



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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

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

The first Pony Club in Western Australia was established in 1959. Pony Club Western Australia (Pony Club WA) is the recognised state sporting organisation representing the interests of 12 zones, 55 clubs and over 3311 members.

#### **OUR VISION**

To be the equestrian organisation of choice for the youth of Western Australia.

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

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

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



# **2024 BOARD**

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# **2024 AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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# **2024 GOVERNANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE**

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I'm pleased to present the Chair Report for the 2024 Annual General Meeting. This year has been a testament to the dedication, and unwavering spirit of our Pony Club community.

We began 2024 facing an unexpected challenge: the extreme heat experienced across Western Australia. This presented significant obstacles, leading to the cancellation of the State Coaching School and club rallies. Clubs and coaches were forced to adapt quickly, demonstrating amazing creativity in adjusting their programs and ensuring the continuity of our activities. This period highlighted the strength and adaptability of our members and committees, who did an amazing job at overcoming the challenges.



Despite these initial hurdles, our riders achieved great success on both the national and international stage. We were proud to witness the outstanding performances of Isabelle Cox, Emma Wiese, Daniel Wiese, and Campbell Black at the Pony Club International Alliance Tetrathlon in Ireland. Under the guidance of Coach Nikita Mawhirt, they represented Western Australia with excellence, showcasing their talent and dedication to our sport.

Closer to home, Lauren Bassola from Swan Valley Horse & Pony Club earned the prestigious honour of representing Australia at the PCIA National Mounted Games in Canada. Our state teams also excelled at the national championships in Victoria. The senior team took home first place, and the junior team secured a commendable second place, highlighting the high calibre of riders we have within our state.

The introduction of the PCIA Virtual Dressage provided an exciting new avenue for our dressage riders to showcase their skills. We witnessed numerous individual and team successes, further demonstrating the talent within Pony Club WA.

Our partnership with the Royal Agricultural Society for Pony Club Day at the Perth Royal Show was a highlight of the year, providing a platform for our members to excel in Showman, Showjumping, and Games. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the skill of our riders.

The State Coaching School, held in late November/early December, embraced technology to support our country coaches through online presentations. This innovative approach enhanced the accessibility and effectiveness of our coaching programs, ensuring that our coaches are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills.

In addition to the State Coaching School, the panel were able to secure a Regional Servicing Grant, allowing them to coordinate and facilitate training sessions and workshops throughout regional WA. We had over 140 participants attend the various workshops.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Thompson & Redwood for their continued and invaluable support. Their sponsorship of the T&R Pony Mount of the Month program, which builds confidence in our younger riders, and the introduction of the "Spirit of Pony Club" category has had a great impact on our community.

The High Performance 2-day Camp hosted by Serpentine Pony Club provided an excellent opportunity for over 60 aspiring riders to refine their skills and advance their performance.

We wrapped up the year with the Awards Night, held in December, where we celebrated the achievements of our members, coaches, and volunteers. Over 250 people attended and shared a meal under the festoon lights and marquee. The evening took place on the President's Lawn, State Equestrian Centre, and recognised outstanding contributions in various categories, including Young Coach of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Best Achievement by Riders across different age groups.

We honoured the dedication and hard work of our community, highlighting the spirit and camaraderie that defines Pony Club WA.

These highlights underscore the vibrant and dynamic activities of Pony Club WA in 2024, reflecting our commitment to excellence and community engagement.

As we reflect on 2024, it is evident that our Pony Club community has demonstrated incredible resilience and a steadfast commitment to equestrian sports. We have faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and strengthened our connections as a community.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our sponsors, particularly Thompson & Redwood, for their generous support. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, Tanya, Vanessa, and Wanda, for their tireless efforts behind the scenes.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of our members. Your passion, dedication, and unwavering spirit are the foundation of Pony Club WA. As we look to the future, let us continue to build on this success, fostering a vibrant and inclusive community for future generations.

Thank you.

**Kate McCarthy** 

Chair of the 2024 Board Pony Club WA

# **Our Board**

The role of the volunteer Board is to represent and promote the interests of members and Clubs within Western Australia at local, state and a national level. Each Director is equally responsible for the proper management, corporate governance, and compliance of the Association in the best interests of our members and the Association as a whole.

#### **KATE MCCARTHY**

#### Chairperson

Some of my favourite childhood memories are of riding and Pony Club. I rode at Lion Mill Farm before joining Eastern Hills Pony Club at about 16 years old. It was especially good as a training opportunity for the young horses. I loved the team events, competing in both eventing and showjumping team competitions.

Having recently graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, I am keen to join the Pony Club WA team and to contribute to developing the sport to ensure its' longevity for the next generation of riders.

### **NADINE BENNETT**

Vice Chairperson

### **EMILY PURVIS**

Director

## **BRONWYN WEIR**

Director

#### **JILL KESSELL**

Director & Appointed State Coaching Panel Representative

## JENNIFER KOBULNICZKY-DUNCAN

Director

# **REBECCA MILLER**

Director



I am excited to share what an incredible year 2024 has been for Pony Club WA. Our Association isn't just about riding horses; it is a community where young people grow into tomorrow's leaders. We focus on values such as compassion, empathy and integrity, which help shape our members into great citizens.

A huge thank you to the Board, Vanessa, Wanda, Vikki and all our amazing officials and volunteers. Your support has been crucial in making the rallies, events and State Championships such a success.

This year, we hit some fantastic milestones. Our Regional Service Grant has been a game-changer, allowing us to provide more support to our regional clubs. A special shoutout to our State Coaching Panel for their huge commitment to travel to these clubs and deliver programs to coaches, officials, and members. Their dedication has made a significant impact on our regional communities.

Our staff have been working hard to support our individual clubs and members. We want everyone, from grassroots activities with our leadline families all the way to our riders who are competing at International Competitions to feel successful and supported at Pony Club.

Looking ahead, we will keep focusing on our values through active member engagement and celebrating our volunteers. Their hard work and dedication are the backbone of our success. Together, we aim to create a place where every member feels valued, heard, and motivated to do their best. I invite all of you to join me on this exciting journey. Let's work together to make Pony Club WA a place where every young equestrian can thrive.

"A life with horses starts here."

Tanya Appleby



## **OUR 2021-2024 STRATEGIC AIMS**

VOLUNTEERS	MEMBERSHIP	SUPPORTING CLUBS	COMPLEXITY	BRAND	FUNDING & FINANCES	TECHNOLOGY
Improving training and introducing initiatives to retain our volunteers.	Attracting more new members whilst retaining more of our existing members.	Support for club committees to ensure our clubs continue to be a fun, inviting place to be.	Reducing complexity to ensure our volunteers, coaches, officials, and participants continue to be engaged with Pony Club	Promoting Pony Club WA's unique and distinctive brand for maximum benefit.	Becoming self- sufficient and reducing our reliance on government funding.	Making the most of IT to simplify and reduce the burden on our members, and staff.

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## **VALUES**

• Community We are committed to Pony Club and care for the wider community.

• Respect For ourselves and others, our horses and ponies, the environment.

• Integrity Honesty and transparency always.

• **Diversity** We are inclusive and recognise everyone's equestrian journey is different.

# **FOUNDATIONS**

- Pony Club WA is a youth centric organisation where young people learn to ride and care for their horses and ponies.
- We are part of the National and International Pony Club Community and exist to serve the needs of our members.
- A priority to focus on good governance, managing risk, and financial viability.

# **GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Expanding the membership services offered while maintaining our social licence to operate.

# **SUCCESS FACTORS**

Increased membership, more clubs, streamlined services and reduced risks.

OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVES	CURRENT SUCCESS FACTORS
a. Membership categories provide options for all those who wish to participate	Review and streamline membership offerings to ensure there is a category to cater for all people to participate	All categories reviewed and implemented
b. Attract and retain members	<ul> <li>Further develop State Squads and Development Squads</li> <li>Develop a stronger relationship between Riding Centre Members of PCA to attract these members to Pony Clubs</li> <li>Support and promote fun &amp; engaging activities within Pony Club events.</li> <li>Promote national and international participation opportunities for riders, coaches, and officials.</li> <li>Improve the number of riders earning Proficiency Certificates</li> <li>Develop and promote Ready2Ride</li> </ul>	Squads developed.  Nationals conducted; members given opportunity to represent Australia in Quiz  Number of riders completing Proficiency certificates is improving. Ready2Ride implemented
c. Better manage risk	<ul> <li>Develop injury reporting processes and review mechanisms.</li> <li>Risk and governance committee to keep up to date with all areas of risk.</li> <li>Develop an event risk and control process from Club level to State level to better manage risks.</li> <li>Develop risk management tools for club to manage risk.</li> <li>Engage with other organisations to keep abreast of and address emerging risks and issues</li> </ul>	Injury reporting implemented and statistics being collated internally.  Risk and Governance committee developed Risk Plan.  Continue to work with EWA on issues and risks.
d. Retain and attract clubs	<ul> <li>Develop support programs for all clubs, recognising the special needs of regional clubs.</li> <li>Identify potential new clubs and develop presentation package to encourage affiliation to Pony Club WA</li> <li>Consider North-West specific member packages</li> <li>Review Zone Structures</li> </ul>	Working with a NW club to reaffiliate  Remaining 2 members of a zone have agreed to move to a larger zone
e. Enhance financial sustainability	<ul> <li>Build and maintain strong mutually beneficial partnerships with funding bodies</li> </ul>	Continue to meet with all of our funding stakeholders
f. Ensure Pony Club WA is aligned to Child Safe principles	<ul> <li>Develop Working With Children guidelines for clubs.</li> <li>Work with Dept Local Government Sport and Culture and SportWest to ensure current policies align to Child Safe principles</li> </ul>	Better working with children processes being developed

# **ENGAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION**

To connect and communicate with stakeholders at all levels. To recognise diversity and needs of stakeholders.

# **SUCCESS FACTORS**

More informed members, membership is consulted and contributes, volunteers are more efficient, value of Pony Club is recognised externally, members are recognised and rewarded for their achievements.

OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVES	CURRENT SUCCESS FACTORS	
a. Improve	Develop and implement effective two-way communication to all stakeholders	Increase in Social Media presence	
Communication	Maximise use of social media	Website improvements	
with	Survey membership regularly		
membership	<ul> <li>Regular Board engagement with members at events and club meetings/functions</li> </ul>	Surveys implemented	
b. Develop	2 <sup>nd</sup> Member forum to be held mid-year using		
engagement	technology and face to face	Increased member involvement in Pony	
platforms for	Facilitate annual joint state committee meeting	Club WA	
members and	Opportunity for Associate members to contribute to		
committees	<ul> <li>Board and committees</li> <li>Promotion and use of online services, particularly for</li> </ul>		
c. Improve	regional clubs	Clubs all using online memberships	
services	Promote the use of webinars to deliver training	More webinars for training and	
through promotion and	<ul> <li>Better use of the coaches and officials' facility of our database</li> </ul>	information	
effective use of	Review and improve administrative processes of the	Coaches all online and registered in	
IT	state office and clubs through better use oftechnology and automation	database	
d. Recognise	Review the end-to-end process for our State Annual		
achievements	Awards	Annual awards held at SEC	
and	<ul> <li>Promote awards for our riders, coaches, and officials outside of Pony Club</li> </ul>	New award categories to better	
contribution of	Recognise the work of volunteers at all levels club,	recognise members achievements	
members	committees, SCP, Board		
	Progress Recognition for Prior learning (RPL) for	DDI for cortificator being progressed	
	Proficiency Certificates within TAFE	RPL for certificates being progressed through TAFE	
	Explore options to become a Registered Training	till odgil TALL	
e. External	Organisation	Contribute to Curriculum Council on	
recognition of Pony Club	<ul> <li>Remain engaged with Curriculum Council to ensure proficiency certificates are recognised for community</li> </ul>	changes to Certificate structure	
Tony club	contribution		
	Promote value of Pony Club as a pathway to a career i	Member of Racing Industry reference	
	equine industry for Associate Members	group	
	Develop indigenous engagement initiatives that		
f. Ensure Pony	educate members, encourage reconciliation, and		
Club continues	provide opportunities for increased indigenous	Indigenous strategy commenced	
to be inclusive	membership		
	Promote Sports Connect initiative		

# **PEOPLE AND CULTURE**

Developing our clubs, members, volunteers, and employees at all levels in line with our values.

# **SUCCESS FACTORS**

Pony Club WA is seen as a leader in good governance, our clubs are better managed and resourced, happy members, happy kids.

OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVES	CURRENT SUCCESS FACTORS
a. Ensure our Committees and Board are effective and our clubs are well managed	<ul> <li>Identify and promote governance training and education opportunities for Board, State Committees and Club Committees</li> <li>Develop resources and process that assists our clubs to be better managed such as online resources, club visits and capability surveys</li> <li>Introduce a Nominations Committee at Board level</li> <li>Introduce Youth membership at Board and committee levels</li> </ul>	Attendance at courses and information provided for training  Nomination committee formed
b. More effective Coaching and Officiating	<ul> <li>Work towards all coaches to be PCA accredited, including recognition for prior learning (RPL)</li> <li>Develop resources and processes that assist our coaches and officials</li> <li>Provide training opportunities for coaches and officials</li> <li>Officials' pathways and resources developed to ensure consistency</li> </ul>	SCP continue to deliver courses and training  SCP and committees working towards training resources, and providing training seminars and webinars  Working with PCA on officials and training
c. Build capacity of our volunteers	<ul> <li>Develop a handbook</li> <li>Create better resources for volunteers</li> <li>Review Member Protection, disputes and disciplinary process and procedures</li> <li>More support for Zone volunteers</li> </ul>	Handbook in development  Working With Children processes being redeveloped  Policies reviewed and developed
d. Create a culture based on our values	Create materials to back up the values and work with all levels to instil the values	Awards reflect Pony Club values.  Promotion and social media reflect Pony Club values

# **Healthway Projects**







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

# **Healthway Partnership with Pony Club WA**

Healthway continues to be a major partner of Pony Club WA, promoting the Go for 2&5 message and supporting our State Championship Program, Festival, and High-Performance riders. Through this partnership, Healthway has been instrumental in encouraging our members to lead a healthy lifestyle by educating them on the benefits of nutritious food choices.

As part of this initiative, fresh fruit was supplied at each State event, Festival, and High-Performance Day, ensuring riders had access to healthy snacks.

### **Race Around the State Initiative**

The Race Around the State program was delivered to clubs as a fun and engaging way to promote participation. Riders earned points for their club through rally attendance and by competing in State events and the festival. To enhance the program, we launched a competition to redesign the Healthway jump, as the previous design had not been updated in some time. The winning entry came from Cara Grace Entriken of Blackwood Horse & Pony Club, who was awarded a Fitbit and a prize pack from Fuel to Go & Play. The winning club of Race Around the State also received a brand-new jump set, with three sample designs available for selection. In addition to the jump design competition, riders had the opportunity to submit healthy recipes for a chance to win a Saddle Cover, reinforcing Healthway's message about the importance of nutritious eating. Through initiatives like these, Healthway's support has had a lasting impact on Pony Club WA members, fostering a culture of health and well-being within our equestrian community. We look forward to continuing this valuable partnership in the years ahead.

# Congratulations to our 2024 Go for 2&5 Race Around the State winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Peel Metropolitan Pony Club
 2<sup>nd</sup> Beverley Horse & Pony Club
 3<sup>rd</sup> Albany Pony Club





# **State Coaching Panel Members**

- Co-Chairpersons Nyrell Williams & Margaret Barnesby-Johnson
- Secretary Nyrell Williams
- Treasurer Margaret Barnesby-Johnson
- CAC Rep Judy Rose
- State PCANCAS Co-ordinator/s Kelly Altieri
- State A, B Co-ordinator Sue Britza
- State C\*/K Co-ordinator Ferne Faulkner
- State Coaching School Co-ordinator/s Sally Davis & Margaret Barnesby-Johnson
- Coaching Newsletter Sally Davis
- Board Member Jill Kessell
- Panel Member/s Nerine Butler-Blaxell, Di Colley
- State Gear Checking Co-Ordinator Di Ould

#### **MISSION**

The State Coaching Panel is responsible for the policy and direction of Coaching, subject to the approval of the Board. The Panel is also responsible for the assessment of Coaches, the issuing of proficiency certificates, organisation of Schools for potential Coaches, arranging for assessment of Coaches, the inspection of potential new Club's facilities, and all other matters that may be relevant to Coaching for members of the Association.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

The Panel has shared the role of Chairperson in 2024, spreading the load of this role. The SCP is fortunate to retain our experienced members and welcomed one new member in 2024. Coach Educators and PCANCAS Coach Assessors have travelled the State from Port Hedland to Esperance working with Regional Clubs to provide Coach and Officials training and assessment under the DLGSC Regional Services Grant.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- C\* & K Certificate Assessments and Schools continue to be supported by Clubs, Riders and Coach Assessors.
- Regional Services Grant 28 Coaches have embarked on their accreditation journey, with 7 coaches finalizing their PCANCAS Coach Accreditation through this process. Given we had 38 registered PCANCAS Coaches in the Regions at the beginning of the year the future outcomes of the Regional Grants opportunity is exciting.
- Coach Education several webinars have been held including PCANCAS Foundation and Preliminary Coaching workshops, Sports Psychology in Coaching with Mindy Simpson, and Gear Checking Updates.
- State Coaching School continues to be a valuable resource to our Coaching members, aspiring coaches and riding centres. SCP received positive feedback from attendees and online participants.

- State Showjumping Quiz a fun night for riders to come together and challenge their knowledge and understanding. The Quiz provided learning, friendship and the challenge of winning a fantastic prize.
- Coach the Coaches The SCP continued to provide funding assistance to Zones that held Coaching/Officials Development Workshops.
- New Club Port Hedland 1st Inspection completed

#### **PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Our State Gear Checkers continue to complete the bridging requirements for their PCA Accreditation Renewals. PCANCAS Coaches will also be required to complete the revised PCA requirements which will include ASC online courses and Gear checking components as part of their Accreditation Renewal.

#### **REWARD AND RECOGNITION**

In 2024 we have welcomed:

- 4 Coach Educators
- 4 PCANCAS Coach Assessors
- 1 C Proficiency Certificate Assessor
- 3 C\*/K Proficiency Certificate Assessors
- High number (PCA could not provide exact number) New Gear Checkers
- 2 PCANCAS Foundation Coach
- 11 PCANCAS Preliminary Coaches
- 3 PCANCAS Level 1 Coaches
- 254 Riders obtained proficiency certificates

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## **OUR OBJECTIVES FOR 2023:**

The SCP have a significant body established for 2025. A revision of the SCP Strategic Plan will ensure that we remain focused and continue to link back to our strategic objectives. Fundamental to this Vision is the Panels ongoing work supporting our Coaches, developing new Coaches and Officials and ensuring our riders have every opportunity to work through the higher-level proficiency certificates. The Panel will be working on:

- DLGSC Regional Grant 2025 Regional Workshops, Regional Assessments, Club Development Visits, Webinars
- Coach Retention Analysis and Justgo Database to assist Coaches with approaching renewals, EA Coaches working within PCA and coaches yet to achieve PCANCAS accreditation.
- Coach Education Webinars, Mentoring Workshops, Accreditation Pathways, Metropolitan workshops, CPD Review and programs
- Ongoing Proficiency Certificate programs and accreditations C\* to A
- Coach & Officials Accreditation Webinars, Accreditation Pathways, Workshops
- Young Rider Sub-Committee



# **State Active Riding Committee**

#### **MISSON**

As one of Pony Club's most popular disciplines, Mounted Games provides members of all ages and ability with a fun, fast-paced activity that not only teaches riding skills in an exciting and teamwork-driven environment, it also an ability to work together with other riders and a willingness to help one another. Pony Club Members compete in teams of four or five riders and have several opportunities to compete both Nationally and Internationally.

Opportunities abound for those wishing to pursue Prince Philip Mounted Games during their Pony Club career! The core values members learn in Pony Club also prepare them for other positions in the equine industry.

Riders of any skill level and ability can compete in Mounted Games and novelties, with beginners usually competing at the Lead line Walk-Trot level before moving on into the Junior and Senior advanced ranks. The levels are divided based on the ages of the riders.

Mounted Games was originally the idea of His Royal Highness, the late Prince Philip, as a way to encourage enthusiasm, participation, and training in younger riders without the need of expensive ponies or gear. A natural draw to all levels of riding abilities, Games provide a fun sport that teaches the basic natural aids, physical coordination, self-confidence, and teamwork skills. It also encourages sportsmanship and the proper care of their mounts in all riders.

They require a high degree of athletic ability, good riding skills, hand-to-eye coordination, determination, perseverance, and a competitive spirit.

Riders develop remarkable skills in the areas of timing, sense of space, speed and direction, coordination, agility and horsemanship. They also laugh a lot, which is the only way to deal with mistakes when anyone makes one.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

The AR committee ran selections in 2024 for the PPMG high performance squad State team and have had those training sessions open for all other up and coming PPMG riders as well as any parents and supporters wishing to become PPMG coaches with Sean Corbin mentoring at training days and competitions.

We are very luckily have two of our Active Riding committee members that have all but finished their level 1 Coaching accreditation. Jaqui Van-Rensberg and Jaz Anderson will no doubt make awesome level 1 coaches and will definitely be huge assets to the WA Pony Club scene.

### HIGHLIGHTS.

The Active Riding committee ran and participated quite a few competitions to the led up of the State Championships in 2024 this included -

#### April

7<sup>th</sup> IMGE 2024 Selections Horseman's Pony Club

20<sup>th</sup> PPMG Gidgegannup Preliminary fun day run by the Wooraloo Pony Club

### May

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> PPMG Hight Performance Squad training camp at Serpentine Pony Club.

11<sup>th</sup> PPMG Novelties day Horseman's Pony Club organised by Jazmin Anderson.

#### June

15<sup>th</sup> Marsden Cup -at Horseman's Pony Club grounds

30<sup>th</sup> PPMG Avon Zone Preliminary event

#### July

14<sup>th</sup> PPMG Squad training took off with Sean coaching both the Junior and Senior riders.

#### <u>August</u>

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> PPMG Qualifier – Serpentine Pony Club 2-day event

24<sup>th</sup> PPMG Squad training at Ronlieeh Equestrian Centre

25<sup>th</sup> PMMG Squad Junior and Senior team selections at Ronlieeh Equestrian Centre

31st The Sheild – Scott McNamee memorial competition this year held at Horsemans Pony Club

## <u>September</u>

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> State Active Riding championships again held at Serpentine Pony Club grounds over 2 days.

22<sup>nd</sup> PPMG Squad training at Ronlieeh Equestrian Centre

28<sup>th</sup> PPMG Novelties Perth Royal Show

29th PPMG Squad training at Ronlieeh Equestrian Centre

30th PC WA Festival - CANCELLED wet weather

## October

13<sup>th</sup> PPMG Squad training at Ronlieeh Equestrian Centre

23<sup>rd</sup> PPMG National Teams and supporters fly out to Melbourne

26<sup>th</sup> PPMG National Junior Competition Woodlands PC grounds

27th PPMG National Opens Competition Woodland PC grounds – teams fly back to WA

# **November**

10<sup>th</sup> IMGE 2025 Selections at Horseman's Pony Club

#### December

14th WA State Pony Club Awards, Presidents lawn, SEC.

#### **PARTICIPATION and DEVELOPMENT**

WA Active Riding Committee is committed to the vision:

To provide the opportunity for every rider in WA to have a positive experience with horses through providing opportunities:

- For education.
- To learn responsibility, sportsmanship, and good citizenship.
- For enjoyment and/or competitive success with their ponies/horses
- Build confidence in themselves.
- Encourage teamwork.



#### **REWARD AND RECOGNITION**

• The WA PPMG riders had a huge opportunity to compete in the Racing WA Pony Racing competition at Ascot Racecourse in 2023 where there were two divisions consisting of Small Pony Category and Lg Pony Category with two of our PPMG riders winning these classes.

Ruby Gilberd -winning the Small Pony Category

Cade Smith -winning the Large Pony Category

Both the Champion and Reserve Champion riders and ponies have qualified to go to the National Pony racing championships in Sydney NSW in April 2024.

Both WA riders declined the offer to ride at Sydney due to the distance and expense of having to take your own pony for the one short event.

• Lauren Bassola was selected to be our 2024 WA International Mounted Games representative, unlucky for Cade Smith who also was a very close second candidate for the highly acclaimed position in the Australian team. Lauren had the most amazing time during the duration of the IMG Exchange starting out with a 4 day training camp and meet the rest of the team fun time in Victoria before flying out to Canada to meet the other teams competing for the 2024 championship cup. Lauren had a great time and met loads of new friends from all over the world which would have been the most awesome thing for a young rider to experience.





You make so many friends and get so many opportunities with Mounted Games. Especially as MGA is basically the same people so we really are just one big family wearing two different hats.

It's sad that Mounted Games is not an Olympic sport, but thankfully it is an International sport, so the riders have the opportunity to compete Nationally all over Australia, as well as Internationally all over the World.

- We also had to say Goodbye to one rider who has competed PPMG State Championships for the last time due to turning 25 years of age. Vanessa Davis from Gidgegannup Pony Club and before that Avon Valley Pony Club, has been riding PPMG and Novelties for over 12 years, representing PC WA Nationally once at Murray Bridge in 2017 in the Junior PPMG WA State team.
- A huge and well deserved Congratulations goes out to Sean Corbin (Shorty ) for his nomination for a Gold Award Coaching. Sean has been coaching PPMG for over 23 years now after starting out at Easter Hills PC as a PPMG rider. Sean has been successful loads of times over in getting the WA National and International riders and teams to the highest standard of riding and abilities not only as mounted riders but also as fine young respectful people. All riders that have had any coaching with Shorty would all have great things to say about him as the riders adore him and his great ways in which he coaches each and every rider if they are number 1 riders or beginner riders, riders with difficult ponies or riders with confidence issues Shorty just seams to have the knack at bringing the best out in our WA Active riders.



• We also ran another successful High Point leader board with lots of rider signing up to win the award presented at the end of year PC WA Awards night, Below are the results for 2024.

12 yı	rs and under				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elaria Atheis	$3^{rd}$	Isla George	5 <sup>th</sup>	Lilly Harney
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jessica Duggin	$4^{th}$	Grace Cox	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby Gilberd
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13 –	16 yrs				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellie Steele	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claire George	5 <sup>th</sup>	Emmi Kneale
$2^{nd}$	Madelyn Harney	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Hooper	6 <sup>th</sup>	Madelyn Harney
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17 yı	rs and over				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aaron Suvaljko				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vanessa Davis				

#### Results 2024

2024 Squad selected teams

### **Junior Team**

Madelyn Harney Swan Valley Pony Club

Elli Steel Swan Valley Pony Club

Cade Smith Wooroloo Pony Club

Kiera Dowding Swan Valley Pony Club

Lauren Bassola Swan Valley Pony Club

### Open Team

Aaron Suvaljko Swan Valley Pony Club

Daniel Suvaljko Swan Valley Pony Club

Rohan Smith Wooroloo Pony Club

Lewis Hudson Wooroloo Pony Club

Jorja Brown Swan Valley Pony Club



# 2024 Nationals

WA Junior team came a very close second to the Victorian home team.

WA Open team National Champions with NSW closely behind them.

## **2024 State PPMG Championships**

WA State Junior Champion team – Serpentine Pony club

Junior Reserve champions were Swan Valley Pony Club

WA State Open Champion team – Swan Valley Pony Club

Opens Reserve champions were Serpentine Pony Club

# 2025 IMGE selections

Madelyn Harney of Swan Valley Pony Club will be going to the UK to represent PC WA and Australia.

# 2025 Go cart parents challenge

Michelle Bassola was the winner closely followed by Steve Harney and Kylie Hall.



#### **ONGOING VISION**

2025 is looking to be as fast paced as what 2024 was due to Nationals being again in Victoria with riders having to take their own horses. Nationals 2025 will be all disciplines which will be exciting times for the WA riders and supporters.

One thing we are striving to achieve in the next 12 months is to have more level one Coaches for PPMG. We have a few people that have expressed a keen interest in gaining that skill, we will very closely help and encourage those people and anyone else that is interested in doing this certificate.

We are looking into restructuring the way we run the state championships. There have been many ideas thrown around the table at the Active Riding Committee meetings as we are all striving to get more riders interested and involved in the sport. One idea is to change the plan from PPMG half days both days with runoffs on the Saturday morning and Championships on the Sunday afternoon to possibly all PPMG on one day and Novelties, Handy Pony an Active Riding Challenge also run on one day we are trying to get more riders to have a go at the Novelties that are not confident in doing the faster paced PPMG.

We have also looked into opening up the age group for the Active Riding Challenge so that younger riders can also do the faster option instead of Handy Pony which is mostly aimed at the younger rider in gaining new skills and having fun with their pony.

# State Dressage Committee

#### **MISSION**

The Dressage Committee is responsible for supporting and developing young riders by encouraging and giving them opportunities to ride at their highest level. Our intention is to grow the number of young people involved in Dressage by creating development opportunities for young dressage riders, supporting Pony Clubs who host dressage events and providing an opportunity to ride at State Championships levels. We also aim to attract, train, and retain dressage officials.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

The committee has brought with its valuable knowledge and skills, which has culminated in a successful year for the sport. The committee has utilised rider feedback from previous state championships to further to encourage participation and rider development and inclusion by expanding composite teams and higher-level test.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all the sponsors of the State Dressage Championships, 2024 did not have a naming writes sponsor however without the support of all the individual sponsors the event would not be possible. The event was highly successful with the most positive of feedback from clubs and riders. With entry numbers healthy and the committee working hard to reduce costs where possible the event was also a financial success.

The format repeat from 2023 was again well received by the community as was the inclusion of the new "Special Additional Awards" such as the best smile as per judges choice together with the best tail. The high participations levels in the decoration of the stables and cleanliness awards indicating very strong and positive culture within the community.

#### PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Training was provided to volunteers of the state championship event for the "Scribing" function, via Zoom meetings with trained volunteers utilised at the 2024 event there was an exceptional result in the smooth running of all the rings.

Dressage Judge training was undertaken in early 2024 in collaboration with Wendy Barker, EA Judge Educator, for volunteers and G level judges to grow the capacity of suitably qualified judges for grass roots Pony Clubs dressage events. The course consisted of three Zoom sessions covering theory, an open book rule test covering EA and PC specific rules, and finally practical evaluation which comprised shadow judging at Wallangarra RPC, a range of riders and horses.

## **REWARD AND RECOGNITION**

Once again, the results of the events throughout 2024 indicates the strong positive and supportive culture that Dressage has within the pony club community. The committee would like to congratulate all participants who continue to build this lovely environment. Throughout the year the continued support and contributions of all the members have attributed to the success of the discipline.

## **OUR VISION for 2025**

The Dressage Committee is committed to the continued development of our riders, officials and success of dressage events. In 2025 the committee aims to provide:

- Electronic writing education program for volunteers
- Judge training for volunteers
- Continuation of the Dressage Performance Medal program
- Organisation of Specialised Clinics to assist with preparations for upcoming PC Nationals

In 2023 the Dressage Committee received recognition for the development of the sport via the Pony Club Annual Awards program for which we are truly humble.

The State Dressage Committee Medal award program initiated in 2023 saw a number of riders achieve gold, silver and bronze medals in recognition of their high level of achievement within the dressage discipline.

# **OUR VISION FOR 2024**

The Dressage Committee is committed to the continued development of our riders, officials and success of dressage events. In 2024 the committee aims to provide:

- Electronic writing education program for volunteers
- Judge training for volunteers
- Support of Pony Club High Performance development program
- Continuation of the Dressage Performance Medal program
- Provision of access to alternative format virtual dressage events to provide access to rural and remote riders.

# **State Eventing Committee**

#### **MISSION**

The State Eventing committee is responsible for creating and implementing Eventing rules, supporting Clubs who hold One Day Events and assisting to create positive events to foster and encourage riders in Eventing. We work with the Host Club to run the State Eventing Championships. We also implement programs aimed at attracting, retaining, and training officials.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

The 2024 committee members were Jo Green, Monique Perkins, Jenni Brown, Shaun Lowry, Peter Cook, Roxie Sinclair, Renae Srdarev and Julie Cameron. The Technical Delegates worked tirelessly for the year, managing events all over the State. Thanks to Sharon Shanks, Deb Ware, Heather Wyllie, Jenny Brett, Peter Cook, Noel Mustchin and Peter Madigan.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Our State eventing championships, which were to be held at Serpentine, unfortunately had to be postponed due to the wet weather leading up to event. The event was then held in November at Serpentine Horse and Pony Club. The eventing committee and the Serpentine committee worked hard together to put on an event for riders from all over the State. Due to the date change we were unfortunate with the weather getting quite hot over the weekend. The riders and helpers did a great job at managing the weather and keeping their horses cool with earlier ride times and an unmounted presentation. Thank you to all the riders that supported our State event.

### **PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

We held Zoom meetings for the Event Organisers to discuss new rules, organising strategies and other issues for Clubs. We also ran Technical Delegates zoom meetings to discuss rules and network. Our Technical delegates had the opportunity to attend a joint Seminar with EA officials.

## **VISION FOR 2024**

We have started 2025 with an Event Organizers' zoom meeting, and a Technical delegate zoom meeting. With a couple of big changes in rules to keep Pony Club events aligned with EA events, the plan is to keep riders and parents updated with ongoing changes. Our aim for the year is to increase our Technical Delegate and Cross Country course designer numbers. Also to assist clubs to run efficient events for rider participation and rider development.

# State Hickstead and Hunter Trials Committee

#### **MISSION**

To increase the number of clubs running Hickstead and Hunter Trials, which will increase the number of riders registering for the Hickstead Leaderboard.

To continue to develop Hickstead and Hunter Trial Inspectors through working in conjunction with other Sports Committees.

To increase the interest of parents and senior riders to nominate for the committee as an ongoing succession plan.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

The Hickstead & Hunter Trials committee is a small but dedicated group of individuals with a wealth of experience in organizing and officiating at all levels.

We would like to thank the continuous involvement on this journey of increasing Hickstead events across the State by committee members, Dianne Ould, Peter Cook, Jacqui Van Rensburg, Peter Cook, Penny Van der Wiel and Wanda Longley.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

As always, each year the highlight is the State Championships. This year the Willams Racing State Hickstead was held on 3 November at Serpentine Horse & Pony Club. The weather was perfect for a day of dressage and jumping phase of a combination of showjumping and portable cross country. The lead line and young riders jumping 30cm had their own arena which provided a safe and friendly environment for their first test of eventing.

Putting together a state event is a big logistical challenge, but with the assistance of the Peel Pony Club and the Serpentine Jarrahdale Adult Riding Club and our host Serpentine Horse & Pony Club the task was completed under the supervision of Chair, Dianne Ould.

## **REWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

With the inclusion of Hickstead and Hunter Trials in the State Leaderboard, the following riders were recognized at the 2024 Annual Awards evening in December.

#### 2024 Leaderboard Winners

PC 30cm - 45cm	6 - 24 years	Ben Ellis
PC 30cm - 45cm	8 - 24 years	Zara Coussens
PC 80cm	11-24 years	Tanaya Pustkuchen
PC 95 - 105cm	12-24 years	Grace Johnson

#### **OUR VISION FOR 2024**

Our vision for 2025 is to increase the participation of volunteers on our small committee and cultivate a sustainable succession plan for the discipline, officials, and committee.

# State Showjumping Committee

#### **MISSION**

We aim to continue to educate, encourage and develop riders, volunteers, coaches, officials and interested people in showjumping through workshops, clinics and at club level.

We pledge to continue to maintain and upgrade showjumping equipment and resources along with improving, growing, and running the State Squad, and State Championships.

We hope to continue our involvement and work with Jumping WA to provide valuable and educational workshops to the equestrian community alongside our support of Pony Club WA

#### **LEADERSHIP**

After a remarkably busy and successful 2024 and committee nominations starting from the 1 March, the small committee had to launch into a very intense couple of months to bring together a State Championships at the State Equestrian.

Jeanette Hatch came back onto the committee as chair, bringing her passion and wealth of knowledge to lead the team along with new members Kylie Owen and Ann-Marie Lowry to continue promoting showjumping within the clubs and development of officials.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Each year the Sports Committee organizes the State Showjumping Championships at the State Equestrian Centre which is the highlight of the showjumping calendar for our members.

It brought together 140 riders displaying their skills and enjoying various experiences over the course of the weekend.

This year introduced a new class – Equitation, sponsored by Yarrada Farms. Jumping Equitation focuses on enhancing the technique of both horse and rider, promoting quality in showjumping and providing a solid foundation for further development.

A notable highlight was the inaugural Pony Club Quiz, organized by the Pony Club State Coaching Panel and sponsored by Ovarit Jumps.

#### **PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Our High-Performance riders access a great two-day camp at Serpentine Pony Club in early May. The riders were able to not only upgrade their skills in showjumping, but were also able to experience session in dressage, eventing, active riding and tetrathlon.

In April, Fred Freeman and Judy Rose traveled to the South West of the State to conduct a Showjumping Judges and Course Designing Workshop.

# **REWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

The Showjumping Committee and working group extend their gratitude to the parents, supporters and sponsors who contribute to the smooth running of the State Event.

### **OUR VISION FOR 2025**

We aim to continue to educate, encourage and develop riders, volunteers, coaches, officials and interested people in showjumping through workshops, clinics and at Club level.

# State Tetrathlon Committee

#### **MISSION**

To grow the sport of Tetrathlon in WA and Australia.

### **LEADERSHIP**

State Tetrathlon Committee; Bill Wiese, Dawn Banner, Sarah Wiese, Julie Frantom, Lisa Maxwell, Sally Cox, Nikita Mawhirt, Donna Black, Campbell Black, Bec Halbert with much appreciated support from the state office.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOGNITION**

International: WA sent a strong contingent of riders to represent Australia on the International Tetrathlon Exchange with Isabelle Cox, Cambell Black, Dan Wiese and Emma Wiese giving strong performances across the three competitions in Ireland, Northern Ireland and England. Nikita Mawhirt was selected to be the National Coach and did WA proud steering the team with knowledge and professionalism. Going with them were several members of the WA tetrathlon committee who were inspired by the vibrant tetrathlon community in Ireland and the United Kingdom to bring some ideas back with them. These include bringing back the timed swim to encourage participation by making the swim less intimidating and returning to cross country to enhance the enjoyment and challenge of the ride phase of tetrathlon. Everyone that went overseas had an excellent time barring sickness and represented Australia and Pony Club WA admirably. State: The 2024 State Tetrathlon Championships at the State Equestrian Centre saw lower participation numbers with 57 competitors. However, the calibre of competitors was extremely high with 10 competitors having a total score in excess of 4000, a really positive sign as the sport builds towards Nationals in 2025. Club: In a difficult year for hosting competition due to the extreme heat several tetrathlons at the start of the year had to be cancelled and despite the best efforts of Serpentine and Wallangarra they were unable to find any suitable replacement weekends in the packed pony club calendar. The calendar included two Club Tetrathlons as well as the State Championships. These were held at Mortlock and Busselton, it was great to have Busselton run their first tetrathlons this year. Both events were a great success and we hope Busselton will continue to run tetrathlons into the future.

# PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT

This year has seen the development of the National Tetrathlon Technical Delegate Training Program and Pathway. WA has been the leader in this process through Sarah Wiese on the National Tetrathlon Committee.

Sarah Wiese and the International team members hosted a presentation at the State Coaching School talking about the opportunities provided by tetrathlon, how to run a tetrathlon at your own club as well and sharing their experiences of the International Tetrathlon Exchange.

# **OUR VISION FOR 2025**

To encourage participation and recognition of Tetrathlon. We aim to do this by;

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



# Avon Zone

**Avon Valley** has a great year with all our members improving. We had 2 young riders sit and pass their D certificates with other riders working towards their E, D and C\* certificates. All our members attended the Zone Camp and had a great time meeting new friends and learning from our fantastic coaches. Our club held our annual ODE which was a great success.

**South Midlands Pony Club** has a great 2024 with all our members achieving in 1E, 3D, 2D\* certificates with everyone working towards their next certificates. We had riders representing our club colours at competitions regularly including state dressage show jumping and the royal show. We had 4 members attend the Zone Camp they learnt so much from the experienced coaches, we are looking forward to 2025.

Mortlock Pony Club- while our member numbers were smaller this year we still achieved amazing things. We ran our first one day event since 2012 this was an enormous undertaking this event catered from 45 cm to 105 cm, we also ran a successful hickstead for lead line and above, all of our members should be extremely pleased with what we achieved! As part of our Tetrathlon hickstead we had the opening of our feature jump Nevels Window dedicated to our wonderful life member Neville Westlund. We had most of our members attend the Zone camp at the end of June I always find it amazing to see how much every single rider improves in both ability and confidence over the two days we're very lucky to be able to attend events like this where we get access to wonderful coaches. We also had our own club camp in May this was slightly less formal than the Zone camp but it definitely looked as though everyone who attended had a great time we are looking forward to Morlock carrying the success through to 2025.

**Beverley Horse and Pony Club** had a very busy year at their club. 2024 has been packed with events and we have had every member improve so much this year! We have also loved seeing everyone out and about competing. We have also had some great changes this year to our grounds with the addition of automatic roller doors has made club days so much easier.

We are looking forward to developing a strategic plan for 2025 as we move forward focusing on club security and event growth 2025 will see the zone camp including adult riders so we will look forward to seeing our adults there. We have lots to look forward to in 2025 we also plan to continue training officials as they are what make our events run.

York Pony Club maintained small but steady numbers in 2024. A highlight early in year was a special celebration of the York Pony Club's 60th anniversary on the 21st of April. We had a challenging yet fun handy pony course with past and present members gathered for morning tea reminiscing about their time at the club, and the time capsule buried 10 years ago was finally located and dug up to find treasures from yesteryear. Our training day in May offering members and riders from the Zone the opportunity to practice or complete qualifying tests for the state championships. York Pony Club maintained a strong community presence participating in the annual Anzac Day street parade and hosting the hacking show jumping fancy dress and barrel racing at the York Agricultural Show in September. The Zone Camp in July remained a highlight for many of our members in 2024. York looks forward to another successful 2025 year of riding.

# Central Zone

#### **MISSION:**

The Central Zone aims to ensure the two clubs in the zone support each other's events.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Dryandra Pony Club is currently filling the roles of Central Zone President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Coach. The Annual General Meeting was held in November and the Annual Information Statement lodged. Central Zone has continued to contribute to the wider Pony Club WA community with Linda Page on the Dressage committee, Bill and Sarah Wiese on the Tetrathlon committee and Sarah Wiese National Tetrathlon Committee.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Dryandra ran a successful Dressage and Show Jump series with events in March and May and hosted an ODE in September. The Narrogin Show in October finished the Dryandra events for the year. Wagin hosted the Funorama at Wagin Woolorama in March. The local events have provided a good opportunity for riders to achieve qualifications required for State events close to home. The profile and opportunities in Pony Club were lifted in the wider local community with two Central Zone members being selected to represent Australia in the International Tetrathlon Exchange, which gained some local media coverage.

## PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Dryandra Pony Club had 28 riding members and 16 adult supporters and coaches, with a full rally and camp program with 8 rallies and 2 camps. Wagin has had 25 members this year, with adult riders being a significant proportion of the membership, and covered a variety of topics in their monthly rallies. In the previous 12-18 months Central Zone members have achieved certificates including C\*, C, D\*, D and E.

# **REWARD AND RECOGNITION:**

The Central Zone has been working to retain older riders with good success and have also seen a pleasing increase in the number of younger riders out competing around the state. The combination has resulted in the zone being represented at all six State Championships and also achieving numerous placing across the disciplines on the State Leaderboards.

# **OUR VISION FOR 2025:**

The goal of our rally programs is to assist riders in working towards their certificates at all levels from E to B. The Zone aims to provide a high standard of local events for riders to gain competition exposure and achieve qualifying results as well as to raise funds for the clubs. In 2025 Dryandra will be hosting the State Hickstead.

# Northern Zone

#### **MISSION:**

To provide access for our members to develop skills and have fun with their equines through our clubs; Carnarvon, Mingenew, Walkaway, Spalding and Moonyoonooka.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- President Ainslee Hutchinson
- Secretary Aimee Holmes
- Treasurer Kat Smith
- Coach Coordinator Indi Smith

# **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- State Dressage Champs
- o Indi Smith Novice Freestyle and Novice 2.3 Champion
- State Eventing Champs
- Ashlee Blake PC65 Champion

#### PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

State Coaching Panel - Gear Checking and Practical Coaching Assessments with Judy Rose & Nerine Butler-Blaxell, funded by Dept Local Govt, Sport and Cultural Industries

- State Coaching Panel Clinic at Carnarvon, 3 prelim coaches and gear checking
- Spalding hosted Coaching Clinics and Lessons with Bec Thomas
- Moonyoonooka Hosted Eventing clinic with Mikayla Wood
- Members attended Pony Club Festival
- Moonyoonooka ODE
- Spalding Early Bird Show
- Up coming Carnarvon Super Clinic

### **REWARD AND RECOGNITION:**

- Pony Club Awards Night
- Carnarvon won Club of the year
- Ainslee Hutchinson won Coach of the year (Carnarvon)
- o Tarni King nominated for Best Achievement for a rider over 25 years
- o Indi Smith won Best Achievement by a rider 18-25 years
- State Showjumping Champs
- Wins and places from Ashlee Blake & Alice Hunt

### **OUR VISION FOR 2025:**

Develop and support members in our Zone.

# Eastern Zone

Our zone covers 3 clubs, Bonnie Rock, Kellerberrin and Bruce Rock and we aim to work together to support and mentor each club.

Our zone's main event is the Eastern Zone One Day event, hosted by Kellerberrin Pony Club who has the lions share of the work in providing the venue and preparing the cross country course, however we work in with all clubs in that Bonnie Rock organises the showjumping and Bruce Rock the Dressage, and it is always a group effort to coordinate. Like most events we attended throughout the year, numbers were low and we are all looking for ways to continue to run these events at an affordable price.

We had 2 well attended zone camps, one at Kellerberrin and the second at Bonnie Rock, these camps are always huge highlights for our zone with two days of great coaching, and fun and friendship for our riders young and old. Our zone had 6 riders attain their C certificate and were lucky to have some of them assessed at Bonnie Rock by a member of the state coaching panel. We had one coach pass her preliminary coaching certificate, with several others working towards completion this year. We had many riders win and place well on the state eventing leaderboard.

State Eventing was very well attended by members of our zone, despite the date being late November, and we had a complete team in the 80cm Championship class which hasn't happened for a very long time. When we loaded our horses for the 6 hour trek home however, it was 38 degrees and that is definitely not ideal when they have just competed in both jumping phases of an event-definitely something that I would like to see changed going forward. Zone members also successfully competed in the State tetrathlon, so great to see our little clubs competing and doing so well at a state level.

It is really interesting times for our pony clubs with social licence playing a large part in a lot of new regulations that are being implemented nationally, creating more expense and potentially making our smaller regional events unviable to run, but I really hope we can continue to bring experiences and passion for the sport to all our riders, coaches and parents.

Suzi Sprigg Eastern Zone President

# South West Zone

#### Mission:

The South West Zone committee aims to support the 10 clubs in our region — Blackwood, Bunbury, Busselton, Capel, Collie, Dardanup, Margaret River, Mayanup, Warren and Wellington District.

## Leadership:

We have a strong committee lead by Chairperson Clare d'Espessis (Busselton), Vice Chair Jenni Brown (Capel), Secretary Penny Vincent (Dardanup), Treasurer Corien Ridley (Busselton) along with Executive committee Di Dickinson (Wellington) and Veronica Nix (Mayanup). SW Zone hold bi-monthly committee meetings in a central location which are well attended, when possible we have a zoom option for those who aren't able to attend in person.

# Highlights:

We hold an annual gymkhana which this year was held at Capel grounds in May with approximately 50 riders competing. Riders participated in hacking, showjumping and games. It was a great day and lots of fun had by all.

Bunbury, Capel, Busselton, Dardanup and Margaret River clubs have held successful dressage and showjumping events this year. Mayanup club are instrumental in organising the ridden events at the popular Dinniniup Ag show held each November with full classes in their showjumping events. These have been well supported, successfully run events thoroughly enjoyed by riders. Dardanup hosted their annual ODE in May with a great turnout. Capel also hosted two eventing competitions, their CCN in March and PC ODE in November and assisted with providing their fantastic grounds and cross country course for two further EA eventing competitions.

Our zone had some notable riders selected for state and national representations. Bel Dabic from Bunbury club travelling to UK to represent Australia at the Virtus Games. Tegan Hughes from Capel was selected as reserve for the International PC Quiz Team. We also had PonyClub riders travel east for Interschools competition and were extremely successful riding either their own mounts or pool horses. At state dressage we had good representation for the zone teams competitions with two teams placing second and third.

# **Participation and Development:**

Our clubs have been successful in promoting and passing many members through their D and D\* and C certificates and there have also been members completing their C\*. Clubs have reported that they will have quite a few riders who will be ready to sit their C and C\* certificates in 2025. Bunbury hosted a showjumping course design and judging workshop in July which was well attended. Planning has also commenced for a coaching clinic to be hosted in the zone in 2025.

## **Reward and Recognition:**

Our zone annual Jean Lishman Award was awarded to Mia Staines for 2024. Kaitlyn Brown and Annabelle Creek were nominated for PCWA Citizenship Awards for 2024.

## Our Vision for 2025:

The zone is currently in planning stages for holding a coaching clinic along with workshopping options for clinics needed to support our riders who are working on the requirements for their C, C\* and B certificates. Also in our vision is a gear checking clinic as well as encouraging new and continuing officials' roles.

# Metropolitan Zone

2024 was a quiet year for the Metropolitan Zone. Unfortunately, our President stood down in the middle of the year, our Showjumping fun day was rained out and the heavy calendar for all clubs meant we were unable to find another suitable day that didn't clash with preexisting PCWA or Zone club events.

Despite this we had representatives from Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club, Darling Range Pony Club, Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club and Gosnells Riding & Pony Club attend the State Dressage Championships and were able to enter two zone teams with riders across three clubs.

Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club, Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club and Gosnells Riding & Pony Club had members entering Showjumping State Championships and the Active Riding State Championships.

Completing a strong year for them, we congratulate Wallangarra Riding & Pony Club who were represented by members at all State Events for 2024.

Currently the Metropolitan Zone consists of three clubs with strong membership bases and two clubs with smaller member numbers. We would like to thank in particular the support of Coach Co-ordinator/C\* K Co-ordinator, Jill Kessell, and our individual club coaches for supporting many of our zone's riders in achieving proficiency certificates during 2024.

Finally, we had zone members participating in many other panels and committees within the Pony Club WA organisation as below and would like to thank them for their ongoing support of the Pony Club movement:

Dressage Committee – Kerry Mercer

Active Riding Committee— Dan Foster, Patricia Gordon, Jason Daniels

Tetrathlon Committee – Donna Black

State Coaching Panel – Margaret Barnesby-Johnson, Jill Kessell

Our Vision for 2025 is to stabilise the committee, encourage stronger club member involvement in zone teams at state events and to return to holding our popular showjumping fund day and quadrathon events in the second half of the year.

# Swan Zone



### Mission

Swan Zone supports member clubs by providing opportunities for young riders to grow, compete, and develop their skills. We foster teamwork, education, and competition while offering pathways for older members to become coaches.

# Leadership

The Swan Zone committee ensures smooth operations and rider development. It includes:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Additional committee members coordinating Zone activities.

# **Highlights**

# **Improved Communication & Engagement**

- Established a social media newsfeed for updates.
- Compiled a Zone-wide contact list to improve coordination.
- Created a dedicated Swan Zone email.

# **Competitions & Events**

- The Marsden Cup PPMG at Horsemens saw 53 riders compete, raising \$3,198.
- Swan Zone riders excelled in active riding, winning high points in novelties and zone team events (13-16 & 17+).
- Dressage teams secured first place, with multiple individual wins.
- Novelty event run-offs had enthusiastic participation.

# **Coaching & Development**

- The well-attended "Coach the Coaches" program trained future coaches.
- Zoom Horsemastership Programme introduced for online learning.
- Eight members successfully tested at C level, progressing to C\*/K.

# **Zone Excursions & Learning**

- WA Police Horse Stables visit.
- Hoof Biomechanics Workshop for riders and coaches.
- Ascot Racecourse tour (15 young riders).
- Murdoch University visit (stable tour planned for next year).

# **Administrative & Organisational Enhancements**

- Google Sheets implemented for meeting minutes and task tracking.
- Bank signatories finalised for secure financial operations.
- Sub-Committee formed for C, C\*, K, and B testing to improve accessibility and cost-sharing for northern clubs.

# **Participation & Development**

- Increased participation in competitions, excursions, and workshops.
- Zoom horsemastership ensures continued learning for riders and coaches.
- More structured training fosters collaboration and higher-level competition opportunities, such as run off for jumping.

# Recognition

- Congratulations to the dressage team for their outstanding performances.
- Marsden Cup riders were acknowledged for their outstanding performance.
- Volunteers and committee members recognised for their invaluable contributions.

#### Vision for 2025

Swan Zone aims to:

- Support rider development through structured training north of the river.
- Establish state jumping and dressage sub-groups for Zones.
- Host a Zone Camp for training and team-building.
- Expand coaching opportunities and fundraising efforts to support growth.
- Increase excursions for skill development and social connections.
- Continue Zoom Horsemastership for accessible learning.
- Hold a course-building workshop to produce more course builders.
- Expanded educational pathways for older riders, encouraging them to stay engaged in Pony Club through coaching programs, leadership roles, and mentoring younger riders.

By fostering collaboration, providing learning opportunities, and reducing financial barriers, Swan Zone remains committed to rider development and equestrian excellence.

# South Eastern Zone

# **Kalgoorlie District Pony Club**

# **Participation and Development**

KDPC has a steady and consistent attendance throughout the 2024 year for rallies with 10 Junior, 2 Senior and 7 Adult Riding members. The Zone Camp was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Another successful Golden Nugget ODE was run in Kalgoorlie after changing the format to a true one-day event and although numbers were smaller than in previous years, riders entered from Kalgoorlie, Esperance and further afield to compete and enjoy the uniqueness of what Kalgoorlie has to offer. Some of the Senior and Adult riders travelled to Esperance during the year to compete in competitions and local competitions and Show Jumping Training days were well supported.

**Reward and Recognition**: There was a consistent attendance at Rallies throughout the year with visiting coaches in attendance. Sadly no proficiency testing was conducting in 2024 for KDPC members.

### West Coastal Zone

Upon reflection of 2024, West Coastal Zone has been a proactive and dedicated zone with plenty of activity within our 5 Clubs: Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club, Serpentine Horse and Pony Club, Baldivis Horse and Pony Club, Murray Horse and Pony Club and Log Fence Horse and Pony Club.

Our commitment to giving back to our pony clubs continued in 2024 by providing and engaging with support for Coaches and our Riders with education and opportunities.

Our zoom theory sessions continued in 2024 providing opportunities and availability for our members who are actively studying their C and C\*/K pathway. These sessions have been well supported, and we look forward to continuing to provide these educational sessions with Guest Speakers and Presenters into 2025. April 6<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Lunge Clinic at Murray HPC aimed at supporting and educating our riders on the basic foundation of lunging in theory and hands on opportunities. Our presenter Kelly Altieri passionate coaching methods provided an excellent opportunity, and we welcomed riders from different zones to attend and network with our Zone Riders.

With many thanks to funding from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and support from State Coaching Panel we were able to host 2 x Coach Development opportunities within our Zone. Our first development day was held in October hosted by Murray HPC with Presenters Jill Kessell and Sally Davis aimed at Preliminary Coach Development. Alongside this we hosted Gear Checking Basic Courses and Accreditation with many thanks to Dianne Ould.

November Peel HPC hosted a Coach Accreditation Day with 3 x Preliminary Coaches and 1 x Level 1 Coach successfully achieve their accreditation. We would like to acknowledge the volunteers and demonstration riders who came along and supported our coaches at both events and without them we would not be able to host such events and provide the experience the coaches require to further their coaching careers.

Our Zone has made significant impact at all State Events with outstanding performances. We were saddened with the cancellation of Zone Team Event at the State Showjumping however we were ecstatic with the outstanding achievement our Zone State Dressage Team competed at State Dressage in July. Congratulations to Charvelle Miller, Sophie Appleby, Ruby Douglas and Taylah Smith for winning the reputable Zone Dressage Award and representing our Zone with such professionalism and wonderful sportsmanship. Zone Novelties proves to be a popular and thoroughly enjoyable event, and we were thrilled to have so many teams compete at the State Active Riding Championships with many young riders wearing proudly our Zone Colours. Congratulations to all our Riders, no matter the colour of the ribbon we are immensely proud of you.

We are delighted to celebrate some special milestones with long serving members with in our Zone who were awarded and recognised the prestigious award of Gold Service at the Pony Club WA Award Night. Congratulations to Monique Perkins, Kirsten Hawkins and Natalie Barr, all from Murray HPC for your countless hours and years to your support towards our pony club community serving on not only Club Committees but also Zone and State Committees, we thank you for your endless volunteer contributions and support.

I express sincere thanks to our Zone Team Monique Perkins, Dianne Ould, Chelsea Reynolds, Kelly Altieri, Sophie Appleby and Lousie McDonald for their continual commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to our members, coaches and families as well as their ability to form strong team bonds. We are excited to continue to make a positive impact on our pony club community and accelerate the growth and opportunities provided to our Zone with a strong focus on the future.

Robyn Gordon Zone Secretary West Coastal Zone









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### **Great Southern Zone**

**Mission:** The GSZ aims to continue to support the 6 regional clubs in our zone to provide a healthy and productive environment for all its pony club members. We look to provide support where small club numbers would normally prohibit the club from being able to provide that service/event. The zone looks to provide local events, as the 5 hours travel one way to Perth and associated cost and time required to undertake this journey prohibits many of our riders and supporters from attending events in the metro area. The zone also looks to encourage all clubs to work together for the greater good of all pony clubs and their members.

**Leadership:** We have had a small change over in committee for 2024/2025 within our Zone. We have kept Heather Knight (APC) as Secretary, Ferne Faulkner (WPPC) as Coaching Coordinator and welcome our new President Jess Moir (KRPC) and Treasurer Kathi McDonald (KRPC). We have 2 reps from each club, APC, KRPC, DPC, KOPC, KDPC, WPPC.

**Highlights:** We ran a very successful Coaching Clinic in August with 20 attendees over 2 days. The clinic was considered a great success with good feedback from participants. Participants came from 4 of the 6 clubs in Great southern zone.

GSZ also sent riders to State Tet, State Showjumping, State Dressage and State eventing with much success.

**Participation and development:** GSZ facilitated a 2 day coaching clinic for local participants. We had a level 1 coach accredited and 2 preliminary coaches accredited. Ferne Faulkner passed her dressage judge accreditation and Kylie Owen did her Show jump Judge accreditation.

**Reward and recognition:** GSZ once again hosted a successful Volunteer Recognition lunch at West Plantagenet PC in December along side of our AGM. This was attended by 3 of the clubs in our Zone. Each club nominates and under 17 yrs and a 17+ club ambassador (The perfect PC member) and a Club Volunteer. They receive a certificate and a small gift as a token of appreciation.

**Our vision for 2025:** Great Southern Zone once again is organising a Coaching clinic in August to get more locals involved with our clubs. We are always in need of more coaches at every club for rallies and this is a great opportunity to get parents and even some club members out there teaching the younger kids.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
2024

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### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue		,	,
Operations			
Revenue	2	561,255	866,743
Other Income			
Interest income		13,916	<u>8,900</u>
Total Income	575,171		875,643
Expenses			
Accounting and audit fees		41,932	36,662
Advertising and promotion		7,687	9,690
Bank charges		794	4,558
Event expenses		63,873	146,484
Coaching and officiating expenses		73,719	89,345
Computer expenses		4,307	3,810
Depreciation	6	3,846	10,762
Depreciation - ROUA	7	3,625	4,730
General expenses		19,778	33,864
Insurance	_	15,623	88,332
Interest expenses	7	1,074	794
Licences and permits		846	698
Office and administration expenses		9,549	21,484
Professional development and training		290	618
Repairs and maintenance		1,231	3,478
Rent		23,585	26,594
Sporting awards and trophies		26,105	66,550
Superannuation		21,373	29,472
Telephone and internet		4,322	5,333
Travel and accommodation		8,720	2,261
Wages		206,612	282,724
Total expenses		538,891	868,243
Surplus for the year		36,280	<u>7,400</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		36,280	7,400

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER

#### 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets		·	•
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	460,860	432,297
Trade receivables	4	52,160	13,404
Inventories		-	20,132
Other assets	5	10,456	10,442
Total Current Assets		523,476	476,275
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	3,583	6,740
Right-of-use asset	7	12,687	16,312
Total Non-Current Assets		16,270	23,052
Total Assets		539,746	499,327
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	45,455	54,737
Lease liabilities	9	3,629	3,390
Provisions	10	27,348	17,516
Total Current Liabilities		76,432	75,643
Non-Current Liabilities			
Lease liabilities	9	10,233	13,862
Provisions	10	6,979	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		17,212	13,862
Total Liabilities		93,644	89,505
Net Assets		446,102	409,822
Equity			
Retained earnings		446,102	409,822
Total Equity		446,102	409,822

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance at 1 January 2023	402,422
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Surplus for the year	7,400
Other comprehensive income	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	409,822
Surplus for the year	36,280
Other comprehensive income	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	446,102

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		552,441	865,425
Payment to suppliers and employees		(532,630)	(826,726)
Interest income		13,916	8,900
Net cash generated from operating activities	11	33,727	47,599
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(700)	(7,436)
Net cash used in investing activities		(700)	(7,436)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liability		(4,464)	(4,356)
Net cash used in financing activities		(4,464)	(4,356)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		28,563	35,807
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		432,297	396,490
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3	460,860	432,297

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### **Note 1. Statement of Material Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of Pony Club Western Australia Incorporated (the "Association"), and to satisfy the Associations Incorporations Act of 2015. The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply Accounting Standard and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101 - Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107 - Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108 - Accounting Policies, Changes in accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110 - Events After the Reporting Period

AASB 1054 - Australian Additional Disclosures

AASB 16 - Leases

No other applicable Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### (a) Inventories

The Association opted not to capitalise inventories. Consequently, all inventories are expensed in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the financial year they are incurred.

#### (b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment are measured at cost less depreciation and impairment losses.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Statement of Material Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (c) Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leased assets and leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Computer software & hardware	40% - 100%
Plant and equipment	10% - 100%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting period date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

#### (c) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Statement of Material Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (d) Employee Benefits

#### Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are benefits, other than termination benefits, that are expected to be settled wholly within twelve (12) months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service. Examples of such benefits include wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the undiscounted amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

#### Other long-term employee benefits

The Association's liabilities for annual leave and long service leave are included in other long-term benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within twelve

(12) months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service. They are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees.

The expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the timing of the estimated future cash outflows.

Any re-measurements arising from experience adjustments and changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Association presents employee benefit obligations as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve (12) months after the reporting period, irrespective of when the actual settlement is expected to take place.

#### (e) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

#### (f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Statement of Material Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (g) Trade and Other Receivable

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

#### (h) Revenue

Revenue arises mainly from fees received from members and revenue from sporting events. To determine whether to recognise revenue, the Association follows a 5-step process:

- 1. Identifying the contract with a customer
- 2. Identifying the performance obligations
- 3. Determining the transaction price
- 4. Allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations
- 5. Recognising revenue when/as performance obligation(s) are satisfied.

The total transaction price for a contract is allocated amongst the various performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. The transaction price for a contract excludes any amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

Revenue is recognised either at a point in time or over time, when (or as) the Association satisfies performance obligations by transferring the promised goods or services to its members. The Association recognises contract liabilities for consideration received in respect of unsatisfied performance obligations and reports these amounts as other liabilities in the statement of financial position. Similarly, if the Association satisfies a performance obligation before it receives the consideration, the Association recognises either a contract asset or a receivable in its statement of financial position, depending on whether something other than the passage of time is required before the consideration is due.

Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

#### (i) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Statement of Material Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (j) Leases

The Association considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'.

To apply this definition the Association assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Association
- the Association has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract
- the Association has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Association assess whether it has the right to direct 'how and for what purpose' the asset is used throughout the period of use

#### Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Association, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any incentives received).

The Association depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The Association also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicators exist.

At the commencement date, the Association measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available or the Association's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in substance fixed), variable payments based on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and payments arising from options reasonably certain to be exercised

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Statement of Material Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (j) Leases (continued)

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments. When the lease liability is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Association has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **Concessionary Leases**

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the Association to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary leases), the Association measures the right of use assets at cost on initial recognition.

#### (k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows

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#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024 \$	2023 \$
2	Revenue and other income		
	Association income Development income Government grants Host fees Levies Loss on merchandise sales Sporting income Sponsorship and fundraising income Others	224,832 13,110 161,457 32,257 16,700 (15,151) 93,573 31,683 2,794 561,255	293,963 42,689 145,000 48,853 24,034 (7,932) 196,662 105,999 17,475 866,743
3	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash at bank Cash on hand	460,851 9 460,860	432,278 19 432,297
4	Trade receivables		
	Current Trade receivable	52,160	52,160
5	Other assets		
	Current Prepayments	10,456	10,442
6	Property, plant and equipment		
	Furniture and equipment At cost Less accumulated depreciation Carrying amount	36,873 (33,290) 3,583	149,828 (143,088) 6,740
	Movements in carrying amounts Balance at 1 January Additions Depreciation expense Balance at 31 December	6,740 689 (3,846) 3,583	17,502 - (10,762) 6,740

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#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
7 Right-of-use asset	,	·
AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the balance sh	eet	
Right-of-use assets ("ROUA")	18,125	18,125
Less accumulated depreciation – ROUA Carrying amount	(5,438) 12,687	( <u>1,813)</u> 16,312
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Movements in carrying amounts Balance at 1 January	16,312	5,470
Lease modification adjustment	10,312	15,572
Depreciation	(3,625)	(4,730)
Carrying amount at 31 December	12,687	16,312
AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the statement of	-	
Depreciation charge related to ROUA	3,625	4,730
Interest expense on lease liabilities	1,074	794
Total future lease payments at the end of the reporting payments:	period	
Not later than 1 year	3,629	3,390
Between 1 and 5 years Total future lease payments	10,233 13,862	<u>13,862</u> 17,252
rotal fature lease payments	10,002	17,202
8 Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	9,309	29,325
Unearned income	6,375	12,219
Accrued expenses GST payables/ (refundable)	7,964 4,367	9,148 (792)
Unexpended grants	13,043	(192)
ATO clearing	(2,348)	3,493
Other payables	6,745	<u>1,344</u>
	45,455	54,737
9 Lease liabilities		
Lease liabilities – current	3,629	3,390
Lease liabilities – non-current	10,233	13,862
	13,862	17,252

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024 \$	2023 \$
10	Provisions	•	·
	Current Provision for annual leave	27,348	17,516
	Non-current Provision for long service leave	6,979 34,327	
11	Cash flow information		
	Surplus for the year	36,280	7,400
	Adjustment for: Depreciation Depreciation - ROUA	3,846 3,625	10,762 4,730
	Change in assets and liabilities: (Increase)/ decrease in trade receivables (Increase)/ decrease in inventories (Increase)/ decrease in other assets Increase/ (decrease) in trade and other payables Increase/ (decrease) in lease liabilities Increase/ (decrease) in provisions Net cash outflow from operating activities	(38,756) 20,132 (14) (9,271) 239 17,646 33,727	(8,926) (4,954) 1,699 50,715 - (13,827) 47,599

#### 12 Related party transactions

#### a) Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Association, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) is considered key management personnel.

<ul> <li>Short-term benefits</li> </ul>	92,525	67,429
<ul> <li>Post-employment benefits</li> </ul>	10,415	6,568
<ul> <li>Other long-term benefits</li> </ul>	5,068	<u>=</u>
-	108,008	73,997

#### b) Other related parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel, individually or collectively with their close family members.

- Nil

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 13 Contingent liabilities and commitments

The Association has no contingent liabilities and commitments as at 31 December 2024.

#### 14 Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

#### 15 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with current year's presentation.

#### 16 Association details

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:

Pony Club Western Australia Incorporated 303 Cathedral Avenue Brigadoon WA 6069

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#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Directors have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Directors of the Association declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 to 14 are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* and:
  - (a) Comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Association Incorporation Act 2015 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (b) Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
- 2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Kate McCarthy

Name:

Chairperson

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025

Jennifer Kobulniczky-Duncan

Name:

Chair of Audit & Finance Committee

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025



## Auditor's Independence Declaration Under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*To the Member of Pony Club Western Australia Inc

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 there have been:

- No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Associations Incorporations Act 2015 in relation to the audit; and
  - No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Chartered Accountants

**BILLY-JOE THOMAS** 

Director

Perth, WA

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025



### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PONY CLUB WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Pony Club Western Australia Incorporated (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year ended, notes to the financial statements including a summary of material accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2024, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act of 2015 and to meet the needs of the members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Directors and the Board for the Financial Report

Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements and for such internal control as directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, directors are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Association or business activities within the Association to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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