



February 2017 News from Pony Club Australia

2017 International Teams

Congratulations to the following members of the international teams

Inter-Pacific Exchange, Tryon, North Carolina, USA
Adeline Collins (Vic); Blake Jones (Qld); Milly Patton (WA);
Serina Ridge (NSW).
Coach Sheila Oorschot (WA), Manager Tracy Hosier (Vic).

International Mounted Games - Vancouver, Canada
Lucy Blenkiron (SA); Georgia Elias (Tas); Chase Naylor (Qld).
Jared Newham (NSW); Emma Puckey (Vic).
Coach Tim Ling (Vic), Manager Janet Hamblin (NSW)

Quiz – Team Manager, Kim Ward (Vic). Team members will
be announced next month and will travel to Canada at
the end of September.



Next generation of Pony Club leaders

The response to the "Women Leadership in Sport" development program advertised in January was fantastic. A total of 62 applications were received which made the task of selecting 7 participants very challenging for the PCA Board. Congratulations to

Adrienne Kelly (Qld), Clare Edsor (NSW), Elisha Hodgson (Qld), Gabi Ashmeade (SA),
Jacqui Panozzo (Vic), Natasha Williams (WA), Sarah Jane Jameson (SA).

Participants will gather in Adelaide on 18th and 19th March 2017 for a special workshop for Women Leaders in Sport, and then develop a plan for their future involvement in Pony Club. The Pony Club group will be working together during and after the workshop.

PCA will be developing this program for 2018 so that it can be offered more broadly across Australia.

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Safety in horse workplaces

There is currently a major review of vocational education for the horse industry. Whilst it is concerned with Registered Training Organisations preparing people for employment, Pony Club is represented in this review with board member Dr Andrew McLean on the steering committee and NCAS Coach Elaine Caswell, NSW attending the industry workshop on performance horses on behalf of PCA.

Concussion in Children

The Australian Institute of Sport has issued a warning to sports to be more aware of the signs of concussion. Symptoms can fluctuate and be difficult to recognize, especially in young people. The AIS has partnered with the Australian Medical Association to launch a website www.concussioninsport.gov.au which has videos, factsheets etc

Coaching opportunities in China

We have opportunities for NCAS Level 1 accredited coaches to travel and teach both riders and coaches in China. It is important that applicants have significant experience both as a coach and as a coach educator. Previous international travel is important. All expenses and a daily rate are paid for this work. Trips will be 2-3 weeks duration. The next available opportunity is late March 2017, and there will be regular placements throughout 2017.

Please contact info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au for more information and an application form. Applicants will be assessed by a panel representing the PCA board and National Coaching Committee.

Hot weather

Recent weather has not been good for riders or horses. All Pony Clubs need to make sure that there is shade, cool water and wash bays available on site. Use the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature to evaluate the conditions as it considers temperature, humidity and solar radiation. It is published on the [Bureau of Meteorology website](http://www.bom.gov.au) (search under "thermal comfort observations").

Over 32 – consider the schedule and timing of your event.



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2017 Nationals

The 2017 Nationals, sponsored by Horseland, will be held in Toowoomba 18th-22nd September 2017. The full schedule will be released later this month.

Age groups (age at 1st January 2017)

- Sub-juniors: 10 years and under 13 years
- Juniors: 13 years and under 17 years
- Seniors: 17 years and under 26 years

Sub-junior, Junior and Senior competitions will be held for the following disciplines:

- Dressage
- Showjumping
- Eventing
- Tetrathlon
- Formal Gymkhana

Junior (10 years and under 17 years) and Senior (17-26) competitions will be held for the:

- Prince Phillip Mounted Games
- PCA Quiz

PCA is very pleased that both a Junior and Senior team will run in the National Quiz.

National rules for the Quiz and Tetrathlon will be released later this month.

The **2017 PCA Awards** will be presented at the Nationals. Details and nominations will open in March.

2017 AGM

The AGM for Pony Club Australia will be held in Adelaide on 27th May 2017.

There will be an election for PCA board member(s) retiring by rotation. Formal notification will be made in April 2017.