



2026
INTERNATIONAL
TETRATHLON
EXCHANGE

PROGRAM

Sunshine Coast | Gold Coast | Toowoomba
Queensland, Australia

June 30 — July 20, 2026

Teams

Female

Australia Female
United Kingdom Female
Republic of Ireland Female
United States Female
New Zealand Female
World Female A (IRE, AUS)
World Female B (IRE, UK, US)

Male

Australia Male
United Kingdom Male
Republic of Ireland Male
World Male (USA, AUS, UK, IRE)

Pony Club Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the 2026 Pony Club International Tetrathlon Exchange will be held: the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara peoples of the Sunshine Coast, the Yugambeh people of the Gold Coast, and the Giabal people of the Toowoomba region.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and recognise the ongoing connection Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to land, waters and community. We are grateful to gather on these lands to share friendship, horsemanship and international connection through Pony Club.



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Tourism Australia*





Welcome from Pony Club Australia Chair

Marylou Hodges

Welcome to Australia and to the 2026 Pony Club International Tetrathlon Exchange.

On behalf of Pony Club Australia, I am delighted to welcome all athletes, coaches, managers, officials, volunteers and supporters joining us from across the Pony Club International Alliance community.

International exchanges are among the most valuable opportunities Pony Club can offer young people. While competition is an important part of the experience, these exchanges are equally about friendship, cultural connection, personal growth and the chance to learn from people and Pony Club communities from around the world.

The Pony Club International Alliance continues to play an important role in connecting Pony Club organisations internationally through shared values, horsemanship and opportunities like this exchange. Pony Club Australia is proud to welcome teams from the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand and the United States to Australia as part of that ongoing connection.

After 14 years, we are incredibly proud to once again host the International Tetrathlon Exchange and showcase not only our sport, but also the

strength of the Pony Club community and the uniquely Australian experiences that await across Queensland.

Over the coming weeks, competitors will ride unfamiliar horses, take on new challenges, build lifelong friendships and create memories that will stay with them long after the exchange concludes. I encourage all participants to embrace every opportunity, support one another and enjoy every part of the journey both in and out of competition.

To everyone who has contributed to making this exchange possible, thank you for helping create an experience that reflects the very best of Pony Club.

We are honoured to welcome you to Australia and wish everyone a successful, rewarding and memorable exchange.

Marylou Hodges
Chair
Pony Club Australia



Welcome from Pony Club Australia Programs & Events Manager

Michelle Newham

Welcome to the 2026 Pony Club International Tetrathlon Exchange!

On behalf of Pony Club Australia, it is my pleasure to welcome all athletes, coaches, managers, volunteers and supporters to Queensland for what promises to be an unforgettable three weeks of competition, friendship and international connection.

We are incredibly proud to host teams from across the Pony Club International Alliance community and look forward to sharing not only our tetrathlon competitions, but also the landscapes, hospitality and experiences that make Australia such a special place to visit.

Events of this scale are only possible thanks to the dedication of many people. I would like to sincerely thank the Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Committee for the enormous amount of work that has gone into planning and coordinating this exchange, along with the many volunteers contributing behind the scenes.

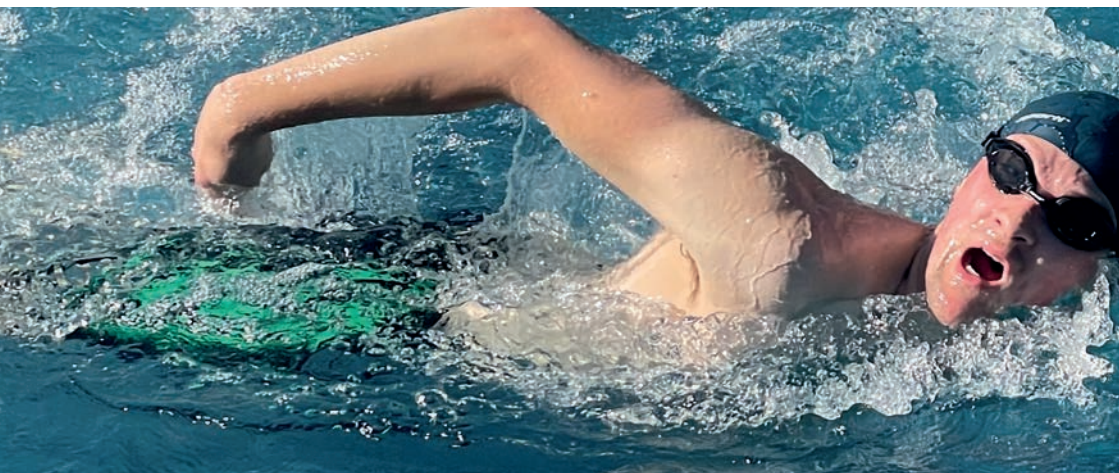
A special thank you to Yandina & District Pony Club, Mudgeeraba Pony & Hack Club and West Toowoomba Pony Club for hosting the tetrathlon competition phases and welcoming teams from around the world to their clubs and communities.

A very special thank you must also go to the generous horse owners who have loaned horses for the ride phase. Your willingness to share your horses and support international competition is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in making tetrathlon exchanges possible.

To all competitors, I encourage you to embrace every part of the experience, challenge yourselves, support one another, and enjoy the opportunity to learn from riders and cultures from around the world.

We are delighted to welcome you to Australia and wish everyone a successful, rewarding and memorable exchange.

Michelle Newham
Programs & Events Manager
Pony Club Australia





Welcome from Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Committee

Kate Thompson

On behalf of the Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Committee, I am delighted to welcome competitors, coaches, managers, volunteers and supporters from the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, United States, New Zealand and Australia to the 2026 Pony Club International Tetrathlon Exchange.

After 14 years, it is wonderful to once again welcome the international tetrathlon community to Australia. Our committee has worked hard to create an exchange that offers strong competition, team connection and a truly Australian experience.

Across the exchange, athletes will compete in laser shooting, cross-country runs, 200m swims and the ride phase on Australian horses. They will also experience a variety of venues, accommodation styles and activities, from the beach and surf to the bush, wildlife and shared meals along the way.

Tetrathlon is a unique Pony Club discipline. It asks riders to be adaptable, determined and supportive of one another across four very different phases. It also creates wonderful opportunities for friendship, learning and international connection.

I encourage everyone to make the most of the time together, enjoy the challenges, support your teammates and take home memories and friendships that will last well beyond the exchange.

Best wishes, and enjoy the exchange.

Kate Thompson

Chairperson

Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Committee



Safeguarding & Integrity in Pony Club

Pony Club Australia is committed to providing a safe, fun and fair environment for everyone who participates in the events and activities of the organisation. Everyone who participates in Pony Club events/activities is responsible to uphold the values and expected behaviours of the organisation. Abuse of any kind is not tolerated by the organisation.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Pony Club has a zero-tolerance policy in Pony Club to harm, abuse and/or neglect of a child or young person in any form. Children and young people have the right to take part in this sport in a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment.

Member Protection

Pony Club Australia is committed to ensuring that everyone involved with Pony Club is treated with respect and dignity. Everyone involved with Pony Club has the right to take part in this sport in a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment.

Code of Conduct

Pony Club Australia is committed to promoting and strengthening the positive image of Pony Club and its participants and to ensure that everyone involved with Pony Club is treated with respect and dignity. All interactions with others must be professional, kind and respectful, passion does not excuse impolite or disrespectful behaviour.

Horse Welfare

Pony Club Australia is committed to the highest standards of welfare for horses involved in our sports. The Horse Welfare Policy describes the expected standards of care and management of our horses. It is expected that riders, coaches, officials, volunteers and supporters involved in Pony Club will ensure they understand these expectations.

Horse Medication

This event is being run under the PCA Integrity Framework including the PCA Horse Welfare Policy and Horse Medication Policy. A Therapeutic Use Exemption and veterinary certificate must be supplied for any horse that has been administered a prohibited substance. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected from horses competing in this event to check for prohibited substances. Samples will be collected by a registered Veterinary Surgeon and submitted to a NATA-accredited laboratory.

Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling

Pony Club Australia is committed to the prevention, detection, and enforcement of rules relating to the manipulation of Pony Club's sports competitions and associated illicit sports betting activity.

Improper Use of Drugs and Medicines

Pony Club Australia is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of riders and to provide a safe and clean environment for everyone participating in Pony Club.

Complaints/Reports of poor behaviour

Pony Club Australia encourages you to report or complain about behaviours which you believe are in breach of our policies or you deem to be inappropriate.

Scan the QR code to view Pony Club Australia's integrity policies, or to make a complaint.





Our Host Clubs & Locations

Yandina & District Pony Club | Sunshine Coast

The exchange begins on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, a region known for its beaches, hinterland and relaxed coastal lifestyle. Yandina & District Pony Club will host the first tetrathlon competition at Fellowship Equestrian Centre, Doonan, welcoming international teams into a strong and growing Pony Club community with a reputation for being family-focused, supportive and active across a wide range of equestrian disciplines.



Mudgeeraba Pony & Hack Club | Gold Coast

The second competition phase takes place at Mudgeeraba Pony & Hack Club on the Gold Coast. Established in 1974, the club has spent more than 50 years encouraging horsemanship, riding and Pony Club participation for riders of all ages and experience levels. Based at the picturesque Mudgeeraba Showgrounds, the club combines a strong equestrian culture with the unique backdrop of Queensland's beaches and hinterland.



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West Toowoomba Pony Club | Toowoomba

The final competition phase will be hosted by West Toowoomba Pony Club in the Darling Downs region of Queensland. Based at the Toowoomba Showgrounds, the club is part of a proud and long-established equestrian community in one of Australia's major horse sport regions.

The competition phase will run alongside the Pony Club Queensland State Tetrathlon Championships, creating an exciting atmosphere to close out the exchange and bringing together riders from across Queensland and around the world.



Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY	TRAINING / COMPETITION <i>*Final details and times to be confirmed at Technical Meetings</i>
Tuesday, June 30	Arrive Sunshine Coast / Brisbane	
	Check-in (Luther Heights)	
Wednesday, July 1	Beach day (Coolum Beach)	Technical Meeting (PM)
	Team Mingling	Shooting training (PM)
	Games	
	Coolum Aquatic Centre (3.5km)	Swim training
	BBQ Lunch	
Thursday, July 2	Australia Zoo	Shooting training (PM)
Friday, July 3	Welcome Dinner (6:30pm)	Shoot
		Horse matching
Saturday, July 4	BBQ Dinner (Yandina PC, Doonan) 4:30pm	Tetrathlon Competition (Yandina PC Doonan)
		Complete horse matching
		Swim
		Ride – female
Sunday, July 5	Check-out (Luther Heights)	Tetrathlon Competition (Yandina PC, Doonan)
	Train departs Eumundi Station (4:30pm)	Ride – male
	Arrive YHA Brisbane	Run
Monday, July 6	YHA Brisbane	
	South Bank & Brisbane sightseeing	
Tuesday, July 7	Check-out YHA	
	Depart for Moreton Island (Ferry departs 7:15am)	
	Sand tobogganing	
Wednesday, July 8	Moreton Island snorkelling	
Thursday, July 9	Moreton Island adventure tour & kayaking	
Friday, July 10	Travel day	Technical Meeting (PM)
	Return from Moreton Island (10am)	
	Camp at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds	

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Saturday, July 11	Guest dinner	Tetrathlon Competition (Mudgeeraba Pony Club)
		Horse matching
		Swim
		Ride
Sunday, July 12	BBQ at Mudgeeraba Pony Club	Tetrathlon Competition (Mudgeeraba Pony Club)
		Ride
		Shoot
		Run
Monday, July 13	Travel to Gold Coast Performance Centre	
	Free time / washing day	
Tuesday, July 14	Surf lesson (Broadbeach)	
	BBQ lunch	
	Op-shop shopping for Emu Gully Adventures	
Wednesday, July 15	Aqua Splash	
	Outback Spectacular	
Thursday, July 16	Check-out Gold Coast Performance Centre	Technical Meeting (PM)
	Emu Gully Adventure (10am–3pm)	
	Transfer to Reflections Lake Cooby	
Friday, July 17	Reflections Cooby Dam	Horse matching
	Dinner (Meringandan Pub)	
Saturday, July 18		Tetrathlon Competition (West Toowoomba PC)
		Ride
		Swim
		Shoot
Sunday, July 19	Farewell dinner and presentations (Lake Cooby, 5pm)	Tetrathlon Competition (West Toowoomba PC)
		Ride
		Run
	Check out of Relections Cooby Dam (10am)	

**Please note, this schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the organisers.*

Teams — Pony Club Australia

Coach



Darcy Wade

Darcy Wade, from Stratford Pony Club in Victoria, joins the team as coach and brings first-hand international exchange experience after competing in 2016 and 2018. Passionate

about helping riders get the most out of the opportunity, Darcy is looking forward to supporting the team both in competition and throughout the exchange experience.

Team Manager



Sharon Hutton

Sharon Hutton, from Maroochy Pony Club in Queensland, joins the team as Team Manager and is focused on creating a positive environment where every athlete has the opportunity to shine.

Passionate about supporting young riders and the Pony Club community, Sharon is honoured to be part of a team of athletes who share such a strong commitment to the sport.

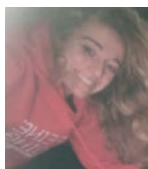
Female



Emma Wiese, 22

Emma Wiese, from Dryandra Pony Club in Western Australia, is excited to return to the international exchange environment after representing Australia in Ireland and the

UK in 2024. She is especially looking forward to reconnecting with fellow tetrathletes, competing on pool horses and learning more about how Pony Club and tetrathlon operate in other countries.



Darcy Miller, 24

Darcy Miller, from Leven Pony Club in Tasmania, is excited to be part of the exchange and is especially looking forward to the competition itself and reconnecting with friends from

across the tetrathlon community. Supported by her family, friends and running coach, Darcy heads into the experience eager to challenge herself and make the most of every opportunity.



Chloe Leen, 19

Chloe Leen, from Drysdale Leopold Pony Club in Victoria, is excited to reconnect with friends from past exchanges while also experiencing new places and challenges through the sport.

Curious to learn more about how other countries approach tetrathlon, Chloe is looking forward to both the competition and the international friendships that come with the exchange experience.



Emily Maxwell, 20

Emily Maxwell, from Beverley Horse and Pony Club in Western Australia, is thrilled to represent Australia and compete in Queensland alongside riders from around the world. Excited

by both the sporting challenge and the friendships the exchange brings, Emily is eager to soak up as much horsemanship and competition experience as possible.

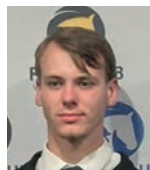


Tessa Leen, 16

Tessa Leen, from Drysdale Leopold Pony Club in Victoria, is especially looking forward to meeting riders from across Australia and overseas who share her passion for tetrathlon.

Keen to develop her skills on unfamiliar horses, Tessa is embracing the challenge and adventure that comes with international competition.

Male



Campbell Black, 18

Campbell Black, from Wallangarra Pony Club in Western Australia, is honoured to once again represent Australia in the International Tetrathlon Exchange. A returning

exchange rider, Campbell is looking forward to testing himself on borrowed horses, meeting riders from around the world and experiencing different Pony Club cultures and approaches to the sport.



Oliver Homer, 17

Oliver Homer, from Macarthur Pony Club in Victoria, is excited to represent Australia internationally and experience tetrathlon on a global stage.

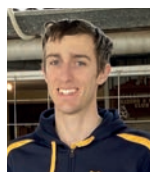
Looking forward to travelling, competing and meeting Pony Club members from around the world, Oliver is particularly interested in seeing how the sport operates in different countries.



Hayden Taylor, 16

Hayden Taylor, from Runcorn Pony Club in Queensland, is honoured to represent Australia and is especially looking forward to travelling and competing alongside riders from around the

world. Alongside his passion for tetrathlon, Hayden has a strong interest in mechanics and is working towards a future apprenticeship in heavy diesel mechanics.



Dan Wiese, 23

Dan Wiese, from Dryandra Pony Club in Western Australia, is excited to return to the International Tetrathlon Exchange after competing in 2024. Looking forward to

meeting more riders from around the world and learning the “buttons” of different horses,

Dan enjoys the adaptability and challenge that make tetrathlon unique.



William Nieuwenhuis, 16

William Nieuwenhuis, from Drysdale Leopold Pony Club in Victoria, cannot wait to compete in the green and gold and represent both Australia and his pony club internationally.

Keen to learn more about riding unfamiliar horses and different horsemanship styles, William brings curiosity, enthusiasm and strong Pony Club pride to the team.

World Female



Abbey Coxon, 18

Abbey Coxon, from Vines Pony Club in New South Wales, is honoured to wear the green and gold and represent Australia internationally. Looking forward to competing across all aspects

of tetrathlon and learning from experienced international coaches, Abbey is eager to continue developing both her skills and performance at the highest level.



Emma Grave, 17

Emma Grave, from Pakenham Pony Club in Victoria, brings broad Pony Club experience across dressage, showjumping, eventing and showing. Having ridden with both Pakenham and

previously Dandenong Ranges Pony Club, Emma joins the exchange with a strong all-round riding background and a willingness to take on new challenges.

Teams — Pony Club Australia



World Male



Ryan Frantom, 23

Ryan Frantom, from Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club in Western Australia, is proud to represent Australia after years of working towards the opportunity. Passionate

about giving back to Pony Club and tetrathlon, Ryan hopes to bring home not only valuable international experience, but insights he can share with younger riders coming through the sport.



Teams — Pony Club UK



Coach



Zoe Kennerley

Zoe Kennerley joins the Pony Club UK team as coach, bringing 21 years as a Pony Club member and 11 years on the National Tetrathlon Committee. A dedicated tetrathlon supporter,

Zoe is looking forward to cheering on the UK team, meeting new people and embracing the Australian adventure.

Outside Pony Club, Zoe enjoys triathlon, running, football, swimming and the occasional beer with a sunset. She was born in Kenya and completed her first full Ironman before the last international exchange.

Team Manager



Richard Mosley

Richard Mosley joins the Pony Club UK team as Team Manager, bringing decades of experience in Pony Club tetrathlon as a branch coach, parent, Regional Manager, National Tetrathlon

Committee member and international team manager. A lifelong supporter of the discipline, Richard was UK Team Manager for the 2018 International Tetrathlon Exchange in America and has continued to help support international tetrathlon opportunities since then.

Looking forward to his third visit to Australia, Richard is keen to share his experience while travelling with like-minded young people and coaches. He is passionate about seeing tetrathlon continue to grow around the world and hopes the exchange helps introduce the discipline to more countries.

Female

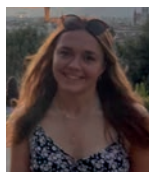


Megan Jones, 22

Megan Jones, 22, is proud to represent Team GB in the International Tetrathlon Exchange and is especially excited to travel to Australia for her first experience competing

there. The only Welsh girl on the team, Megan is looking forward to testing herself in high-level competition while building lifelong memories with others who share her passion for tetrathlon.

Outside of Pony Club, Megan is a qualified nurse working in the Emergency Department in her hometown, and has also represented West Wales in netball. A proud Welsh speaker, her first language is Welsh.

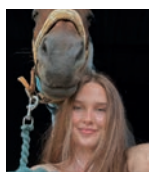


Georgina Crawford, 22

Georgina Crawford, from Wheatland Hunt Pony Club, is proud to captain the Team GB squad for the International Tetrathlon Exchange. A passionate tetrathlon and

eventing competitor, Georgina is excited to compete in different locations across Australia, improve her performance across Australian tetrathlon formats, and fit in some surfing along the way.

Outside Pony Club, Georgina is completing a Masters in Physiotherapy while also competing in triathlon and playing hockey. She credits her parents, teammates and early mentor Kate Riley for helping shape her tetrathlon journey.



Eleanor Clulow, 21

Eleanor Clulow is proud to represent Team GB in the sport she loves after more than 12 years in Pony Club. A tetrathlon and eventing competitor, Eleanor is excited to test

herself against international athletes, experience Australian culture and create lifelong memories

Teams — Pony Club UK

with teammates and competitors from around the world.

Outside Pony Club, Eleanor works full-time as a radiographer and has recently rediscovered her love of cross-country running through Tyne Bridge Harriers. She credits her family, coaches and the friendships she has built through the sport for helping shape her tetrathlon journey.



Georgina Featherstone, 18

Georgina Featherstone, from Newmarket and Thurlow Pony Club, is excited to travel to Australia as part of Team GB and experience tetrathlon in a completely new environment.

A competitor across tetrathlon, eventing, showjumping and dressage, Georgina is especially looking forward to riding Australian horses, meeting new people and learning more about Australian horse culture and lifestyle.

Outside Pony Club, Georgina enjoys painting horses and spent several years pony racing her palomino pony. She credits her family, particularly her tetrathlon-loving brothers and supportive parents, for helping her balance school, training and competition.



Annabel Lupton, 16

Annabel Lupton, from Bedale West of Yore Pony Club, is delighted to represent Team GB alongside some of the country's top tetrathlon athletes. Competing across tetrathlon,

eventing, showjumping and dressage, Annabel is especially excited to experience Australia for the first time, take on the challenge of international competition and make new friendships within the tetrathlon community.

Outside Pony Club, Annabel has a passion for sport and fitness. She credits her family, pony club and Northern England Tetrathlon's Liz Wilkinson for supporting her journey, although she admits she

has become well known for accidentally leaving belongings behind at events.

World Female



Georgia Grierson, 17

Georgia Grierson, from Beaufort Hunt Pony Club, is thrilled to represent the UK and her Pony Club in the sport she loves through the International Tetrathlon Exchange. Excited

to experience tetrathlon in another country and compete alongside talented international athletes, Georgia is particularly looking forward to developing her laser shooting skills and learning how different nations approach the sport.

Outside Pony Club, Georgia is a qualified lifeguard and has recently completed her A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physical Education, with hopes of studying Physiotherapy at university. She credits the many people behind the scenes who have supported her journey, especially those who entrusted her with their horses along the way.

Male

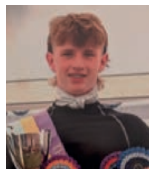


Ryan Widdicombe, 20

Ryan Widdicombe, from South Pool Pony Club, is excited to represent Team GB in the sport he loves while experiencing Australia for the first time.

Looking forward to making new friends and creating lifelong memories through the exchange, Ryan also hopes to grow personally through the experience and become more independent away from home.

Outside Pony Club, Ryan enjoys green laning and spending weekends watching Formula 1. Last year, he overcame myopericarditis and a month away from training before going on to win Open Championships.



Zachary Farnsworth, 17

Zachary Farnsworth, from York and Ainsty South Pony Club, is excited to represent Team GB and make the most of the opportunity to compete internationally alongside

talented athletes from around the world. A tetrathlon, eventing and showjumping competitor, Zachary is particularly interested in learning how Pony Clubs in different countries compare to those at home.

Outside Pony Club, Zachary enjoys swimming and watching films. He credits his mum and dad for supporting him throughout his journey in the sport.

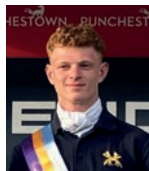


Gregor Montgomery, 24

Gregor Montgomery, from North Shropshire Pony Club, is thrilled to represent Team GB after setting his sights on the Australian Exchange back in 2024. A tetrathlon, eventing and

horse and pony care competitor, Gregor is excited to experience Australia for the first time, take part in the exchange adventures alongside fellow tetrathletes, and hopefully enjoy a traditional Aussie barbecue along the way.

Outside Pony Club, Gregor enjoys playing golf and credits his mum, along with coaches Anona White and Helen Elston, for helping shape his riding journey and Pony Club career.



Oliver Loud, 18

Oliver Loud, from The Wynnstay Pony Club, is excited to represent his nation and experience Australia for the first time through the International Tetrathlon

Exchange. A passionate hunting and tetrathlon competitor, Oliver is looking forward to embracing the adventure of the trip, meeting new people and taking on the challenge of international competition, jet lag included.

Outside Pony Club, Oliver enjoys hunting and hopes to complete an Ironman in the future. He credits his family, especially his father, for supporting him throughout his Pony Club journey.



Marcus Cook, 21

Marcus Cook, from West Kent Sevenoaks Pony Club, was left speechless when he received the call confirming his selection for the International Tetrathlon Exchange, with his housemates

celebrating alongside him. A competitor in eventing, tetrathlon and showjumping, Marcus is excited to experience Australia for the first time while taking on the challenge of international competition.

Currently studying to become a vet, Marcus also enjoys rugby and once held the on-field flags during the national anthems at a Six Nations match between England and Scotland at Twickenham. He credits his family, area committee and the friendships he has built through tetrathlon for supporting his journey in the sport.

World Male



Harry Taylor, 18

Harry Taylor is proud to represent Team GB and is especially looking forward to travelling through Australia and experiencing the country's landscapes, wildlife and

tetrathlon culture. Keen to embrace the adventure of the exchange, Harry is excited to learn more about both the sport and life in Australia.

Outside Pony Club, Harry enjoys rock climbing, field sports and country pursuits. He credits his mum, dad and Richard Mulcaster for supporting him along the way.

Teams — New Zealand Pony Club

Coach



Lorraine Phillips

Lorraine Phillips, from Parenga Pony Club, brings more than 35 years of Pony Club experience to the New Zealand team as coach and manager, having been involved as a rider, coach,

examiner, volunteer, parent and leader. Passionate about rider development, horse welfare and creating positive team environments, Lorraine sees international exchanges as an opportunity for riders to grow in confidence, resilience and independence both in and out of competition.

A lifelong horsewoman, Lorraine has also worked in horse racing, run a riding school for more than 20 years and supported her own children into professional careers within the horse industry. She is particularly interested in learning how other countries develop tetrathlon and create pathways for young riders, while continuing to share the values of teamwork, horsemanship and friendship that sit at the heart of Pony Club.

Female



Jaclyn Hay, 23

Jaclyn Hay is excited to represent New Zealand Pony Club internationally and embrace the challenge of competing across new disciplines in Australia. A

showjumping and eventing rider who enjoys pushing herself outside her comfort zone, Jaclyn is looking forward to testing her focus and performance under pressure while experiencing the Australian equestrian scene for the first time.

Outside Pony Club, Jaclyn is a self-described bookworm who loves animals, travelling and weekend adventures with her horse. She credits her parents and partner for their constant encouragement and support throughout her preparation journey.



Michaela Hincks, 17

Michaela Hincks is excited and honoured to represent New Zealand Pony Club internationally through the Tetrathlon Exchange, describing selection as a dream opportunity

to combine many of the sports she loves. An eventing and showjumping rider, Michaela is especially looking forward to meeting teammates and competitors from around the world while learning more about Australian competition and culture.

Outside Pony Club, Michaela enjoys long-distance running, recreational hunting and working with livestock, and hopes to study Agricultural Science at Lincoln University. She credits her mum and longtime mentor Bec Kerr from Maungatua Equestrian for their unwavering support throughout her riding journey.



Libby Ward, 16

Libby Ward, from Otumoetai-Te Puna Pony Club in Tauranga, is excited and honoured to represent New Zealand Pony Club at the International Tetrathlon Exchange in

Australia. A showjumping and showhunter rider, Libby is especially looking forward to competing internationally on unfamiliar horses and learning more about Australian Pony Club structures and coaching approaches.

Outside Pony Club, Libby enjoys hockey and coaching younger riders. She hopes to become an electrician after school while continuing her involvement with horses and equestrian sport.



Francesca Bishell, 19

Francesca Bishell, from Oxford Pony Club, is honoured to represent New Zealand Pony Club internationally after years of dedication to riding and training across showjumping,

dressage and eventing. Passionate about challenging herself both mentally and physically, Francesca is excited to compete at a high level, learn from international athletes and coaches, and make the most of every opportunity the exchange offers.

Outside Pony Club, Francesca studies Sport, Recreation and Exercise in Christchurch and has plans to continue into Sport Psychology at university. Alongside training and competing her young showjumping mare, she also coaches riders, produces young horses and has a strong interest in fitness, nutrition and athlete development.



Katherine Graham, 22

Katherine Graham, from Tuakau Pony Club, is excited to take part in her first formal tetrathlon exchange after previously representing New Zealand at the Pony Club International

Quiz in Kentucky in 2024. A dressage rider stepping into a new challenge, Katherine is looking forward to experiencing Australian Pony Club culture, meeting riders from around the world and learning more about how tetrathlon is competed internationally.

Outside Pony Club, Katherine enjoys cooking, baking, exploring new places and spending time outdoors. She credits her parents, coaches, Pony Club community and pentathlon coach for supporting her journey and encouraging her to embrace new opportunities.



Teams – Irish Pony Club

Coach



John Flood

John Flood, from Meath Hunt Pony Club, brings 50 years of Irish Pony Club experience to the International Tetrathlon Exchange as coach. A lifelong tetrathlon supporter, John

is looking forward to making more tetrathlon friends through the exchange and sharing in the international Pony Club spirit.

Outside Pony Club, John enjoys fox hunting. He describes himself with good humour as “not able to do most of the Tet phases”, but is still hoping to learn how to shoot.

Team Managers



Julie Quinn

Julie Quinn joins Team Ireland as chaperone, bringing 10 years of Pony Club experience as a parent and supporter of tetrathlon. Supporting riders from behind the scenes, Julie

brings a practical and organised approach to the exchange team.

Outside Pony Club, Julie runs her own travel agency and builds smart online systems and automations for influencers with audiences in the millions.



Rebecca Lowe

Rebecca Lowe, from Westmeath, Ireland, joins the Irish Pony Club team as Team Manager alongside Julie Quinn. Having joined Pony Club at the age of six, Rebecca progressed through

Minimus and Tetrathlon and credits Pony Club with giving her wonderful experiences, lifelong friendships and valuable life skills.

Proud to be part of the Irish Pony Club, Rebecca is excited to support and guide the team throughout

their Australian adventure. She is looking forward to travelling with the young riders, sharing in the exchange experience and making many special memories along the way.

Female



Grace Quinn, 18

Grace Quinn, from the Leitrim Branch of the Irish Pony Club, is pleased to represent Ireland as team captain after six years competing in tetrathlon. Excited to meet new people, ride

different horses and experience Australia, Grace is looking forward to learning more about Australian culture and how life differs from home in Ireland.

Outside Pony Club, Grace is involved in modern pentathlon and GAA, and enjoys spending time with friends. She is also a qualified swim teacher and lifeguard.

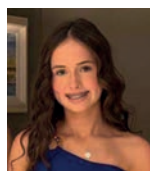


Tianne Kelly, 17

Tianne Kelly, from Wicklow Hunt Pony Club, is overjoyed to represent Ireland and take part in what she describes as a once-in-a-lifetime trip. A well-rounded tetrathlon competitor,

Tianne is excited to meet people who share her passion, experience Australia and learn new techniques from competitors in a slightly different international format.

Outside Pony Club, Tianne loves music and musical theatre, and can play piano, ukulele and guitar. She also sings, dances and performs, having first stepped into musical theatre as Sandy in Grease.



Clodagh Reilly, 16

Clodagh Reilly, from Ward Union Pony Club, is excited to represent Ireland and visit Australia for the first time through the International Tetrathlon Exchange. An



eventing and tetrathlon competitor, Clodagh is especially looking forward to bonding with her team, meeting riders from other countries and learning more about Australian Pony Club culture.

Outside Pony Club, Clodagh enjoys competing in athletics. She has ridden horses all her life and credits her family, friends and Ward Union Pony Club for supporting her along the way.



Grace Murphy, 17

Grace Murphy is excited to be selected for the International Tetrathlon Exchange and is looking forward to reconnecting with tetrathletes from the 2024 exchange. An eventing and

tetrathlon competitor, Grace is especially keen for the opportunity to ride and compete on different horses while learning more about Pony Club in other countries.

She credits her family, coaches and Pony Club for supporting her development as a rider. Outside tetrathlon, Grace loves eventing.



Margaret Verling, 16

Margaret Verling, from West Waterford Pony Club in Ireland, is excited to take part in the International Tetrathlon Exchange and is especially looking forward to meeting new

people, surfing and snorkelling in Australia. With swimming as her primary discipline, Margaret is keen to learn more about horses and experience Australian culture throughout the exchange.

Outside Pony Club, Margaret enjoys swimming and can walk on her hands. She credits her friends, family and coaches for supporting her along the way.

World Female

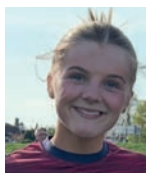


Anna O'Callaghan, 19

Anna O'Callaghan is excited to be part of the International Tetrathlon Exchange and make the most of the opportunity to travel, compete and meet new people. A tetrathlon and

eventing competitor, Anna is especially looking forward to sharing the experience with friends and learning a very Australian skill: how to throw a boomerang.

Outside Pony Club, Anna plays hockey with her local club and hopes to study physiotherapy at university next year. She credits her parents, family and friends for their constant support throughout her journey.



Amelie Henson, 17

Amelie Henson, from Offaly Pony Club, is excited and honoured to represent Ireland in the International Tetrathlon Exchange. A tetrathlon, eventing and hunter trials competitor,

Amelie is looking forward to visiting Australia, meeting new people and making friendships and memories through Pony Club.

Outside Pony Club, Amelie enjoys Gaelic football and hockey. She is also ambidextrous and can kick with both feet.



Katie Dillon Byrne, 18

Katie Dillon Byrne, from Kildare Hunt Pony Club, is excited to represent Ireland while travelling to Australia with friends and competing in the sport she loves. A tetrathlon and eventing

competitor, Katie is looking forward to the competitions, new experiences and people she will meet along the way, and is also hoping to master the important skill of catching Anna's boomerang.

Teams – Irish Pony Club

Outside Pony Club, Katie enjoys horse racing, running and swimming, and hopes to study veterinary medicine next year. She credits her parents, John and Bernie, and her friends for supporting her through every step of her journey.



Ellie Dillon Byrne, 18

Ellie Dillon Byrne, from Kildare Hunt Pony Club, is excited to represent Ireland after competing in Pony Club since starting minimus at just seven years old. With strengths in cross

country riding and running, Ellie is looking forward to competing alongside top tetrathletes from around the world, travelling with her teammates and learning how to adapt across each discipline.

Outside Pony Club, Ellie is a keen athlete with a strong background in middle-distance, cross country and relay running. She is also the older twin of Katie by 10 minutes.



Emily Quinn, 16

Emily Quinn, from the Leitrim Branch of the Irish Pony Club, is excited to represent Ireland after working hard through winter to prepare for tetrathlon. She is especially looking forward

to travelling around Australia, visiting the beach and performance centre, meeting new people and gaining experience riding unfamiliar horses.

Outside Pony Club, Emily competes in modern pentathlon for Ireland and plays Gaelic football. Her cross-country riding also keeps the paramedics on their toes.

Male



Jamie Hargaden, 19

Jamie Hargaden is proud to represent Ireland and excited for the opportunity to visit Australia through the International Tetrathlon Exchange. With 15 years in Pony Club, Jamie

is looking forward to the adventure of the trip, meeting new people and hopefully learning how to surf along the way.

Outside Pony Club, Jamie enjoys Gaelic football and golf. He credits his parents and girlfriend for supporting him throughout his journey.



Darragh Walsh, 18

Darragh Walsh, from Waterford Hunt Pony Club, is over the moon to represent Ireland in the International Tetrathlon Exchange. A dedicated tetrathlon competitor, Darragh

is looking forward to the craic, the competition and the chance to experience Australian culture while competing internationally.

Outside Pony Club, Darragh enjoys farming and GAA, and hopes to become an equine dentist. He credits his family and coaches for supporting him along the way.



Tom O'Rourke, 18

Tom O'Rourke, from Offaly Pony Club, is over the moon to represent Ireland in the International Tetrathlon Exchange. A tetrathlon competitor, Tom is especially

looking forward to travelling with the team, meeting new people and exploring Australia while learning more about the Australian lifestyle.

Outside Pony Club, Tom enjoys driving diggers and plans to study veterinary medicine at university next year. He credits his parents, family, friends, sponsors, teammates and coaches for supporting him along the way.



Seán Cooke, 18

Seán Cooke, from North Kilkenny Pony Club, is delighted to represent Ireland abroad through the International Tetrathlon Exchange. A dedicated tetrathlon competitor,



Seán is especially looking forward to travelling as part of the team, experiencing Australia and competing alongside riders from around the world.

Outside Pony Club, Seán enjoys triathlon, golf and going to the gym. He credits his parents, aunt, family, sponsors, coaches and teammates for supporting him along the way.



Peter Verling, 19

Peter Verling, from West Waterford Pony Club, is delighted to represent Ireland in the International Tetrathlon Exchange after three years in Pony Club. With running as his

primary discipline, Peter is looking forward to experiencing Australia and learning more about Australian culture and way of life.

Outside Pony Club, Peter enjoys kickboxing and credits his family for supporting him along the way.

World Male



John James, 19

John James is excited to represent Ireland after eight years of minimus and tetrathlon, with selection feeling like the result of years of training and commitment. A tetrathlon and

eventing competitor, John is looking forward to experiencing new places, people and customs while competing internationally in the sport he loves.

Outside Pony Club, John is studying to become an architectural technologist and has a strong interest in farming, cattle, machinery, 4x4s, vintage cars and woodworking. He credits his family for their support, encouragement and advice throughout his Pony Club journey.



Teams — United States Pony Clubs



Coach



William Brady

William Brady joins the United States Pony Clubs team as coach, bringing broad experience across tetrathlon, eventing, showjumping and games. A former International

Tetrathlon Exchange competitor himself, William is excited to help this year's team experience the same friendships, memories and opportunities that shaped his own Pony Club journey.

Outside Pony Club, William works in digital marketing, helps run a horse farm and enjoys woodworking, riding motorcycles, skiing and hiking. He also competed in modern pentathlon, becoming a US National Champion, earning a world ranking and training at the US Olympic Training Center.

Chaperone



Nichole Fisher

Nichole Fisher joins the United States Pony Clubs team as chaperone, bringing 30 years of Pony Club experience across tetrathlon and eventing. A former International Tetrathlon

Exchange competitor herself, Nichole represented in the 2004 exchange in the UK and Ireland and brings valuable perspective to the team.

Outside Pony Club, Nichole enjoys travel, gardening and volunteering with various non-profits.

World Female



Michaela Frye, 20

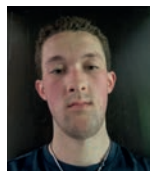
Michaela Frye, from Mill Creek Pony Club, is ecstatic to represent the United States Pony Clubs in Australia, a country she has always wanted to visit. Competing across

eventing, mounted games and tetrathlon, Michaela

is especially looking forward to meeting riders from around the world and building connections that will last well beyond the exchange.

Outside Pony Club, Michaela is studying Animal Science at Missouri State University and hopes to attend veterinary school next year. She also has an Australian Shepherd named Bear, who loves joining her on runs.

World Male



Colton Burchianti, 21

Colton Burchianti, from Harts Run Hunt Pony Club, is excited to represent the United States Pony Clubs and travel to Australia to compete internationally. An eventing rider

who has been competing in tetrathlon since he was 10, Colton is looking forward to exploring Australia, meeting tetrathletes from other countries and learning how the sport is approached around the world.

Outside Pony Club, Colton loves playing and watching sport. He credits his parents and siblings for supporting him along the way.

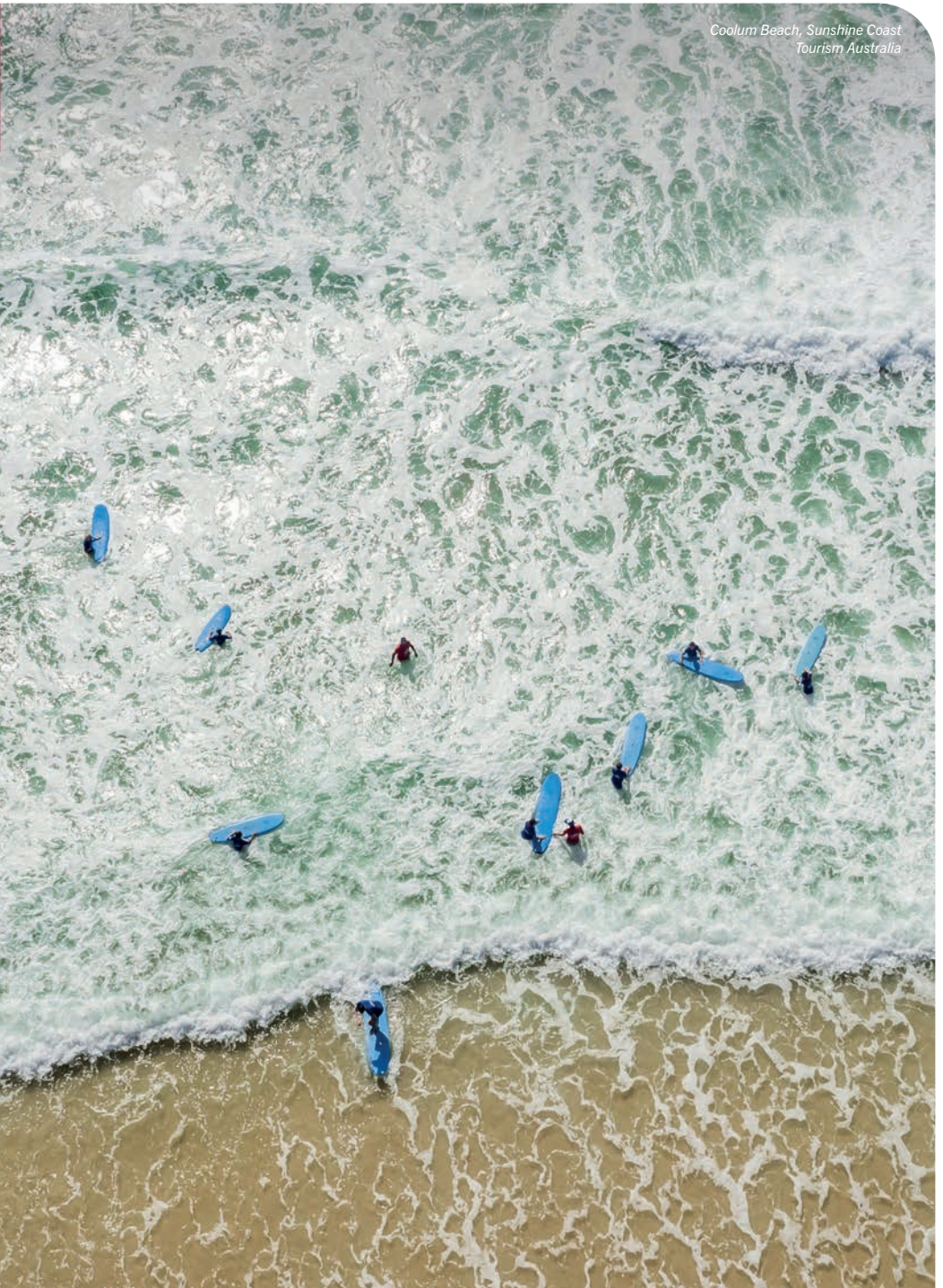


Westley Burchianti, 20

Westley Burchianti, from Harts Run Hunt Pony Club, is excited to represent the United States Pony Clubs and take part in the International Tetrathlon Exchange. An eventing rider,

Westley is looking forward to exploring Australia, competing internationally and learning how Pony Club is similar and different around the world.

Outside Pony Club, Westley enjoys playing basketball and collecting Lego. He credits his parents and sister for supporting him along the way.



Past Hosts of the International Tetrathlon Exchange

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Irish Pony Club & Pony Club UK

2018

The United States Pony Clubs

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2014

Pony Club UK

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Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) Horse Welfare Statement

Focus

PCIA member countries work to ensure that their organisations and their work are viewed positively in relation to equine health and welfare by stakeholders both within and outside the equestrian community.

Education

The individual PCIA members, through national ladders of achievement (Tests, Certifications, and Badges) educate our members, volunteers, coaches, and judges, to adapt to and adopt continuously improving/changing equine knowledge, practices, and handling methods.

Empathy

The PCIA will educate their members that horses are intelligent and emotional animals whose physical and mental wellbeing must always be prioritised.

Care

Benefiting from education and evidence-based equine science, the PCIA expects all members to provide a high quality of life where their horses thrive in all working, sporting, and home/stable environments.

Respect

The PCIA will educate their members to treat their horses with clarity, patience and respect, developing mutual trust and confidence.

Consideration

All PCIA members, coaches, and volunteers must always put the needs of our horses ahead of any competitive, personal or financial gain.

Ethics

All PCIA members will remain true to the highest standards of welfare, safety, equipment use, and veterinary care.



People, Places & Memories

People to stay in touch with...

Horses I rode...

Places I want to remember...

Best advice I heard...

Moments worth remembering...





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We also warmly thank our visiting Pony Club organisations from the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand and the United States for travelling to Australia and contributing to the spirit of friendship, sportsmanship and international connection that sits at the heart of the exchange.

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Most importantly, thank you to the competitors for embracing the spirit of Pony Club, supporting one another, and contributing to the friendships, teamwork and memories that make exchanges like this so special.

We hope the experiences, friendships and connections formed during the 2026 Pony Club International Tetrathlon Exchange stay with you long after the final phase is complete.





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