



**PONY CLUB**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# ANNUAL REPORT

2019

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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 wholistic 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 the equestrian organisation of choice for the youth of Western Australia.

### OUR MISSION

To engage, inspire, educate and unite our members through a mutual love of horses.

### OUR AIMS

To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horse mastership and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.

To promote the highest ideals of fellowship, citizenship and loyalty, and to cultivate strength of character and self-discipline.



# ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

## 2019 BOARD

Chair	Deborah Spencer
Vice Chair	Jan Lawrie
Directors	Ann-Marie Lowry
	Brooke Williams
	Karl Stokes
	Mike Agnew
	Nyrell Williams
	Steve Frantom

## 2019 AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brooke Williams  
Kevin Gianatti  
Steve Frantom

## 2019 GOVERNANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

Jan Lawrie  
Karl Stokes  
Morgan Holmes  
Trudi Hall

## 2019 STAFF

CEO	Trudi Hall
Accounts	Ian Tate
Marketing & Sponsorship	Madi Kenward
Development	Sally Mayall
Sports	Lou Hardwick
Membership & Administration	Aimee Troy/Amber Rose McQueen

## 2019 STATE COMMITTEE/PANEL CHAIRS

State Coaching Panel	Heather Wyllie
Gear Check Advisory Panel	Dianne Ould
Active Riding	Kylie Hall
Dressage	Tahna Lambert
Eventing	Sharon Shanks
Hickstead/Hunter Trials	Dianne Ould
Showjumping	Jeanette Hatch
Tetrathlon	Jenni Bowman/Sarah Wiese

## 2019 STATE LIFE MEMBERS

Neville Westlund	Trudy Simms
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# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I have great pleasure in presenting this report to the members of Pony Club WA.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge my 2019 fellow board members who, as volunteers, have made valuable contributions to Pony Club WA with not only their time, but their skills and areas of expertise to ensure our organisation operates in a professional manner. This is clear in the recently completed Board Review conducted by Sports Australia (SA) and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) where our overall assessment score is above the average of the high performing sports boards. Whilst there remains four key areas of attention and improvement, we are looking forward to undertaking further training and recruiting in these areas.



Some of our Board members have been proactive in attending several training programmes run by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. These training programmes allow us to keep our Association on the cutting edge and best practice of legislative requirements and governance for association in Western Australia.

The Board were successful in recruiting two new board members Karl Stokes (Casual vacancy) and Steve Frantom (Appointed member) after the 2018 AGM.

The Pony Club WA Strategic Plan 2019 – 2021 which will steer our organisation for the next three years was formulated using feedback gathered from the member's survey and has given the board an insight into what members need and want for Pony Club WA into the future.

Both the Audit and Finance and Governance and Risk committees work very hard ensuring that Pony Club WA is up to date with all matters regarding governance, finance and risk management. This is vitally important to ensure the health of our organisation as we are held accountable for our actions.

On behalf of Pony Club WA, I would like to acknowledge our sponsors and thank you for your continued support of our youth organisation. These are Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI), Healthway, Go for 2 & 5, Gallagher, Horseland, Careers in Racing, Milnes Feeds, Government of Western Australia and Off the Track. We look forward to your continued support in 2020.

Our 2019 Board was supported by CEO Trudi Hall, whose dedication to our organisation is admirable. Trudi was supported by her wonderful office staff, Lou Hardwick, Madi Kenward, Aimee Troy, Sally Mayall and Amber Rose McQueen. The Board wish to thank sincerely the dedication that our office staff have shown throughout the year and look forward to their continued support in 2020.

2019 commenced with the 2018 Annual awards night which enabled us to celebrate the successes of such deserving riders, coaches, volunteers and clubs in a friendly atmosphere at the Telethon Community Cinema in Murdoch. This was a new look awards night, of which many members took up the opportunity to remain at the end of the evening to watch the movie.

The 2019 Pony Club WA AGM and Member Forum was held on Saturday March 16th. The Board understands that selecting a date for the AGM and member forum is a difficult task, however, it is an opportunity for our members to engage and network with other clubs, zones and the Board.

The 2019 AGM was conducted in the most professional manner with club delegates and proxies voting on the re-election of Deborah Spencer and election of Ann-Marie Lowry. The board and delegates farewelled Kevin Gianatti, Judy Rose and Rebecca Claxon and thanked them for their terms on the board.

The member's forum was very informative for those delegates in attendance, where many topics were discussed in detail. Some of the topics discussed were Insurance, the Pony Club WA website, Handbook and changes to the Pony Club Australia syllabus. Many questions were asked, and all were answered in an informative and open manner.

The State Coaching Panel, Gear Checking Advisory Panel and Discipline Sport committees have had a very constructive year ably supported by the Pony Club WA CEO and office staff. The list of tasks for all is immense, with some of their tasks including developing their sports, gear and rule amendments and officials training.

The State Coaching School was again held at Karinya Equestrian Park in Orange Grove. Numbers of coaches attending remain high and with such a diverse programme, there was something for everyone.

State Championship events were held in all disciplines across our great State from the Show Jumping and Dressage at the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon to the Eventing Championships in Dardanup, and the PPMG's in Serpentine. All clubs and zones had the opportunity to showcase their riders and make many new friends at these well-run events.

The 2019 Pony Club National Championships were hosted by NSW at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. Pony Club WA was represented by a team of 31 riders competing across all disciplines. By all reports WA riders displayed high levels of behaviour and sportsmanship as well as achieving fantastic results. This national event enables riders and parents to return home with many wonderful memories, new friendships and stories to share.

2019 was the year for the Pony Club Festival which was hosted by Avon Valley Horse and Pony Club in Northam. This event was attended by many up and coming younger pony club members with many smiling faces and very cute ponies!

The Pony Club Australia National meeting was held in May in Darwin which saw representatives from each State and Territory come together to attend the PCA AGM, member forum, a sneak peek of the new PCA workbooks, which has now been released, along with guest presenters. This annual meeting allows state delegates and PCA Board members the opportunity to network face to face.

The Pony Club WA vision is to be the equestrian organisation of choice for the youth of Western Australia where we can engage, inspire, educate and unite our members through a mutual love of horses. The Board of Pony Club WA understand the need to encourage young people to ride whilst enjoying all approved kinds of sport connected with horses and riding. With the launch of the new syllabus we can provide instruction in riding and horse mastership with an ethically based Equitation Science background to instil in members the proper care of their animals. We look forward to promoting the highest ideals of fellowship, citizenship and loyalty, and cultivating strength of character and self-discipline in our members.

**DEBORAH SPENCER**  
*Chair of the 2019 Board*  
*Pony Club WA*

# Our Board



**DEB SPENCER**

*Chairperson*

The contribution that Deb would like to make to the Pony Club WA is that her objective views on all matters Pony Club help the Association to grow in numbers and popularity.

Over the next few years Deb would like to see the Association grow in numbers, both riders and coaches. Deb firmly believes this is the most wonderful organisation to be involved with and if everyone can work harmoniously together with Clubs and Zones, this will easily be achieved.



**JAN LAWRIE**

*Vice Chairperson*

The journey of her own children through Pony Club has instilled in Jan the belief, in Pony Club WA as a character-building association for both riders and parents. What other sport involves getting up at the crack of dawn, towing horses all over the state, making sure all the correct gear is packed and clean, knowing all the rules for any particular sport, spending endless hours watching, having and or giving lessons then being on hand to help with those last minute hiccups all for 8 minutes in the arena. 100% worth it.



**NYRELL WILLIAMS**

*Director & Appointed State Coaching Panel Representative*

I was appointed to the Pony Club WA State Coaching Panel in 2008 and have held the position of Chairperson for the past 3 years and have also being in the positions of State C\* Co-ordinator, State NCAS Coach Co-ordinator and Board Representative. I am a NCAS PC Level 1 Coach, Efficiency Level Examiner for C, C Star/K and NCAS Coach Assessor and an Accredited Gear Checker

I would like to see Pony Club continue to be a prominent youth organisation. I am passionate to promote the "Aims and Objectives of Pony Club" to all members and coaches and allow all youth the opportunity Pony Club has to offer.



**BROOKE WILLIAMS**

*Director*

Brooke started Pony Club when she was six years old and was a member for the following period (1997-2009, 2016) at Riverside Park Pony Club. During that time Brooke was actively involved as a member and as a competitor in all disciplines. Brooke represented Western Australia twice at the National PPMG in 2005 and 2006. Furthermore, Brooke has been a member of the Pony Club WA Audit and Finance Committee for the past 2 years, assisting with the audit process and drafting financial statements for Pony Club WA.



### **ANN-MARIE LOWRY**

*Director*

Ann Marie believes that Pony Club, at all levels, can deliver even greater services to all the members by encouraging open, transparent and encouraging environments and by sharing the roles and responsibilities amongst as many as possible. In this way, the workload is lighter knowledge is shared and successful succession is facilitated.



### **MIKE AGNEW**

*Director*

I believe Pony Club is a fantastic institution that helps guide, shape and mould our young ones as they are going through their most impressionable years. It teaches them responsibility, comradery and humility, especially when placed in team activities and environments. I am a big believer that the individual Pony Clubs are the ones that “make the Pony Club experience” and they should be the ones that set the agenda and tone for direction of our organisation, with Pony Club WA facilitating this mandate, so that we are being driven by the requirements of our members.



### **KARL STOKES**

*Director*

Karl managed to stay true to that ethos for a very short time until his daughter took up membership at the Darlington Pony Club and became a very enthusiastic eventer, now every spare minute is occupied by the topic of horses.

Karl was a member of the Darlington Pony Club committee between 2012 – 2018 where he alternated between the roles of President and Vice-President.

When he's not busy with horses, Karl is maintaining his career in the mining industry where he holds a senior leadership position.



### **STEVE FRANTOM**

*Director*

There have been many memorable Pony Club moments, including leading our miniature pony and rider combination at a run in deep arena sand, completing two legs of a tetrathlon, (the longest four-minute swim of my life!) and experiencing every possible weather condition possible other than snow.

On any given weekend you will find me, along with the many parent helpers, on the ground participating in our favoured disciplines, Active Riding, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon and enjoying the wonderful camaraderie which is such an important part of what we do.



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2019 CEO report for Pony Club WA.

In the spirit of reconciliation, Pony Club WA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Rolling out year one of a new 3 year strategic plan has kept the Board, operational committees and staff busy laying the foundations that will strengthen connections across the state, revitalise the purpose of zones, engage members in programmes and activities and implement best practice at all levels of the Association.



Our Association sponsors and funding bodies continue to support programs and initiatives that benefit our members, officials and volunteers. We are grateful for their continued support. While funding and sponsorship is hard to come by in today's economic climate, our members can show support by participating in funded programs and supporting the business that support us.

Our State Championship programs continue to flourish and provide a high standard of competition for members to participate in. At the other end of the scale, 2019 was a Festival year. The Go For 2&5 Festival provides a state level of competition for entry level or 'grass roots' members. For many, this is the first introduction to competition. I invite all weary members to attend the next festival as these little ones love nothing more than being with their pony club mates and their pony and really highlights the reason why we are all here.

The Sports Leaderboards are still immensely popular with our members. Continuing support from Horseland enables us to provide this benefit to members that aims to increase awareness of opportunities for riders, within Pony Club WA and reward participation and success. A thorough review of the terms and conditions at the end of 2019, the addition of 2 new Leaderboards (Hickstead/Hunter Trials and Tetrathlon) and electronic submission of event applications, rider registration and event results should see further growth in popularity in 2020.

2019 was a year of outstanding member achievements. Those we celebrated included sponsored riders, State Award recipients, Annual Award nominees and winners and those members who represented either Pony Club WA or Pony Club Australia at National and International competition and tours.

Special mention must go to Team WA which was made up of 31 riders, 3 state coaches, 4 state managers and a Chef d'Equipe, numerous horse and ponies plus supporting families. To make the trek across the Nullarbor is a daunting task, but great fun with much learning and many adventures taking place across the miles. Our team did us proud, both on and off field collecting accolades for both presentation and behaviour. Some amazing team and personal results were achieved showcasing the depth of talent in WA. Some team members

learnt that horses who don't always understand the commitment behind attending a National Championship, but still finished each day with a smile on their face and a pat on the back for other members of the team. Sometimes these lessons hold greater stead than a podium finish.

With showjumping participation being low at the 2019 Nationals, the State Showjumping Committee launched Pony Club WA's first high performance squad. The State Showjumping Squad provides an opportunity for showjumping combinations to be supported by mentoring and to assist with increasing skills, knowledge and experiences. The aim is to increase participation in the showjumping discipline and encourage combinations with potential to compete at higher levels.

The introduction by Pony Club Australia of a new Syllabus of Instruction has been challenging for our dedicated State Coaching Panel. With over 400 registered coaches state-wide, the Panel has worked hard to support coaches in managing this change with limited resources available to them. With professional demeanours, positive attitudes and baby steps I am confident that our coaches will be well equipped with extra tools in their toolbox that complement the knowledge, skills and experience they already have.

As adults involved in a youth organisation, we need to take steps to ensure that the culture we create for our members are ethical and foster inclusivity, respect and kindness. This at times does involve having difficult conversations or listening with empathy and understanding. We are responsible for modelling the behaviours we want to see in our children, we need to be the people we want our children to be.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedicated office team, Pony Club WA Board and volunteers at club, zone and state level for their passion and hard work to deliver on so many important initiatives that drive our sport forward. I am equally passionate about pony club and its value to the development of our young equestrians. I am proud of what the Association has achieved in 2019, and I look forward to continuing to build our success in 2020 and beyond.

**TRUDI HALL**

*Chief Executive Officer*



# STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2016-2018 strategic plan had the Association working hard to improve internal governance, to adopt best practice and to ensure that we complied with the legal and regulatory requirements of a not for profit organisation. The Board transitioned to a skills-based Board through a program of training and recruitment. With strong internal policies and procedures now in place, it is time to move forward focusing on member needs.

The 2019-2021 strategic plan recognises and builds upon the important work of the past and sets a strong direction for the future. Board and management have collaborated with key stakeholders to create a strategic direction with a focus on communicating with our members, better support for clubs and zones, engagement of members in programmes and benefits whilst ensuring the sustainability of our association.

Four priority areas and their objectives have been identified as critical to the success of Pony Club WA over the next three years. The first year of delivery has been about laying the foundations that will strengthen connections across the state, gathering feedback to gain a wholistic view on how to revitalise the purpose of zones, engaging members in programmes and activities and reviewing policies and procedures so best practice can be adhered to at all levels of the Association.

## CONNECT

**To facilitate the sharing of information and best practise across all levels of the organisation.**

### 2019 Deliveries:

- Policy review schedule implemented for both internal and external policies.
- Relevant external policies updated on website.
- Implementation of new or revised policies:
  - ✓ Pony Club WA Constitution
  - ✓ PCA Concussion Policy
  - ✓ Expenditure Authority Policy
  - ✓ CEO Delegation of Authority Policy
  - ✓ Debit Card & Petty Cash Policy
  - ✓ Terms of Reference – State Committees
  - ✓ Terms of Reference – State Taskforces
  - ✓ State Team Refund Policy
  - ✓ State Uniform Policy
  - ✓ Communication Policy
- Organisational commitment to child safeguarding and relevant resources available on website.
- Composition and charter for Governance & Risk and Audit & Finance Committees reviewed and implemented.
- Quarterly Board reports distributed to members, other states and PCA.
- Member surveys conducted collecting feedback on several key issues.

## SUSTAINABILITY

**To adapt and grow to better meet the diverse needs of our members and stake holders.**

### 2019 Deliveries:

- Board has reviewed their skills matrix and nomination pack to attract relevant skills to the Board.
- Formal board review conducted by DLGSCI
- Performance reviews conducted for CEO and staff.
- Staff training undertaken in the areas of Excel training and Leadership Development.

## COMMUNITY

**To strengthen our foundations by reinforcing the links between member, club, zone and state.**

### 2019 Deliveries:

- Review of member and club resources are available on the website.
- Website search function implemented.
- Template for Zone Constitution distributed to all Zones.

## PARTICIPATION

**To engage members and volunteers in programs and opportunities across the pony club spectrum.**

### 2019 Deliveries:

- Pony Club WA represented at National and International level.
- Funding opportunity provided for Associate Riding Members to achieve coaching accreditations.
- Annual Awards event well supported through both nominations and attendance.
- Increase in accredited officials in showjumping, eventing, Active Riding and coaching.





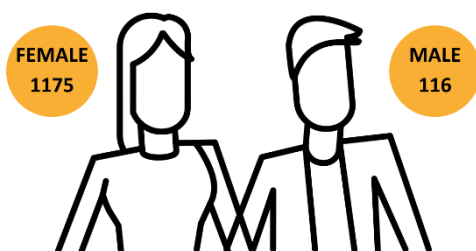
# OUR MEMBERS



2019 SAW A TOTAL OF 2,976 PONY CLUB WA MEMBERS

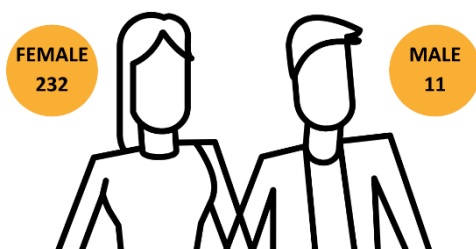
## ORDINARY RIDING MEMBERS

Riding member under the age of 17 yrs as of the 1st January.



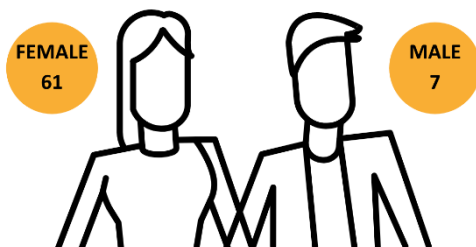
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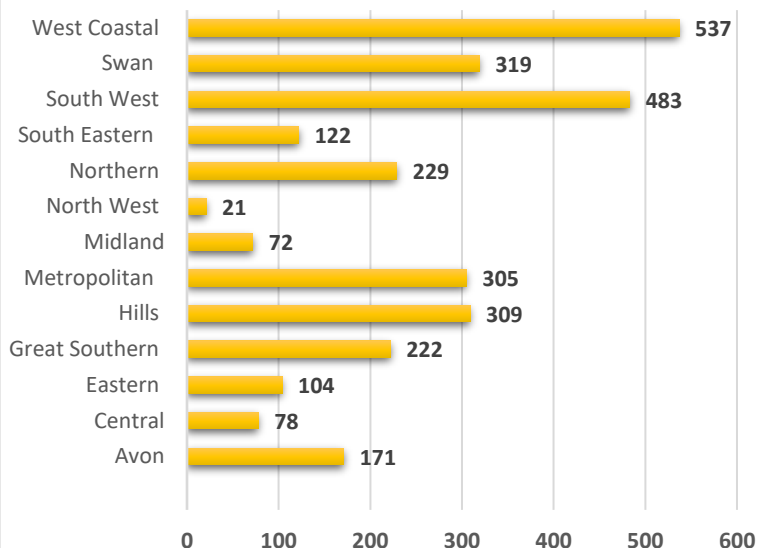


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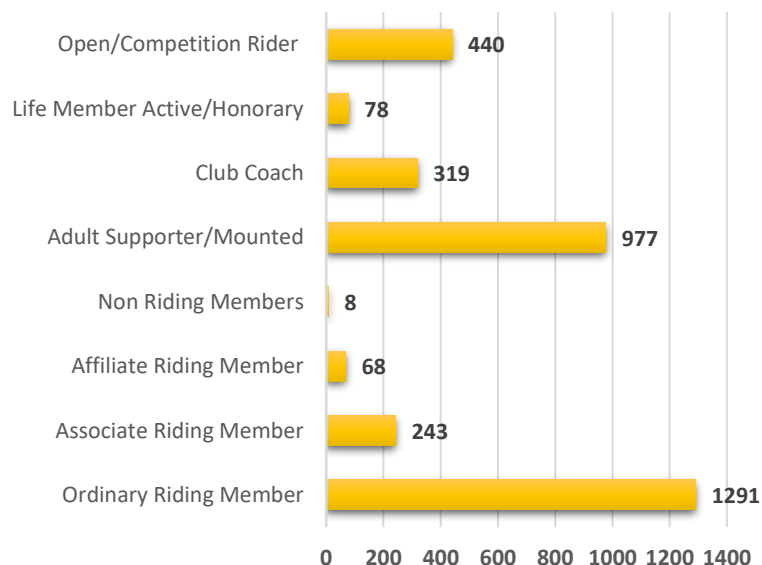
Riding member 25 yrs and older as of the 1st January.



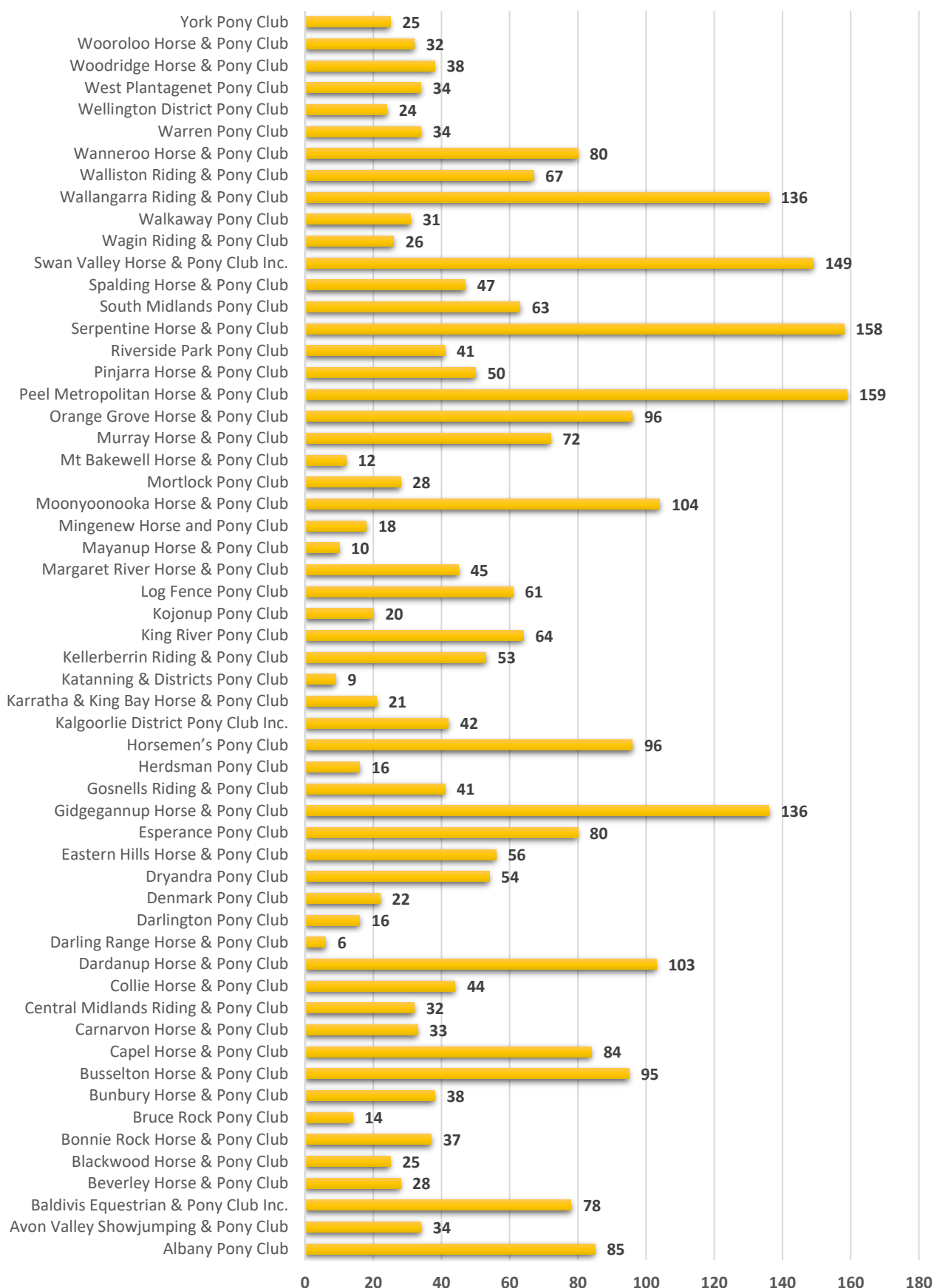
## NO. OF MEMBERS PER ZONE



## NO. OF MEMBERS PER CATEGORY



## NO. OF MEMBERS PER CLUB



## Social Media



### FACEBOOK

Grew from **3140** to

**3422** Likes

**8.98%** Increase



### INSTAGRAM

Grew from **975** to

**1195** Likes

**22.56%** Increase



### MAILCHIMP EBLASTS

The Pony Club Post has a weekly reach to **4017** Subscribers.

**56** Pony Club Post sent

**74** Individual Eblast sent

**3** Board Reports sent

**5** Coaching News sent



### WEBSITE

The Pony Club WA Website engages approximately

**5605** visitors monthly

## Event and Championship Participation

### PONY CLUB WA STATE ACTIVE RIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

**99 PARTICIPANTS**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 | Serpentine Horse & Pony Club

### PONY CLUB WA STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

**211 PARTICIPANTS**

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 | State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon

### PONY CLUB WA STATE EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP

**129 PARTICIPANTS**

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 | Dardanup Horse & Pony Club

### PONY CLUB WA STATE SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

**198 PARTICIPANTS**

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 | State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon

### PONY CLUB WA STATE TETRATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

**133 PARTICIPANTS**

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 | Dardanup Horse & Pony Club

### GO FOR 2&5 FESTIVAL

**60 PARTICIPANTS**

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 | Avon Valley SJ & Pony Club

### MILNE FEED STATE COACHING SCHOOL

**106 PARTICIPANTS**

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 | Orange Grove Horse and Pony Club



# ONGOING PROJECTS

## Healthway Projects



Healthway is a major partner of Pony Club WA through the Go for 2&5 message.

As well as supporting our State Championship Program and Festival, Healthway supports healthy initiatives and activities which encourage our members to live a healthy lifestyle through education about healthy food choices.

The activities fall under the Race Around the State programs where each club earns “kilometres” based on a range of activities that encourages healthy lifestyles and behaviours. This has grown in popularity in this, its second year and member engagement has been enthusiastic!

Healthy Kids Healthy Horses 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.

The recipe competition was hugely popular with over 72 recipes showcasing the skills of our members to whip up a healthy meal. The 8 winners all created recipes that were easy to follow, nutritious and looked delicious!

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. 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.

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.

## 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 2019 two Associate Riding Members; Nicola Lachenicht and Tessa Lill, completed the program achieving their PC NCAS Prelim Coaching Accreditation.

# Speed to Safety



This program is supported by Racing and Wagering WA through Careers in Racing. It is aimed at empowering 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.

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.

The 2019 Program this year included a “Behind the Scenes” track visit at Ascot racecourse and a Speed to Safety Event at Bunbury Turf Club. The Behind the Scenes visit was open to all ages and was a favourite by many, allowing the members to see what really happens at the track, even watching the jockeys do their fitness training and the horses being swam in the horse pool. The program was reviewed at the end of 2019 and the cross country competence being added as an alternative pre-requisite to Efficiency Certificate level. It is hoped that this will increase member accessibility to the program, especially in regional areas.

# Horseland WA Sponsored Pony Club Rider



Horseland WA stores formed close relationships with their 2018 sponsored riders so were enthusiastic about relaunching this program in 2019. A review of the program saw the introduction of training opportunities added to the sponsored rider benefits.

The application process aims to highlight not only riding achievements, but also member’s loyalty and contributions to their club. All applicants were invited to be in store for the announcements. This was exciting as we all tried to link to simultaneous store announcements state-wide.

The support of Horseland WA is greatly appreciated as it is an introduction for our successful members to the roles and responsibilities that come with being sponsored.





# ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES

## Member Forum

The aim of the Member Club Forum is to provide an opportunity for committee executives to network and discuss topics of relevance. It is held in conjunction with the Association Annual General Meeting and provides an invaluable information and networking opportunity for club delegates.

Topics at the 2019 Forum included the role of staff positions, an introduction to the new State Competition General Regulations, a sneak peek at the new Strategic Plan and how feedback from the 2019 Member Survey had been incorporated. Finally, the topic of insurance was explored as well as member benefits before moving into a Q&A session.

## Joint State Committee Meeting

A joint State Committee Meeting was held in June.

Our State Committees are essential cogs that turn the operational wheels of the Association. The importance of keeping our State Committees informed and up to date with governance and information is essential. It also provides an invaluable networking session to share ideas and initiatives.

The agenda covered information such as the Association Structure, Roles and Responsibilities of State Committees, Committee policies and procedures and finally help sessions that included understanding committee financial reports, sponsorship and conducting webinars.

## Member Surveys

A number of surveys were conducted over the year in line with the 2019-2021 Strategic Pillars of Connect and Community. Member feedback has featured strongly in forward planning for the 2020 State Showjumping Championships and DLGSCI Regional Funding for the Wheatbelt.

The State Coaching Panel and the State Showjumping Committee utilised surveys to gather feedback on 2019 events that they will use in the planning of 2020 events to ensure they are meeting member needs.

Registered Coaches have been surveyed regarding the new syllabus. Responses take a snapshot of where we are at with the roll out of the new Syllabus, where we need to be and how we might get there.

Finally, clubs and zones were surveyed to get an idea of both basic governance structures that are being implemented, and also how the role of zones is viewed. This information forms the basis for the first steps to

be taken towards the delivery of strategic objectives of both identifying and promoting the role and purpose of zone and assisting clubs and zones to improve functionality and effectiveness.

## Annual Awards

This was the 7th year the Pony Club WA Annual Awards Event has been held and what an amazing turn out we have seen from not only nominees but from all our members.

The Annual Awards provide members with an opportunity to recognise the contributions of our hard-working volunteers. The event encompasses not only State Awards but Annual Awards, Leaderboard placings, Go For 2&5 Race Around the State, Go For 2&5 Healthy Canteen Competition.

State Awards are recommended by clubs, zones and state committees and put before the Board of Pony Club WA for approval. They are prestigious awards recognising the outstanding contributions to Pony Club in WA.

Nominees in the Annual Award categories are nominated by members. All nominations are put to a selection panel where a winner in each category is chosen in accordance to the selection criteria for that category. 2019 saw an incredible increase of nominations received for the Annual Awards. The nominations include those who have been supporting the pony club movement for many years to those who are relatively new but have made an impact on our members.

The 2019 venue was Mulberry Estate. Feedback suggests that the location, affordability and family friendly venue was a huge success.

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2019 Annual Awards Evening, Horseland and to Off the Track, Wanneroo Trophy Shop, Healthway, WASCA, Bella Weddings and Events and Eric Lloyd Photography for their support throughout.





# 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.

#### Recipients:

1. **Georgia Shipp**  
*Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club*
2. **Kaitlin Goss**  
*Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club*



### MARGARET CAMPBELL AWARD SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD

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

#### Recipients:

3. **Kevin Gianatti**  
This award recognises Kevin's contribution to the sport of Showjumping. Kevin has generously shared his wealth of knowledge with the State Showjumping Committee for over 15 years.
4. **Sean Corbin**  
This award recognises Sean's contribution to the sport of Active Riding where he works tirelessly to coach riders and train officials. Sean is highly regarded by riders and their families and is always friendly and approachable.



### PONY CLUB WA STATE SERVICE CERTIFICATE - BRONZE

This Award is presented in recognition of an outstanding and supportive contribution to the ideals of The Pony Club for 5 – 10 years.

#### Recipient:

1. **Barbara Cook**  
In recognition of exceptional service to King River Pony Club, especially in her commitment to upgrading club's cross-country course.

### PONY CLUB WA STATE SERVICE CERTIFICATE – SILVER

This Award is presented in recognition of an outstanding and supportive contribution to the ideals of The Pony Club for 10-15 years.

#### Recipient:

#### Terri Crook

In recognition and appreciation of Terri's dedicated commitment and hard work in furthering the aims and objective of Pony Club WA.



## RAC Sports Star Award

### CHANNEL 7 PERTH TEAM OF THE YEAR

Nominee:

Pony Club WA Senior Tetrathlon Team

### THE WEST AUSTRALIA PAS SPORTS STAR AWARD

Nominee:

Kaitlin Goss

### HYUDAI JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Nominee:

Skye McMullen

### Healthway Healthy Club Award

Nominee/Winner:

York Pony Club

### KPMG COACH OF THE YEAR

Nominee:

Naomi Edmunds

### ROOBIX SERVICE TO SPORT AWARDS

Nominee:

Liz Ingham



# National Recognition

Recognises members who have represented Pony Club WA at a National Competition.

## Pony Club WA State Team

2019 PCA National Championships

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1. <b>Aaron Suvaljko</b><br>Serpentine HPC<br>Junior Mounted Games, Sub<br>Junior Tetrathlon      | 11. <b>Daniel Suvaljko</b><br>Serpentine HPC<br>Junior Tetrathlon, Junior<br>Eventing          | 21. <b>Katie Nicholls</b><br>Swan Valley HPC<br>Senior Tetrathlon               |
| 2. <b>Abby Green</b><br>Moonyoonooka HPC<br>Junior Eventing, Junior<br>Gymkhana                   | 12. <b>Dan Wiese</b><br>Dryandra PC<br>Junior Tetrathlon, Junior Quiz                          | 22. <b>Kayley Brahim</b><br>Baldivis EPC<br>Senior Eventing, Senior<br>Dressage |
| 3. <b>Adelaide Gibbs</b><br>Serpentine HPC<br>Senior Eventing, Senior<br>Mounted Games            | 13. <b>Ebony Johnson</b><br>Orange Grove HPC<br>Junior Mounted Games                           | 23. <b>Lauren Bassola</b><br>Swan Valley HPC<br>Sub Junior Tetrathlon           |
| 4. <b>Amber Patupis-Retsas</b><br>Esperance PC<br>Junior Showjumping                              | 14. <b>Emma Wiese</b><br>Dryandra PC<br>Junior Tetrathlon, Junior Quiz                         | 24. <b>Lauren Rowe</b><br>Mortlock PC<br>Junior Dressage                        |
| 5. <b>Anneke Williamson</b><br>Serpentine HPC<br>Junior Dressage, Junior<br>Eventing, Junior Quiz | 15. <b>Felicity Ericsson</b><br>King River Pony Club<br>Sub Junior Tetrathlon                  | 25. <b>Liam Elliott</b><br>York PC<br>Sub Junior Tetrathlon                     |
| 6. <b>Annie Herzer</b><br>Avon Valley SJPC<br>Senior Mounted Games                                | 16. <b>Georgia Goss</b><br>Eastern Hill HPC<br>Senior Tetrathlon, Senior Quiz                  | 26. <b>Olivia Crossen</b><br>Wanneroo HPC<br>Sub Junior Tetrathlon              |
| 7. <b>Ashleigh McNamee</b><br>Wallangarra RPC<br>Senior Mounted Games                             | 17. <b>Georgia Lowry</b><br>Serpentine HPC<br>Senior Eventing, Senior<br>Dressage, Senior Quiz | 27. <b>Rohan Smith</b><br>Wooroloo HPC<br>Junior Mounted Games                  |
| 8. <b>Bailey Renzullo</b><br>Gidgegannup HPC<br>Junior Tetrathlon                                 | 18. <b>Hollie Mather</b><br>York PC<br>Junior Eventing, Junior<br>Tetrathlon                   | 28. <b>Ryan Frantom</b><br>Eastern Hills HPC<br>Senior Mounted Games            |
| 9. <b>Bill Wiese</b><br>Dryandra PC<br>Senior Tetrathlon, Senior Quiz                             | 19. <b>Jordan McNamee</b><br>Wallangarra RPC<br>Senior Mounted Games                           | 29. <b>Savannah Beveridge</b><br>West Plantagenet PC<br>Junior Dressage         |
| 10. <b>Brooke Bishop</b><br>Dardanup HPC<br>Senior Tetrathlon                                     | 20. <b>Joseph Suvaljko</b><br>Serpentine HPC<br>Junior Tetrathlon, Junior<br>Mounted Games     | 30. <b>Siobhan Nicholls</b><br>Swan Valley HPC<br>Senior Tetrathlon             |

31. **Sophie Horton**  
Gidgegannup HPC  
Junior Tetrathlon

34. **Candice McNab**  
Team Manager Mounted  
Games

37. **Naomi Edmunds**  
Team Coach Dressage,  
Tetrathlon

32. **Roxie Taylor**  
Team Manager Eventing

35. **Ferne Faulkner**  
Team Manager Dressage

38. **Natasha Naylor**  
Team Coach Eventing,  
Showjumping, Gymkhana, Quiz

33. **Fiona Horton**  
West Plantagenet PC  
Team Manager Tetrathlon

36. **Sean Corbin**  
Team Coach Mounted Games

39. **Shaun Lowry**  
Team WA Chef d'Equipe



## International Recognition

Recognises members who have represented Pony Club Australia at an International Competition or Event.

### Interpacific Exchange

1. **Kaitlin Goss**  
Eastern Hills HPC

### International Mounted Games Exchange

1. **Skye McMullen**  
South Midlands PC

### Tri Nations Cup

1. **Kaitlin Goss**  
Eastern Hills HPC

### Tri Nations Cup - China Pony Club Team

1. **Vanessa Davis**  
Avon Valley SJP



### China Tours Representatives

1. **Rebecca Curran**  
Visited Nanjing

2. **Rohan Smith**  
Visited Nanning/Hainan

3. **Chesney Dawson**  
Visited Beijing



# STATE COACHING PANEL

## MISSION

The State Coaching Panel (The Panel) 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 – Heather Wyllie
- Secretary – Nyrell Williams
- PCA Representative (to August 2019) - Denise Legge
- CAC Representative (from 1 September 2019) – Heather Wyllie
- Treasurer – Nyrell Williams
- Board Representation – Nyrell Williams
- PC NCAS PC State Coordinators – Denise Legge / Tracy Talbot / Natasha Naylor
- A, B & H State Coordinator - Sue Britza
- C\* State Coordinator - Ferne Faulkner
- K State Coordinator - Heather Wyllie

With the loss of external funding in 2019, the Panel has adopted a user pays system for the coaching and rider development schools. This has required us to “work smarter, not harder” and find alternate delivery methods for development across the State with great results.

## COACH DEVELOPMENT

With the further development of the Coaching Webinars, the Panel was able to roll out a coaching school webinar series, giving a time and cost-effective alternative to one- or two-day schools. This series attracted more attendees and resulted in a record number of new coaching accreditations at both Preliminary and Level 1.

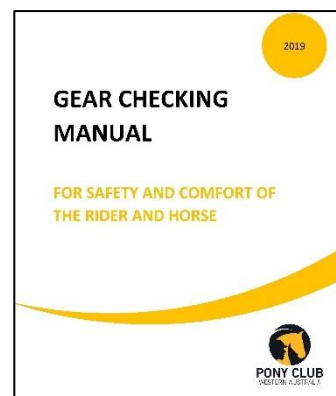
## RIDER DEVELOPMENT

2019 has been an encouraging year for the riders too. We have seen good certificate results across the levels from E to C\* / K, plus we have had two riders achieve their B Certificate this year, with others ready for assessment in the New Year.



## GEAR CHECKING ADVISORY PANEL

The Gear Checking Advisory Panel has continued to work hard to provide advice and education to Accredited Gear Checkers, coaches and riders this year. All clubs are now compliant with the requirement to have an AGC on their strength return, with many clubs now holding multiple AGC's. The GCAP have continuously reviewed the Gear Checking Manual to keep in line with the Equestrian Australia guidelines and constantly changing trends in tack with the ultimate aim of Safety and Comfort for the Horse and Rider.



## PLANS FOR 2020

The implementation of the new PCA Syllabus and the introduction of the Equine Science to Pony Club will bring a new set of challenges to the Panel as we work find the best way to deliver these changes to the club coaches. With a variety of learning options available, including webinars and online courses, as well as the traditional face to face schools, we anticipate being able to provide a higher level of support to a wider audience of coaches, both metropolitan and regional.



# 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

2019 has been a lot quieter year on the gear-checking front, this is mainly due to so many more educated members out there. We are not finding quite so many reports of wrong gear coming in through our gear checking report forms from events. Congratulations to our members for their diligence in getting their gear compliant with the Pony Club WA gear checking rules.

We have conducted quite a few gear-checking clinics again this year, far and wide from Carnarvon in the North to Albany in the South. With the introduction of our online clinics, it will make it easier for members who are from the out reaching clubs to be able to get accredited. With having only the two presenters, it is a bit of a stretch for us to get to everyone. In 2020, we do hope to train up at least one more, which will ease the burden a bit.

Our panel continued to review gear with safety and horse welfare in mind.

Not a lot of new gear came to our attention in 2019, our manual does have so many options for different types of gear that we might be just getting it right now.

The 2020 manual does not have any major changes, so those with the 2019 manual should be able to just write in the changes that will come through or print out the page that has changes, from the Pony Club WA website and replace.

We do recommend that all clubs do purchase one hard copy to keep in office.

GCAP would like to thank Jacinta Withoud for her help with the presenting of the gear checking clinics this year. I would also like to thank the GCAP panel for all their hard work throughout the year.

## OUR VISION FOR 2020

Our vision for 2020 is to run more online clinics, along with the face-to-face ones. Have a few 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.

**Dianne Ould**  
*Chairperson*  
*Gear Checking Advisory Panel*

# Milne Feeds State Coaching School

## *Event Report*

For the third year running Pony Club WA held its annual State Coaching School at the delightful Karinya Equestrian Park grounds. Over a hundred coaches from across WA and 2 ladies from the NT attended the School. The environmental conditions were less than perfect with the risk of bush fires from the Armadale area to wild winds on Saturday and a heat wave on the Sunday. The School did not officially have a theme, but it might have been Science and Safety.

It was certainly windy on the Saturday for the start of the day. But this did not deter Sophie Warren who gave a very useful lesson on using limited Show Jumping Equipment - purchasing jumps and then having the volunteers to put them up is a constant challenge for clubs.

Philippa Collier unravelled the mysteries of what was required at the higher level of Pony Club Certificates in terms of rider position, engagement and correct aids.

Dr Portland Jones engaged the coaches with a presentation on Biomechanics - and if we think coordinating 2 legs is difficult then try it with 4! Post lunch coaches had the opportunity to learn about Float Safety and Maintenance, Lunging and Saddle Fitting. The latter given by Lou Collins who had lots of Wintec freebies to give away as well as lots of very sensible advice.

Ian Crawford wrapped up the formal coaching sessions for the Saturday with his energetic presentation on managing difficult personalities (and we all know some of those!) We were then treated to a delightful display by Jess Neale and her vaulters and well as Wendy Cumming (PCA Coach of the year 2018) talking about her particularity philosophy on coaching.

The Sunday was warm, and coaches had the choice of Showing, Games with the ever-popular Dan Foster and for a more intimate group Lead Line ideas and exercises with Jan Lawrie. Sophie Warren took the opportunity to show coaches just how effective "aggressive cooling techniques " were after her second SJ coaching session of the weekend. The use of a thermometer and heart rate monitor proved beyond doubt that if you use the right techniques your horse will be cooler and recover faster.

Diane Bennit and Jenni Bowman gave a very informative and useful presentation on Large Animal Rescue. Michelle Meylan from Milne Feeds (Naming Rights Sponsor) enlightened us as to how we feed or should feed our horses. The School concluded with an update from Dr. Portland Jones on the new Pony Club Australia Syllabus - this will include an element of Equine Science and the rider educational documents will be on-line, as PCA have teamed with Sports Australia to use their online LMS platform.



**J Denise Legge**  
*Event Coordinator*





# SPORTS COMMITTEES REPORTS

## State Active Riding Committee

### MISSION

Active Riding is a great equestrian sport at Pony Club and develops riding skills, teamwork and partnership with your horse. It is fun for competitors and exciting for spectators. Our mission is to continue to offer exciting events in the discipline and try to expand our rider participation numbers by offering new events such as the pairs competition and highlighting opportunities in active riding by hosting the IMGE in 2020.

### LEADERSHIP

The committee has been run by a strong band of loyal games enthusiasts with Kylie Hall as our Chairperson doing a very good job.

It has been good to see some new faces on the committee with the appointment of Jacqui Van Rensburg and the return of Marc Fraser.

IMGE continues to offer our riders the opportunity for personal leadership development.

### HIGHLIGHTS

This year has again been a busy one for active riding with two teams heading to Sydney for the National Championships. Both the Junior and Senior teams finished in second place which is extremely good behind NSW the hosting State. Thank you to Sean Corbin the coach for both teams and Candice McNabb the Team Manager.

The final in the Pairs series was again held at the Perth Royal Show and was a very well run and attended event. With almost 20 pairs teams competing despite it being held during the time our National riders were away.

Skye McMullin attended the IMGE in Colorado USA and ably represented WA on the Australian team. They are to be congratulated as they won this event.

### PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Numbers have been down at our Qualifier and State Championships in both the novelties and PPMG.

We have attempted to address this by introducing the pairs series which seems popular with good numbers at the Royal Show.

Next year we will offer riders the opportunity to qualify for novelties at the qualifier as some zones have not been holding Zone Selections. Hopefully this will help to boost Novelty numbers.

We have qualified three new Chief Stewards this year: Kylie Hall, Marc Fraser and Candice Dahlstrom. Congratulations to them and thank you to Sean Corbin for the training.

## REWARD AND RECOGNITION

The Active Riding Committee should be recognised as they put many hours into organising and running the many events we hold over the year. Without their efforts none of this would happen.

Special thanks to Sean and Candice for getting the Nationals team ready for competition with many training sessions and for accompanying them to Nationals.

Thanks also to our sponsors and the office at PONY CLUB WA for their support with the many requests we put to them. Thank you to Avon Valley H&PC and Serpentine H&PC for hosting our Qualifier and Championships.

Thank you to Scott McNamee for comparing at our events as this makes them so much more exciting and for embroidering our rugs.

## OUR VISION FOR 2020

To increase the profile of Active Riding by continuing to hold events throughout the year and hosting the 2020 IMGE at the Perth Royal Show.

We would also like to increase the leadership roles our Associate riders play in the sport perhaps in the role of coaches and further develop our pool of Officials by continuing to offer training in this area.



# State Dressage Committee

## MISSION

To promote dressage and encourage participation across all levels.

## LEADERSHIP

The Dressage Committee worked as a cohesive team to deliver a successful and enjoyable weekend for riders across all levels.

## HIGHLIGHTS

It is good to see riders progressing through the levels and following a clear pathway with the new tests that have been introduced. Although it rained on the Friday night it didn't dampen the rider's spirits for the weekend as we were blessed with great weather for the rest of the Championships. The silent auction and raffle were very well supported with fantastic items available. A huge thanks to everyone who donated to these two fundraisers as I think a few people grabbed a bargain.

## PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Over the last three years with the introduction of the Friday night tests it is fantastic to see that entries have increased. Riders are now able to compete from Preliminary right thru to PSG.

## REWARD AND RECOGNITION

Over the two and a half days there were 358 entries and 627 tests ridden from clubs as far as Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Albany and the South West Coast. Families being able to camp and catch up with old friends and make new friends is a highlight of the weekend.

## OUR VISION FOR 2020

Over the past three years the Committee has worked hard to expand the Championship schedule and clarify the rules. The higher-level riders have more classes they can enter which brings them back each year and aspires the younger riders to compete at the higher levels. We are working on a clearer pathway for officials.



# State Eventing Committee

## MISSION

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

## LEADERSHIP

The 2019 committee has brought with its valuable knowledge and skills, which has culminated in a successful year for the sport. Rules changes have continued 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

Sending two eventing teams to Nationals. With Senior rider Adelaide Gibbs picking up 3rd overall and the junior team 5th overall.

The State Championships at Dardanup Pony Club had increased numbers with the introduction of a non-championship 65 class. Course builder Martin Hellier presented a very challenging cross-country course that was up to a championship standard from PC 65cm to PC 110cm.

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

## PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Rider levies were collected over the year and contributed towards a TD & CD seminar held at Murray PC in May which provided continued training and professional development of our Technical Delegates (TD) and Cross-Country Course Designers/Builders.

The development of our technical and cross-country officials is one of our main priorities to with ongoing training and assessment in 2020.

The committee is extremely happy that we have three Technical Delegates (TD) that gained accreditation in 2019 with additional trainee TD's & CD's commencing training in 2020.

## VISION FOR 2020

To continue to support our existing TD's & CD's and promote XC safety through training of our current and trainee XC CD's and interested parties.

To promote a rider squad for development of those competitors interested in competing in all levels of eventing.

To provide support and advice to host clubs in running compliant and safe events that all competitors can continue to enjoy.

Seek engagement with experts on sustainable guidelines for medical and veterinary services at eventing competitions around the state.

Encourage participation in the sport through a positive and supportive culture.



# State Showjumping Committee

## MISSION

The Showjumping Committee's 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.

## LEADERSHIP

The Showjumping Committee comprises of eight members representing West Coastal, Hills, Great Southern and Swan zones. We are very fortunate to have Fred Freeman, Wanda Longley and Kevin Gianatti, who no longer have children at pony club but bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Committee. We would like to thank two members who are leaving the Committee, being Bernadette O'Meara and Jenni Bowman, your support and input has been appreciated. We welcome two new members being Stephen Jones and Amy Kennedy.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ***State Championships***

The State Showjumping Championships were held at the State Equestrian Centre in May, the weather again was perfect! We would like to thank all our sponsors including Brigid Woss, Living Roses, Ovarit Jumps, Equine World, Kalamunda Pharmacy, Jumping EWA, Milne Feeds, Landmark Midvale, Jump 4 Joy, Anitone, International Animal Health Products, Two Queens, Healthway, Perk Up with Me, The State Equestrian Centre, Horseland Midland, Passing Paws, Gallagher, Jump 4 Joy and Hamag.

There were 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: Composite team from Hills. Northern and South West Zone, 90cm: Central, 100cm: South West, 110cm: Northern/South East Zone.

Club team events including the Brigid Woss sponsored Equitation and in 2019, it was won by Serpentine Horse and Pony Club. Brigid Woss also offered an Encouragement Bursary to be used to further develop equitation and showjumping skills in their riders, this was awarded to Moonyoonooka Pony Club. The Michele Wilkie Perpetual, to recognise the high point rider in the equitation class, had equal first place awarded to Nicola Lachenicht and Ruby Rae. The Showjumping Team Event was won by Serpentine and the Team Challenge by Capel. Off the Track also partnered with the State SJ Committee to recognise Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds that have become successful riding combinations, this was awarded to Brandon Ivic and Parkview Amy.

With five arenas and heights from 60cm-1.10m, we appreciate the hard work and dedication shown by all the accredited Judges and Course Designers over the weekend. 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 2020. 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!

## **Nationals**

The Showjumping Committee also wish to congratulate Amber Patupis-Retsas and her pony, Eucla Park Osca, for representing Pony Club Western Australia in Showjumping at Pony Club Nationals in October. We appreciate all your hard work and effort to travel and compete at Sydney! Congratulations are also extended to Kaitlin Goss who represented the Showjumping discipline in the Tri-Nations Cup. Australia placed second in the Tri-Nation Competition that included China, France and Australia.

## **Other Events**

The SJ Committee Annual Zone Showjumping held in April at the Wanneroo Horse and Pony Club, is a fundraiser for the State Championships, and is an official Zones selection event for the championships. At this event we also offered blue ribbon classes to our green rider and horses to give them exposure to a competition in a safe and friendly environment. Our numbers were down in 2019 but we are planning for 2020 to be an attractive event, and this will be held at Peel Horse and Pony Club on the 14th March.

At the Perth Royal Show, the Pony Club Showjumping Classes had a small number of entries. The quality of the combinations was excellent- with only a few rails down, I believe more jumps fell due to the very trying weather conditions!

The Royal Show Committee again 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. This was a great event, with the horses and ponies taking in the huge show environment and competing with great show of skill and horsemanship. This event was won by the Team USA with riders Ruby Rae, Katelyn Skalecki, Sophie Bragge and Brandon Ivic. Congratulations to all who participated. It was very rewarding for the Committee to receive feedback from the riders and parents, that they enjoyed their time representing Pony Club WA at the Show.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

In 2019 two country zones have partnered with The Showjumping Committee to hold Officials Training, these were held in Geraldton and Kalgoorlie. FEI Course Designer, Fred Freeman, conducted the training covering Course Designing and basic Judging. Our thanks go to Careers in Racing (RWWA) who sponsored some of the expenses of the Officials Training.

A third Development of Officials Workshop is planned to be held at Capel Horse and Pony Club late in 2019. As mentioned we will be holding Judging and Course Designing Official Training at Peel Horse and Pony Club on 13-14 March 2020 along with our Showjumping Fundraiser, that will also be a Zone qualifier.

Pony Club Showjumping Committee have focused on Training of Officials this year. We have introduced a new Officials pathway. All Showjumping Officials now need to be recredited every three years. This includes attending an Official Training Workshop within the 3 year period and minimum standards need to be attained. We are encouraging more individuals to become accredited, and we will match you with a mentor to assist you with your progress along the pathway to accreditation. Application forms are available on the pony club website.

## **RULES**

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 2020 Show Jump Reference Document will be available early 2020 on the Pony Club WA website, this will also outline the Zone, team and possible individual classes that will be held at the state SJ championships. 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.

## OUR VISION FOR 2020

Pony Club WA State Showjumping Championships will be held on the 22-24 May 2020, we are considering a new venue in 2020, this will be announced early in the year.

The Committee have planned to engage with Zones to hold Officials accreditation training, the first one is scheduled at Peel Horse and Pony Club on 13 & 14 March and another planned for a country club down "south". Any zones or club that have members wanting to become Officials we encourage you to contact us.

The Showjumping Committee are excited to be launching a Showjumping Squad to provide an opportunity for showjumping combinations to be supported by mentoring and to assist with increasing skills, knowledge and experiences. The aim is to increase participation in the showjumping discipline and encourage combinations with potential to compete at higher levels. Please see the pony club website for further details.



# State Tetrathlon Committee

## MISSION

To grow the sport of Tetrathlon in WA and Australia.

## LEADERSHIP

State Tetrathlon Committee; Amanda Mather, Charis Neumann, Vikki Goss, Kate Bragge, Eliza Dowling, Nikita McWhirt, Georgia Goss. Chairperson; Sarah Wiese. Significant and much appreciated support from the state office in particular Lou Hardwick and Trudi Hall.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### *State*

The 2019 State Tetrathlon Championships at Dardanup saw record participation numbers with 130 competitors. The Hickstead format enabled lower competition heights to be offered and this has encouraged a growth in the sport in the younger age groups.

### *National*

The results for Team WA at the PCA National Championships in Tetrathlon were spectacularly successful. WA fielded three full teams with 16 tetrathletes competing; 5 senior, 6 junior and 5 sub junior. The Senior team placed first, Junior team second and Sub-Junior team third. Both the Senior and the Junior National Individual champions were from WA. In the senior competition the WA athletes placed 1st, 3rd, 5th, 10th and 14th out of 20 competitors. In the Junior Competition the WA athletes placed 1st, 5th, 6th, 13th, 18th and 23rd out of 30 competitors. In the Sub-Junior Competition the WA athletes placed 3rd, 14th, 15th, 19th and 20th out of 20 competitors. The results are even more of an achievement given the majority of WA competitors rode borrowed horses while all other states were using their own horse.

### *International*

Pony Club WA have endorsed 4 nominees to apply for the International Tetrathlon Exchange to the UK in July and August.

## PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

In the last year and half the number of Tetrathlon events has increased markedly, making it possible for Tetrathlon enthusiasts to participate in a Tetrathlon season. From Dec 2018 to May 2019 there were 6 tetrathlons held at; Orange Grove, Avon Valley, York, Dryandra, Dardanup and Priory Park. The 2019/2020 season looks set to also include 6 events with Priory Park, Mortlock, Dryandra, York, Avon Valley and State Champs at Dardanup.

Running a competition season on the shoulders of the traditional autumn to spring competition season does have some organisational challenges (and some hot events!) but with the increasing awareness and support for tetrathlon, more riders are ensuring they have a horse ready to compete early in the calendar year. The advantage for the Tetrathlon season is that as many of the riders are more 'sports minded' the Tetrathlon season does not clash with the winter netball, hockey and football seasons.

Plans are underway to develop a high performance pathway in Tetrathlon. This is planned to be initiated with invitation letters sent to athletes based on performance at the State Championships with two training camp weekends to be held in the second half of the year.

## REWARD AND RECOGNITION

2020 has seen Tetrathlon added to the Pony Club WA Sports Leaderboards which will significantly increase the recognition and reward for riders in the Tetrathlon discipline. With both Senior and Junior teams for PCA Nationals having more applicants than spaces, selection to be part of the Tetrathlon team was an exciting achievement for those selected.

## OUR VISION FOR 2020

To encourage participation and recognition of Tetrathlon.

We aim to do this by;

1. Hosting a successful State Championship.
2. Supporting and encouraging clubs to host club Tetrathlon events.
3. Improving the performance of individuals in Tetrathlon through increased competition opportunity, increased recognition of tetrathlon as a discipline and the development of high-performance pathways.
4. Support the training and development of officials to increase knowledge of coaching and officiating the Tetrathlon disciplines.
5. Improve the perception of Tetrathlon as a fun sport to be involved in and an enjoyable group of people to be associated with.



# Go For 2&5 Festival Taskforce

## **'FESTIVAL OF FUN'**

Avon Valley Showjumping and Pony Club hosted the biennial Pony Club WA 2019 Go for 2&5 Festival on the weekend of 15-16<sup>th</sup> June. Riders from more than 20 different clubs from as far as Wellington Pony Club in the South West travelled to Northam to compete in this grass roots event. Riding disciplines included showjumping, dressage, showhorse, active riding and the very popular fancy dress event which, in keeping with our sponsors key message of 'Go for 2&5' had a Fruit and Veg theme. Popular costume choices included fruit salad with a cherry on top and bananas in pyjamas as well as chilli's, grapes and avocados.

Local club members from Avon Showjumping & Riding Club were instrumental in making the event a memorable experience for all our young riders.

Thank you to the Taskforce of Kylie Hall, Wanda Longley, Jess Joy, Katelin Fantuz, Wendy Boyle and staff member Lou Hardwick for providing our grass roots riders with such a wonderful experience.



# State Hickstead and Hunter Trials Committee

## **MISSION**

Our vision cited in our report in 2018 became our mission for 2019:

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 organise for clubs with limited or no cross-country courses. To increase the number of Hickstead/Hunter Trials Inspectors through social media to parents, Associate members and members of the equestrian community.

## **LEADERSHIP**

The Hickstead/Hunter Trials Sports Committee is small, but effective in the reviewing of the rules annually to make sure that we provide a user-friendly document for parents, riders, organisers and officials. Our Chairperson, Dianne Ould has been a great “go to person” for our new Inspectors.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The lateral thinking by Horsemen’s Pony Club to run a Hunter Trial within the boundary of their enclosed arenas for the younger riders. It has proved to be a hit and will continue for 2020. Dardanup Pony Club have scheduled their first Hickstead for 2019.

## **PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Pathway developed for Inspectors has added three new officials to the list: Paula Vaughan, Log Fence; Jacqui van Rensburg, Horsemen’s; and Juanita Brewer, Wanneroo.

We also are investigating becoming part of the Leader Board series for both Hickstead and Hunter Trials. The Sports Committee is also looking at the possibility of holding a State Hickstead in 2021. Also, on the drawing board is to encourage sponsorship of OTT at Hickstead/Hunter Trial Events.

## **REWARD AND RECOGNITION**

The committee would like to acknowledge the work done by our Inspectors over the past year and those that have mentored our newly accredited Inspectors.

## **OUR VISION FOR 2020**

Our vision for 2020, is to have a succession plan for our sports committee by inviting parents, officials and associate members to join the group from the participating club. This year we have utilized GoTo Meeting format, which has proved very successful in accommodating our country members.

We also hope to place in the calendar dates for workshops, so that those interested can plan their yearly calendar.

Through the use of our new FB page, we would invite all clubs holding their Hickstead/Hunter Trials to advertise their events to increase participation and exposure to the wider Pony Club community. We hope this page will also be used as a discussion forum to grow the sport – participation, the number of clubs running the events, and an increase of accredited Inspectors.

**Dianne Ould**  
*Chairperson*



# Nationals Taskforce

## MISSION

The overall Mission of the Nationals Taskforce is to organise and encourage participation of riders over 10 years old to attend the biennial Pony Club Australia National Championships.

## LEADERSHIP

The Nationals Taskforce had representation from all sports disciplines which encouraged a team approach to communicating with riders, parents and sports committees.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The tenacity of the Tetrathlon Sports Committee to think outside the square in the introduction of loan horses for Tet riders and the modification of running and swimming times to have a more equitable competition.

Another highlight was the number of riders that WA sent over compared to other Nationals years and the number of sub junior and junior riders who attended, which hopefully will be the Junior and /or Senior riders of the future.

We had some outstanding individual and team results at the Nationals 2019.

## PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

We initially had 80 expressions of interest at the beginning of the 2019, which resulted in 31 riders attending across all disciplines. In Dressage we had riders in the sub-junior, junior and senior teams. Eventing had a junior and senior team. Tetrathlon had full teams in sub junior, junior and senior teams with reserves in place. Mounted Games fielded full teams in Junior and Senior Teams with reserves. Showjumping and Formal Gymkhana had one rider attend and we had a junior and senior team for the Pony Club Quiz Competition.

It was encouraging to see that not all the riders came from the Metro area – but all across the State, even one rider from the far South West.

We developed a Face book page just for Team WA, where information about the event, travelling and tips could be posted from previous participants of Nationals.

## REWARD AND RECOGNITION

The Taskforce would like to recognise the partnership with office staff member, Sally Mayall and the parents, riders and coaches over the 9 months of preparation. In addition to the work of our sponsorship coordinator, Tahna Lambert in obtaining items for the raffle and Silent Auction.

To the coaches, a few who had to multi -task across the disciplines – a big thank you for giving up your time. The coaches' position is not paid – so we very much appreciate their generosity of time and earnings. A special mention to Natasha Naylor, who coached Eventing, Showjumping and coached riders through webinars for the Quiz Competition resulting in our Junior Team taking out 2nd.

## OUR VISION FOR 2020

We hope that the next Taskforce will begin planning mid - 2020 for the Nationals in 2021. We have already been given a venue: Benalla Equestrian Reserve, Victoria; date: the 26th September to 2 October.

The foundations are now in place thanks to the work of the Taskforce and hopefully we can endeavour to do more fundraising to offset costs as well as more team training sessions.



**Wanda Longley**  
*Chairperson*



# ZONE REPORTS

## Central Zone

2019 has been a very successful year for the Central Zone. While the Central Zone now only comprises of two clubs, Wagin and Dryandra, these clubs have been busy providing opportunities for their members to learn and to compete.

### **DRYANDRA**

Dryandra has had 22 riding members in 2019 with a good attendance at the rallies and at two camps. Many members have achieved their next level of certificates with 5 members achieving C\*, 3 achieving C, 2 achieving D\* and 7 achieving D.

Dryandra started the year with their Tetrathlon in March, giving many riders from around the state a practice and qualifier for the State Tetrathlon a few weeks later.

Dryandra members Bill, Dan and Emma Wiese and Holly Dowling competed at the State Tetrathlon Championships in Dardanup. The Dryandra team of Bill, Dan and Emma Wiese placed second in the 90/105 Championship class.

In May, Dryandra members Dan Wiese, Emma Wiese, Josie Skerritt, Danee Bairstow and Jess Townsend competed at the State Show Jumping Championships. The highlight being the Central Zone Team of Dan, Emma, and Danee winning the 90cm Zone Teams competition. The Dryandra Club Team of Dan, Emma, Danee and Josie also placed second in the Team Event and sixth in the Brigid Woss Equitation competition.

In August Annalyce Page represented Dryandra at the State Dressage Championships and was very successful in the individual Preparatory competitions.

Dryandra ran a successful One Day Event again in September. Over 100 members competed and it was a great effort by the small Dryandra club for putting on such a well-run event.

In October Bill, Dan and Emma Wiese represented Pony Club WA at the Pony Club National Championships in Sydney, in Tetrathlon and the Quiz. All three achieved fantastic results, with Dan winning the individual Junior Tetrathlon Champion and Bill part of the Senior Champion Tetrathlon Team.

Dryandra hosted the horse event at the Narrogin Show this year. Show jumping, hacking and novelties were included, with many of our young members enjoying this type of event.

The major grounds development project at Dryandra this year has been to financially support the adult riding club DREA in purchasing two paddocks adjacent to the grounds. This has secured sufficient space for dressage arenas and camping to guarantee that both clubs will be able to host large events in the future. Rather than complicate the asset ownership, an MOU provides Dryandra Pony Club with access to the land for 25 years.

## **WAGIN**

Wagin has had a busy year hosting five events over the 12 months, the main ones being Woolorama in March and Gymkhanarama in September.

Although the Wagin membership was small, the 11 members attended most rallies throughout the year. This year 2 riders completed their D Certificate, 1 rider their E Certificate with 3 riders to sit for their C Certificates early in the New Year.

With the small membership Wagin is continuing to stay financial by holding training events open to the zone as well as clubs outside of our zone. This year Wagin held 2 show jump training days, the last in July was a combination training day of Dressage and Show Jumping. Membership numbers will hopefully improve next year as there is a wave of new lead line riders coming of age.

**Sarah Wiese**  
*Zone President*

## **Eastern Zone**

Once again I would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers within the Zone for their efforts in 2019, the Committee – Linda Vernon as Treasurer, Emma Wilson as Secretary and everyone who has made an effort during the year to come to meetings, also our event secretary Rachel Jones and X Country Designer Bethany Moore for your work in heading up our Zone One day event which is a lot of work for a small group of people. Pony Club is a volunteer organisation and I think it's really important for us to continue the culture of giving back to the club and Zone that supports our young riders, and to encourage all our current riders to look ahead to where they are able to support their club voluntarily – whether its in a coaching or administrative role.

This year we held only one Zone camp which was at Bonnie Rock, it was well supported with 35 riders and a good mix of ages and certificate levels. The Zone One Day Event had good numbers, with approximately 130 riders and once again was a well organised event with very few issues. Work on the course for this year's event is scheduled to start reasonably soon as we hope to be able to fully utilize the course in our Zone camp which will be held on the long weekend in June. Within our zone during the year members attended ag shows at Bencubbin, Koorda, Kellerberrin and Bruce Rock, with Bruce Rock also holding a gymkhana. All were well attended as was Kellerberrin's 'showjumping spectacular' event. Bonnie Rock had their first junior team for some time attend the Prince Phillip Games Zone Run off in Northam, with 2 senior riders in a composite team going on the state championships at Serpentine and placing 6th overall, with several placings in the novelties also.

One of the biggest issues facing our clubs as always is membership. We lose the majority of our older members as they hit high school age and many head off to boarding school which because of the distance makes it really hard to continue riding. It is not just those going to boarding school we are losing though, and I believe we have to look at our association and what we are offering our older members, and somehow find a way to encourage those older teenagers to stay involved.

Thank you to everyone who attended today's AGM, and those who took time to send their apologies, looking forward to another great year with some fantastic people involved in a truly amazing sport.

**Suzi Sprigg**

# Great Southern Zone

I would like to start by thanking Sarah and Denise for the roles they have executed during my term as the President. Their dedication to maintaining outstanding governance and determination to value add to the Zone and the clubs that it represents has been tireless and appreciated.

This year has seen some fantastic results at all the State Championship Events and most clubs have provided representation. The sportsmanship and comradery of riders at a zone level at all events has been exemplary and is to be commended. I wish all riders travelling to Sydney for Interschools and Pony Club Nationals the very best and enjoy the opportunity and atmosphere, as it is a fantastic opportunity.

Many clubs have hosted outside coaches and this has been strongly supported by the Zone with their financial contribution to assist with providing a financial contribution to bettering the skills of riders, coaches and officials within our region.

Once again, the Zone has been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the forth coming year and this has opened up some fantastic opportunity for the Zone to assist members in their riding and personal development.

The new constitution is currently awaiting approval to be endorsed and a certificate of incorporation should be available in the next week, which will be forwarded to the incoming executive. I wish them the very best and look forward to seeing the direction the Zone heads.

**Bernadette O'Meara**  
*Zone President*

# Hills Zone

The Hills Zone clubs is made up of Gidgegannup, Walliston, Eastern Hills, Wooroloo, Mt Bakewell and Darlington Pony Clubs and in 2019 we had a member base of 158 riders. We as a Zone have traditionally had a strong charter of running training and competition days for members in our zone as well as having a strong emphasis on training members through their C\*/K level certificates and also the training of instructors within our zone. We are fortunate to have a member of the Coaching Panel Sue Britza as our Coach Coordinator who each year puts together our program of C\* Schools and exams and this last year included a training day for PC coaches state-wide re the new syllabus. Thank you to Sue for continued dedication to the education of our coaches and riders.

Within our General Committee is our sub-committees of each discipline whose role it is to run training and competitions for each discipline. We traditionally begin the year with our Eventing sub-committee running a XC training day and in 2019 this was run on 15th April at Gidgegannup with 22 riders attending 2 hour slots with such quality coaches as Naomi Edmunds, Philippa Collier and Dave Carey. The day resulted in a profit for the zone of approx. \$600 – well done to our Eventing sub-committee. In a new initiative for 2019 the SJ and Dressage committees came together and coordinated by Chloe Moon to run a Combined Zone Training and competition weekend at Gidgegannup in July incorporating SJ training and dressage protocol tests on one day and the Hazel Pither SJ Comp and the Waldon Cup and Zone Dressage Challenge on the other day. While numbers were moderate those in attendance thought the concept a great success and we hope we can grow this into the future. Active Riding committee had their school, comp and Zone run off at Walliston and several members then went on to compete at the State Champs. A pat on the back to all our subcommittees for providing quality instruction and super entry level and zone rep competitions throughout the year.

Being a Nationals year, we had 6 riders selected for Nationals and congratulations to Kaitlin Goss from Eastern Hills who represented PCA at the Inter-Pacific in Hong Kong and Rohan Smith who represented PCA at the International Gymkhana in China.

During the year we had our logo re-digitised and we changed our bank account from Bank West to Bendigo which has made life much easier for all signatories. In June we finalised the new Zone constitution in line with the new act and a reminder that this is a living document that should evolve with our committee. We also have a stocktake on our uniforms and a more workable resolution to the rider bond system when clubs will pay the bond in the first instance and will be reimbursed by the rider should the bond be forfeited.

On a financial front our new Treasurer Cath Garz has done a sterling job in bringing the books into account, streamlining transactions and has been instrumental in changing our accounts over and after quite some time presenting the books for an official audit. Our sincere Thanks Cathy.

Lastly, I would like to thank our outgoing General Committee members and thank you for your input in our Zone throughout last year. I welcome any new club representatives for 2020 and hope that we can continue to strive to be one of the most active Zones within the State.

**Jacqui Moon**  
*Zone President*

## Northern Zone

As my year as the Northern Zone President has come to an end, I would like to thank the committee for all of your work and efforts during my term. Thank you to those that consistently turned up to our meetings and to those that contributed in one way or another towards the running of the Northern Zone.

Special mention to Graham Scott who again has gone above and beyond for our local events year after year! Sorry to see you will no longer be coming to the zone meetings. Thank you for your endless help and support at zone events over many years.

Thanks to Tanika Hutchinson for sticking out the secretary duties for 2019, this was much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we did not run the Northern Zone Tetrathlon or the Zone ODE this year due to low entries, but hoping the new committee will be able to lift these back up next year for our local and visiting riders.

We held three Zone Schools this year and enjoyed the visiting coaches David Carey, Deb Spencer, Katrin Kuenstler and Leone Baxter. They continue to be great value for money and fantastic opportunity for members to receive such a high level of instruction from these elite coaches.

The Northern Zone colours were represented by three riders this year at the pony club state show jump champs in Perth who all achieved extraordinary results with Hayley Frank on Kainga Corvenus in a composite northern and south east zone team placing first out of three teams in the 110cm event, Hayley Frank on Royalty in a composite northern and west coastal zone team placing third out of six teams and Saijsh Mitchell on Limehill Kochiece in a composite northern hills and south west zone team also placed first out of five teams. I would like to present these riders with certificates. Lucy Carey, Hayley Frank and Saijsh Mitchell. These riders were also invited to ride at the Royal Show this year and congratulations for that plus Lucey Carey and Pigleys Grief were in a team that placed third out of five teams.

We also had two riders compete at the pony club state eventing champs in Dardanup and even though they wore club colours, we would like to recognise their achievements by presenting them certificates. Mikayla Desmond on Alexander Park Southern Cross (nice short name) and Saijsh Mitchell on Limehill Kochiece. Saijsh and her mount actually placed first in the pony club 80cm class. It is great to see so many of our members out

and about and traveling to various club and state events away from home. A huge congratulations to you all and a massive thankyou to all the parents who travelled and coped with the horses and riders to get them to these far away places to compete.

In closing, I feel that it is now time for the new and possibly younger committee members to take the reins so us oldies can do other things and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. If you need a hand with any of your new positions I am happy to help, but will not be attending any more meetings for the zone.

**Marie Hart**  
*Zone President*

## Metropolitan Zone

Metropolitan Zone continues to operate with minimal resources, and I would like to recognise and acknowledge the committed hard work put in by a small number of individuals who make a significant contribution to Pony Club WA, not only the Metropolitan Zone.

The Metropolitan Zone focus in 2019 was to encourage club riders to represent our Zone at PONY CLUB WA Championship Events and to run the very popular Show Jumping Fun Day and the Quadrathlon.

Metropolitan Zone was unable to present riders at State Championships for Showjumping, however we were able to present a Team of riders for the Dressage and had a Team of riders in all age categories for the Active Riding/PPMG. I would like to thank our clubs and riders for putting themselves forward and representing our Zone so successfully.

Unfortunately, due to lack of Committee representation we have not been able to provide Co-ordinators for C\*/K or Coaching.

Despite this the member clubs in our Zone have stepped up this year and we have had two riders successfully complete their C\* Certificate with another 6-10 riders actively working on completing their C\*/K Certificates and plans in progress to run a C\*/K School from 6-8 July 2020.

It is also exciting that we have had four of our Coaches successfully pass their Level 1 Coaching assessments.

Member Clubs have been able to provide State Committee representatives to Dressage and Tetrathlon and I hope that this will continue in the coming year.

We were also proud to have our Zone Club riders representing the State and to be able to provide some financial assistance to those riders.

Metropolitan Zone also upgraded and registered its Constitution in 2019 and would like to thank PONY CLUB WA for providing templates and guidance to assist in this process.

We would also like to thank My Riding Life for their generosity in enabling us to utilise the event software. The support and encouragement from Kate Majors has been amazing and very much appreciated.

Hopefully 2020 will see some new faces on the Committee with greater Club representation and participation at Zone level. Without Clubs providing Zone representatives who are prepared to volunteer to assist in providing these services we will need to look to Pony Club WA to assist in finding ways to ensure these riders/individuals can achieve their goals.

**Nicole Christie**  
*Zone President*

# West Coastal Zone

Reflecting on 2019 there were many pleasing things accomplished by Clubs in West Coastal Zone.

## **STATE SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Starting the Zone competition year off was State Show Jump Championships, where West Coastal 1m and 1.10m teams hotly contested the Zone competition. The final team placings saw them awarded 3rd and 2nd place respectively. Serpentine HPC had a significant presence in the club team events taking out both sections of the Brigid Woss Event and finishing 3rd in the Teams Challenge. Well done to all clubs who had talented riders compete. Disappointingly the zone did not field 80cm or 90cm teams, and improved representation in all sections was resolved to be a focus of Zone, resolutions were passed on an additional approved (second round) qualifying event to try to alleviate the pressures of busy lives and event clashes and get riders able to qualify for a Zone team place.

## **STATE ACTIVE RIDING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Next was the State Active Riding Championships where Log Fence Pony Club and Zone reps should be commended in their efforts on holding the runoffs, particularly when Log fence did not have any entrants. WC Zone riders again performed very strongly in their events at the State Championships and consistently were placed in the higher placings for the events. Moving forward it would be hoped that all clubs could be encouraged to send riders to the Active Riding Zone run offs as it offers riders a different competition environment and a lot of fun! In the PPMG State Championships Serpentine were the only club in the Zone to field a senior team who came a very close second. The Serpentine Junior Team was a composite with Horsemens, again these being the only zone riders to make it to the finals. The junior team continued their winning form from the Prelim and won the State Championship!

For the Active Riding Championship Zone placings:

- Virbac High Points Zone Novelties - 12 Years & Under – West Coastal Zone – Winner
- Virbac High Points Zone Novelties - 13 To 16 Years – West Coastal Zone – 4th
- Virbac High Points Zone Novelties - 17 Years & Over – West Coastal Zone - Winner

## **STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP**

State Dressage Championships was next with a challenging run off weather wise, where riders competed in driving rain. Well done to the riders and organisers alike for your dedication. The State Championships result for West Coastal Zone was a win in the Zone Team Challenge - Novice and Elementary. In the Zone Team Challenge - Novice Only competition West Coastal teams placed 3rd & 4th.

## **GENERAL**

Zone also made a significant commitment to investing back into the Zone riders with approvals for Zone to sponsor rider clinics in Eventing and Mounted Games. We are looking forward to these coming to fruition in 2020.

The zone also saw clubs impacted by weather with heat seeing Serpentine cancel their final ODE for 2019. A sensible decision undertaken by the respective organising committee and generally understood & accepted by members. The terrible fires over East certainly were on the minds of all Australians over the Xmas period and were a harsh reminder of the importance to have planning in place for these catastrophic events. It also bought reflection on the impact fires have had close to home in the recent past, with Log Fence having to rebuild and

a community changed forever. Also, a reminder of how much service people and volunteers give to the community to get through these tragedies.

Well done to the many Zone members who represented PONY CLUB WA at nationals and a huge well done to those nominated at the PONY CLUB WA Annual Awards, including several hard-working zone members nominated for Volunteer of the year! Without these very giving people the kids would not have the quality sport they enjoy.

A big thank you and a lot of gratitude to the retiring members of our Zone Committee, your contribution has been much appreciated.

Hoping for a positive year in 2020 and wishing all clubs a successful and safe year.

**Anita Stacey**  
*Zone President*

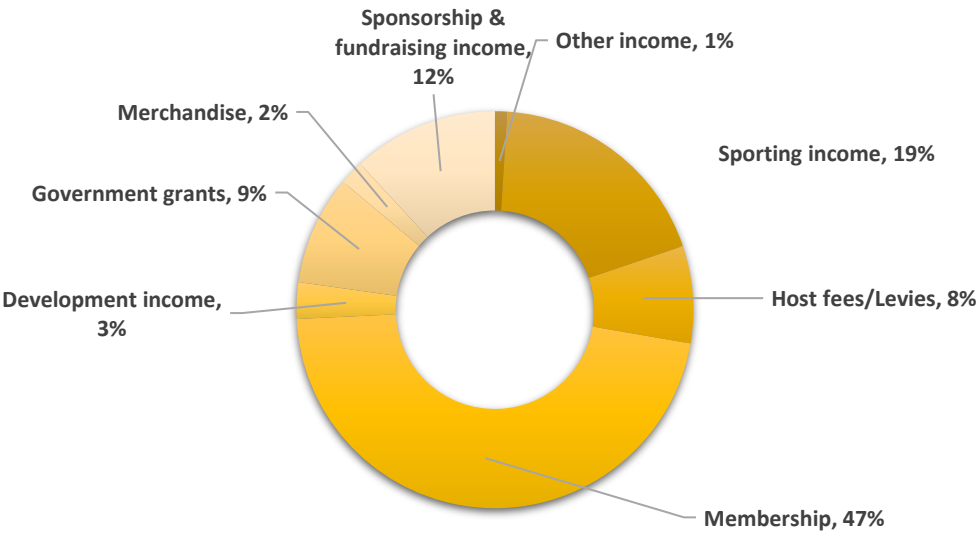


# FINANCIALS

## Financial Report

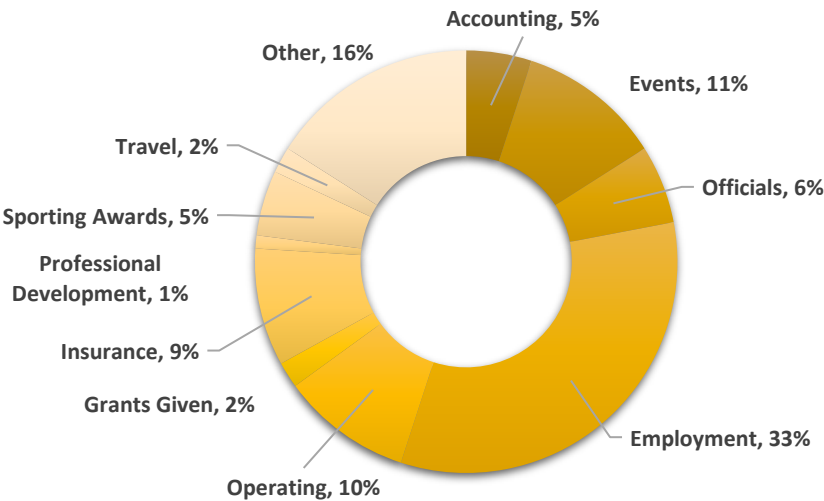
The income for Pony Club Western Australia Inc for 2019 was \$644,893 (Audited) which saw the Association have an increase in income by approx. \$40K. The increase in income was attributed largely to fees associated with National Championship rider entries, which then was recorded as an expense as Pony Club WA made payment to PCNSW on behalf of our members.

### INCOME



The Association expenses showed a slight increase from \$510,102 in 2018 to \$588,023 in 2019. As above, the increase is largely attributed to the entry fees paid to PC NSW for the National Championships, also the cost to the Association to send a team of volunteer coaches and managers to support Team WA.

### EXPENSES



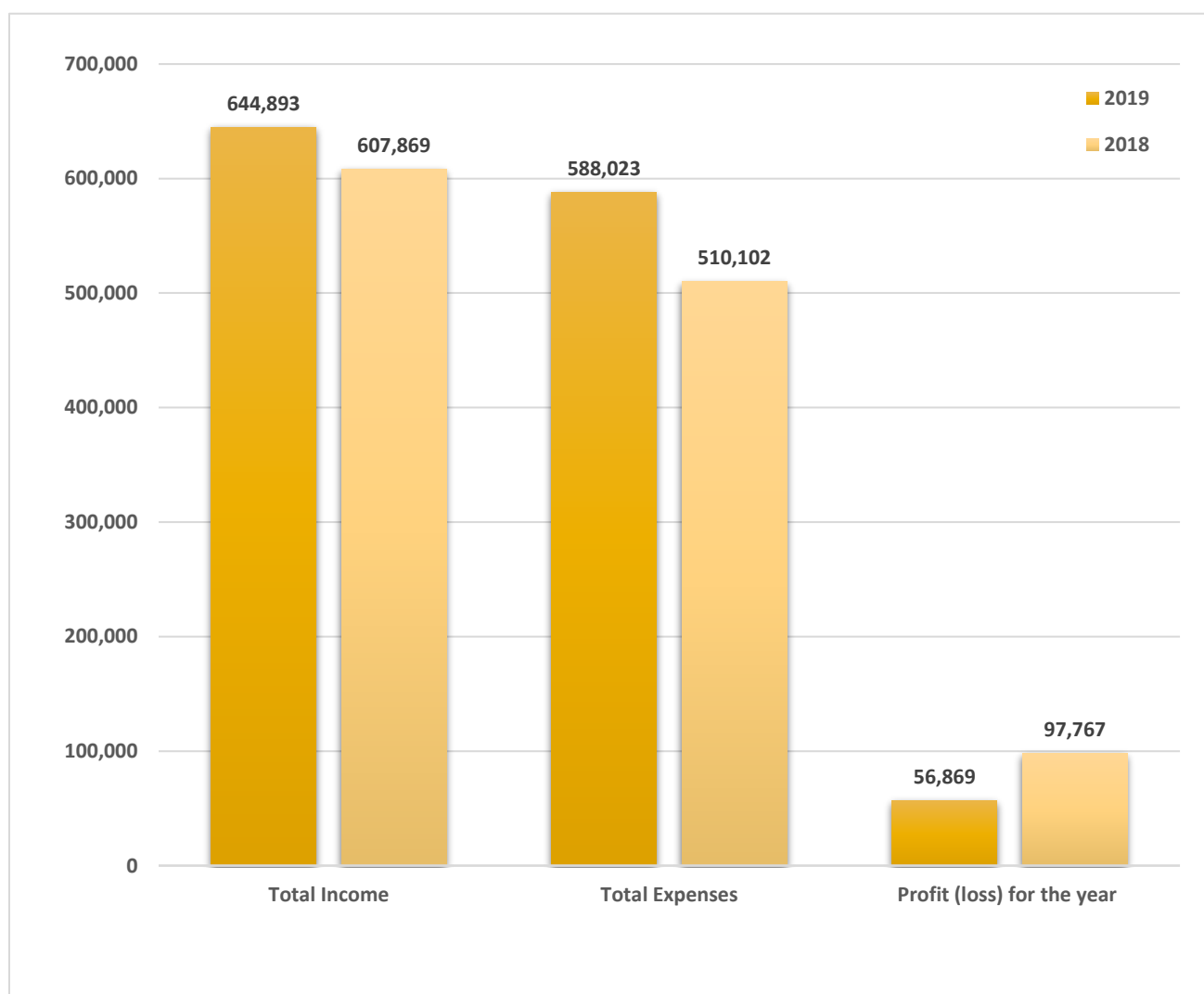
The Association is in a strong cash position, increasing from \$326,518 in 2018 to \$425,528 in 2019.

Two strong financial years has strengthened our cash reserves and placed the Association into a financially secure position moving forward.

As of 31st December 2019, Cash Assets (money in bank) were \$425,528 with total assets being \$398,585. The Associations Liabilities were \$46,947 resulting in net asset surplus of \$398,585 compared to \$341,717 at the end of 2018.

The current economic climate may see a reduction in funding and sponsorship income in 2020, however the Board will continue to work with the Audit and Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer and Staff around strong financial control and governance to secure the sustainability of our Association.

## PROFIT/LOSS



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