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MEDIA RELEASE

Podium Finish for Pony Club Teams

Pony Club Australia continues its record of success in international competition in 2017.

The showjumping team finished second in the Inter-Pacific Nations' Cup, beaten only by 4 seconds by New Zealand. The Australian team rode the competition against USA, Canada, Hong Kong and New Zealand at Tryon International Equestrian Centre, North Carolina, USA where the 2018 World Equestrian Games will be held. Congratulations to Milly Patton (WA), Serina Ridge (NSW), Adeline Collins (Vic), Blake Jones (Qld), Coach Sheila Oorschot (WA) and Manager Tracy Hosier (Vic).

The Mounted Games team finished second to the UK in the International Games in Canada yesterday. The team of Lucy Blenkiron (SA), Georgia Elias (Tas), Chase Naylor (Qld), Jared Newham (NSW), and Emma Puckey (Vic) were coached by Tim Ling (Vic) and managed by Janet Hamblin (NSW). Australia was edged out by just 2 points at the end of the four rounds of competition with teams from UK, Canada, and USA.

Both teams enjoyed two action-packed weeks touring the host countries and forming lifelong connections with Pony Club members from across the world. The competitions are challenging as all riders are on unfamiliar, borrowed horses. International competition is a unique opportunity for the most skilled Pony Club members with regular rounds of Inter-Pacific, Mounted Games, Tetrathlon and Quiz events across the globe.

Pony Club Australia thanks the many local supporters of team members and state Pony Club Associations who helped with fundraising to provide these international opportunities to Pony Club members.



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2017 Inter-Pacific Team

(L-R) Milly Patton, Coach Sheila Oorschot,

Serina Ridge, Adeline Collins,

Manager Tracy Hosier, Blake Jones



2017 Mounted Games Team

(L-R) Manager Janet Hamblin, Emma Puckey,

Chase Naylor, Jared Newham,

Lucy Blenkiron, Georgia Elias

Coach Tim Ling

About Pony Club Australia

Pony Club Australia is a not-for-profit National Sporting Organisation recognised by the Australian Sporting Commission. PCA has over 40,000 members and 860 clubs making it the largest equestrian organisation in Australia. PCA is delivering equestrian education to young people across Australia and in China with an emphasis on safety, skill, animal welfare and fun.

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