



PONY CLUB
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Annual Report

2018

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About Us

The Pony Club is an international youth organisation dedicated to providing opportunities for young people that are interested in horses, ponies and riding. Pony Clubs exist to promote the holistic development of young people by encouraging sportsmanship and good citizenship. Through pony club, opportunities are provided to young riders to gain knowledge and become proficient in their chosen equestrian sport.

The Pony Club movement started in the United Kingdom in 1929 with the stated aim of encouraging young people to learn to ride and enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.

The first Pony Club in Western Australia was established in 1959. Pony Club Western Australia (Pony Club WA) is the recognised state sporting organisation representing the interests of 13 zones, 60 clubs and over 3000 members.

OUR VISION

To be known as the leading youth equestrian association in Western Australia.

OUR MISSION

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty and to create strength of character, self-discipline, health and well-being in the young people that participate in our activities.

To work with our member clubs to provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and educate our members to look after and take proper care of animals.

To encourage young people to ride and participate in all kinds of sport connected with ponies, horses and riding.

Association Positions

2018 BOARD

Chair	Deborah Spencer
Vice Chair	Jan Lawrie
Directors	Kevin Gianatti
	Rebecca Claxon
	Mike Agnew
	Judy Rose
	Brooke Williams
	Ann-Marie Lowry

2018 AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kevin Gianatti
Brooke Williams
Wanda Longley

2018 GOVERNANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Deborah Spencer
Jan Lawrie
Trudi Hall

2018 STAFF

CEO	Trudi Hall
Accounts	Ian Tate
Marketing & Sponsorship	Madi Kenward
Development	Sally Mayall
Sports	Lou Hardwick
Membership & Administration	Lynne Stevens

2018 STATE COMMITTEE/PANEL CHAIRS

State Coaching Panel	Nyrell Williams
Gear Check Advisory Panel	Jacinta Withoud
Active Riding	Kylie Hall
Dressage	Tahna Lambert
Eventing	Sharon Shanks
Hickstead/Hunter Trials	Dianne Ould
Showjumping	Jeanette Hatch
Tetrathlon	Jenni Bowman

2018 STATE LIFE MEMBERS

Neville Westlund
Trudy Simms



BOARD REPORT

The past 12 months have been a period of consolidation and advancement for Pony Club WA, with the Board focussing on strengthening the Association's governance processes and extending our knowledge through additional training, the State Sport Committees working hard to improve and modernise the Championship events and the office rising to the day-to-day challenges that come with running a large organisation in an ever-changing environment.

In 2018, our membership numbers remained relatively stable, but sadly, a couple of our smaller regional clubs, Munglinup Pony Club and Goldfields Horse and Pony Club, made the decision to close their doors. However, we also welcomed two new clubs with the affiliation of Denmark Pony Club and Woodridge Horse and Pony Club.

Our State Sport Committees have continued to do a wonderful job throughout the year. The time and energy that each individual committee member puts into their chosen sport is amazing considering that many of these people are also heavily involved at a club level. We commend the Sport Committees for thinking outside the square to increase participation at State competitions and running events that are inclusive of riders of all abilities. This year's Championship events have been run in a professional manner and have produced excellent competition and camaraderie. These events have also been run to budget which will ensure the future of all Championship events going forward.

We have seen further changes at the CEO level in the past 12 months, after the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Wayne Martin in June 2018 due to personal circumstances. The Board are fully aware of the disruption that changes at the executive level can cause to both office staff and our members and we have always sought to minimise such disruption by finding an appropriate person to fill this role as soon as practicable. The Board are thankful that, following Wayne's resignation, Trudi Hall agreed to take on the role of CEO for an initial six-month term. The Board believes that Trudi's appointment was in the best interests of our members, the office staff, our corporate sponsors and the stability of the Association. We think that most will agree that Trudi is thriving in her role as CEO and we look forward to working with her and the rest of the office team in the years to come. Whilst the role of CEO currently remains a part-time position, we hope that it may return to a full-time role as the Association continues to consolidate and grow in the future.

In 2018, we said goodbye to Anna Melton, Shayling Ngo and Emma Lawrie and welcomed Lou Hardwick, Madi Kenward, Lynne Stevens and Sally Mayall to the Pony Club WA office team. We really don't know where we would be without this fabulous group of people who are ready and willing to support our members and deal with any situation that arises. All of our office staff work very hard to find ways to assist our members, whether it be in regard to membership issues, competition planning, insurance matters, improving policies and procedures, obtaining grant money to run new programs or just answering everyday questions. They are a delightful and happy group of people who are usually the first port of call for everything Pony Club and they all need to be commended for the fantastic job they do, so please remember to include a polite word when you are next on the phone to them.

One of the stand-out events for 2018 was the Annual Pony Club WA Awards Night which was held at a new venue and run under a slightly different format to previous years – an initiative that was led by the Pony Club WA office staff. This year's venue was the Murdoch Outdoor Cinema, which proved to be a great place to celebrate the achievements of many of our members, coaches and volunteers. Members were then able to enjoy a movie and share a great night with their friends and families. We welcome any feedback that you may have in relation to the format and venue of the Annual Pony Club WA Awards Night going forward as we want to ensure that it is an enjoyable night for all of our members, coaches, volunteers and their families and friends.

The Association had a stronger year financially with total revenue increased from \$529,198 in 2017 to \$607,869 in 2018. This was driven by the implementation of a necessary increase to membership fees and the hard work of the Sport Committees and office staff to increase sponsorship and sporting income. Total expenses for the year were reduced from \$569,192 in 2017 to \$510,102 in 2018. This was achieved by the reduction in wage expenses resulting from changes to the office staff structure mid-year and a general reduction of operational and administrative costs of the Association. The Association is in a strong cash position, increasing from \$182,475 in 2017 to \$326,518 in 2018, which has been representative of the increased revenue and reduced expenditure. This has helped the Association recover from losses experienced over the last few years and has put us back into a financially secure position moving forward. The Association has limited liabilities to which the small balance consists of leave entitlements payable to our office team. Under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, we are required to have our financial reports reviewed annually by a member of a professional accounting body. The Board has resolved that it would be best practice for the Association to commit to an annual audit. The audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 was again conducted by HTG Partners and we are pleased to report that we have received an unqualified audit opinion.

The Board continues to focus on establishing and strengthening our governance processes and supporting documentation which is essential for the Association to be able to comply with applicable legislation, to satisfy its funding requirements and to ensure that the Association continues to be held in the highest regard by the Department of Local Government Sporting and Cultural Industries (formerly known as the Department of Sport and Recreation) (**DLGSCI**), the Western Australian Sports Federation (**WASF**) and Healthway. To ensure that our governance processes are in line with best practice, Board members have attended further training offered by DLGSCI and have sought guidance from WASF when required. Having a skills-based Board enables us to make informed decisions in this regard and, having now established a solid foundation for the Association, we are able to focus more energy towards assisting our clubs and zones which will, undoubtedly, benefit our members.

Whilst the member survey was, as pointed out by several members, a little longer than 5 minutes, the information provided by the membership was invaluable. The Board intends to use this information to ensure that we are cognoscente of the challenges that our members face and that this is reflected in the decisions that we make on their behalf. We hope that with this in mind, and with the support of our members, we can continue to keep Pony Club WA moving forward in a positive way.

The Board has recently undertaken the development of a new vision and strategic plan for the next three years. The four pillars of our strategic plan, being Connect, Sustainability, Community and Participation, have been formulated using the feedback provided via the member survey. The Board is hopeful that by incorporating member feedback, the new strategic plan will help to pave the way forward for the Association in a manner that supports the needs of our members, clubs, zones and volunteers.

At this year's AGM, Kevin Gianatti will be retiring in accordance with the Pony Club WA Constitution having served three consecutive full terms as an Elected Director. During this time, Kevin has made an invaluable contribution to the Board of Pony Club WA, particularly in relation to financial matters, and he has also acted as chair of the Audit and Finance Committee. Kevin will be missed, and we wish him every success.

Rebecca Claxon will also be stepping down as an Elected Director due to work commitments. Bec has been a very valuable contributor to the Board in her two-year tenure and has been the driving force behind all things corporate governance. Again, we wish her every success for future.

With the departure of Kevin and Bec, who we hope will still retain strong ties to Pony Club WA well into the future, we are hopeful that two new Pony Club WA members will take up the challenge of becoming Board members and help shape the direction of Pony Club WA over the coming years.

Happy Pony Clubbing.

Regards

The Board of Pony Club WA



OUR BOARD





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Time seems to have flown since I changed seats in June from Membership Officer to Chief Executive Officer.

Having worked for the Association since 2010 I have seen a few CEO's come and go. Each one has made a valuable contribution to the Association and when Wayne Martin announced his resignation in June, I felt confident that I could step into the role and continue the development of the Association.

For those that know me, know too well how passionate I am about the pony club movement.

Having been involved at all levels from parent, club committee, zone committee, state committee and long-term staff member I feel I possess invaluable insights into all facets of the movement and can identify with the needs of members and other key stakeholders at all levels.



Given that I have a long history of volunteering, I also empathise with the ever increasing pressure that our volunteers face in keeping up with the demands of good governance, but also understand that whilst putting sound policies and practises in place may seem overwhelming and a lot of extra work, in the long run it assists with the smooth running of clubs and happier members.

2018 saw a complete overturn in staff. While it was sad to say goodbye to team members, we have welcomed newbies Lou, Madi, Lynne and Sally. The team is enthusiastic and committed and they all bring fresh eyes and new ideas to our projects and processes. The office roles being multi-faceted and heavily knowledge based, can't be conquered over night! I thank our members and volunteers for their patience while we all learn the ropes, however the team has worked hard to make sure they deliver a high level of support with minimum disruption to the services offered by the office.

As the final touches of the 2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan are being put into place, I am excited to be involved in where the next three years will take us. We have heard our members loud and clear, I just have to remember my new mantra – you can only eat an elephant one bite at a time!

Trudi Hall
Chief Executive Officer



STRATEGIC PLAN

2018 was the final year of implementing the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. Much of the strategic priority of the plan was focused on internal structure and process. Whilst these improvements are not always apparent to individual members, the Association is now well positioned to look to implement external policies, procedures and programs that support the needs of our member clubs, members and volunteers.

AWARENESS

Increase awareness of Pony Club Western Australia Inc. as the leading youth equestrian association.

The long-awaited new website went live early in 2018. The comprehensive site is easy to navigate and whilst population is an ongoing work in progress, most of the information required by members is now available.

Social media continues to be a successful way of promoting news, with Pony Club WA active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Major events are published in equestrian publications and live streaming of events has proven to be a popular way of reaching the masses.

Members achievements have been celebrated and we are proud to have been able to provide so many opportunities to our members.

Connections with the Department of Local Government Sporting and Cultural Industries and the WA Sports Federation have strengthened our position as a respected sport and State Sporting Organisation amongst the broader sporting community.

GOVERNANCE

Strengthen our governance systems and processes to ensure accountability and best practice.

A new constitution was adopted early 2017 ensuring we were one of the first major sporting organisations to comply with the new Associations Incorporated Act requirements. A policy review schedule has been implemented which has seen the overhaul of most major external policies including our Member Protection Policy, Complaints Policy, Discipline Policy and Visual Images Policy.

The Association has adopted the implementation of several national policies including the Hot Weather policy and Concussion Policy.

Internally, the Board have focused on developing a skills-based board through performance reviews, governance training and a review of the Board Nomination Pack. A revised Board Charter, Code of Conduct and Induction Pack clarifies roles and responsibilities.

State Committees were engaged in a review of their Terms of Reference and Retained Earnings Policy. The implementation of clear sport rules and competition rules is a credit to our hardworking volunteer committees and will contribute to clear and fair rules being implemented at all state events.

SUSTAINABILITY

Diversify revenue sources and develop key stakeholder relationships to ensure sustainability.

Pony Club WA has continued to strengthen relations with the Department of Local Government Sporting and Cultural Industries and Healthway.

Existing partnerships with major sponsors continue to flourish and in 2018 the Association welcomed new state sponsor Gallagher on board.

The continued support of key stakeholders has enabled the Association to deliver services and programmes to members.

CAPACITY

Grow and develop the capacity of our people and association's infrastructure to meet expected growth.

A major outcome of the Strategic Plan is defining our pathways for officials. The Association now has a clear pathway to accreditation for officials in showjumping, eventing, gear checking and coaching.

These pathways assist in the promotion and implementation of training opportunities and the growth in the number of accredited Pony Club WA coaches and officials supports best practice and risk management.



OUR MEMBERS



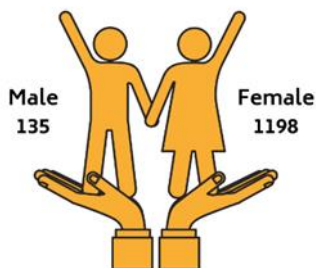
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1028 MEMBERS
33%



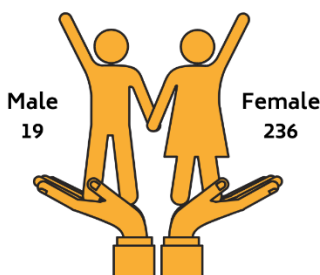
REGIONAL
2,078 MEMBERS
67%

PONY CLUB WA HAVE 3,106 MEMBERS OVERALL FOR 2018

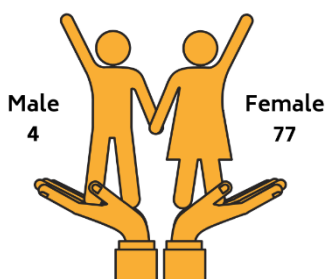
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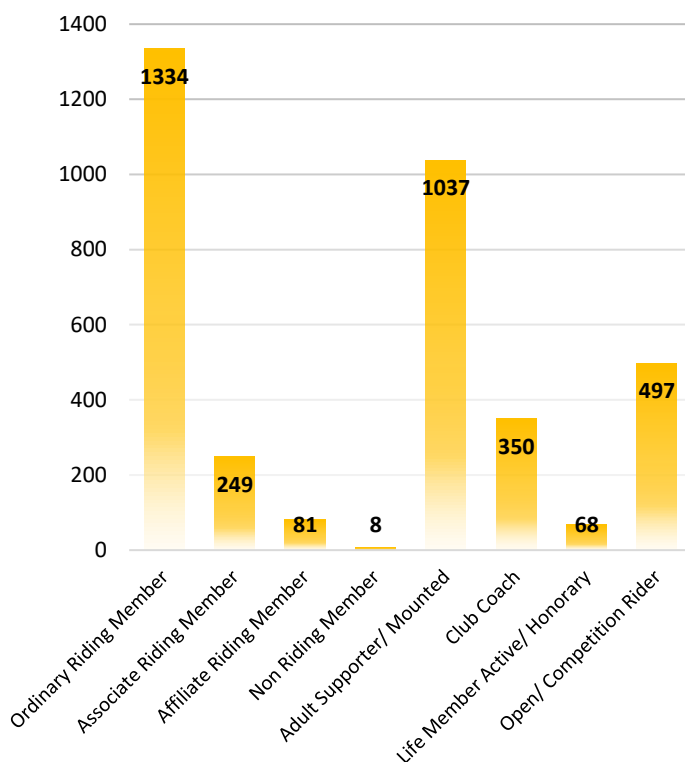
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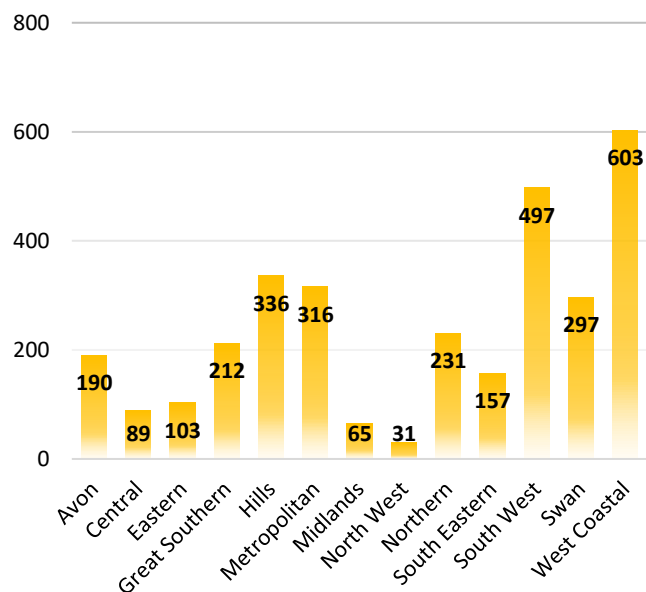
AFFILIATE RIDING MEMBERS



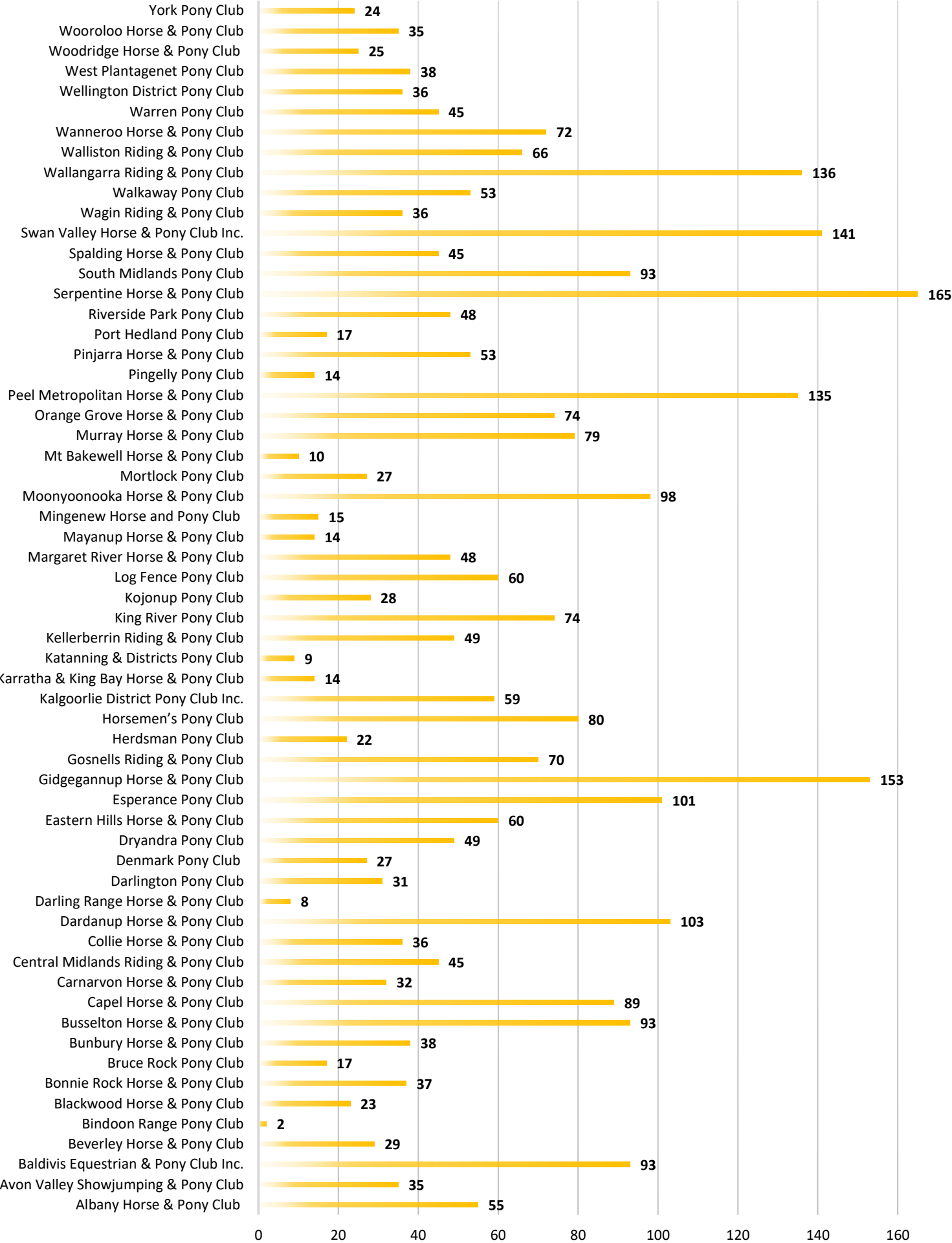
NUMBER OF MEMBERS PER CATEGORY



NUMBER OF MEMBERS PER ZONE



NUMBER OF MEMBERS PER CLUB



Social Media



FACEBOOK
Grew from **2,860** to
3140 Likes
9.79% Increase



INSTAGRAM
Grew from **358** to
975 Likes
172.35% Increase



PONY CLUB POST
The Pony Club Post has a weekly
reach to **3550** Subscribers.
48 Pony Club Post sent
75 Individual Eblasts sent
6 Coaching News sent



Our website engages
approximately
12,876
visitors monthly

Event and Championship Participation

State Active Riding: 104 Participants

1 - 2 September 2018

State Dressage: 258 Participants

17 - 19 August 2018

State Eventing: 120 Participants

20 - 21 October 2018

State Showjumping: 227 Participants

20 - 21 October 2018

State Tetrathlon: 140 Participants

25 - 25 March 2018

Annual Awards 2018: 251 Attendees

19 January 2019



ONGOING PROJECTS

Healthway Projects

2018 saw a restructure in the delivery of our Healthway projects. As well the continued support of our State Championship Programs, the 'Go For 2&5' message was promoted through a series of new initiatives which included club activities and competitions.

These initiatives which are one of a kind, engage our members in educational activities so they are not only seeing and hearing the Go For 2&5 key messages but are hands on and educational enabling our members to adopt healthy eating principles as a part of their daily life routine.



Go for 2&5 Race Around the State

Go for 2&5 Race Around the State created a club-based competition where each club earns "kilometres" based on a range of activities that encourages healthy lifestyles and behaviours. The aim was to virtually circumnavigate the state; smaller Pony Clubs will be scaled so they are not disadvantaged competing against larger clubs.

The Kilometre challenges involved the 8 steps from the Fuel to Go Go Go resource (produced by WASCA and Go for 2&5).



Go For 2&5 Healthy Kids, Healthy Horses

In conjunction with Healthway and Foodbank, a Healthy Kids Healthy Horses recipe book was created.

This formed the basis of recipe workshops held by clubs providing hands on experience creating healthy meals.

All clubs holding workshops were presented with workshop packs that included recipe books, aprons and lunch containers.

Other challenges encouraged engagement and attendance at the Healthy Kids Healthy Horse workshops.

Spot prizes for activity engagement included horse rugs, canteen containers, aprons, carrot seed sticks and branded horse rugs.

Healthway/Go For 2&5 and key messages were promoted in print material, advertising, verbal acknowledgement, social media, press releases, signage and awards in all instances relating to the competition and related activities.

Healthway created a competition logo which was used to brand all marketing materials.

An exclusive section of the Pony Club WA website was created for all Go For 2&5 Activities included activity updates, recipes, race status and forms for submitting evidence of Key Message promotion.



Go for 2&5 Fuel to Go Canteen Competition

The website inclusion was designed to engage junior members in the race and associated activities.

The Go for 2&5 Fuel to Go Canteen Competition was created and developed by Pony Club WA to promote healthy menu options across Pony Club canteens.

All Pony Club WA affiliated clubs received a Fuel to go, go, go folder and club canteen managers were campaigned regularly to implement the 8 steps of the programme through their canteens.

At the conclusion of the 8 steps, clubs were asked to submit a Canteen Competition Nomination providing evidence of how they had implemented the Fuel to go steps into their canteen menu.

The best nominations were submitted to the WA School Canteens Association who assessed the canteen menus according to the traffic light system and places awarded to 3rd.



As part of their prize, the place getters received supermarket vouchers to assist in the purchase of nourishing foods for the canteen and a framed award to proudly display at their respective canteens. The award was presented at the Pony Club WA Annual Awards Function.

Youth Leadership Program

Funding provided through a Department of Local Government Sporting and Cultural Young Sports Leaders Grant gave Associate Riding Members, the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge and achieve their PCA-NCAS Preliminary and/or Level 1 Coaching Accreditation through specialised mentoring and seminars at club and state level. The program aimed to assist young people to overcome the barriers that may have reduced participation in previous years.

In addition, Associate Riding Members were provided with the opportunity to complete their Pony Club WA Gear Checking Accreditation allowing their clubs to comply with Pony Club WA requirements and placing these members at the forefront of regional succession planning for accredited officials.

Junior Development Program

Once again supported by Horseland Australia, the Junior Development Program provides the opportunity for clubs to apply for small grants to support their initiatives and encourage members in their first 5 years of pony club to continue and growth through their pony club journey.

Clubs were able to apply for up to \$250 in funding. Clubs can use these grants for pony club overnight camps, junior eventing training days, supporting remote members in experiencing other clubs and junior rider education.

Val Polich Bursary

2018 saw the Val Polich Bursary rolled out to members.

Val was one of the founders of Swan View Horse & Pony Club, later known as Swan Valley, where she was Chief Coach for many years. As well as her club commitments, Val was extremely influential at state level with a long history of involvement as a member of both the State Coaching Panel and State Active Riding Committee as well as serving terms as State President and State Vice President. Val Polich was instrumental in starting the very first Pony Club WA Festival in 1975 and maintained her involvement up until her passing in 2011.

The Val Polich Bursary was created by Pony Club WA in conjunction with the Polich Family, with the aim of maintaining Val Polich's lifetime focus of providing opportunities for pony club members to participate and develop their skills and knowledge.

The two types bursaries offered were:

Participation - providing support for a Pony Club member who is experiencing financial hardship or has a physical or mental disability, either of which is limiting their opportunity to participate in pony club activities.

Education - will providing support for a Pony Club member who is over 16 years old to achieve efficiency certificates or coaching and/or officiating qualifications.

Six members aged between 14 and 24 years were successful in their applications.

Young Event Rider Coaching Grant

This Coaching Grant was created by a generous benefactor who wanted to recognise an up and coming young rider who for financial reasons, may not have the opportunity to regularly access coaching or training facilities.

The grant aimed to develop the skills of a young event rider through access to an individual coaching program.

2018 celebrated 5 years of continued support from the grant benefactor. Applications received were of an extremely high standard with Georgia Holmes from Central Midlands H&PC being the successful recipient in 2018.

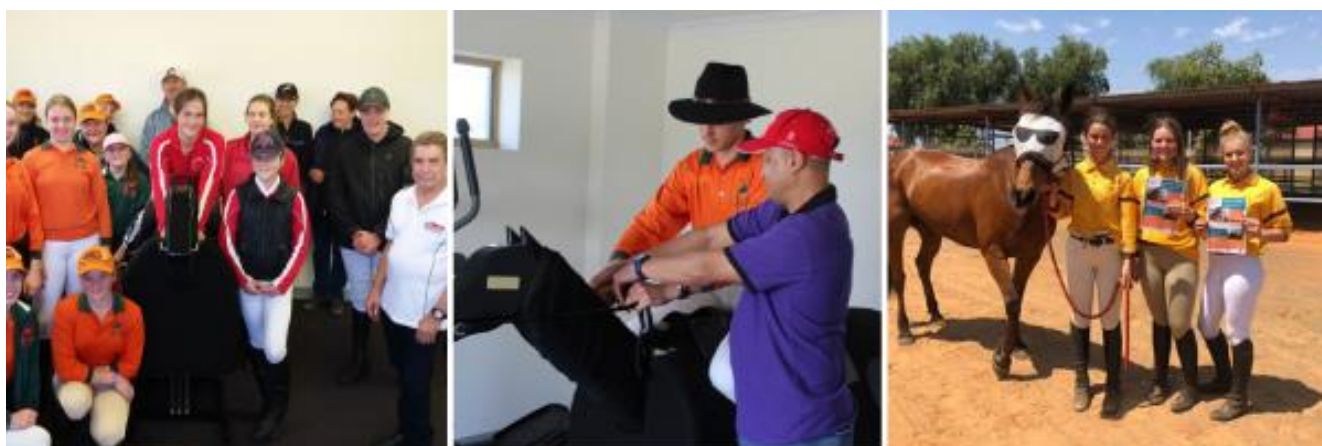
Speed to Safety



This program is supported by Racing and Wagering WA through Careers in Racing. It is aimed at empowering a generation of riders to understand the importance of control and safety when riding at speed, whilst introducing them to broader opportunities within the equine and racing industries. It was also an opportunity to merge the knowledgeable and experienced individuals of the racing industry with the enthusiasm and determination of our youth.

The 2018 program included a track visit plus four Speed to Safety events, two of these were conducted at the Larkhill facility and regional members were included with an event held at both Kalgoorlie and Bunbury.

Where possible, riders firstly had a go on the mechanical horse to get the feel of riding with shortened stirrups and bridged reins, then moved onto gearing up their own horses and heading out on the track. After being introduced to the clicker timing system, worn on their helmets, riders tested their ability to ride to time according to their skill level and confidence.





PONY CLUB
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES

Member Forum

In 2018 a Member Forum was once again a welcome addition to the AGM evening.

The agenda included a review of the Associations financial position, highlights from the year and the introduction of planned new initiatives.

The general Q&A session allowed members the opportunity to pursue topics of relevance and provided an opportunity for feedback.

Member Survey

A survey conducted in 2018 provided a valuable opportunity for Board and office to receive constructive feedback from members state-wide.

The survey concentrated on three main areas:

Delivery – how members viewed the delivery of information, resources and programmes.

Strategy – member feedback to the delivery of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan and vision for the future.

Club Collaboration – a sharing of ideas on member engagement at club level.

The survey results have provided Board and office with invaluable information identifying areas where members feel support is required. This feedback will be built into both the new strategic plan and operational plan.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

State Awards

PONY CLUB WA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Awarded to an Associate Riding Member who has demonstrated constant practical service and assistance within their Club.

Dana Greenwood

Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club



MARGARET CAMPBELL SERVICE TO SPORT

The Margaret Campbell Award recognises the exceptional contribution of individuals to sport in pony club.

Liz Ingham

In recognition of her contribution to the sport of showjumping in pony club.



PONY CLUB WA STATE SERVICE TO COACHING AWARD

Awarded for exceptional service to coaching.

Silver:

Denise Legge



Gold:

Don Hawkins

Heather Wyllie

Rebecca Thomas

Judy Rose

Susan Britza

Nyrell Williams



PONY CLUB WA STATE SERVICE AWARD

This Service Certificate is presented in recognition of an outstanding and supportive contribution to the ideals of The Pony Club.

Bronze:

Jacinta Withoud

In recognition of outstanding commitment and service to Pony Club WA.

Gold:

Marnie Johnson

Orange Grove Horse and Pony Club

In recognition of outstanding service to Orange Grove Horse and Pony Club.



ANNUAL AWARDS

Pony Club WA Active Riding Coach of The Year

Don Hawkins

Pony Club WA Dressage Coach of The Year

Amelia Gal

Pony Club WA Eventing Coach of The Year

Rebecca Thomas

Pony Club WA Showjumping Coach of The Year

Les Bunning

Pony Club WA Grass Roots Coach of The Year

Jess Kneale

Pony Club WA Coach of The Year

Di Colley

Pony Club WA Event of The Year

Busselton H&PC Winter Showjumping Festival

Pony Club WA Club of The Year

Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club

Pony Club WA Volunteer of The Year

Dianne Ould

Pony Club WA Associate Member of The Year

Katelin Fantuz





WA Sports Star Awards 2018

#RACSportsStars



RAC Sports Star Awards

Nominees:

SPORT STAR AWARD

Brooke Bishop

International Tetrathlon Exchange

COACH OF THE YEAR

Sean Corbin

State Junior PPMG Coach

JUNIOR SPORTS STAR AWARD

Matilda Gibbs

International Mounted Games

SERVICE TO SPORT

Wanda Longley

TEAM OF THE YEAR

State Junior PPMG Team

National Recognition

Recognises members selected to represent Pony Club WA at a National Competition.

2018 Junior Mounted Games Team

Daniel Suvaljko

Serpentine HPC

Ebony Johnson

Orange Grove HPC

Juanita Brewer

Wanneroo HPC

Skye McMullen

South Midlands PC

Taya Van Rensburg

Horsemen's PC

Manager

Sean Corbin

Avon Valley SPC

Ryan Frantom

Eastern Hills HPC

Coach



International Recognition

Recognises members selected to represent Pony Club Australia at an International Competition or Event.

2018 International Tetrathlon Exchange

Nic Hardwick
Peel Metropolitan HPC

Brooke Bishop
Dardanup HPC

Erin Kelty
Orange Grove HPC
Manager

Andrew Rowe
Peel Metropolitan HPC

2018 International Mounted Games Exchange

Tiger Lily Gibbs
Dardanup HPC



2018 UK Polocrosse Exchange

Alix Kennedy
Moonyoonooka HPC

Hannah Rutley
Central Midlands RPC

2018 PCA Pony Club Championships Team, China

Vanessa Davis
Avon Valley SJPC



2018 Pony Club China Club Visit

Zaydee Kiagoes
Denmark PC

Eloise Trollove
Gidgegannup HPC

2018 Pony Club China Coaching

Sally Davis
South Midlands PC





STATE COACHING PANEL

MISSION

The State Coaching Panel (SCP) promotes and drives development of Pony Club WA Coaches and member coaching and gear checking pathways. Additionally, the SCP supports the implementation, state wide, of the PCA Syllabus of Instruction and supports member clubs and zones with examination processes of efficiency certificates.

LEADERSHIP

- Director of Coaching - Nyrell Williams
- Secretary - Natalie Williamson-Holley
- PCA Representative - Denise Legge
- Treasurer - Natasha Williams
- Board Representation - Judy Rose
- NCAS PC Level 1/Preliminary State Coordinator - Tracy Talbot
- B State Coordinator - Sue Britza
- C* State Coordinator - Ferne Faulkner
- K State Coordinator - Heather Wyllie

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pony Club WA State Coaching School (February 2018)
- Participation in the National Coaching Conference (Gold Coast) by two Pony Club WA SCP Members
- Two new clubs supported to become affiliated with Pony Club WA (Denmark and Woodridge)
- Recruitment of 1 new SCP member

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- NCAS PC Preliminary Coaching Webinar Series
- State Syllabus School (C*/K/B)
- Youth Leadership Programme - engaged Associate Riding Members in Coach and Gear Checker development
- Participation by all SCP members in supporting member clubs state wide with rider and coach development.

REWARD AND RECOGNITION

- Pony Club WA members from across the state obtained efficiency certificates E through B level.
- 5 coaches obtained NCAS PC Preliminary Coaching Accreditation in 2018.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

The State Coaching Panels vision for 2019 encompasses ongoing organisation of successfully run events and coaching development in 2018 and the further growth and development of opportunities to engage Pony Club WA members. This vision will support an avenue to retain current members and promote to the WA equine community what the Pony Club WA SCP can offer coaches to support their own personal development and enrich the coaching within Pony Club WA clubs.

Gear Checking Advisory Panel (GCAP)

GCAP is an advisory panel to the State Coaching Panel, our mission is to:

- Increase the knowledge of our members in all aspects of gear fitting and gear checking, with more knowledge comes happy horses, which flows on to happy riders.
- Updating the gear checking manually annually.
- Dealing with Exemption applications and passing on our recommendations to SCP.
- Testing of new equipment that comes on to the market.
- Conducting Basic and Accreditation clinics

In 2018, travelling out to members around WA was a priority to promote the value that Gear Checking has in risk management, rider safety and horse welfare. With only two presenters Dianne Ould and Jacinta Withoud, this was quite a big task seeing as WA is such a large state with many zones, clubs and members to interact with.

The highlight for 2018 has certainly been that 20 new accreditations means we now have over 85 accredited gear checkers, and also, we saw accredited gear checkers being made mandatory for clubs to be able to run their events. The introduction of the Youth Leadership Program, funded by The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries which funded a number of our Associate Riding Members to train as accredited gear checkers under mentorship from the GCAP panel. One of our candidates attended a bit-fitting clinic, which was incredibly beneficial to her ongoing training.

Our panel continued to review gear with safety and horse welfare in mind. At least three of our panel members attended biting clinics hosted in the latter half of 2018, increasing our knowledge to share with PC members and also align our rules on bits to prioritise horse comfort, without compromising rider safety. Members will see that in 2019 we have deviated considerably away from EA Dressage and FEI Dressage rules, allowing bits 10mm and thicker. Also allowing many bits, often customised to fit the horse based on their mouth conformation. This is because our core rider group is in the 15 year and under age bracket, often on young or green horses and quite likely as riders to be refining their own rein aids. If there is anywhere in the horse community to allow bits that enhance comfort for horses, pony club is the place.

GCAP would like to recognise the following clubs in their dedication to have members accredited, enabling them to be able to help in the training of their members and running events safely. These clubs all have three qualified members including Kellerberrin, King River, Kalgoorlie, Capel, Dardanup, Wellington District, Horsemen's, Murray and with Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club having four.

GCAP would like to thank Jacinta Withoud for all her hard work since the concept of GCAP. Jacinta is now standing down from her position of GCAP Chairperson, with Dianne Ould filling this position.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

Our vision for 2019 is to, run clinics that are more educational with guest presenters. To have more of our accredited gear checkers join the GCAP panel, leading us into the future of gear checking. To encourage our accredited gear checkers in taking on the presentation of basic gear checking clinics.



Pony Club WA State Coaching School

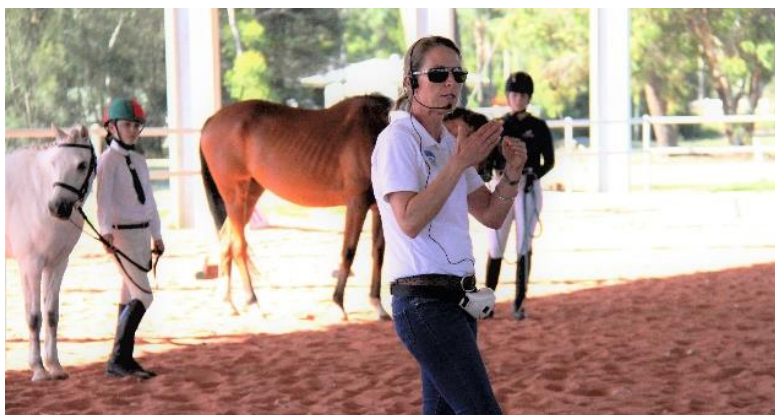
Event Report

Over 120 coaches from across the State plus a couple from the Northern Territory attended the State Coaching School at the Karinya Equestrian Park, Orange Grove.

The coaches enjoyed a varied and educational program. Philippa Collier got the weekend off to a great start on the topic of using Showjumping fences for X-Country training. Jan Lawrie provided coaches with a raft of fun ideas lead line riders. While Dianne Colley keep her D/D* riders safe and engaged. Nell Henry and Bec Thomas were a very popular duo with their sessions on show jump problem solving and exercises. Dan Foster clearly demonstrated the importance of flat work in training for games.

Coaches also had a refresher on dealing with pony club accidents from Wendy Claxon as well as an enlightening session on bits and their action from Dr Portland Jones. Portland also gave groundwork demonstration that illustrated the significance of pressure and release. The session on rallies and lesson plans proved to be very popular and has since resulted in a NCAS Coach and Chief Instructor Face Book page to further collaboration and networking. We very fortunate in having Dr Warwick Vale close the conference with a really useful, informative and entertaining talk on common ailments and treatments.

Coaches had the opportunity to enjoy a relaxed and informal networking activity with the SCS Sundowner whilst watching a lovely display of carriage driving by Donna Reader and her colleagues.



PCA Biennial Coaching Conference

Event Report

This conference took place at Southport, QLD in August. Over 90 coaches from across Australia plus a contingent from Pony Club China attended this event. Denise Legge (WA's rep to the National Coaching Committee) and Natalie Williamson-Holley represented SCP at the conference.

The main focus of the conference was the new Rider Education program with the introduction of equine science into the syllabus and workbooks. Dr Portland Jones, Dr Andrew McLean and Sophie Warren presented sessions, using local Pony Club riders, on the application of pressure and release methods resulting in better control and more relaxed riders and horses.

Science was also the basis of a very interesting talk on parasite management from Dr Petrea Wait. Sarah Venamore showcased the growing sport of vaulting while Doug O'Neill demonstrated Stockman's Challenge; a kind of combination of dressage and camp drafting. Coaches had the chance fire a laser pistol when in the session on Tetrathlon from Barrie Dossetto and test their Pony Club knowledge in the closing quiz run by Ann Olsen.

Separate to the conference but also organised by pony Club QLD was an evening trip to the Outback Spectacular. Great family entertainment.

Tent Pegging Cup

Event Report

The 2018 Tent Pegging Cup consisted of 14 riders on the day competing in 4 different classes, Individual, Half Sections, Tent Pegging Cup and the Tilting of the Ring.

Don Hawkins along with Pony Club WA ran this fantastic event held at Walliston Riding and Pony Club on the 14th October 2018.

Although weather conditions were cold and wet, Walliston Riding and Pony Club grounds were perfect for tent pegging. Their large arena allowed ample space for the riders and horses.

Liz Plunkett – ex police officer was the judge on the day, giving the riders great feedback and encouragement.

Tent pegging is becoming more popular and is very much a crowd-pleasing discipline, its fast paced but precision and accuracy is a major part. Riders as young as 10 years old competed on the day with great success, the older riders were inspiring for the little ones.

Tent pegging is a variation of an ancient military skill. The use of sword and lance by mounted warrior's, dates back many centuries, and over the year's skill at arms contests were devised which not only provided enjoyment and satisfaction to those taking part, but military prowess as well, tent pegging was among these skills.





SPORTS COMMITTEES

State Active Riding Committee

Report

MISSION

To promote the sport of Active Riding as an exciting and fun filled discipline which can be accessed by pony clubbers of all ages and levels of ability. Active Riding originated as a grass roots discipline and we would like to maintain this focus as user friendly and financially accessible.

LEADERSHIP

The Committee would like to thank:

Jenifer Petchell for her time and the effort she has put into updating the Novelties and PPMG rules and diagrams to make them more self-explanatory and now including the pairs and novice rules.

Sean Corbin for his expertise in coaching the from Nationals Team level all the way down to beginner level and for his time and effort attending the Junior National Championships in Victoria where WA came 2nd. We would also like to thank Sean for maintaining the games equipment and transporting it to competitions.

Marc Fraser for also maintaining the gear, transporting and housing the trailer, organising the Perth Royal Show and State Championships.

Jaq and Candice Dahlstrom and Tim McNabb for organising and scoring the Championships, a huge job well done.

RECOGNITION AND REWARDS

All our sponsors for their kind and generous donations. We look forward to their continuous support in the future.

Thank you to our Pony Club Administration in particular Lou Hardwick who has assisted in making the committee's job a lot less onerous.

Thank you to the Central Midlands and Serpentine Clubs for hosting our qualifier and championship events.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Junior National PPMG Championships in Victoria where WA came second. The team consisted of Ebony Johnson, Skye McMullen, Taya Van Rensburg, Daniel Suvaljko, Ryan Frantom, Team Manager Juanita Brewer, Coach Sean Corbin.

Perth Royal Show Pairs Competition. This was the first time this event had been held. It consisted of a two-part series, the first part being held at Wanneroo Horse and Pony Club and the final part at the Perth Royal Show, thank you to everyone involved in the Pairs competition at the Perth Royal Show which was well attended and ran smoothly.

International PPMG Competition in UK. Our representative Tiger-Lilly Gibbs enjoyed a memorable trip which she described as the best time of her life.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Work with the coaching panel to encourage clubs to adhere to the syllabus by including Active Riding at rallies.

To develop a pathway to achieve Chief Steward status and encourage parents and Associates to become Level 1 Coaches and Chief Stewards.

To promote participation by Associate Riding Members.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

Our vision for 2019 is to promote Active Riding and encourage participation in all areas especially Associate Riding Members. Suggestions to do this include novelty events which encourage older riders and rider consolidation.



State Dressage Committee

Report

MISSION

To encourage participation, fun and friendship across all levels of Dressage.

LEADERSHIP

The Committee went above and beyond to make the weekend as enjoyable and stress free as possible.

HIGHLIGHTS

This year's Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships was bigger and better than ever, and the weather was spectacular! The weekend began with a Friday night showcase of Elementary – Advanced Tests including freestyles in costume.

The Introduction of more Non-Championship classes was very well represented, particularly the Individual Prix Caprilli classes. This gave these riders a great introduction to riding at a state event and to gain experience on how to handle such an environment for themselves, their parents and their pony/horse.

This year we introduced merchandise which was very well received. It is great to see the riders and supporters wearing their merchandise with pride. This will be continued in 2019.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Friday night was a fantastic night for the younger riders to watch the higher-level Freestyles to see what they can aspire to and to realise that pony club dressage is at a high standard. For the first time we introduced an Advanced class which was well supported, and we hope to see this class grow in the future as riders will be able to strive and participate at the higher levels. The new "Nadine Merewether" Elementary pairs test was very well received.

The weekend was a huge success with everything running like clock-work. To the volunteers and parents who worked throughout the weekend the Dressage Committee would like to thank you all for your efforts in making the State Dressage Championships what they are. We would like to thank all of the amazing sponsors that supported the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships not only financially but also with some amazing products and prizes over the weekend.

REWARD AND RECOGNITION

We had over 260 horse and rider combinations, 700 plus rides in two and a half days and 30 different Pony Clubs from around the state competing. Riders came from as far south as Albany and everything in between through to Avon Valley and Mortlock. With a number of teams camping over the weekend the opportunity was there for riders (and parents) to spend time together, swap stories and create new friendships and memories throughout the weekend.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

Over the past two years the Committee has worked hard to clarify the rules and expand the Championship schedule. We want to help retain our higher-level riders and also give our younger riders goals and a vision to represent their club at a State level. In 2019 we would like to create a clear pathway for officials In Dressage - so watch this space! We would like to build on our success and raise the profile of Pony Club Dressage in Western Australia. We look forward to another successful Championship with even more riders in the future at the State Dressage Championships!



State Eventing Committee

Report

MISSION

The Eventing Committee is responsible for creating and implementing Eventing rules, supporting Pony Clubs who hold One Day Events and run the State Eventing Championships. We also implement programs aimed at attracting, retaining and training officials.

LEADERSHIP

The 2018 committee has brought valuable knowledge and skills, which has culminated in a successful year for the sport. Rule changes have been aimed at making the sport safer and processes have been developed that enable officials to deal with breaches of rules and codes of conduct. We have provided opportunities to continue to develop TD's, CD's and scorers.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2018 State Eventing Championships held at Capel Riding & Pony Club, were the highlight of the year. The first year with the host club has proven how capable they are at working with the State Eventing Committee to produce a great event. Capel delivered on its promise of a friendly club community, with their challenging cross-country course courtesy of course designer Chris Edwards. The new format of the Saturday night quiz night proved to be a great success in bringing everyone together and bringing out the true spirit of Pony Club with teams collaborating.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Rider levies collected over the year contributed to the continued training and professional development of our Technical Delegates (TD) and Cross-Country Course Designers/Builders.

2018 One Trainee Course Designer gained Accreditation for all grades. Unfortunately, no trainee Technical Delegates (TD) gained accreditation in 2018.

2018, 8 TDs and CDs were active in officiating at a total of 22 ODE's.

Currently there is two Trainee TDs and one Trainee CDs.

It takes approximately two years to train Eventing officials who don't qualify under RPL.

First TD/CD seminar for 2018 was held at Serpentine Pony Club on Saturday 3rd March, with 20 attending.

Clubs need to express a willingness to host a seminar when asked. It is very important to have suitable venues available as these seminars are critical for the development of both current and trainee officials. Being an Eventing Technical Delegate and Cross-Country Course Designer is a very rewarding experience.

The committee would like to thank this year's sponsors of the Eventing Championship and also thank the clubs that sponsored a phase or cross-country jump and actively participated and helped run a successful event.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

With the TD situation still at crisis point, the committee is concerned that if clubs and zones do not start contributing to the recruitment of trainee TDs the number of ODEs held across the state will need to be reduced further. We have been communicating the decline in TDs for many years now. Clubs are wanting to hold more and more events and the number of TDs is dwindling, thus we have already restricted clubs to a maximum of two events per year. TDs are well supported through our improved processes and procedures, so no excuses. With the 2018 review of TD payment amount and process, the committee is hoping to encourage more trainee TDs and fairly remunerate existing TDs.



State Showjumping Committee

Report

MISSION

The Showjumping Committees mission is to develop riders in the discipline of showjumping, developing officials, engaging Associate Members and those who have an interest to become course designers and judges and to encourage the next generation of WA showjumpers, offering them challenging events. These include the April Show, Championships and The Royal Show.

The Showjumping Committee comprises of eight members representing West Coastal, Hills, Great Southern and Swan zones. The Committee welcomed Bernadette O'Meara as a new member in 2018 and Tayla Short, who is an active Associate Riding Member, who is also training to be a course designer.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Showjumping Championships were held at the State Equestrian Centre 18-20th May 2018. We introduced Friday indoor arena warm up classes, that were kindly sponsored by Anitone and were broadcast live and an extra arena on the Saturday, totalling five arenas! This would be one of the biggest Showjumping events held in WA. There were the three main streams at the Championships; Zones, these are the four prestigious championship classes, team events and individual classes. The Zone classes have four heights from 80cm for ponies to 110cm for horses. Our congratulations go to all combinations who completed at Zones and our 2018 winners were: 80cm: Great Southern, 90cm: Swan, 100cm: Hills, 110cm: South Western Zone.

Club team events including the Brigid Woss sponsored Equitation and in 2018 it was won by a composite team from West Plantagenet and Avon and 2nd place was awarded to Busselton. Brigid Woss also offered an Encouragement Bursary to be used to further develop equitation and showjumping skills in their riders, this was awarded to Baldivis. The Michele Wilkie Perpetual Trophy, to recognise the high point rider in the equitation class of the event was awarded to Dana Greenwood on Black Jack. The Ovarit Showjumping Bursary was won by Avon Valley/ West Plantagenet and the Team Challenge by West Plantagenet. Thirty-three individual classes were offered over the weekend, from 60-105cm. OTT also partnered with the State Showjumping Committee to recognize Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds that have become successful riding combinations. Officials included ten accredited judges and five different course designers. Congratulations to all riders, their equine partners, parents and associates who attended, as a committee we are proud of the positive feedback we received, and we plan for an exciting 2019. A special thanks needs to go to all the Volunteers who completed helper duties over the weekend. Showjumping is an intensive sport and we could not hold the Championships without all of your help!

We would also like to thank all our major sponsors for 2018 including Brigid Woss, Ovarit Jumps, Equine World, Kalamunda Pharmacy, Jumping EWA, Milne Feeds, Belvoir Equine Clinic, Landmark Midvale, Kentaur, Equissage, Jump 4 Joy, Anitone, International Animal Health Products, Two Queens, Bunnings, Gallagher, Off the Track and Healthway.



OTHER EVENTS

The Showjumping Committee Annual Zone Showjumping Event held in April at the Swan Valley Pony Club is a fundraiser for the State Championships and is an official zone team selection event for the championships. At this event we also offer young riders a 30-45cm course to give them exposure to a competition in a safe and friendly environment. Our numbers were down in 2018 but we are planning for 2019 to be an attractive event.

At the Perth Royal Show the pony club classes in 2018 had 10 competitive combination entries in the horse classes, while the pony classes had 8 competitors entered.

This year the Royal Show Committee invited Pony Club WA Show Jumping Committee to run an event on the last Saturday of the show. We took this opportunity to show case our riders who had competed well in the State Showjumping zone event and members who had represented Australia internationally. This was a great event, with the horses and ponies taking in the huge show environment and competing with great display of skill and horsemanship. This event was won by the team with Sophie Bragg (Avon), Hayley Hardwick (West Coastal) and Chantel Wells (South West Zone). Congratulations to all who participated!

DEVELOPMENT OF OFFICIALS

In 2018 the main Official's Development Seminar and Practical Clinic was conducted at the Showjumping Championships with FEI Judge, Penny Dodd and FEI Course Designer, Fred Freeman. There were 14 attendees. Our thanks go to Bendigo Bank who sponsored the Officials Training. For a full list of Showjumping Officials please download from the Pony Club WA website.

DEVELOPMENT OF RULES

Pony Club WA Showjumping use the EA and FEI jumping rules with the exception being that at pony club events, the speeds have been adjusted, the speeds are available in the Annual showjumping reference document. The 2019 Show Jump Reference Document will be available early 2019 on the Pony Club WA website, this will also outline the Zone, team and individual classes that will be held at the State Showjumping Championships in 2019. We remind all members, clubs and zones to refer regularly to the website, as updates will be posted as we get closer to the Championships.

VISION FOR 2019

Pony Club WA State Showjumping Championships will be held on the 17-19th May 2019 at the State Equestrian Centre. The Committee are planning to engage with Country Zones to hold an Officials Accreditation Weekend early in the season. Anyone from the "city" or "country" who is interested in becoming an official please send your expressions of interest to development@ponyclubwa.asn.au and the Showjumping Committee will assist you with the process.



State Tetrathlon Committee

Report

MISSION

To promote the sport of Tetrathlon to the pony club community and evolve the sport locally, nationally and internationally.

LEADERSHIP

The Tetrathlon committee Jenni Bowman (Chair) Caz Bowman, Erin Kelty, Aimee Tinsley, Charis Neumann, Sara Roth and Nikita Mawhirt.

HIGHLIGHTS

The drafting and introduction of new Rules to align with National Rules. Successful State Championship event in March 2018.

Laser pistols being introduced and the riding phase moving to a Hickstead style course.

Moonyoonooka Pony Club hosted a fantastic Tetrathlon event in October 2018 including a laser shooting clinic the day before the event with the support of the Tetrathlon Committee.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The State Championships hosted by Serpentine Horse & Pony Club was well supported with 140 entries across classes from 60-105cm. The event also saw the introduction of a non-championship encouragement class for competitors 12 years and under riding a 45cm course which was enthusiastically supported by our younger members.

Laser shoot training clinics with Murray Bow and Nikita Mawhirt were arranged and very well patronised and kindly sponsored by Racing and Wagering WA through Careers in Racing.

Three competitors from WA (Brooke Bishop, Nic Hardwick and Andrew Rowe) were selected as part of the Australian team competing at the USA hosted International Tetrathlon held in North Carolina.

REWARD AND RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Erin Kelty, who was selected as Team Manager for the International Tetrathlon Team.

Thank you to Murray Bow and Nikita Mawhirt who generously provided guidance, training and equipment for laser shooting, Off the Track for ongoing support and sponsorship as well as Anitone, Healthway and Gallagher for their generous sponsorship towards the State Championships.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

To promote the sport of Tetrathlon and establish a leaderboard competition in line with other pony club disciplines.

Encourage members to compete in the Australian National Championships 2019 with access to pool horses for the competition.

Establish a training squad with the ambition of competing in the British International Tetrathlon 2020.



State Hickstead and Hunter Trials Committee

Report

MISSION

The aim of the Pony Club Hickstead is to provide Members and Associates with the chance to participate in one or more of the eventing sports in a controlled environment and at the same time provide a challenging competition requiring sound practical horsemanship and general athletic ability.

‘Hunter Trials’ originated as a test for hunting horses and riders consisting of a timed course, or section of a course, of obstacles similar to those found under actual hunting conditions.

The aim of Pony Club Hunter Trials is to maintain the spirit of the original competition whilst utilising existing eventing cross country courses and providing members with the opportunity to participate in another form of competitive cross-country riding to further develop their horsemanship skills.”

LEADERSHIP

The committee would like to thank Jan Lawrie, who helped in 2017 to bring the long-awaited rules to reality in a very user-friendly format. The rules have also been a working document and under the leadership of Dianne Ould and the Hickstead/Hunter Trials Committee have been amended to reflect the feedback from clubs and Technical Delegates.

HIGHLIGHTS

Two pony clubs added events to the Hickstead calendar in 2018 and the historic Walliston Riding & Pony Club bringing Hickstead back onto their calendar.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Pathway developed for Inspectors has added two new officials to the list: Peter Cook and Heather Wyllie. There are also 3 more candidates who have expressed an interest and are on their way to become accredited.

The participation of clubs to hold Hickstead Inspectors workshops has been a bit disappointing, but we hope using a bit of creative thinking, will ensure two workshops for 2019.

The Sport Committee would like to invite anyone who has an interest in developing Hickstead/Hunter Trials at their club to join our welcoming Sport Committee.

REWARD AND RECOGNITION

The committee this year has worked hard to promote Hickstead/Hunter as an alternative to clubs’ event calendar, promoting the rules as user friendly and encouraging participation in the pathway to become a Hickstead/Hunter Trials Inspector.

Horsemen’s Pony Club and Swan Valley Pony Club who have traditionally run Hunter Trails outside of Pony Club rules and regulations – have this year run their events under the new rules and will continue in 2019.

OUR VISION FOR 2019

Our vision for 2019 is to promote more clubs to run Hickstead and Hunter Trials as an alternative to One Day Events. Also demonstrate how easy they are to run and organize for clubs with limited or no cross-country courses. To increase the number of Hickstead/Hunter Trials Inspectors through social media to parents, associate Riding Members and members of the wider equestrian community.

To continually develop our rules for both Hickstead and Hunter Trials as a user-friendly source of information for inspectors, organisers and riders.



Junior National Prince Philip Mounted Games

Report

The Junior National Prince Philip Mounted Games Competition was held on Saturday October 4th at the Victorian Pony Club Association Grounds in Gladysdale. The Team Coach was Sean Corbin and Manager Juanita Brewer. Team members were Ryan Frantom (Eastern Hills PC), Ebony Johnson (Orange Grove PC), Skye McMullen (South Midlands PC), Daniel Suvaljko (Serpentine H & PC) and Taya Van Rensburg (Horseman's PC).

The Team represented a wide range of WA Clubs and was chosen following a selection process in July which identified their riding and team member qualities.

The team was met at the airport by members of the Active Riding Committee in Victoria and we drove up to the accommodation "Stringy Bark Lodge" in Gembrook. Stringy Bark Lodge was a large roomy bunk house style accommodation with a wide variety of facilities for teams to relax and entertain themselves. The food was great and there was plenty of it.

Tim Ling organised games for the teams after dinner on the first night which allowed everyone to get to know each other. Great fun was had by all and friendships struck up.

Friday saw us on a flying fox and abseiling down rock walls in a nearby national park. We then spent some time inspecting the gear and familiarising the riders with different pieces of equipment. Then it was off to the official dinner down the road at "Forest Edge" a picturesque function centre nearby. The riders made us very proud with their thank you speeches.

Saturday, we headed out to Gembrook the Victorian Pony Club Grounds which is an amazing facility. The competition was very exciting and thankfully without major incident. NSW 1st, WA 2nd, Vic 3rd TAS 4th. Gifts were given to the very generous pony handlers. The standard of ponies was extremely good, and we are very grateful for those that supplied them. Skye McMullen spoke at presentations and thanked the organisers and pony handlers.

Saturday night was a relaxed evening with all teams spending quality time together. Sunday, we packed up, and headed to Tim Ling's home for lunch while waiting for our flights back to Perth.

Thank you to the support from rider's parents. The Frantoms, McMullens and Suvaljkos travelled over and it was great to have them present.

Thank you to our coach Sean Corbin who inspired our riders and is well respected by all in the Active Riding Community nationally.





ZONE REPORTS

Central Zone

Central Zone this year comprised the clubs of Dryandra, Wagin and Pingelly. Central Zone has not held any Zone competitions this year, however we have continued to meet the administration and reporting requirements of Pony Club WA. We get together once a year for a general discussion, meal, General Meeting and an AGM. Central Zone responded to the Pony Club WA request re the function of Zones saying we did not see a role for the Zone structure. Thank you to Joy Gray for being the Zone Chief Coach this year and for her role in supporting the C star candidates in the Central Zone. Activities of the clubs within the zone are outlined below.

PINGELLY

This year has been a quiet one for Pingelly Pony Club with our few members just attending monthly rallies. Numbers have been low so some decisions will have to be made for next year as to how the Club might continue.

WAGIN

The Wagin Riding and Pony Club have had a productive year of events. With a membership of 18 this year our membership has waned since 2017. We have had some D and D star certificates completed this year with some C certificates being completed this weekend. Our usual five events were successful again this year with the Gymkhanarama running for the fourth year, again a huge success. Dryandra Pony Club took out the Pony Club shield this year after Wagin held it for the first three years.

The grounds development has continued with the installation of 30 new cattle rail horse yards and 2 hosing docks. This was afforded by funding applications from DSR, the Shire of Wagin and lots of fund raising from the club. We will continue to hold our five events annually as this keeps our club financial.

DRYANDRA

In 2018 Dryandra Pony Club had 19 riding members. We continued to run a monthly rally program. With roughly half the members of our club at boarding schools in Perth and the other half consisting of some very young riders who don't come to each rally, some months our turnout has been quite low. But with everyone pitching in to coach and help the rallies have still been successful. We have also been busy this year preparing five members to sit their C star this year or next.

We held two large events again this year, the Tetrathlon in February and the ODE in September. These events make the majority of money for our club to contribute to the improvement and upkeep of our wonderful grounds. We also held a gymkhana at the Narrogin Show in October.

We had eight members out competing this year, mainly at ODEs. Max and Lottie have successfully competed at 45cm, Holly, Danee and Josie at 80cm while Emma, Dan and Bill Wiese have moved up to 95cm. Notable achievements were; Bill and Emma winning the State Tetrathlon Championships at 90cm, Emma coming first at 95cm at the Avon Zone ODE, Dan and Emma having a very successful Wagin Gymkhanarama bringing home the club shield for Dryandra and Emma and Dan winning and placing showjumping at York, Dryandra, Narrogin and Perth Royal Shows.

Dryandra Pony Club has continued to work together with Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association, and we have helped each other out at our respective events. We are having our windup together on the 24/25th November to which we are inviting any interested Wagin and Pingelly members to come and join us for some novelties, handy pony, jumping and cross country. Thanks to Linda Page for her role as chief coach this year and to all the parents who continue to help out. We are a very small club trying to hold large events and we hope to continue to be successful.

Eastern Zone

I can't believe another year has rolled around, I think as a zone we were definitely quieter than we have been in the past, however we pulled together 2 fantastic camps, the Eastern Zone ODE and a Gymkhana at Bruce Rock Pony Club, as well as taking on the equestrian events at various Agriculture Shows within the zone.

The Eastern Zone ODE was again very well attended and run, reports from the TD were extremely positive and numbers are still very strong which says we are running a great event and people want to come back.

Well done to Bethany Moore in her role as course designer and Rachel Jones as event secretary, this was their third year in these roles, and I think it is getting smoother and easier for you both.

Well done also to Kellerberrin for the work put into the presentation of the grounds, the course and of course the all-important canteen, well done also to Bonnie Rock on organising the Showjumping and Bruce Rock the Dressage. Great job team!!

I would like to say a really big thank you to everyone involved within the zone for your support, commitment, time, and I truly hope we continue to support each of our clubs and we can continue to be a strong supportive Zone Treasurer and Secretary, it is yet another commitment in your very busy schedules and you are very much appreciated.

Great Southern Zone

INTRODUCTION

The Great Southern Zone includes the following clubs: Albany, Denmark, Katanning, King River, Kojonup and West Plantagenet. Denmark had its first inspection in April 2017 with the second and final inspection in August - a super-efficient effort by the Club Committee

The Zone has maintained its general level of membership with close on 210 members across the Zone.

DEVELOPMENT

The year started with a Showjumping Clinic (thanks to the Zone's Brigid Woss win in 2017 and the fact the Showjumping sub Committee allowed us to roll the money over by 1 month) that was extremely well supported. Concurrent with this 2-day clinic, the Zone hosted a Gear Check workshop run by Jacinta Withoud. This resulted in all clubs having at least 1 Accredited Gear Checker.

Nine coaches from 4 out of the 6 clubs were represented at the State Coaching School in February.

Three coaches (Siobhan Brown, Chenoa McLeod and Dylan Fisher) all gained their Preliminary NCAS Coaching Qualification with a number of other coaches continuing to complete their workbooks.

Ferne Faulkner and Denise Legge are members of the State Coaching Panel. Peter Cook is on the Hickstead and Hunter Trials State Committee and Bernadette O'Meara is on the Showjumping State Committee.

PARTICIPATION

Although the Zone didn't have any team wins at the State Dressage Championships, a number of younger riders gained some very respectable scores. We fared better at the Show Jumping Championships picking up the Ovarit Team Challenge and Brigid Woss with 3 team members from WPPC and a rider from Avon Valley. Our teams won or placed in all the height classes plus riders from WPPC, APC and DPC gained individual ribbons. A composite team of KRPC and Serpentine gained a 2nd in the 105cm Eventing Championships and Julia Kershaw KRPC won the Off the Track Award. KOPC, KRPC and WPPC club members participated in the State Tetrathlon competition with Michelle Ericsson KRPC winning the 90cm Open competition.

Four riders (Olivia Miller, Caitlin Pritchard, Georgia O'Meara and Savannah Beveridge) all make the big trek over East to take part in Interschool National Championships at Werribee with some very creditable results.

In addition to tradition Pony Club competitions our riders participated in a wide variety of horsey activities such as Hacking, Barrel Racing, Polocrosse, Tent Pegging and Eventing Grand Prix.

We wrapped up the year with our Leader board and Volunteer Recognition Awards.

RESOURCES

Our thanks to Department Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries for their support. Late in 2017 we received confirmation that our grant application of \$5,000 had been approved and we have just been advised we have the same amount for 2019. The grant and accumulated funds have helped fund:

- CPD for coaches and officials
- State competitions entry fees for Zone teams
- Competition sponsorship e.g. Leader Board series
- Purchase work manuals for riders and coaches
- Compliance and Risk Management
- Safety equipment (spiral pins for portable X-Country fences)
- Recognition of our volunteers
- And laser pistol and practice target.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS/ GOALS

Our Key Performance Indicators for 2019 include:

- Compliance with Department of Commerce vis a vis Club/Zone Constitutions
- Coach Development
- Official Development
- Maintaining our participation levels
- Risk Planning for each event
- Asset Register and Management
- Volunteer Development and Recognition
- Development of a 3-year Strategic Plan.

Swan Zone

The Annual General Meeting in 2018 was a very exciting one as we had representative from all our clubs in the Swan; Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club, Swan Valley Pony Club, Horsemen's Pony Club and Herdsman Pony Club ready to take on a very full calendar.

The Zone was very excited to see many of the membership from the clubs participate in the Zone Events at the State Show jumping and State Dressage Championships. Many of our riders represented the Zone at the inaugural Invitational Show jumping event at the Royal Agricultural Show.

This year's Marsden Cup and Zone Novelties saw 88 riders participate with the highlight of the day being the 4-5 teams of parents from the various clubs riding in the Adult classes of Marsden Cup.

It was a great treat for the riders to see their parents having fun and showing great skills doing Prince Phillip Mounted Games.

We also held a "C" assessment and exam having 8 riders successfully completed their "C" exam.

Both Swan Valley and Horsemen's successfully ran their Hunter Trails under the new Pony Club WA Hunter Trails rules and will continue to offer these events to the wider equestrian community.

WANNEROO HORSE AND PONY CLUB REPORT

EVENTS

March 2018	Wanneroo HPC Fun Hack Day
May 2018	Pony Club WA State Showjumping Championships
June 2018	Wanneroo HPC Combined Training Day



2017-2018 was a year of growth and achievement for Wanneroo Horse and Pony Club (WHPC). WHPC hosted several events which were designed to engage the local and broader equestrian community, particularly young or inexperienced horses and riders; including a Dressage Training Day, Fun Gymkhana, Fun Hack Day and Combined Training Days. WHPC was also well-represented at Pony Club WA State Championships. WHPC continued to provide quality instructors and several members attained D, D* and C Certificates.

Importantly, WHPC developed a relationship with the City of Wanneroo which enabled the rejuvenation of the Club's cross-country course while respecting and complying to Bush Forever. This relationship has also reinforced the positive contribution that WHPC makes to the community and made progress in ensuring the future of equine activities in the area.

Another community initiative was the collaboration with the Northern Suburbs Men's Shed (NSMS), who built and supplied portable cross-country obstacles. This mutually beneficial project supported NSMS's mission of improving the wellbeing of men in the region through mateship and shared activities to add value to the community, as well as promoting the ideals of citizenship to WHPC members.

WHPC held its inaugural 'Great Bush Ride', with the picturesque Moore River region providing the perfect backdrop. The two-day adventure was a team-building event that saw over 20 WHPC members, aged eight to 50 years plus, and their horses heading north along the banks of the Moore River and surrounding scenic farmland, to retrace a portion of the Old North Stock Route.

WHPC looks forward to continuing these initiatives over the next year and further develop comradery within the Club, as well as member participation at an organisational level.

WHPC has traditionally utilised email, newsletters and Facebook as communication tools but in order to better promote the club, particularly to Generation Z, an Instagram account was established ensuring all posts remained positive and supportive.



HORSEMENS PONY CLUB

A summary outlining the riders who represented Horsemens Pony Club in 2018 and the achievements of the club throughout the year.

2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jazmin Anderson	Tetrathlon, Showjumping, PPMG, Novelties and Musical Ride
Shae Belanger	Musical Ride
Lucinda Boulter	Showjumping
Stephanie Buxton	Dressage
Tiffany Casali	Musical Ride
Jessica Capes	PPMG and Novelties
Chloe Carberry Smith	Showjumping and Musical Ride
Sophie Carberry Smith	Showjumping and Musical Ride
Danielle Callaghan	Musical Ride
Tiffany Casali	Musical Ride
Kelly Chapman	Showjumping
Keira Dowding	PPMG and Novelties
Courtney Ellyard	PPMG and Novelties
Emmaleigh Evans	Musical Ride
Elizabeth Jones	Showjumping and Dressage
Danielle Knight	Showjumping, PPMG, Novelties and Musical Ride
Lucy Rust	Tetrathlon and Showjumping
Haley Scholz	PPMG and Novelties
Georgia Scholz	PPMG, Novelties and Musical Ride

Izzy Siegwart	Tetrathlon, Showjumping, PPMG and Musical Ride
Nicholas Siegwart	Tetrathlon
Alisha Sweet	PPMG
Ava Temple	Tetrathlon, PPMG and Novelties
Angela Tomeo	Tetrathlon, PPMG, Novelties and Musical Ride
Taya Van Rensburg	Tetrathlon, Showjumping, PPMG, Novelties, Musical Ride and WA Nationals PPMG Team
Blake Weller	Tetrathlon

Our achievements and placings are as follows: -

TETRATHLON

What a great weekend at the State Tetrathlon Championship at Serpentine. Our Horsemen's Pony Club members did a great job as always considering there were 140 competitors.

The results were as follows:

- Ava Temple came 3rd in her 45cm class
- Angela Tomeo, Lucy Rust, Nicholas Siegwart and Taya van Rensburg came 3rd in their 60cm class.
- Izzy Siegwart, Jazmin Anderson and Shannon Bray (from Wally HPC) came 3rd in their 80cm class.
- Angela Tomeo came 4th in her individual.
- Nicholas Siegwart came 2nd in his Individual
- Blake Weller came 1st in the Open 60cm class.

MARSDEN CUP

The results were as follows:

- Senior team – Jazmin Anderson, Georgia Scholz, Danielle Knight, Izzy Siegwart and Taya van Rensburg came 1st.
- Senior team (composite) – Angela Tomeo and 3 riders from Eastern Hills came 3rd.
- Junior team (composite) – Haley Scholz, Ava Temple, Keira Dowding, Jessica Capes and Emily Carpenter (Mortlock) came 2nd.
- Adult team – Lizzie Wharton, Craig Treasure, Blake Weller, Courtney Ellyard and Jacqui van Rensburg came 1st.

PPMG

Qualifiers in Moora. The results were as follows:

- Senior team – Jazmin Anderson, Angela Tomeo, Danielle Knight, Izzy Siegwart and Taya van Rensburg came 3rd.
- Senior team (composite) – Alisha Sweet, Georgia Scholz, Courtney Ellyard, Ashlee Topham (Central Midlands) and Sharnie Lewis (Central Midlands) came 4th.
- Junior team – Haley Scholz, Ava Temple, Keira Dowding and Jessica Capes came 2nd.

Finals in Serpentine. The results were as follows:

- Senior team – Jazmin Anderson, Angela Tomeo, Danielle Knight, Izzy Siegwart and Taya van Rensburg unfortunately missed out on the Finals as they had a silly elimination that put them out of the running.
- Senior team (composite) – Alisha Sweet, Georgia Scholz, Courtney Ellyard, Ashlee Topham (Central Midlands) and Sharnie Lewis (Central Midlands) came 3rd.
- Junior team – Haley Scholz, Ava Temple, Keira Dowding and Jessica Capes came 3rd.

ROYAL SHOW

Games at the Royal. The results Georgia Scholz and Shannon Bray (from Wallangarra) came 8th. Angela Tomeo and Danielle Knight came 7th. Keira Dowding and Alisha Sweet came 2nd (Junior division) and Taya van Rensburg and Jazmin Anderson came 2nd.

Taya also competed in the Pony Club Invitational Team Show Jumping and her team came 5th. She also did a carriage racing and Showjumping round and her and her carriage drivers came 3rd.

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Musical Ride team of Jazmin Anderson, Danielle Knight, Sophie Carberry-Smith, Chloe Carberry-Smith, Taya van Rensburg, Angela Tomeo, Shae Bellanger, Danielle Callaghan, Georgia Scholz, Emmaleigh Evans, Izzy Siegwart and Tiffany Casali did a great job on the Musical Ride and came 3rd for costume and 4th for their routine.

- Stephanie Buxton won the Prelim 1.2 and got 4th for her Novice Freestyle costume and 10th overall.
- Elizabeth Jones came 7th in her Prelim 1.2.

EQUESTRA 2018 AT THE SEC

The Musical Ride team of Jazmin Anderson, Danielle Knight, Sophie Carberry-Smith, Chloe Carberry-Smith, Shae Belanger, Danielle Callaghan, Georgia Scholz, Shawna Clayton (unfortunately Emmaleigh Evans' horse, Custer, went lame so she was unable to ride but found a brilliant substitute), Izzy Siegwart and Tiffany Casali represented HPC at Equestra.

After a tricky entrance whereby all the horses spooked majorly at the new lights, in true HPC spirit they left the arena, regrouped and pulled off an amazing performance second time around. It was amazing to see the team spirit and support that the team showed for one another. They spoke to each other the whole way through. There were lovely comments about how supportive they were to one another and how lovely the music and performance was.

Jazmin Anderson also represented HPC in the Invitational Games performance at Equestra.

PPMG NATIONALS IN VICTORIA

I am happy to announce that the WA PPMG team came 2nd in their game's competition over in Victoria. As you can imagine the competition was really competitive and they did very well to achieve 2nd place. The riders in the Team WA were Taya van Rensburg (Horsemens), Skye McMullen (South Midlands), Ebony Johnson (Orange Grove), Ryan Frantom (Eastern Hills) and Daniel Suvaljko (Serpentine).

E EXAM

Claire Kelly passed with flying colours.

D/D* EXAMS

I examined 6 riders (but 12 exams as they did both their D and D*) am happy to announce they all passed with flying colours. The riders were Maggie Harris, Natika Roidan, Kelly Chapman, Megan Watson, Emmaleigh Evans and Kayla Trandos. On a different rally Ally Dowding passed her D certificate with flying colours.

C EXAMINATION

I arranged for some of our riders to do their C exams at WHPC. I am happy to announce that Lucy Rust, Danielle Callaghan and Hayley Butler were immaculately turned out and the examiners said they rode very well and had great knowledge.

C* EXAMINATION

I am happy to announce that Lucinda Boulter sat her C* exam on the 8th December 2018 and passed with some very impressive comments.

So, in all, Horsemens Pony Club had a very eventful and full year.

Onwards and upwards for 2019.



West Coastal Zone

Once again, it's been a very busy year for all the clubs in our Zone. We have had several riders trying out for zone team places in our Dressage, Show Jumping and Novelty run offs, wanting to ride in the Championships competitions. The standard of riding skills exhibited has been excellent. Well done to all our clubs.

Nic Hardwick and Andrew Rowe from Peel Metropolitan were selected to represent Australia in this year's International Tetrathlon in America, also Daniel Suvaljko from Serpentine was selected to ride in the 2018 PPMG Junior WA team at the National Championships. Congratulations boys.

We started the year with six C* candidates achieving their certificates, a lot of hard work and extra theory went into these achievements.

Sadly, this year May Kau passed away, a founding member of Log Fence Pony Club and an inspiration to us all with her knowledge and hardworking ethic and skills shared with both riders and parents alike.

A successful Challenge Cup was held by Pinjarra Pony Club who ran a pairs event this year, it was felt more time was needed to prepare for this event so in future then date and events will be decided at the beginning of the year. All those that competed had a really good time. Thanks, Pinjarra. Next year Serpentine will run the event, we look forward to their ideas for 2019.

At the start of the year Lou Hardwick from Peel Metropolitan was announced as the Pony Club WA Sports Administrator. Also from Peel, Dianne Ould having obtained her accreditation as a Hickstead Inspector, spent many hours "inspecting at events" and running training seminars and in her spare time has run numerous gear checking training and assessment weekends. Finally, Ann-Marie Lowry from Serpentine was welcomed onto the Board of Pony Club WA. Congratulations to all these hardworking devoted parents. Amelia Gal from Murray received her Pony Club WA Citizenship Award for her dedication in rider leadership. Well done Amelia.

All Clubs have had some wonderful leadership and instruction throughout this year and a lot of parents have pitched in with help in many areas. I would like to see some of our funds spent on clinics and schools for our riders, we have a healthy bank balance and I'm sure the zone could manage the events we run with less in the bank account.

Finally I would like to thank our zone representatives and my executive for another good year, running events and pitching in with helping all the time, you've made it very easy for me and as the 2 years of Baldivis executive come to a close and Serpentine take over the reins, I wish then all the very best and continued support from all clubs.

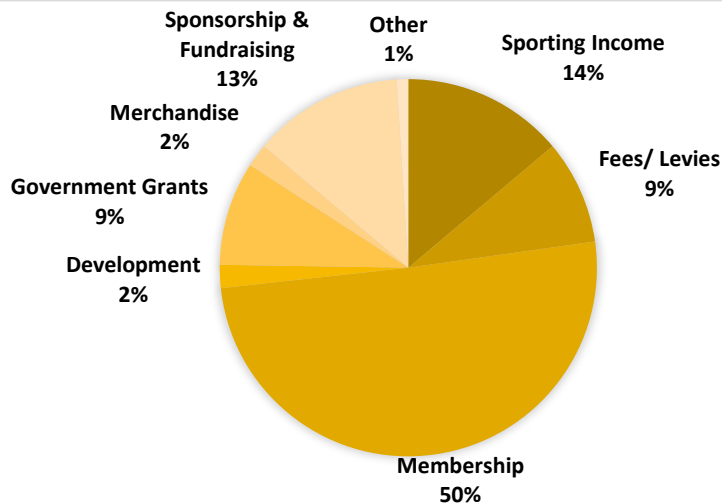


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Financial Report

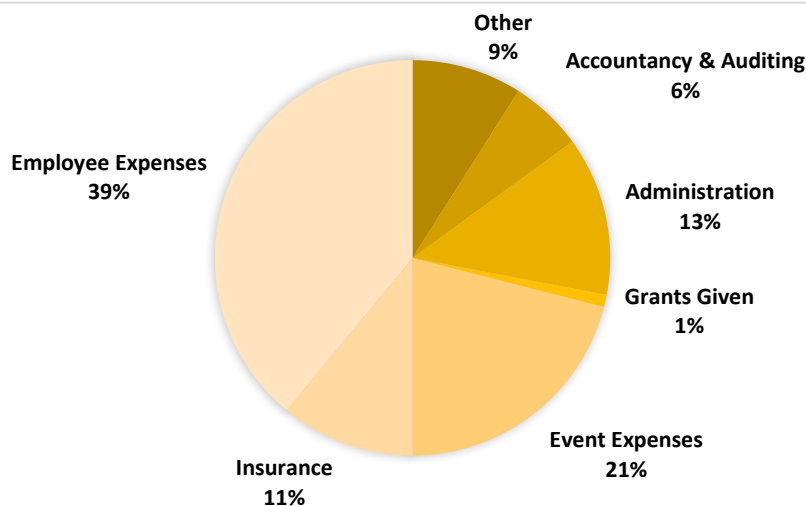
The income for Pony Club Western Australia Inc for 2018 was \$607,869 (Audited) which saw the Association have an increase in income by approx. \$90K. The increase in income was attributed largely to a necessary increase to membership fees rolled out in 2018 and an increase in sponsorship revenue.

INCOME



The Association expenses were closely monitored, and these were reduced from \$569,192 in 2017 to \$510,102 in 2018. This was achieved by a reduction in wage expenses resulting from changes to the office staff structure mid-year and a general reduction of operational and administrative costs of the Association.

EXPENSES

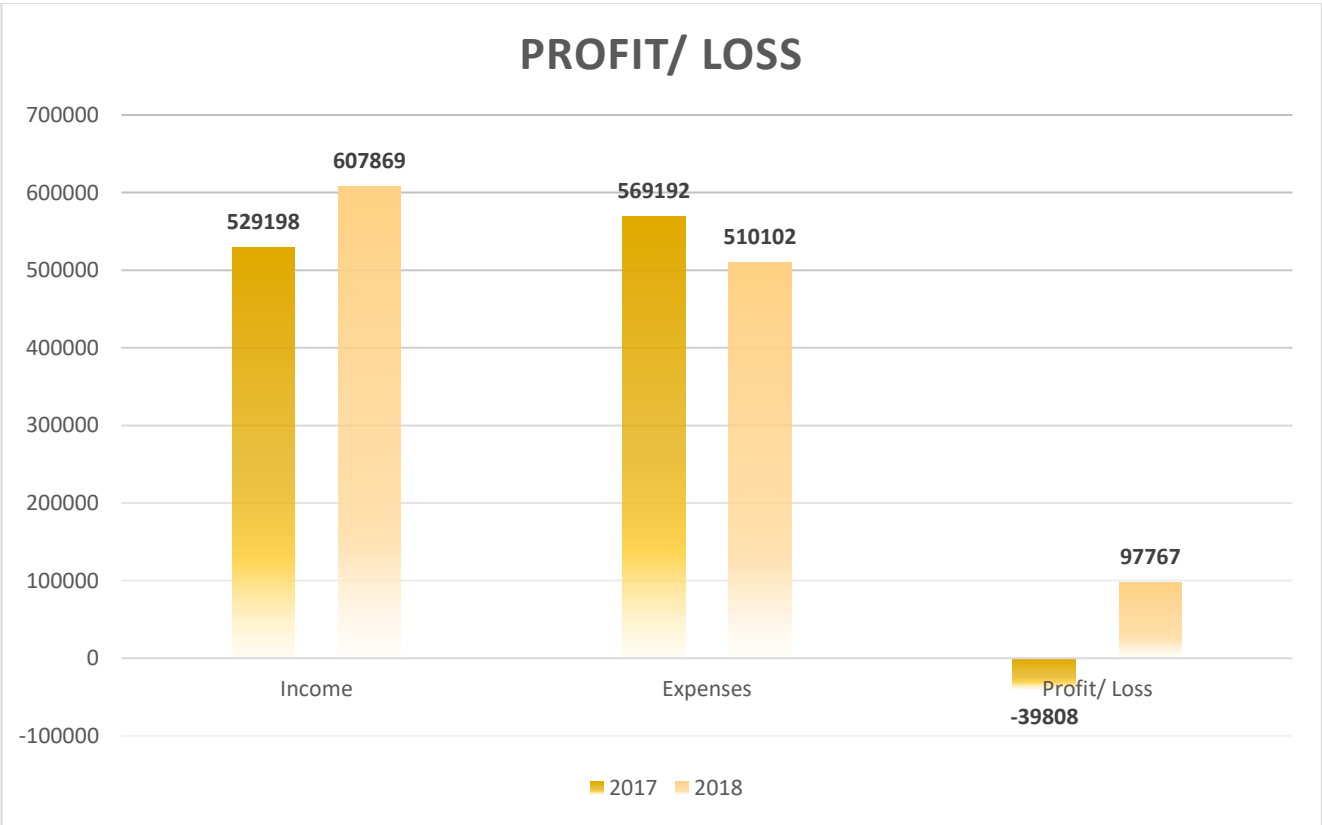


The Association is in a strong cash position, increasing from \$182,475 in 2017 to \$326,518 in 2018, which has been representative of the increased revenue and reduced expenditure. This will assist in strengthening our cash reserves and place the Association into a financially secure position moving forward.

As of 31st December 2018, Cash Assets (money in bank) were \$326,518 with total assets being \$347,111. The Associations Liabilities were \$40,938 resulting in net asset surplus of \$341,717 compared to \$243,950 at the end of 2017.

The Association’s Audit and Finance Committee have worked hard to make sure that we continued to have good governance and that Pony Club Western Australia Inc could ride through the changes that were needed to be implemented to allow stability for the future.

Income funding across all areas within the Not for Profit Industry has seen for increased governance reporting to our funders as well as project reporting before they will release any funds. Pony Club State Office staff work tirelessly building funding submissions that enables the Association to develop programs that will benefit our members.



The Board will continue to work with the Audit and Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer and Staff around strong financial control and governance to make sure the sustainability of our Association.

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