornabene.

[Watch the Awards video here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k48-aKWhCsQw)

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PCA National Championships

After planning had been underway for months, the PCA 2021 National Championships planned for Benalla, Vic, had to be converted to a virtual championship due to – yes, Covid-19.

The States did a great job organising hubs where their teams could compete without breaking pandemic restrictions. Every competitor in every event was filmed according to the criteria. Showjumping and mounted games and other courses were duplicated all around the country, Quiz was held over three evenings (sub-junior, junior and senior) as an online event and, in the case of the dressage where riders each did three tests, the same sets of judges marked a total of over 260 tests via video.

Then PCA staff edited it all into a series of video clips sport by sport, with each rider's full or part performance included along with their name,

mount and state on screen. The videos were released on set days and times, with the winners announced at the end of the screening. Some States and groups of riders formed 'watch parties' to watch together and see the results.

While all states did well in some sections, Pony Club Victoria took home the Roger Braham Shield for the highest points, just ahead of NSW.

Normally the biannual Nationals are rotated around the country. The advantage this year was every rider appeared in the relevant video, so extended family and friends were able to experience the Nationals' competition atmosphere. These are now a lasting record of how well everyone coped with Covid-19 to stage the National Championships in the only way we could.

The full results and videos are on the Pony Club Australia website.



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Disciplines at the 2021 Nationals

- Quiz
- Dressage
- Showjumping
- Mounted Games
- Tetrathlon
- Combined Training
- Ride to Time



Roger Braham Shield

1st	2nd	3rd
VIC	NSW	WA

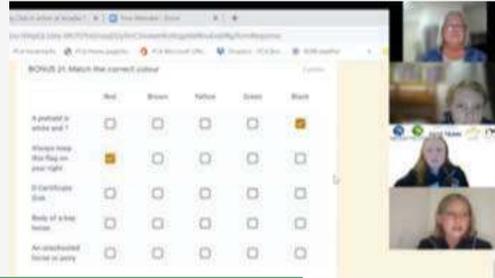
Top Three in Each Discipline

1st	2nd	3rd
Quiz		
VIC	NSW	TAS
Dressage		
VIC	NSW	WA
Showjumping		
VIC	NSW	WA and Tas
Mounted Games		
NSW	WA	VIC
Tetrathlon		
WA	VIC	NSW
Combined Training		
NSW	WA	TAS





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Online Quiz at the 2021 Nationals



Virtual Stables Showdown Competition

During the National Championships, the PCA Youth Advisory Council ran a competition for the best state team support. Entries came in the form of photos, TicToc clips and videos. NSW and Tasmanian entries were standouts.

The YAC members are:

- Leilani Justice (Vic)
- Emma Duffey (QLD)
- Shakaya McCrae-Wilson (Vic)
- Sharne Haskins (NSW)
- Brooke Harmer (Vic)
- Charlotte Wells (NSW)
- Lauren Cocks (Vic)
- Morgan Lane (Vic)



International competitions

There was no international travel, but members competed virtually in both international dressage and quiz in 2021.

For the dressage in July, the plus side was that selected riders got to ride their own horses, not pool horses. Their tests were filmed locally under strict conditions and were submitted to the international judges.

Riders competed from the seven Pony Club International Alliance countries; the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Canada, Ireland and South Africa. Australia had several placings and one win.

The standout was Darcey Eyb, 16, from Cudal Pony Club NSW. Riding her horse Sir Versace, she placed first in the USDF* Level 1 test and first in the Prix Caprilli test (which combines dressage and jumping), making her a dual International Champion.

In other results for Australia:

- Morgan Cockerell, Leighdale Pony Club, Victoria, on Monteith Brunton – FIFTH in Class 1
- Arabella Eagles, Samford Golden Valley Pony Club, Queensland, on Chance – SECOND in Class 2a
- Paris Fiedler, Horsham Pony Club, Victoria, on Talingka Park Matthias – SECOND in Class 2b
- Kirra-Lee Ayala, Rosewood Pony Club, Queensland, on Moosimus Maximus – SECOND in Class 3
- Petra Schuecker, Monmouth PC Tas, on ESB Golden Officer - THIRD in Class 3
- The mixed team of Darcey Eyb, Tiffany Peters and Arabella Eagles, along with Canadian rider
- Trinity Sachau, won the Class 2a team competition.

Well done to everyone who entered, you did Australia proud.

The other Australian representatives were:

- Class 1** - Kassi Jones, Fernpark, Tas;
Jack Clancy, Cootamundra, NSW;
Robin Henry, Quirindi, NSW;
- Class 2** - Caitlin Pritchard, King River, WA;
Sara Leitch, Hastings, Vic;
Olivia Farrell, Burpengary, Qld.
- Class 3** - Jayde Kirkham, Macedon, Vic;
Sharne Haskins, Londonderry, NSW;
Sarah Laukhart, Upper Beaconsfield, Vic.
- Prix Caprilli** - Kassi Jones, Fernpark, Tas;
Sophia Myszka, Doongala, Vic;
Anastasia Haling, Kootingal, NSW.



Darcey Eyb, from the Class 2 International mixed team.

Quiz:



Australia has competed in several international quizzes already, by travelling to the host country. This year it was online for Covid-19 reasons. Our international team led by manager Ann Olsen (SA), was Sharne Haskins (NSW) Kira Hetherington (VIC) Bethany Cook (SA) and Kaitlin Goss (WA).

Quiz is fairly new to Australia, and the team found the questions hard, particularly as Quiz has been running longer in some of the competing countries. Australia competed against Canada, USA, UK, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

Sharne Haskins' report:

'The International Virtual Quiz experience was an amazing opportunity to both collaborate with Australia's Quiz discipline leading members, as well as compete against riders of this same high calibre from across the world. Although physically distanced, the virtual proceedings were very welcoming and we all shared a great sense of connection.

The experience gave us a taste of what a travelling quiz exchange may entail, certainly fueling the motivation to continue to explore, learn and discover all things Quiz! It is a growing discipline in Australia, so I would definitely recommend others join us.'

Values Badges: We value ALL you do

Pony Club® is not just about riding, ribbons and competition.

In 2021 we introduced a way members can be recognised for their interest in - and work for - the community, creating sustainable solutions and caring for horses and others. These awards are not just for riding members, but all members.



Community Captains have the ability to make others feel safe, valued and included. They are ambassadors for the community spirit that unites the international Pony Club movement. The PCA Community Captain recognition award is based on a specific project, activity or innovation. Recipients will show an extraordinary effort above and beyond what would ordinarily be expected of a Pony Club Australia member.

Pony Club Australia is the longest running equestrian organisation in Australia. **Sustainability Champions** undertake projects which ensure the long-term environmental and/or social sustainability of Pony Club®. The recipient's impact and achievements will be demonstrated through a specific project, activity or innovation. The PCA Sustainability Champion award will recognise extraordinary efforts above and beyond what would ordinarily be expected of a Pony Club Australia member.



The **Welfare Warrior** recognition award is awarded to PCA members who put the horse's health and wellbeing needs before their own on a notable occasion, or delivered a project that addresses the mental and physical aspects of horse welfare and wellbeing across one or more of the following areas: nutrition, health, environment, behaviour and human interaction.

Julie Binns of Lilydale and Districts Pony Club in Tasmania was the first recipient of Pony Club Australia's Community Captain Award.

A parent and committee member, she was nominated by her Club for helping to include more people in Pony Club® and building collaborations between the Club and the community, in particular by developing a Rider Encouragement Grant.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to nominate a special PCA member today.



Long serving ponies

In 2021 PCA called for nominations for long-serving Pony Club® mounts – and members responded in droves. There were ponies that made state teams for 10 or more years, with one or 5-6 riders; ponies who taught several riders in the one family or at several different clubs, and ponies still going strong in their 30s. Here's a few of the stars; we were able to acknowledge the 'Top 100' and send them each a certificate and a packet of low-sugar Smoochies, the treat for older horses, courtesy of Hygain.



Ponies like the Otton family's **Phantom**, seen here in his early and (much) later years at Bega Pony Club, are priceless. His family purchased him for their son Tom who competed at PC state events and Bega Pony Club, then his sister took over, and then Tom's daughter took the reins. Phantom is 32 in the second photo.

From South Australia came **Rivington Lighthouse** (who prefers to answer to 'ET'). ET was bought as a 9yo in 1996 and ridden by Rachael at Belvidere Pony Club for 11 years. He then went to Barossa Valley PC from 2008-2013 and stayed on with several new younger riders - making nearly 25 years at Pony Club®! Rachael and ET competed every year in Zone Championships in mounted games and sometimes Teams on the Flat. They then went on to State Championships, gaining many wins in mounted games teams. ET may not have been the fastest pony, but always the most reliable. He is now 34 years old and he still loves getting out to Pony Club® with Lilly (far right).



Meet **Mickey** from Cambooya Pony Club. His family got him from the Warwick sale in 2000 as a three year old. He put at least four of the five children through the Cambooya Pony Club for gymkhanas, campdrafting and mounted games. When the last of the children outgrew him he was lent to a friend at the same club, and four years later he is with a new young family. At the age of 24 he is now a little legend on the barrel racing circuit and enjoys campdrafting.

You see ponies like **Angelina** at every Pony Club®. Dig a little deeper, and you might find you are seeing the same pony over and over! Angelina's current owner, from Lilydale District Pony Club in Tasmania, sent in photos of the versatile pony showing her with FIVE of the riders she has accompanied through Pony Club® - both Lilydale and West Tamar Pony Clubs - and no doubt taught them so much. Angelina in 2021 was rocking up for games again in her mid thirties.



New South Wales



After a tumultuous 2020 we moved into 2021 feeling positive that the effects of Covid-19 were behind us. Unfortunately the year started with more disappointment and Covid-19 outbreaks saw us being forced to cancel the State Camp for another year, the previous year being due to bushfires, and then State Dressage in Dubbo along with State Sporting, Campdraft and Team Penning in Walcha also succumbed.

We were pleased to be able to run the inaugural NSW Formal Gymkhana and Tetrathlon Championships in Merriwa and were impressed with the performances, behaviour and support of the competitors and families at this new event. We are hopeful that Tetrathlon develops a following, being something different for members to compete in.

Fortunately Sydney Royal Show was back on for 2021 and we were pleased to have a number of Pony Club® competitors showcasing their disciplines of Area Jumping Teams, Area Sporting Teams and Show Riding to the public.

Our next State Championship event was the One Day Event and Combined Training Championships at Harden in May, shortly followed by Jumping

Equitation in Kootingal. When we finally thought we were back in the swing, that's right, another major outbreak. Lockdown became the new norm (again!) and we saw the cancellation of the State Jumping at Bowral, Team Sporting and Mounted Games at Bungendore and Show Riding at Nana Glen.

Our team for the 2021 Pony Club Australia National Championships were initially devastated to have the event changed from an actual event to a virtual event however everyone banded together to create the NSW team hub in Moonbi which was still an event to be remembered. Thank you to Pony Club Australia for enabling the event to continue, albeit not in the original format.

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Membership numbers seemed to drop slightly for 2021 however still remain over the 10,000 mark – our NSW members have had a lot to deal with in the past few years with drought, floods, bushfires and an ongoing pandemic. We have had many return and we are looking forward to building on membership numbers and competition entries as well as ensuring that our members are kept safe, supported and educated as best we can.

The Pony Club NSW office is working to keep communication lines open. There has been a significant change in the office and we said a sad goodbye to some long term staff in Kerren, Rachel and Teena who have all put in many years of work for the organisation. We also need to acknowledge our fabulous representatives in our Zone Chief Instructors and Zone Secretaries from each of our 27 Zones around the state who positively contribute to the organisation.

Onwards and upwards from here!



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Western Australia



2021 was a year of consolidation. With the disruptions due to Covid-19 in 2020, it was time to try and return as much as possible to normal. With the fantastic contributions of our clubs and our committees, this was achieved.

While there were some disruptions due to some snap lockdowns mostly our clubs had a full or nearly full rally year, and our state championships went ahead uninterrupted.

After the distractions of 2020, throughout 2021 the focus was on the learning and development of our returned riders and this included 286 proficiency certificates achieved. This is a 25% increase on the previous year. Congratulations to the riders, parents and coaches that have made this happen as this is an outstanding step forward.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 did put a dampener on our ambitions to head to Nationals, which were slated for Victoria. With much of the East Coast in lockdown, and the uncertainty on WA's borders, Pony Club Australia made the difficult decision to move to a virtual championship.

It was a real credit to everyone involved, from our clubs and committees all the way through to the Pony Club WA state office and Board, to the other states and PCA that the Nationals were completed successfully.

As far as results went, the virtual Nationals gave Pony Club WA the opportunity to field a fuller and

more competitive team than we would normally be able to take east. In the wash up, WA finished a very credible 3rd, with several of our members winning their class or taking a podium.

2021 saw the adoption by the Board of our new Strategic Plan, with significant input by our members and our committees. Our plan included the introduction of our Ready2Ride program. This program is aimed at our younger members to encourage new membership and to provide a shorter program more in keeping with their ability to keep focus. With set lesson plans built by coaches, the program is aimed to be engaging and to attract new members.

Around half of our member clubs have registered for Ready2Ride, with many new members signed up and sent their special Ready2Ride welcome pack. Currently there are over 120 new members specifically because of Ready2Ride. We look forward to the program developing and we thank the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the funding that assisted us.

A new membership structure was adopted by the Board which simplified the membership offerings and has lessened the confusion for members. On top of this was the decision by PCA to adopt the JustGo member platform to replace the OSM MyPonyClub system which has created a challenge, and we are grateful for the way everyone has approached meeting this challenge.



Our High Performance squads were extended to all disciplines in 2021 ... providing that extra bit of coaching and education for those members aiming for higher level competition.

The Horseland Sports Leaderboards provide opportunities to ride, and rewards participation and success. Judging by the growth, this initiative is working for clubs and members alike. The Regional Bonus Points Scheme worked as expected by providing some extra incentive to become involved at the regional level.

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The rollout of the new Syllabus of Instruction has been well managed with the State Coaching Panel working to ensure all our coaches are equipped with the information and training required to apply the new equitation science material included. Support will continue to ensure coaches are given as much information as possible. Overall, coaches have been very positive with the new syllabus.

Pony Club® is primarily about learning and education centred on the PCA Syllabus of Instruction. It is going to be increasingly essential that to ensure our young riders receive a quality experience, all coaching is delivered by trained and accredited PCA coaches. This is an important strategic objective with the benefit not only for riders, but for accredited coaches as well. Over 2022 and beyond there will be more incentives to become qualified and accredited as a National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) PCA Coach, including being recognised for prior learning.

The State Coaching Panel put in a lot of work in 2021 to accredit a number of new coaches, and have put in place the Recognition of Prior Learning process which has resulted in some new accredited Pony Club® coaches.

In line with our strategic plan, 2022 will see an emphasis on using technology more in particular through more effective use of MyPonyClub.



Victoria



This year our State Council and Executive worked hard to establish our new Rules of Incorporation for Pony Club Victoria, the basis of fundamental change in the way we are governed. The inaugural Board met for the first time in February 2021.

The role of State Council remains broad and involves developing and administering rules, communication, education, brand awareness and marketing, competitions, involvement in subcommittees, and their role as Zone Representatives.

Not unlike many sporting organisations, the past year continued to throw many challenges to our community. All Victorian Pony Clubs lived under the shadow of what was said to be the longest lockdown across Australia, and the challenges this created for our riders with horses was extraordinary, relentless and ever-changing. Maintaining a sense of connection to their friends and club was vital and again, our members have demonstrated adaptability to those challenges and were able to still achieve great things.

The use of online meetings is one such change which has been beneficial across our organisation and we have been still able to move forward to advance our purposes.

Congratulations to all riders who were able to actively ride and enjoy their horses throughout this period. Thank you also to all clubs who adapted to lockdown and government restrictions – the Board recognises that great effort was expended by so many of our zones, club officials, members and the State Council, to ensure our riders continued to have a Pony Club® experience wherever possible.

The huge amount of work by many committed volunteers in the lead up to the PCA Nationals event planned for Benalla in September 2021 requires recognition. Whilst the event ultimately did not go ahead, we acknowledge and appreciate the effort in re-planning from every volunteer who participated in the virtual event was enormous. Thank you to each and everyone involved.

And while on the Nationals, a huge congratulations to Team Vic, who were successful in winning the Roger Braham Shield. Well done to all!

It is important to also acknowledge the PCV staff who have moved on to other roles, who provided many years of service and support to our clubs and members.

Modification of our lifestyle with horses has been instrumental in leading to success over the past challenging year and perhaps cannot be underestimated for PCV as an organisation in the future. We recognise that our members across Victoria have demonstrated resilience and commitment to our purpose to encourage young people to ride and learn to enjoy their horses and we would like to thank them all for remaining committed to PCV, our clubs and even to their horses throughout such challenging times.





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Queensland



With the hope that 2021 would be a better year, the State Seminar kickstarted things off. All was going well until Covid-19 lockdown was enforced in some areas, creating turmoil for the delegates and attendees. Unfortunately, this lockdown caused the last two days of the Seminar to be cancelled. Up until that point a successful schedule was presented with good representation and attendance.

Pony Club® activities in the meantime commenced for the year in other parts of the state with club sign-on days, rallies, musters, coaching clinics, Syllabus of Instruction roll out and gap identification for Proficiency Certificates. As coaching is our core business, the Chief Instructors Panel members (CIP), Regional Directors of Coaching and their panels, and Zone Chief Instructors were kept busy updating coaches and riders with some of the components in the new proficiency certificate manuals.

The CIP continued producing online videos by providing coaching instruction to aid riders in upskilling their techniques and competencies.

While PCQ was fortunate to be able to conduct all the State Championship events in 2021, it wasn't without some inconvenience with the cancelling and rescheduling several times of the Jumping Equitation/Showjumping and Horse Trials events much to the dismay of the host organising committees, again due to Covid-19 as well as the weather. Riders competing at all these events travelled widely across the state with venues from Sarina in the central region, to Burpengary in the south east region and Goondiwindi in the south west region welcoming riders and parents alike.

Since Covid-19, many procedures and processes have changed or been adapted including the way meetings are conducted. PCQ now relies heavily on technology to assist in conducting our state and executive meetings through the Zoom platform. While many may see virtual meetings as a negative, PCQ has embraced it as it allows us to cast the net far and wide across our geographically challenging state. Regardless of remoteness, if NBN is available every zone has the opportunity to contribute and attend our state meetings. This has made our organisation much more inclusive.

PCQ is also delighted to congratulate our Patron Grace Brodie OAM and previous PCA Board Chair Carol Paterson OAM,



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who both were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Both of these women are well known throughout the state and both are heavily involved in the ongoing education of riders and coaches. This award is a very well-deserved recognition of their tireless and ongoing contribution over many years to Pony Club® in Queensland.

Due to the generous funding assistance from the State Government through the Active Industry Fund, PCQ is able to continue its education of riders, coaches and officials. Our other sponsorship partners of Greg Grant Saddlery, Riverina and Oz Shots also enable the Association to provide prizes at all state events for which PCQ is extremely grateful.

In closing, Pony Club® in Queensland would not be successful without the volume of volunteers giving their time, efforts, experience, knowledge and support in providing an environment where our children and riders can experience and embrace our wonderful sport of Pony Club®.



South Australia



Clubs and Zones have had a busy year with training and competitions, catching up on lost opportunities due to Covid-19.

PCASA held a very successful hub for the Virtual Nationals at Wirrina Cove at the end of September. We are very proud of our riders for their efforts over the 4 days of competition and of course without our awesome group of volunteers it wouldn't have been the success it was.

In 2021, SA had 11 Preliminary coaches and 6 Level 1 coaches successfully finish their assessments.

We held a successful ODE Championships for Grades 1,2 & 3 plus a State ODE for Grades 4 and 5.

We also held successful championships for Dressage, Showjumping, Mounted Games, Horse and Rider of the Year and Quiz. Pony Club SA was also fortunate to be represented by Beth Cook as part of the International Quiz team and Ann Olsen in the role of the team manager.

We held a coach update in July with over 20 coaches attending. Topics covered were recognising pain in horses, New PCA Syllabus of Instruction content, where are we now, horse first aid and gear checking.

PCASA has had members continue to represent us on national committees and working groups.

PCASA proudly held our inaugural Gala Dinner awards night in November, with a packed house, where awards of merit and service pins were awarded to members including four for an outstanding 50plus years of service to Pony Club®.

We continue to be fortunate to have Racing SA sponsor our Championships and the PCASA ODE.



PCASA are very fortunate to have champion jockey Claire Lindop as our new patron.

Clare learnt to ride at 10 years old, and doesn't actually have a horse family background. Clare competed in Pony Club® for a few years on her little grey pony Annie and loved the competition and comradeship of Pony Club® and made many friends.



Clare then started working at 14 years old in a thoroughbred racing stable and became an apprentice jockey at 16.

Clare had to overcome gender bias and old-fashioned ideas, but her talent and dedication soon won her the support of many racehorse trainers. Clare's career grew and after winning the Country Jockeys Premiership. Clare moved to Morphettville in South Australia in 1999 to try her luck at the metropolitan level. Hard work and the connection with the famous racing stable of Leon Macdonald saw Clare Lindop create history.

In 2004 she rode a recordbreaking 111 wins for a female jockey in a racing season. In 2008 Clare became the first Australian female to ride in the Melbourne Cup and she has been inducted into the Racing SA Hall of Fame.

The success ensured a wonderful career, with the highs and lows of overcoming injuries and disappointments to become one of the most consistent jockeys in South Australian Racing for the past two decades. Clare kept on breaking records, winning four Group 1 races, three SA Premierships and over 1400 winners as she rose to the top of her game.

Clare's attitude of 'no excuses' has allowed her to confront the challenges and succeed in the tough and competitive domain of the Australian racing industry.

She has joined the Racing SA team as the Industry and Development Training Manager, working closely with Pony Clubs® to identify talent and create pathways in to racing.

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Tasmania



Pony Club Tasmania continues to have a wonderful team of willing volunteers who work tirelessly to allow our membership to ride and enjoy all kinds of sport concerned with horses and riding, in a safe and supportive environment. The support of the Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania, both financial and administrative, is also acknowledged. They have helped us provide quality education and training programs at the grass roots level of our sport.

Thankfully the Covid-19 situation has been less impact for Pony Club Tasmania this past year. It has certainly taught us all how we are able to operate in a very different world and keep all our members and families safe in some very trying times. Pony Club Tasmania continues to provide quality education programs through the great work of our Chief Coach panel via Zoom, as well as being able to reintroduce face to face sessions.



In March 2021 we saw the Northern Zone run State Trials where 100 riders enjoyed a well-run event at Faulkner Park and the Fairlands cross country course, which had been revamped by Craig Gordon and the Lilydale District Pony Club members. This was a very professionally run competition; thanks to the Northern Zone and Lilydale District Pony Club for all the work they put into this state championship.

We were then off to Huonville in the South with the Jumping and Dressage Championships being run in the Huon Valley. Unfortunately the weather really didn't want to come to the party, and we all got very wet. The Huon community really got behind this event; it was fabulous work by a small club like Huon Pony Club to put so much organisation into this championship with the support of the Southern Zone.





*Driving to Nationals
in the Tassie Snow!!!*



We selected a team of 46 riders to go to Pony Club Nationals, which became a virtual competition due to Covid-19. This was certainly tough logistically to organise, but something that we managed to achieve, despite some challenges, including snow fall on the first day of competition.

We were off to the other end of the state in June with the Mounted Games Championships being run at Wynyard in June and what a lovely day and friendly competition this was. Congratulations to Inglis Pony Club and the North West Zone on another well run Championship.

We selected a team of 46 riders to go to PCA Nationals, which became a virtual competition due to Covid-19. This was certainly tough logistically to organise, but something that we managed to achieve, despite some challenges, including snow fall on the first day of competition. The camaraderie shown over the weekend was fantastic and we were able to see some fantastic results from all riders. This was certainly a resource intensive event and we thank all those parents and supporters who came along and assisted in the running of a fun weekend.

The Board reached its 40%-60% gender diversity KPI of our State Government agreement to ensure our State funding remains intact. This funding assists with all our education and coaching clinics therefore it is important we continue to work towards this target.

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



Northern Territory



We have five enthusiastic Pony Clubs® in the Northern Territory who battle some pretty hot days, the tyranny of distance, and sharing grounds with other sporting clubs all trying to squeeze events into similar times of year. All clubs are using the new online Justgo system and formed a discussion group with PCANT to support each other to solve issues and share information.

Pony Club NT is a collective effort of volunteers who believe in having a go, and maintaining the Pony Club® culture for all riders of all abilities. Massive thank you to coaches and volunteers, riders and rider support teams.



Darwin Horse and Pony Club has its own dedicated club grounds located between Palmerston and Darwin. DHPC was proud host to the 2021 Pony Club Association of the NT Championships in August.



DHPC club member Lalwa May represented NT in dressage at the Pony Club Australia nationals. She was one of the first in Australia to achieve her C Certificate under the new syllabus.

The club has big plans for 2022 to redesign the 'come and try' cross country course and build an obstacle course for stockman's challenge type events.

Katherine Horse and Pony Club is located about 300km south of Darwin. They have held coaching clinics for coaches and riders, and rallies that show people of all ages making improvement from tentative warm ups over 20cm cross rails to jumping 80cm confidently. Their club grounds will be undergoing some maintenance in 2022 and already the local Katherine community has stepped up to offer alternative safe spaces for riders.

KHPC committee says, "Huge thank you to PCANT for supporting regional and remote riders to have similar coaching opportunities as Darwin-based riders."



Litchfield Horse and Pony Club is located in the rural areas about 70km south of Darwin. In addition to junior members, this club has a lot of 'young at heart' members. Inspired by the junior combined club camp run by fellow rural club Noonamah Horse and Pony Club, LHPC held a truly epic inaugural adult riding camp at the legendary Tipperary Station. Apparently what happens on camp stays on camp... Plans are well underway for another.

The club has an improvement plan for the club grounds including a new riding arena. They ran several workshops for equitation, jumping and trail riding, and coordinated mounted games training for all clubs.



Noonamah Horse and Pony Club is located at the fantastic rural grounds of Freds Pass Reserve. The volunteers at

that club set the benchmark for canteen food serving up truly amazing chicken Caesar salad. The club ran a series of rallies including a very successful junior Pony Club® camp which has been going since the 1970s.

The grounds have undergone some maintenance and everyone is keen to be back out on the main arena in 2022. There are plans to make the NHPC club house airconditioned which will keep our southern guest judges and coaches very happy.

Thank you to five NHPC coaches for attending a weekend coaching clinic on equitation science and to PCANT for organising the clinic to help upskill our coaches.



Alice Springs Pony Club has been very active in running rallies and workshops and fun competition days. The small but mighty club held a Ronald McDonald Fundraising Event raising over \$3,000. Congratulations go to the first two proficiency certificate graduates from the new Pony Club Australia syllabus.

We are so impressed these girls confidently use pressure/release training, they know why a scratch reward is more appreciated than a pat and they understand the importance of their ponies having another horse as a friend. The new PCA syllabus is setting them up for a wonderful life with horses.

China Pony Club

2021 is the second year of the pandemic. Covid-19 in China is recurring in regional areas and the pandemic prevention policy is still strict. This means Australian coaches haven't been able to come to China to help CPC carry out training and assessing as before, but online assistance has continued and the CPC team has not stopped working on self-improvement.

Due to the pandemic, CPC and CPC member clubs found the coach and rider tests were often postponed or cancelled, travel was restricted and some clubs were forced to temporarily close one or more times. Unfortunately a few CPC member clubs closed permanently.

As well as providing education and testing of rider proficiency standards, CPC has also made the following progress:

- The proficiency tests are becoming more standardised and comprehensive
- CPC colleagues provide free pre-test training to candidates to ensure they are ready to meet PCA standards.
- CPC has added more details to the E Level lesson plans, with more wall charts and illustrations. Staff went to 13 different CPC member clubs to re-analyse the E level knowledge points to the coaches — such as how to define each color and marking of the horse, etc.



A CPC member club celebrates a group of riders who got their E proficiency certificates.



Left: CPC staff teach an open lesson to CPC members in a member club.



Right: Assessor Wesley Hoyt is assessing parts of the saddle with CPC translator and test officer Rebekah Zhang, during a rider proficiency standard test.



CPC staff are sharing lesson plans with the coaches of a member club.



PCA preliminary coach training (online) and test (by video) resumed in August. To ensure the quality of candidates' preparation before the test, time is spent with a PCA coach conducting an online Q & A session, and CPC staff conduct revision with the candidates.

CPC would not have had the progress it did, without the hard work of CPC staff. They had no complaints about going on 70 business trips and travelling over 95,000 kms, when conditions permitted, to help supervise rider and coach tests.

(That's equivalent to 55 round trips between Sydney and Melbourne).

No winter lasts forever, every spring is sure to follow. The pandemic will eventually pass. CPC will grow stronger and stronger with the support and help of PCA.



Examples of China Pony Club members' E level workbooks.

Accredited Riding Centres

The Pony Club Australia Accredited Riding Centre Program continued to grow in its second year, with an additional four new centres located in Queensland, Tasmania and NSW.

The government-led Covid-19 lockdowns of NSW and Victoria that extended for the latter half of 2021 restricted many centres from being able to deliver practical lessons, but many continued with delivering the PCA Certificate Curriculum to their members. Riding centre memberships have seen strong growth, with over 368 members across the clubs.

With centres in all six states working through the Pony Club Australia Proficiency Certificates, 72 Proficiency Certificates were attained; 44 x E Certificates, 23 X D Certificates and 6 D* Certificates.

In addition to riders attaining proficiency, 2021 saw the first NCAS Preliminary Coach accreditation achieved by Tina Dixon from Phoenix Acres Riding Centre, who worked with Gympie Pony Club to successfully pass.

Riding Centres continue to grow and provide an important avenue for riders who do not own horses to be able to begin their Pony Club® journey.

Sally Wiseman
Participation Manager



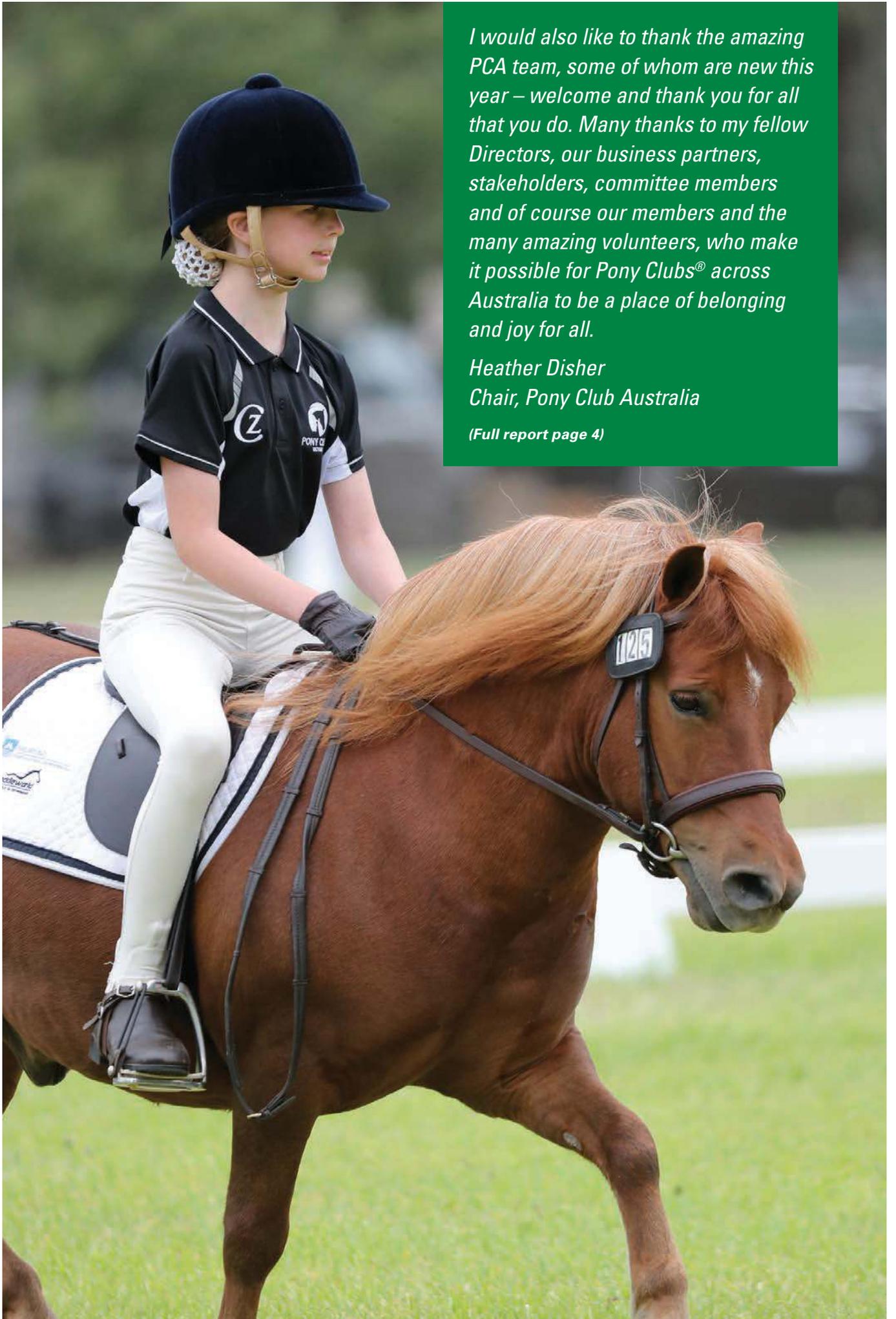
Above: It is great to see the pathway to horse ownership and Pony Club® membership being developed in the relationship between Junction Farm Equestrian Park and Birralee and Districts Pony Club in Tasmania. Riders at Junction Farm are getting a taste of Pony Club® life by attending rally days with BDPC members.

Right: Phoenix Acres Equine Centre in Queensland is a supportive Centre for people of all walks of life to share the experience of horses. This centre's Pony Club® Program runs like a real Pony Club®, with riders catching, grooming and tacking up their own mounts. There are currently 23 members of the Pony Club® Program with enquiries coming in weekly.



Accredited riding centres in 2021

NSW	Horsetalk Riding Farm
NSW	Avoca Park
NSW	Little Ranch Horse Riding Lessons
NSW	Skywood Equestrian Centre
NSW	Sydney Riding School
NSW	Whitethorn Academy
NSW	Yara Balba Stables
NSW	Yass Valley Riding Centre
QLD	4Mile Farm
QLD	Bribie Island Road Saddle Club Inc.
QLD	Wattle Creek
QLD	Horses and Humans
QLD	Kurshonbrooke Lodge
QLD	Mundoolun Reins Riding Academy
QLD	Penrice Park Equestrian
QLD	Phoenix Acres Equine Centre
QLD	Bonogin Valley Horse Retreat
QLD	Firefly Park
SA	Equitation Science Coaching
SA	Oakwood Equestrian Academy
TAS	Jeu de Cheval Hobart Horseplay
TAS	Junction Farm Equestrian Park
TAS	Nan's Riding School
VIC	Avoca Park Equestrian
VIC	Jolong Park
VIC	Beltain
VIC	Classical Dressage Academy
WA	Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre Inc.
WA	Zia Park Equestrian Centre



I would also like to thank the amazing PCA team, some of whom are new this year – welcome and thank you for all that you do. Many thanks to my fellow Directors, our business partners, stakeholders, committee members and of course our members and the many amazing volunteers, who make it possible for Pony Clubs® across Australia to be a place of belonging and joy for all.

*Heather Disher
Chair, Pony Club Australia*

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Directors' Report

31 December 2021

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 2021 and the Independent Audit Report thereon.

Director Details

The following persons were Directors of PCA during the financial year:

Ms Heather Disher

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

Mrs Michelle Harper

Appointed May 2021
Qualifications Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia. Certificate of General Nursing, Royal Melbourne Hospital
Special responsibilities Secretary

Mrs Carole-anne Hodges

Appointed May 2021
Qualifications Certificates in Finance and Business Management

Ms Marylou Hodges

Elected 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

Appointed May 2016
Qualifications B.Sc., PhD., Dip Ed., NCAS II.
Special responsibilities Nominations Committee

Mr Jacob McLoughlin

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

Ms Jo Morgan

Appointed May 2021
Qualifications Bachelor of Business, Master of Applied Finance, ADMA Certificate in Digital Marketing, ADMA Certificate in Direct Marketing

Mrs Sonia Murphy

Elected May 2017
Resigned May 2021
Qualifications PCA NCAS Instructor Level 1, PCV Dressage Judge and Certificate Examiner
Special responsibilities Secretary, May 2018 – May 2021

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Directors' Report

31 December 2021

Director Details

Dr Juliet Skinner

Elected	November 2017
Qualifications	MB.BS.; DRCOG; FACRRM
Special responsibilities	Nominations Committee

Mr Mark Trayling

Appointed	May 2019
Term concluded	May 2021
Qualifications	Bachelor Science (Economics) Honours, University of London; Master Business Law, Monash University; MBA Columbia University, USA; Chartered Marketer, UK; PMQ Association for Project Management, UK.

Dennis Clark - Non Director

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

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

Principal activities

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

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

Short term objectives

PCA's short-term objectives are to:

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

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Directors' Report

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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.

Members' guarantee

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

At 31 December 2021 the collective liability of members was \$ 140 (2020: \$ 140).

Operating results

The loss of the Company after providing for income tax amounted to \$ (29,090) (2020 profit: \$238,450).

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 9 meetings of directors and 4 Finance, Audit and Risk committee meeting were held. Attendances were as follows:

	Board Meetings		Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meetings	
	Held *	Number attended	Held *	Number attended
H Disher	9	9	4	4
M Harper	7	7	-	-
C Hodges	7	7	-	-
M Hodges	9	8	-	-
A McLean	9	9	-	-
J McLoughlin	9	8	4	4
J Morgan	7	6	-	-
S Murphy	2	2	-	-
J Skinner	9	9	-	-
M Trayling	2	2	-	-
D. Clark	-	-	4	4

* denotes the number of meetings held whilst a Director

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

Director: 
.....
Ms Heather Disher

Director: 
.....
Mr Jacob McLoughlin

Dated this 8th day of May 2022

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

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2021, there have been:

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



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

Dated this^{9th} day of^{May}..... 2022

Melbourne, Australia

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue and Other income	4	760,069	688,290
JobKeeper and COVID-19 Stimulus		22,289	211,510
Amortisation expenses		(5,103)	(5,448)
Employee benefit expenses		(400,115)	(384,406)
Event costs		(59,928)	-
Insurance premium and related expenses		(13,428)	(5,030)
Merchandise purchases		(97,302)	(90,309)
Office and IT costs		(101,259)	(59,543)
Other expenses		(13,587)	(19,395)
Professional fees		(71,593)	(18,996)
Program and Marketing expenses		(49,133)	(78,223)
Profit before income tax		(29,090)	238,450
Income tax expense	2(b)	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(29,090)	238,450

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position As At 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	660,624	921,173
Trade and other receivables	7	38,467	22,942
Other assets	8	58,674	7,951
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		757,765	952,066
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible assets	9	2,213	7,317
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		2,213	7,317
TOTAL ASSETS		759,978	959,383
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	19,849	23,224
Employee benefits	11	46,943	49,435
Other liabilities	12	130,849	295,297
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		197,641	367,956
TOTAL LIABILITIES		197,641	367,956
NET ASSETS		562,337	591,427
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		562,337	591,427
TOTAL EQUITY		562,337	591,427

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2021

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

2020

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2020	352,977	352,977
Profit attributable to members of the company	238,450	238,450
Balance at 31 December 2020	591,427	591,427

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from members	522,200	777,682
JobKeeper and COVID-19 Stimulus	22,289	211,510
Government grants received	130,000	164,062
Payments to suppliers and employees	(935,116)	(699,346)
Interest income	78	534
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14 <u>(260,549)</u>	<u>454,442</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(260,549)	454,442
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>921,173</u>	<u>466,731</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 <u><u>660,624</u></u>	<u><u>921,173</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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

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

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

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

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Grant revenue

Revenue from contracts with customers

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

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

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

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

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

Rendering of services

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

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Membership fees

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

(b) Income Tax

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

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

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

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

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

(d) Financial instruments

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

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

Financial assets

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

Classification

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

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

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

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Financial instruments

Financial assets

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

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

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

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

Financial assets through profit or loss

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

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

Impairment of financial assets

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

- financial assets measured at amortised cost

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

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Financial instruments

Financial assets

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

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

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

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

Trade receivables

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

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

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

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

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

Financial liabilities

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

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

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Intangibles

Patents and trademarks

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

Website

The website is amortised over a 5 year period.

Amortisation

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

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

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(g) Employee benefits

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

(h) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Company has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 31 December 2021, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Company.

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3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

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

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - receivables

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

4 Revenue and Other Income

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
- Capitation fees	276,355	255,087
- Grant funding	130,000	231,592
- Sales income	189,630	145,872
- Other Income	94,726	29,155
- Event fees	58,740	12,600
- Affiliation fees	10,540	13,450
- Interest received	78	534
	760,069	688,290

5 Result for the Year

The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Other expenses:		
Employee benefit expenses	365,369	354,234
Superannuation contributions	34,745	30,172
Amortisation expenses	5,103	5,448
Event costs	56,301	-

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6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2021	2020
Note	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	475,218	735,790
Deposits at call	185,406	185,383
13	<u>660,624</u>	<u>921,173</u>

7 Trade and other receivables

	2021	2020
Note	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	36,497	22,942
Membership fee receivable	1,678	-
GST receivable	292	-
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>38,467</u>	<u>22,942</u>

Financial assets at amortised cost classified as trade and other receivables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	36,497	22,942
Less: Other receivables (net GST receivable)	(292)	-
Financial assets as trade and other receivables	<u>36,205</u>	<u>22,942</u>

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

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

8 Other Assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Deposits - Database	45,000	-
Accrued income	9,324	1,550
Prepayments	4,350	6,401
	<u>58,674</u>	<u>7,951</u>

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9 Intangible Assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Patents, trademarks and other rights		
Cost	6,562	6,562
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(4,616)	(4,105)
Net carrying value	1,946	2,457
PCA Database		
Cost	24,987	24,987
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(24,987)	(21,168)
Net carrying value	-	3,819
Website		
Cost	3,870	3,870
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(3,603)	(2,829)
Net carrying value	267	1,041
Total Intangibles	2,213	7,317

(a) Movements in carrying amounts of intangible assets

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

	Patents, trademarks and other rights	PCA Database	Website	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2020				
Balance at the beginning of the year	2,967	7,983	1,815	12,765
Amortisation	(510)	(4,164)	(774)	(5,448)
Closing value at 31 December 2020	2,457	3,819	1,041	7,317

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10 Trade and Other Payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	19,792	21,923
GST payable	-	1,127
Other payables	57	174
	<u>19,849</u>	<u>23,224</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days.

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

Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Trade and other payables	19,849	23,224
Less: other payables (net GST payable)	-	(1,127)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	<u>19,849</u>	<u>22,097</u>

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11 Employee Benefits

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	<u>46,943</u>	<u>49,435</u>

(a) Reconciliations

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

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11 Employee Benefits

(b) Provision for annual leave

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

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

12 Other Liabilities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Amounts received in advance	130,849	295,297

13 Financial Risk Management

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Held at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	6 660,624	921,173
Trade and other receivables	7 38,467	22,942
Total financial assets	<u>699,091</u>	<u>944,115</u>
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	10 19,849	22,097
Total financial liabilities	<u>19,849</u>	<u>22,097</u>

14 Cash Flow Information

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

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Profit/(Loss) for the year	(29,090)	238,450
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- amortisation	5,103	5,448
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(15,525)	58,974
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(50,723)	4,916
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	(164,448)	143,694
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(3,374)	(19,182)
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	(2,492)	22,142
Cashflows from operations	<u>(260,549)</u>	<u>454,442</u>

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15 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$ 20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company. At 31 December 2021 the number of members was 7 (2020: 7).

16 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

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

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$ 137,970 (2020: \$ 131,000).

17 Economic Dependency

As noted above, PCA is dependent on grants received from Sport Australia for the material percentage of its revenue used to fund its operations, at 14% of PCA's revenues for the financial year (2020: 27%). At the date of this report the Directors have no reason to believe Sport Australia will not continue to support the company.

18 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020:None).

19 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

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

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

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

20 Statutory Information

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

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

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 20, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Director

Ms Heather Disher

Director

Mr Jacob McLoughlin

Dated this 8th day of May 2022

Independent Audit Report to the members of Pony Club Australia Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Pony Club Australia Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *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.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

Independent Audit Report to the members of Pony Club Australia Ltd

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

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

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

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

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

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Snapshot of 2021



Leadership certificates introduced



Virtual International Dressage and Quiz



Australia chairs Pony Club International Alliance



Long serving ponies Top 100



Values Awards introduced



Pony Club® Academy online certificate training



National Rules developed for three sports



Virtual PCA Annual Awards



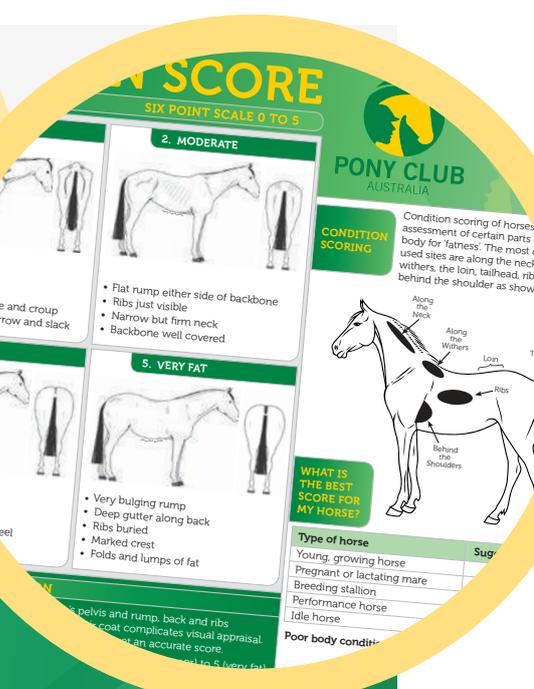
New Australia-wide membership and events database



Videos to support coach and member education



Marketing Packs for Clubs



New Horse Body Score Chart



New framework for medical services at events



First Aid Kit standards for people and horses



More accredited riding centres join up



New B Certificate launched



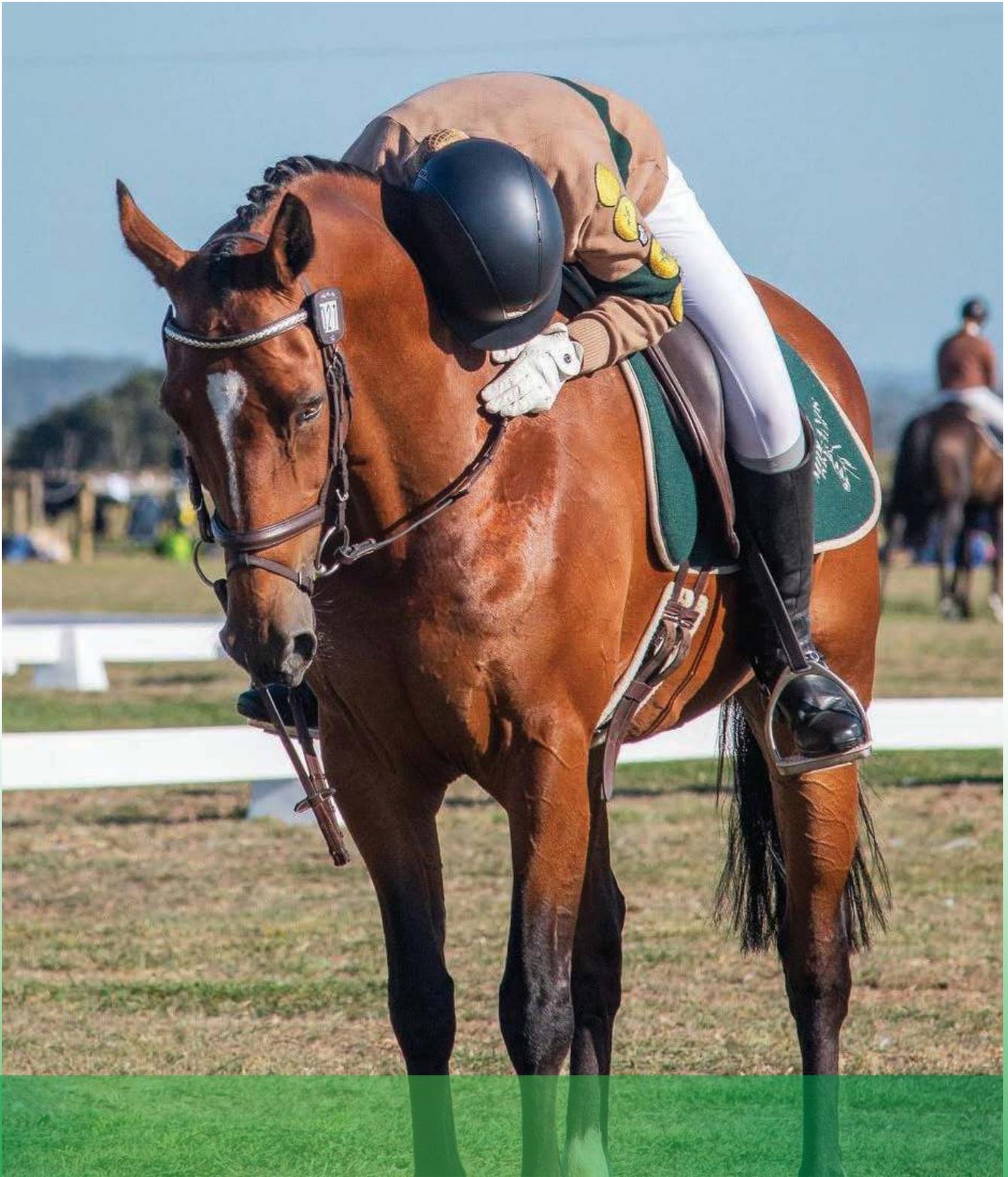
National Gear Rules developed



Virtual National Championships



Pony Racing starts as a new sport



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