

## Nominee Statement – Annie Blommestein



I have been involved in Pony Club since I was a lead line at the Darlington Pony Club and am currently an active member, coach and club president at the Carnarvon Horse & Pony Club.

I understand the importance of vibrant sporting clubs especially in regional locations where it forms an integral part of the community fabric. I have strong knowledge of the guidelines for not-for-profit clubs and organisations, and have undergone training in board governance.

My husband and I run a small business which I undertake the administrative tasks for. I currently hold the treasurer position for the Carnarvon Toy Library and sit on the South West Drought Resilience, Adoption and Innovation Hub. Involvement in our small business, local clubs/organisations and statewide initiatives has developed my knowledge in club and organisation administration, the importance of keeping regional clubs viable, the important role that effective communication has in keeping members and stakeholders informed, and the opportunities that training can provide to nurture people to reach their full potential.

I have the following skills:

- Strategic planning
- Budgeting and finance
- Communications
- Education
- Governance
- Research
- Extension
- Data analysis

*What has motivated you to want to be on the Pony Club WA Board?*

Pony club has always provided me with opportunities for friendship and development. I would like to give back to an organisation that brings pleasure and enjoyment to so many. I am

passionate about helping to build the capacity of regional clubs as they are an essential part of the rural lifeline.

*What would you bring to the Board and what do you see as the major benefits for Pony Club WA should you become a Board member?*

I bring a valuable rural and remote perspective to the Pony Club WA Board as I have lived and worked in and around Carnarvon for 17 years. I am also a lecturer in the Primary Industries and bring knowledge in education, training and career opportunity and pathways for our member base.

*What do you want to learn/hope to gain from being on the Board?*

I am keen to network and learn from others in the board to build on our strong foundations.