

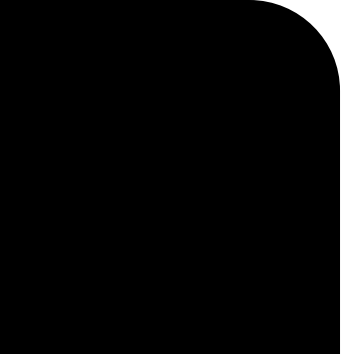


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Annual Report

2025





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About Pony Club Australia

Pony Club Australia is the largest organisation for horse sports in the country. We champion education, safety, horse welfare, enjoyment and community, supporting over 750 clubs and almost 30,000 members. We pride ourselves on being the foundation of equestrian excellence across Australia.



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Vision

A life with horses starts here.

Purpose

To remain the leading organisation for horse sports in Australia through education, safety, horse welfare, enjoyment and community.

PCA Values

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

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

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

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

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

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



From the Chair

Marylou Hodges
Chair, Pony Club Australia

2025 was a year of consolidation as the largest equestrian organisation in Australia.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Heather Disher, for completing her six years of service and my fellow PCA Directors for entrusting me with chair responsibilities. Their selfless service to PCA including our sub-committees, forums and workshops replicate those of volunteers at all levels of our movement and are truly heartwarming.

We welcomed our new appointed director, Charlotte Mills, who you may recall was our MC at the PCA awards presentation. A particular thank you to Carole Hodges for her role as secretary, which includes additional authorisations and ASIC reporting obligations. We are also very fortunate to have Dr. Andrew McLean continue as our patron.

The organisation was again well regarded in its annual sport governance assessment conducted externally by the Australian Sports Commission. We also extended our board evaluation completed last year to an individual director evaluation this year and participated in an inclusive governance and leadership workshop.

We achieved unanimous member support of the special resolution to enshrine the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (FARC) and Nominations Committee (NC) into the PCA constitution. The FARC met several times throughout the year to ensure that PCA appropriately manages its business, legal and operating risks with appropriate policy review and risk management. A special thankyou Venetta Sasha for her guidance as the independent chair and to our directors Nick Hassett and Carole Hodges for their invaluable contributions. The operating surplus will provide resourcing to continue investment in our strategic priorities.

PCA continued its international influence as a member of the Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA). As a collaboration of eight nations working together to provide education, competition and international opportunities and pathways, our mission to education and unite pony clubbers was on fully display with the extra opportunities for international competition and activities.

A huge thank you to our state members for their time and expertise, working together we deliver to so many. The quarterly virtual meetings with state executives ensure we remain aligned with our efforts towards membership services and creating participation opportunities and competition pathways into the future.

Thank you to our CEO Matt Helmers and his dedicated team for their commitment which extends beyond the regular working day. And, of course, our members, their families the many volunteers that support pony club across Australia, our amazing coaches, gear checkers, and officials – Thank you!

Pony Club is so much more than riding and competing. 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. After 58 years of being involved with Pony Club, that feeling and those friendships have never left me. It's that same spirit of learning, support, and connection.



Message from the Australian Sports Commission

Kate Jenkins AO

Continuing to drive Australian sport forward is at the heart of everything we do at the Australian Sports Commission.

We want to bring out the best in everyone involved in sport because that's how we will become the world's best – by working together and bound by a common purpose.

We encourage and help Australians of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to get involved in sport and we advocate for sport and the positive influence it has on the nation.

As we look towards next year's Milano Cortina Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 3032, our vision is for sport to be safe, fair, accessible and inclusive.

Every athlete will be supported to reach their full potential with the Australian Government's record \$385 million investment package for sport ensuring Australians have world class pathways and support at all levels of sport from participation to high performance.

This includes a record \$54.9 million for Para sport – doubling previous funding – ahead of Brisbane 2032.

Our grant programs support athletes, coaches, officials and organisations, while our Sporting Schools program is helping more children access free and fun sporting activities than ever before.

Work is also underway to upgrade the AIS Campus in Canberra, so it is once again modern and world-leading.

The AIS Podium Project will deliver three new facilities, including a new multi-story and para-accessible accommodation, a Testing and Training Centre and indoor Sport Dome.

Construction will commence later this year with the AIS Podium Project being the first stage in delivery of the broader AIS Campus Masterplan – the ASC's long term vision to ensure the AIS Campus continue to evolve as Australia's world leading high performance sport precinct.

As Australian high performance sport continues to win well and build sustainable success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond, we're also addressing the barriers people tell us they face participating in sport so all Australians that want to be involved can be involved in sport. This is how we will play well.

I know success will be greatest when every part of the system is able to perform their role at their best and I'm confident that the actions we take now will create a lasting legacy for Australian sport that will benefit us all for years to come.



From the CEO

Matt Helmers
CEO, Pony Club Australia

This year (2025) represented the first instalment of the 2025-2027 strategic plan.

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. It was pleasing to elevate Pony Club Australia's (PCA) ranking under the Australian Sports Commission recognition with additional funding under the Play Well investment to resource the delivery of priority projects aligned to priorities within the 2025-2027 strategic plan.

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

Pony Club Australia (PCA) continued its commitment to the safety of riders, volunteers and horses in Pony Club activities and ensuring that practices meet community and government expectations. The PCA National Safety Committee (NSC) met twice to monitor trends from the incident report system, recommend policy changes and commence review of the minimum medical standards.

The PCA National Gear Committee (NGC) made amendments to the national gear rules and review exemption applications to ensure the appropriate use of approved gear for horse welfare and rider safety.

The 2025 calendar provided international pathway opportunities. Australian teams proudly wore the Coat of Arms at the International Mounted Games Exchange in the United Kingdom and the International Pacific Exchange was hosted in Australia for the first time since 2013. There were three exchanges in China in March, May & October, where ambassadors upheld the collective values of a diverse footprint of more than 700 affiliated clubs throughout Australia. There were international virtual competitions for Dressage, Jumping and Quiz. Domestically, the National Championships attracted more than 300 entries from all states and territories over four days of competition across seven disciplines. The National Pony Racing series provided opportunities for young riders from Pony Clubs from every state to showcase their skills at a racecourse including a national final on the Gold Coast in July.

Thanks to PCA National Discipline sub-committees for advice on discipline rules, national competition programs and recommendations for national team selection.

Thanks to the PCA staff for their commitment to supporting our members. This year involved a particularly demanding calendar of events and projects and we are so fortunate to have a team who took on additional responsibilities outside their nominal roles during peak workloads: Emma Le Grand (Marketing & Communications), Sally Wiseman (Participation), Michelle Newham (Events & Programs), Monil Shah (Sports Development), Suanne Waugh (Integrity) and Erin McGavin who joined the team to support Member services.

Thanks to our major sponsors, Thoroughbred Industry Careers, Gow Gates, Scootboot and the Australian Sports Commission for their recognition and support. To our naming rights sponsors, Ranvet, that helped successfully return the first PCA National Championships since 2019. To all the category sponsors for the PCA annual awards that enable us to celebrate the achievements of our riders and coaches and recognise the contributions of our volunteers and to the PCA board for their governance and leadership including welcoming our new chair, Marylou Hodges.

We are grateful to state members, zones, clubs and stakeholders for their commitment to our guiding principles and coordinated delivery framework and contributions in the development of the 2025-2027 strategic plan. We look forward to affirming our positive influence both domestically and internationally and continuing our ongoing evolution to sustain our relevance for future generations.



Message from our Patron

Dr. Andrew McLean

As the proud patron of Pony Club Australia, I am delighted to present this annual report, reflecting on a year filled with remarkable experiences, achievements, and connections within our vibrant community of almost 30,000 members. This year has been particularly special, marked by the opportunity to engage with talented riders and celebrate the spirit of Pony Club across the nation and beyond.

One of the highlights of 2025 was the privilege of teaching at the Inter Pacific competition, where I had the chance to work alongside riders from the USA, Canada, New Zealand, and our own Australia. This event was not only a showcase of exceptional skills but also a testament to the dedication and passion that these young adults bring to the equestrian world. Sharing knowledge and experiences with such a diverse group of riders was incredibly rewarding, fostering an environment of learning and growth that embodies the core values of Pony Club—friendship, horsemanship, respect, and sportsmanship.

In addition, I have just returned from Geneva, where I had meetings with the FEI regarding the future of horse sports, which faces challenges from various directions. Notably, the Pony Club Australia syllabus was praised as a gold standard for children's equestrian education. It is encouraging to see that Canada and the UK are following our lead, as well as the FEI and EA in recognising the importance of horse welfare and understanding equine learning processes. So, take a bow, Pony Club Australia! ▶



In 2025, I was honored to receive the Alumnus of the Year award from Pony Club Victoria. This recognition serves as a cherished affirmation of my ongoing commitment to the organization and its members. It reflects the collective efforts of everyone within our Pony Club community, and I am profoundly grateful for the support and encouragement I have received throughout my journey. This award not only motivates me to continue my work but also emphasises the importance of mentorship and giving back to the community that has shaped so many lives.

Another significant event on my calendar was attending the 2025 Pony Club Australia National Championships. This annual gathering serves as a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with fellow Pony Club members, many of whom I consider lifelong friends. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as competitors showcased their skills and dedication. It was heartening to witness the hard work and perseverance of our members, both young and seasoned, as they competed and celebrated their achievements. These championships embody the spirit of Pony Club, where we come together not just as competitors but as a family united by our love for horses and equestrian sports.

Throughout the year, I continued to support various initiatives aimed at enhancing the experience for all Pony Club members. This includes advocating for programmes that promote inclusivity, skill development, and safety in equestrian activities. Our commitment to nurturing the next generation of riders is paramount, and I am excited about the prospects of expanding our reach and resources to ensure that every member feels valued and empowered.

As we look ahead, I encourage all members to remain engaged and take full advantage of the opportunities that Pony Club offers. Whether through competitions, educational workshops, or social events, every experience contributes to our growth as riders and individuals.

2025 reaffirmed my belief in the values of Pony Club and the incredible community we have built together for almost a century. I am excited for what the future holds for Pony Club Australia and look forward to another year of growth, learning, and shared experiences. Thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and support. Together, we will continue to inspire and nurture the next generation of equestrians.

*Andrew McLean,
PhD | CEO, Equitation Science International (ESI);
Honorary Fellow & Trustee,
International Society for Equitation Science (ISES);
Director, Racing Victoria Equine Welfare Advisory; FEI
advisor on horse welfare; Patron, Pony Club Australia.*



2025 Year in Review



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International Competitions

Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) Competitions



Inter Pacific Exchange

By Exchange Coordinator Erin McGavin

The 2025 Inter-Pacific Exchange (IPE) marked a significant chapter in Pony Club Australia's international program, reaffirming its legacy while introducing a welfare-centred approach to horsemanship and rider development. Hosted by Pony Club Australia in Little River, Victoria from 21 September to 5 October 2025, the event brought together riders from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States for education, competition and cultural exchange.

A Tradition Reimagined

The Inter-Pacific Exchange, established in the 1960s, unites young equestrians from Pacific Rim nations in horsemanship, sportsmanship and international friendship. In 2025, Pony Club Australia hosted the event alongside the Ranvet Pony Club Australia National Championships, creating an integrated festival of riding and learning.

The 2025 format emphasised horse welfare, rider education and Off-the-Track Thoroughbreds (OTTs). Riders were paired with OTT horses for the duration of the Exchange, enabling deeper learning, stronger partnerships and a more meaningful training experience than the traditional short familiarisation phase. This reflected Pony Club Australia's commitment to evidence-based horsemanship, ethical training and holistic rider and horse development.

Rider Development and Team Australia

Team Australia comprised Matilda Seppelt (NSW), Britney Cooper (TAS), Caitlin Pritchard (WA) and Lili Taylor (VIC), with Jade Binns (TAS) as reserve. The team was supported by coach J'Aime Mallon (VIC) and team manager Janet Hamblin (NSW), with riders selected through a national process based on Pony Club values, riding ability, experience and leadership.

Over the two-week program, participants undertook structured riding sessions, groundwork, flatwork, showjumping and daily horse care. Coaching was

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delivered by Phil Lever, Jess Barton and Dr Andrew McLean (Equitation Science International), reinforcing ethical training and horse-centred learning.

Showcases of Skill and Spirit

The Exchange culminated in two events: the Kangaroo Cup 6-Bar Challenge, a mixed-nation team jumping competition testing courage, technique and partnership, and the Nations Cup Team Tournament, where teams competed under lights before crowds. Team Australia performed strongly, with standout individual performances and strong international engagement.

Celebrating Partnerships

A defining feature of the 2025 IPE was the partnerships formed between riders and OTT horses. Britney Davey (TAS) and Deal Blaster (“Kevin”) earned the Overall Horsemanship Award, with Britney purchasing Kevin after the Exchange, demonstrating the impact of patience, empathy and long-term equine partnerships.

Sponsors

The 2025 Inter-Pacific Exchange was supported by volunteers, officials, Pony Club Australia staff, horse owners and industry partners. Racing Victoria Off The Track, Barton Equine & Pateman Racing, Lever Equestrian, Equitation Science International, Newtown Saddles, Pryde’s EasiFeed and Hairy Pony ensured riders and horses were prepared and supported throughout.

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Legacy and Impact

Held alongside the Pony Club Australia National Championships, the 2025 IPE highlighted international friendship, rider education and leadership, ethical horsemanship, and the value of OTT Thoroughbreds, while fostering lasting connections between riders, coaches and horses.

Participants returned with increased knowledge, confidence, friendships and a strengthened connection to Pony Club values, reinforcing the Exchange’s purpose to connect, educate and inspire young equestrians globally.

Zara Lally



Lauren Rowe



Dressage Training Challenge

In 2025, Pony Club Australia participated in the Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) Virtual Dressage Training Challenge, a development-focused format centred on feedback, reflection and measurable improvement.

Selections were based on each rider’s potential to benefit from the training experience, rather than results. The challenge ran over two rounds: riders received judging and feedback on their first test, then rode the same test again in Round 2, applying their learnings.

Australia competed against Canada, China, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, Hong Kong and Zambia.

Training Level

- Anna Bliss and Bamborough Liberache (Mount Gambier & District Pony Club, SA)
- Zara Lally and Trussana B (Onkaparinga Pony Club, SA)
- Allie Lovatt and Calveston Henrietta (Barwon Heads & District Pony Club, VIC)
- Isabel Smith and Wedderlie Park Petit Noir (Wellington Pony Club, NSW)

Prix Caprilli

- Kassie Pontifex and Dark Whiskey (Widgee & District Pony Club, QLD)
- Amilie Robinson and Snowy River Duchess (Stratford Pony Club, VIC)
- Isla McLean and Jawarra Oliver (Wonthaggi Pony Club, VIC)
- Brianna Ballesty and A Tuscan Sunrise (Maryborough & District Pony Club, VIC)

Australian riders delivered strong Round 2 performances, including second place in Class 1 Teams, fourth and fifth placings in Class 1A, and second place in Class 2 Prix Caprilli. Awards recognised individual and team results, and most improved, reflecting the program’s learning-first intent.

Virtual Dressage Competition

Pony Club Australia was represented in the PCIA Virtual Dressage Competition, competing against teams from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Africa, Hong Kong, the United States and Canada.

First Level

- Charlotte Thorp and Remi Fishers Ghost (Kangaroo Ground Pony Club, VIC)
- Lateesha Coppin and De Amore (Swan Valley Pony Club, WA)
- Zoe Eaves and Wellbrook Majesty (Huon District Pony Club, TAS)
- Georgia Coward and Autumn French Rose (Esperance Pony Club, WA)

Second Level

- Chelsie Hanna and Kristin Danielle Kenwell (Kangaroo Ground Pony Club, VIC)
- Amelia Bressington and Weemala Renegade (Londonderry Pony Club, NSW)
- Ella Forbes and Aztec Eagle Star (Samford Golden Valley Pony Club, QLD)
- Sara Leitch and Athena Van Francesca (Balnarring Pony Club, VIC)

Third Level

- Charlize Mackie and WEC In The Swing (Kenthurst Pony Club, NSW)
- Rosie Misson and Burrowa Bayardo Express (Londonderry Pony Club, NSW)
- Lauren Rowe and NEP Cadillac (Busselton Horse and Pony Club, WA)
- Scarlett Taylor and Equineaffair Blackjack (Main Ridge Pony Club, VIC)

Freestyle

- Lilly Mace and Woodsden Wizard (Monmouth Pony Club, TAS)
- Natasha Ramage and Arnwood Carumba (Pakenham Pony Club, VIC)
- Lieve Ludgate and Kirralea Showman (Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club, WA)
- Amelia McDougall and Neat N Tidy (Gisborne Pony Club, VIC)

Australia achieved strong results across multiple classes, including first place in Class 3B and Class 4 Team competitions, third place in Class 5 Teams, and second place in the Freestyle class. Individual podium and top-ten placings were recorded across all levels, reflecting the depth and quality of Australian combinations.

Virtual Jumping Equitation

Pony Club Australia was represented in the PCIA Virtual Equitation Jumping Competition, hosted by New Zealand Pony Club, alongside riders from the United States, Hong Kong, Canada, the United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand and China.

Equitation classes assess rider position, effectiveness of aids, rhythm and presentation, rewarding balanced riding and harmony with the horse.

Trot Poles

Jorja Winter and Kristamoor Lodge Brigadoon (Beachport Pony Club, SA)
Sybilla Knowles-Mullholland and Maggie (Nathalia Pony Club, VIC)
Clancy Heather and Kalkee Kiss n Tell (Wangaratta Pony Club, VIC)
Ayla Longey and Marley (Huron Pony Club, TAS)
Maddison Grigg and Herbie (Apsley Pony Club, VIC)

30cm

Sofeyah Mouhajar and Fantastic Flash (The Vines Pony Club, NSW)
Aurelia Martin and Hunter Park Baby Belle (Cooranbong Pony Club, NSW)
Claire Holmes and Karma Park Festivity (Moonyoonooka Pony Club, WA)
Letty Tyrell and Imperial PlayMe (Ringwood Horse and Pony Club, VIC)
Sharnea Armstrong and HP Soodon (Northern Hills Pony Club, SA)

50cm

Laila Tyrrell and Armani Park Monte Carlo (Ringwood Horse and Pony Club, VIC)
Harrison Galloway-Smith and Bamborough Lady Jody (Bathurst Pony Club, NSW)
Harry Downer and Drumeden Centre Stage (Onkaparinga Pony Club, SA)
Rosie Brown and VAD Hydrogen (Northern Suburbs Pony Club, QLD)
Shiloh McKenzie and Wynara Bronze Liberty (Strathalbyn Pony Club, SA)

70cm

Andelaine Mackie and Meersbrooke Iced Liquor (Kenthurst Pony Club, NSW)
Hannah Frankish and Denny (Yeppoon Hack and Pony Club, QLD)
Zoe Eaves and Wellbrook Majesty (Huron Pony Club, TAS)
Quinny Knowles-Mullholland and Roses Are Red (Nathalia Pony Club, VIC)
Ava Robinson and Silver Wings Moonlight (Capel Horse and Pony Club, WA)

90cm

Maddison McConachy and NSJ Elegance (Wollondilly Pony Club, NSW)
Pippa Black and Trapalanda Downs Pegasus (Wallangarra Pony Club, WA)
Paige Lindley and Emmaville Temptation (Mangrove Mountain Pony Club, NSW)
Misha O'Malley and Tiger King (Black River Pony Club, QLD)
Sarah Barri and CP Ginger Ale (Yarrambat Pony Club, VIC)

105cm

Jewel Henderson and Valdise (Pakenham Pony Club, VIC)
Tex Lang and Chatswood Delago (Gisborne Pony Club, VIC)
Naomi Brett and Red Red Rose (Maroochy Pony Club, QLD)
Tehani Badke and Southern Cross Draco (Coffs Harbour Pony Club, NSW)
Abby Wilmot and Luna Rose Marx (Black River Pony Club, QLD)

Australian riders achieved strong results, with podium finishes across multiple classes. Highlights included a Trot Poles podium for Maddison Grigg, a 30cm podium for Claire Holmes, second place for Rosie Brown in the 50cm class, equal third for Hannah Frankish in the 70cm class, and second place for Jewel Henderson in the 105cm class.



Jewel Henderson



Maddison Grigg



Claire Holmes



Virtual Quiz

Pony Club Australia participated in December's PCIA Virtual Quiz, hosted by the Canadian Pony Club, bringing together Pony Club members from around the world to test their knowledge of horsemanship, Pony Club traditions and equestrian life.

The Australian team was managed by Sally Milbourne (Pony Club Queensland) and included:

- Hector Brennan — Woodlands Pony Club (VIC)
- Amy Bennett — Merricks Pony Club (VIC)
- Emma Wiese — Dryandra Pony Club (WA)
- Kaitlyn Brockett — Lilydale Pony Club (TAS)

Australia finished fifth overall in a highly competitive field, behind Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

International Mounted Games Exchange

Pony Club Australia was represented in the PCIA Virtual Dressage Competition, competing against teams from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Africa, Hong Kong, the United States and Canada.

The team arrived in Yorkshire on 27 July for a two-week program of sightseeing, community activities and training, before competing at the international event during the JCB Pony Club Championships on 10 August.

Team Australia

- Ava Cottle — Darwin Horse & Pony Club (NT)
- Isabella Swain — West Tamar Pony Club (TAS)
- Emily Oliver — Lilydale & Mooroolbark Pony Club (VIC)
- Kasey Butcher — Braidwood Pony Club (NSW)
- Madelyn Harney — Swan Valley Horse & Pony Club (WA)

Coach: Dan Foster (VIC)

Team Manager: Niree Weybury (VIC)

Selected for riding ability, teamwork, resilience and commitment to Pony Club values, the riders brought experience across mounted games, eventing, showjumping and gymkhana.

During their stay, the team travelled through North Yorkshire, Cheshire and Warwickshire, visiting York, Ripon Races and local attractions, and connecting with host families and international Pony Club members.

The exchange culminated at the JCB Championships, where Australia finished second overall behind Great Britain.

Under Dan Foster and Niree Weybury, the team demonstrated strong sportsmanship and professionalism. Their performance reflected months of preparation and the foundations built through their clubs and state programs.

Pony Club Australia congratulates the team and acknowledges the families, clubs and volunteers who supported their journey.



China Pony Club International Exchange Program

In 2025, Pony Club Australia expanded its international exchange program with three teams travelling to China. While each tour included training and competition, the central purpose was cultural exchange: building friendships, learning from different equestrian systems, and representing Australia with pride and respect.

March Exchange — Guilin and Nanning

In March, the first team visited Gold Saddle Equestrian Club in Guilin City and Capitano Pony Club in Nanning City, combining showjumping competition with cultural experiences and insight into horsemanship in southern China.

Team members

Charlize Mackie (Kenthurst PC, NSW)
 Morgan Coffey (The Vines PC, NSW)
 Samika Sheahan (Mareeba & District PC, QLD)
 Samantha Pretty (Ballarat PC, VIC)
 Jessie Evans (Gyandah PC, QLD)
 Clara Greenwood (Macedon PC, VIC)
 Madeleine Manton (Coach/Manager, VIC)
 Michelle Newham (Coach, NSW/PCA)

May–June Exchange — Fuzhou

From 27 May to 6 June, a second team travelled to Fuzhou, hosted by Dinky Equestrian Club. The program focused on cultural learning and international friendship, with opportunities to compete and train alongside Chinese and New Zealand participants. School visits and community connections were key components.

Team members

Rosie Misson (Londonderry PC, NSW)
 Tayah Joy (Avon Valley PC, WA)
 Erin Kelly (Lilydale PC, TAS)
 Zoe Sambucco (Mt Duneed PC, VIC)
 Gayle Simpson (Team Manager, NSW)
 Shelley McCrae (Coach, VIC)

October Exchange — Suzhou

In October, the third team travelled to Suzhou for the Suzhou International Equestrian Week and China Pony Club International Exchange, held within the Saga Pony Cup Campus Equestrian League. Based at the Saga Riding Centre, the program combined competition with cultural activities, school visits and social events with international teams, including a welcome evening with performances, shared meals and a gift exchange with local children.

Team members

Elijah Bush (Nyngan PC, NSW)
 Kassie Pontifex (Widgee & District PC, QLD)
 Eliza McGregor (North Eastern PC, TAS)
 Janet Hamblin (Coach, NSW)
 Carol Hobson (Team Manager, TAS)

Across all three tours, riders acted as cultural ambassadors, building friendships and connections beyond competition.

Pony Club Australia thanks its Chinese hosts for their generosity and hospitality, providing opportunities to experience the equestrian and cultural aspects of each region.

Pony Club Australia particularly thanks Elijah for ensuring each visiting Australian team is well supported, with strong organisation, safety and attention to detail. Thanks are also extended to Smily, Secretary of China Pony Club, for coordinating the exchanges and ensuring each visit is memorable.





Matt Taylor Photography



National Events and Initiatives

Annual General Meeting

Pony Club Australia held its Annual General Meeting on 17 May 2025, with state and territory representatives reviewing performance and setting future priorities.

Members unanimously endorsed a special resolution to enshrine the Nominations Committee and the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee in the Constitution, strengthening PCA's governance framework. The meeting noted strong financial results, including an 11 per cent increase in revenue and an operating surplus, reinforcing long-term sustainability.

Directors Carole Hodges and Jo Morgan were re-elected for their third and final terms, recognising their contribution to PCA's strategic direction. The AGM also marked the conclusion of Heather Disher's six-year tenure as Chair, during which PCA achieved consecutive operating surpluses and secured increased investment for future growth. The meeting reinforced PCA's commitment to good governance, financial responsibility and positive outcomes for members nationwide.

Board Appointments and Leadership Update

In May, Pony Club Australia announced the election of Marylou Hodges as Chair and Carole-Anne Hodges as Secretary, and the appointment of Charlotte Mills as a Non-Executive Director.

These appointments followed the first Board meeting after the Annual General Meeting and reflect PCA's focus on strong, experienced, values-driven leadership. The new office bearers bring expertise across equestrian sport, education, governance, finance and community development.

Chair Marylou Hodges brings decades of involvement in Pony Club and youth education, focused on member outcomes and lifelong participation. Secretary Carole-Anne Hodges contributes governance and financial expertise, supported by service at club, state and national levels. Director Charlotte Mills adds national sport administration and animal welfare expertise, strengthening the Board's strategic capability.



Scootboot Joins Pony Club Australia as a Major Partner

In July, Pony Club Australia announced a three-year partnership with Scootboot as a Major Partner.

Recognised internationally for hoof boots supporting natural movement and protection for barefoot and transitioning horses, Scootboot aligns with PCA's focus on soundness, sustainability and evidence-based horse care.

The partnership will deliver hoof health education, event engagement, member campaigns and a new national award recognising excellence in horse welfare and horsemanship.

Scootboot CEO Cheryl Gray highlighted the shared commitment to education and responsible horse care, while PCA CEO Matthew Helmers emphasised the importance of hoof health to long-term equine wellbeing.

Ranvet Confirmed as Nationals Naming Rights Sponsor

In May, Pony Club Australia announced Ranvet as the Naming Rights Sponsor of the 2025 Pony Club Australia National Championships, strengthening a long-standing partnership.

Ranvet has a strong history of supporting Pony Club across Australia and shares PCA's focus on horsemanship, education, community and youth development. Beyond branding, Ranvet provided hands-on support and expertise, contributing to the delivery of a high-quality experience for riders, officials and spectators.



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2024/2025 National Pony Racing Series

By Programs & Events Manager Michelle Newham

The 2024/2025 Pony Club Australia National Pony Racing Series marked the second year of the national program, introducing Pony Club riders to pony racing while reinforcing strong foundations in horsemanship, horse welfare and rider education. Delivered in partnership with Thoroughbred Industry Careers (TIC), the program combined education, skill development and competition in a structured environment while also highlighting potential career pathways within the thoroughbred racing industry.

Across the country, more than 180 riders participated in Jumpstart training and state competitions. The series provided young riders with valuable exposure to the racing industry while maintaining Pony Club Australia's strong focus on safety, welfare and rider development. It also demonstrated the important role Pony Club plays in providing a grassroots foundation for riders who may wish to pursue opportunities within the thoroughbred racing industry.

Training and State Competitions

The 2024/2025 Pony Club Australia National Pony Racing Series marked the second year of the program, introducing riders to pony racing while reinforcing horsemanship, horse welfare and rider education. Delivered with Thoroughbred Industry Careers (TIC), the program combined education, skill development and competition, while highlighting career pathways in the thoroughbred racing industry.

More than 180 riders participated nationally in Jumpstart training and state competitions, gaining exposure to the racing industry within a safety- and welfare-focused framework. The program reinforced Pony Club Australia's role in providing a grassroots foundation for riders pursuing thoroughbred racing opportunities.

Training and State Competitions

Each state hosted a Jumpstart Weekend combining theory and practical training, with approximately 30 riders per state. Training covered horse care, rider fitness, riding position, rein control and race riding techniques, emphasising preparation, safety and welfare.



Mechanical horses were used in several sessions to develop position, balance and technique in a controlled environment. Ranvet supported the program by delivering education on horse nutrition, feeding management and horse care, reinforcing welfare principles.

Jumpstart training remained inclusive, open to all Pony Club riders regardless of experience, supporting skill development in a safe environment. Strong participation from younger riders and smaller pony combinations highlighted early engagement in the discipline.

Jumpstart Weekends and training sessions were held across six states:

- New South Wales: Matcham Valley Pony Club (16 November 2024), training at Gosford Racecourse (17 November 2024), State Final at Newcastle Racecourse (14 December 2024).
- South Australia: Onkapringa Pony Club (23 November 2024), training at Oakbank Racing Club (24 November 2024), State Final at Murray Bridge Racecourse (8 December 2024).

- Tasmania: Deloraine Pony Club (15 February 2025), training at Longford Racecourse (16 February 2025), State Final at Launceston Racecourse (21 February 2025).
- Victoria: Ballarat Pony Club (8 March 2025), training at Ballarat Racecourse (9 March 2025), State Final at Moonee Valley Racecourse (22 March 2025).
- Western Australia: Serpentine Pony Club (12 April 2025), training at Lark Hill Racecourse (13 April 2025), State Final at Ascot Racecourse (18 April 2025).
- Queensland: Southport Pony & Hack Club (10 May 2025), training at Gold Coast Turf Club (11 May 2025), State Final at Gold Coast Turf Club (23 May 2025).

Following Jumpstart training, riders progressed to State Finals, with fields of up to 10 small ponies and 10 large ponies. Selection considered not only speed, but the ability to follow instruction, ride with control and prioritise safety and welfare.

The program emphasised responsible riding, cooperation on the track and safe outcomes for riders and horses.

First and second place riders from each State Final progressed to the National Series Final on the Gold Coast on 7 June 2025, bringing riders together for a week of training, racing and team bonding.



Program Legacy and Future Development

Race clubs, sponsors and industry participants provided strong support, with trainers engaging directly with riders competing in their racing colours.

Pony Club Australia acknowledges Tracy O'Hara (Thoroughbred Industry Careers), whose contribution was recognised with the 2025 Dedication to Racing Award. This follows Lindy Maurice (Thoroughbred Industry Careers), recipient of the National Racing Women of the Year Award in 2024 for her leadership in establishing the Pony Racing Series.

Pony Club Australia was represented at each event by PCA Pony Racing Coordinator and Coach Michelle Newham, who attended all Jumpstart weekends and State Finals and worked with Thoroughbred Industry Careers on national delivery.

The program also built capability within states, with coaches gaining experience in event structure, safety protocols and welfare standards.

Pony Club Australia's involvement in pony racing began through exhibition races with Thoroughbred Industry Careers, introducing the discipline in a structured, welfare-focused environment.

Following the conclusion of operations by Thoroughbred Industry Careers in 2025, Pony Club Australia transitioned away from a nationally coordinated Pony Racing Series. States are encouraged to build on the program and develop pony racing with their Principal Racing Authorities.

Pony Club Australia thanks the Pony Clubs, race clubs, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and industry partners, including Ranvet, for their contribution to the series.

Results: National Pony Racing Series Final *Small Pony Category*

- 1st Stacey Edwards & Napoleon representing Carl and Lorraine Holt (SA)
- 2nd Leilani Anderson & Cosmo representing Race with Lizzie (VIC)
- 3rd Jack Cumming & Poppy representing Frank & Christine Cook (VIC)
- Ariat Pick of the Yard: Olivia Hanby & Pippa representing Thoroughbred Industry Careers (SA)

Large Pony Category

- 1st Lillianna MeyerVale & Honey representing Ridgmont Farm (VIC)
- 2nd Sharmay Bleakley & Ghost representing Peachester Lodge (QLD)
- 3rd Montana Griffith & Gidget representing Seymour Bloodstock (NSW)
- Ariat Pick of the Yard: Charli-Anne Bennett & Tommy representing Chris Waller Racing (TAS)

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2025 Ranvet Pony Club Australia National Championships

By Event Director Michelle Newham

The 2025 Ranvet Pony Club Australia National Championships brought together riders, horses, officials, volunteers and supporters from across Australia, celebrating the sportsmanship and horsemanship that define Pony Club Australia.

The Championships provide a national competition platform while developing skills, confidence and connections.

Held over five days, including four days of competition, the event showcased the depth of talent across Pony Club Associations and the diversity of disciplines available.

Event Snapshot

- Approximately 290 competitors
- Approximately 325 horses
- 7 State and Territory Associations represented
- 4 days of national competition
- 100+ volunteers and officials
- 7 national disciplines contested

Above Photos by OzShotz

Competition & Participation Highlights

Competition was held across Tetrathlon, Mounted Games, Formal Gymkhana, Showjumping, Eventing (One Day Event), Dressage and Quiz.

Mounted Games Pairs was introduced, adding a new competition format to the program and receiving strong competitor support.

Masters classes and Inclusive competition opportunities were also introduced at National Championships level, expanding participation pathways and supporting accessibility, inclusion and lifelong involvement.

Masterclasses and demonstrations provided additional learning opportunities with experienced professionals. International engagement included riders from the China Pony Club International Exchange program competing in showjumping.

The event opened with a ceremony introducing state and territory teams and Inter-Pacific Exchange teams, held concurrently at a nearby location. Additional activities included a Hobby Horse competition.

The Championships also supported the host region, with competitors, families and officials contributing to local tourism, accommodation and hospitality, reinforcing the role of national events in regional communities.



Sponsors & Partners

The Pony Club Australia National Championships were supported by sponsors and partners:

- Naming Rights Sponsor: Ranvet
- Platinum Sponsor: Victoria State Government
- Riders Retreat Sponsor: Racing Victoria

Discipline Sponsors

- Scoutboot – Mounted Games
- Arena Saddles – Dressage
- Goodwoods Saddlery – Showjumping
- Johnson’s Natural Formula – Eventing
- Bestitched Embroidery – Tetrathlon

Silver Sponsors

- The Glamourous Grub
- Eurofloat

Bronze Sponsors

- Equisage
- Equisk
- Goddess and Horse Equestrian Photography

Their support enables Pony Club Australia to deliver national events and rider development opportunities.

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Acknowledgements

The Championships rely on the commitment of volunteers, officials, coaches and organisers. Pony Club Australia thanks all riders, horse owners, team managers, coaches, officials, volunteers, sponsors and supporters who contributed to the event.

The Pony Club Australia National Championships remain a key event, bringing riders together to compete nationally and represent their State and Territory Associations.

Strategic Growth & Development

Updated Horse Welfare Policy

In early 2025, Pony Club Australia released an updated Horse Welfare Policy following national consultation with state and territory representatives and the Board.

The policy strengthens alignment with the Five Domains model and sets clear expectations for riders, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Updates include guidance on body condition, hot weather transport, monitoring in all weather conditions, emergency planning and agistment contacts, and a clear position that anti-inflammatories must not be used to mask lameness. The policy prohibits failing to meet foraging, movement and social needs, reinforces that whips, spurs and reins must not be used as punishment, emphasises positive reinforcement, and introduces guidance on recognising pain through facial expressions to support earlier intervention.

Launch of New Website

In March, Pony Club Australia launched a new website reflecting its values of unity, integrity, accessibility, kindness and horse welfare.

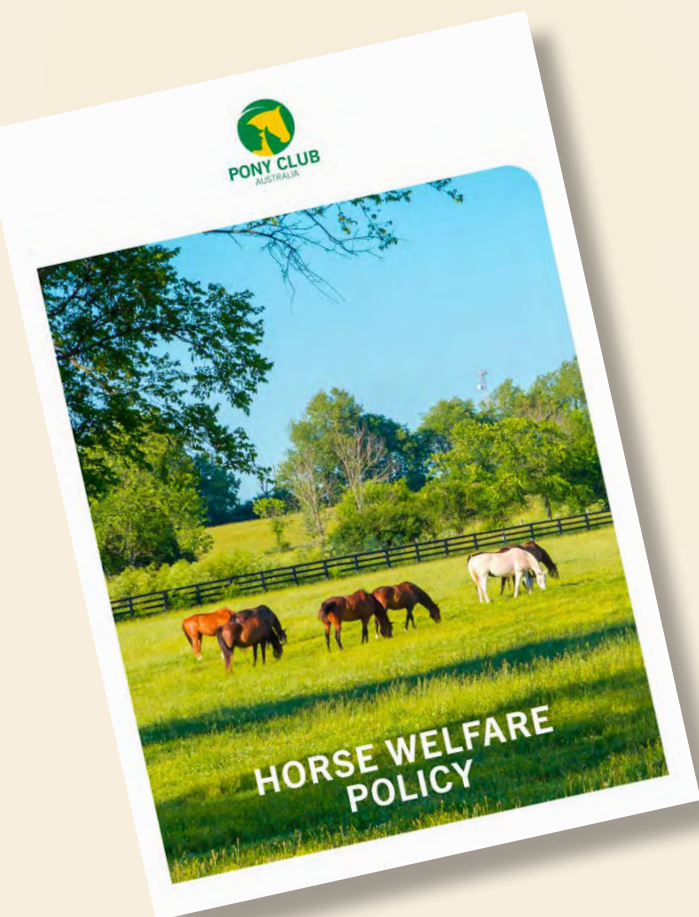
The design features images from the 2025 website photo competition, showcasing Pony Club moments from across Australia.

Functionality includes a Resource Hub with access to rules and policies, publications, JustGo resources, risk management tools, coaching and gear-checking guides, and syllabus and horse care information. A search function was added shortly after launch to improve accessibility.

Supporting Stronger Clubs

In May, Pony Club Australia joined CPR Group's Preferred Provider Partnership Program, providing affiliated clubs and associations with access to governance support.

With more than 25 years' experience supporting sport and community organisations, CPR Group offers practical advice and tailored resources, including strategic planning.



Polocrosse Discipline of the Month Relaunch

In May, Pony Club Australia relaunched the Polocrosse Discipline of the Month Activity Guide, providing clubs and coaches with an updated resource to support rider participation..

Developed with Polocrosse Australia, the guide includes mounted and unmounted activities, skill-building drills, game ideas and pathways to equipment, coaching support and local networks, enabling clubs to deliver sessions with confidence.



Skill level: beginner
Skill development: ball control and throw accuracy
Player number: 5 – 10
Equipment required: Each player will need a racquet and a ball

Instructions

1. Players stand in a circle, facing the centre, holding their racquet.
2. Allocate a player to start and finish the drill. The 'starter' throws the ball to a player on the opposite side of the circle.
3. Each player who receives the ball throws the ball to a new player on the opposite side of the circle.
4. The aim is to pass the ball as quickly as possible in the correct order to try to achieve the quickest time.

Tips, tricks and adaptations

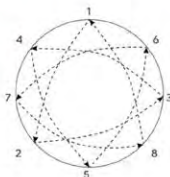
Spend two minutes planning the exercise so each player knows who they will receive the ball from and who they will throw the ball to! Support the group to set themselves up for success.

Remain calm! Focus on accurate passes and be sure to communicate.

Go at your own pace. Increase speed as you gain confidence.

Time each round for a bit of added competition.

Acknowledgements: Adapted from Bev Hughes



Skill level: beginner
Skill development: catching and throwing
Player number: 5 or more
Equipment required: A ball, and each player (except the runner) will need a racquet

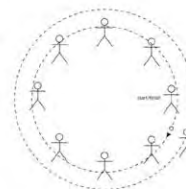
Instructions

1. Arrange players with racquets in a circle, standing about 2 m apart, with one player holding the ball in their racquet.
2. Have the runner stand on the outside of the circle, next to the player holding the racquet.
3. On "go" the runner takes off around the circle as the players in the circle pass the ball, aiming to get the ball back to the original ball holder before the runner reaches them.
4. Rotate players into the position of runner until all players have run around the circle.

Tips, tricks and adaptations

If the runner beats the ball back, increase the distance between the players on the circle or ask each player to bounce the ball before throwing it to the next player.

Acknowledgements: Bev Hughes



Recognition and Engagement

2025 PCA Annual Awards



Gillian Rolton Memorial Alumnus Award

Winner: Meaghan Sutherland
(Pony Club Victoria)



Club of the Year

Winner: Bendigo Pony Club (VIC)

Finalists:

Rosewood Hack & Pony Club (QLD)
Carnarvon Horse & Pony Club (WA)
Litchfield Horse & Pony Club (NT)
Harden Pony Club (NSW)



Accredited Riding Centre of the Year
Winner: Turlinjah Park Equestrian Centre (NSW)

Finalists:

Phoenix Acres Equine Centre (QLD)



Welfare & Soundness Award

Winner: Brianna Ballesty (Maryborough &
District Pony Club, VIC)

Finalists:

Elle Swaddling (The Vines Pony Club, NSW)
Summer Lindgren (Rosewood Pony Club, QLD)



Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Beata Small
(Darwin Horse & Pony Club, NT)

Finalists:

Megan Hayne (Rosewood Pony Club, QLD)
Renee Murtagh (Wangaratta Pony Club, VIC)





Miss Kay Irving Coach of the Year
Winner: David Quinn (Pony Club Tasmania)

Finalists:
Simone James (Pony Club Victoria)
Ruth Hanssen (Pony Club Association Northern Territory)



Young Coach of the Year
Winner: Madeleine Manton (Woodend Pony Club, VIC)

Finalists:
Anita Drew (Moondarga Pony Club, QLD)
J'Aime Mallon (Riddells Creek Pony Club, VIC)
Darcy Wade (Stratford Pony Club, VIC)



Best Achievement by a Rider Over 25 Years
Winner: Timothy Wilson (Lillico & District Pony Club, VIC)

Finalists:
Kaitlin Goss (Eastern Hills Horse & Pony Club, WA)
Jonnie Badger (Cambewarra Pony Club, NSW)



Best Achievement by a Rider 18–25 Years
Winner: Darcy Wade (Stratford Pony Club, VIC)

Finalists:
Indi Smith (Moonyoonooka Horse & Pony Club, WA) Kate Duignan (Mornington Peninsula Pony Club, VIC)
Madeleine Manton (Woodend Pony Club, VIC)

LARA TWEEDIE



Best Achievement by a Rider Aged 13–17 Years
Winner: Lucy Johnston (Midlands Pony Club, TAS)

Finalists:
Matilda Maston (Hamilton Pony Club, VIC)
Angus Kerr (Woodlands Pony Club, VIC)
Samika Sheahan (Mareeba & District Pony Club, QLD)



Best Achievement by a Rider Aged 12 Years and Under
Winner: Florence Wilson (Kellerberrin Riding & Pony Club, WA)

Finalists:
Audrey Littler (Telegraph Point Pony Club, NSW)
Frank Hurmez (Woodlands Pony Club, VIC)
Andelaine Mackie (Kenthurst Pony Club, NSW)
Evie Young (Midlands Pony Club, TAS)





ANZAC Day celebrations

Pony Club members and clubs across Australia participated in local ANZAC Day dawn services and parades, honouring Australia's veterans and the legacy of the Australian Light Horse. Riders represented Pony Club with pride in communities nationwide.

Pony Club members and clubs across Australia once again took part in local ANZAC Day dawn services and community parades, honouring the service and sacrifice of Australia's veterans. Through their respectful participation, riders helped keep alive the legacy of the Australian Light Horse and the strong historical connection between horsemanship and military service. These commemorations provided an important opportunity for young people to reflect on the values of courage, mateship and service, and to represent Pony Club Australia with pride in their local communities.





Jamie Melham's Melbourne Cup Triumph

In 2025, Pony Club Australia celebrated alumna Jamie Melham (née Kah), who won the Melbourne Cup aboard Half Yours and became the first woman to complete the Caulfield Cup–Melbourne Cup double.

Jamie began at One Tree Hill Pony Club before joining Mt Pleasant Pony Club in South Australia, later representing Australia in Pony Club Mounted Games in England in 2010. She has credited Pony Club for building her balance, connections and pathway into racing.

National Volunteer Week

Pony Club Australia joined the Australian Sports Commission in recognising National Volunteer Week, celebrating the volunteers who coach, officiate, mentor, run events, fundraise and maintain facilities. Clubs shared stories and thanked those who quietly make Pony Club possible.

Do It for Dolly

In May, Pony Club Australia again supported Do It For Dolly Day, with clubs “going blue” at rallies, musters and competitions in honour of Dolly Everett.

Fundraising ranged from blue-themed canteens and dress-up parades to showjumping days and online campaigns, with clubs also turning social media channels blue to raise awareness and promote kindness and connection.







Achievements Against Strategic Priorities



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Throughout the reporting period, Pony Club Australia has made measurable progress across all five strategic priorities. From strengthening national influence and securing increased funding, to improving governance, expanding participation pathways and reinforcing welfare and integrity frameworks, PCA continues to build a more aligned, capable and future-focused organisation.



Strategic Priority 1: Leadership in Equestrian Sports

Pony Club Australia strengthened its national standing through an elevated National Sporting Organisation (NSO) ranking and increased funding for 2025–26 under the Australian Sports Commission’s *Play Well* investment strategy. This reflects PCA’s growing capacity to deliver participation outcomes and demonstrate value across community engagement and member experience.

PCA expanded its sponsorship assets to support increased corporate investment, with a focus on reducing reliance on membership and government revenue streams. Internationally, PCA maintained its role within the Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA), ensuring continued global engagement and influence.

Major national and international events played a central role in delivering transformative experiences for members and stakeholders. The 2025 PCA National Championships, held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, brought together approximately 300 representatives from every state and territory across seven disciplines. As the first Championships since 2019, the event provided an important platform

for rider development, while also strengthening capability across officials, including judges, course designers, stewards and team managers. It also created opportunities for collaboration across coaching and horsemanship practices.

PCA also hosted the 2025 Inter-Pacific Exchange (IPE), the first time the event has been held in Australia since 2013. Teams from Canada, the USA and New Zealand participated in this long-standing programme, which brings together young equestrians from across the Pacific Rim for a combination of competition, education and cultural exchange.

A continued focus on leveraging expertise supported improvements in coach and official development. International exchange opportunities were provided for coaches across multiple disciplines in China and the United Kingdom. In addition, VET (Vocational Education and Training)–aligned assessor training was delivered to 20 nominated coach educators from each state and territory. This programme focused on strengthening assessment capability and standardising coach assessor education nationally, enhancing the quality, credibility and consistency of assessments across Australia.



Strategic Priority 2: Empowerment & Development

PCA continued to strengthen national alignment through governance reform, stakeholder engagement and a strong focus on member experience.

A Special Resolution passed at the PCA Annual General Meeting formally embedded the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and the Nominations Committee within the PCA Constitution. This represents a significant step in strengthening governance frameworks and ensuring ongoing accountability and best practice.

Quarterly virtual meetings between the PCA Board and state executives supported alignment across membership growth, participation initiatives and competition pathways. These meetings provided a consistent forum for collaboration and shared planning.

At a strategic level, PCA hosted a national *Play Well* Participation Strategy forum, bringing together key national and state stakeholders to respond to sector-wide challenges impacting participation growth. The forum identified shared priorities and established a

framework for stronger system alignment, ensuring collective resources can be used more effectively to support participation outcomes in 2026–27 and beyond.

A strong member-centric approach remained central to PCA's work. A national member survey provided valuable insights into satisfaction levels, identifying both strengths and opportunities for improvement. In response, a Member Handbook was developed to support clubs in delivering a consistent onboarding experience, strengthening community connection and encouraging lifelong involvement in Pony Club.

Technology integration continued to enhance service delivery and operational efficiency. The PCA Academy was integrated with the Australian Sports Commission Learning Centre, enabling ASC qualifications to be automatically recognised and updated within JustGo member profiles. A proposal to consolidate membership categories was also endorsed, improving reporting consistency across the organisation. In addition, the Club Finder feature was launched within JustGo, improving accessibility and visibility of clubs nationwide.

Strategic Priority 3: Enhancing Perception & Capacity

Pony Club Australia continued to strengthen its brand presence and reinforce its position within the equestrian community through a coordinated national communications and marketing approach.

High levels of engagement were achieved across digital platforms, supported by strong content performance and the introduction of media monitoring services for all states and territories. Strategic partnerships, including with Equestrian Life, contributed to expanding audience reach and increasing visibility beyond the immediate Pony Club network.

The 2025 PCA National Championships demonstrated a significant step forward in brand presentation and event delivery. A consistent and professional look was achieved across signage, digital and print assets, supported by a dedicated event website and a broadcast partnership with Horse & Country TV. Event coverage captured both the competitive and community aspects of Pony Club, reinforcing the organisation's identity and values.

PCA also focused on clearly articulating pathways for members and stakeholders. Campaigns were delivered to promote rider certificate programmes, while opportunities were actively communicated to members, including multiple international exchanges to China, PCIA Virtual Competitions in dressage, jumping and Quiz, and participation in the Nationals Pony Racing Series.

At a grassroots level, PCA continued to support club development and sustainability. More than 50 additional clubs engaged with the Game Plan programme in 2025, bringing the total to over 100 clubs working to strengthen governance, improve operations and create safe, welcoming environments.

Facility development also progressed, with the introduction of a national facility plan and supporting guidelines. This provides a structured framework for identifying infrastructure gaps and supports clubs in securing grant funding. Facility data collected through affiliate submissions was integrated into JustGo and linked to the Club Finder, enhancing visibility and supporting long-term planning.

Strategic Priority 4: Engagement and Inclusive Opportunities

PCA continued to expand participation opportunities, with a strong focus on inclusivity, accessibility and lifelong engagement.

The 2025 PCA National Championships introduced several key initiatives to broaden participation pathways. Dedicated Para-Riding and All Abilities classes provided opportunities for neurodiverse riders and riders with intellectual disabilities to compete at a national level within a supportive and professionally delivered environment. Senior and Masters classes were also introduced, recognising the evolving demographics of Pony Club membership and supporting continued engagement beyond youth participation.

Additional opportunities were created for non-riders, including the inclusion of Quiz competitions and a Hobby Horse novelty event in the main arena, further diversifying participation options.

Support for coaches and officials remained a priority, with a continued focus on education and development. PCA partnered with the Australian Sports Commission to deliver a national e-learning platform through the Australian Sport Learning Centre. This initiative established a centralised digital learning environment to support coach, official and rider education pathways, improving accessibility, consistency and scalability across Australia. The first course delivered through the platform was the PCA Preliminary Coach Course.

Accreditation and education outcomes continued to grow, with more than 500 gear checking accreditations obtained in 2025, bringing the total number of accredited individuals within JustGo to 1,920. Additional education initiatives included bit and bridle training for coaches and officials, supporting alignment between horse welfare principles and rider safety outcomes.

Strategic Priority 5: Ethical Standards and Safety

Pony Club Australia continued to strengthen its commitment to ethical standards, with a focus on horse welfare, safety and integrity across all levels of the organisation.

The National Safety Committee monitored incident reporting trends, updated concussion guidelines and commenced a review of minimum medical standards. The National Gear Committee also undertook a review of national gear rules to ensure they remain aligned with current best practice.

A cost-effective national insurance policy was secured to provide ongoing coverage for members, clubs and activities, supporting the sustainability and safety of the sport.

Integrity and safeguarding initiatives were expanded, with workshops delivered by the National Integrity Manager to zone and club delegates. These workshops focused on embedding integrity practices across all levels of Pony Club. The Integrity Network Group met regularly to progress the development of a National Integrity Plan aligned with the Sport Integrity Australia framework, including the SISCIP and National Integrity Framework implementation plans.

More than 500 PCA members completed Sport Integrity Australia education modules, including Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport and National Integrity Framework courses, strengthening awareness and capability across the organisation.

Recognition and respect remained central to PCA's culture. The 2025 PCA Annual Awards celebrated the achievements and contributions of riders, coaches and officials, with strong attendance and engagement across the Pony Club community. In addition, the weekly Welfare Wednesday social media series continued to promote evidence-based horse welfare practices, reinforcing PCA's leadership in this area.



National Committees



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Pony Club Australia's national committees bring together experienced volunteers and staff from across the country to guide key areas of our organisation.

Each committee plays an important role in maintaining national standards, supporting safety and education, developing disciplines, and ensuring consistent practices across all states and territories. Their work underpins the growth, safety, and success of Pony Club at every level.

National Safety Committee

Tonia Murtagh (PCA, Chair)
Tanya Appleby (WA)
Meaghan Densley (VIC)
Greg Bailey (SA)
Geoff Thomson (QLD)
Elysha Sargent (NSW)
Erin Hunn (TAS)

National Gear Committee

Sally Wiseman (PCA)
Michael Carlson (QLD)
Dianne Ould (WA)
Claire McDonald (VIC)
Philip Logue (NSW)
Ann Olsen (SA)
Hayley Atkinson (TAS)
Ruth Hanssen (NT)

Coaching Advisory Committee

Sally Wiseman (PCA)
Michael Carlson (QLD)
Kathleen Kindler (VIC)
Sarah Venamore (NSW)
Judy Rose (WA)
Ruth Hanssen (NT)
Ann Olsen (SA)
Julz Targett (TAS)

Education and Development Committee

Elizabeth Stanfield
Jennifer Mainland
Rebecca Ham
Karen Luke
Cathy Beh
Kate Fenner
Marylou Hodges
Dr Catherine Ainsworth

National Discipline Committees

National Tetrathlon Committee

Kate Thomson (Chair)
Kev Walsh (Qld)
Janet Hamblin (NSW)
Sarah Wiese (WA)
Phyllis Pyke (Tas)
Tiffany Bennett (SA)
Kalinda Wade (Vic)

National Mounted Games Committee

Suanne Waugh (Chair, PCA)
Scott Jackson (QLD)
Phil Logue (NSW)
Niree Weybury (VIC)
Theresa Elias (TAS)
Penny Maynard (SA)
Sean Corbin (WA)
Ruth Hanssen (NT)

Integrity Network Group (Working Party)

Suanne Waugh (PCA)
Melda McBeth (QLD)
Elysha Sargeant/Renee Delicata (NSW)
Jill Taylor (VIC)
Caitlin Toussaint (TAS)
Ann Olsen (SA)
Tanya Appleby (WA)
Illana Eldridge (NT)



Integrity

By PCA Integrity Manager Suanne Waugh

Integrity and Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Pony Club Australia is committed to fostering a safe, enjoyable, and fair environment where everyone can participate in and enjoy Pony Club. Our organisation relies on the dedication and contribution of volunteers across the community who play a vital role in delivering Pony Club activities and experiences. As we work to implement and strengthen safeguarding and integrity practices, we recognise the importance of balancing these responsibilities with providing practical support to those in the field who are working to deliver positive, high-quality experiences for our members.

Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP)

The Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP) has helped Pony Club to strengthen its ability to provide safe and inclusive environments for children, young people, and all members. The SISCIP aligns with the National Integrity Framework and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations,

the program helps our organisation to meet child safeguarding requirements while building capability, improving safeguarding practices, and strengthening child safety and member protection culture. Pony Club Australia has completed the first action plan and with the support and guidance of Sport Integrity Australia will move into a new plan in 2026 to continue assessing our safeguarding maturity, identify risks, and work toward embedding processes and actions to continuously improve our safeguarding and integrity practices.

Integrity Network Group

The Integrity Network Group continued to meet monthly during 2025 with a focus on creating a National Integrity Plan based on the SISCIP, NIF Implementation Plan and the 8 Actions to Safeguard your Club. The Group has been working to improve assessment of the success of integrity and safeguarding actions and messages and reporting on integrity actions and success will be a focus into the coming year.

8 Actions to Safeguard your Club

The 8 Actions to Safeguard your Club form some basic safeguarding and integrity actions which are aimed at ensuring the safeguarding and integrity message and fundamental actions becomes “just what we do” at all levels of the organisation. The 8 Actions focus on recording, education, screening and capacity building. Integrity and governance are closely linked, helping to support our volunteers to build strong governance and management practices will help to ensure our clubs offer a safe, welcoming and fun environment for everyone to enjoy Pony Club.

Safeguarding and Integrity e-Learning

The Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) Education Plan helps to build safeguarding and integrity knowledge in our volunteer workforce by enabling our club officials to jump online and learn at their own pace and in their own time. One of our challenges as an organisation is to ensure all Committee/Board members, coaches

and officials complete the Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction and National Integrity Framework courses and ensure these are recorded on the JustGo database. Currently it is estimated that 5% of our Committee/Board members, coaches and officials across Pony Club have completed both the Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction and National Integrity Framework courses. A focus on understanding and reporting on the progress of this education within the field will be an objective into the 2026 year.

Game Plan

Over the past three years the organisation has seen an increase in the number of clubs and zones signing up to Game Plan. Game Plan is a tool to understand what actions or activities your committee can implement to increase knowledge retention in your organisation, improve governance and support the continuous improvement of a creating a welcoming, safe and fun environment at Pony Club.

Safeguarding and Integrity e-Learning

SIA e-Learning Course	2023	2024	2025
ASC-National Integrity Framework	8	181	177
ASC-Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction	202	385	370

Working with Children Check

	2023	2024	2025
Total	3419	3064	2476

Game Plan Sign up

STATE	2023	2024	2025
NSW	1	4	2
NT		2	
QLD	6	22	38
SA	1		2
TAS	2		2
VIC	4	10	8
WA	2	1	1
TOTALS	16	39	53



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Year in Review

2025 was a standout year for Pony Club WA, marked by achievement, growth and a strong sense of community. While horses remain central to all that we do, our focus continues to be on developing confident, capable young people who demonstrate compassion, respect, empathy and integrity. These values underpin everything we do as an Association.

Throughout the year, Pony Club WA delivered six State Championships and the Pony Club Festival, while also focusing on strengthening internal systems and processes. This included streamlining operations, improving consistency across the Association and aligning with Pony Club Australia's national focus on strong governance and sustainable participation pathways.

The introduction of our 2025–2029 Strategic Plan provides a clear and forward-looking framework to support continued growth and improvement. Pony Club WA's strength lies in its people, and their passion,

resilience and commitment remain the foundation of our success. We look forward to building on this momentum in 2026.

Key Activities and Programs

A wide range of events, education opportunities and initiatives were delivered across the year, supporting both participation and skill development.

Pony Club WA was invited to the Jenny Gehrke and Jayden Brown Masterclass, where our Formation Jumping Team and Pas de Deux performance captivated the audience. The performances gained significant traction on social media, attracting international attention and providing valuable exposure for Pony Club WA. Riders included Charlie and Ruby Brajkovich, Emma, Lily and Jack Bennett, Ella McCrum, Ava Bowles and Ruby Douglas.



The National Pony Racing Series qualifier was held at Ascot Racecourse, delivered in partnership with Pony Club Australia and Thoroughbred Racing Industries. This initiative provided riders with an exciting pathway opportunity within the racing industry.

Results:

Large Pony

- Aspen Pike & Onyx
- Stella Brown & Prada
- Tahni Williams & Rocky

Small Pony

- Makenzie Hrubos & Jenni
- Elaria Atheis & Wildwood Beyond Paradise
- Mia Farr & Erigolia Tanwen

Dressage riders were also able to showcase their skills internationally through the PCIA Virtual Dressage competition, with Pony Club WA achieving both individual and team success.

Pony Club Day at the Perth Royal Show remained a highlight of the calendar. Despite challenging weather conditions, riders demonstrated their skills across multiple disciplines in front of large and enthusiastic crowds.

The Regional Service Grant from the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport continued to play a key role in supporting regional clubs. Through this program, the State Coaching Panel and Officials delivered education, mentoring and skill development, strengthening capability, consistency and connection across Western Australia.

The Thompson & Redwood Pony Club Mount of the Month program also continued throughout the year, recognising the ponies that play such an important role in our members' Pony Club journeys.

Achievements and Highlights

Pony Club WA riders and teams achieved strong results across both national and international platforms, reflecting the depth of talent within the Association. Caitlin Pritchard (King River) represented Australia at the 2025 Inter-Pacific Exchange, participating in a two-week program combining elite competition, horsemanship and cultural exchange. The updated format challenged riders to work with off-the-track Thoroughbreds under leading Australian coaches, with Caitlin competing in events including the 6 Bar Jumping Challenge and the Nations Cup Team Tournament.

National recognition was also achieved by Florence Wilson (Kellerberrin), who, at just 12 years of age, was named the PCA Award recipient for Best Achievement by a Rider 12 Years and Under. Her dedication, sportsmanship and competitive success are a strong reflection of Pony Club values.

Pony Club WA riders were selected across multiple Australian teams in PCIA competitions:

Virtual Dressage (Australian Team):

Lateesha Coppin (Swan Valley), Georgia Coward (Esperance), Lauren Rowe (Busselton), Lieve Ludgate (Eastern Hills)

Mounted Games (England):

Madelyn Harney (Swan Valley)

Showjumping Equitation (Australian Team):

Pippa Black (Wallangarra), Claire Holmes (Moonyoonooka), Ava Robinson (Capel)

Quiz (Australian Team):

Emma Wiese

At the 2025 PCA National Championships in Victoria, Pony Club WA State Teams delivered outstanding performances, achieving multiple team and individual wins and placings.

The ability for riders to borrow horses across all disciplines enabled broader participation and contributed to the strength of the team. Pony Club WA acknowledges and thanks the families who generously loaned their horses, as well as Pony Club Australia and the Organising Committee for supporting this approach.

The team was supported by an experienced leadership group:

Coaches: Rosemary Inglis and Sean Corbin
Team Manager: Jazmin Anderson
Chef d'Equipe: Shaun Lowry

2025 Pony Club WA State Team Members:

Amelia McDonald, Emily Maxwell, Jenna Perkins, Mikaylah Stephen, Sophie Tennant, Amelia Gordon, Emma Bennett, Josephine Anning, Pippa Black, Stella Brown, Bill Wiese, Emma Wiese, Krystina Bercene, Ruby Brajkovich, Willow Bennett, Campbell Black, Emmi Kneale, Lily Bennett, Ruth Elsegood, Willow Hawkins, Dan Wiese, Georgia Coward, Linaeve Kelly, Ryan Frantom, Stephanie Daniels, Elaria Atheis, Isabelle Cox, Marni Bercene, Sienna Owen

Membership and Participation

Pony Club WA continued to see strong engagement across State and regional activities.

Participation was supported through inclusive practices, including opportunities such as horse borrowing at the PCA National Championships, which enabled more riders to compete at a national level.

The Regional Service Grant program also played an important role in supporting participation across geographically dispersed areas by improving access to coaching, mentoring and skill development.

Major events, including six State Championships, the Pony Club Festival and Pony Club Day at the Perth Royal Show, attracted strong involvement from members, volunteers and the broader community.

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

Pony Club WA maintained a strong focus on education, horsemanship and responsible participation throughout all programs and activities.

Opportunities such as the Inter-Pacific Exchange, where riders worked with unfamiliar off-the-track Thoroughbreds under expert guidance, reinforced the importance of adaptability, sound horsemanship and horse welfare.

The delivery of consistent coaching and officiating through programs such as the Regional Service Grant further supported safe, high-quality experiences for members across the state.

Developing riders who demonstrate compassion, respect, empathy and integrity remains central to Pony Club WA's approach.

People and Partnerships

The achievements of Pony Club WA in 2025 were made possible by the dedication of its people and the strength of its partnerships.

We sincerely thank our Board, Operational Team, Officials and Volunteers for their outstanding efforts across the year. Their commitment enabled the successful delivery of major events, programs and initiatives across the state.

The ongoing support of the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport through the Regional Service Grant continues to be instrumental in strengthening regional clubs.

We also acknowledge and thank Thompson & Redwood for their continued support of the Pony Club Mount of the Month program.

Our Awards Night, held in December, brought together more than 250 members and volunteers to celebrate the year. Despite an unexpected power outage, the event was a memorable occasion.

Major award recipients:

Tiarlie Wareham – Young Coach of the Year
Jazmin Anderson – Coach of the Year
Tanzi Carpenter – Volunteer of the Year
Nicola Lachenicht (Serpentine) – Thompson & Redwood Spirit of Pony Club Award

Looking Ahead

Pony Club WA looks forward to building on the strong foundations established in 2025.

Guided by the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan, the focus will remain on strengthening systems, supporting regional clubs and delivering consistent, high-quality experiences for members.

We remain committed to developing capable, confident young people and fostering a strong, connected Pony Club community across Western Australia.



Queensland



Year in Review

2025 was a strong and steady year for Pony Club Queensland (PCQ), with clear progress across our programs, events, and membership base. Guided by our strategic and operational plan, we continued to strengthen the capability of our people, refine our systems, and invest in resources that support clubs and zones across the state. The result was a year that not only delivered on our priorities but also set us up well for the opportunities ahead.

Key Activities and Programs

Education remained a central focus in 2025. PCQ delivered a wide range of training opportunities for coaches and officials, ensuring consistency and continuity across our workforce. Sessions were offered both in person and online, enabling PCQ to reach members in all regions and maintain flexibility in how learning was delivered.

The annual State and Regional Seminars again drew strong attendance, with members travelling from across Queensland to update accreditations, participate in workshops, and engage in professional development. These seminars continue to play an important role in strengthening our coaching and officiating community.

Our state events were a major highlight of the year. Championships were successfully delivered across dressage, combined training, showjumping, jumping equitation, horse trials, sporting, formal gymkhana, campdraft, stockman's challenge, and tetrathlon disciplines. These events showcased our riders skills within Queensland and the ongoing commitment of our riders, coaches and volunteers.

The strength of our state competitions flowed directly into Queensland's performance at the 2025 PCA National Championships. Our riders represented the state with skill and determination, and their results reflected the quality of preparation and support they received throughout the year.



Achievements and Highlights

Several Queensland-specific initiatives were also introduced during the year. These included a model zone constitution template to support modern governance practices, a competition scoring system to streamline event delivery, and camp packs designed to support organisers and participants. Each initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to practical improvements that make club and zone operations easier and more consistent.

Queensland's commitment to practical horsemanship remains a defining feature of our organisation. The State Chief Instructor's Medals program continued to grow, with 33% of applicants now having achieved medal status and ambassadorship. This program celebrates members who demonstrate strong horse skills, leadership, and dedication to Pony Club® values, and it continues to play a key role in retaining capable horse people within our community.

Membership and Participation

Membership held fairly steady throughout 2025, with only a small decrease overall. Most of this change came from the non-riding category, where female membership fell by 2.01% and male membership by 10.01%. We are hopeful that these numbers will start to improve again in the year ahead.

People and Partnerships

Volunteers are the backbone of Pony Club® and PCQ has continued its recognition programs, awarding volunteer pins and official lanyards to individuals who contribute their time and expertise. These acknowledgements are a small but important way of recognising the people who keep Pony Club® running week after week. PCQ also provide at no cost to members, the opportunity to undertake first aid courses which enables clubs and zone to have qualified and accredited first aiders at their clubs

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

2025 brought new challenges with the rollout of the Queensland Government Blue Card (Working with Children Check) reforms. The requirement for additional members to obtain Blue Card credentials has placed extra pressure on clubs and zones, particularly in rural and regional areas. PCQ has continued to provide guidance and support to help volunteers navigate these changes and maintain compliance.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Planning is well underway for the 2026 International Tetrathlon Exchange, which Queensland will host in June and July. This event will bring international athletes to our state and provide a unique opportunity to showcase Queensland's facilities, hospitality and local community.

In 2026, PCQ will continue to uphold the values of Accessibility, Integrity, Responsibility, Unity, and Innovation (AIRUI). Our work will remain focused on three key areas:

- Skills and ability - strengthening education and training for riders, coaches and officials
- Resources - ensuring clubs and zones have the tools and support they need
- Processes and systems - continuing to modernise governance and administrative frameworks

These priorities will guide our efforts as we work to build a strong, inclusive, and future-focused Pony Club community for all Queenslanders.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with our valued sponsors: - the Queensland Government (Sport & Recreation), OzShots, Aussie Blue Heeler Products, and LP Equestrian whose ongoing support of Pony Club Queensland is sincerely appreciated.



Tasmania



Year in Review

2025 was a year of consolidation and forward planning for Pony Club Tasmania, with encouraging stability in riding membership and strong growth in introductory participation programs.

Riding membership stabilised and encouragingly, non-riding membership increased significantly in the “Come and Try” activities. These programs provide an important pathway for introducing new participants to horses and Pony Club, and represent a valuable opportunity to convert interest into future riding memberships.

Alongside membership activity, the year also saw Pony Club Tasmania launch a new Strategic Plan designed to strengthen the organisation’s long-term sustainability.

Overall, the year demonstrated the resilience and enthusiasm of Pony Club clubs and volunteers across the state, while also positioning the organisation for future growth.

Key Activities and Programs

Clubs across Tasmania delivered a full calendar of rallies, training days and competitions throughout the year, continuing to provide structured learning and participation opportunities for riders of all levels.

A highlight of the competition calendar was the successful running of the State Dressage Championships, Showjumping Championships and Games Competition, all of which attracted strong participation and showcased the talent of riders across multiple disciplines.

State Trials hosted by the NW Zone was another standout event during the year. The competition was extremely well supported and provided an exciting opportunity for riders to compete on a new Cross Country course.

Across all events, the dedication of volunteers, coaches and officials ensured that competitions were delivered safely and professionally while maintaining the strong community spirit that defines Pony Club.

Achievements and Highlights

Tasmanian riders delivered outstanding results at the Pony Club Australia National Championships, demonstrating the quality of training and commitment within Pony Club Tasmania.

The Mounted Games teams performed exceptionally well, with the Senior team finishing 2nd and the Junior team placing 3rd, a tremendous achievement at the national level.

Individual riders also achieved excellent results across multiple disciplines:

Eventing

- Sasha Alexander – 2nd place, Sub-Junior
- Ashlea Rees – 3rd place, Senior 95cm

Showjumping

- Georgia Elias – 1st place, Open 105cm
- Kye Ford – 1st place, Junior 80cm
- Holly Larcombe – 3rd place, Junior 80cm

Dressage

- Lucy Larcombe – 3rd place, Senior Novice
- Lucy Johnston – 3rd place, Junior Elementary

These results highlight the strength of Tasmania's riders and reflect the quality coaching and development pathways provided through Pony Club programs.

Membership and Participation

Membership across Pony Club Tasmania remained stable during 2025, with 575 riding members participating in clubs across the state.

A particularly encouraging trend was the significant growth in non-riding participation, which increased from 280 to 460 participants during the year. Much of this growth was driven by "Come and Try" initiatives designed to introduce new participants to Pony Club activities.

These programs provide an important entry point into equestrian sport and represent a key opportunity for future membership growth. Converting this interest into ongoing riding participation will remain a major focus in the coming years.

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

Horse welfare and rider safety remain central to all Pony Club activities.

Throughout the year clubs continued to deliver rallies, competitions and education programs aligned with

Pony Club Australia's national standards for safety and horse management. Volunteers, coaches and officials play a critical role in ensuring that Pony Club environments remain safe, supportive and focused on responsible horsemanship.

The organisation also continues to work closely with Pony Club Australia to maintain compliance with national safeguarding and integrity frameworks that support the wellbeing of members, horses and volunteers.

People and Partnerships

Pony Club Tasmania is built on the dedication and generosity of volunteers who give their time to support young riders and their horses.

From coaches and instructors to club committee members, event organisers and officials, volunteers ensure that Pony Club activities are delivered across the state and remain accessible to young riders and families.

The organisation also values its partnerships with Pony Club Australia, local communities and industry supporters who help strengthen the opportunities available to Pony Club members.

Looking Ahead

Looking forward, Pony Club Tasmania will continue to focus on membership growth and strengthening the club network. Key priorities include expanding participation opportunities through new programs and greater use of social media to promote Pony Club activities and attract new members.

The organisation will also continue encouraging collaboration and consolidation between clubs, helping to build stronger clubs with sufficient scale to deliver high-quality riding experiences while reducing pressure on volunteers.

Another major priority will be progressing work toward a Memorandum of Understanding to develop a new national-standard equestrian centre for Tasmania, which would provide a central facility capable of hosting major events and supporting the long-term development of equestrian sport in the state.

With strong volunteer support and a clear strategic direction, Pony Club Tasmania looks forward to building on the positive foundations established during 2025.



Northern Territory



Year in Review

2025 has been another strong and productive year for Pony Club Northern Territory (PCANT). Across the Territory, our clubs have continued to provide valuable opportunities for young and adult riders to develop horsemanship, sportsmanship and confidence through Pony Club activities.

Throughout the year PCANT delivered a range of events and development opportunities designed to support riders, coaches and clubs. These included the NT Titles championships, which once again brought riders together from across the Territory to compete in a friendly but competitive environment. The NT Titles are an important opportunity for riders to showcase their skills across multiple disciplines.

Katherine Horse and Pony Club (KHPC) were winners of the High Points Club at the 2025 NT Titles.

In November, PCANT held its Annual Conference, bringing together club representatives to review the year, develop the 2026 NT calendar, and identify key issues and action plans to guide the continued growth and sustainability of Pony Club in the Northern Territory.

Overall, 2025 showed strong growth in rider development, significant improvements to equestrian facilities, and ongoing expansion of the Territory's coaching base.



Key Activities and Programs

Rider development remained a priority throughout the year. PCANT facilitated C, C* and B Certificate clinics and assessments and supported clubs to carry out E, D and D* development and assessments, ensuring riders were well supported as they progress through the Pony Club curriculum and build strong foundations in horsemanship and riding skills.

Several coaching and development opportunities were also provided, including a Coaching Clinic for Foundation Coaches, a Mounted Games Clinic and a Portland Jones Clinic. These initiatives help strengthen coaching capacity within clubs and ensure riders continue to receive quality instruction aligned with Pony Club Australia standards.

PCANT also hosted Mounted Games, Dressage and Showjumping competitions, giving riders opportunities to compete, develop confidence and build expertise in these disciplines.

The NT Pony Club Youth Camp, hosted by Noonamah Horse and Pony Club (NHPC), featured national-level coaches delivering three days of lessons across games, jumping and dressage disciplines.

Achievements and Highlights

A highlight for the Territory was the performance of the NT Junior Mounted Games Team, who proudly represented the Northern Territory at the Pony Club Australia National Championships and achieved an impressive 4th place overall. This was a fantastic achievement and a testament to the dedication of the riders, Coach Natasha Clayton, and the supporters who travelled with the team.

Other notable achievements included:

- Beata Small (Darwin Horse and Pony Club) receiving the Pony Club Australia Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Ava Cottle (Darwin Horse and Pony Club) representing Australia at the International Mounted Games Exchange in the UK, where Australia won the silver medal.
- Brooke Morley (Alice Springs Horse and Pony Club) competing at the Australian Jumping Championships and winning the Champagne Pommery Emerald Open Championship Series on Oaks Karla.
- Luke Purtill (a past member of Litchfield Horse and Pony Club) winning Equestrian Australia WA Para Rider and Overall Rider of the Year Awards. ▶



Membership and Participation

Clubs across the Northern Territory continued to provide active Pony Club programs and events that encouraged participation and community connection.

Club-level activities included rallies, clinics and special events such as the 'FabAlice Rally' and annual junior sleepover at Alice Springs Horse and Pony Club (ASHPC), which fostered friendships, learning and a strong sense of belonging within the club community. Also a jump clinic with Olympian Sonja Johnson, providing elite-level instruction and inspiration to members and an international women's day event that included the broader equestrian community were hosted by DHPC. KHPC hosted a 5 discipline competition, and a hugely popular campdraft clinic plus several whole-of-family fun events.

Litchfield Horse and Pony Club (LHPC) hosted Stockman's Challenge clinics and a competition, fun filled evening rallies held indoors to combat the Wet Season plus many adult rider focus events. NHPC combined a rally with Bees Creek Pony Club Riding School to help foster more friendships. This club also hosted all the equestrian events at the Freds Pass Rural Show.

NT riders continued to be successful outside of their club events, with various riders represented their club at regional, national and international levels, demonstrating the strength of participation and development pathways within the Territory.

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

PCANT continued to support clubs in delivering the Pony Club curriculum and maintaining high standards of horsemanship and rider education. Several clubs facilitated presentations by local vets, enabling riders and parents to broaden their knowledge in horse care.

Through certificate assessments, coaching clinics and youth development activities, riders and coaches were supported to build their knowledge and skills in line with Pony Club Australia standards.

These initiatives help ensure riders develop safe riding practices, strong horse welfare awareness and sound foundations in horsemanship.



People and Partnerships

PCANT acknowledges the many volunteers, coaches, officials and supporters who make Pony Club possible across the Northern Territory.

Congratulations to Cindy McIntyre (LHPC) and Beata Small (DPHC), who successfully achieved their Preliminary Coach accreditation during the year.

Heidi Kudrenko (ASHPC) won a scholarship to complete the Play Like a Girl – Empowered to Lead program, which focused on leadership development and supporting women to participate, compete and remain involved in sport.

Clubs also benefited from significant partnerships and funding support. For example:

- Darwin Horse and Pony Club secured \$100,000 for arena lighting upgrades, \$15,000 for showjumping equipment and \$1,500 for an International Women’s Day event celebrating women in equestrian sport.
- Katherine Horse and Pony Club progressed major infrastructure upgrades through a Federal Play Our Way grant, including an undercover arena, new ablution facilities and fencing improvements at Yarramin Park.
- Litchfield Horse and Pony Club improved facilities with a new dressage arena supported by private sector in-kind support and NT Government funding.

PCANT also thanks its Board members, club committees, coaches and volunteers for their ongoing dedication. Special acknowledgement is given to outgoing Chairperson Melanie Brenton, who served on the PCANT Board for the maximum six-year term.

Looking Ahead

PCANT remains focused on continuing to strengthen Pony Club across the Northern Territory by supporting rider development, expanding the coaching network, and supporting our regional clubs.

Several of the Clubs have more grants to continue to enhance their riding areas and clubhouse facilities, making their Pony Club grounds more attractive for riders and supporters.

PCANT will again host the 2026 Alice Springs Masters Games Equestrian events. We invite ALL adult riders from across Australia to travel to Alice Springs and compete for stunning medals in the wide range of disciplines and expand your Pony Club ‘family’ at “The Friendly Games”.

Planning during the Annual Conference has helped establish priorities for the coming year, including delivery of the 2026 NT calendar, continued support for clubs and further initiatives to ensure the sustainability and growth of Pony Club across the Territory.



Victoria

Year in Review

2025 was a landmark year for Pony Club Victoria (PCV). Against a backdrop of equestrian tradition, the organisation delivered membership stability, a strong calendar of state events, and a triumphant showing at the Pony Club Australia National Championships.

PCV continued to champion education, safety, horse welfare and community inclusion throughout the year. This was most visibly demonstrated through the Ready 2 Ride program, while partnerships continued to support young riders across the state.

Key Activities and Programs

State Championships

PCV delivered a full calendar of discipline-specific championships during 2025, engaging members from junior to senior levels across all ten zones.

Dressage and Showjumping Championships were held on 22–23 February at Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre, with strong entries across all age groups.

The Horse Trials Championships were conducted on 17–18 May at Rosedale Pony Club, combining cross-country, dressage and showjumping across competitive grades.

The Games Flat and Musical Ride Championships took place at Bacchus Marsh on 21–22 June, with activities suitable for all riding levels.

Coaching and Development

Coaching quality and compliance remained central priorities for PCV in 2025.

Multiple Coach Update Clinics were held across the state to support the ongoing accreditation of new coaches and gear checkers.

Approximately 50 new coaches completed accreditation pathways during the year.



The Ride to Time program, delivered in partnership with Racing Victoria, provided practical coaching to riders at 25 Pony Clubs. The program promotes pace awareness and safe riding through zone series and local rally days, culminating in finals at Moonee Valley Racecourse in September 2025.

Achievements and Highlights

A major highlight for Pony Club Victoria was its success at the 2025 Pony Club Australia National Championships, where PCV secured the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield.

The result came down to a single point, with Victoria narrowly edging out New South Wales in a close competition.

The PCA National Championships were held 1–5 October 2025 at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.

Membership and Participation

Pony Club Victoria maintained a strong membership base in 2025, with total participation estimated at approximately 7,800 members. This includes riding members, Ready 2 Ride participants, and adult and club supporters.

This represents a modest increase from 7,637 members in 2024, equating to growth of approximately 163 members.

PCV operates across 10 active zones throughout Victoria, supporting clubs and riders across the state.

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

Education, safety and horse welfare continued to be key priorities for Pony Club Victoria.

Coach Update Clinics and accreditation pathways support consistent coaching standards across the state, while programs such as Ride to Time promote safe riding practices and pace awareness for Pony Club riders.

People and Partnerships

PCV continued to work with partners to support opportunities for riders across Victoria.

The Ride to Time program, delivered in partnership with Racing Victoria, reached 25 Pony Clubs during 2025 and concluded with finals at Moonee Valley Racecourse.

Members also represented Pony Club Victoria in the broader community during the year, including participation in ANZAC Day parades and charity rides.

Looking Ahead

Building on the successes of 2025, Pony Club Victoria enters 2026 with clear priorities.

These include expanding membership outreach, particularly in under-represented regions and age groups, investing in digital resources for members and clubs, and continuing to raise the standard of coaching and competition across the state.

Enhancing online resources and club communications will also form part of PCV's focus as it continues to support members across Victoria's geographic spread.



New South Wales



Year in Review

The past year was one of consolidation, delivery and community impact for NSW, marked by a strong focus on participation, education and organisational capability. Amid an evolving sporting and operational landscape, NSW continued to support members, clubs and stakeholders through targeted programs, well-delivered events and a strengthened emphasis on welfare, integrity and good governance. Collaboration with the national body and alignment with strategic priorities remained central themes throughout the year.

Key Activities and Programs

NSW delivered a full calendar of activities aimed at supporting grassroots engagement, education and pathway development. This included the delivery of major events and competitions, state-based education programs, club support initiatives and professional development opportunities for coaches, officials and volunteers. NSW also contributed to national initiatives through coordinated program delivery, communications support and stakeholder engagement across metropolitan and regional areas.

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State Championships and Competitions

The 2025 championship season included eleven disciplines over 5 Championships

State Championships were held across the following locations:

- March: Formal Gymkhana and Tetrathlon, Morisset (Zone 24)
- April: Sporting, Campdraft and Challenge, Nyngan (Zone 4)
- August: ODE and Combined Training, Quirindi (Zone 5)
- September: Mounted Games and Team Sporting, Camden (Zone 10)
- October: Showjumping and Jumping Equitation, Coonabarabran (Zone 5)

State Camp – Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC)

The 2025 State Camp brought together 68 riders for a week of intensive training across Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing, Formal Gymkhana and Mounted Games.

A standout moment was the “Night of the Stars”, featuring Olympic eventers Chris Burton, Shane Rose and Shenae Lowings, alongside Chef d’Equipe Stephen Lamb. Riders had the opportunity to engage directly with elite athletes, including viewing Paris Olympic medals.



The camp also hosted an Advanced Instructors School with 30 instructors, supported by a coaching team including Sam Lyle, Michelle Strapp, Sarah Venamore, Jane Frankum, Jessica Stalling and the Mounted Games coaching team.

Coaching and Education Programs

Under the leadership of State Coaching Director Jane Frankum, 60 education opportunities were delivered across NSW, including:

- Instructor schools and assessments
- Regional and specialist schools
- Mounted clinics
- Regular Zoom-based Bronze and Silver instructor schools

New initiatives included Mounted Instructors Schools at Murrumbateman and Tamworth, and the continued expansion of online learning delivery to increase accessibility.

A new zone-based certificate updating system has been developed for implementation in 2026, ensuring consistent accreditation pathways across all 27 zones.

Digital Innovation and Communications

2025 marked a transformational year for Pony Club NSW's digital capability, with the launch of a fully redeveloped website, supported by the NSW Office of Sport.

The platform includes:

- A centralised events hub
- Integrated newsletter delivery
- An online coaching course portal
- An AI-powered Blue Book Assistant providing 24/7 support to members

In addition, an expanded merchandise range was introduced, creating a sustainable revenue stream and strengthening brand visibility. ▶

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Achievements and Highlights

- Delivery of State Championships across eleven disciplines, despite weather-related disruptions
- Successful State Camp at SIEC, including Olympic athlete engagement
- Accreditation of approximately 80 Bronze Instructors, 10 Silver Instructors and 4 NCAS-level coaches
- Strong uptake of online coaching programs, with sustained demand for Zoom-based education
- Launch of a new digital platform, representing the largest investment in organisational capability to date
- Introduction of new mounted instructor training opportunities
- Recognition of outstanding contributions through the 2025 Annual Awards

Membership and Participation

Membership and participation levels across NSW remained stable, with encouraging signs of growth in targeted programs and regional engagement. Clubs continued to play a central role in delivering participation opportunities, supported by NSW through communication, education and operational assistance. Ongoing data collection and reporting processes are helping to build a clearer picture of participation trends and future opportunities.

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Pony Club NSW recorded 8,900 members as at 31 October 2025, including:

- 5,876 riding members
- 3,024 non-riding members

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

Welfare, safety and integrity remained a priority throughout the year. NSW actively supported the implementation of national policies and frameworks, alongside the delivery of education and awareness initiatives for members, officials and volunteers. Clear pathways for reporting, compliance and support were reinforced, ensuring a safe, inclusive and respectful environment across all levels of participation.

Key initiatives included:

- Integration of welfare-focused content within coaching delivery
- Expansion of instructor education pathways to support safe and consistent practices
- Strengthening of examiner and assessor capability through dedicated workshops
- Development of a structured certificate updating system to maintain coaching standards across all zones



Future coaching strategy will place increased emphasis on horsemanship, welfare education and accessible learning delivery.

People and Partnerships

NSW's outcomes would not have been possible without the continued commitment of volunteers, officials, staff and partners. Volunteers at club and state level played a vital role in delivering programs and events, while staff contributed to the effective coordination and administration of activities. Strong partnerships with the national body, clubs, venues and community stakeholders underpinned the year's achievements and strengthened the NSW network.

The 2025 Annual Awards recognised excellence across the state, including:

- Club of the Year: The Vines Pony Club (Zone 26)
- Volunteers of the Year: Karin Thompson (Zone 5), Mark Thorek (Zone 16), Lisa McGavern (Zone 25), Grant Coe (Zone 27) Keith Lowe Award recipients: Hannah Perrin, Madison Sargent (Zone 8), Grace McGlinchey (Zone 22)
- Junior Service Award recipients across Zones 5, 8, 24, 25 and 27

These individuals and clubs represent the strength and community spirit of Pony Club NSW.

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Looking Ahead

In 2026, Pony Club NSW will focus on:

- Continuing to grow participation and membership, particularly in priority and regional areas
- Enhancing education pathways for coaches, officials and volunteers
- Strengthening data, reporting and governance capabilities
- Further embedding welfare, safety and integrity initiatives
- Deepening collaboration with the national body and local stakeholders to support long-term sustainability



South Australia

Year in Review

It was fantastic to see both the Metro and Northern Zones host our **State Championships** this year. It has been many years since these zones last held the Championships.

The **State ODE Championships** were hosted by the Metro Zone on Kangaroo Island for the first time since 1995. Holding the event on the island presented the added challenge of transporting horses, equipment, and competitors via ferry. Despite the additional logistics, the effort proved well worthwhile. Riders and supporters embraced the unique experience, and the event showcased the beautiful setting and strong community spirit of the region.

In addition to the Championship classes, the Metro Zone also hosted a Grade 6 and Combined Training competition. Including these events helped boost

participation numbers and provided additional opportunities for riders at different levels to compete and develop their skills.

The Northern Zone hosted the **State Championships and Gymkhana** at Waikerie. Entries increased across several disciplines, including Dressage, Showjumping, Mounted Games, and Horse and Rider of the Year, which was a very encouraging result. The weekend was particularly busy, as the State Gymkhana was incorporated into the program even though the event was run over two days rather than the traditional three.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the showjumping competition held under lights on Saturday night, which proved popular with both competitors and spectators. For the first time, the quiz competition was held on Friday evening and attracted approximately 40 members.



Our **annual coach update** was held in November at Globe Derby Pony Club. The program included a combination of practical and theoretical sessions aimed at supporting the ongoing development of our coaches and ensuring they remain equipped with the latest knowledge and skills.

Presentations on horse nutrition and travelling with horses were delivered by a qualified equine nutritionist and a veterinarian. These sessions provided valuable insights into equine health, preparation, and welfare, and highlighted the importance of careful planning when transporting and caring for horses during competitions and travel.

Practical sessions focused on exercises to improve balance for both horse and rider, as well as jumping exercises designed to build confidence and develop effective riding techniques. Coaches were able to share experiences, discuss common challenges, and explore new training approaches that could be taken back to their clubs and riders.

Achievements and Highlights

We were proud to have nine riders represent South Australia in Dressage and Showjumping at the **Nationals** held in Werribee, Victoria. Our riders were outstanding ambassadors for the state and demonstrated both skill and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

While some riders returned home with championship titles and placings, others achieved personal bests and gained invaluable experience at a national level. For many riders, competing at Nationals is a significant milestone, and the opportunity to ride alongside competitors from across the country provides valuable learning experiences and inspiration for future goals.

In partnership with Racing SA, we also hosted several **“Day at the Races”** and taster events with Clare Lindop. These events provided members with a unique behind-the-scenes insight into the racing industry, including the opportunity to ride on the track and learn more about the pathways and careers available within racing. The events were very well received and provided a memorable and educational experience for all who attended. ▶



Membership and Participation

Some clubs have seen an increase in membership but for many that's not the case. Overall, the state has seen a decline in member number.

Welfare, Safety and Integrity

Horse welfare and rider safety remain central to all Pony Club activities. Throughout the year, clubs and officials continued to emphasise responsible horse management, safe riding practices, and adherence to Pony Club standards and guidelines.

People and Partnerships

By Jessica Neindorf, Pony Club member

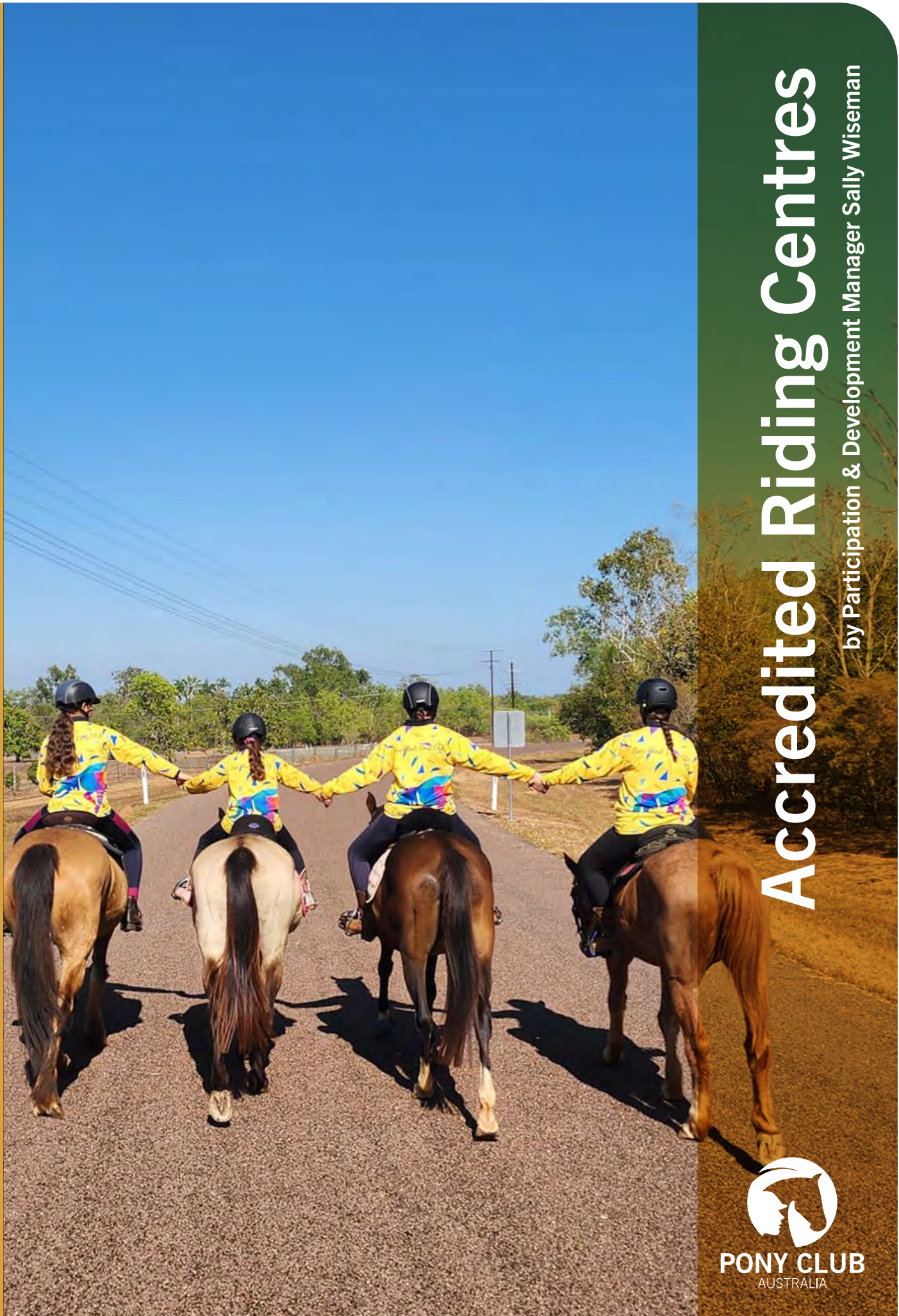
Growing up in Pony Club has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. Horses and Pony Club have been part of my story for as long as I can remember. I have been involved since I was a baby, following my mum and nan around rallies and events, watching riders in the arena and dreaming about the day I would be out there myself instead of being led.

Now, at 33 years old, I am still a proud Pony Club member. Looking back, Pony Club didn't just teach me how to ride horses; it helped shape the person I am today. More than three decades later, although we may have moved clubs over the years, Pony Club remains a place that feels like home. It is a community, a passion, and a significant part of my life. I would not trade my Pony Club childhood for the world.

Looking Ahead

In 2026 we will hold our biannual **Gala Dinner**, where we recognise and celebrate the volunteers who are the backbone of Pony Club. Their dedication, time, and commitment ensure that clubs, rallies, competitions, and programs continue to run successfully across the state.





Accredited Riding Centres

by Participation & Development Manager Sally Wiseman



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Accredited Riding Centres continue to play a vital role in introducing new participants and non-horse owners to the Pony Club Australia Syllabus of Instruction in a supportive learning environment.

These centres provide inclusive opportunities for a diverse community of riders, including those with physical and intellectual disabilities, through specialised programs such as therapeutic riding sessions and non-ridden horse experiences.

Riding Centre membership increased for the fourth consecutive year, with 253 riding members across centres nationally. Centres also contributed to strengthening coaching capability within Pony Club Australia, with three new coaches achieving their PCA Preliminary Coach qualification during the year.

The role of Accredited Riding Centres as an entry pathway into Pony Club continues to grow. Strong partnerships between Riding Centres, local Pony Clubs and Zones support riders to develop the skills and confidence needed for horse ownership and facilitate a smooth transition into Pony Club membership and participation.

In 2025, 49 riders transitioned from Accredited Riding Centres to Pony Clubs across Australia, bringing the total number of riders who have progressed to horse ownership and Pony Club participation since the program's inception in 2020 to 166.

The PCA National Awards once again showcased the strength of the Riding Centre network, with a strong field of finalists for Accredited Riding Centre of the Year, including previous winner Phoenix Acres Equine Centre (QLD) and Turlinjah Park Equestrian Centre (NSW).

Turlinjah Park Equestrian Centre was ultimately recognised as the Pony Club Australia Accredited Riding Centre of the Year, reflecting the centre's outstanding commitment to inclusive coaching, high-quality instruction and strong member engagement.

A standout feature of the centre's program is its focus on accessibility and inclusion. Purpose-built facilities, including a wheelchair-accessible mounting ramp and adjustable equipment, enable riders with disability to participate safely and confidently alongside their peers.

Members benefit from engaging, syllabus-based lessons that combine practical riding instruction with activities designed to support knowledge development and certificate progression. Riders are also introduced to a range of disciplines, including dressage, showjumping, mounted games and polocrosse, with guest instructors sharing their experience and expertise.

Under the leadership of coaches Michelle Nickson and Madeline Nickson, the centre has fostered a strong culture of encouragement, safety and horse welfare. Their dedication delivered an outstanding result during the year, with every Centre Member successfully completing their E Certificate, with many now progressing towards their D Certificates.



Accredited PCA Riding Centres 2025

NSW	Ameldean Equestrian (Tamworth)
	Little Ranch Horse Riding Lessons (Yorklea)
	Turlinjah Park Equestrian Centre (Turlinjah)
	Whitehorn Academy (Maitland Vale)
	Yara Balba Stables (Mandalong)
	Yass Valley Riding Centre (Manton)
NT	Bees Creek (Darwin)
QLD	4Mile Farm (Gracemere)
	Bonogin Valley Horse Retreat (Bonogin)
	Elemental Equine (Gympie)
	Firefly Park (Jimboomba)
	Kurshonbrooke Lodge (Gumdale)
	Mundoolun Reins Riding Academy (Mundoolun)
	Phoenix Acres Equine Centre (Sharon)
TAS	Jeu De Cheval (Hobart)
	Junction Farm (Carrick)
	Nan's Riding School (Longford)
	Oakwood Equestrian Academy (Birdwood)
VIC	Avoca Park (Macclesfield)
	Jolong Park Riding School (Bangholme)
	Trot Up Pony Centre (East Gippsland)
WA	Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre (Claremont)
	Zia Park (Gidgegannup)
	Eq Cetera Riding Centre (Darling Downs)

China Pony Club

By China Pony Club Operations Manager Smily Duan



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2025 marked the 10-year milestone of China Pony Club (CPC). Rather than focusing on celebrations, CPC continued to prioritise practical work with its member clubs, supporting rider tests, training activities and competitions across the network.

In addition to its regular rider testing programme, CPC organised and participated in several key activities throughout the year.

From 6–17 March, a China–Australia cultural exchange was held in Guilin and Nanning. The programme included visits to local schools, competitions, quiz activities with Chinese riders, and trail riding experiences. For the first time in more than a decade, visiting international riders stayed in Chinese school dormitories, creating a unique opportunity for cultural exchange and connection between young riders.

From 28 May to 6 June, the second Asia and Pacific Cup Showjumping Challenge was held in Fuzhou. Around 110 entries competed across two days, with riders from several Chinese provinces as well as international teams from Pony Club Australia and New Zealand Pony Club.

In September, CPC riders participated in the PCIA Virtual Jumping Equitation Competition. Thirty members from six pony clubs competed across six classes, with three riders achieving placings.

From 1–7 October, CPC sent its largest ever international team to the Pony Club Australia National Championships. The delegation included eight riders, team managers, translators, a coach and supporting family members. The experience provided valuable international competition exposure for the riders and strengthened the ongoing relationship between China Pony Club and Pony Club Australia.

One particularly meaningful moment came when CPC team manager Elijah Zhang watched rider Coco complete her showjumping rounds at the Championships. Elijah had coached Coco for several years when she first began riding as a young child, and seeing her compete confidently on the international Pony Club stage was a proud moment for both coach and rider.

China Pony Club looks forward to continuing to build opportunities for young riders and strengthening international Pony Club connections in the years ahead.

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Directors' report

31 December 2025

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Directors

The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

- Heather Disher (resigned 17 May 2025)
- Jo Morgan
- Carole-anne Hodges
- Nick Hassett
- Tonia Murtagh
- Kate Fenner
- Sandra Marylou Hodges
- Alison Cairns
- Charlotte Mills (appointed 19 May 2025)

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 Australian Sports Commission.

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

Operating results

The surplus of the company for the financial year amounted to \$160,749 (2024: surplus of \$86,126).

Significant changes

No other significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Objectives

Short term objectives

PCA's short-term objectives are to:

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

Long term objectives

PCA's long term objectives are to:

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

Events after the reporting date

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

Environmental issues

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

Directors' report (continued)

Information on directors

Name: Heather Disher (resigned 17 May 2025)

Qualifications: Certified Chair (CCABC),
Certificates in Governance and Finance

Special responsibilities: Board Chair

Name: Jo Morgan

Qualifications: Bachelor of Business (Marketing
Major), Master of Applied Finance, Graduate
Member of the Australian Institute of Company
Directors, Fellow of FINSIA (Financial Services
Institute of Australasia)

Special responsibilities: Nominations Committee

Name: Carole-anne Hodges

Qualifications: Certificates in Finance and
Business Management

Special responsibilities: Finance, Audit and
Risk Committee

Name: Nick Hassett

Qualifications: Graduate of Australian Institute
of Company Directors (GAICD), Governance
in Sport qualification from the Governance
Institute of Australia, Masters in Public Policy
and Management from Monash University

Special responsibilities: Finance, Audit and
Risk Committee and Nominations Committee

Name: Tonia Murtagh

Qualifications: Licensed Real Estate Agent

Special responsibilities: Deputy Chair (September 1)

Name: Kate Fenner

Qualifications: Bachelor of Equine Science
(Hons), PhD (Horse Behaviour, Training and
Welfare), University of Queensland Lecturer
and Researcher, Equestrian coach, Horse
trainer, International Society of Equitation
Science,

Special responsibilities: JV President

Name: Sandra Marylou Hodges

Qualifications: Diploma in Business, Community
Services & Case Management, Certificate in
Training and Assessment, Education support in
tertiary education

Special responsibilities: Board Chair (May 19)

Name: Alison Cairns

Qualifications: Graduate of Australian Institute
of Company Directors (GAICD), Technology
transformation Partner at Ernst & Young

Name: Charlotte Mills (appointed 19 May 2025)

Qualifications: Graduate of Australian Institute
of Company Directors (GAICD); Bachelor of
Arts (Hons) Uni of Melbourne; Non-Executive
Director (Commercial) TasRacing

Meetings of directors

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors ('the Board') held during the year ended 31 December 2025, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

Directors	Attended	Full Board Held
Heather Disher (resigned 17 May 2025)	3	3
Jo Morgan	8	9
Carole-anne Hodges	9	9
Nick Hassett	9	9
Tonia Murtagh	7	9
Kate Fenner	7	9
Marylou Hodges	7	9
Alison Cairns	8	9
Charlotte Mills (appointed 19 May 2025)	6	6

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the director held office.

Member's 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 provision of the company's constitution.

At 31 December 2025, the collective liability of members was \$160 (2024: \$140).

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

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

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors:



Ms Sandra Marylou Hodges
Director
25 March 2026



Carole-anne Hodges
Director
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF
PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA LTD**

We hereby declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief during the year ended 31 December 2025, 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.

Name of Firm

Bishop Collins Audit Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Name of Registered Company Auditor


Martin Le Marchant

Auditor's Registration No.

431227

Address

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Dated

25 March 2026



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA LTD**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Pony Club Australia Ltd ('the Company') which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information and the Directors' Declaration of the company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Pony Club Australia Ltd 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 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) 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 *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including *Independence Standards*) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia; and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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



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Directors: Martin Le Marchant CA,
Johan Van Der Westhuizen CA

Associate Director: Cecile Capucão CA



Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Directors' Responsibility 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 – Simplified Disclosures to the extent described in Note 2 to the financial report, the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report and consolidated entity disclosure statement that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

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

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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

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Dated

25 March 2026

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
REVENUE	4	2,577,247	1,982,624
Interest revenue		28,536	7,957
Total revenue		2,605,783	1,990,581
EXPENSES			
Consultancy, legal and professional fees		(56,740)	(61,601)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(422)	(504)
Employee benefits expenses		(719,193)	(627,772)
International team costs		(110,099)	(159,838)
Insurance premium and related expenses		(734,418)	(710,593)
Merchandise purchases		(75,481)	(86,797)
Office and IT expenses		(164,421)	(146,385)
Programs, events and marketing expenses		(489,122)	(71,408)
Travel and meeting expenses		(36,025)	(36,615)
Other expenses		(9,113)	(2,942)
Grant expenses		(50,000)	-
Total expenses		(2,445,034)	(1,904,455)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	14	160,749	86,126
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		160,749	86,126

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,168,120	831,495
Trade and other receivables	6	171,465	35,170
Other assets	7	25,994	-
Total current assets		1,365,579	866,665
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangibles	8	-	422
Total non-current assets		-	422
Total assets		1,365,579	867,087
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	71,616	41,430
Employee benefits	10	54,013	45,102
Unearned grant income	11	191,000	-
Other	12	223,998	123,593
Total current liabilities		540,627	210,125
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	13	14,952	7,711
Total non-current liabilities		14,952	7,711
Total liabilities		555,579	217,836
Net assets		810,000	649,251
EQUITY			
Retained surpluses	14	810,000	649,251
Total equity		810,000	649,251

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2024	563,125	563,125
Surplus for the year	86,126	86,126
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	86,126	86,126
Balance at 31 December 2024	649,251	649,251

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 January 2025	649,251	649,251
Surplus for the year	160,749	160,749
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	160,749	160,749
Balance at 31 December 2025	810,000	810,000

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members and customers (inclusive of GST)		1,455,222	1,134,944
Insurance contribution income received from members		775,495	787,118
Government grant received		414,500	125,000
Payment to suppliers and employees		(2,337,128)	(1,960,542)
Interest Income		28,536	7,957
Net cash from operating activities	15	336,625	94,477
Net cash from investing activities		-	-
Net cash from financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		336,625	94,477
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		831,495	737,018
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5	1,168,120	831,495

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Notes to the financial statements

31 December 2025

Note 1. General information

The financial statements cover Pony Club Australia Ltd as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Pony Club Australia Ltd's functional and presentation currency.

Pony Club Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

Registered office Pony Club Australia Ltd
Principal place of business Melton West, VIC 3337

A description of the nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 25 March 2026. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the company are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), and the *Corporations Act 2001*, as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

Revenue recognition

The company recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

Grant revenue

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

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

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

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Membership revenue

Revenue is recognised on a proportional basis over the period of the membership.

Affiliation fees

Affiliation fees is recognised upon receipt.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

As the company is a tax exempt institution in terms of subsection 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no right at the end of the reporting period to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The company has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the time

value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method.

Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use.

Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Completion of grant performance obligations

As discussed in note 2, the recognition of revenue in profit or loss and the related grant income liability presented in the statement of financial position is subject to significant judgement. The underlying assumptions relating to expenditure incurred and the completion of the related milestone within the grant conditions is influenced by significant estimation which may result in material adjustments to the reported revenue and liability presented in the financial statements.

Trade 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 provisions 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.

Note 4. Revenue

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Insurance contribution	775,495	787,118
Capitation fees	633,212	643,128
Grants funding	414,500	125,000
Events and merchandise sales	500,699	110,487
International team member contributions	130,083	182,740
Affiliation fees	7,950	14,614
Event and program fees	27,030	65,134
Sponsorship income	87,906	54,403
Other income	372	-
Revenue	2,577,247	1,982,624

Note 5. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash at bank	1,168,120	831,495

Note 6. Current assets - trade and other receivables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Trade receivables	13,965	35,170
Grant receivables	157,500	-
	171,465	35,170

Note 7. Current assets - other assets

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Prepayments	2,553	-
Other deposits	23,441	-
	25,994	-

Note 8. Non-current assets - intangibles

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Website - at cost	3,870	3,870
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(3,870)	(3,870)
	-	-
Trademarks - at cost	6,562	6,562
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(6,562)	(6,140)
	-	422

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below:

	Registered trademark \$	Website \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2025	422	-	422
Amortisation expense	(422)	-	(422)
Balance at 31 December 2025	-	-	-

Note 9. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Trade payables	16,118	2,794
Other payables	42,091	37,347
BAS payable	13,407	1,289
	71,616	41,430

Note 10. Current liabilities - employee benefits

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Annual leave	54,013	45,102

Note 11. Current liabilities - unearned grant income

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Grants in advance	191,000	-

Note 12. Current liabilities - other

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Membership revenue received in advance	223,998	123,593

Note 13. Non-current liabilities - employee benefits

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Long service leave	14,952	7,711

Note 14. Equity - retained surpluses

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	649,251	563,125
Surplus for the year	160,749	86,126
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	810,000	649,251

Note 15. Reconciliation of surplus to net cash from operating activities

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Surplus for the year	160,749	86,126
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation and amortisation	422	504
CHANGE IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(136,295)	(6,242)
Increase in other operating assets	(25,994)	-
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other payables	30,186	(731)
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	16,152	20,874
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	100,405	(6,054)
Increase/(decrease) in unearned grant income	191,000	-
Net cash from operating activities	336,625	94,477

Note 16. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Bishop Collins Audit Pty Ltd, the auditor of the company:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Bishop Collins Audit Pty Ltd	7,300	7,000

Note 17. Key management personnel disclosures

Compensation

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the company is set out below:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Aggregate compensation	162,090	156,543

Note 18. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 17.

Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

Loans to/from related parties

There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

Note 19. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2025 (2024: NIL).

Note 20. Member's 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 outstanding and obligations of the Company. At 31 December 2025, the number of members was 8 (2024: 7).

Note 21. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Consolidated entity disclosure statement

As at 31 December 2025

Pony Club Australia Ltd does not have any controlled entities and is not required by the Accounting Standards to prepare consolidated financial statements. Therefore, section 295(3A)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001 does not apply to the entity.

Directors' declaration

31 December 2025

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- the information disclosed in the attached consolidated entity disclosure statement is true and correct.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors:

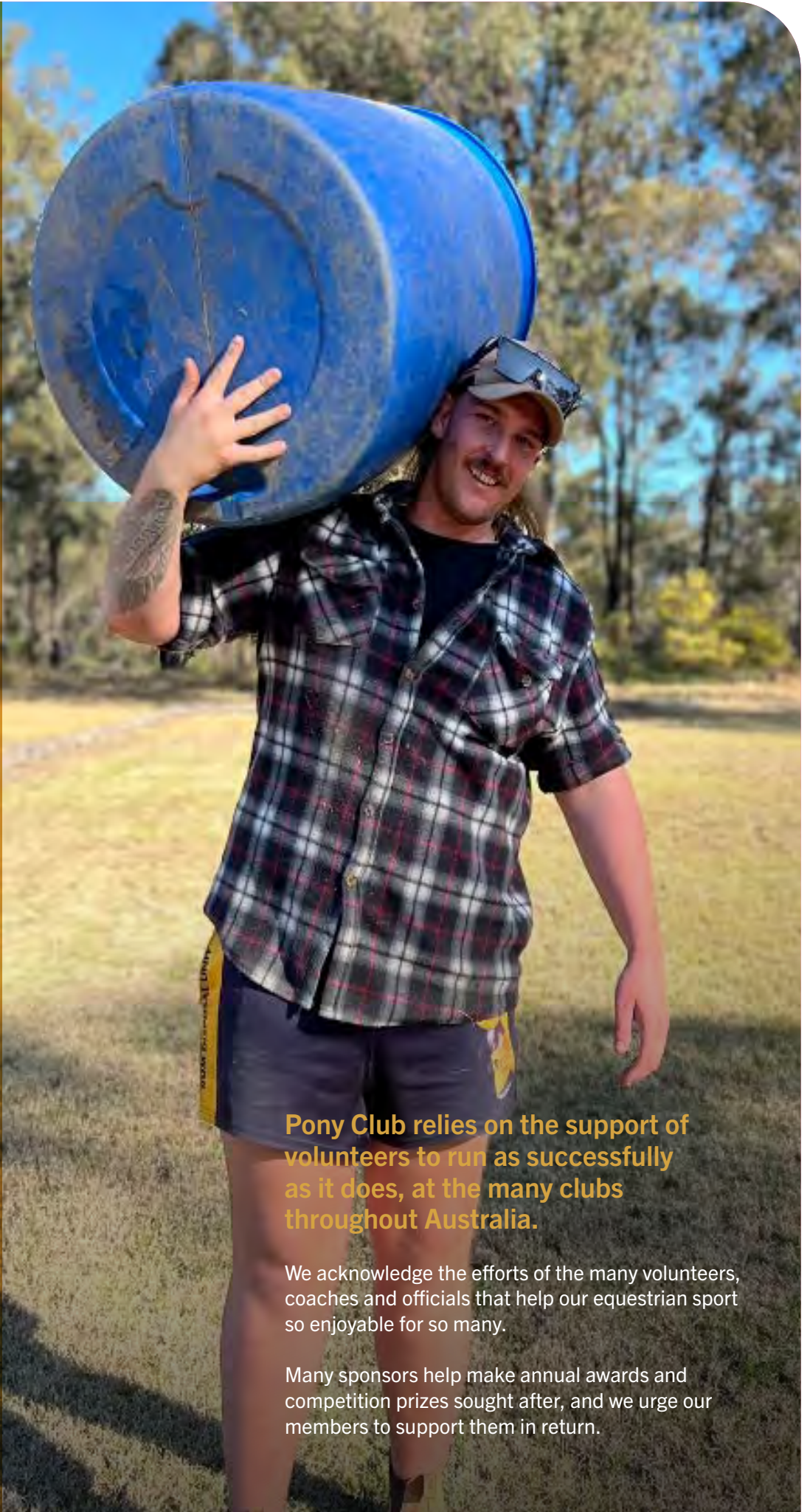


Ms Sandra Marylou Hodges
Director
25 March 2026



Carole-anne Hodges
Director
25 March 2026

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