



June 2016 News from Pony Club Australia

NEW PCA BOARD MEMBERS



Michelle Harper has been involved in Pony Club for over 40 years as a rider, instructor, parent, grandparent and committee member. Professionally Michelle is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and High Court of Australia and retired academic lawyer.

In taking up her position on the board, Michelle said "It is a pleasure to become a director of Pony Club Australia as a "grass roots" candidate and to join a very professional and highly competent Board. I'm looking forward to combining my experience in the law with my passion for the Pony Club as a youth movement. I have a particular interest in good governance which I consider to be an essential element in Pony Club's ongoing success."

Andrew McLean is recognised globally for his expert knowledge of equine behaviour and learning. He has a PhD in equine cognition and is the Director of the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre, travelling internationally to deliver lectures and workshops on the optimal use of learning theory for performance and horse welfare. Andrew has also excelled as a rider in eventing and showjumping.



"I'm excited to join the PCA board and I'm grateful for this opportunity. I'm keen to continue to foster the care and love of horses and also to assist in providing an evidence-based start in theory and skill for all young riders to help improve safety, performance and horse welfare. I'd also like to help Pony Club to encourage more boys to be involved because ethical horsemanship facilitates personal growth, self-belief and compassion and provides vast vocation streams. I believe Pony Club Australia can set a new standard for the education of equestrian youth worldwide." Andrew said.



HORSEWYSE PROMOTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR PONY CLUB MEMBERS

Australia's **HorseWyse** MAGAZINE



Purchase or renew a 12 month subscription to Horsewyse in June, July or August 2016 and you will go into the draw for a **Pony-Club exclusive** prize pack which includes

- HorseWyse Magazine print subscription
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- World's Best Hoof Oil products
- SSG gloves
- Giddy Up Girl voucher
- Filly & Co voucher
- The Glamorous Grub voucher
- Latest book 'Race Girl' and more!

In September there will be one winner drawn in EACH STATE.

HORSE360 - Cool new tool



The Horse 360 application is a new, inexpensive and innovative means of improving horse owners' ability to better manage the welfare of their horse. It has reached the top 100 paid educational apps in the USA, Canada, Australia and the UK. The application has two main sections - Learning Anatomy of the Horse and Vet Talk.

Horse 360 is targeted at horse enthusiasts of all levels, including children, teens, vet students, race horse trainers and adult riders, who all seek a greater understanding of their horse on an anatomical level. The Horse 360 application has been designed and road tested to ensure that every muscle, bone and organ of the horse is learnt and easily recalled. Players can see in real time within the game how they compare to horse lovers across the world.

Horse360 is suitable for Apple and Android smart phones and tablets and is available for download from iTunes and Google Play.

Ideal for Pony Club members as part of their horsemastership education, and great preparation for the National Pony Club Quiz to be run in 2017.



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PRINCE PHILLIP GAMES

The Pony Club Association of WA will be hosting the Junior Mounted Games at the Perth Royal Show on 1st October. Teams should plan to arrive on 29th September and will be met by the PCAWA hosts.

Dormitory style accommodation will be at Camp Leschenaultia (www.camplesch.com.au) and participants need to bring their own sleeping bag etc.

On 30th September participants will have a range of activities such as laser tag and canoeing on the lake, and an evening river cruise.

Competition on 1st October will be followed by dinner, fireworks and socializing.

Further details can be obtained from your state office or PCAWA.

MY PONY CLUB

The roll-out of the national Pony Club membership and events system is continuing with Victoria, Queensland, NT and WA now running. SA, Tasmania and NSW will be live very soon.

This system will allow riders to sign up for membership and enter events electronically, keep all of your records and achievements in one place, and make life easier for club officials managing both memberships and events. Delivering the program nation-wide provides a great product at an economical price, reducing the workload on staff and volunteers.

Club officials with questions, or who require assistance with training please contact info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

PONY CLUB AWARDS

Our congratulations to all of the finalists and winners of the first national Pony Club awards that were presented in Adelaide at the end of last month. We have a dedicated newsletter on the award winners on the PCA website.

Nominations for the 2017 awards will open on 1st February 2017.

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