



**PONY CLUB**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Annual Report  
2017

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# Chairperson's Report

2017 has been another year of change and progress within our organisation, in particular a rebranding and name change to Pony Club Western Australia Inc.

Each year, the Board of Pony Club WA is becoming more established and the directors more comfortable with the responsibilities they hold on behalf of the organisation. Our directors continuously look to attend training sessions to further their skills and the Board have also advertised within the Australian Institute of Company Directors for appointed directors with specific skills sets to further strengthen our base.

The Board members would like to make special mention of fellow director Rebecca Claxon, who with her depth of knowledge and expertise in governance has contributed immensely to the organisation and clubs in the writing of the new Constitution and helping in establishing the template for clubs.

Sadly, our CEO Nicole Kerr resigned from her position with Pony Club WA after a relatively short tenure to return to the agricultural industry. Our Membership Officer, Trudi Hall, took on the position of Acting CEO whilst we embarked on a lengthy search to find a new CEO who would be the right fit for our organisation. Trudi went above and beyond taking on this task whilst still performing her duties as Membership Officer and, along with the office staff, deserves our heartfelt thanks for keeping the organisation on track and minimising the disruption to our membership.

Mindful of our financial situation, the Board made the decision to employ a new CEO on a 0.6 FTE basis and after an exhaustive search we were delighted to welcome Wayne Martin to the position in October 2017.

Our organisation is based on volunteers, some of whom also hold positions on the State Sports Committees, Gear Checking Advisory Panel and the State Coaching Panel. These people work extremely hard on, the often thankless, task of developing, updating and revising their rules and regulations, in addition to running events and championships and dedicate much of their own time to moving the organisation forward. Our members' safety must always be at the forefront of our organisation, in this day and age where equestrian accidents are often in the spotlight. Gear checking and rules, whilst sometimes onerous, are the basis for safety and fairness in our chosen sport.

Coaches are another integral part of the Pony Club movement and are ably assisted by both the State Coaching Panel and the Gear Checking Advisory Panel. The number of hours these groups spend meeting to ensure that our coaches and members receive up to date and correct information is testament to their dedication, and we hope that you all remember to thank them, and your club coaches, at every opportunity.

In 2017, budgetary constraints meant that we were unable to deliver any more 'roadshows', however, members were encouraged to attend the Members Forum held in conjunction with the AGM. This will be an annual event and is a perfect place for members from throughout the State to get together and raise concerns or fresh ideas.



The Strive program funding was this year re directed to provide First Aid Training, and Laser Pistol (Tetrathlon) training to members, both of which were wholeheartedly taken up by the membership. The 'Speed to Safety' initiative continues to flourish with support from Racing and Wagering WA and we have been delighted to see Tent Pegging, Vaulting and Hickstead/Hunter Trials start to become part of the Pony Club calendar. The 'Pop up Pony Club' initiative, again fully funded, ran for the first time at Zia Park in Gidgegannup with students from the Port Community School introduced to the joys of horses and riding under the Pony Club banner, and is a concept that we hope to further develop in the future. The Rider's Consultancy Panel ran another River Cruise to allow older members to mingle in a social setting.

Governance and compliance are necessary requirement for any successful organisation, and the Board and office staff spend much time working alongside the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries, Pony Club Australia and others ensuring Pony Club WA meets its obligations. Club executives have also had the added load of revising their individual club constitutions, following on from the roll out of the new Pony Club WA constitution, and the sports and other committees have reached a new level regarding Terms of Reference and budgeting. Certainly not the most 'fun' aspect of Pony Club and we thank all those who have worked so hard in these necessary areas.

Sponsorship and corporate partnerships are becoming increasingly competitive and we are thankful for the continued support of Heathway and the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries. We are also delighted to welcome exciting new sponsorship initiatives from Gallagher Animal Management and Horseland, and a partnership with HIF and Specsavers as we move into 2018. We must also not forget the many businesses and individuals who support activities at club, competition and championship level, without them many, many opportunities for our members would be lost.

The backbone and strength of Pony Club is the working rally and this 'grassroots ' area of Pony Club at individual club level must always be at the forefront of our organisation. We are also all very proud of the opportunities we can provide, and the members who have represented us at National and International level in 2017. 2018 will see more of these high-profile opportunities become available to our members, the roll out of the Val Polich Memorial Scholarship, the continuation of the Annual Eventing Scholarship and other initiatives aimed to encompass all levels of Pony Club.

The Board of Pony Club WA would like to thank each and every person who has supported and contributed to Pony Club in Western Australia in 2017. We are looking forward to seeing much of the hard work spent over the past 3 years lifting our organisation to a new level coming to fruition in 2018 and being of genuine benefit to the membership.

Deborah Spencer

Chairperson

Pony Club WA Board



# Chief Executive Officer's Report

Having commenced work with Pony Club Western Australia Inc. in October 2017, I have come onboard with an organisation that has seen many changes over the past 12 months, with the introduction of the new Constitution, the rollout of Pony Club's new website in 2018 as well as bringing on the organisation's first Group Platinum Sponsor, Gallagher Animal Management, who will be very prevalent over the next 12 months working closely with us at events.

The scope of services provided by the State Office is to continually support and guide our clubs and committees in 2018 so that our members enjoy Pony Club and we can continue to grow and offer that great Pony Club experience for all concerned.

Pony Club WA has worked hard over the past 3 years on its Strategic Plan and placing itself to achieve its goals. With new board members joining in 2018 from within our clubs and external to the association will allow for continued strong governance and the development of our new Strategic Plan in line with Pony Club Australia in late 2018/early 2019.

It was great to see the rollout of the training for Laser Pistols and the First Aid course in December 2017 and the large participation of members that attended at the State Equestrian Centre for these two events. We will continue to look at opportunities to give back and add value to our clubs and members again in 2018.

The programs that will be rolled out for 2018 are exciting:

- Healthway programs
  - Go 2&5 Race Around the State
  - Go 2&5 Club Canteen Program
  - Go 2&5 Healthy Kids and Healthy Horses Program
  - Go for 2&5 Fuel To Go, Go, Go

As the Chief Executive Officer of Pony Club WA, my team and I have ultimate responsibility for the day to day running of the organisation and for ensuring we are meeting the requirements of our funding bodies. The State Office team are enthusiastic and very knowledgeable and work very closely with the committees and clubs, so we can continue to offer the best advice and build new and innovative programs, so we continue to be a sport of choice.

The next 12 months is sure to bring about change and new challenges for our organisation and I have no doubt that these will be met head on by all our State Office team, Clubs, Committees and Board, and that Pony Club WA will continue to play an integral role in providing a great Pony Club experience across the state.

Wayne Martin  
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 2017.

## Awareness

Increase awareness of Pony Club WA as the leading youth equestrian association.

## Governance

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

## Sustainability

Diversify revenue sources and develop key stakeholder relationships to ensure sustainability

## Capacity

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

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 this strategic objective in 2017.



## Awareness

Work on this strategic objective continue to progress. Our Marketing and Communications strategy was completed in 2016/17 and a Marketing Action Plan is being developed that will focus on continuous improvement of building brand awareness via social media. Marketing policies, procedures and guidelines have been completed that gives strict rules for all members to follow.



## Governance

An operational plan has been developed, and during 2016/17 the operational plan has continued to be worked on. The Board committees of Audit and Finance and Governance and Risk Committee have worked hard during 2017 to make sure that Pony Club WA was working with a strong financial platform and strong governance. Many internal and external policies have been developed and reviewed during the year.



## Sustainability

For Pony Club WA to continue to be sustainable going forward, the Association will continue to look at ways to diversify its revenue sources and seek out new stakeholders that can bring value to the Association. Pony Club WA will seek continuous support from its long-term funding partners in Healthway to support the Go 2&5 programs and the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries to fund special projects that can benefit existing and new members within our association. This only goes part way to growing our association and Pony Club WA has developed new sponsorship package pitches for the group and its committees to allow us to approach more industry related organisations to support our championships and programs, this will allow us to develop new and innovative programs. As an association it will be about developing relationships in the market that can add true value of how their products and services can be used by our members and the consumers that support their brand. It will allow Pony Club WA the opportunity to acknowledge and support our sponsors and funders with enhanced brand recognition in the market place across WA.



## Capacity

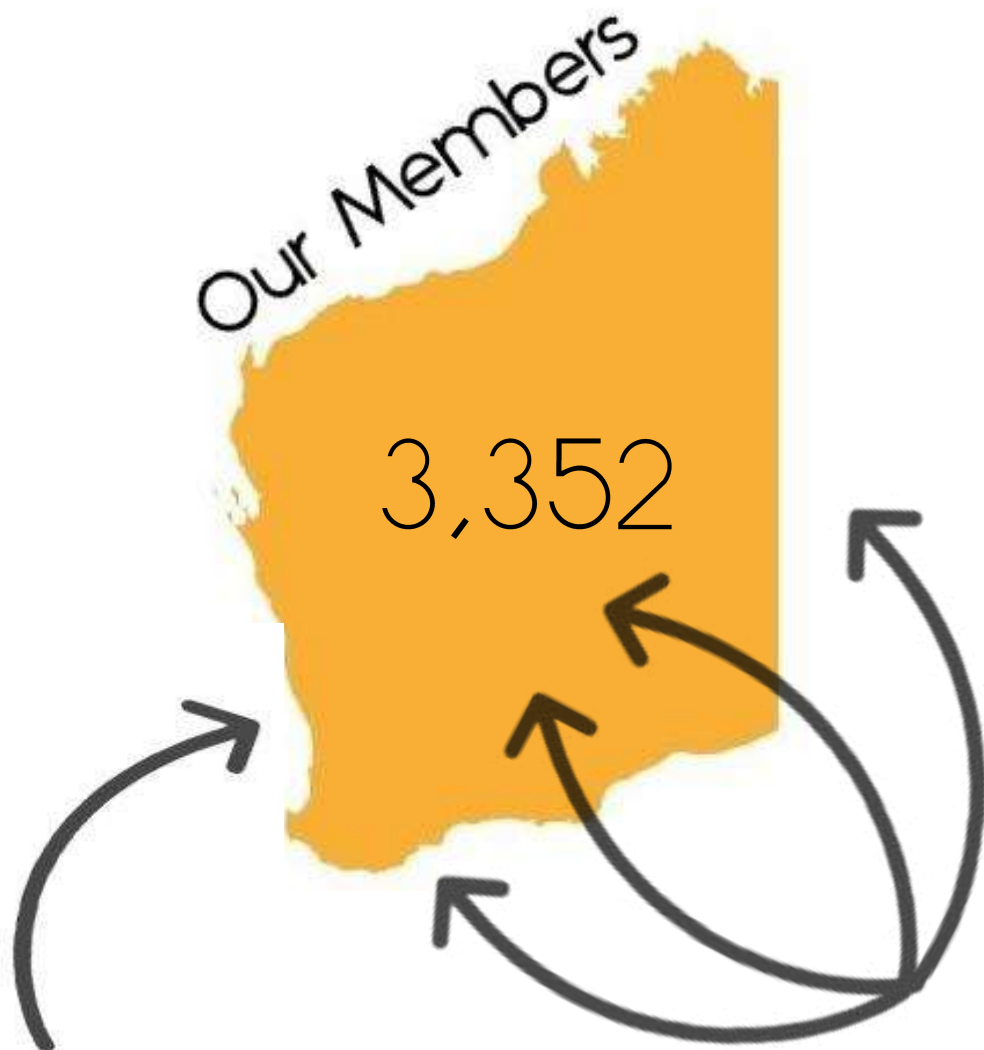
For Pony Club WA to continue to be a sport of choice in the marketplace and to be able to compete against other organisations that chase participation of members, Pony Club WA will continue to expand its services. Such areas are the expansion and usage of My Pony Club, programs developed for members to enhance their skill set from professional organisations (Speed to Safety), association supported training programs (first aid training) for members, and projects funded and run by State Coaching Panel and other panels within the Association. The Association will continue to look for committees and zones to be accountable to drive participation across all clubs and rallies, to generate more participation, and a greater Pony Club experience.





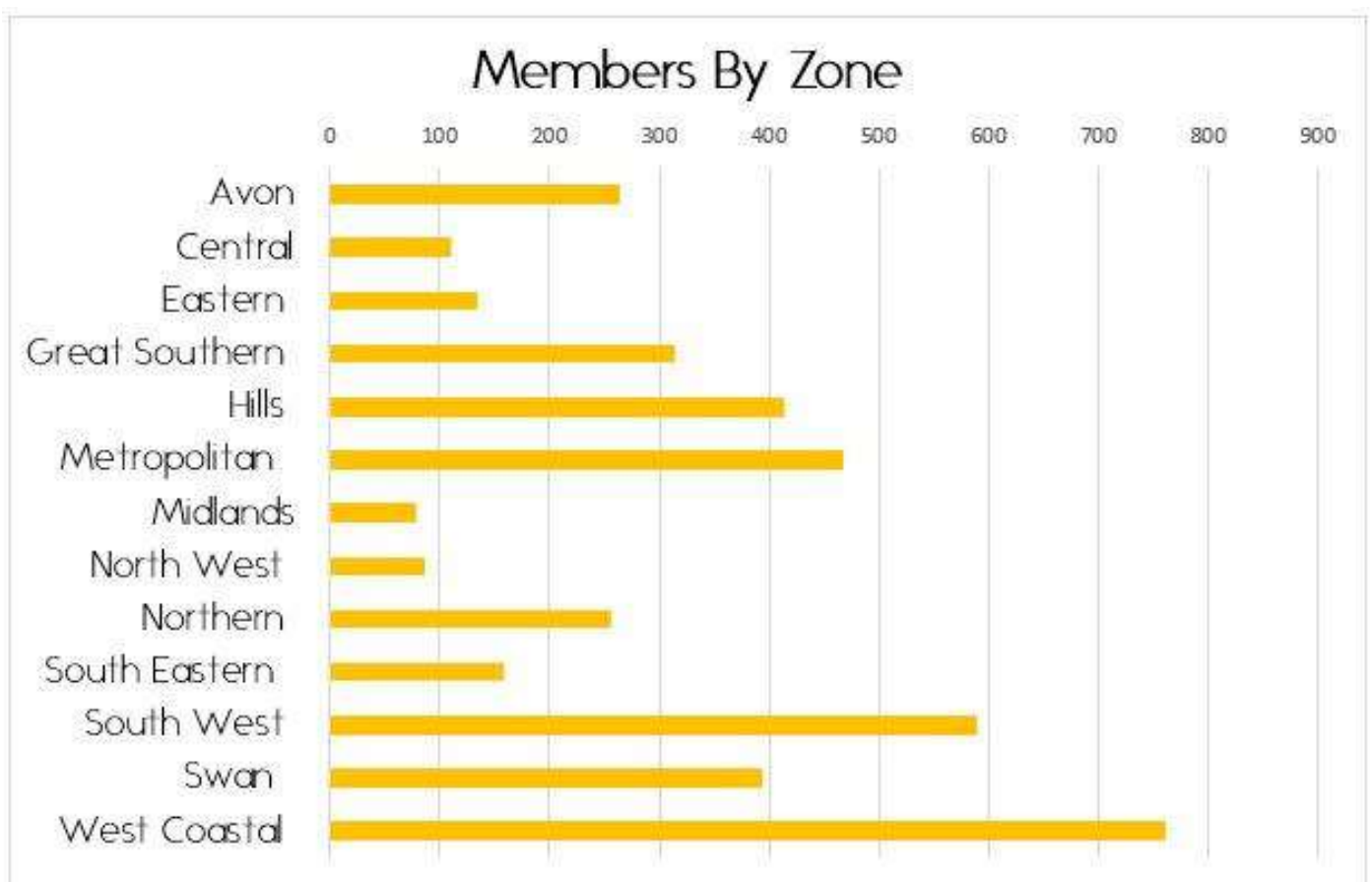
Our Members



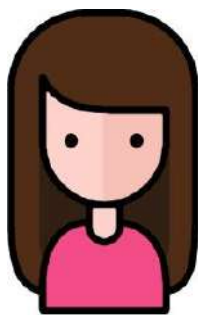
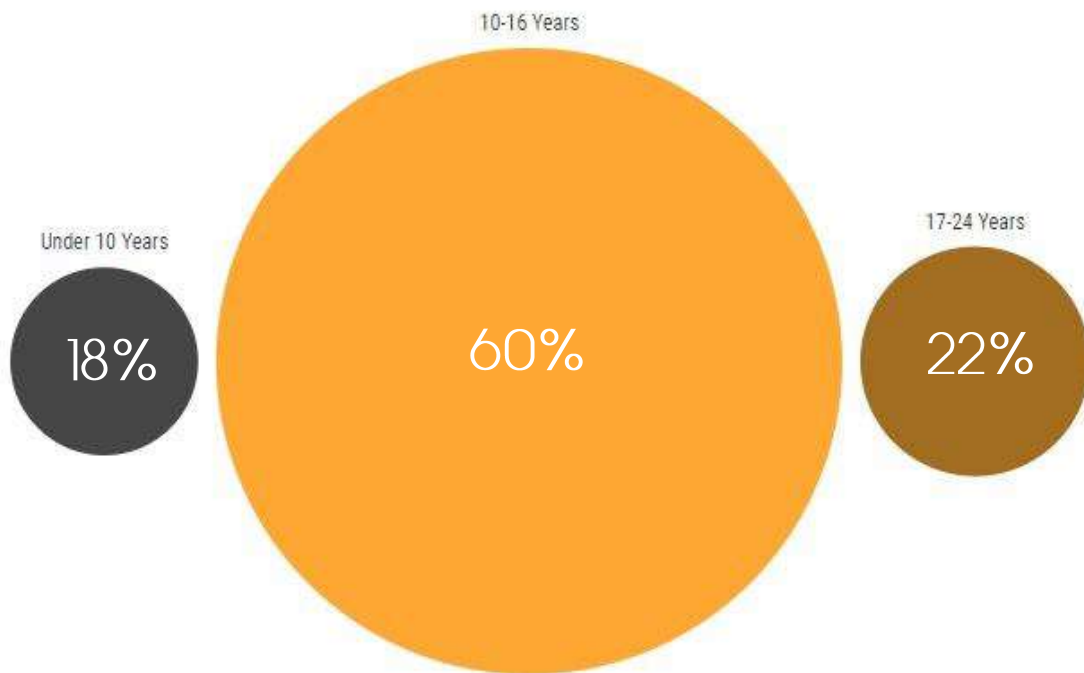


35% Metropolitan

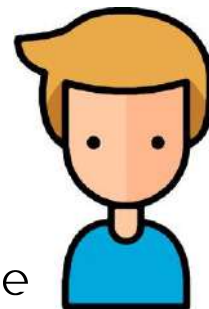
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# Age



90% Female



10% Male

15 Metropolitan



48 Regional

63  
Clubs

# SOCIAL MEDIA



Grew from 2,680 to  
2,860 likes  
5.93% increase



Instagram follows grew a  
whopping 79%

358 Followers

200 Followers



The Pony Club Post

52 Newsletters sent

Weekly Reach: 3,776

33 E-Blasts sent

15,336 Visitors each  
month to our website





# STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER EVENTS

Active Riding

102

Participants

Dressage

241

Participants

Eventing

76

Participants

Showjumping

247

Participants

Tetrathlon

137

Participants

Festival

117

Participants

Annual Awards

100

Participants



# Ongoing Projects



# First Aid Training

Through the support of Racing and Wagering WA, December 2017 saw 29 Pony Club WA members from over 16 different clubs attended First Aid Training and Accreditation.

These groups were split between the lovely grounds of Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club, who kindly supported us in this venture, and the State Equestrian Centre. Thanks to the expertise of the training providers, Actfast Training, all members passed.

# Laser Pistol Training

With the introduction of laser pistols for the Shooting Phase in the Tetrathlon Rules 2018, clubs began purchasing their own pistols. We would like to thank Racing and Wagering WA and the West Australian Pistol Association for their generous support. Pony Club WA was able to offer individual members the opportunity to kick start their Tetrathlon training and have a go at the new laser pistols. Coaches, Murray Bow, Pony Club WA member, Nikita Mawhirt and WAPA member, Scott Anderson coached over 100 Pony Club members with one-hour sessions on safety, use and precision.





# Speed to Safety

This 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 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.

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.

With the introduction of the Speed to Safety Final, three qualifiers were held throughout the year and the final, at Pinjarra Park was held in January 2018.

Five riders represented their clubs and the association at the final with all riders achieving great results. Shannon Meakins from Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club took out the closest to optimum time and the title of Speed to Safety Champion for 2017.

Winner: Shannon Meakins – Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club

Congratulations to all participants:

Kalam Thomson – Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club  
Ruby Weightman – Baldivis Equestrian and Pony Club  
Matilda Hall – Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club  
Hannah Fitzgerald – Baldivis Equestrian and Pony Club





# Association Initiatives

# Members' Forum

In 2017 Pony Club WA hosted a Members Forum to which affiliated clubs were eligible to attend. 18 clubs took advantage of this opportunity.

Topics discussed at the Member Forum included:

- 2016 – The Year in Review and Plans for 2017
- Q & A Session
- The New Associations Act
- Proposed Changes to Pony Club WA's Constitution
- Moving Forward – What Member Clubs Want

## Constitution

The special resolution proposed at a Special General Meeting held on the 20th May 2017 to change the rules of the Association by the adoption of a new Constitution, was passed by Member Clubs.

To that effect, as of 17th August 2017 the Association became known as Pony Club Western Australia Incorporated and commenced operation under a new constitution.

In October 2017 a constitution template was distributed to all member clubs to assist them in making changes to their rules to comply with the Associations Act 2015.

## Policy Updates

The following external Pony Club WA policies were updated/introduced in 2017:

- Member Protection Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Discipline Policy
- Disputes Policy
- Visual Images Policy
- Fraud Management Policy
- Gambling and Anti Match Fixing Policy
- Health Policy

The following external Pony Club Australia policies were updated/introduced in 2017:

- Hot Weather Policy



# Tent Pegging Cup

Tent Pegging has often been mentioned in the Pony Club Syllabus as a K Option and featured in other states as a regular competition. 2017 saw Pony Club WA support Don Hawkins with reviving the WA Tent Pegging competitions of the past and introduce the Annual Pony Club WA Tent Pegging Cup. Clubs were encouraged to form teams and get training for the big day in October. Four Clubs took up the challenge and formed teams with riders of all ages and abilities.

On October 15th, Walliston Riding and Pony Club hosted the 2017 Pony Club WA Tent Pegging Cup. The event offered Individual, pairs and teams competitions and all riders competed with fantastic team spirit, comradery and skill.

Special thanks to Don Hawkins for his knowledge and enthusiasm in organising the event, the generous sponsors who made the event possible, Walliston Riding and Pony Club for being great hosts and to the riders and parents for your time and efforts in your training and runs on the day.







# Awards and Achievements



The 2017 Awards day was held in conjunction with the State Coaching School at Karinya Equestrian Park in Orange Grove. It was a chance for all members of Pony Club WA to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of the members, volunteers and officials throughout the state.

Nominations came in from clubs across the state, giving the selections panel much to deliberate on.

Congratulations to all Nominee's and Winners. You all truly embody the Pony Club WA spirit.

# Pony Club WA

## Service Awards

The Pony Club WA Service Award ("S" Certificate) recognises the outstanding contribution of individuals to the Association over the years and is therefore only awarded in exceptional circumstances. The introduction of Gold, Silver and Bronze Service Awards allows our members to be recognised a number of times over a number of years for continual contributions.

### **Gold Service Awards**

#### **Moira Taylor – Capel Horse & Pony Club**

In recognition of past and ongoing contribution to the running of Capel Horse and Pony Club, the high standard of maintenance to the cross-country course and above all her commitment to the development of members young and old.

#### **Noelene Brown – Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club**

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

### **Silver Service Award**

#### **Julie Cameron – Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club**

In recognition of your amazing contribution and outstanding commitment to pony club in Western Australia.



# Pony Club WA

## Citizenship Awards

The Pony Club WA Citizenship Award (formerly Shell and Vetsearch Award) commenced in 1994 and is awarded to an Associate Riding Member of a Pony Club WA affiliated club who has given constant and practical services to his or her club.

**Amelia Gal – Busselton Horse & Pony Club**

**Chloe Moon – Gidgegannup Horse & Pony Club**

**Angela Whelan – Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club**

**Shannon Bray – Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club**

**Ashleigh McNamee – Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club**



# Pony Club WA

## B Certificate

**Kaitlin Goss – Eastern Hills Horse and Pony Club**





# Pony Club WA

## Margaret Campbell

### Award

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

### **Angela Herzer – Pony Club WA State Active Riding Committee**

Angela has been a member of the Pony Club WA State Active Riding Committee for many years holding a range of positions. She has been instrumental in the smooth running of many state and national events.

Angela demonstrates professionalism and a passion for Active Riding, always keeping the best interest of riders at heart.



# National Representatives

Selected to represent Pony Club Australia at an International Event.

**Milly Patton – PCA Team Member – 2017 Interpacific Exchange**

**Sheila Oorschot – PCA Team Coach – 2017 Interpacific Exchange**



**Rachael Perkins - PCA Team Member – 2017 International Quiz Exchange**





# RAC WA

## Sports Star Awards

Nominated by Pony Club WA, these people are great ambassadors for the association and their sport.

**The West Australian RAC Sports Star Award**

**Emily Patton**

**KPMG Coach of the Year**

**Sheila Oorschot  
Wendy Cumming**

**RAC Insurance Service To Sport**

**Denise Legge**



# Pony Club WA

## Annual Awards

### **Pony Club WA Eventing Coach of the Year**

#### **Philippa Collier**

Philippa typically attends events unpaid to warm up, coach and encourage riders of all levels. She warms up multiple riders from our club for Dressage as well as walking the showjumping and cross-country courses with the riders. Philippa coaches riders from other clubs in the Hills Zone cross-country training days run twice per year by Hills Zone and also assesses and examines, as well as instructs on Pony Club Certificates - running clinics through Hills Zone. Philippa still competes in Eventing herself and next year will be her 35th year at Eastern Hills Pony Club (awarded life membership for contribution to the club).

### **Pony Club WA Showjumping Coach of the Year**

#### **Stephen Jones**



Stephen Jones has been the Showjumping coach at Pinjarra Horse and Pony Club for over 15 years and is a crowd favourite amongst their members! Everyone always looks forward to their lesson with Stephen at rallies and they leave their lessons filled with new knowledge and confidence, not to mention smiling faces. Stephen always goes above and beyond and on numerous occasions has attended many events in his own time to support and encourage our riders. His style of teaching is unique but consistent and he easily adapts his techniques for easy understanding from lead line through to advance jumpers.



## **Pony Club WA Grass Roots Coach of the Year**

### **Rowena Bathgate**

Rowena Bathgate has been with Pinjarra Horse and Pony Club for the last two years, but was originally the Chief Coach of Exmouth Pony Club for many years. She has been heavily involved in the pony club movement from a young age, being a pony clubber herself, and 50 years later is the Chief Coach at our club. Rowena is friendly and caring and is a wealth of knowledge on all things horses and pony club. As well as organising our monthly rallies, Rowena also instructs our younger members on riding technique and information relevant to the syllabus in order to help them achieve their certificates. Rowena is a great mentor to all members and coaches at our club as she still competes today and as recent as 2015, she qualified for the Carriage Driving Nationals. Her passion for horses and pony club shines through in everything she does and her patience and understanding of the way our younger riders learn is very much appreciated in our club.

## **Pony Club WA Rural Coach of the Year**

Stephen Jones  
Meg Woodhouse  
Karen Payne

### **Emma Allin**

Emma Allin is one of the longest standing coaches at our club, first as a parent and now as our treasurer, coach and mentor to many of our older members. Her guidance to our coaches and committee members is invaluable. She is the one person we all approach when we have any questions or queries regarding coaching, clinics, zone information, state events and beyond. She is the first to notify and encourage coaches and members to attend clinics and training days. Emma has made a large contribution to the development of coaching at pony club, through means of previously being on the State Coaching Panel, zone committee and by mentoring up and coming coaches at our pony club. Emma is continuously improving her coaching and riding skills through means of attending clinics as both rider and coach. She also spends many hours of her own time helping our members researching and problem solving any issues they may have been having with their horses in regards to floating, incorrect fitting gear and the list goes on. Emma's no-nonsense and composed manner is the reason why she is a loved and respected member of our club.

## **Pony Club WA Associate Member of the Year**

Samantha Mullane  
Katelin Fantuz

### **Chantelle Wells**

Chantelle has been a member of Capel Horse and Pony Club for four years. In this time, she has experienced great success in Eventing, Showjumping and this year's State Dressage Championships. For the past two years, Chantelle has been the Vice President of Capel Horse and Pony Club, being a great support to the Executive Committee and gives the younger riders' point of view and voice. Chantelle regularly takes part in coaching at rallies, working with the younger riders and understanding their concerns and being able to communicate at their level. Chantelle has the ability to ride any problematic ponies defusing potential problems, thereby allowing the rider to continue at the rally. Chantelle is involved in organising our events, and always volunteers to be our event farrier. It is inspiring for the younger riders' to see a riding member's involvement in Pony Club activities outside of riding

## Pony Club WA Volunteer of the Year

Larissa Curtis  
Angela Herzer

### Shenae Tilbee

Shenae Tilbee has been a member of Pinjarra Horse and Pony Club for almost 10 years and in that time has been a riding member, committee member, secretary, and she is going in to the second year as president. As well as being our president, she is also a committee member for a multitude of other groups, including the West Coastal Zone Committee. Shenae is the first person to arrive at our rallies and greet everyone and is usually the last to leave. The members always look forward to seeing her at rallies, enjoy being in her lessons and sharing their happiest horsey moments with her from the last month. Shenae is always encouraging, supportive and friendly to members and coaches alike, and will often give up her own time to help them. Outside of rallies, Shenae will also attend Pony Club WA state events and local events with our members to encourage them and support them and to share in any triumphs they may have. She runs a tight ship at events and always makes sure everyone is where they are supposed to be at the correct time. She has also run various in house training days for our members when they have an event coming up and does not hesitate to offer help to anyone if they cannot get to an event. No matter where she is, at rallies, club run events or state events, Shenae conducts herself with professionalism when representing our club and promotes and upholds the ideals and objectives of Pony Club WA. She is a friend to everyone and one of our most hard working volunteers! Our club absolutely loves her and we would love her to be honoured with Volunteer of the Year.





## Pony Club WA Event of the Year

Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club Showman Series  
Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships  
Pony Club WA Perth Royal Show Pairs Competition

## Capel Horse and Pony Club One Day Event

2017 saw Capel Horse and Pony Club host for the first time over two consecutive weekends, the highly successful Pony Club and Mitavite 3\* CNC Event. With over 300 competitors and support crew, this event attracted a record level of sponsorship, elite riders both known and up and coming. With the Pony Club event being held on the first weekend, it allowed the younger, less experienced riders to feel part of a major event. The support from volunteers from the ranks of our members, the local community, friends and family, provided over 400 hours of labour towards the running of this event. The local community benefitted greatly from the purchase of food, ice, fuel, drinks and horse feed by the competitors. This event is the Capel Horse and Pony Club's major fundraiser for the year, raising money for coaches, entry to State events, camps and other opportunities for members.





## Pony Club WA Club of the Year

Walliston Riding and Pony Club  
Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club

### Pinjarra Horse and Pony Club

This year, Pinjarra Horse and Pony Club has had to be a resilient little club, with only a handful of members and the move to our new grounds at the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre in June. After a few years of uncertainty and confusion throughout the wider pony club community (many thinking our club had folded), we have come to the end of 2017 a stronger more motivated club and we are excited for 2018. This year, amongst moving to our new grounds, the committee has been hard at work putting together new initiatives for 2018, including members without ponies, a buddy mentoring program and an Off the Track mentoring program which is currently in the process of being approved by the Racing and Wagering Off the Track initiative. Throughout the year, our coaches have been delivering and implementing all aspects of the coaching syllabus to our members and 2018 will see our coaches being able to deliver a more diverse coaching schedule, including cross-country and Active Riding.

## Go for 2&5 Healthy Canteen Award

### Gosnells Riding and Pony Club

The WA Canteen Association were especially pleased to see the free fruit on offer, smoothies being offered for breakfasts and so many greens on the menu!

Runner Up: Spalding Horse and Pony Club



Highly Commended: Walliston Riding and Pony Club



# Operational Panels



# State Coaching Panel

The State Coaching Panel 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 State Coaching Panel is responsible for the updating of the resource manual 'Comfort and Safety of the Horse and Rider'

Membership of the State Coaching Panel started the year off with 8 members and increased with one new member during the year. We are always actively engaging in planning to maintain a full panel for succession and rotation of experience.

## National Coaching

The National Coaching Committee's role is to provide advice to the board of Pony Club Australia on all matters relating to coaching for riders, coaches and officials. At the start of 2017, to aid succession planning and assist with continuity, Committee members with more than 6 years' service stepped down. The NCC welcomed new members from NSW, SA and TAS. The WA representative was appointed as Secretary/Treasurer.

The NCC had two face-to-face meetings in 2017. The first was at PCA AGM in Adelaide and the second in Perth (a first!) in November. At the November meeting the committee visited Dr Portland Jones and Sophie Warren at their Swan Valley property and gained a valuable understanding of equitation science. Other meetings were conducted by teleconferencing.

The main focus of the NCC for 2017 has been:

- Team building, including committee member profiles and photos
- Helping to develop a framework and content for the Coaching tab on the PCA website
- Continuing to support China Pony Club (now 14 clubs and nearly 200 members)
- Streamlining the lesson plan content of Preliminary Coaching Qualifications
- Gauging "real" interest in a Level 2 Coaching qualification - framework complete developing a process to permit the use of bitless bridles at rallies only and to track the take up of this option.





## 2017 Pony Club WA State Coaching School

Over 130 coaches from across the State plus one coach from the Northern Territory attended the annual Pony Club WA State Coaching School. Traditionally the School has been held in the Swan Valley region but this year Pony Club had the opportunity to use the recently refurbished facilities at Karinya Equestrian Park. The theme for the State Coaching School was "Mindful Coaching".

The weather was shocking - wet and wild but facilities and food were excellent. Philippa Collier sandwiched our School with an opening session on managing mixed abilities and closed with an interesting presentation on paces and footfalls. Fred Freeman shared his principles of good showjumping design and Nellandra Henry used the course to demonstrate how to deal with typical Pony Club showjumping problems. Jon Pitts from Ride Smart had us rolling around the Club room on fit balls whilst Don Hawkins entranced us with his Tent Pegging demonstration. Dr Portland Jones enlightened us on equitation science and just why "Horses Hate Surprise Parties".

It was a very inspiring weekend and coaches went away with new ways of thinking and solving problems plus techniques that will help them be more mindful coaches. Thank you to our presenters who triumphed in spite of the weather and of course to our coaches who attended the School, without whom there would be no Pony Club.

## Healthway Funded Coaching Clinics

Pony Club WA 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 specific such as Flatwork, Jumping, Mounted Games, Lunging and Gear Checking.

Clubs and Zones have the opportunity to apply for coaching clinics that are funded, in part, by the grant allocated to the State Coaching Panel. In 2017 we granted funding to Clubs and Zones for Coaching the Coaches, NCAS PC Coaching Preliminary & Level 1, Gear Checking Clinics and the reintroduction of Orientation to Pony Club and Coaching.

## NCAS Coaching Accreditation

Coaches are continually encouraged, given advice and assistance to work towards their accreditation. In 2017 we had four Preliminary Coaches and three Level 1 Coaches newly accredited. SCP is investigating new pathways for completing NCAS PC Preliminary and Level 1 Accreditations.

## Efficiency Certificates

379 Efficiency Certificates were awarded in 2017.

Certificate	Issued
E	36
D	162
D	110
C	52
C*/K	18
B/A/H	1
Total	379

C\* and K Certificates is managed at Zone level but directed by a member of the State Coaching Panel. 2017 has seen a growing interest in the K Certificate and the State has catered for these candidates by holding State Schools. 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.

## Gear Checking Advisory Panel (GCAP)

Gear checking is an area in Pony Club WA that needs constant attention. Discussions in late 2016 revealed that although an increased number of clinics had been hosted to promote its value in safety, horse welfare and competition compliance, the very process of gear checking was not being performed in pony club well. Also members, as knowledgeable and skilled as they were, were not taking the steps to get accredited or actively promote and support the function of gear checking in their clubs. More emphasis was required at all levels.

Upon ratification from the Pony Club WA Board in early 2017, a memo was sent to all Club Presidents and club contacts advising of club requirements to be introduced as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Firstly, if a pony club hosts events or training days under pony club rules, it must have a listed Club Accredited Gear Checker. Secondly, the pony clubs hosting events or training days, must appoint an Event Accredited Gear Checker to be present on the grounds for any event or training day. The Accredited Gear Checker is either from the Club or it is encouraged to make use of the listed accredited gear checkers across WA.

Whilst many clubs may have felt the pressure to meet this new compliance requirement, our presenters have observed positive derivatives from this new policy. In 2017, 18 clinics were hosted around WA, resulting in 69 now accredited gear checkers, plus new assessors and we welcome expressions of interest from members that would like to join our collegiate team of clinic presenters.

A tremendous effort!

## Riders' Consultancy Panel

On the 2nd of September, the Rider's Consultancy Panel held the 2nd Annual Rider's Ball for Pony Club WA. The ball took the form of a river cruise held on the beautiful Crystal Swan Charters boat. It was an enjoyable night with fantastic food, good music, and some interesting dance moves! A massive thank you to everyone who came along, and to Pony Club WA for supporting this event. Another big thank you to our raffle sponsors Pony Club WA, Boekemans Machinery, and Waalijap Farm.







# Sports Committees





# Dressage





## **Mission**

To include as many riders at every level of Dressage to maintain a strong growth moving forward.

## **Leadership**

The State Dressage Committee for 2017 were very knowledgeable and with this brought a lot of new ideas which saw a major change in the music being submitted in MP3 format which Kerry embraced and was a lot less messy than CDs. At the event each committee member went above and beyond to ensure the weekend ran smoothly. The amazing scoring team had scores out in record times and were even waiting for tests, they were so fast. The weather played in our favour after the wet leadup to the weekend.

## **Highlights**

The inclusion of Friday night was very well received by our higher-level riders and this freed them up to be able to ride more classes over the three days. It was very encouraging to see a good crowd supporting these higher-level riders and hopefully the younger riders were inspired to be at that level one day. The Friday evening was sponsored by DVG Melville Volkswagen and is something that the committee will be implementing again in 2018.

## **Participation and Development**

With the introduction of a new Zone Team, Harrison Trophy and Pas de Deux Elementary it has given riders the opportunity to ride at the correct level they are competing at. Pony Club needs to cater for the fast-growing abilities of our riders and we hope that we have shown this with these new classes. In 2018 there will be a new Elementary pairs test introduced which will complement the Stuart Harkness and Wanda Nelson. Details are being finalised, which will be out soon.

## **Reward and Recognition**

There has been a lot of positive feedback with the new classes added which will help retain our higher-level riders. This will also give the younger riders something to work towards and stay in Dressage longer at the higher levels.

## **Our Vision for 2018**

Is to keep moving Dressage forward and make it inclusive for all riders across all levels.





# Eventing





## **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 2017 committee has brought with it valuable knowledge and skills, which has culminated in a successful year for the sport. Rule changes have been aimed at making the sport safer and processes have been developed that enable officials to deal with breaches of rules and codes of conduct. Accreditation procedures for Course Designers have been improved and will be implemented in 2018 as we are committed to safety of both rider and horse.

## **Highlights:**

The 2017 State Eventing Championships held at Kellerberrin Riding and Pony Club, were the highlight of the year. The second year with the host club has proven how capable they are at working with the State Eventing Committee to produce a great event. Once again Kellerberrin delivered on its promise of a friendly club community, with their challenging cross-country course courtesy of course designer Bethany Moore. The Saturday night games provided a great social event for all those involved.

## **Participation and Development:**

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

2017 One Trainee Course Designer gained Accreditation for all grades. Unfortunately, no trainee Technical Delegates (TD) gained accreditation in 2017.

2017, 8 TDs and CDs were active in officiating at a total of 22 ODEs and Eventing also supplied Tetrathlon, Hickstead and Hunter Trials with Technical Delegates.

Currently there is two Trainee TDs two Trainee CDs

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

First TD/CD seminar for 2018 is being held at Serpentine Pony Club on Saturday 3rd March.

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

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

## Vision for 2018:

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







## Active Riding





Active Riding saw a number of Preliminary Events this year.

The Qualifier was held at Avon Valley Showjumping and Pony Club and included a Novelties competition. Both events were well attended and we thank Avon Valley for hosting this event.

Serpentine Horse and Pony Club hosted the State Championships and we are very grateful to the members who assisted in the smooth running of this event and the committee for hosting it. Thank you also for agreeing to host the State Championships in 2018.

The Pairs Competition Perth Royal Show was a highlight on the calendar. A record number of riders came together to provide an exciting spectacle. The whole committee worked together to provide a memorable event for all.

Unfortunately there was not enough interest to send a team across to Queensland for Nationals and our requests to use borrowed horses were not agreed to. We are hoping another State will host the Bi-annual Junior Competition in 2018 as WA will not be.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors who have made it possible to run our events. We acquired a generator to power the trailer and sound system, generously donated by Beverley Hydraboom.

International Selections at Barabadeen ran very smoothly and resulted in selection of Tiger-Lily Gibbs to travel to UK in 2018. We wish her and the Australian team all the best on the trip.

Some long-standing committee members are retiring, and we thank them for their amazing input over the years.

Thank you to the Pony Club WA Office for their assistance in the organisation of our events and meetings for 2017. We look forward to a good year in 2018.





# Hickstead

The Hickstead and Hunter Trials Committee began life as a taskforce after it was seen that Pony Club WA had a need for a comprehensive set of rules for both of these exciting equestrian sports. A meeting of interested parties was held in 2016 and a basic outline of what was needed in the way of rules, officials and training was formulated that would allow Pony Club WA clubs to safely conduct these sports in Western Australia.

Wanda Longley headed the taskforce, which this year became the Hickstead and Hunter Trials Committee. Members, Wanda Longley, Dianne Ould, Peter Cook, Juanita Brewer and Jan Lawrie have completed writing both sets of rules and met on a number of dates to revise the rules after feedback from several clubs, who have run successful Hickstead competitions during the year, suggested rule amendments that would improve the running of these competitions.

The Committee, with the expertise of Tom Compagnoni and Judy Rose organised a very informative training day at the Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club which allowed clubs wanting to run a Hickstead competition and opportunity to learn about the role of the Hickstead Inspector and aspects of safety and course design.

Details on pathways to becoming a Hickstead Inspector and Inspector Checklists have been written and a Hickstead Manual for organisers is in the pipeline.







# Tetrathlon





## Organisation and People

In 2017, a few members of the State Tetrathlon Committee resigned, with a new committee forming in late 2017. Bernard Arrantash, who has been a longstanding member of the State Tetrathlon Committee and an expert in his field of the Rifle Shooting Phase, retired after 35 years as Shooting Master. Bernard provided a wealth of knowledge to many Tetrathlon riders and was honoured at the Go for 2&5 State Tetrathlon Championships 2017.

## Resources

In 2017, the committee began formulating a new set of Rules for Tetrathlon to align with the Pony Club Australia National Rules.

The committee also had made the decision in 2017 to move to laser pistols to replace the Rifle Shooting Phase. This was developed with Murray Bow from the West Australian Pistol Association. As well as a change in the Shooting Phase, the committee decided to introduce Hickstead/Derby rules for the Riding Phase. This will be debuted at the Pony Club WA State Tetrathlon Championships 2018.

## Opportunity to Participate

Tetrathlon is a sport that is open to members of all ages and competitions allow for participation of non-members in pair competitions. Tetrathlon has a variety of heights/classes and this allows for all levels of members to participate.

## Competition

The Tetrathlon State Championships in 2017 had 137 participants, with an increase in male riders participating. The event saw composite teams doing extremely well and encouraged the Pony Club spirit of great sportsmanship and friendly competition. The Dryandra and Avon Valley competitions, held prior to the State Championships, were also well patronised.

## Progression

Tetrathlon has the capacity for many more competitions and in 2018 there will be several opportunities for riders to compete at International and National levels.





# Showjumping





## Mission

The State Showjumping Committee's mission is to develop riders in the sport of Showjumping, developing officials, engaging Associate Members to become Course Designers and judges and to bring along the next generation of WA showjumpers, offering them challenging events at the April Show, Championships and Royal Show.

The State Showjumping Committee comprises of eight members representing West Coastal, Hills and Swan Zones. Debra Walker resigned from the Committee, after many dedicated years as Chair of the committee and we wish her all the best, as she spends more time with her family. The Committee welcomed Caz Bowman, as a new member in 2017 and her thoughtful and practical skills were put into practice from day one. We would like to invite other Zone members to join our committee to help us fulfil the Showjumping aims. We are an open committee and would especially appreciate if rural members could consider joining; we have conference phone-in facilities available.

## State Championships

The State Showjumping Championships were held at the State Equestrian Centre on the 20th and 21st of May 2017. The weather was good to us this year and 247 riders completed over 1200 rounds of showjumping. There are 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, 2017 winners were: 80cm: West Coastal, 90cm: Swan Zone 1, 100cm: Swan Zone 2, 110cm: South Eastern/South Western Zone.

Club Team Events Include the Brigid Woss Sponsored Equitation, and in 2017 it was won by a composite team from West Plantagent and Kojonup. Brigid Woss also offered an Encouragement Bursary to be used to further develop equitation and showjumping skills in their riders. This was won by Dardanup Pony Club. The Michele Wilkie Perpetual, was presented by Michele Wilkie to recognise the high point rider in the equitation class of the event and the winner was Edwina Squire on Legal Miss. The Milne Feeds Showjumping Bursary was won by Warren Pony Club, the Teams Challenge by Swan Valley and the Joy through Participation Team Event was won by a composite team from Swan Valley and Kalgoorlie. Twenty-two individual classes were offered over the weekend, from 60-105cm.

Off the Track also partners with the State Showjumping Committee to recognise Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds that have come off the track to become successful riding combinations.

Officials included nine accredited Judges and five different Course Designers, with assistance from the 12 attendees who participated in the officials' training conducted over the Championship weekend. Congratulations to all riders, their equine partners, parents and associates who attended, as a committee we were proud of the positive feedback we received, and we plan for an exciting 2018.

We would like to thank all our major sponsors for 2018 including Brigid Woss, Equine World, Kalamunda Pharmacy, Jumping EWA, Milne Feeds, Belvoir Equine Clinic.

## Other Events

The State Showjumping Committee Annual Showjumping Day held in April at the Swan Valley Pony Club is a fundraiser for the State Championships and is an official Zones member selection event for the championships. In 2017 we had Hills Zone and Swan Zone take advantage of this day as well as individual riders from across the state. At this event we also offer young riders a 30-45cm course to give them exposure to a competition in a safe and friendly environment.

The Perth Royal Show also held four Pony Club Classes in 2017, the two classes for PCA horses attracted nine competitive combinations while the two pony classes had 11 competitors. The weather conditions throughout the show had been very trying with the result that all jumping on Monday needing to be postponed to the following Saturday and condition of the arena

surface needing to be constantly monitored and adjustment to tracks made. Judge Penny Dodd briefed Pony Club riders prior to classes on the conditions and the need for safe riding and was pleased with the respect riders showed to the request. Congratulations to the riders who represented their clubs at this prestigious event, the standard reported by officials was excellent this year and the sportsmanship between riders admirable.

## Development of Officials

In 2017 the main official's development seminar and practical clinic was conducted at the State Showjumping Championships with FEI Judge, Penny Dodd and FEI Course Designer, Fred Freeman, there were 12 attendees. We welcome Dianne Ould and Andrew Nichols to the list of Accredited Judges and Course Designers following their successful completion of exams on that weekend. Nikki Curtis from Esperance and Bobbee McClymont were also granted their Judges/Course Designers accreditation through the year.

## Development of Rules

Pony Club WA Showjumping use the EA and FEI jumping rules with the exception being that at pony club events, the speeds have been adjusted and are available in the Showjumping Reference Document, which is updated every year. The 2018 Pony Club WA Showjumping Reference Document will be available early 2018 on the Pony Club WA website, this will also outline the Zone, Team and Individual Classes that will be held at the State Showjumping Championships in 2018. 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. The State Showjumping Committee wish to remind clubs that a first aid service must be present at all times during all Pony Club WA Showjumping events, this could be an ambulance, trauma doctor or qualified paramedic. For events where there are less than 25 entries and it is not financially viable to cover the cost of an ambulance service, it must be clearly stated on the entry form that "there will not be an ambulance service at this event" and the Showjumping Event Organiser must contact the local hospital/medical centre prior to the event to be in readiness of any emergencies that may occur.

## Vision for 2018

A development of Showjumping Officials Clinic will be held again in conjunction with the Pony Club WA State Showjumping Championships, all interested individuals are asked to register their interest. The committee are also planning to engage with the South West Zones to hold an officials accreditation weekend. Expressions of Interest are welcome to suggest venues and interested attendees please contact [development@ponyclubwa.asn.au](mailto:development@ponyclubwa.asn.au).





# Zone Reports

# Metropolitan Zone

## Introduction

At a time where it is becoming increasingly difficult to encourage volunteer members to participate at Zone level within Pony Club, I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to the small but dedicated team at Metropolitan Zone and to thank all riders, their parents, clubs and executive for their support in 2017 and look forward to them encouraging each other to get involved and have a go at representing their Club at Zone in 2018.

## Development

Our Zone has been unable to offer C\*/K Certificate or Coach Education programs this year due to lack of volunteer representation on the Committee interested in taking on these roles.

Many Clubs within our Zone have been supporting riders through their C Certificates in 2017 so this is an area that will require focus and attention going forward to enable our riders to continue to progress their skills.

## Participation

Metropolitan Zone continues to have good representation on the State Sports Committees and early nominations indicate that this level of support is set to continue in 2018.

We have seen continued support for our inter-club events with good numbers participating in the Show Jump Fun Day and the two Quadrathon events held this year.

Member Clubs have also put forward riders to represent our Zone at Championship events, although it must be said that we have seen a significant drop in members expressing interest in representing Zone at this level.

## Resources

Having a very small committee, Metropolitan Zone has not had the member resources to provide Clubs/Riders with education programs to enhance the efforts being made at Club level. Money and funding are not the issue; the primary issue affecting Zone is the lack of volunteer members available to facilitate these programs.

## Future Developments/Goals

The empowerment and encouragement of members to become involved at Zone level so that rider/club enhancement programs can be established is a primary goal. Metropolitan Zone will need to restrict its involvement to Championship Events and inter-club development activities in 2018 should we not have an increased club member involvement on the Zone Committee.



# West Coastal Zone

It's been a busy year for all our clubs in the West Coastal Zone a lot of events have been organised and run very successfully. The State Tetrathlon and Active Riding Championships were held at Serpentine and the Festival was also a great success there too.

Pinjarra had to leave their grounds and are now sharing the Murray Pony Club grounds at Coolup. These grounds are now shared by a number of clubs and much work and organising has had to be done to accommodate all. A new cross-country course has been built and is now ready for use.

Baldivis have lost a large portion of their cross-country course which has been reclaimed by Bush Forever and a new bridle path, about 10 jumps have been removed and need to be rebuilt on the eastern side of the grounds. So top priority for 2018 will be designing and building a new PC80, PC65 and PC45 course.

Our Zone run offs for Showjumping, Active Riding and Dressage teams were well supported with some really good riding and results. We have a lot of potential in our Zone with the senior Zone Dressage team placing first in the State Championships, also gaining good results in the Musical Ride and other competitions.

In 2016, Baldivis nominated Anita Stacey for the Volunteer of the Year Award which was presented at the beginning of 2017.

Our zone has run a number of gear checking courses and assessments thanks to the driving force of Dianne Ould, who has also now qualified as a Hickstead Inspector. Peel and West Coastal Zone are lucky to have her. All clubs in the zone have had riders passing their certificates from beginners through to C\*.

Log Fence ran our Zone Challenge Shield event this year, it was a good day. Many helpers, club, zone and others have worked tirelessly to rebuild Log Fence Pony Club after the massive fire that destroyed Yarloop and the club.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Baldivis held their open day celebrating 40 years on the grounds. It was a good day with a number of past riders and parents visiting and reminiscing over the memorabilia and history of the club.

West Coastal Zone has had a busy 2017 with some great achievements and look forward to an equally successful 2018. Some good friendships have been formed throughout the many zones and competitions and we wish everyone a really good 2018.

# Great Southern Zone

## Introduction

The Great Southern Zone includes the following clubs: Albany, Katanning and Districts, King River, Kojonup and West Plantagenet. Towards the very end of 2017 we are pleased to see Denmark Pony Club being re-established bringing the number of clubs back up to 6.

## Development

Ferne Faulkner from WPPC gained her NCAS PC Level Qualification and Janine Daniels from KDPC gained her Preliminary Coaching Qualification.

WPPC hosted an Introduction to Gear Checking and four out of the six clubs now have Accredited Gear Checkers.

Five coaches attended the State Coaching School in February and a couple were unable to get to Perth due to flooding!

Denise Legge continues to be a member of the State Coaching Panel and is the WA representative to PCA National Coaching Committee.

Two members from KDPC gained their C Certificate.

## Participation

Rachael Perkins was WA's representative at the Pony Club International Quiz in Canada.

Five riders from the Zone participated in the Interschools National Championships in Toowoomba.

The Zone had riders at the following State Championships: Eventing, Dressage, Tetrathlon and Showjumping; we did particularly well in the later taking first, second and fifth in the Brigid Woss Presentation and Equitation.

The Zone's ODE was hosted by APC and was well supported as were the new Hickstead competitions (three held across the Zone).

Our Leaderboard Series (in the three equestrian Olympic disciplines) encouraged participation and along with our Volunteer Recognition Awards proved to be a fitting way to end the busy Pony Club year.

## Resources

Our thanks to Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries for their support. Late in 2016 we received confirmation that our grant application of \$5,000 had been approved and we have just been advised we have the same amount for 2018. The grant has helped fund:

- CPD for coaches and officials
- State competitions entry fees for Zone teams
- Competition sponsorship e.g. Leader Board series
- Purchase work manuals for riders and coaches
- Recognition of volunteers.



Early in 2017 the Zone placed an order for 11 portable cross-country fences and these have been used to provide variety in the Hickstead competitions.

We sought approval from PCA for our Zone logo (in grey and red) and have been able to use this on letter heads, vehicle decals etc.

## Future Developments/Goals

In addition to using the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries grant and accumulated funds much as we have done in 2017, the focus for 2018 includes:

- Ensuring all clubs are using the new model rules (constitution)
- Ensuring treasurers are aware of Tier 1 reporting requirements
- Conduct at least one Orientation to Pony Club Workshop
- Increase the number of C level examiners (only two at present)
- Maintaining our participation levels
- Increasing our presence on state panels and committees (Ferne Faulkner has been invited to join the State Coaching Panel and Bernadette O'Meara has been recommended for the State Showjumping Committee as has Barbara and Peter Cook for the State Hickstead and Hunter Trial Committee).
- Improving the public's perception of Pony Club with greater audience participation.



# Hills Zone

Hill Zone incorporating clubs from Eastern Hills, Gidgegannup, Walliston, Darlington, Woorooloo and Mount Bakewell.

## State Competition Events

Were strongly represented by Hills Zone Riders in the run throughout the year.

- The State Dressage Championships run August, resulted in us placing second overall, between West Coastal and Metro Zone.
- The State Jumping Championships had one Zone Team entry finishing in second place. Most Zone rider entries as individuals.
- Active Riding – the Pony Club WA Festival and State Active Riding Championships were well supported by Zone riders.

## Training Days

Hills Zone's focus is 'developing the rider'. We run training days for each discipline, throughout the year to support riders, and to encourage those that are new to the competition entry.

Cross-country - Clinic held in April at Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club was well supported, with 32 riders. Heights offered from 45cm to 105cm.

Showjumping - in October attracted 35 riders at PEC.

Dressage -Junior Development day, the Waldon Cup, Zone runoffs- were a valuable clinics/competition though the numbers were low, we had positive feedback from riders.

## C\* / K Clinics / Exam

Two clinics and exams were run throughout the year, with numbers being low to moderate.

With a high percentage of our Club's riders at this certificate level. We strongly encourage our Clubs to support these clinics.

These clinics are expensive and are subsidised from the funds raised from the training days.

## Hills Zone Plans and Future Requirement from Pony Club WA

Our Clubs are feeling the impact from 'change'.

With the changes in the requirement to have - Official Show Jump Judges, Accredited Gear Checkers, Hickstead/Technical Delegates, official First Aid (Ambulance) at competitions, as a few examples. Zone Clubs are ready to embrace the responsibilities placed upon them but the uptake and carry through is delayed, and they are feeling the financial bite and onerous nature of the requirement.

Our Hills Zone will continue in its current format, supporting our riders and the development of better riders and coaches.

We are looking to continue to support our Clubs in developing these initiatives on the basis that Pony Club WA continues to provide its support.

Anita Boekelaar

Hills Zone





# Financials

# Financial Report

The income for Pony Club Western Australia Inc. for 2017 was \$529,198 (Audited) which saw the association have a decrease in income by approximately \$78,000. The decrease in income was attributed from our membership base decreasing again resulting in a decrease of \$32,000, Sporting income by \$13,000, Development income by \$7,000 and sponsorship funding by \$23,000. The tougher economic climate has seen not only our sport finding it harder to generate income but also across all sporting organisations. Also, members are deciding if to continue in their sport with a sporting association due to increasing costs year upon year.

Government grants and sponsorship are also becoming increasingly difficult to obtain and especially in the case of Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural industries only offering OSP funding and any project funding requires us at Pony Club WA to think “outside the box” to increase the level of funding and to do this sometimes organisations have to invest money in new initiatives. In the past 12 months we were lucky to receive funding to support the development and build of our new website and also fund the Junior Development Leadership program. We also secured Healthway funding to support our Healthy Canteen program and sponsor each of the State Championships.

As with most businesses in the current economic climate our expenses of \$569,192 in 2017 have to be monitored closely to make sure we are accounting for all budgeted items listed, but when income has also decreased, and expenses remained the same then Pony Club WA has had to become more creative to control its costs across the board. One way was employing a new CEO on reduced hours and decreasing staffing numbers that has allowed the association to decrease salaries to the group by \$100,000 in the past 12 months. Net result to the association has seen a loss of \$39,808 for 2017 compared to \$120,629 in 2016.

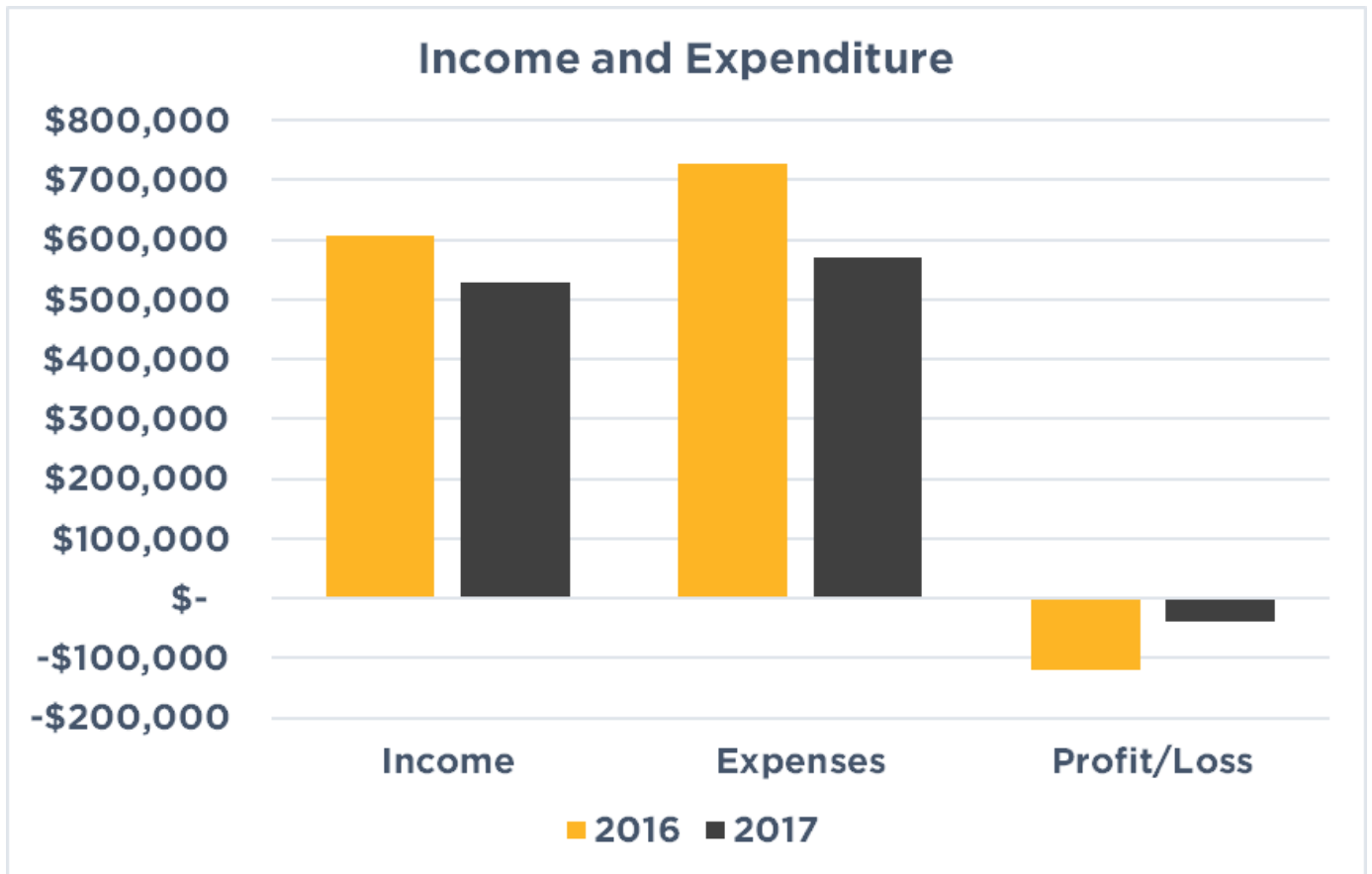
There is good news though, that if we look at certain expense items being firstly a non-cash item in depreciation of \$14,442 and the “one off” write-off of non-existence stock of \$27,898 = \$42,340, leaves the association in an adjusted profit position of \$2,532 for the year ended 2017.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, Cash Assets (money in bank) were \$182,475 with total assets being \$267,436. The association’s Liabilities were \$23,486 resulting in net asset surplus of \$243,950 compared to \$282,082 at the end of 2016.

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

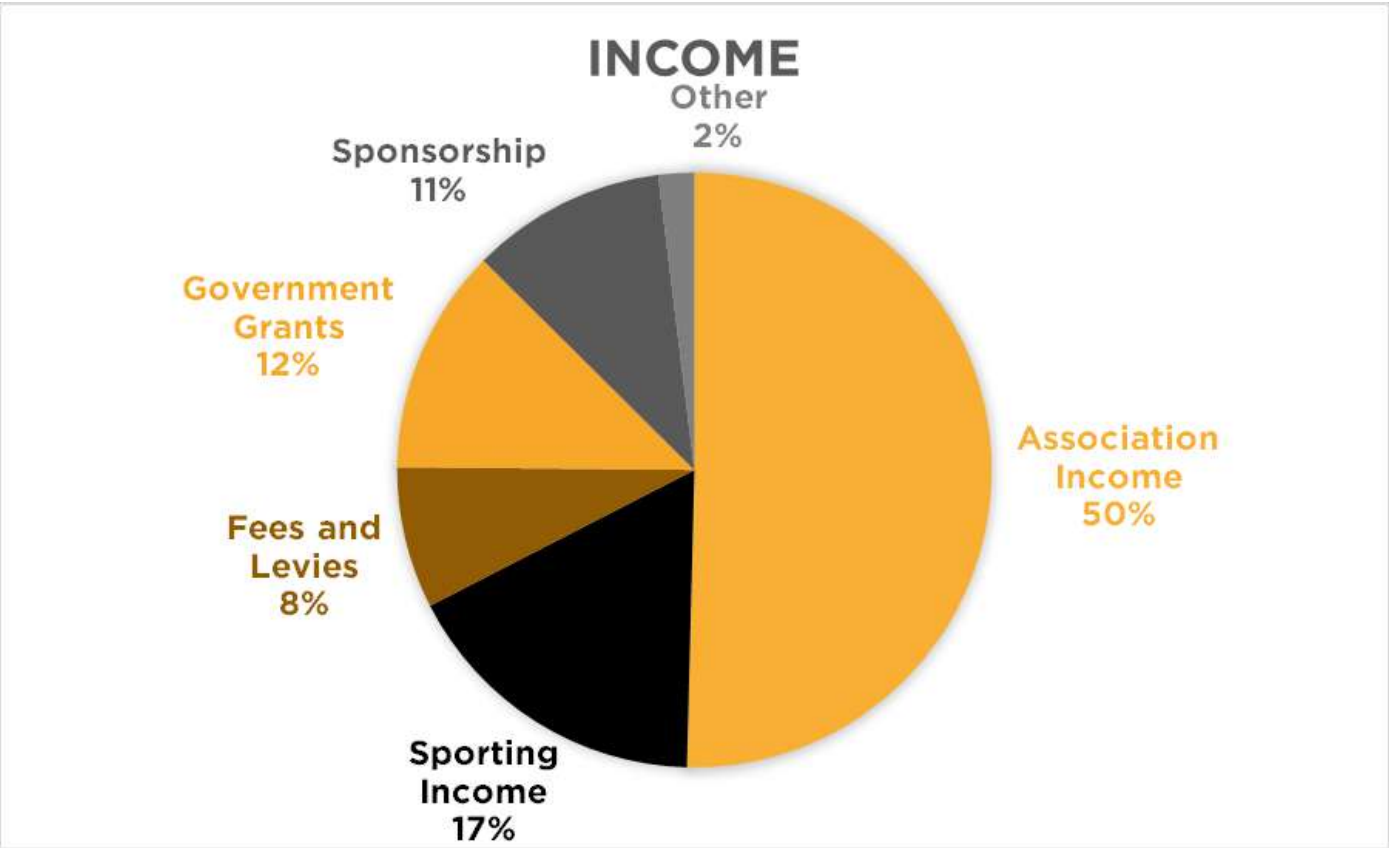
Income funding across all areas within the not-for-profit industry has seen for increased governance reporting to our funders as well as project reporting before they will release any funds. Pony Club WA State Office staff work tirelessly developing programs of benefit to all members and they scope out and build funding submissions to seek the required funds to allow us to rollout our initiatives. The Board will continue to work with the Audit and Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer and Staff around strong financial control and governance to make sure the sustainability of our association.



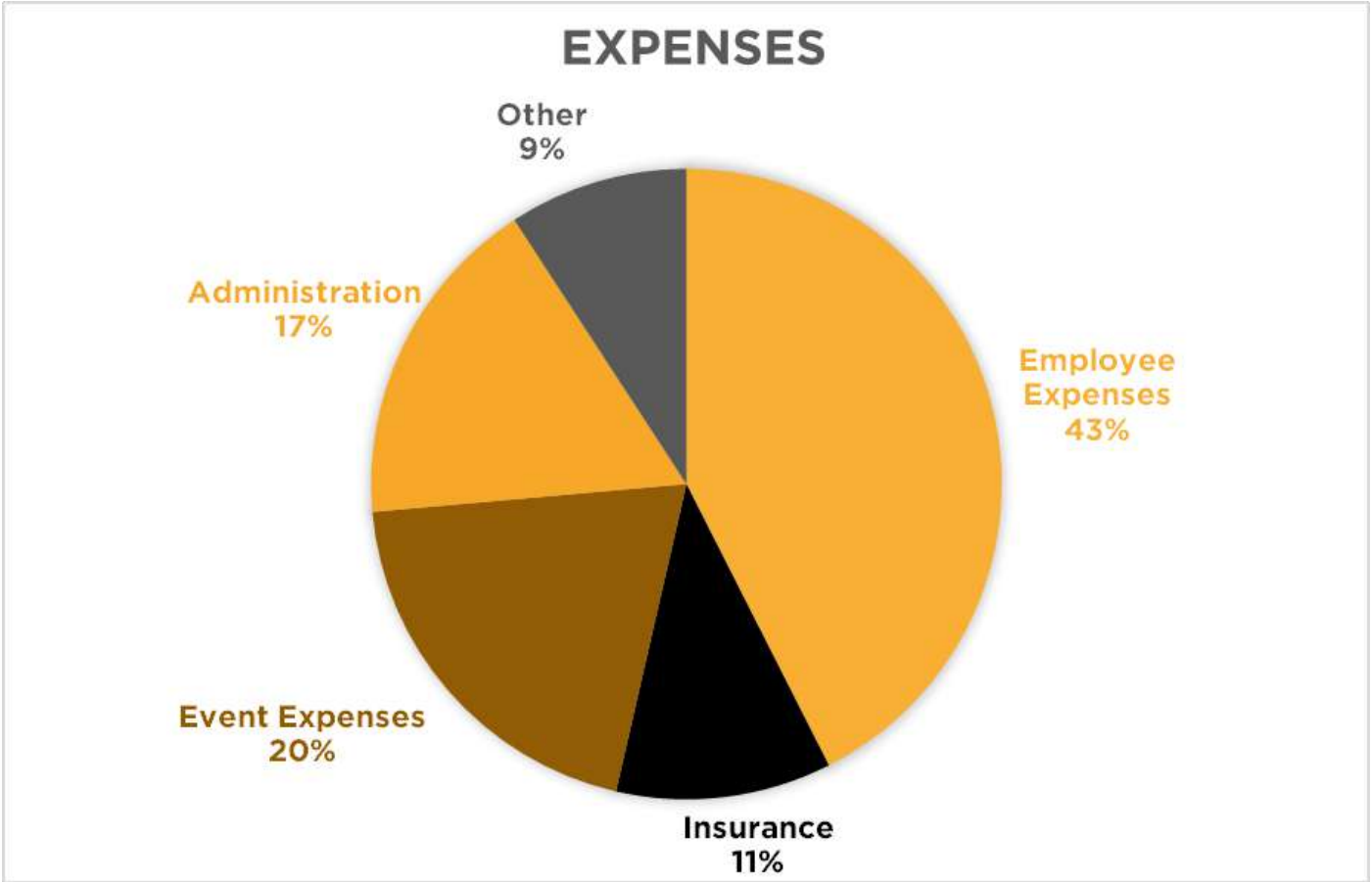


Income \$529,198, Expenses \$569,192 and Loss of \$39,808

The Association obtains half of its income from membership fees and 17% from running events such as the State Championships and State Coaching School. Nearly a quarter our income is generated from government grants and sponsorship. We will continue working to grow our income and seek other sources of revenue.



Nearly half of our total expenditure is employee expenses. Employee expenses have decreased this year with tighter controls in place. The income has been disbursed/expensed to allow us to deliver a number of new initiatives throughout 2017. Event expenses, insurance and administration costs make up most of the remaining expenses.





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