



### Presidents Report:

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the first Gidge Pony Club newsletter for 2018. Firstly I would like to say how lovely it was to see so many of our members at the AGM, it was a very enjoyable and relaxing evening. Congratulations to those who received trophies and awards for their efforts in 2017.

Planning is underway for a great 2018 season with Di Colley our chief coach and Morgan Holmes our Rally organizer putting together a great plan with great coaches lined up for an exciting year.

I would like to say a very sincere thank you to the outgoing committee members who put so much of their time into the club over the years and also welcome to our new committee members for 2018. The committee works very hard behind the scenes keeping abreast of all the governance, insurance, affiliation and financial requirements that keep our club running smoothly and efficiently.

With many of our previous members re-joining in 2018, we are lucky enough to have some room to welcome a good number of new members to the club. It will be wonderful to have these new members with us, please make them welcome in true Gidge Horse and Pony Club style.

Thank you to the club members that helped with the whipper snipping and raking of the cross county course on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, it was a very hot afternoon but they got the job done and the course is now ready for the Tetrathlon Riders training and our February rally.

Our first two rallies, February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> will be early starts with a 7am meeting followed by set up. Please Please Please be on time for the meeting and set up so the day can get started on time with arenas ready to go by 8am.

We are lucky enough to have Brad McVee put up his hand to be canteen Manager this year, which is fantastic so lunches at rallies are back on the menu. Many thanks to Brad for taking on this role.

Look forward to seeing you all very soon

Cheers Jan





## Points of importance for the February rally



- ★ 7am Short meeting outlining the timeline for the day, set-up duties will commence at conclusion of the meeting.
- ★ Horsemastership theme for this rally is gear cleaning so please bring along your gear cleaning supplies and rags.
- ★ There will be an introductory meeting for all new parents with Jan and Morgan, the time of this meeting will be advised on the notice board on the day of the rally
- ★ If you haven't already sent in your RSVP for this rally can you please do so via the Facebook page or send an email to [morgan.holmes@bigpond.com](mailto:morgan.holmes@bigpond.com) or [GidgePCsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:GidgePCsecretary@outlook.com)
- ★ Please ensure that you sign in on the sign in sheet that will be posted on the board outside the canteen. It is important to remember to sign in as that sheet is a record of your attendance for the year and proof of 3 rally participation for any state championships.
- ★ Stable allocation happens on the first rally. When you arrive you choose a stable and then record which stable you have chosen on the stable allocation sheet on the front wall of the stable block. You will have this stable for every rally. As our grounds are used by many user groups, it is important they your remove all manure and hay from the stables before you leave.

4th February - Rally	
Canteen	
1	Anita Moor
2	Helen Trollove
4wd - for set-up & pack-away	
1	Anita Thomson
2	Mike Colley



## ***News and Information***

### ***Rally Set-Up/ Pack- Away duties:***

To ensure that our rallies start and finish on time it is very important that all members and their supporters participate in morning set up and afternoon pack away. Duties are done by the groups as listed by our rally coordinator. This list will always be put on the board of the canteen. Morgan/Jan will remind everyone at each rally!

### ***New Roster Duty:***

This year every rally will have a 4WD car roster duty. This duty involves the use of 2 4WD for morning set up and afternoon pack away. This Duty can be used as a part of your yearly allocated roster duties.

### ***Associate members roster duties reduced to 2 duties:***

For all associate members who join using the associate 3 rally membership will now only have to complete 2 rostered helper duties throughout the year. The conditions that come with reducing the amount of duties is that one of the two duties must be from the list of allocated duties for the Gidge show in October.

### ***New Canteen Manager:***

After a year without an operating canteen, it will be fantastic to have it up and running again. Thanks to Brad McVee for taking on this position.

### ***New Members:***

If you are a new member and haven't already done so can you please add yourself to the Facebook Page, Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club. This page is where a lot of our communication happens outside of our rally days. However, if you do not have Facebook, the information will also be emailed out to you.

### ***PCAWA Awards Night:***

Congratulations to Gidge members Chloe Moon and Shannon Meekins for their success in the 2017 PCAWA Dressage leader boards. Chloe was the winner of the medium leader board and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the elementary 16-25 years. Shannon won the Elementary 16-25years and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the novice leader board 14-16 years.

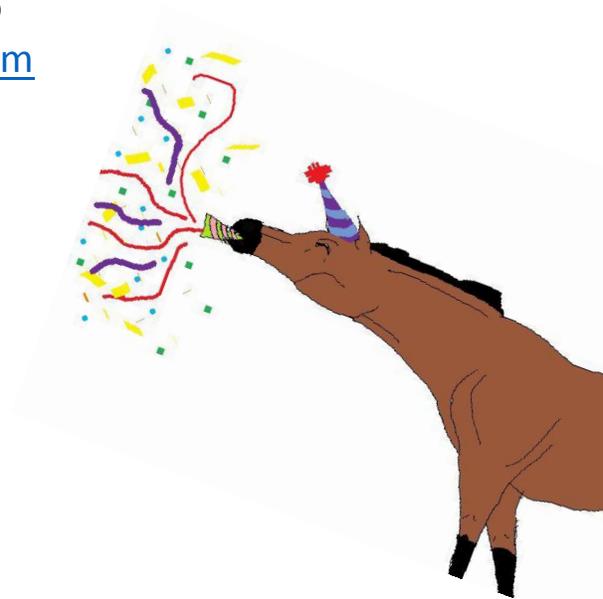


# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year our wonderful club celebrates 50 years since establishment. We would like to do or create something special to commemorate this anniversary. So, we are putting it out to our members to see if you can come up with something.

All suggestions welcome!

Please send them through to  
[GidgePCsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:GidgePCsecretary@outlook.com)





# Pony Club WA

## News Board



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### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

Pony Club Australia has announced several International Exchanges and Tours for 2018.

Representing Australia as a member of a Pony Club Australia national team is a great honour and achievement. PCA regularly sends teams to compete in Mounted Games, Inter-Pacific Exchange, Tetrathlon and Quiz.

New for 2018 will be a Showjumping team going to Normandy, France and a Polocrosse team going to the UK, as well as the recent addition of a Gymkhana and Showjumping competition in China.

#### TETRATHLON - USA

When: 13th-30th July 2018

*All applications must be submitted to Pony Club WA by 31st January 2018.*

Team members for International Tetrathlon in USA will be selected from nominations from all states. There will be a male and female team from Australia with 4 riders aged 16 – 21 years at 1/1/2018

[Download the International Tetrathlon USA Nomination Form](#)

#### SHOWJUMPING - FRANCE

When: July 2018 (TBA)

*All applications must be submitted to Pony Club WA by 31st January 2018.*

The 2018 team for France will have 4 riders with their B certificate and aged 17 – 19 years at 1/1/2018. The team will be selected from nominations from all states with no more than one rider from a single state.

[Download the International Showjumping France Nomination Form](#)

#### POLOCROSSE - UK

When: July 2018 (TBA)

*All applications must be submitted to Pony Club WA by 31st January 2018.*

PCA has been invited to compete in Polocrosse in the UK, and is seeking nominations for a junior team of 4 (aged 15 and under) and a senior team of 4 (aged 16-21).

[Download the International Polocrosse UK Nomination Form](#)

#### GYMKHANA AND SHOWJUMPING - CHINA

When: 3rd-10th July 2018

*All applications must be submitted to Pony Club WA by 31st January 2018.*

The team will consist of 8 riders aged 14 – 19 years, plus a coach and manager. In addition to sightseeing, the riders will compete at Yangshan Equestrian centre of Wuxi city, Jiangsu province on July 7th and 8th.

The competition will consist of 2 classes of showjumping, 60cm and 90cm plus several rounds of gymkhana games.

Riders should:

- have their C certificate and ideally be working towards their C\* or K certificate
- have participated in state level competition
- be interested in gymkhana activities, games and showjumping

The coach and manager should have Showjumping expertise as Course Designer and/or Judge.

[Download the International Gymkhana and Showjumping China Nomination Form](#)

For more information on these tours, please download the [International Teams 2018 Informations Sheet](#).

#### COACH AND MANAGER POSITIONS

Or to apply to be a Coach or Team Manager of an international team, please download the [International Coach/Team Manager Application Form](#).

### PONY CLUB WA SPORTS LEADERBOARDS

Pony Club WA Sports Leaderboards are back for 2018!

Make sure you complete the registration form to have your points included.

All Pony Club WA Ordinary and Associate Riding Members are eligible to register for the 2018 Pony Club WA Leaderboards. Registration forms may be completed at any time of year, however for registrations received after 1st May 2018, only results from the immediately preceding 2 months will be credited forward.

For a complete list of events included in the Sports Leaderboards, see the Leaderboard column in the Calendar of Events.

### VAL POLICH BURSARY

Two types bursaries will be offered:

Val was one of the founders of Swan View Horse & Pony Club, later known as Swan Valley, where she was Chief Coach for many years. As well as her club commitments, Val was extremely influential at state level with a long history of involvement as a member of both the State Coaching Panel and State Active Riding Committee as well as serving terms as State President and State Vice President. Val Polich was instrumental in starting the very first Pony Club WA Festival in 1975 and maintained her involvement up until her passing in 2011.

#### Participation

This bursary will provide support for a Pony Club member who is experiencing financial hardship or has a physical or mental disability, either of which is limiting their opportunity to participate in pony club activities.

#### Criteria

Must be a member of a pony club affiliated with Pony Club WA Should be under 16 years of age, however older members with exceptional circumstances may be considered.

#### Education

This bursary will provide support for a Pony Club member who is over 16 years old to achieve efficiency certificates or coaching and/or officiating qualifications.

#### Criteria

Must be a member of a pony club affiliated with Pony Club WA Must be aged between 16-24 years of age.

#### Bursary

The bursaries will be awarded annually, to be used during a calendar year.

Each bursary offered will be valued at up to \$500.

The number of bursaries awarded each year will depend on:

- the amount of funds in the account;
- the level of need of the applicants; and
- the quality of the applications.

#### Applications

Application forms to be submitted to [reception@ponyclubwa.asn.au](mailto:reception@ponyclubwa.asn.au) by **5pm 31st January 2018**.

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.



## Out and About



Congratulations to Kalam Thompson and new member Shannon Meekins for representing Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club so well at the Speed to Safety finals. It's great to see how diverse our riders can be!



We love to see our members out and about competing so if you have, please send the event details through to [chloemoon@hotmail.com](mailto:chloemoon@hotmail.com) along with some pictures!



Well done Shannon and Devereaux Speedy Gonzalas, winning 'Closest to Optimum time'

Photograph Credit: Anita Moor



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**State Coaching School**  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018

**HOSTED BY**  
Pony Club WA State Coaching Panel

**EVENT COORDINATOR**  
Denise Legge

**ENTRIES CLOSE**  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2018



Our Chief Coach Dianne Colley is teaching at the 2018 PCAWA State Coaching school and is looking for riders who can ride in her session. Di is looking for 4 riders at D and D\* level and 4 riders at C Level.

All riders must be able to present themselves and their horses in a neat and tidy manner, in rally uniform.

If you are interested please contact Di for further information.

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## February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3 PCAWA State Coaching School
4 GHPC Rally	5	6	7	8	9	10 PCAWA Awards Night Serpentine Show Jumping
11 PCAWA State Coaching School Busseton ODE	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Busseton ODE Dryandra Tetrathlon
18 Dryandra Tetrathlon Riverside Show Horse	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Peel Twilight Showhorse Busseton Dressage
25 Baldivis Show Jumping Serpentine Gymkhana	26	27	28			

January 2018							March 2018						
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