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# Meet our new CEO

**Matt Helmers** has taken the reins as PCA's new CEO.

He is a community sport advocate whose passion is to create opportunities for young people from all backgrounds.

Matt is the proud father of teenage girls and understands the importance of community sport in developing life skills. He has more than 20 years of sport industry experience including 10 years as an executive leading sporting organisations at both National and State level.

"I am honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading such an iconic community organisation as Pony Club Australia," he says.

"I am keen to magnify the impact of generous contributors to ensure that an enriched life with horses remains accessible and sustainable for future generations."



## Congratulations, Lalwa!

Lalwa May, fresh back from representing Australia at the World Clubs Showjumping Tournament in Lamotte-Beuvron, France, in the PCA showjumping team, has been awarded the Inaugural NT Indigenous Sports Person of the Year! She is pictured here at the presentation with Anthony Mundine.



## Cover photo

Polocrosse fun at Guyra Pony Club, NSW



# Women Leaders in Sport Opportunities

Applications for individual grants close September 17 2023

There were five Pony Club Australia participants in the ASC 2023 Women Leaders in Sport Leadership workshops earlier this year – Robyn Gordon and Kelly Wyss from Western Australia; Margrete Erling from NSW; Chantelle Turner from Queensland and Rebecca Ham from Victoria. Some of their feedback was

“It was an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills for women in sport and to develop myself as an important team leader through Pony Club. The course was over 10 weeks online networking with some incredible women in sport leadership that included women from Tennis Australia, AFL, Cricket Australia, West Coast Fever just to name a few. Each session we networked with smaller group and were able to communicate, discuss and inspire each other with our Presenter. Each week we went into depth into various topics such as Conflict and Resolution, Balancing Family Life with your work goals, Emerging Leaders, Communication, how to be a better leader and motivate and encourage your team to achieve success.”

“The WLIS workshops have been fantastic. I have created some great contacts outside the Pony Club that have helped looked at the challenges facing our club in a different light. I also appreciated gaining a greater awareness of the sports resources that are out there too.”

“It was great for connecting to other leaders in different sports and hearing about some of the challenges/successes that they have. Really good activities to encourage you to self reflect and also seek feedback from others, learn from it and encourage self development. We spent time delving into the differences between different leadership styles, your strengths and areas for development as well as focusing on emotional intelligence, conflict resolution and engaging and influencing others. The benefit of the group being so interactive was that you could really see so many different types of communication and leadership styles as well as learn from other people's experiences. The WLIS community is great and I will definitely stay in contact with a number of people I got to know really well.”

“It will be hugely beneficial for both Pony Club and outside careers and is definitely something that I will continue to explore and develop in. The program leaders and those delivering content or facilitating discussion have been great and have connected with everyone after the sessions have finished as well.”

WLIS is managed by the ASC with support from the Office for Women and funded through the Australian Government's Women's Leadership and Development Program.

Applications are now open for individual grants under the ASC 2023 Women Leaders in Sport program. This enables existing leaders to access courses in their chosen areas of development.

More information on the program:

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants-and-funding/wlis>

Applications for individual grants close 17th September 2023.

Keep an eye out for the next round of grants for the Leadership Workshops at the beginning of 2024.



# Mounted Games rules updated

The PCA Mounted Games Rule Book and Handbook have been updated and can be found on the [PCA website under Sports/Competition Rules](#).

You will also find here the rules for Tetrathlon, Quiz, Horse Archery, and Mounted Games.

More standardised rules are added here as the state committees put them together.



## ARE YOU RUNNING A RAFFLE?

*Governments see raffles as a form of gambling. There are minor variations in the laws in different states but community organisations do not need a permit unless the prizes are more than a certain value (check for your state). Even if no permit is required there are still some rules.*

### Make sure you

- Name the organisation it is for - your club/zone/state
- Provide information on the prizes
- Have unique numbers on tickets
- Say when/where it will be drawn



### And that you

- Record the name and contact for the purchaser of a ticket
- Put all the sold tickets in the draw
- Hold the draw as scheduled and not in secret
- Draw tickets at random. Any ticket drawn cannot be redrawn
- Keep a record of the winners - your sponsor who donated prizes might want to know this too!



# Todd Hinde - from Bega to the FEI

*Story credit: The Back Rail Facebook page*

Todd Hinde has become the first Australian to be appointed to the high-profile role of Jumping Director for the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) - the international governing body for horse sports.

Based at the FEI's headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Director reports to the Secretary General, monitoring the day-to-day operations of the sport, ensuring procedures and policies are followed and providing services efficiently to National Federations and stakeholders.

It's a long way from the tranquil Bega Valley in south-east NSW, where Hinde grew up on his family's beef property "Numeralla". He was a member of the Bega Pony Club for nine years and progressed to the local jumping club, competing at local agricultural shows and other regional showjumping events.

Hinde's working life started at the late Barb Ivill's Little Plains Stud in Wangaratta, Victoria, preparing thoroughbred weanlings and yearlings for sale. He then spent five years as a stock and station agent in Albury-Wodonga (on the border of NSW and Victoria) and became involved in the running of the Wodonga CSI-W showjumping event.

The opportunity then arose to train and compete in Europe. From 2012 to 2015, he competed in Australia, Belgium, Germany, Portugal, and Spain going up to CSI3\* level. He was appointed Chef d'Equipe of the 2018 World Equestrian Games showjumping team in Tryon, which achieved the nation's highest team placing at a world championship (6th) and secured a berth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

The Chef d'Equipe role evolved in 2019 into a full-time position as Equestrian Australia High Performance Jumping Manager, working with riders based both at home and abroad on their individual performance plans, team plans and on growing the sport for Australia.

Hinde is due to take up the FEI position in September. A major item he'll tick off before leaving his current role will come in just under a fortnight when Australia competes in the Group G regional qualifier at Valkenswaard, the Netherlands, attempting to lock in a team jumping slot for Paris 2024. (NOTE: They won the event and we will have an Australian showjumping team in Paris!)

The Jumping Director role is a huge achievement and opportunity for Hinde, 35, who will relocate from Sydney's Hawkesbury region to Lausanne on the shores of Lake Geneva. The city is known as the Olympic capital of the world, being home to both the International Olympic Committee and the Olympic Museum.

Please join us at The Back Rail in congratulating Todd and wishing him all the best in this exciting new chapter of his life. Congratulations from Pony Club Australia and, we are sure, all members, Todd.




*(Left to right) Family photo of Todd Hinde at Bega Pony Club; Todd in the saddle; Todd officiating as Australian Chef d'Equipe in Wellington USA, with riders (left to right) David Cameron, Lauren Balcomb, Katie Laurie and James Arkins - Kirsty Pasto photo for the Australian Equestrian Team.*

# Riders Jumping at the Chance

Senior riders in the Northern Territory have jumped at the chance to compete, for the first time, in the PCA Petstock Nationals, this year hosted by WA. They rode their events at Freds Pass, NT, at the end of August.

Congratulations to the Pony Club NT  
MASTERS Show Jumping Team

 Nicole Mutimer  
Garry Branson  
Teresa Cummings

[Petstock  
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National  
Championships  
website](#)  
(and Facebook)







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## I'm Here to Hear

The theme for **RUOK? Day** on September 14, 2023, is "I'm here to hear." If your club is doing anything, we'd love to share it next month.

  
I'm **here**  
to **hear**

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## Christmas Gifts...



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# Tetrathlon 2022 leaderboard



# Congratulations!

## Final results

### Senior Male

- 1 - Dan Wiese WA. 4215pts
- 2 - Amos Vagg Vic 4111
- 3 - Darcy Wade Vic 4024
- 4 - Lachlan Waddell Vic 3635
- 5 - Ryan Wardell Vic. 3397

### Senior Female

- 1 - Emma Wiese WA. 4269
- 2 - Georgie Goss WA 3873
- 3 - Kaitlin Goss WA 3410
- 4 - Gabby Wells WA 3369
- 5 - Kate Sloan Vic. 3120

### Junior Male

- 1 - Kian Blanchard Vic. 4301
- 2 - Jack Kerron Vic. 4130
- 3 - Campbell Black WA 3927
- 4 - Darcy Macauley Vic. 3037
- 5 - Lewis Hudson WA 2884

### Junior Female

- 1 - Zoe Addinsall Vic. 4306
- 2 - Kate Banner W.A. 4280
- 3 - Alana Docherty Vic. 4127
- 4 - Matilda Mason Vic. 3839
- 5 - Alyssa Greening Vic. 3777

### Sub Junior Male

- 1 - Colby Devlin Vic. 4409
- 2 - Charlie Hiscock Vic. 4194
- 3 - Finlay Hiscock Vic. 3910
- 4 - Will Nieuwenhuis Vic. 3905
- 5 - Clem McKemey NSW 3484

### Sub Junior Female

- 1 - Amalie Blanchard Vic 4274
- 2 - Xanthe Wade Vic. 4273
- 3 - Gweneth Homer Vic. 4175
- 4 - Ava Harrington Vic. 4149
- 5 - Grace Liepa Vic 4093



ABOVE:  
Colby Devlin (Vic) won the Sub Junior Male category for his efforts at three Tetrathlon events in 2022



Tetrathlon - Four Sports in One



# Pony Club Australia ~ Values

## Horse Welfare explained

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

Use of horses in sport is a privilege that Pony Club members enjoy and it is important that PCA is able to substantiate its actions to improve welfare.

Pony Club Australia was the first equestrian organisation in the world to apply the Five Domains model of animal welfare to define acceptable standards for the organisation. [The PCA Horse Welfare policy](#), launched in September 2022, provides a framework for riders to consider the best care of their horses at home, whilst also providing guidance to coaches and officials and clearly stating actions that are not allowed and will be subject to disciplinary action.

PCA also highlights horse welfare in:

- The PCA syllabus, introduced in 2019, which builds knowledge and awareness of horse welfare.
- Decisions on other PCA policies, such as the National Gear rules, guided by the impact of gear on the horse.
- Communication and advocacy, with our Welfare Wednesday social media posts shared across Australia and the world.



Pony Club Australia's Values in the 2022 – 2024 PCA Strategic Plan are:

- Unity
- Innovation
- Kindness
- Integrity
- Accessibility
- Horse Welfare



### My daily horse checklist

- Is he moving okay?
- Is he eating?
- How is his demeanor?
- Any injuries?
- Plenty of fresh water?
- 'Dressed' for the weather?



Welfare Wednesday







# Latest Values Awards winners



## Imogen Lowe

Awarded for contributing in several roles as a volunteer at club activities and events in **Zone 27, Queensland.**

Whilst unable to ride due to an injury, Imogen made a difference to clubs, events and members by assisting with scoring, organising community activities and using her superior plaiting skills to prepare horses belonging to other riders.

Imogen inspires others with her positive and encouraging spirit.

We congratulate and thank Imogen for embodying the spirit of Pony Club's Community Captain.



## Diane Duncan

Awarded for contributing as a leader at **Donvale and Templestowe Horse and Pony Club, VIC**

Di has taken on multiple roles as DC, President, council liaison and club representative. Whether it be mowing, stocking the canteen or transporting a second horse, it is evident that Di considers others before herself.

Di's warm and encouraging nature adds to her care and competence in safeguarding the experience and enjoyment for both horses and riders.

We congratulate and thank Di for embodying the spirit of Pony Club's Community Captain.



PCA has three national values awards. They are not competitive but are designed to recognise all our members who do extraordinary work and make an impact in the areas of sustainability, inclusion and horse welfare. [The Values Awards are open all year and you can read more on this page.](#)



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# Building an arena to last



Building an arena is not a cheap exercise. Built right, it is not only a great investment to your property it is something that you will use every day. That is why it is so important to get it right the first time to ensure you and your horse can ride safely for years to come.

An important aspect to be aware of is that every arena is individual, and every arena needs to be assessed individually to determine how best to build it. Whether it be used for different disciplines, the traffic it receives, soil type and many more factors, every arena needs to be assessed individually and built accordingly and most importantly what the client wants.

So how do we determine what to build?

The team at East Coast Equine Construction discuss in detail the wants, needs and budget of the client and once a price guide is sent out to establish rough pricing, a site inspection is booked. It is at this time our experienced team examine the land and how best to build.

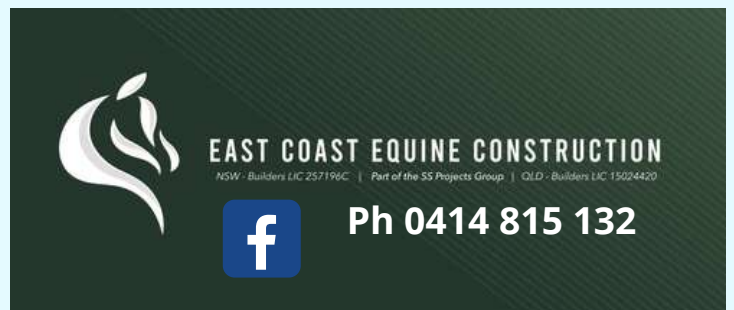
Along with site location we discuss;

- The general riding discipline the arena is going to be used for,
- How often the arena is used, is it a high traffic arena or just a few rides a week?
- Access to water & irrigation options,
- Drainage. As drainage specialists our experienced team can not only offer advise for the arena itself, we can sort your drainage issues throughout the whole property.
- Retaining & perimeter wall options,
- How the arena is going to be maintained and how often this is going to happen. We can offer advice, a maintenance plan and suggest groomers. We also show you how to do this in detail.
- We can also discuss footing options; waxed sand, fibre options, sand types
- Accessories; mirrors, lights, mounting platforms, covers and anything else you may need.
- What you actually want. We listen to our clients and try to accommodate their requests.

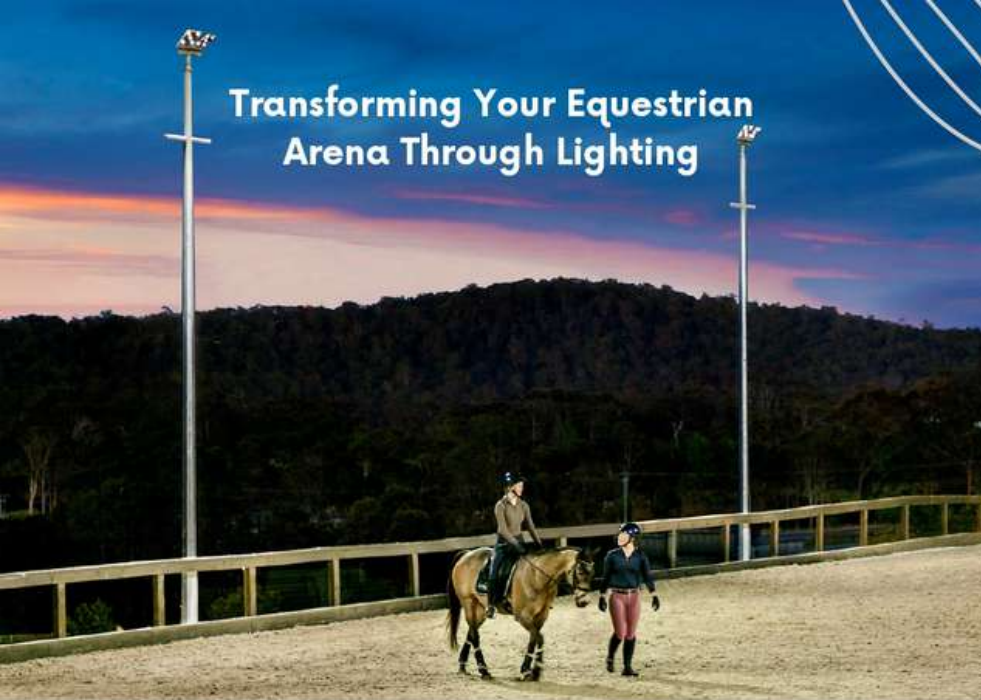
Combining all these factors, the latest worldwide research, 20 years of earthmoving, building, infrastructure, and now equine construction and actually listening to what the client wants, we determine how best to build and with what products.

It is this experience along with the security of knowing we are licensed and insured to undertake these works we can not only build an arena that will last, we will build the one that suits you.

For all your equine construction needs, please contact the team at East Coast Equine Construction Ph 0414 815 132 Facebook or E: hayley@ssprojects.net.au



# Transforming Your Equestrian Arena Through Lighting



In the realm of equestrian sports, where precision, finesse, and safety intertwine, the significance of a well-lit arena cannot be overstated. Beyond the conventional notion of lighting as a mere tool to illuminate spaces, modern equestrian arena lighting brings forth a multitude of advantages that resonate deeply with both riders and enthusiasts. It's an evolution that has not only redefined the way we perceive these spaces but has also set new standards for safety, aesthetics, and functionality.



## Safety: A Guiding Light

A core aspect that underscores the importance of equestrian arena lighting is safety. Every rider knows the profound connection between a well-lit arena and an assurance of secure navigation. Illumination that casts even, natural lighting across the arena surface enhances visibility, eliminating the lurking shadows that can potentially unsettle horses and create hazards. This newfound clarity ensures that both riders and horses can focus on their performance, fostering an environment of trust and harmony.



## The Precision of Lighting Selection

A crucial facet that often goes unnoticed is the meticulous selection of lighting solutions. Not all lights are created equal, and equestrian lighting requires a nuanced approach. Generic outdoor lighting can lead to discomfort, distractions, and less-than-optimal visibility. Tailored equestrian lighting takes into account the specific requirements of the arena, considering factors like angles, intensity, glare and direction. This level of precision ensures that both riders and horses are enveloped in an ambiance that enhances their connection and performance.



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# Around the Grounds



## Doing Something Different

Hatton Vale and District Pony Club learned some Light Horsemanship skills at a recent muster. They were joined by some members of the 2nd Light Horse Plainland Troop Inc. who shared their knowledge.

[Is there a group near your Club?](#)

## Adding Some Colour

Tallebudgera Pony Club has a novel way to put together teams and don't they look good! Does your club have any colourful photos?



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# Coaching



## Coach Lesson Plan Competition Winner

Congratulations goes to Anica (Ani) Bushby (right) of Kyabram Pony Club who has won the Coaching Lesson Plan competition. Ani loves teaching jumping, XC and games, but her winning entry was actually for her dressage plan.

The beauty of her plan is that she thought about the large size of the group and didn't want riders waiting a long time for their turn. To do this, she started the ride in single file, then paired them up and go them to do a small dressage test in opposite directions. Ani's plan practices tempo, speed, control and teamwork - perfect for a Pony Club day!

Accredited coaches can see Ani's winning plan in the Lesson Plan library at [ponyclubaustralia.com.au/register](http://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/register) under the Coaches section on the website.

**Ani has won a PCA merchandise pack including sun safe long sleeve riding shirt, riding socks and trucker cap!**



**Need some lesson plan ideas? Accredited coaches can access the PCA Lesson Plan library by registering at [www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au/register](http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au/register)**



Did you also know that we have our very own Pony Club Australia Coaches private Facebook group where you can ask questions and share ideas?

Join now at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/294014092684550>



## Flexi Joint Plus

Ranvet's Flexi-Joint Plus is a pelleted joint supplement which provides six key ingredients, including curcumin, to assist in improving joint health and function in all horses, no matter the size or performance level.

From retirees to high performance, just a 30g scoop of Flexi-Joint Plus a day can help improve joint movement and mobility. Feed it in your horses feed or by itself.

The makers say they have had plenty of horses love the apple-flavoured taste of Flexi-Joint Plus, making administration a breeze. Flexi-Joint Plus can be found at Ranvet Stockists across the country, and online.

Want to know more? <https://www.ranvet.com.au/products/flexi-joint-plus/>



# Rugging For Spring



Days are starting to get a little longer, coats are starting to drop, and the bugs are creeping back out - Spring is around the corner! If you're not sure which rug you should be reaching for this time of year, read on to find out a little more about how to keep your horse comfortable.



## Ripstop

A polyester-cotton blend, ripstop rugs are a year round go-to for many horse owners thanks their durability and breathability. They are excellent at keeping bugs away and perfect for horses that are tough on their rugs, and can come in different weights depending on your needs.



## Canvas

Canvas rugs are made from a cotton blend of majority natural fibres, providing enhanced breathability and comfort. Ideal for use during short periods of wet weather, or when a little extra coverage is needed, canvas provides a layer of protection without the potential overheating of that comes with heavy winter rugs or synthetic rain sheets.



## Flag

A light, breezy rug ideal for warmer days, flags provide protection against bitey bugs and sun bleaching. However, their light cotton material means they are not as durable as ripstops.

Remember that rugging your horse is not "one size fits all" given Australia's vast and varied climates, and you know your horse best. To ensure your horse stays comfortable no matter the season, always provide access to clean drinking water and never leave your horse rugged if you can't check on them daily.



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# It's Never Too Late



**“Mum  
wanted to  
join Pony  
Club again  
... at 76.”**

We saw this on another Facebook page and thought it was terrific, especially as more and more Pony Clubs open up their membership to adult riders.

The author wrote: “My mum, Carlisle, decided earlier this year that she wanted to join Pony Club again, and today at the age of 76, she attended her first Pony Club rally in 60 years on one of our homebred ponies, 7yo Connemara Pony mare, Powderbark Hazy Maeve. We bred both Maeve's sire and dam as well, and her sire was the pony who I first did endurance with. I was looking forward to riding Maeve more this year, but I suspect that I've now lost my pony after today.” Photo taken at Mount Bakewell Pony Club, WA.

We are looking forward to seeing who wins the new Best Achievement by an Adult Rider in this year's PCA Awards (entries close Sunday September 3 2023).

## Short Online Courses on Horse Health

We welcome TBA Learning as a new sponsor of the Young Coach of the Year in the 2023 PCA Awards. TBA Learning, from Thoroughbred Breeders Australia, provides a series of free, short online courses with assessment tasks on horse health and husbandry. Receive a certificate of completion for each course.

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These free courses will be particularly useful for general information and revision for coaches and riders C\*/K and above.

<https://www.tbalearning.com/start>





# Do You Follow PCA on the Socials?

## How blue is your bucket?

Do you have trouble getting your horses to drink when you take them out? You don't want them to dehydrate, especially in hot weather.

Studies have shown some horses have favourite colours, so you might find changing your bucket colour helps. And, it seems many horses prefer turquoise!

More:

A study mentioned by Kentucky Equine Research found that horses have favourite colours and may drink more if their water bucket is the 'right' color.

Based on water intake, researchers found that horses preferred to drink from the turquoise buckets. Preferences for the colors, from highest to lowest, were turquoise, light blue, light green, green, yellow, and red. Horses chose the blues over other colors and light-toned colors over darker tones.

Another old horseman's trick is to take some mud from the bank of the horse's dam at home, and add a bit to his water so it tastes like home. A more modern version is to add a little molasses to hide the taste of the venue water. To do this you should practise at home by giving him molasses water a few times.

You can read about [the horse's favourite color research here](#).



## How blue is your bucket?

Posts like this appear weekly on the PCA Facebook page and Instagram to highlight aspects of horse welfare.

Are you following the PCA Facebook page and/or Instagram account? @PonyClubAust

## Long rein or loose rein?



A dressage test usually asks for a **long rein** at some point. You maintain a soft contact and let the horse stretch down.



You would leave a dressage arena on a **loose rein** (no contact). Your coach may ask for a loose rein after an exercise, to relax and cool down your horse.

How to remember which is which:  
'A long rein is loose but a loose rein is longer'



When we posted this, and a way to remember the difference, followers responded with two more ways: 'Loose rein has a loop' and 'the longer the word the longer the reins'.



# The Centre Page

## Avoca Park Equestrian hosts Chinese guests

This PCA accredited riding school based in Victoria bustled with activity in August as a group of students from Pony Club China enjoyed a week-long customised Australian riding experience.

Their story:

"We packed so much into one week! Games and obstacle courses, bilingual theory work, a classic Australian BBQ and picnic down at the reserve, playing with pets in the garden, a movie night that had everyone on the edge of their seats and even a trail ride with ALL of our wonderful school horses. And of course, lots and lots of riding development.

Avoca Park would like to extend enormous gratitude to the organisers: Pony Club China, Pony Club Australia for organising a rally for them to attend at Dandenong Ranges Pony Club, as well as the children's parents and the wonderful translators who accompanied, and Rebekah who chaperoned them on their Australian adventures.

And last, but by no means least, our thanks and admiration to the amazing children of all ages, who bravely left the familiar comforts of home in order to see for themselves how different riding is in Australia and working so hard over the week to become better riders!

We are proud knowing that we are sending our guests home with new horse-riding skills and appreciation. We hope it has been an unforgettable experience for you, as it has been for us!

The Avoca Park Team miss all your smiling faces in the stables and dining room, and we can't wait to welcome you back again. Thank you so much for being part of Avoca Park's journey to help over 5,000 people live their love of horses by 2025."

[avocapark.com.au](http://avocapark.com.au)



## Accredited Riding Centre Virtual Dressage Competition Program

A virtual dressage competition is currently underway, for all Riding Centre registered riders and China Pony Club members. Nominations Close: Saturday 2nd September 2023

Nominations Link:

<https://pca.justgo.com/Workbench/i/r/EventsAndBookings/Competition>

Duration: Tests can be ridden from Saturday 9th September to Sunday 8th October 2023.



And they are off!

Heat 1 has been held at Eagle Farm Qld, August 12

## Results

**Small Category** - 400m, winner's time 13.68s

- 1 - Little Jack and Amber Kahler (PHOTO Grey Pony) 'Dominant, on-pace . . . Little Jack could be anything'
  - 2 - Sebrina and Sharmay Bleakley 'Good on pace effort'
  - 3 - Meggy and Maddy Burke 'Flashed late - follow'
  - 4 - Apache and Willow Smith 'Tired late, better for the run'.
- Well done Audrey-May Geraghty, Emily Russell, Zavanah Cochran, Amity Broadbent, Olivia Stevenson, and Raven Carter

**Large Category** - 600m winner's time 47s

- 1 - Lexi and Antonmia Maggiolo (PHOTO bottom right) 'Rider take a bow'
  - 2 - Roxie and Ayla Griffin 'Game in defeat'
  - 3 - Koah and Erin O'Neill
  - 4 - Willy Woo and Caitlin Olsen
- Well done to Arija Schiavone, Zoe Gutensohn, Kadell Sykes, Laura Olive, Ebony Edwards and Addison Hayne



## Coming events

### Victoria

Woodlands Taster Day - 10th September

Register via link

<https://pca.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=895FC83650AEE265DE06B16DCE3AC0D5CBD453E3>

Moonee Valley Pony Race Day - 27th Oct



### Western Australia

Taster Day Expression of Interest (EOI)

Date TBC - 2nd /3rd Dec

Register EOI via link

<https://form.jotform.com/232038176408859>

EOI Pony Race December WA 2023

WA - Ascot Pony Race day - 9th Dec 23

### Queensland

West Toowoomba Taster Day 5th Nov 23- register via

link <https://pca.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=9CB8504F35C73DC0FB3E5577138C0A79FEB26574>

QLD - Gold Coast Pony race day - 6th Jan 24

### South Australia

Taster Day EOI Date TBC-

<https://form.jotform.com/232058540325854>

*I would love to take this opportunity to thank the TIC/Pony Club Australia team of Tracy O'Hara, Karlie Triffitt and Michelle Newham.*

*We are so grateful to partner with PCA on this series, and a big thank you to Dr Catherine Ainsworth (former CEO of PCA) for her support.*

*Also our adopted team member*

*Sharne Haskins from Ranvet!*

*- Lindy Maurice, CEO*

*Thoroughbred Industry Careers (TIC)*

**Watch:**

[Small Pony Category -](#)

[Large Pony Category -](#)



# INTEGRITY TALK



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Suane Waugh,  
PCA Integrity Manager  
Integrity line: 0424 067 045

## ASC E-LEARNING!

### MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER COURSE - ONLINE

This course is a great course for anyone who would like to know more about how to manage complaints and conflict at your club. This course is for Member Protection Information Officers however key committee members should consider these courses.



#### PBTR - Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)

MPIO training is provided in two parts: the online course and the local face to face training.

The PBTR MPIO online course is tailored towards those seeking to become recognised

## MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER (MPIO)

### WHAT IS A MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER?

Member Protection Information Officers play an important role in sport. They provide information and guidance on complaints procedures – they are the 'go-to' person if you want to discuss problems at your club or zone, particularly if you are considering making a formal complaint.

The Member Protection Information Officer course is run in two parts an online course and then a face-to-face session. Individuals seeking to know more about member protection should do the E-Learning course. Individuals wanting to become A qualified Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) must do both online and face-to-face courses.

### WHAT DOES THE MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER COURSE COVER?

The Member Protection Information Officer course is aimed at people seeking to become recognised Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO). This course is definitely helpful for club committee members as well, even the online part!

The course contains 7 core modules. The modules are:

- Introduction
- The MPIO Role
- Complaint resolution procedures
- Member Protection and the Law
- Child Protection
- Harassment and Discrimination
- Ethical and Practical Considerations

PCA  
Complaint Form



# CHILD SAFEGUARDING CLUB PROGRAM

## What is this program?

Pony Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our activities, by ensuring that everyone involved in Pony Club is educated and informed of their responsibilities to protect and look after children. Pony Club Australia, believe child safeguarding is everyone's business. The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a series of checklists to help your club systematically put in place practices that help to create a child-safe environment at your club.

## Does our club need to do this program?

The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a voluntary program however every club must ensure they are aware of and implement child safe practices at their club. The Child Safeguarding Club Program aims to help clubs systematically make changes or think about how we as an organisation can promote and provide a child-safe environment for children participating in Pony Club.

## How does the program work?

The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a series of checklists aimed at helping your club to identify activities or actions to undertake to help embed child-safe practices at your club. We recommend you set an agenda item and circulate the checklist then check off the actions or activities on the list. If your club has done everything on the list, great! if not nominate someone to put in place what you don't have!

## 6. Risk Management

Risk management helps us to identify, manage and monitor risks in our environment. Identifying potential risks to child safety enables our club to ensure we have strategies in place to eliminate or reduce the risk of children being abused or hurt within our club environment. Risk management helps us to effectively deploy our resources as well!

*Find the Risk Management checklist on the next page!*





# CHILD SAFEGUARDING CLUB PROGRAM

## 6. Risk Management

Risk Management is the process of identifying risks to enable our club to manage and monitor risks.

Creating child-safe environments is about identifying risks, assessing those risks, putting in strategies to eliminate or reduce the risk and then monitoring if your strategies are effective.

Risk management plans help you to record risks that you identify and then the strategy you have to reduce the risk or eliminate it.

Your club may identify that not knowing the suitability of a coach to work with children is a risk therefore the club implements the following risk strategies.

- All coaches must be registered on the JustGo database.
- All coaches are required to show a WWCC card and record it on the JustGo database.
- All coaches are required to be linked with the club so negative notices will be forwarded to the club.
- All coaches must complete the Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction course before commencing with the club.

These are some examples of strategies to create a safe environment at your club.

### CHECKLIST

- OUR CLUB HAS A RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT IDENTIFIES AND MANAGES RISK TO CHILD SAFETY.
- OUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN IS UPDATED WHEN NEW RISKS ARE IDENTIFIED.
- OUR CLUB ENSURES ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR CLUB ARE RECORDED ON THE DATABASE
- ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK RECORDED ON JUSTGO.
- ALL COACHES HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK RECORDED ON JUSTGO.
- ALL CHILD-RELATED OR LEADERSHIP ROLES HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK RECORDED ON JUSTGO.
- COACHES ARE ASKED CHILD-RELATED RECRUITMENT QUESTIONS BEFORE SERVICES ARE UTILISED.
- ALL OUR COACHES ARE NCAS QUALIFIED OR WORKING TOWARD ACCREDITATION.

Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction course



Child Safeguarding webpage



PCA Complaints Form





# Risk Management

*Understanding and managing risk in Pony Club*

## What is Risk Management?

Risk management is the process of identifying, assessing and controlling and monitoring risks at your club.

Risks may include physical risks such as broken equipment or trip hazards, reputational such as poor behaviour or not running fair competitions, management risks such as loss of volunteers or unskilled officials or financial risks including overspending or loss of members. There are many risks that may affect your club's operations.

Knowing how to identify risks, how to manage them and how to ensure they don't affect your club's success. Planning is fundamental to ensuring you are aware of risks and know how you can reduce the impact on your club.

Come along to the risk management webinar to learn more about identifying, analysing and managing risks!

## Questions

### Risk Management

- Does your club have a risk management plan?
- Does our club talk about risk when making decisions for the club?
- Does our club ensure all individuals who are associated with our club are recorded on JustGo?
- Does our club ensure everyone who should have a WWCC does?
- Does our club ensure our volunteers and coaches stay up to date with training and accreditations?
- Does our club ensure all people holding child-related roles within our club complete the Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction course?
- Does our club have an equipment maintenance schedule?
- Does our club complete an incident report form when accidents of incidents occur at our club?
- Does our club ensure the Medical Services Framework is deployed at events?

*Make sure to come to our Risk Management webinar to learn more!*





# Club Development Program

## Webinar Series

The Club Development Program is a webinar series aimed at helping club administrators to gain greater confidence to manage their clubs.

The webinars will be full of tips and tricks, essential information and things to think about. Hopefully shared experiences from other club administrators from all over Australia!

Being a volunteer club administrator can be a rewarding opportunity but sometimes there just seems like so much you need to know or understand.

The Club Development Program will support concepts raised in Game Plan and help clubs to systematically look at areas of operation in their club.

### WEBINAR SERIES

**Club Governance 101**  
Date: Tuesday 23 MAY 2023  
Time: 7-8pm



**Strategic Planning**  
Date: Tuesday 27 JUN 2023  
Time: 7-8pm



**Marketing & Communication**  
Date: Tuesday 25 JUL 2023  
Time: 7-8pm



**Safeguarding & Integrity**  
Date: Tuesday 29 AUG 2023  
Time: 7-8pm



**Risk Management**  
Date: Tuesday 26 SEP 2023  
Time: 7-8pm

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**Recruiting & Retaining Members**  
Date: Tuesday 31 OCT 2023  
Time: 7-8pm



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Webinar to find out more!





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# Game Plan

A tool to make running your club easier!

## What is Game Plan

Game plan is a tool aimed at helping clubs to understand where their management could improve and provides resources to help build capacity and operational strength.

## Do I have to do it?

Game Plan is entirely optional for clubs however from committee to committee it is a way of helping to retain corporate knowledge and also help with planning for the future.

## Game Plan Information Webinar

Didn't get a chance to jump on our Game Plan Information Webinar? Don't worry we recorded it for you! Scan the code to find the webinar.

