



New Syllabus and Manuals launched

This weekend, coaches and clubs in the Northern Territory will have the chance to hear Dr Andrew McLean introduce the new, exciting Pony Club Australia syllabus - the first in the world to include Equitation Science for improved horse welfare and rider safety.

Victoria and Tasmania have already had their clinics, and Dr McLean and the new syllabus and certificate manuals were received very enthusiastically. Here's some comments from the Tasmanian day:

"Oh wow, what an amazing, informative day with Dr Andrew McLean that we hosted today! We had a huge 109 attendees at the PCA/PCT funded clinic at Wilson's Illawarra indoor arena at Carrick. The day was jam packed with practical coaching tips based on Equitation Science and inclusions to the updated PCA Syllabus. Attendees were very lucky to have a bonus coach in Manuela McLean, Andrew's wife. Exciting times for Pony Club in Tasmania!

(Photo from Tasmania - credit Pip Ebbelaar)

The new Syllabus can be downloaded from the PCA website. To order manuals, see Page 2

The Victorian information session was live-streamed and recorded. Three sessions are already available for viewing on the Pony Club Victoria website. (link below) We are very grateful to Pony Club Victoria for making this happen.

<https://livestream.com/mysportlive/events/8806091>

And one on the PCV Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ponyclubvic/videos/1313139262193279/>

Other states' dates:

WA 12th October 2019

SA 2nd November 2019

NSW and Qld have not yet finalised their dates.



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Nationals Fever Grows . . .

Over 300 riders, horses and helpers will descend on the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, site of the 2000 Olympics, on October 7-13 for the Thoroughbred Industry Careers 2019 Pony Club Australia Nationals.

We wish everyone safe travels and wonderful experience. We look forward to sharing regular updates with you on how the events and the state teams are going.

The Mitsubishi Motors Tri-Nations Cup Showjumping will be run over three days during the Nationals, and will be keenly contested by Australia, China and France.

The Australian team is Georgia Elias (Tas), J'Aime Mallon (Vic), Kaitlin Goss (WA), Ashleigh Bennett (NSW) plus

Coach - Ron Waddell (Vic)

Manager - Janet Hamblin (NSW).

Our appreciation goes to Thoroughbred Industry Careers for their support of the Nationals

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Showjumping Team for China announced

Congratulations to the following riders who have been selected to travel to Gold Saddle Equestrian Centre in Guilin, China from 23rd October.

This event will see teams from Australia, New Zealand, China and Singapore compete in showjumping rounds.

The team will travel with coaches Carol Hobson (Tas) and James Meyer (SA)

- Molly Baker, Quirindi Pony Club
- Charlee Mason, Tocumwal Pony Club
- Issie Forsyth, Gumdale Pony Club
- Morgan Lane, Horsham Pony Club
- Holly Pulford, Murrumbateman Pony Club
- Alyssa Greening, Sale Pony Club
- Louise Licastro, Bendigo Pony Club
- Kiah Mansfield, Leven Pony Club

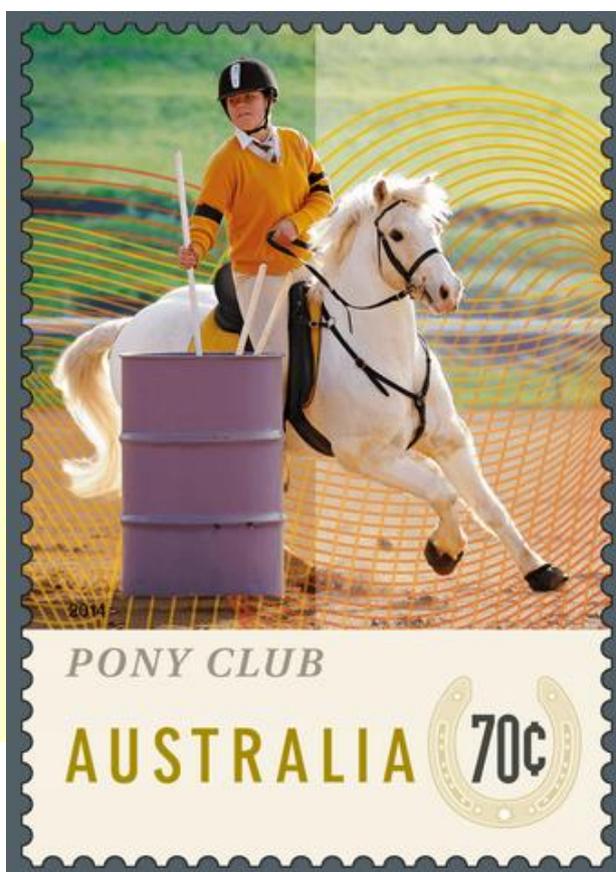
How to order new Certificate Manuals

The new PCA Certificate manuals for E, D, D*, C, C* and K are available to buy from the PCA store on MyPonyClub. The new A and B Manuals will be available later this year.

If members have started working on a certificate and have purchased the manual, they are able to continue until October 2020, when everyone is required to be using the new manuals.

There is a special subsidised bundle price for one set of manuals for PCA coaches and clubs, one per person. For members and coaches who do not have a MyPonyClub login or a credit card, which hopefully is a shrinking number, there is an order form on the PCA website.

<http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au/Shop/PCAcertificatebooks.aspx>



Stamp of Approval

In 2014 Australia Post released a Pony Club Stamp with a wonderful Julie Wilson photo. We placed this photo on Facebook to see if anyone recognised the rider and pony.

After some debate—Colac? Korumburra? - the rider and her clubmates saw and recognised it.

Shayla Rigby told us excitedly:

“Love this photo, this is me on my old pony Bob from Korumburra Pony Club at the Vic State Mounted Games, probably in 2010!”

Finalists announced for 2019 PCA Awards

To be presented October 10 at the National Championships dinner, Sydney

Rider of the Year 12 years & Under

Brooke Itel Qld
Jorja McCloskey Qld
Tom Sturgeon Qld
Zali Duncan NSW



Rider of the Year 13 - 17 years

Emily Ninness NSW
Grace McGlinchey NSW
Katie and Siobhy Nicholls WA
James Smith NSW /ACT
Nicola Hutchinson TAS



Rider of the Year 18 - 25 years

Adeline Collins VIC
Georgia Pearce TAS
Summer Cutmore Qld
Katelyn Fantuz WA



Coach of the Year

Lucinda Alexander TAS
Rosemary Inglis WA
Sarah Eyb NSW



Volunteer of the Year

Ann Olsen SA
Brian Voight VIC
Jo Cepak NSW
Rod Dowding WA
Stacey Murrhy NT



Club of the Year

Cudal – NSW
Gidgegannup - WA
Hoon – Tas
Lilydale - Tas



Finding a Job You Love



Ellie Morrison (formerly Shoalhaven Pony Club) has written a blog:

'Lindsay Park Provided The Perfect Atmosphere for Learning'

I never truly understood the phrase 'Choose a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life' until I commenced my stable placement at Lindsay Park Racing.

The horses, location, management, staff and opportunities all culminated to provide an experience far beyond what I could have imagined.

What surprised me during my time was the welcoming atmosphere and the workplace culture to give opportunities to those who are eager to learn and I listen.

I feel this was particularly valuable during these early stages of my career, as it ensured I was comfortable to ask questions without feeling too silly or inexperienced. That atmosphere helped broaden my understanding of not only stablehand duties, but also racehorse pedigrees, training and race gear, veterinary treatments, horsemanship (especially with young horses), training programs, race nomination planning, race-day strapping and exercise alternatives such as swimming and water walking.

A definite highlight was the opportunity to work daily with quality thoroughbreds who I never dreamed of having the privilege to handle. I developed a soft spot in particular for Vega Magic who has a presence about him that embodies the thoroughbred spirit - he thrives doing his job and carries himself with incredible purpose.



Other favourites of mine included Faatinah, Fifty Stars, and a filly that is yet to race. The Spring Carnival is just around the corner and I genuinely can't wait to see the results of the winter preparation.

However, Lindsay Park has asserted a mindset that these athletes are first and foremost a horse - a cuddle, a good sand roll and close attention to the need for spelling ensures that any calibre of horse has its fundamental needs met.

Work/life balance

An aspect of the industry that I didn't know about was the emphasis on ensuring that there is an adequate work/life balance. Working thirteen days a fortnight in a quiet town could easily turn into a cycle of solely work and sleep, so it was impressive to see efforts made to balance this.

This included catered Group One win celebrations for staff, daily cooked breakfast/lunches and frequent dinners and drinks at the local pubs. Euroa is also a prime location for snow trips to Mount Buller and weekends away in Melbourne.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to David, Tom, Ben and the Lindsay Park Racing team for such a wonderful experience.

In particular, I'd like to thank Justin - my allocated rider - for his patience and willingness to always explain the 'why' behind decisions made during a horse's preparation. It was an honour to work with someone who is so kind and intuitive with the horses and sets an industry standard I hope to one day emulate.

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Out of Uniform for 'Ride Like a Girl'

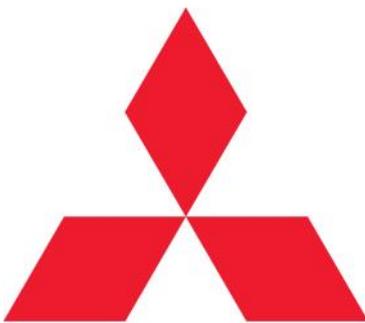


Torri and Rachael Temm attended the Sydney premiere of "Ride Like a Girl", thanks to Thoroughbred Industry Careers. The Temm sisters have both competed at state and national level and representing their club Forest Hills of Zone 23. They are proud advocates of thoroughbreds and the amazing potential they have with their lives after racing.

In Victoria, two lucky Pony Club members were fortunate to walk the purple carpet and attend the world premiere of 'Ride Like a Girl' in Melbourne recently. Many thanks to Thoroughbred Industry Careers and Racing Victoria for making this happen.

Congratulations to Grace Healey and Ella Tosh who were chosen due to their success in the Ride to Time program which is a partnership between Pony Club Victoria and Racing Victoria.

'Ride like a Girl' tells the story of Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michelle Payne on the 100 to 1 shot Prince of Penzance. Why not arrange a club outing when it comes to a cinema near you?



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