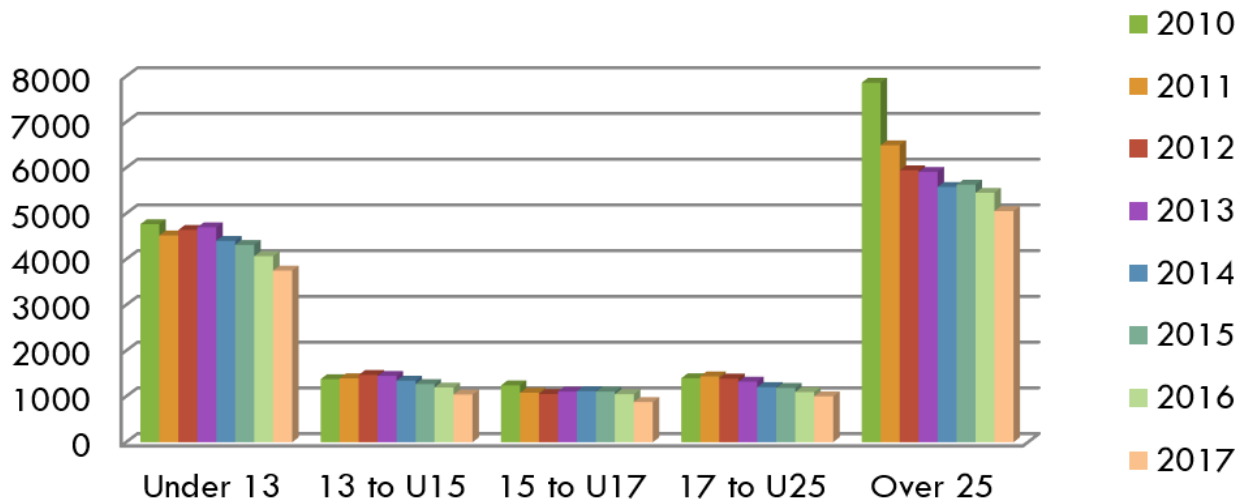


Presidents Report – November 2017

Membership Statistics

Total memberships as at 31st October were 8,327 riding and 3,662 non-riding a total of 11,989 this is down by 871 on 2016's totals of 9,007 riding and 3,853 non-riding members a total of 12,860 as at the 31st October and 1,733 less than 2015's total at this time (riding 9,640 and non-riding 4,082 total 13,722) there are still a number of outstanding Myclub invoices that would increase these numbers and these are being chased up with clubs.

Membership Age Groups



Disputes and Mediation

The implementation of \$500 non-refundable fee for new complaints at state level have ensured that clubs and zones are attempting to resolve any complaints themselves which has led to a decrease in money being spent on solicitors opinions etc. by \$2,721 (some of which related to previous complaints being finalised) for the year to date.

At present there seems to be a bias in the complain process toward having a Tribunal hearing, as per the Member Protection Policy. This takes considerable time to arrange and conduct, and as you are aware our PCA NSW legal bill has been increasing rapidly.

To that end, I propose we focus far more on mediation of complaints rather than engaging on the Tribunal process. Since becoming President I have already taken one matter which was set for a Tribunal hearing and successfully mediated it. This was after legal advice had been provided that mediation was unlikely to be successful.

A lot of time is still spent providing advice and information to members, clubs and zones in relation to complaints which is a drain on the office and state executive.

Pony Club Australia and Nationals

From 16 to 23 September the PCA National Championships were held in Toowoomba Qld. I attended, and was fortunate enough to watch many of our riders compete. While there I had the opportunity to spend some considerable time speaking with the Board members of PCA as well as the other State and Territory Presidents.

The relationship with the Qld and Vic Presidents in particular is going well. The NT President was the only other one there, I had a couple of positive conversations with her too. I consider it is extremely

important that we continue to work on this relationship with the other States and Territories, particularly given past issues with the PCA Board.

In fact, the Qld President has kindly offered us the assistance and advice of their organising officer for the 2019 Nationals, and the Vic President has offered the use of their Tetrathlon equipment and officials. Both these kind offers may well be useful as we start our preparations for hosting the 2019 Nationals.

I spent several hours (literally) speaking one on one with various members of the Board of PCA and the CEO, I am extremely pleased with the way this relationship is developing. Many of our conversations were rather forthright and blunt, and at the conclusion I consider both sides had a much better understanding of the problems in the relationship, and both sides expressed a strong desire to try to improve it. It is obviously extremely important to build trust in this relationship, as without trust even good or valuable suggestions will be looked at through a sceptical view.

I am far more positive about this relationship than I was previously, and while I am going to continue working on developing our relationship with the other State Presidents, I consider it is much less likely that we will end up in direct conflict with PCA and the Board. That can only be for the good of Pony Club.

Congratulations to all of the riders who competed at the Nationals you were a credit to your Clubs, Zones and the Association. Riders not only demonstrated their ability to compete at a National level but showed what terrific ambassadors they are for our state. New South Wales placed third overall in the competition and had some great results as individuals and teams. Full results can be found on our website <http://www.pcansw.org.au/events/national-events> this year there was a new sub-junior category and Formal Gymkhana and National Quiz were also included giving our riders more opportunities to participate.

Thank you to all of the families who attended and supported our riders. Thank you to those who acted as Team Managers, Julie Morgan, Dianne Cullen, Gavin Cullen, Janet Hamblin, Anthony Newham and Michelle Newham and we look forward to hosting the Nationals in 2019.

Grants

The Bendigo Community Banks throughout NSW return a significant percentage of their profits every year to local community groups and schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for our clubs to apply for a grant for much needed funds.

For example, the Glenorie Pony Club received a grant from the Galston branch of the Bendigo Community Bank of \$10,000 last year, and have been told they will receive a larger grant next year.

I would urge all Pony Clubs who have not already done so to approach their local Bendigo Community Banks and discuss the possibility of obtaining a grant.

There are a number of other organisations who have similar programs specific to their local areas including IMB Community Foundation, National Bank, Holden Grants, Telstra Kids Fund please check the Associations website for further information on these and other opportunities via the link below:

<http://www.pcansw.org.au/management/grants-and-marketing>

Racing NSW Racehorse Rehabilitation Program (RRP).

Since the last meeting I have drafted a MOU and sent it to Racing NSW, who are considering it and will doubtless seek advice from their legal advisers. Below is what the core of the agreement is. You will see it speaks of providing training to us by Racing NSW, and training by us to our members for the benefit of both the horses and riders. I expect the document will undergo numerous tweaks before it is finalised.

“This MOU is to intended to establish a framework for closer cooperation between the two parties, particularly in the development of strategies, programs and initiatives which will assist in successfully placing retired racehorses with appropriately trained NSW PCA riders.

The parties understand that successful ongoing training of retired racehorses requires a high level of skill, and are committed to ensuring that members of PCA NSW who purchase such horses are provided a strong framework for ongoing assistance, so as to ensure the best chance of success of the relationship between horse and rider.

This framework of cooperation between our two organisations will include the provision of training and other assistance by Racing NSW to PCA NSW, and training by PCA NSW to its riders, to ensure that retired racehorses are placed into knowledgeable and caring homes, and that PCA NSW members develop the skills to continue the training of the retired racehorses.”

In the short term we are organising another training demonstration by Scott Brodie, further down the track I can see us running training courses for our instructors using both Racing NSW staff and our own senior instructors, so as to provide ongoing training for our PCA Instructors who can then assist our riders. Obviously the training techniques would be equally applicable to both retired racehorses and all other horses our members ride.

Working with Children Checks/Child Safe Organisation

The recently released Principles for Child Safe Organisations consultation draft document is in response to the feedback from the WWCC registration system and research and findings from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse regarding the characteristics of child-safe organisations.

While PCA NSW have a number of procedures in place we can never be complacent and need to continue to ensure that we comply with the principles outlined in the consultation draft at all levels.

State Camp

The 2018 preparations are well underway with selections now completed. A list of selected riders will be available at the meeting. State Camp is a great opportunity for our riders as they received instruction from Level 3 EA coaches, meals, accommodation and stabling for four days at a heavily subsidised costs at SIEC. Please encourage riders to strive towards nominating each year.

Pony Club Australia Awards

NSW submitted nominations for the PCA National Awards including:

- Club of the Year – Gravesend Pony Club
- Volunteer of the Year – Carole Hodges
- Coach of the Year – Anthony Newham
- Best Achievement by a rider over 17 years – Victoria Temm, Rebecca Cameron & Olivia Palfreyman

Database/Website

Affiliations are up to date in the old database and we are steadily progressing with updates to the new database. The website has been updated with office bearer forms and we are continuing to use Myclub with the new database to go live in 2018. Emails have been sent to those members who had Myclub access in 2017 providing them with access to the new database in preparation for 2018. If your club would like access please complete a Myclub access application form (found on our website under the management tab then go to forms).

Marketing and Sponsorship

Showgirl Equestrian have kindly come on board to re-launch our Profile of the Month Competition that will see a winner each month to receive a prize valued at \$100 and their profile featured in the Equestrian News Magazine and the State Newsletter. Showgirl Equestrian will also be the provider of the Merchandise at the 2018 State Showriding & Dressage Championships.

Horseland have also renewed their sponsorship contract with Pony Club NSW, being the major sponsor of all State Championships, Volunteer of the Year Awards and State Camp.

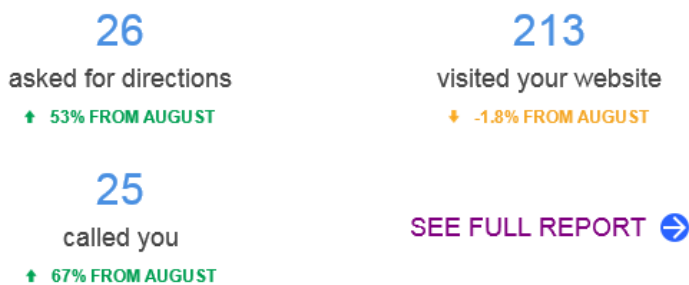
Advertising & Media

Facebook has been the best way to communicate with our members with the following Likes, Reach and Engagement statistics appear to be on the rise over the last month. Google is also one of our most useful marketing tools, with the following statistics recorded from September;

Google My Business

Pony Club Association of NSW Inc,

4,323 PEOPLE FOUND YOU ON GOOGLE



During our State Championships at AELEC, Leanna Haines and I spent some time building relationships with reporters from both Prime7 and NBNTV. As a result, we had stories about our championships run on six different occasions during local news bulletins. It is very important that we focus on any opportunities to get “good news” stories about Pony Club into the media, as this may draw in further potential members. This is something we need to work on continually, so if you have any “good news” stories in your Zones don’t hesitate to contact the local media. Quite often they are grateful to be alerted to potential stories.

When engaging with the media please bear in mind our Media Policy. In that policy it states that members must not communicate with the media without authorisation from the EO or President. I am more than happy to authorise all Zone Presidents and Zone Chief Instructors to discuss and present any “good news” stories as much as possible. Please remember that if it is in any way contentious, negative, critical or resulting from a serious injury then you should contact Kerren or I first.

State Championships

Feedback after the championships at Tamworth have led to a number of changes for 2018 with championships once again spread more evenly over the year. Team App and Live Scoring was successfully used at the most recent championships at Bungendore and Harden and riders were well received by attendees, thank you to Leanna Haines and Carole Hodges for their work in implementing these services and keep an eye out for information on how to stay in touch for the 2018 championships.

Zones have nominated to host championships in 2018 and we are now seeking nominations for 2019 events.

2018 Championships:

- Showriding and Dressage Championships – Zone 26 Clarendon 25-28 January
- Sporting, Campdraft and Team Penning Championships – Zone 9 North Dorrigo 14-16 April
- Jumping Equitation and Showjumping Championships – Zone 24 Morrissett 7-10 July
- Mounted Games and Team Sporting Championships – Zone 14 Cobargo 29 September – 1 October
- One Day Event and Combined Training Championships – Zone 5 Coonabarabran 5-7 October

We are looking at ways to increase participation at State Championships and encourage everyone to submit feedback via their zones if you have any ideas or suggestions which may be helpful.

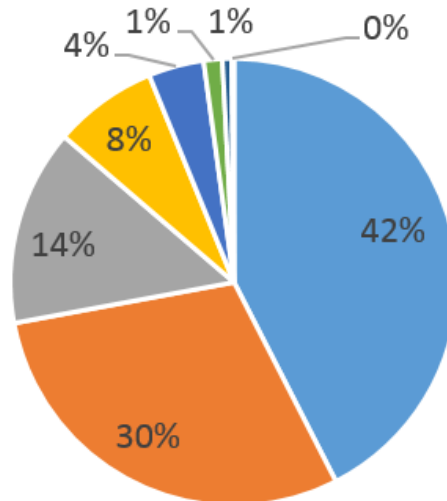
Entries;	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change	Average
Sporting	278	252	230	274	176	150	230	151	-79	218
Campdrafting	157	118	110	136	123	89	132	92	-40	120
Team Penning							54	62	8	58
Dressage	195	212	201	131	145	108	163	146	-17	163
Jumping Equitation	150	153	213	195	158	117	121	92	-29	150
Showjumping	108	171	132	174	173	110	101	186	85	144
Polocrosse	n/a	147	155	82	0	0	36	0	-36	60
Mounted Games	235	155	140	165	130	160	117	120	3	153
Team Sporting							130	115	-15	123
Combined Training							70	21	-49	46
ODE	129	106	91	94	70	61	40	26	-14	77
Show Riding	254	220	272	245	231	198	199	146	-53	221
Total	1506	1534	1544	1496	1206	993	1393	1157		1457

COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIP ATTENDACE:

2016 Combined Championship Statistics – total of **1,393** riders took part in 1 or more State Championship event. Riders participated in the following amount of different disciplines..

With the Combined layout, one rider was able to compete in 8 championships.

2016: How many Championships did Riders compete in?

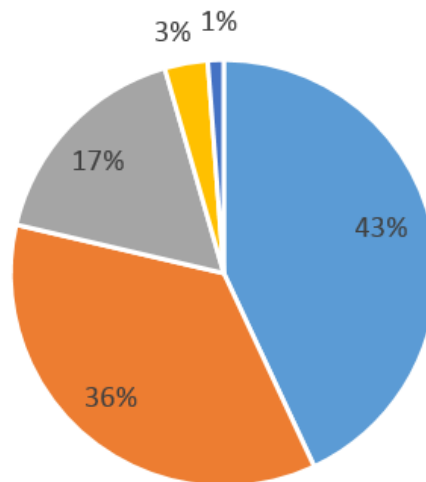


- 1 championship
- 2 championships
- 3 championships
- 4 championships
- 5 championships
- 6 championships
- 7 championships
- 8 championships

2017 Combined Championship Statistics –total of **1157** riders took part in 1 or more State Championship events. While this is less than the previous year, the number of championships that competitors are taking part in has changed.

This year we have experienced more riders compete in 2 or 3 State Championships, however less riders compete in 4 or more.

2017: How many Championships did riders compete in?



- 1 championship
- 2 championships
- 3 championships
- 4 championships
- 5 championships

Coaching/Schools

ZONE	NCAS ASSESS	NCAS INSTRUCTORS	JUDGES SCHOOL	JUNIOR REGIONAL	SENIOR REGIONAL	SPECIALIST CLINICS	MOUNTED GAMES	Total
2		1		1	1			3
3		1		1				2
4				1				1
5		1						1
6				2				2
7				2				2
8	1	1		1		1		4
9		1						1
10				2				2
11				2				2
12						1		1
13		1						1
14	1	1		1	1			4
15		1						1
16				1	1			2
17								0
18	1	1						2
19		1		1			1	3
20	1			1				2
21				2				2
22	1	1		1				3
23	1	1		1	1	1		5
24				1	1	0		2
25								0
26								0
27	1	1		2				4
28		1		1	1			3
State								
Totals	7	14	0	24	6	3	1	
						TOTAL	55	

It is terrific to see so many Zones holding NCAS Instructors Schools and NCAS Assessments. Processing of Old System renewals, already this year. Reminder that odd numbered zones should have already submitted nomination forms for State Instructors Schools however all zones can request Instructor Schools to keep their instructors up to date.

Processing of certificate renewals is now up to date so all zones should have received cards for renewals and new certificates submitted.

Club Resources Constitution, Policies and Procedures

- **Handbook** updates have been added to the website after each meeting and hard copies currently being printed in house. Please contact the office if someone finds an error in a section.
- **Website** updated with all Policies as ratified after each meeting.
- **Risk Management** – further information provided in regard to Safe Work Practices circulated to clubs via newsletters, emails, mail outs and the website.
- **Policies** updated on the website and circulated to Clubs and Zones via the bi-monthly mail out.

- **Office Bearers** – most clubs have now submitted office bearer forms which have all been added to the database and website there are still a number outstanding and emails have been sent to zones requesting that they follow up with clubs.

Thanks

I would like to thank Kerren Britton, Leanna Haines, Teena Murdoch and Jane Frankum for their hard work and support to date this year.

I would also like to thank all the Executive, Jenny, Elaine, Peter, Fiona, Julie, Kriss, and Gary for all the hard work and support that they have given to me and pony club this year. I would also like to thank all our hard working volunteers for all the time they give to pony club to keep this great organization running for all our young riders.



Wayne Pernice
State President