



Annual
Report
2016



PONY CLUB
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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Chairperson's Report

2016 has been another wonderful year for the Pony Club Association of Western Australia (PCAWA). The decision by the Board to support the move into the main building at the State Equestrian Centre has been a resounding success. It has provided a bright happy workplace with more room for our wonderful staff to conduct their day to day duties and a welcoming environment for members and visitors alike.

The staff at PCAWA are obviously vital to our organisation and we are truly thankful for the amount of time and energy that they all invest into Pony Club.

2016 has seen the organisation moving along at a great rate of knots, particularly regarding the transition of our governance system from a Management Committee to a Board. There has been a corresponding change in focus from operational issues to a more strategic focus. The Board have formed the Audit & Finance Committee and the Governance & Risk Committee both of which have a separate Terms of Reference. The Board continues to grow and develop by seeking opportunities to attend Board training sessions and have identified that as a Board we need to become more skills based.

In conjunction with the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Board were invited to undergo a comprehensive external review, a prospect which we were a little apprehensive about, but in fact had pleasing results and was very beneficial. PCAWA were one of a number of sporting organisations asked to participate and the results provided have enabled us to work more positively towards our weaker areas.

In addition to the Board becoming more strategically focused we have supported the Executive Officer Lee-Anne Smith with many new initiatives to assist with the retention of older riders of Pony Club. These include the STRIVE program, Riders Consultancy Panel and the Marketing Advisory Group. In 2016 we also had the Roadshow, where both the Executive Officer and our Member Development Officer Trudi Hall were able to travel to the members. These were well received and we hope to continue into 2017.

We cannot thank our corporate partners enough for the support that they have given to our organisation over the past year.

With so many new programmes and levels of governance initiated in the past year the Board was ever conscious of the associated financial cost. Funding across all areas is becoming increasingly more competitive and governance requirements to access funding, more stringent. In most cases the money spent will in due course allow Pony Club WA to be in a good position to benefit from new funding models, and many of our new projects will become self-funding. However, it will be clear to all members when looking at the Financial Report that fast-changing goalposts meant a significant portion of our progress came at a cost to the

Association; hence the Board, in conjunction with the Audit & Finance Committee and our new Chief Executive Officer, are working towards ensuring that a much healthier Financial Report will be provided to you the membership for the year ending 2017.

2016 also saw Pony Club Australia finally introduce a membership database. This was long awaited and as you have all seen, not without its hiccups. We thank you for your patience and hope that you had a little more success with registering your members this year. We must thank Trudi Hall for her dedication to My Pony Club as she has worked diligently with PCA to ensure that problems were addressed and the programme was useable. There appear to still be some issues with the database and we are currently working with PCA to address these.

PCAWA had an increased presence in the market place with Lee-Anne, Trudi, Alex and Emma attending Dowerin Field Day. Over the 2 days many people were able to call in and see the displays and chat to our staff. PCAWA were also responsible for the inaugural STRIVE Youth Sports Summit held in Perth, again another innovative initiative by Pony Club WA which was supported by a number of other sports.

Our Sports committees continue to produce amazing Championship weekends and events along the way to grow their chosen sport. We strongly recommend anyone to join these dedicated groups of people in your chosen sport as many hands make light work!

The State Coaching Panel and Gear Checking Advisory Panel do an amazing job in steering our sports in the right direction and keeping us all current. Both the State Coaching Panel and the Gear Checking Advisory Panel are to be congratulated in their willingness to listen, research and adapt to the ever-changing requirements without compromising the standards of which Pony Club WA is so proud. Keeping our wonderful coaches and gear checkers up to date and accredited with the correct information is no easy task. Thank you to you all.

This year in conjunction with the State Showjumping Championships, a Risk Management Review was undertaken. This proved to be a very valuable learning experience for all concerned and we thank the Showjumping Committee for their cooperation in review. From this weekend a template was formed to enable PCAWA to use a new reporting system which was again trialled at the Wagin Gymkhanarama.

In September the Board accepted the resignation of our Executive Officer Lee-Anne Smith. In seeing how far the organisation had come with an Executive Officer of such calibre the search commenced to ensure our current office staff were not placed in a stressful position in trying to do their job as well as that of the Executive Officer. An employment agency was contacted, quote obtained, job description drawn up, advertisement placed and candidates selected for interviews. Our new Chief Executive Officer is Nicole Kerr and we look forward to a successful working relationship with her and being able to keep PCAWA moving forward in a positive direction. We hope that we are able to have Nicole visit you all at some point in the new year, be it a rally or a Championship weekend.

Toward the end of 2016 we saw another new initiative being launched. The Pop Up Pony Club programme, which due to funding was not able to commence until 2017 and is being held at Zia Park in Gidgegannup with a group of students from Port Community School.

To end the year the 2016 Pony Club Awards Day was held at Oakover Grounds in the Swan Valley. Certainly a day where members, riders, coaches and friends could celebrate the many awards and achievements of the 2016 Pony Club season. Congratulations to everyone!

The Board of PCAWA would like to thank all members for their support over the past year and we look forward to that continued support for the coming season.



Deborah Spencer
Chairperson

Our Vision

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



Our Mission

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

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

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



Chief Executive Officer's Report

I was delighted to join PCAWA in October this year as it delivers such a fabulous service to young people who are interested in horses and riding.

As part of my preparation for my job interview, I spoke to several people who are involved with Pony Club and they were all very positive about the association and struggled to find anything negative to say about it. I also studied the PCAWA website and I was impressed by the very ambitious Strategic Plan 2016-2018 that has been set by the Board.

Once I started in the role, it became clear in no time at all that PCAWA had undergone a massive amount of change in a relatively short period of time. The association has changed its governance structure from a Management Committee to a Board of Directors, re-branded itself, engaged more with its members, developed new programs and improved its internal processes and procedures. As one PCAWA member said to me, "PCAWA has now been bought into the 21st century". This has been a fabulous achievement, however there is still much more work to be done. This period of enormous change has not been without its challenges and growing pains, and has required a huge amount of dedication and commitment from both staff and volunteers. Without this commitment, we would not have been able to realise all that has been achieved.

In my first few months I have spent most of my time in the office, and I am looking forward to getting out and about and experiencing a rally, enjoying the drama of the State Championships, watching at risk youth blossom through their participation with Pop Up Pony Club, engaging with our Member Clubs and Zones, getting to know our Sports Committees, State Coaching Panel and Riders Consultancy Panel, and most importantly meeting as members as possible. The year ahead is going to be exiting and very busy!

PCAWA is dependent on the contribution of so many parties. From our junior riders who started attending pony club for the first time, to experienced riders selected to represent Australia in international teams, they all benefit from the selfless work from coaches, judges, officials, committee members and volunteers. I would like to thank each and every member of the PCAWA family for their continued support and commitment to our sport. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our supporting partners, as without them we would not be able to deliver the level of services to members we currently do.

Thank you for your commitment to PCAWA, and I look forward to working with you all to build on the achievements of 2016.

Nicole Kerr

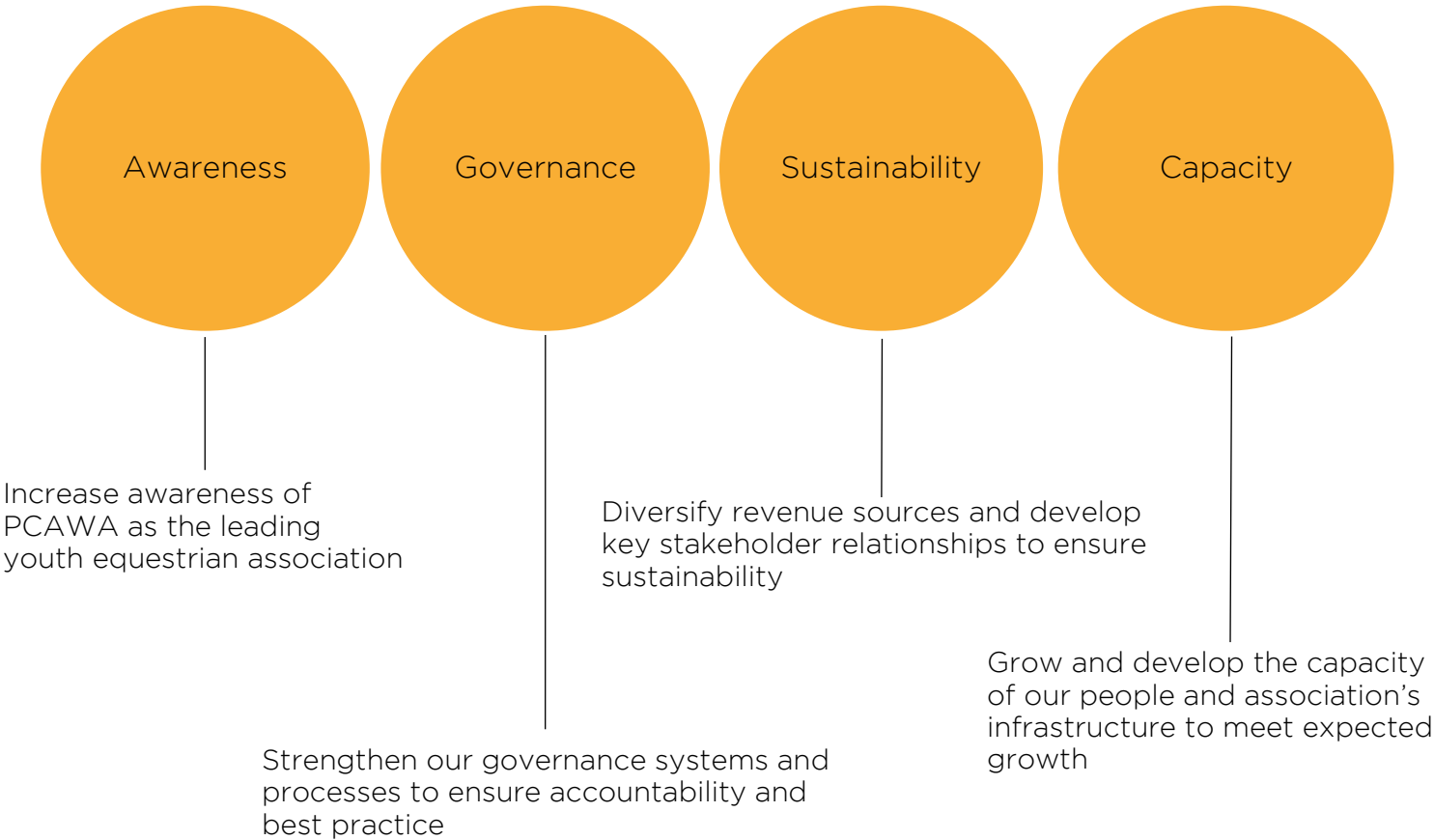
Chief Executive Officer





Strategic Plan

At the end of 2015 the Board adopted a new strategic plan for 2016 to 2018. The strategic plan has four strategic objectives, and we have made great progress against these strategic objectives in 2016.



Awareness

Work on this strategic objective is progressing. Our Marketing and Communications strategy is complete and a **Marketing Action Plan** will flow from that. Marketing policies, procedures and guidelines have been drafted, reviewed and are nearly complete.

Governance

An operational plan for 2016 was developed, and mid-year strategic and financial reviews completed. A whole of board evaluation was undertaken during the year, and from that a **Board Development Plan** was developed, and reasonable progress has been made against that plan.

The Board has established two committees – the **Audit and Finance Committee** and the **Governance and Risk Committee**. Many internal and external policies have been developed and reviewed during the year.

Sustainability

Funding was obtained to trial the **Pop Up Pony Club** concept. We hope that this will evolve into a larger fully funded project. Work has commenced on identifying possible major sponsors and clarifying our “sponsorship pitch”.

We are working on a **Developing Officials Plan** which will be implemented in 2017, and a volunteer strategy plan is also under development.

Capacity

We have expanded our services to members and clubs in 2016 with our **Roadshows**, the roll out of the **My Pony Club database**, **Junior Development Program** and the **Speed to Safety** project. There was a focus on retaining Associate Members with the formation of the **Riders Consultancy Panel**, events specifically targeted to Associate Riders and the introduction of the **STRIVE Leadership** program.



Our Members



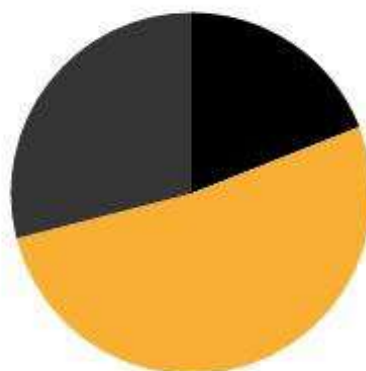
PCAWA Members



35% Metropolitan

65% Regional

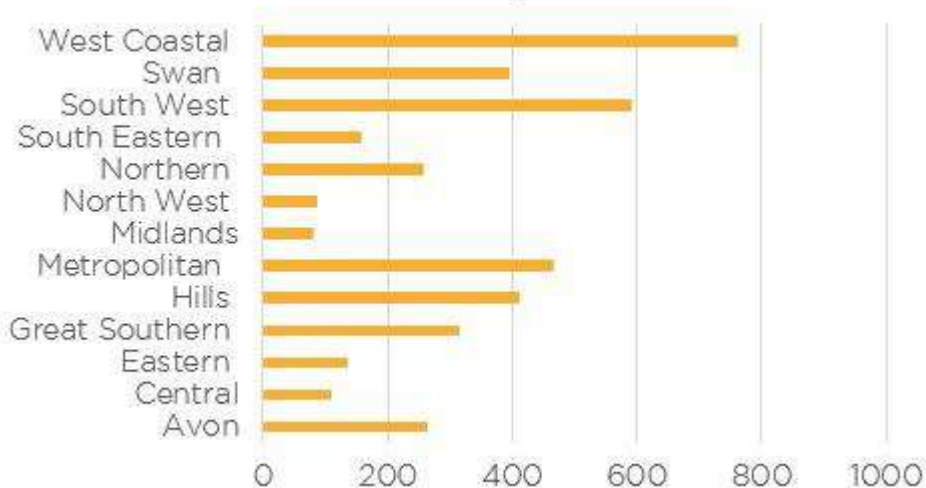
Age



■ Under 10 years (19%) ■ 10-16 years (52%)
■ 17 years and over (29%)



Members By Zone





15
Metropolitan

62

CLUBS



47
Regional



89%

FEMALE



11%

MALE



COMMUNICATIONS



Likes



GREW

By 14% to nearly
2,700

56

Newsletters
SENT



49

E-Blasts
SENT

Weekly
reach

3,800 +



14,500 +

Visitors to the PCAWA website each
month

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



120
Participants



250
Participants



120
Participants



200
Participants



100
Participants



New Projects



Pop Up Pony Club

Pop Up Pony Club is a new concept aimed at providing participation opportunities for young people who do not have access to a pony or horse. Pop Up Pony Club is a partnership between riding schools, PCAWA and local pony clubs. We expect Pop Up Pony Club will result in more young people riding more often creating a formalised pathway into Pony Club for non-horse owners. We believe Pop Up Pony Club will provide a unique opportunity for disadvantaged young people to learn new skills, overcome personal fears, build resilience and confidence to achieve other life goals.



Partnering with local riding schools a 10-week youth friendly program will be delivered using the PCA Syllabus of Instruction and D Certificate Workbook. Pop Up Pony Club, like all pony club programs, will promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty and provide opportunities to strengthen the personal character, self-discipline, health and well-being of young people participating.

In 2016, funding was received from the Department of Sport and Recreation to trial the Pop Up Pony Club concept.

The end of 2016 was spent preparing the groundwork for this 10 week program which will be delivered during Term 1 in 2017. This project is being run in partnership with Port Community School and Zia Park Equestrian Centre. If successful, it is hoped this will provide a prototype for ongoing partnerships with riding schools around the state.





STRIVE

Leadership Program



10

Participants



6

Participants
Begun Coaching
Accreditation

The Inaugural STRIVE Leadership Program was launched in early 2016. Ten associate members participated in the association's first leadership program, completing the 10-month program. The participants worked through a series of key themes including Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge Yourself, Share Your Power and Values and Victories.

All participants completed the Coaching Young People for Success Program, several weekend retreats and attended the STRIVE Youth Sports Leadership Summit along with participants from other State Sporting Associations.

All participants took something away from the program, many with the view to becoming an accredited PCAWA Official in some capacity. This renewed enthusiasm for PCAWA is inspiring.

Feedback received from participants will be used to continue and strengthen the program in 2017.

STRIVE Youth Sports Leadership Summit



The STRIVE Youth Sports Leadership Summit, hosted by PCAWA, brought together youth leaders from a variety of sporting associations to discuss the similarities and differences between the sports, challenges faced by sporting youth and the skills and qualities needed by future generations to become the better mentors and leaders within their sport and the wider community. The event was also an opportunity for mentors to upskill in the Coaching Young People for Success program.

The event was a great success with all participants interested in future events and to continue the conversation between youth leaders on a range of topics.



Junior Development Program



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

Clubs were able to apply for up to \$500 in funding. Nine clubs applied for the funding and after assessment by the Riders Consultancy Panel and State Coaching Panel, eight clubs were successful. Clubs used these grants for Pony Club Overnight Camps, Junior Eventing Training Days, supporting remote members in experiencing other clubs and junior rider education.

The initiative was well supported by the clubs and we hope to continue the program for future junior club members.

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CLUBS

Received grants for Junior Development



Speed to Safety

This new initiative with Racing and Wagering WA was aimed at empowering a generation of riders to understand the importance of control and safety when riding at speed, whilst also 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.



EVENTS

19

RIDERS

Four Speed to Safety events were held by several clubs and zones. 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. This initiative challenges riders' perception that track riding is scary and a dangerous event. All horse and rider combinations took well to the experience, even the Off the Track horses. All feedback was extremely positive with riders expressing their interest in a leaderboard style competition including an end of year championship in 2017.

Association Initiatives



In addition to the new projects mentioned previously, PCAWA was also very busy working on several new initiatives which will benefit zones, clubs, individual members and the association as a whole.



National Database

The national database My Pony Club, was rolled out to clubs and members this year. Although the adoption of the database has been labour intensive for club administrators, the end result should see a reduction in time club administrators spend on processing memberships and paperwork. Over 95% of our clubs affiliated online, while memberships were imported manually. In 2017, clubs will move to taking online registrations with members being responsible for registering or renewing.

Risk Management


In 2016 an on-line risk management tool for running events was developed. An independent safety audit of our events was conducted which resulted in the development of several risk management checklists. The checklists were tested at a multi-discipline event held in Wagin during the year. The risk management tool for events will be trialled at the first two State Championship events in 2017 with a view to rolling out the system to clubs from July 2017.

Roadshows

Two Governance and Strategic Planning Roadshows were conducted with the South West Zone and West Coastal Zone. Clubs were introduced to the new Associations Act and discussed its implications for their clubs. Strategic planning sessions were also conducted as PCAWA looks to help zones strengthen their position when applying for grants and funding. A database administration session was also held with the West Coastal Zone to train administrators and successors in the more advanced functions of the database. More Roadshows are planned for 2017.

Marketing and Communications Strategy

PCAWA was successful in securing an annual grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation to develop a Marketing and Communications Strategy. The aim of this project was to determine current commercial capacity and capabilities with a view to create new revenue streams for PCAWA. A number of marketing and communication priorities have been identified, with the top one being a new website. We hope to secure funding for a new website in 2017.



Policy Overhaul

PCAWA has had policies, both internal and external, in place for many years. The Handbook contains a list of our external policies and links to the policies on our website. The Handbook was updated this year and is a key resource for clubs and committees. It should be available at all committee meetings and rallies as it contains bylaws and procedures that clubs and members need to adhere to. The Handbook covers Club Governance, Coaching and Competition and Training, as well as an overview of the history and general structure of pony club. The Handbook will be updated each year to keep abreast of current changes.

Unfortunately, our internal policies were not as comprehensive as our external policies, and as a result there was a large focus on developing Internal policies in 2016. Having a comprehensive range of internal policies is necessary as the association grows and is also a requirement from our funders.

In parallel with the policy development work, a document management system, Novacore, was implemented in 2016. Converting documents into the Novacore system has initially focused on our policies and forms. Approximately 80% of all forms and policies have been revised and now reside on Novacore.





Awards and Achievements

The 2016 Awards day was hosted at the beautiful Oakover Grounds in Middle Swan. It was a chance for all members of PCAWA to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of the members, volunteers and officials throughout the state.



Citizenship Award





Showjumping:
Vicki Griffin
Debra Walker

Committee Choice Awards

Our Sports Committees work tirelessly throughout the year and are often assisted by members. This year the committees could nominate committee or general members who have displayed dedication and enthusiasm for the sport throughout the year.



Active Riding:
Daniel Foster
James Fraser



Coach of the Year

Show a significant contribution to the development of their disciplines coaching program

Show a commitment to personal professional development

Shows a personal passion and resilience, positive feedback from student and peers

PCAWA Active Riding Coach of the Year

Alicia
Sams-Hayes

Dan
Foster

PCAWA Dressage Coach of the Year

Dianne Ould

Chantelle
Currey

Lynn Boon

PCAWA Rural Coach of the Year

Natalie
Barr

PCAWA Jumping Coach of the Year

Wendy Boyle

Rick
Dabner

Stephen
Johnson

PCAWA Eventing Coach of the Year

Rebecca
Thomas

Eve Jarvis

Wendy
Cumming

Philippa Collier

PCAWA Grass Roots Coach of the Year

Sally Davis

Corrie Ramsay

Kay Fowler

Briony Lyons

Gerda Cahill

Natasha
Williams

Linda Strickland

Denise Legge

Emily Patton

Volunteer of the Year

Uphold and promote the ideals and objectives of PCAWA

Contribution to development of their Pony Club or Association for the benefit of members

Commitment to good governance and professionalism





Jean Jinman

Rick Ould

Rebecca Claxon

Rose Bowen

Leeann Knight

Wanda Longley

Sean Corbin

The Glossop Family

Anita Stacey

Don Hawkins

Shenae Tilbee

Graeme Hunter

Jenni Brown

Dianne Ould

Ann-Marie Lowry

Larissa Curtis

Club of the Year

Be currently affiliated with PCAWA
Implementation of initiatives to attract and retain members

Inclusive and responsive to the needs of members

Delivery of coaching syllabus

Uphold and promote the ideals and objectives of PCAWA

Capel Horse and Pony Club

Log Fence Pony Club

Pinjarra Pony Club

Riverside Park Pony Club

Albany Pony Club

Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club

Serpentine Horse and Pony Club





Associate Member of the Year

Displays Pony Club values
Participation in Pony Club rallies
Service to Club
Role model for younger members
Club citizenship (e.g. helpful to others)
Demonstrate strong commitment and dedication to their Club and the Association

Kate Eiszele

Katelyn Shearer

Sarah McLay

Katelin Fantuz

Keeley Lambert

Event of the Year

Run under PCAWA Rules
Suitability of grounds
Well organised
Sound risk management procedures in place
Friendly and inclusive
Positive and encouraging atmosphere

Pinjarra Pony Club Showjumping Spectacular

Peel Showmanship
Capel Horse and Pony Club Events
PCAWA National Junior PPMG

Go for 2&5 State Eventing Championships
Margaret River Dressage Spectacular



Margaret Campbell Medal

This Medal gives PCAWA sports / discipline committees the opportunity to recognise annually a valued contributor.

This recipient may include a long term sponsor, official, volunteer committee member – anybody deemed as making a valuable contribution to the WA Pony Club movement.

Brigid Woss

Showjumping

Kerrie Mercer

Dressage

Healthy Canteen Award

A new initiative between Healthway and PCAWA. Clubs nominated their canteens, these nominations then went to the Riders Consultancy Panel and Healthway for the final decision.

Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club

Walliston Riding and Pony Club

Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club





RAC Sports Star Awards

Nominated by PCAWA, these people are great ambassadors for PCAWA and their sport. Most attended the Awards evening and were commended on their nominations.

Rail Train Junior Sports Star

Annie Herzer

Nikita Mawhirt

The West RAC Sports Star

Georgia Lowry

Charley Barrett

Coach of the Year

Daniel Foster

Service To Sport

Fred Freeman

Team of the Year

Junior National Mounted Games Team

National Representatives



Junior National Mounted Games Team 2016 Winners

Coach: Daniel Foster

Team Manager: Juanita Brewer

George Brocklebank

Annie Herzer

Tiger Gibbs

Tegan Court

Nerida Evans

Reserve: Jessica Piekarek

International Representatives

International Tetrathlon Exchange

The Girls Team placed fourth out of 11 and the only team in the placings to be on borrowed horses.

Coach: Sheila Oorschot

Victoria Squire
Charley Barrett
Nicole Herdman
Jemma Read



International Mounted Games Exchange Winning Team



Annie Herzer



Operational Panels

State Coaching Panel

The State Coaching Panel (SCP) is responsible for the direction of coaching throughout the Association, the education and assessment of coaches and the issuing of certificates for efficiency level attainment. The Panel is also responsible for inspecting facilities of potential new or relocating Clubs. Through the Gear Checking Advisory Panel, the SCP is responsible for the updating of the resource manual “**Comfort and Safety of the Horse and Rider**”.

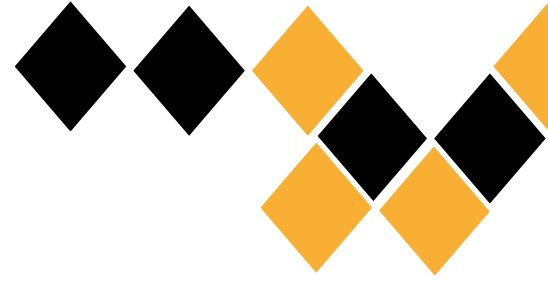
Membership of the SCP has increased with three new members. We are actively engaging in planning to maintain a full Panel for succession and rotation of experience.



State Coaching School 2016

The Annual “Go for 2 and 5” State Coaching School is always a positive start to the year and the number of coaches from all over the state totalled 121. This year’s theme was “**Aim for Gold - Be Inspired**” and we were delighted to have Gillian Rolton OAM present several sessions on practical and fundamental coaching issues in Flatwork, Jumping and Cross Country.

In addition, there were hands-on practical sessions, how to improve flatwork with games, how to correct poorly fitted gear and a session on Working with Children. We thank all the presenters and demonstration riders for their time and effort to help us and the Pony Club movement.



National Coaching

In 2016 PCAWA had three coaches attend the Biannual Coaching Conference at Bicentennial Park Camden and Campbelltown in NSW with the theme being “Growth and Investment.” Forty-five coaches from all States attended the conference. One of our coaches, and past pony club member, presented a session on Tent Pegging. We were also responsible for developing and analysing the feedback forms.

PCAWA also has a representative on the PCA National Coaches board which meets four times a year. PCA is responsible for the national Syllabus of Instruction, rules and coaching. In 2016 some of the contributions were:

- supporting the [PCA China Pony Club initiative](#) with material and coach educators on the ground;
- developing [Level 2 NCAS Coaching qualification](#);
- National Rules for [Tetrathlon](#);
- reviewing [NCAS Preliminary and Level documentation](#);
- reviewing the [Syllabus of Instruction](#); and
- outlining a framework for a [national coaching tab](#) on the PCA website.

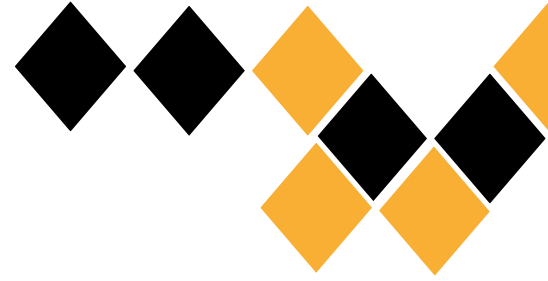
Healthway Funded Coaching Clinics

PCAWA receives funding from Healthway for an annual program of Coaching Clinics. These clinics may be directly for coaches such as the [NCAS Preliminary or Level 1 Pony Club coach](#) or more targeted such as [Flatwork, Jumping, Mounted Games, Lunging and Gear Checking](#). Clubs and Zones can apply for coaching clinics that are funded, in part, by the grant allocated to the SCP. In 2016 we granted funding to Clubs and Zones for Coaching the Coaches, NCAS PC Coaching Preliminary & Level 1, Gear Checking Clinics.

NCAS Coaching Accreditation

Coaches are continually encouraged, given advice and assisted to work towards their accreditation. In 2016 we had [eight Preliminary Coaches](#) and [two Level 1 Coaches newly accredited](#), including one coach that completed her assessment via video. SCP is investigating new pathways for completing NCAS PC Preliminary and Level 1/2 Accreditations.

Efficiency Certificates



519 Efficiency Certificates were awarded in 2016.

Certificate	Issued
E	62
D	177
D*	166
C	104
C*	9
K	1
B/A/H	0
Total	519

C* and K Certificates are managed at the Zone level but directed by a member of the SCP. The number of C* certificates reduced this year, being an off Nationals year, however, it is expected to increase in the coming year.

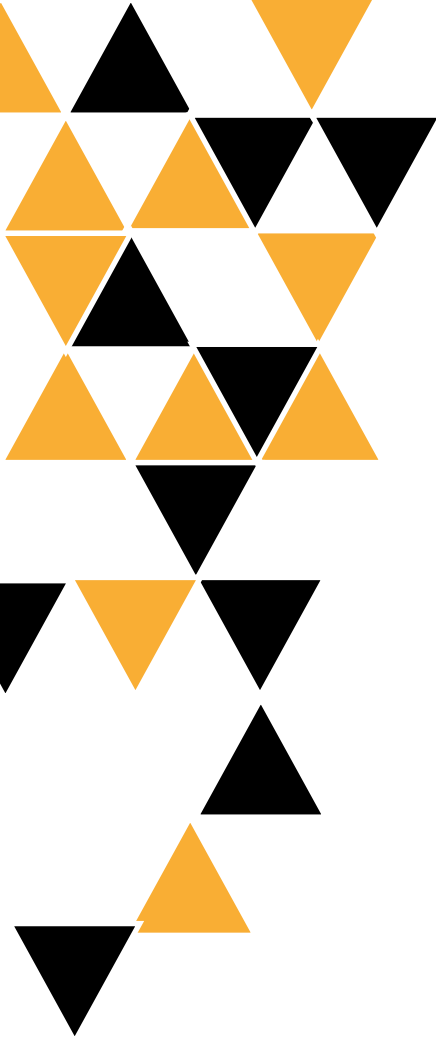
It is hoped there will be more candidates for the K Certificate during 2017. This certificate caters for the more all-round rider not necessarily competition-based, with the horse care the same as C*.

A, B and H Certificate training continues with several one day schools held throughout the year. The State currently has B Certificate candidates ready to be examined and one candidate progressing towards A Certificate.

Gear Checking Advisory Panel

Gear Checking Advisory Panel (GCAP) worked tirelessly during the 2016 updating and Improving the format of the resource manual "Comfort and Safety of the horse and Rider". Three Gear Checking Clinics were held throughout the State and we welcomed seven new PCAWA Accredited Gear Checkers to our list.

As of 1 January 2018 all clubs that wish to host a competition of any sort are required to have at least one member as an Accredited Gear Checker. This is great opportunity for riders, coaches and parents to play a role in promoting safety in pony club.



Rider's Consultancy Panel



Throughout 2016 the Riders Consultancy Panel (RCP) held several events which encouraged Associate Riders from around the State to keep enjoying pony club. RCP members met on the first Wednesday of each month, and communicated with each other using Facebook messenger, the RCP Facebook and personal email.

Early in the year we ran a rally for Associate Riders which was held at Serpentine Horse and Pony Club. This rally only saw 12 riders attend but all had a great time and learnt a lot from the brilliant instructors. The second event was a river cruise in association with Captain Cook Cruises for riders 15-25 years of age. Ninety people attended and many great reviews came from the night. We promoted our events via word of mouth and the Associate Riders Facebook page.

In 2017 we will be recruiting new panel members as several members are unable to continue with the panel due to age restrictions and other commitments. We plan to hold another river cruise, due to its popularity with members, hold another rally with instructors in various disciplines, and hold other events that have been suggested by members.



Sport
Committees



Active Riding



I would like to thank the committee for their commitment during the year. The committee is a great team and should be proud of their achievements.

At the beginning of the year we took delivery of our long-awaited games trailer. The trailer is perfect for keeping all the gear together and is great for advertising games when on the road or at the Royal Show. Lee-Anne was a great help in getting the trailer on the road. The trailer must only be towed by a suitable vehicle with electric brakes. When the trailer is hired out it should have a committee member in charge to ensure correct packing and accounting for all the gear.

During the year we had a number of prelims. There was discussion as to whether the 3 rally rule should apply, and it was decided that prelims are for training and will no longer count for the Championships. The declaration should be still signed by the Club Chief Coach that the combination is known to the club. For the Qualifier and Championships, the three Rally rule applies.

At the Qualifier which was held at Avon Valley, the Committee also ran a Novelties Competition which went very well and brought in some extra funds. The Juniors rode on the Saturday and Open Riders on the Sunday.

The Active Riding Championships at Serpentine were great, and it is a perfect venue for the Championships. Thanks very much to Serpentine Pony Club for hosting the Championships.

Next was the Juniors Nationals at the Royal Show in which 5 States took part. Angela Herzer was chief organiser and everything went very smoothly thanks to her. Also thanks to Juanita Brewer for doing the team manger job and cooking some great meals for the teams. A very big thank you to all pony lenders as without them the games would not happen.

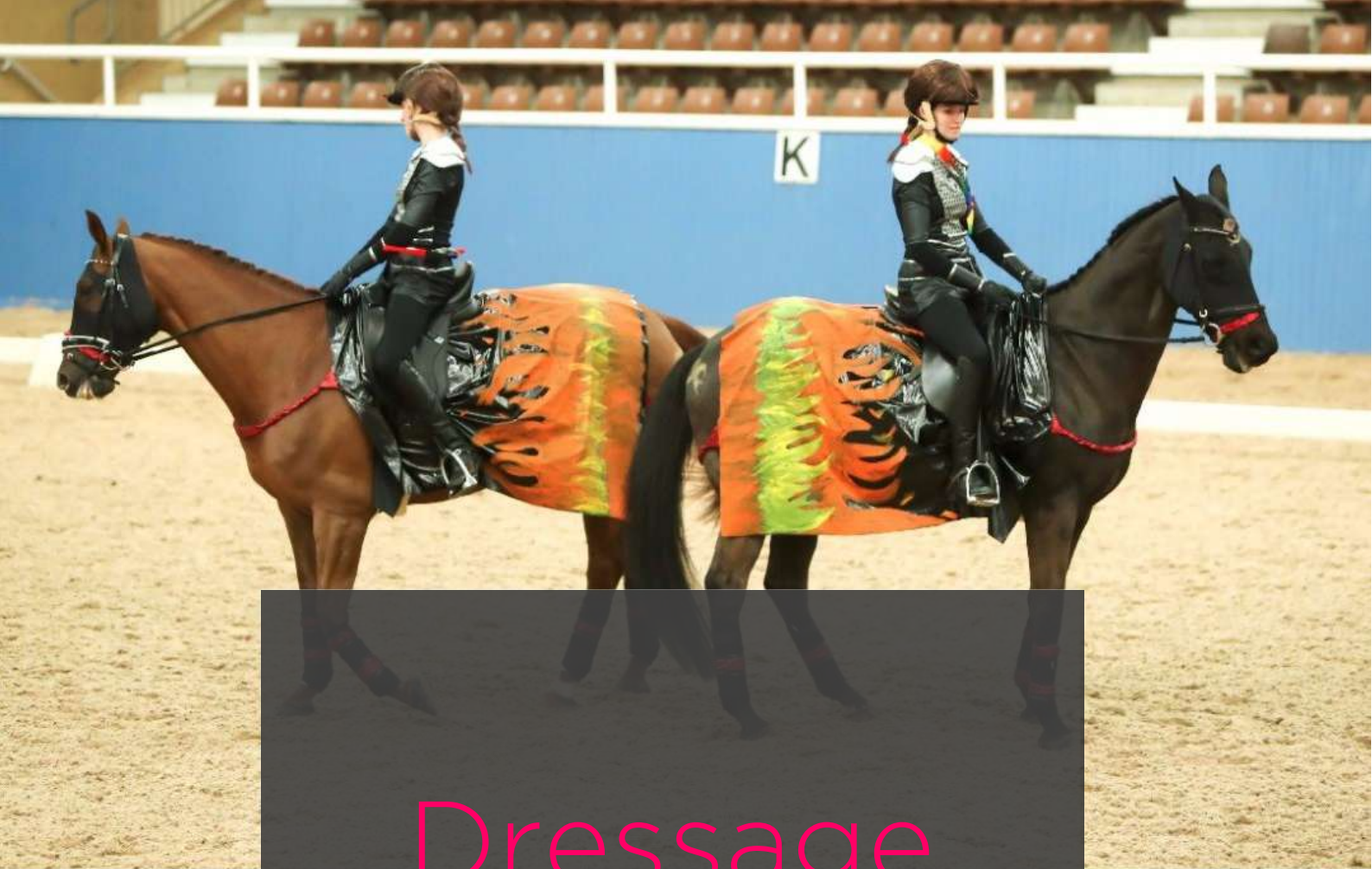
The Western Australian team rode extremely well, coached to perfection by Dan Foster. The competition was hard fought with good skills from all the States. It is great to see all teams from other States meeting and making friends. It's what's great about Pony Club and young riders should be encouraged at a club level.

During the year the committee worked very hard to adapt to the major staffing, procedural and accounting changes that were implemented into the office in early 2016. We found that it was very time consuming and at times frustrating for our already very busy committee. We are hoping that this improves in 2017 especially as the decision has been made to place a levy of \$2000 on each of the committees for administration by the office. This will also make it very difficult to cover costs without increasing entry fees as sourcing sponsorship is becoming increasingly difficult.

Thanks again to the Committee.

Marc Fraser





Dressage



Mission

Our committee this year was chaired by Caitlynn Dumbreck, and consisted of five people, two of which were Associate Members. Despite a small committee, we introduced many positive additions to the Dressage Championships weekend. Our aim was to encourage new participants to the Championships. We achieved this through the introduction of a Preparatory Test for young riders whilst retaining and challenging our older riders with the introduction of an Elementary Pas de deux.

Leadership

The Dressage Committee worked hard and as a cohesive team throughout the year under Caitlynn's sound leadership. Caitlynn's innovative ideas led to the betterment of the Championships. We made sure our judges were in place earlier and many new sponsors were approached to support the event.

Highlights

The addition of the Preparatory Test and Elementary Pas de deux were popular and it was great to see up and coming riders enjoying the Championships whilst also engaging with higher-level riders. The Musical Ride, as always, proved to be a well subscribed event with competitors showing great teamwork. A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who put so much effort into the costumes!

Participation and Development

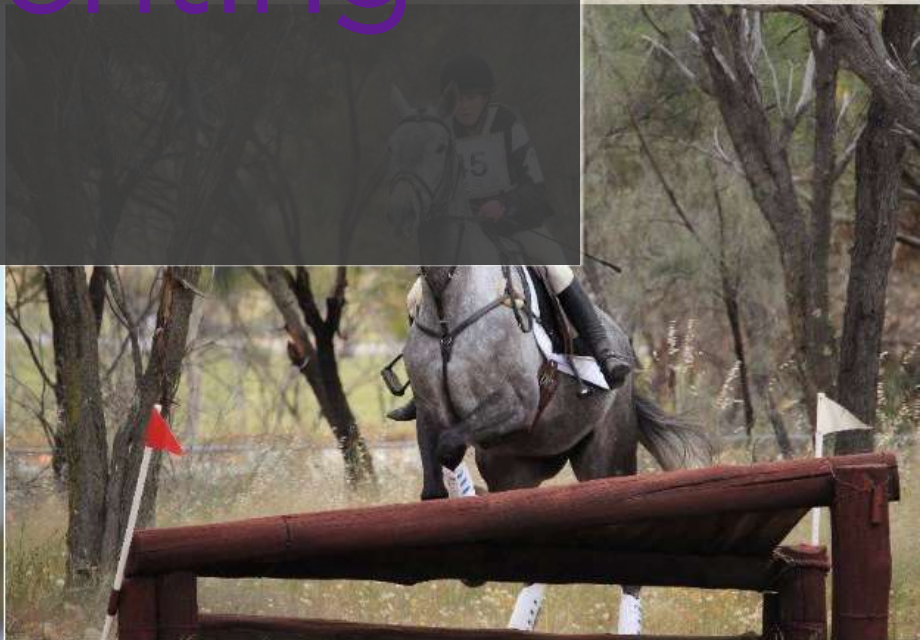
The 2016 Championships were well attended with participant numbers higher than previous years across all classes. In 2017 we are looking to recruit new committee members to make sure it is better than ever!

Reward and Recognition

We received lots of positive feedback about the Championships from participants, sponsors, parents, volunteers and judges. Clubs did a great job at supporting the event and the changes that were made. At the Championships, Kerry Mercer was awarded the Margaret Campbell Medal for her long-standing commitment to the Championships and the State Dressage Committee.

Our vision for 2017

Our vision for 2017 is to further develop the Championships to embrace the ever-changing world of dressage.



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 2016 committee has brought with it valuable knowledge and skills which has culminated in a successful year for the discipline. Rule changes have been aimed at making the sport safer and processes have been developed that enable officials to deal with breaches of rules and codes of conduct. Accreditation procedures for Course Designers have been implemented as we are committed to safety of both rider and horse.

Highlights

The 2016 State Eventing Championships, held at Kellerberrin Riding & Pony Club, were the highlight of the year. The first year with a new host club is a learning curve for all involved, however Kellerberrin delivered on its promise of a friendly club community and exciting course upgrades courtesy of course designer Bethanie Moore.

Participation and Development

Rider levies collected over the year contributed to the continued training and professional development of our valued Technical Delegates (TD). With two trainees in the program we are hoping they will be fully accredited in 2017.

Rider levies also funded the first year of our Course Designer (CD) accreditation. Four seminars were held over the year resulting in the accreditation of 14 PCAWA Course Designers.

Championship levies collected over the year contributed to funding course upgrades at Kellerberrin. This is a great incentive for clubs to host the Championships.

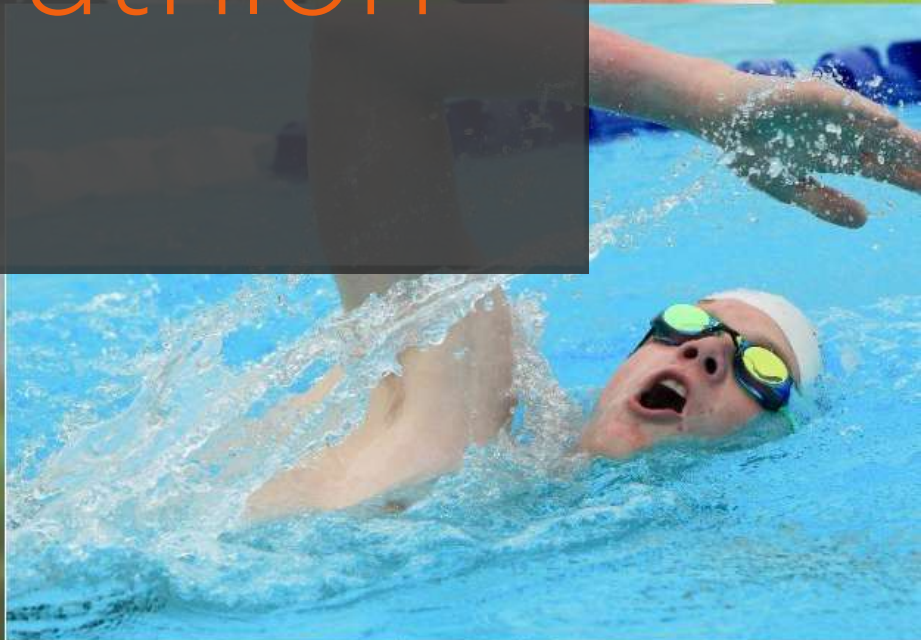
DSR funded Officials and Volunteer training sessions were held in conjunction with the State Eventing Championships offering accreditation courses and shadow opportunities in TD, CD, Showjumping Course Building, Gear Checking and all aspect of event management.

Vision for 2017

With the TD situation at crisis point, the committee is concerned that if clubs and zones do not start contributing to the recruitment of trainee TDs the number of ODEs held across the State will need to be reduced dramatically. We have been communicating the decline in TDs for many years now. Clubs are holding more and more events, and the number of TDs is dwindling. TDs are well supported through our improved processes and procedures, so no excuses! It's time to think outside the square and all clubs actively recruit new trainees.



Tetrathlon



Organisation and People

The Tetrathlon experience provides pony club members with a fantastic opportunity to combine their love of equestrian pursuits with other sports. It is a challenging competition requiring sound practical horsemanship, general athletic ability and sportsmanship. This competition is ideally suited to the all-rounder. The Tetrathlon helps to maintain interest in Pony Club and thereby retain membership. It also encourages members to be more physically active, resulting in improved fitness and better riders.

Tetrathlon, as the name suggests, involves four phases: cross country riding, cross country running, swimming and shooting, usually over two days of competition. The organisation of the phases varies depending on the country hosting the event and the type of competition e.g. International, National, Regional.

Points are awarded for performance in each of the events and the winner is the one who amasses the greatest number of points after the four phases.

The committee responsible for Tetrathlon in Western Australia has eight members. The Championship is run each year in March or April and the hosting club is committed to run the event for three consecutive years.

Resources

The sub-committees' main resources are PCAWA stewards, judges, coaches and volunteers, without whom our event could not run. The Tetrathlon is also dependent on local governments, swimming and shooting clubs to provide suitable venues and equipment for the shooting and swimming phases. The future of Tetrathlon is also linked to the number and quality of cross country courses in Western Australia.

The rule book is a major resource that provides the answer for all questions related to events. It includes the rules for each phase and method of scoring; this book is maintained and updated each year.

Our page on the PCAWA website includes:

- Duties of a Team Manager;
- Score sheets for all phases;
- PCAWA Shooting Targets;
- Shooting notes and hints; and
- Tetrathlon Rules.

The running of the State Tetrathlon for a three-year period at each hosting club allows for the development of "PC105" grade courses across the state, with funding being secured to assist with the development at each new club. The Tetrathlon is a country championship event and should be held in a regional area.

Opportunity to Participate

In the State Championship event every club member over 10 years of age can participate. If a full team is not available from the club then composite teams will be formed, allowing for increased participation. As the event is a two-day event with running, swimming and shooting taking place on Saturday and the cross country phase taking place on Sunday, this event requires camping for many of the members. The Tetrathlon committee have over the years developed a karaoke competition that takes place on the Saturday night; the participation in this competition is as keen as all other competition for the weekend. Parents and other volunteers take part and many hours of planning and practice take place.

Any member over the age of 9 years can participate in a club run Tetrathlon. Dryandra Pony Club, along with Avon Valley Show Jumping and Pony Club host a Tetrathlon annually. Pair classes are very popular at these Tetrathlon events; it permits each member of a pair to complete in only two phases of the event. For example, a father and daughter can compete in a pair class together or two friends can enter in a pair class. This allows non-riders to participate in Pony Club events and also increases the profile of Pony Club in the general community.

The Tetrathlon competition appeals to a different membership base, in particular the all-rounder athlete, as it involves horse riding with other sporting events. It provides an opportunity to PCAWA to increase membership by providing opportunities to a wider membership base. Providing greater opportunities to compete in Tetrathlon will increase male membership and help retaining older members.

Tetrathlon not only involves groups who traditionally participate in horse events. It includes shooting clubs and swimming clubs therefore broadens the exposure and knowledge of Pony Club in the wider community.

Competition

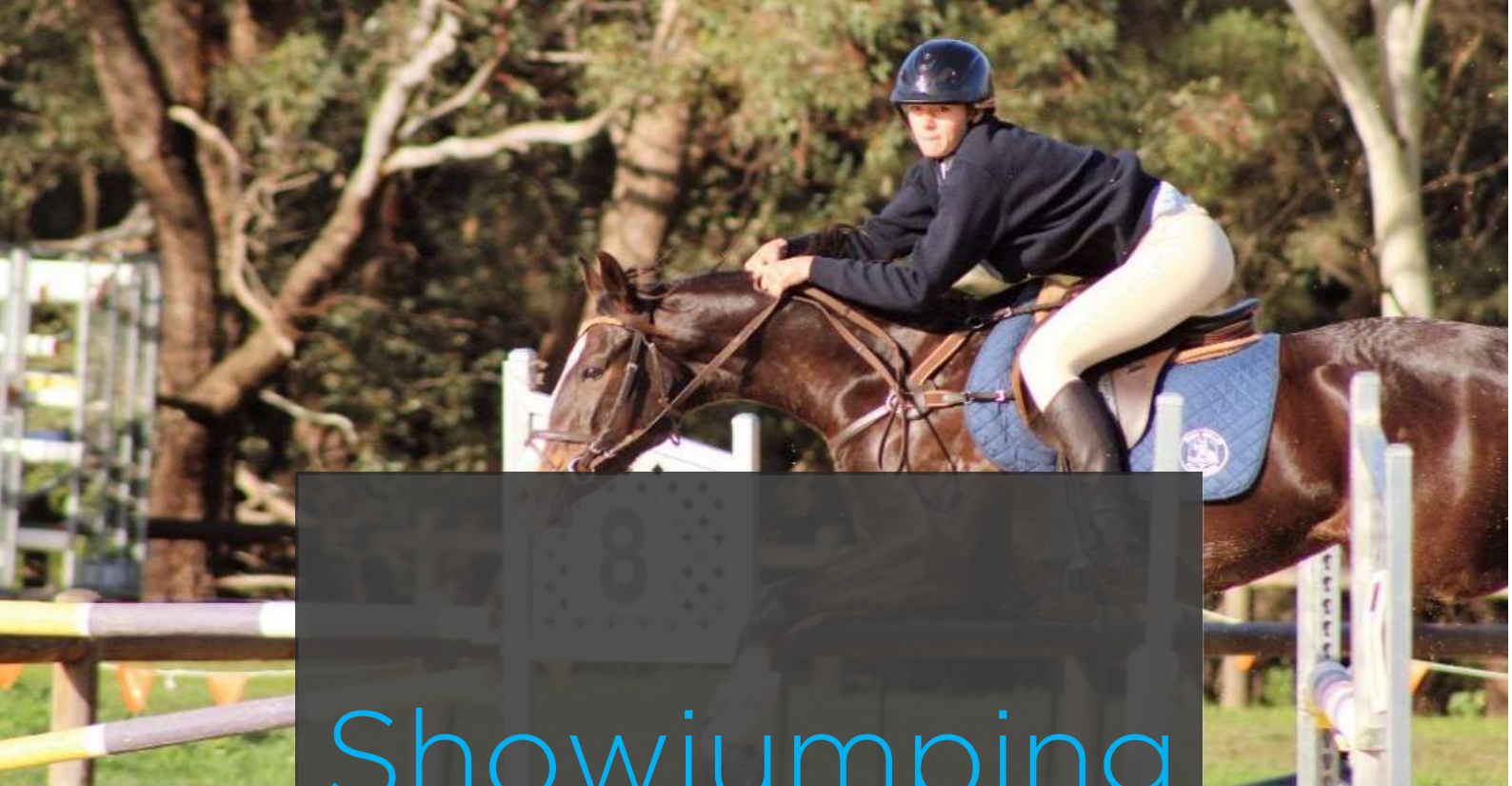
The 2016 Championship Tetrathlon was hosted by Serpentine Horse and Pony Club. This was the clubs first year of the three-year cycle. The running and Cross Country riding phases were held at the Serpentine Horse and Pony Club grounds with the swimming phase being held at the Warnboro Swimming Pool and the Shooting phase hosted by the Jarradale Firing Range. The event was run extremely well, with participants arriving from all over the state to take part.

Progression

The Tetrathlon committee is working towards bringing the Tetrathlon discipline in line with International and National Standards to help our members achieve a uniform standard of competitiveness. Visions for the future of Tetrathlon involve phasing in the use of Laser Pistols. Interested clubs will be encouraged to purchase this type of pistol which initially will involve a substantial cost outlay but the positives would soon outweigh this immensely. Members would not have to travel to Firing Ranges for training or competition, neither would the sourcing of a Licenced PCAWA Rifle Steward, a set of safely maintained rifles, ammunition, or ambulance be required. Members will be able to train at their club houses and not at firing ranges, thus lowering costs and making it readily available for all ages of members with minimal safety issues. Clubs that purchase Laser pistols will inevitably open up endless possibilities to host their own Tetrathlons even varying the jumping phase to a show jumping course should they not have access to a cross country course.

I would like to thank Serpentine Horse and Pony Club, all volunteers, committee members and PCAWA staff for hosting such a great event.

Grant Gaasdalen
Chair, Tetrathlon Committee



Showjumping



Organisation and People

The Showjumping Committee, comprising of eight representatives from three Zones, had a quite full year with events, clinics and the

Championships. We are a very dedicated subcommittee whose aim is to develop riders in the discipline of showjumping.

Resources

Volunteers, Coaches, Judges and Course Builders are our main resources and without them we would be unable to support the riders who strive to achieve excellence in showjumping. The Showjumping Committee also maintains the PCAWA showjumping equipment and trailers. This year the committee purchased a number of smaller showjumping fill which can be used for courses built for any event.

The Showjumping Committee updates the documentation for clubs and riders including: Showjumping Manual, Showjumping Competency Forms, plus the Judge, Course Designers and Commentators Records.

Participation

One of the events the committee organises is the annual Showjumping Championships. It is one of the largest Championships in terms of participation, and allows riders from across the State to participate in Zone and Club teams as well as individual events.

Competition

We hold our annual showjumping day on the Swan Fields at the State Equestrian Centre (SEC). This not only enables riders to compete individually, but also to enter for the Zone Run Off for their clubs. This event always draws a lot of riders and we hope to continue this event in future years. It is a good way for clubs to judge how riders compete at an event before selecting their teams for the Championships.

In 2016, our Championships which were held at the SEC, in terrible weather. We had well over 100 riders attending over two days. As usual the competition was held in four rings including the indoor arena. Team events in the Championships are always very popular with clubs and riders and this year was no exception. On Sunday, we had a very special presentation for Brigid Woss who received the "Margaret Campbell Medal" for her many years of support to pony club by being a long-term sponsor of the showjumping championships. At night time, our ever-popular entertainment was the Jigsaw Pairs which the riders and crowd always love. Overall, despite the weather, the weekend was a good success and we are looking forward to many more years of Showjumping Championships.

Fred Freeman ran Course Building and Judges seminars which were not only informative for people looking to improve their skills, but also for

riders and parents wishing to gain more knowledge about the official side of showjumping.

Progression

The committee wishes to hold more seminars in 2017 and hoped that a lot more people will become qualified in either course building or judging showjumping.

Thank you very much to the committee for your continued hard work in 2016. On a personal note, I will not be returning to the committee in 2017. I would like to thank all the riders and parents who I have met along the way for making my experience a very enjoyable one, and I hope that you will all continue to support the Showjumping Committee in the future.

Thank you.

Debra Walker
Showjumping Chair 2016



Zone Reports

Eastern Zone

I'm going to start with a huge thank you to Deb Alberti for hosting each zone meeting. It works well that we are able to meet somewhat in the middle of the zone area, and we really appreciate Deb's hospitality! Also thank you to Deb for all her work as Treasurer, and Valmai for taking on the very busy role of Secretary, it certainly makes my role easy having such an efficient committee.

It has been another successful year for the zone. The Eastern Zone One Day Event was very well attended, and again it was a beautifully presented course. Thanks to a huge effort from Bethany Moore as course designer and Rachel Jones as Event Secretary, along with the whole of the Kellerberrin club who ensure the grounds are beautifully presented and everyone is well fed for the duration of the event. Thanks also to Bonnie Rock and Bruce Rock clubs for the organisation and set up of the Showjumping and Dressage phases. This year's Zone ODE was followed by the State Eventing Championships run by PCAWA in October which added another dimension to the Cross Country course, with a new water complex along with a few extra jumps, also adding to the workload of Bethany and the Kellerberrin club to complete the changes in a fairly short timeframe. The change will benefit the zone greatly in years to come. Thank you all for your hard work.

As well as the zone ODE, there were various ag shows and gymkhana's organised within the zone. We held 2 zone camps, 3 C Focus rallies and subsequent C assessment days, and it is exciting that we have quite a few pony club members within the zone heading towards their C* certificate.

The C Focus rallies have been a fantastic initiative of our zone and participation at each of them has been encouraging. We do need to remember though that the focus needs to be on the requirements of riders at C level and above as these are the riders we are encouraging to remain in Pony Club through running these clinics.

Finally, I would like to say a thank you to everyone involved within the zone for your support, commitment, time, and I hope we continue to support each of our clubs and they continue to grow into 2017.

Thank you!!

Suzi Sprigg
Eastern Zone President





Great Southern Zone

It has been an amazing year for our riders and parents of the zone with some outstanding results, but for me the results are not as important as the great times spent with good friends who have an immediate and valuable input to our riders. Our last meeting covered the State Showjumping Championships and as the year is rolling on we can report on the Dressage Championships. Before a ribbon was presented we have to thank Carol Bergeson for her amazing commitment to this event, coordinating the try outs and managing teams in Perth is the key to a successful and enjoyable weekend. King River Pony Club achieved in every event and it was reported all the riders and parents had a lot of fun. State eventing is the next event for riders and I wish everybody good luck.

I can report the Pony club has provided Victoria Squire and family with the most exciting and memorable experience to date. 2013 saw a turning point in Tori's life when PCAWA hosted the International Tetrathlon. It was a massive challenge, but was so successful that we were hooked. The event provided the chance to meet riders from the UK, Ireland, USA and New Zealand. We were overjoyed to rekindle these friendships when Tori and her teammates were announced on the Australian team travelling to Ireland in July. It is impossible to describe the beauty and thrill of this trip. Riding on some amazing courses on borrowed horses was a true test. The Irish Pony Club worked so hard to make sure that every rider was given the most incredible experience, staying with the most wonderful host families before moving to Georgian mansions and colleges for horse matching. The Australian team had four West Australian girls, two Victorian boys and one Tasmanian boy, and were managed by NSW member, Janet Hamblin, and coached by Sheila Orsholt. Both Janet and Sheila worked so hard and both were enriched by the experience. I hope the zone fosters an interest and support in Tetrathlon as it has so much to offer.

Thank you delegates for your support and help this year and I am confident the zone will have much success in 2017 with such a great foundation built by this committee.

Thank you.

Anita Squire

Hills Zone

2016 was another very active year for our zone through our sub-committees and we provided our members with many learning opportunities in each discipline as well as being extremely active with C* training and examinations. I think it's safe to say that we are one of the more progressive zones and we look forward to Hills zone continuing to be very active within PCAWA for the years to come. This year we replaced our old uniform with our newly approved colours. We also invited our members to submit their ideas for designs of a new zone logo and we are very pleased to present to our zone and beyond.

February 13 saw the inaugural Hills Zone Associate day held at Dwight Pedlow's Swan Valley Equestrian Park in Millendon. The Zone Committee came up with the idea for this day as part of an older rider retention scheme for pony club riders 17 years and older. Our aim was to provide our Associate riders with a fun, social and educational day that gave them a taste of opportunities that Pony Club can lead them to within the wider equestrian community. As an added incentive, the day was completely free to Hills Zone Pony Club members and only \$20 to riders from outside our zone. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch were provided also free of charge. Twenty riders attended the jam packed day that ran from 8.00am to 5pm and included:

- have a go at driving a driving a pacer and riding a mechanical racehorse, thanks to Ron Fleming and the team from Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA);
- lunging and riding with Kay Fowler from Ripplebrook Equestrian Vaulting Academy;
- a veterinary session with Dr Warwick Vale dissecting a horse lower leg and discussing leg issues,
- a practical Dressage demo;
- a talk on Working Pupil positions with State Squad Member Steph Spencer and her Advanced level horse Redskin;
- specialist lectures on employment opportunities in the racing and pacing industries with Ron Fleming from RWWA,
- four star eventing fitness with top WA eventer Makayla Wood;
- coping with competition nerves with psychologist Dr Theresa Marshall;
- a pilates session with the girls from Midland Physio who designed a program specifically for horse riders;
- Judy Rose (Chair of PCAWA) speaking about officiating opportunities in pony club dressage, Jumping and eventing and overseas opportunities for riders who attain their B Certificate; and
- Lee-Anne (PCAWA Executive officer) who spoke about PCAWA's new leadership program for Associate riders and the new Riders Consultancy Panel and Marketing Committees both made up by Associate riders, giving older riders a real input into the direction of PCAWA.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic and on the strength of this we hope we have laid the groundwork for perhaps the Riders Consultancy Panel to take this on next year. Huge thanks to Angela Rowe and all the presenters who gave their time and made this day possible for our kids! You can watch a short entertaining slideshow of the day on Utube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfpPigPfZRY&sns=em>.

Eventing Sub-Committee

The Zone Eventing Sub-Committee held another highly successful training day in April this year. We had a good representation of riders across all levels, with many beginner cross country riders and also the more experienced riders. We always discuss running an extra training day throughout the year, however this becomes very difficult logistically with many riders in full swing with the competition season, and suitable grounds are unavailable for training as they close in preparation for the One Day Events to be run.

As you know, eventing is a multi-disciplinary sport and due to the hard work by other zone sub committees, the eventing riders are also able to take full advantage of the fantastic training days and clinics that are offered throughout the year also.

The State Eventing Championships is not specifically represented by zone teams, however riders display their skills by representing their individual clubs in full teams or composite teams. The new water jump certainly proved a challenge for many of the riders in the cross country phase this year due to its upgrade, whilst others took it in their stride. Members of the Hills Zone again did extremely well at the Champs this year, which were held in Kellerberrin and we hope to see you all back there again later this year.

Belinda Shipp
Chair Eventing Sub-Committee





Dressage Sub-Committee

It was a busy year with 2 dressage schools, Zone runoffs and the Waldon Cup and Teams Challenge.

The concept of 2 schools allowed us to cater for the younger or less experienced dressage riders to have access to quality coaching as well as introductory level lectures on how to learn a test along with the opportunity to ride a test and then re-ride the test after their lesson.

I feel this could also be expanded to our little riders in the zone to come for half a day unmounted to learn how to learn their tests. Even if we charge them \$10 and supply them with morning tea it will help to subsidise our cost on the day. The format worked well but the timing was very difficult. This will need to be worked on for next time. The senior school was not taken up as well but we opened it up to other zones and had a good response. Again, the timing on the day needs to be worked on and we may need a third instructor to do the lecture side of timings or we do not do a lecture.

The Zone runoffs were done in conjunction with Swan Zone which helped to cover costs and worked well. The Waldon Cup was a good day but I do think we need to get back to the basics of what the event was originally started for. To allow riders who are not experienced at riding tests or are not out competing, a chance to represent their club and have a low stress fun day.

The Teams Challenge was designed to run alongside the Waldon Cup but for the more experienced riders who ride higher level tests.

Next year I believe that we also need to give clubs a check list for what is required from club reps so that everyone is aware and the workload is distributed evenly.

- ensure that all messages are passed back to the club in regards to upcoming events and clinics;
- reply to email traffic even if it is just to let us know it has been received;
- support each other in the planning and running of events; and
- advise of changes to contact details.

I believe that all club reps who attend the AGM at the start of next year need to have an up to date calendar for their grounds availability so dates and venues can be decided as soon as possible. These dates need to be distributed to all clubs so they can start to plan and so they are aware of what is coming up. Judges and coaches need to be booked early so it is not a last-minute rush. There is always the case of judges/coaches becoming unavailable but it is easier to find one that 3 a few weeks out from an event.

Jo Spadaccini
Chair Dressage Sub-Committee

Showjumping Sub-Committee

The 2016 season saw our Hills Zone riders shine in the Showjumping discipline. We had a number of very talented riders wanting to represent our zone at the State Showjumping Championships. They competed successfully at the Zone runoffs and the majority of riders were selected for state teams. All up we had 4 teams entered for the 2016 State

Showjumping Championships and despite the weather the riders competed to their best of their ability and came home with great results!

Every year the Hills Zone Showjumping Sub-committee organises a Showjumping Clinic which zone riders are able to attend. This year we had the wonderful Nell Henry as the coach at our clinic and she provided the riders with great feedback and an enjoyable lesson covering different showjumping exercises. The Showjumping Clinic catered for riders competently jumping 60cm and above and then riders were grouped according to ability and age.

The annual Hills Zone Hazel Pither Shield was run toward the end of the season. This event is always a well-run and fun event which allows our younger riders to enjoy the competition atmosphere without any added stress. At the event it's always great to see the associate members helping and assisting with the junior members in course walk, explaining the show-jumping rules and saddling up ponies.

This year has been a great year for our Hills Zone showjumping riders to show their talent in the discipline. Our zone events have also come back with positive feedback and in 2017 these events and clinics will be held again. It has been a privilege to work alongside a great Zone Committee.

Amy-Louise Ross
Chair Showjumping Sub-Committee

C* Report

This year our Hills Zone conducted 3 C* clinics and 2 Exams (December 2016 included). Twenty nine riders participated in the 3 clinics and 4 participated in the July Exam with 6 riders being examined in this the December exam. Successful candidates in July were Lauren Rumph, Georgia Goss, Jaleesa Gaasdalen and Rhianna Gaasdalen. Judy Rose, Jane Butler and myself examined on the day. There is also one K candidate who will also be examined at our December exam.

I anticipate the same format with clinics and exams in 2017. Our system enables candidates to be assessed and prepared, followed by a successful completion of exam.

I would like to thank the Zone for their continued support for our C* programme of clinics and exams and especially Jacqui for her support throughout the year.

Please note: I am hoping to run an Instructors course early in 2017 and will forward application forms and details early in 2017.

Sue Britza
C* Coordinator

As you can see from the aforementioned, the Hills Zone has been very active mainly due to the dedication of members of our subcommittees and I thank them for their support of their disciplines and efforts they have put in this past year to give riders within our zone and beyond the opportunity to further their education and compete in their chosen disciplines. In Particular, I would like to thank Sue Britza for her unwavering support of our C* and K educational program and also my fellow executive members and discipline chairs.

Wishing you all the best with you future Pony Club endeavours.

Jacqui Moon



Northern Zone

I am happy to be able to write this annual report as President of the Northern Zone of Pony Club Association WA for the 2016 season with a great sense of satisfaction.

While I draw attention to only a few successes and events, please accept my apologies for other important matters that I have missed. This doesn't mean that they are any less important. It is more me being unorganised and time poor!

On behalf of the NZPCAWA I will begin by acknowledging Marie Hart. This Zone is extremely lucky to have someone like Marie in their corner. The dedication, effort, many many hours and pure hard work that Marie puts in to ensure that this Zone doesn't get left behind in indescribable. I know that I value every single job Marie does in what can be a thankless task and I'm sure I can say that on behalf of the Zone Committee and members that we appreciate all of your knowledge and time and we thank you very much for this year and every year. Thank you, Marie.

Another thank you needs to go to the 2016 Northern Zone Committee. It makes for enjoyable meetings and season when you can be a part of a group of people like our committee. So thank you Marie, Wendy, Carol and Jo - your efforts are appreciated.

The 2016 Zone Schools again proved popular and were well attended by all ages and abilities. I think Katrin nearly became a local throughout this season! It was pleasing to see some new faces attend and of course, the usual dedicated ones too. The value for money that riders receive at these schools is excellent as is the level of instruction from all of the visiting coaches. So a big thanks to Katrin, Hazel, Leone, Stephen and Deb for the privilege of our riders learning from you.

Many riders from all clubs (some leaving their comfort zones) competed at various events in and around Geraldton with quite a few travelling a little further. Some were successful and some were not but the experience gained and memories made can sometimes be better than bringing the prize home. New friends are made; learning curves were had and hopefully more ups than downs! Congratulations to all riders on their successes and a big well done to everyone for just getting out there and having a go!

The Northern Zone was lucky enough to be represented at 2 events by Niamh O'Donovan. Niamh competed at the State Eventing Championships at Kellerberrin and also at the State Showjumping Champs at the State Equestrian Centre. Congratulations Niamh on all your efforts and here's to an even better 2017.



The end of July saw the Northern Zone ODE take place. It was good to see some new faces on the eventing scene. Placegetters received some awesome prizes made possible by some very generous sponsors. Thank you to Lynette Whitwell for all of your efforts in organising this. Thanks to the machine otherwise known as Graham Scott for the many hours, hard and sometimes lonely work in getting the cross country course up to scratch to run this event. Thanks to Moonyoonooka for hosting everyone and your course is a real credit to your dedicated members and volunteers. Thanks to those that stepped in to help in various ways to run this Zone event that everyone wants. I feel more attention is needed in ensuring all other clubs within the Zone are actively involved in the setting up, running and closing down of Zone events for the weeks leading up to as well as on the day to enable the workload to be shared.

In closed I would like to offer my thanks to the Clubs and their representatives who regularly attended our meetings and or courteously rung or emailed their views or input on issues needing attention.

As President, I thank you for allowing me to be involved in such a refreshing, well run and happy committee. As the 2017 season gets underway, I wish you all the best for the hectic season ahead. Be happy – ride safe!

Wendy Butterworth
President



Swan Zone

The Swan Zone is made up of Swan Valley PC, Wanneroo HPC, Herdsman PC and Horsemen's PC. The Zone annually sends riders to all of the State Events and many of the riders have been successful in representing their various clubs and Zone.

Annually the Swan Zone, in conjunction with Hills Zone, hold Marsden Cup at Horsemen's PC. This event is open to all PCAWA riders and Open Riders. The Marsden Cup is a handicapped PPMG competition that allows all riders the opportunity to ride in a preliminary games competition. What makes the Marsden Cup special is that we encourage novice games riders and will organise composite teams and run pairs to allow for all entrants to try games out.

This year we also held a C assessment camp at Wanneroo HPC in July to help riders in preparation for their C exam later in the year. Twelve riders were successful in passing their exam. It was a great opportunity for the riders and parents to get to know others from the various clubs within our Zone. It was also great to get some feedback from the examiners in areas that our clubs need to work on in areas of horsemanship and riding knowledge.

We hope to build on the success of the camps, gear checking and officials development and training in 2017.

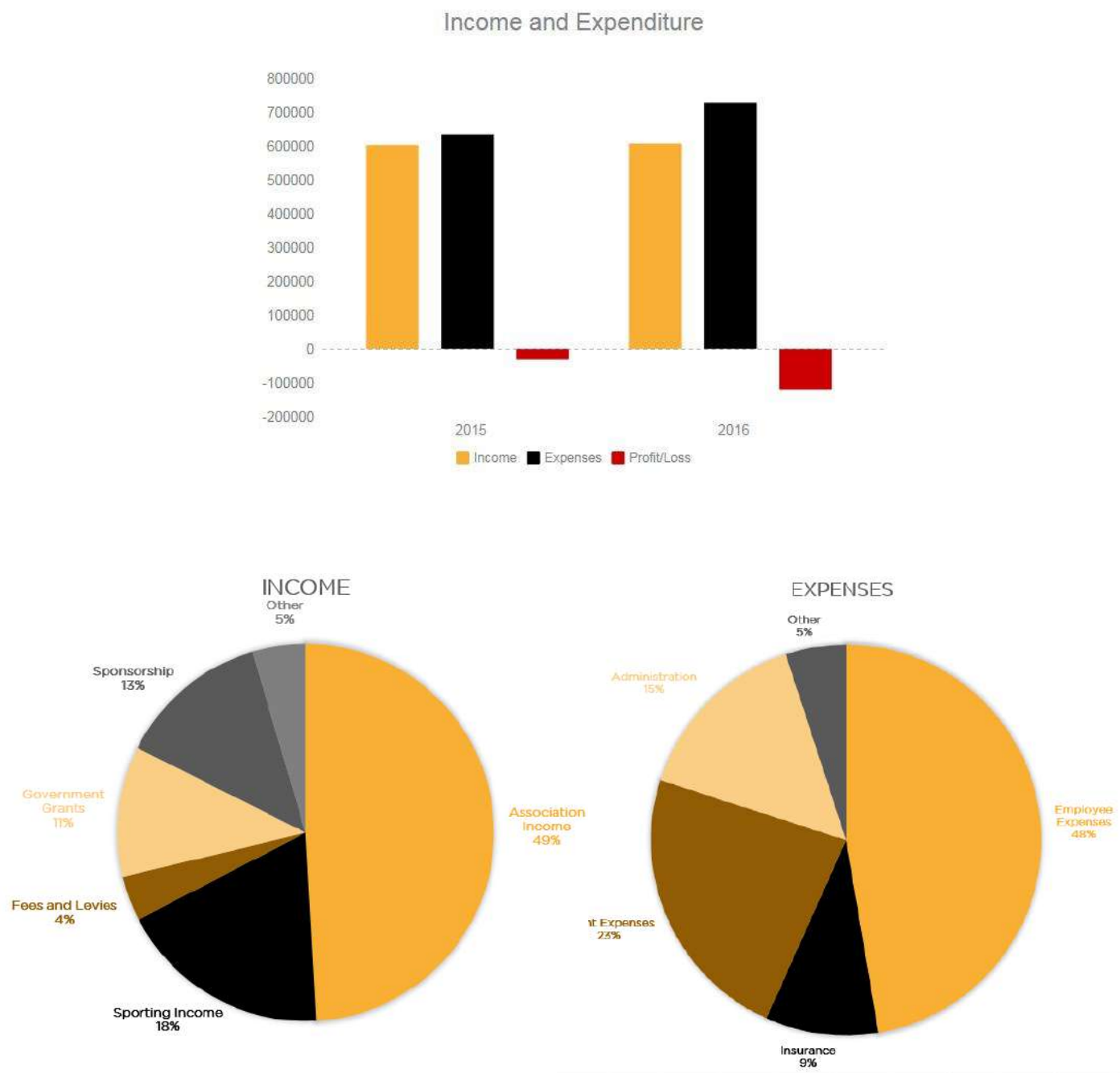




Financials

During the year PCAWA returned a loss of \$120,629 compared to a loss of \$31,180 the previous year.

Although income was similar to the previous year, expenses were higher, primarily due to an increase in staffing.



The Association gets about half of its income from membership fees and 18% from running events such as the State Championships and State Coaching School. Nearly a quarter of the income comes from government grants and sponsorship. We are working to grow our income and seek other sources of revenue.

Nearly half of our total expenditure is employee expenses. Employee expenses have increased this year and allowed us to deliver a number of new projects and initiatives during the year. Event expenses, insurance and administration costs make up most of the remaining expenses.

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