

Dear Executive Committee of Pony Club NSW,

Today we write to you to update you on the goals, aspirations and current projects of the PCNSW Junior Committee.

Since our last reporting (July 2021) we have had the opportunity to meet in an online setting, with some of our members also coming together at the Kootingal Nationals Hub. Some projects since our last reporting include;

Nationals- Team NSW Uniform

In our last reporting, we raised some points and ideas about the NSW uniform. Although some was not applicable for the current years team, we would like to report the following comments overall.

- *Team Jackets:* A very smart, well fitting, comfortable jacket that is a great improvement upon our previous tracksuits. We hope this style is continued for some time to come
- *Team Rugs:* After sighting the cotton rug set design, the junior committee raised the question if the same design could be provided in a woolen style. This idea was taken to the rug supplier and confirmed. Although unsure of total number ordered, members of the JC which did order one were very pleased with the quality of both rugs.

Nationals – Virtual Stable Showdown run by the PCA Youth Advisory Council

The concept was drawn from the very “Stables Showdown” events run by the PCNSW JC at this years State events. Team NSW leaders were very proactive in sharing the content and promoting involvement, which was open to any member of Pony Club across Australia, even if they were not competing at the virtual or hub event.

We were pleased to find that NSW had the overwhelming majority of entries from across the country. Some examples are below, but the ranged from tiktoks to baking and blue covered ponies! The winners will be announced at the upcoming release of the Nationals Results.

This engagement and participation shown by NSW is an excellent representation of our team comradery and has definitely shown Pony Club Australia Executives and the YAC, that our state is passionate and supportive of their projects.



Some of the NSW entries – very creative!

Nationals Hub- Quiz Night

The JC, alongside Rachel and Lauren, worked to put together a trivia night for members attending the Kootingal hub event. This event originally was born with the idea of being a lockdown engagement tool. However, with the easing of restrictions it transcended to an in-person evening. All members of the JC provided a round of 10 questions, which ranged from horse markings to famous horses and equestrians. By all accounts the night was a lot of fun and a big success. The JC were proud to have assisted with this project.

Nationals Hub- Stabling and Yards

One concern raised at the national's hub by riders was stabling allocations. We have since found out that due to the extremely tight turn around in organizing the event with the lift of restrictions, there was a slight issue here, which we fully understand and accept, it was certainly no one's fault. It has however raised the question as to why riders can't provide their own EA approved yards as a stabling/yarding option at state run events. We again understand that for insurance matters horses are not allowed in camping areas, however, if a space was dedicated for the construction of these yards, would it be an option for riders? If riders were to indicate this as their preferred stabling method at the time of entry, this would allow the designation of a site size large enough to accommodate. Additionally, it may have some funding benefits, as a reduced number of stables would require hiring by the event, and riders could reduce their costings to compete, increasing accessibility.

Rider Survey

The members of the JC are devising a rider survey to allow riders to reflect on their experiences in pony club and what they would like to see in the future. We are hoping to use the survey as an opportunity to provide the riders who we represent, an avenue in which to share their praises, ideas and/or concerns. This survey would be conducted online via a survey monkey. We aim to have this released in December, with data collection finalizing in mid-January.

The JC for 2022

Members of the JC have been asked to indicate their intention to continue their term for 2022. We would like to sincerely thank the individuals who will not be continuing their terms, for the dedication, efforts and involvement they have shown in our committee, projects and in the pony club movement.

- Brooke Stansfield

We wish these members the very best, and will be sure to see them whilst out and about out pony club.

Given these resignations, the JC will approach the PCNSW executive to ask for a re-opening of positions in 2022.

At this time the JC looks forward to meeting again in the new year, as we continue work on our projects. We hope that 2022 brings us the chance to finally meet together in person! We would like to thank the PC executive for their continued support of our projects and committee. We look forward to presenting our project proposals for 2022 to you in the new year.

Kind regards,

Pony Club NSW Junior Committee.