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Pony Club Australia Highlights National Impact, Community Reach & A Strong Year of Delivery.

Pony Club Australia has highlighted a year of strong national activity, community impact and continued investment in young people, horse welfare and lifelong participation following its 2025 Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, 16 May.

As the largest organisation for horse sports in Australia, Pony Club Australia supports a national network of more than 750 clubs and almost 30,000 members, with a strong presence in regional and rural communities.

Pony Club Australia Chair Marylou Hodges said the organisation's strength came from the people and communities who make Pony Club possible across the country.

“Pony Club is so much more than riding and competing,” Ms Hodges said.

“It's about encouragement, support, and friendships that last a lifetime. It's about citizenship, horsemanship, safety, wellbeing and the sense that you belong, no matter your level of experience.”

Pony Club Australia's impact in youth development is closely connected to its long-standing focus on horsemanship and horse welfare. Through education in horse care, safety, empathy and responsible decision-making, Pony Club helps young people build confidence, compassion and a strong sense of collective responsibility. It is this connection between riders, horses and communities that continues to unite Pony Club across Australia.

The 2025 reporting year marked the first year of Pony Club Australia's 2025–2027 Strategic Plan, with achievements across safeguarding, safety, participation, horse



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welfare, national events, international opportunities, technology integration, facility development and support for coaches and officials.

Pony Club Australia CEO Matt Helmers said the year reflected the organisation's continued focus on delivering positive outcomes for members, clubs and the broader community.

"This year represented the first instalment of the 2025–2027 strategic plan," Mr Helmers said.

"Our commitment towards safeguarding children and young people continued through implementation of the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program action plan to embed practices across the organisation."

Pony Club Australia also acknowledged the increased Play Well investment funding received from the Australian Sports Commission, which is helping to amplify the organisation's impact across youth development, participation and lifelong involvement in equestrian sport.

The investment supports Pony Club Australia's extensive national participation base, including its strong regional reach, and enables continued work to strengthen safe, inclusive and accessible pathways for riders, volunteers, coaches and officials.

Mr Helmers said the support recognised the important role Pony Club plays in building skills, confidence and community connection.

"The summary of achievements against strategic priorities highlights projects that delivered transformative experiences, technology integration, facility development and support for coaches and officials," he said.

The year included the 2025 Ranvet Pony Club Australia National Championships, international pathway opportunities, virtual international competitions in dressage, jumping and quiz, the National Pony Racing Series, the launch of an updated Horse Welfare Policy, and continued work to support clubs and volunteers across the country.



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The AGM also noted Pony Club Australia’s sound financial position, with an operating surplus of \$160,749 for the year ended 31 December 2025, up from \$86,126 in 2024. Total revenue increased to \$2.61 million, compared with \$1.99 million the previous year.

Ms Hodges said the result would support continued investment in the organisation’s future.

“The operating surplus will provide resourcing to continue investment in our strategic priorities,” she said.

Pony Club Australia thanked its state and territory associations, clubs, volunteers, coaches, officials, sponsors, partners and members for their contribution throughout the year.

“We are grateful to state members, zones, clubs and stakeholders for their commitment to our guiding principles and coordinated delivery framework,” Mr Helmers said.

“We look forward to affirming our positive influence both domestically and internationally and continuing our ongoing evolution to sustain our relevance for future generations.”

The full 2025 Pony Club Australia Annual Report is available on the Pony Club Australia website.

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