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# ***Pony Club Association of Victoria*** **Annual Report 2000-2001**



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## *Presidents Forward*

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I present my annual report for the year 2001 for the Pony Club Association of Victoria.

Last year John Laird commented in his report on the changes that had occurred within the Association in the last few years. Every organisation, if it is to continue to be effective, must be continually assessing itself in terms of its place in society and its aims and aspirations. Today, in our Annual Conference we will commence a process of re-assessment and appraisal of our Pony Club organisation. I hope that you will find it interesting and challenging and I am sure that we will benefit from the many years of Pony Club experience that is present here today.

During the past year our members participated in State, Interstate and International events.

Lisa Korver, who was the Victorian member of the Australian team that competed at the Interpacific Competition in New Zealand will give a report on her experiences a little later, but I have it on good authority that Lisa was an excellent ambassador for Victoria.

The National Prince Philip Mounted Games were hosted by Victoria and held at the Royal Melbourne Show in September. The complicated logistics of collecting and organising the interstate teams and the horses and their handlers was done in fine style and a successful and enjoyable event resulted. The Senior Mounted games were held in Brisbane.

The State Dressage and Showjumping Championships were hosted in their usual efficient fashion by Barwon Zone at Elcho Park, and it was heartening to see the extent of the support given by the local government bodies in the area.

Wannon Zone hosted the Horse Trials State Championships at the Heytesbury Pony Club grounds at Scotts Creek. The location was beautiful and the event was a resounding success, even to the extent of making a profit.

The State Games, Flat and Musical Rides remains the only State event to be run by a Council Sub-committee. It was a most enjoyable event as always, even if the Geelong weather was its usual mix of four seasons in the same day.

At the end of my first year as President, I would like to acknowledge the enormous amount of help and support I have received from all quarters.

Thank you to the Council for their hard work over the year and a particular thank you to Peter Square from Wannon Zone for his contribution in this, his last year as a Councillor.

Much more has been asked of the executive this year, and their input has been readily given and most valuable.

Finally, thank you to Jacquie, who, with Suanne and Dannyell, have been beavering away at Irving House not only with the day to day duties, but also amending and updating office procedures. Jacquie's contribution as a fundraiser with Government Departments is also to be commended.

Pony Club is a volunteer organisation and its volunteers' are its lifeblood. Some of those were recognised last year with the award of the Australian Sports Medal. To them I offer my hearty congratulations, but also to all those who work for the good of Pony Club, on behalf of our members, I say thank you.

**Stephen Coffey**  
**PCAV President**

## Executive Officers Report

When PCAV was established in 1954 it began as a forward thinking organisation that had in place organised systems for instruction and standardised improvements. Rules and regulations were developed to provide smooth running procedures and a clear structure for the small membership base of the time. Nearly 50 years later, PCAV is operating with the same rules and principles. There are many more clubs, whilst community demographics and perceptions have changed. As an organisation it is important that we have the ability to confront issues emerging in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Upon receiving funding for the 2001-2002 year, PCAV is encouraged by Sport and Recreation Victoria in that it provides the resources to review the current governance and operation structure. Consulting with pony clubs, our aim is to meet the needs of our members in today's society. Rigby Cooke Lawyers, through the *Federation 100 Hours Program* are launching the process with the "Towards Tomorrow" workshop held at the 2001 Annual Conference.

It is heartening that Government organisations such as Sport and Recreation Victoria and VicHealth have recognised PCAV as a State association with the ability to deliver effective programmes. With this acknowledgment comes financial support for the 2000 – 2001 - 2002 initiatives such as the "Speed to Safety" and "Riders without Horses". Both activities were developed to meet a need within the field, whilst promoting Pony Club to a broader community. *Riders without Horses* has been adopted by almost 20 clubs across Victoria and is recognised as an excellent means of introducing potential members to pony club. Another project to be supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria was the PCAV promotional video, featuring Dr Harry from Channel 7's "Harry's Practice". In promoting our clubs, PCAV also recognises the need for a healthy environment in which our members can

participate without risk to their safety. As such, the introduction of the health awareness policies: Sunsmart, Smoke Free and Responsible Alcohol Use, have heralded a significant step towards the maintenance of a healthy environment for our members and the developmental beginnings of a much needed policy manual.

Administratively, PCAV has welcomed the association with AFL Sports Ready Limited Traineeships and the opportunity to host a "pony clubber" in our office. Dannyell Chapman from the Yarrambat Pony Club accepted the first PCAV sports administration traineeship for a period of 12 months, where on the job training at the PCAV State office has been complemented with quality training from industry aware staff at VUT South Melbourne campus. It is expected that at the conclusion of Dannyell's contract, the traineeship will continue through 2002, providing practical workplace opportunities to another Pony Club member. The PCAV newsletter *Hoofprints* supported by Horseland and formatted by Northern Metropolitan Zone's Peter Smith, together with the extensive website [www.ponyclubvic.org](http://www.ponyclubvic.org) created and maintained by Mark Hanley, President of the Albury PC; are the major communication tools of the organisation. The website continues to evolve, projecting its status as a world top-ranking children's site on the internet.

As a competitive state, Victoria continues to advance strategies for skill development and team selection. Motivated by a dedicated PCAV National Mounted Games sub-committee and Mounted Games Victorian Coach Marilyn Healey, riders from all over the state have had the opportunity to improve their skills for mounted games at the State "Mounted Games Skills" Clinic. Squads for both senior and junior representative teams were able to promote the sport and hone their skills whilst riding at various promotional events such as the 2001 International World Cup Polo and at the upcoming Equitana. Equipment is easily transported with the use of the newly acquired PCAV equipment trailer. A purpose built trailer for transporting bulky

games or riding equipment to a venue, with a fantastic paint job promoting PCAV to all on the open road.

PCAV is fast approaching its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2003. Commemorative gestures and celebrations are on the drawing board with an invitation extended to any that would like to be involved. To all that dedicate their time and skills to the development of PCAV riders and "riders to be", please keep up the good work. Your efforts are very much appreciated

**Jacquie Anderton**  
PCAV Executive Officer

## PCAV Membership 2000-2001

**Clubs = 207**

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Riding Members	6543	1074	7617
Associate Member	170	13	183
Riders without Horses	26	3	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6739</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>7829</b>
Adult Supporters	5214	3582	8796

## Zones Rider Membership

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barwon	713	109	822
Central	861	138	999
East Gippsland	501	120	621
Midland	388	83	471
North Eastern	536	133	669
Northern Metropolitan	1092	83	1175
Northern	473	104	577
Southern Metropolitan	991	122	1113
Wannon	420	88	508
West Gippsland	764	113	877
<b>Total</b>	<b>6739</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>7829</b>

## Zone Adult Supporter Membership

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barwon	612	449	1061
Central	627	433	1060
East Gippsland	333	174	507
Midland	315	213	528
North Eastern	482	287	769
Northern Metropolitan	724	548	1272
Northern	382	227	609
Southern Metropolitan	792	582	1374
Wannon	316	213	529
West Gippsland	631	456	1087
<b>Total</b>	<b>5214</b>	<b>3582</b>	<b>8796</b>

## State Coaching Directors Report

The excitement of the Olympic Games is behind us. I was very lucky to be an FEI Steward and while we worked very hard it was an unforgettable three weeks. Three members of the Cross Country Control Team were ex Templestowe Pony Club Members and I am sure many other Officials, Volunteers and Riders had their equestrian grounding in Pony Club.

This year has seen the CIP continue to work hard at Zone and State level. We are still working through ideas formulated at a workshop meeting in March 2000.

One of these was to make publications more user friendly. Laminated Gear Check Guidelines, designed to be used in the field have been developed. These are also being used in several saddlery stores as they too are often confronted with customer questions on gear for Pony Club.

Gear Check especially saddle fitting is an ongoing area of concern. The CIP feel it needs a two pronged approach of education and more action at Club level. We are encouraging Coaches to be more active in gear check at rallies and plan to offer workshops on gear and saddle fitting next year.

Another initiative from the workshop was the concern of safety and cross-country riding. This developed into the Speed to Safety proposal, which will culminate in PCAV being part of a race meeting at Flemington on Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline has caused a somewhat hurried approach this year, however some Zones have still embraced the project organising training and selection days at regional racetracks. We hope that this project will continue, allowing more riders to become involved in training and learning to ride at a given pace.

The requirement that riders chosen to represent Victoria must have their "C" Certificate (as long as they are old enough to sit it) has seen a re emergence of Certificate taking. This can only be a good thing for both horse and rider as the

syllabus contains important elements of both horsemastership and riding skills. It also provides rallies with a focus and riders with a challenge. We hope to bring this requirement in for representation at State level.

Jumping Equitation has been removed from the State Dressage and Showjumping Championships as it was felt it had not achieved the end result of improving technique. We recognise this area still needs to be addressed. In 2002 we will run Clinics aimed at educating coaches how to teach riders rhythm, line and balance and the importance of designing and building courses to test these skills.

The National Coaching Accreditation Scheme continues to gather momentum. The pre requisite course Orientation to Coaching, or Orientation to Pony Club as some call it, is being run at Zone level. Those Zones that are running these workshops are finding that they are well received and are a good vehicle for educating everybody, parents included. They will become an integral part of the continuing education process we must undertake in Pony Club. Work sheets have been developed for those intending to go on to NCAS PC Level 1 to guide them through the practical skills required to be demonstrated at the assessment. I plan to meet with those Zones running OTC courses so we can discuss the content and continuity of both courses and develop a State wide program.

Communicating courses and workshops continues to be a problem. It seems direct notification is the best way and an E mail data base of Coaches will be developed to help this issue.

The Australian Pony Club Council Clinic with Brian Schrapel as Coach was held at Broadford on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme was Position and Technique with the emphasis on flatwork for jumping and exercises to improve both horse and rider. Unfortunately it was not well attended with only 20 Coaches taking part. Those that were there went away with a much clearer understanding of distances, line and rhythm.

In 2003 PCAV will be hosting the One Day Event section of the Inter Pacific Rally. This is an Inter National exchange with teams from Canada, USA, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand and Australia taking part. We will be looking for Grade 1 and 2 horses to lend to our Inter national guests and plan to run a Grade 3 ODE in conjunction with the event. I urge you to become involved in the Exchange as it is a very rewarding experience. I am sure there are still some who can remember the one we hosted in 1990 at Lyrebird Park and Tooradin Estate.

In closing I would like to thank the CIP for their work throughout the year. We have some new faces which has yielded lively discussion and new ideas. A special thankyou to Judy Francis who resigned as CI of SMZ, a panel member for many years she was always there with sage words of advice. Debbie Willenberg has taken on the role of Secretary to the CIP and survived her first year, which deserves a special mention! Thank you too to Stephen Coffey and Council their support throughout the year.

**Clare Lewin**  
**State Coaching Director**

## The PCAV Council

### President

Stephen Coffey

### Vice Presidents

Jan Faulkner

Cheryl White

### Treasurer

Ian Wardell

### Zone Representatives

Philip Cobbledick	Barwon
Glenda Perry	Central
Marion Dawson	East Gippsland
Kaye Blanchard	Midland
Jess Hull	North Eastern
Fiona Matheson	Northern
Wendy Olenick	Northern Metropolitan
John Barlee	Southern Metropolitan
Peter Square	Wannon
Chris Morris	West Gippsland



## Around the Zones

### Barwon

No Report Provided

**Clubs = 15**

Member Type	Female	Male	Total
Riding Members	684	105	789
Associate Member	16	3	19
Riders without Horses	13	1	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>822</b>
Adult Supporters	612	449	1061

### Central

No Report Provided

**Clubs = 23**

Member Type	Female	Male	Total
Riding Members	834	137	971
Associate Member	27	1	28
Riders without Horses	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>999</b>
Adult Supporters	627	433	1060

### East Gippsland

This year has been a busy one for the East Gippsland Zone.

**Membership** - Some clubs have experienced a decline in membership whilst others are finding quite an increase in membership of younger riders.

Seaspray has closed after being in recess for some time.

**State Events** - The Zone has been very well represented at State Level with members and their families travelling long distances to represent their Zone and Clubs. Those competing have been a credit to themselves and their Clubs. Many riders achieved successful results at these events.

**Participation** - Adult Supporters are encouraged to participate at Club and Zone level. This is most necessary if Pony Club is to prosper in the future. There is a tendency towards less involvement, therefore Clubs need to ensure that

parents and adults supporters are given an opportunity to assist in their Clubs. There are many tasks to be done and the sharing of the workload means tasks are not just left to the few and that parents and supporters feel they are making a worthwhile contribution to their Club. This applies also at Zone level.

**Vale** - The East Gippsland Zone is saddened by the death of Nance Jennings. Nance was a foundation member of the Bairnsdale Pony Club having been instrumental in commencing this Club forty years ago. Nance has worked tirelessly for her Club and the East Gippsland Zone having been in earlier days, an East Gippsland Zone Representative at State Council for many years, a DCI in the Zone, an Instructor and Examiner. Nance gave so much of her life to Pony Club and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

**Marion Dawson**

**East Gippsland Zone Representative**

**Clubs = 22**

Member Type	Female	Male	Total
Riding Members	493	119	612
Associate Member	8	1	9
Riders without Horses	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>621</b>
Adult Supporters	333	174	507

### Midland

Over the past twelve months Midland Zone has held and has planned quite a few events in addition to those held by Clubs in the Zone.

Each year the Games and Flat Ride and Dressage and Showjumping qualifying events are held to determine those riders who are to represent the Zone in State Championships. As well, two Zone Shield events are held each year – the Zone Horse trials for Teams of 3-5, which includes graded events for individual riders and the Flat Ride and Showjumping Teams event which also includes graded events for individual riders in the showjumping section.

This year four Instruction Schools were held – two on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and two on 17<sup>th</sup>

June. The Schools were held in different sections of the Zone, which reduced travelling time for those attending. In March at Stawell, Alan Mitchell, Marie Gahan and Beryl Pearse presented "Progressive Training" which included jumping grids with Alan, flat work with Marie and teaching the young with Beryl. On the same date Sally Francis presented "Fun in Pony Club" using poles at Castlemaine. On 17<sup>th</sup> June Sally went to Horsham while Alan, Rosemary Williams and Beryl went to Bealiba. The Schools were much better attended than has been the case in recent years.

Another Instruction School has been scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July. Laurie Cole will hold the school at Charlton for cross country course builders and accreditors. Another similar school is planned for early next year at Castlemaine.

A Zone Camp is also being planned for January next year similar to one held last year at Charlton. This was a great weekend camp with riders being able to try out many pleasure type horse related activities for example polocrosse, vaulting, harness, western pleasure, camp drafting, games, showjumping, dressage, trail riding, fun for young riders and compulsory non-riding demonstrations and talks on horsemanship, presentation, farrier and horse dentist. Riders, horses, presenters and organisers were all very tired by the end of the weekend but all appeared to have a really good time.

This year Castlemaine is hosting the Zone Horse Trials for Grades 3 & 4 on behalf of Midland Zone. This event is held in August. We have our Zone AGM and Annual dinner in September this year at Bendigo Pottery Restaurant.

The "Riders without Horses" program has been successfully supported by a few Midland Zone Clubs. Our Clubs continue to present candidates for Pony Club certificates with many of our riders passing their "C" certificate this year and several to do "K" certificates.

Two newsletters were published by the Zone "Feedbag" presented by the Chief

Instructor and DCI/ZA secretary on behalf of the DCI/ZA panel and "The Horses Mouth" presented by the Zone Junior Committee. Both have interesting information and results of Zone and Club events.

We are also pleased to report that for the first time Midland Zone has one rider in the Prince Philip Games squad, Katherine Clegg from Maryborough Pony Club.

### **Kaye Blanchard Midland Zone Representative**

#### **Clubs = 18**

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Riding Members	379	82	461
Associate Member	8	1	9
Riders without Horses	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>471</b>
Adult Supporters	315	213	528

### **North Eastern**

No Report Provided

#### **Clubs = 22**

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Riding Members	529	132	661
Associate Member	7	1	8
Riders without Horses	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>669</b>
Adult Supporters	482	287	769

### **Northern**

Welcome to our Zone of 24 club's scattered along the Murray River. Six club's are from NSW, we also have two boarder towns and the remainder are in the Murray region. Our Zone is over 300 kms in length (as the crow flies, road miles is a lot further) and that is our biggest hurdle to cross. To help overcome this we have divided the Zone into three groups so that each group can liase for social and instructional interaction. Most of the club's are small and have limited resources and instructors. By using these groups it helps take away the feeling of isolation, it gives club members a network to liase with, we also endeavor to keep in touch over the web. We should

utilise this asset much more, but some areas have some difficulty keeping connected.

The Northern Zone has eight clubs with cross country and three more which use Waranga Basin for ODE. Our Chief Instructor Trevor Feldtman, tries to get to as many of the areas, and has conducted a cross country school in both ends of the Zone, and will also be conducting instructors courses and training days in the Zone to encourage participation for all the members.

Each group of clubs will progressively get together and work out strategies that best suit each group for instruction and social get-togethers. To date one group has conducted a camp. Another is having a composite games day and the other is conducting a charity day, an instructors forum, a junior games day and a senior navigation ride, in conjunction with a local harness club all on the day to make the best use of travelling time. All groups are certainly kept busy.

Zone has been represented this year at State level in, Dressage, Showjumping and Horse Trials. Due to time constraints, distance and rising costs have been a little harder to get qualifiers for games and flat teams. Hopefully, the zone will have representatives in the "ride at a given pace" at Flemington.

**Balranald NSW** – Have own ODE grounds, lovely lot of kids, well instructed and keen. One rider competing in junior 3DE at Albury. Willing to try most things, a very hospitable club. Conduct an ODE and gymkhana annually.

**Barham NSW/Koondarook VIC** - Pony Club grounds in Barham at Recreation Reserve. Club well led by Debbie Warne, have good dressage riders, club regaining ground with up and coming young riders. Conduct gymkhana and hold a summer camp for their riders.

**Barooga NSW** - Grounds at Recreation Reserve. Small club with very keen riders. Recently conducted a "C" certificate Instructors course, for the zone.

**Bunbartha** - Pony club held at the Karimba Rec reserve, Karimba, Small club

**Calivil** - Grounds also at calivil Rec Reserve, again a small club which is gaining momentum, and are keen to participate in zone activities.

**Cobram** - Grounds are at Muckatah Reserve and Cobram conduct a variety of events and will also host 2002's qualifying event for the Dressage and Showjumping event.

**Cohuna** - Own grounds in Cohuna, Recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of affiliation with PCAV, mainly a young club with their 1 senior member actively competing in grade 2, representing the club at State level in Showjumping and Horse Trials, she also received her "K" certificate.

**Denilliquin NSW** - Own grounds with cross country course, annually conduct Horse Trials, gymkhana and conduct a well run camp in September, which is extremely popular with neighboring members. Lots of up and coming young members.

**Echuca** - Meet at Rotary Park Echuca with good facilities. Are keen games and eventing riders.

**Finley NSW** - Meet at Finley show grounds and have a cross country course, was the venue for the last zone state championships. Busy club with keen instructors and riders.

**Invergordon Katandra** - rallies held in Invergordon, Zone website manager Lorriane Cairns is the instructor there. Small club keeping busy.

**Kerang** - Meet at Alexandra where they conduct an annual gymkhana and Horse Trials for grades 5-3. Young riders keen to progress and participate in the zone events.

**Kyabram** - Conduct their rallies at the Kyabram show grounds and also their annual gymkhana. Kyabram also conduct Horse Trials at Waranga Basin during the Easter holidays.

**Lockington** - Meet at Scurrah reserve and are building up members after a recruiting drive.

**Mildura Alcheringa** - Largest club in zone with 60 members. Have great grounds and facilities being part of the Mildura Horse Complex. Conduct a lot of activities for their members, including horse trials who have to travel vast distances to participate in zone activities.

**Moulamein NSW**- Very small club, sharing facilities with local polocrosse club. Conduct Navigation Rides for outside funds, are keen participants within the zone.

**Nathalia**- Grounds are Barham racecourse, which is the official zone ground. Games and flat teams qualifier are traditionally held here. Busy small club which conduct many activities for their members.

**Numurkah**- Grounds are in Katunga. Keen riders conducting themselves well on the eventing field.

**Nyah**- Grounds border the Nyah forest where they have erected a cross country course. A very busy club with keen members. Nyah annually conduct a Horse Trials and gymkhana. Members sat and passed their "C" certificates late last year.

**Robinvale VIC/ Euston NSW**- Small club 79 kms from Mildura. Have inter club days with them and also participate well with other members of the zone. Club grounds are at the Euston Rec Reserve.

**Rochester**- Busy club with a variety of interests. Annually conduct Horse Trials at Waranga Basin and Gymkhana. Grounds are at the Rochester Rec Reserve.

**Swan Hill**- Grounds are the equestrian Reserve and the unique mud brick club house is shared with the local play group, who utilise the building during the week. A strong club who support the zone in most activities. Presented 3 "K" candidates last year. Swan Hill conduct a Dressage and Showjumping day and also a gymkhana.

**Tatura**- Keen friendly club with lots of activities. Annual Horse Trials and gymkhana at Waranga Basin. Grounds are at the Tatura racecourse.

**Tocumwal**- Picturesque grounds on the Murray River, to be the venue for 2003 State Horse Trials. Very keen busy club with a lot of young riders. Conduct Showjumping and dressage day, gymkhana and Horse Trials, also navigation rides. Also has hunt club in it's vicinity.

Distance in our zone is our biggest problem. To attend our recent zone meeting, zone rep had to travel 550 kms left home at 4.00 pm to attend meeting and not returning until 2.30 am. How do you overcome distance and communication in the biggest land area zone of the state?

**Fiona Matheson**  
**Northern Zone Representative**

**Clubs = 24**

Member Type	Female	Male	Total
Riding Members	462	101	563
Associate Member	7	2	9
Riders without Horses	4	1	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>577</b>
Adult Supporters	382	227	609

### Northern Metropolitan

No Report Provided

**Clubs = 22**

Member Type	Female	Male	Total
Riding Members	1037	82	1119
Associate Member	49	0	49
Riders without Horses	6	1	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1175</b>
Adult Supporters	724	548	1272

### Southern Metropolitan

No Report Provided

**Clubs = 20**

Member Type	Female	Male	Total
Riding Members	964	118	1082
Associate Member	27	2	29
Riders without Horses	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1113</b>
Adult Supporters	792	582	1374

## Wannon

In July 2000, the DCI Panel held their Annual Workshop at Glenormiston College indoor arena, which was well supported. Covering topics requested by Clubs. 1. Fitting of gear-gear checking. 2. Showjumping-grading. 3. Instruction-making rallies interesting. 4. Planning rallies-rules in general.

In December 2000, the Zone held their qualifying day for Dressage and Showjumping Championships, combined with a fundraiser for the Zone, which included Showjumping for PD & PE grades and Dressage for grade 4. Gaining entries in Grade 1 Dressage (1) and Grade 2 & 3 Dressage teams and in Showjumping in A grade and teams in grades B & C, to represent the Zone at Lara with the Barwon Zone as hosts.

In March 2001, Clubs held their Horse Trials which were qualifying courses for 1 & 2 at Heytesbury, Warrnambool, Hamilton and in April Heywood held Their Horse Trials. These Clubs also catered for grades 3,4 & 5.

In April the Zone held their qualifying day for Flat/Games Championships at the Warrnambool show grounds in conjunction with, in Zone competitions, Colonel Pope Cup and Barbara Nash Cup, Reg Rowbottom Trophy, also Showjumping for Grade PD & PE. The Zone had 1 Flat team, 1 Musical ride and 3 games teams to represent the Zone at the Championships held at Geelong Show Grounds.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2001, the Zone organised and conducted the PCAV State Horse Trials Championships at Heytesbury Pony Club grounds, Scotts Creek, for grades 1 & 2 competitors. 171 entries were received, 44 in grade 1 and 127 in grade 2. This was a great experience for the Zone and was well received by competitors and persons attending the event.

Three of the Zone's Clubs combined to hold Horse Trials at Heywood's Pony Club grounds as their club does not have the facilities to run a Horse Trials event. The day was a success, and could become an annual event on the Zone calendar.

During the year 2000-2001 the Zone held C Examining days which resulted in 18 candidates gaining their C certificates, also during the year the Zone had 2 successful K candidates.

Clubs in the Wannon Zone have held Gymkhanas, Open Horse Shows, Showjumping and Dressage days, and come and try days throughout the year of 2000-2001.

All in all a very active year for Wannon Zone 2000-2001.

### **Peter Square Wannon Zone Representative**

#### **Clubs = 16**

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Riding Members	412	87	499
Associate Member	8	1	9
Riders without Horses	0	0	0
<b>Total riders</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>508</b>

Adult Supporters	316	213	529
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## West Gippsland

No Report Provided

#### **Clubs = 25**

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Riding Members	749	111	860
Associate Member	15	2	17
Riders without Horses	0	0	0
<b>Total riders</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>877</b>

Adult Supporters	631	456	1087
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## *International Competition Representatives*

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### **Interpacific Rally Victorian Representative**

Well, what a wonderful experience it was in New Zealand!

The Australian team quickly formed a good friendship. Roma Brideoake was our team Manager and quickly went to work making the team feel like her family. Joe McFarlane, our Coach was very friendly also and never once during the entire trip, put any sort of pressure on us.

Firstly, the Australian team was invited as guests of the New Zealand pony club to attend their National Eventing Championships. We arrived three days earlier than scheduled to attend the event. The competition was of a very high standard and all team members were impressed. The organising committee ended the event with a ride-on mower race between New Zealand and Australia. New Zealand won by the shortest margins, I would say it was because the Australian team couldn't stop laughing!

We then flew on to Christchurch, joining up with the other teams from around the world. All the teams were made most welcome.

Activities included white water rafting. Our boat even picked up a stranded sheep on the side of the bank! The official Maori welcome was a very dignified and official experience. The ceremony was to allow us to be on Maori soil. Lots of nose touching all round.

Our first competition was the scrambled teams one day event. One rider from each country is selected to make up the teams.

I was balloted a little 15.2 hand chestnut named Hob Goblin. He was a lovely boy and did his best for me considering we had very little time to get to know each other.

I am pleased to say that my team placed second overall. My input gave me third place overall individually, with the other team members placing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

The weather had been really kind to us up until the nations cup.

All of the Australian team were happy with the horses we had been balloted. I was given a 16 hand bay thoroughbred, named Exposure. Not until I actually started jumping him did I find out that after every jump he would put in a buck!

The Australian team placed second with Japan being the winning nation. All of the teams including Australia, were really pleased that Japan had won because it had been a long time since they had done well.

There were no individual jumping competitions, as the weather was so bad. I didn't know it could rain so hard for so long!

On the day of leaving, the Australian team were given a great send off by the other teams. They all got up very early and were on their balconies singing "I'm leaving on a jet plane", it was a very moving experience.

Well, that just about completes my report. I could write a small novel on all of my experiences but I will not bore you with a day-to-day blow of everything.

The chance to represent my pony club, state and country was one that will stay with me for the rest of my life and I thank everyone involved for the opportunity.

**Lisa Korver**



## International Mounted Games Victorian Representative



I flew to Tasmania, joining the other Australian team members, where we got to know each other and trained for 5 days.

The Team arrived at Calgary airport on Monday the 17th of July. We were met by our host families and escorted to our house, where we stayed for one night. All teams went to a BBQ to get to know each other, which was a great idea.

In the three weeks of traveling we saw the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Dog Training Facility, a day at Sylvan Lake, Reynolds Museum, river rafting and the Colombia Icefields, just to name a few. We watched a games demonstration and had a play day in scrambled teams.

In the time I spent in Canada, I stayed with



five different host families and a few different colleges. All the host families were very nice.

During the tour, I enjoyed myself to the fullest. It was an unforgettable experience

with memories to match. I made many friends that I will never forget and that to this day I keep in contact with.

### **The day of the Competition**

The International Mounted Games were held in at the Whitemud Equine Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

The games opened with a ceremony at 6:00pm. They started this late because of the heat.

### **Albertina Pol**

## National Mounted Games

### Junior

#### **Competition Date**

Sunday 01 October 2000

#### **Competition Venue**

Royal Melbourne Showgrounds

#### **Victorian Junior Team**

**Team Coach** - Marilyn Healey

**Team Manager** - Oriel Gardiner

#### **Team Members**

Albertina Pol	Warragul PC (Captain)
Carly Lamb	Oaklands PC
Carolyn Moylan	Warragul PC
Derk Pol	Warragul PC
Ryan Davis	Macclesfield PC

#### **Reserve rider**

Aleesha Whitelock Mt Evelyn PC

The Victorian squad began training after the training and selection camp held over three days in January 2000 at Cannibal Creek Pony Club Grounds. A panel of independent, PCAV appointed selectors chose the original squad of eight riders.

A training schedule was set and a skills and fitness program implemented. Formal squad training was held for one day each month. Riders were expected to work on their skills and personal fitness between scheduled training days and were given definite skill exercises as "homework". We achieved an excellent and enthusiastic attendance at all training and improvement was evident.

The final team of five riders and a reserve rider was chosen on 24 June, again by the full complement of selectors. The selection was made by observing riders perform each of the games on a variety of mounts and then some extra testing of particular skills. The difficulty of the selection was

made obvious by the extra time needed to make the final decision.

This final team then trained each two weeks, including a competition at Tonimbuk and culminated with a training camp held over the weekend immediately prior to the competition day. This weekend proved invaluable for honing our skills, strengthening team spirit, establishing team goals and implementing competition strategies. Everyone demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment to our team. I must mention that our reserve rider, Aleesha Whitelock, attended every training session including the weekend camp and was a vital component of the team.

**Thursday 28 September** saw all our riders in team uniform at Tullamarine airport to welcome the visiting interstate riders and officials. Most team members were transported by coach to Ullamulla Camp at Gembrook and others who arrived later were chauffeured to camp by parents of our team. The school camp provided dormitory style accommodation, three meals a day, games room, outdoor activities in a beautiful country setting. Minor interruptions to the power and water supply were managed well and did not seem to dampen the bright and friendly mood of camp dwellers.

**Friday 29 September** was our touring day starting with a swim at MSAC wave pool, lunch at the entrance to the Botanical Gardens with everyone too hungry to actually go in, unlimited rides at Luna Park and an un-scheduled stop by popular request to shop at the discount stores. A welcome bar-be-que was waiting for us when we returned home.

**Saturday 30 September** had no planned activities for riders. The coach's briefing was held in the afternoon and everyone had an opportunity to "interpret" rules and ask questions. There appeared to be no unsolved issues at the conclusion of the briefing thanks to the excellent leadership from Chris Morris and Marion Sargeant, Chief Steward and Chief Judge respectively. The Official Dinner on Saturday evening, unexpectedly by candlelight, was most

enjoyable and well attended. Our Victorian riders conducted themselves with confidence and courtesy.

**Sunday 01 October** was our competition day with a very early start on a cold and rainy morning. Once at the showgrounds all the teams stowed their luggage and went to gear check. We were all on the arena quickly and before we knew it the National Anthem was being played and the games began.

The grounds and equipment looked magnificent and everything seemed to run like clockwork, no rain either. The arena crew was quick and efficient and small problems were rectified without fuss. Red Cross was in attendance and only called upon once to my knowledge. The ponies were a very high standard and had clearly been worked to improve their fitness for this competition. The handlers had clearly been well briefed about their role. There was adequate time between games and sets of games for riders to quickly assess the ponies without being too rushed or the competition delayed. Victoria's run off with Northern Territory for third place was a "nail biter" with our riders showing steely determination to successfully secure third place. The presentation to the riders and handlers was well received. The crowd certainly showed their appreciation for the very high standard of skills displayed, the care and respect shown to the borrowed ponies and the exciting spectacle of the event. The riders enjoyed immensely their

Our Victorian Team was outstanding, not only at the competition and camp, but also throughout their ten-month preparation. They have proved themselves to be mature, considerate and gracious ambassadors for PCAV and exceptionally talented riders. They have grown personally and been accepting of direction, discipline and responsibility. They have been a joy to work with.

No report would be complete without a series of "thank yous". My very sincere thanks go to Cannibal Creek and Warragul Pony Clubs and RDA for the use of their grounds and indoor arena for training; the selectors, Carmel Knowles, Wendy Abey, Marion Sargeant, Arthur Jackson, Oriel Gardiner, Jeanette Mathieson for their expertise, patience and time; the Event Organising Committee for their determination to host a memorable and successful event and succeeding; Albert Pol for always being available at training to set up and move equipment; Oriel Gardiner, again for her constant encouragement and practical support and for hosting our weekend training camp; Members of the Victorian Senior Mounted Games Team, Kate Sargeant, Liz Sheehan, James Harvey and Richard Glenn for coming to several training sessions and sharing their fun, expertise and skills with our junior team; parents of our riders who helped the team in a variety of ways and finally PCAV for affording me the opportunity to act as coach for these inspiring young riders.

**Marilyn Healey**  
**Victorian Prince Philip Mounted**  
**Games**  
**Team Coach**



final parade and farewell to the crowd.

**L to R:** Carly Lamb, Marilyn Healey (coach), Carolyn Moylan, Aleesha Whitelock, Albertina Pol, Derk Pol, Ryan Davis, Oriel Gardiner (manager)

## Senior

### **Competition Date**

Saturday 5 May 2001

### **Competition Venue**

Caboolture Showground Queensland

### **Victorian Senior Team**

**Team Coach** - Marilyn Healey

**Team Manager** – Albert Pol

### **Team Members**

Leah Cioccio      Oaklands PC (Captain)

Richard Glenn      Macedon PC

James Harvey      Macclesfield PC

Albertina Pol      Warragul PC

Sarah Rowlands      Werribee PC

### **Reserve rider**

Kelly Morris      Mornington Peninsula PC

The Victorian Squad began training after the selection trials held at Werribee Equestrian Centre over the weekend of the 27 & 28 January 2001. An independent panel of selectors selected the final team after three training sessions, on 10 March.

In consultation with the riders, training dates were set and a skills and fitness program implemented. Riders were encouraged to train individually and to work on their personal fitness between training sessions. It was evident that they did this.

We were helped by the offer of grounds for training from Yarrambat, Moe and Gisborne pony Clubs. Thanks to those officials and members from these clubs who facilitated our training by unlocking gates, opening sheds and turning on the power. There is a great spirit of cooperation out there.

As part of our training this year the team competed HC at two Games Competitions. One at Pakenham and one at Mornington. These competitions proved a valuable insight into recognising competition pressure situations and working to achieve a more composed team when facing the "real thing". Our thanks to those clubs for

allowing us to be part of their program, for waiving their entry fees and making us so welcome.

The team was asked to ride a demonstration of the Prince Philip Games at both these events and they were invited, together with the Junior Squad, to ride a demonstration at the World Cup Polo event at Werribee.

We decided again to have a weekend training camp, which was hosted by the Glenn family at their property at Gisborne. Although the weather was against us with lightening causing the cancellation of the afternoon session, the team's spirits were high and the time spent not riding was well worth while for "getting to know you" activities.

The team flew out of Melbourne on Friday 04 May to Brisbane. Although the departure of our flight was delayed, we were met by representatives from QPCA and driven to our accommodation at Caboolture about 50 minutes north west of Brisbane.

Because we were late arriving, we missed the excursion to the Crocodile Farm, but contented ourselves with lunch, the purchase of a large, bouncy ball and a lively game of "water" volleyball in the tavern's pool.

The coaches' briefing later that afternoon was remarkably quick with few queries. We were provided with a program and a horse list and did the lane draw.

The team enjoyed the evening's welcome bar-b-que and took the opportunity to renew acquaintances and make new ones. We viewed and felt the equipment, which was of a satisfactory standard.

An early night, a hearty breakfast on Saturday and armed with copious amounts of water and bananas, we embarked on a short bus trip to Caboolture Showground, the venue for the competition. We spent some time speaking with horse handlers and owners in preparation for the games, (almost all the horses were between 14.3 and 16hh) wished the other teams "Good luck" and we were under way.

Victoria's placing of sixth does not reflect our team's performance, but rather the extremely high standard of the competition. Our riders rode up to their best and often better than ever before. The fact that they made only two rider errors for the entire competition gives a picture of the standard. The finish line was videoed and many, many times Victoria was in the photo finish.

There was no rough riding and the stewards were well briefed. Many of the horses had not a lot of experience in the way of the games except for training days with the Queensland team and some were less than fit.

The competition started at 10am broke for lunch and presentations were at around 3.30pm. The weather was hot, 29 degrees with very high 91% humidity, but the Victorian team were very fit and I don't believe this had any real impact on their performance, although many of the horses were showing signs of fatigue. There was plenty of time, sometimes a bit too much, between each game and each set.

The Official dinner on Saturday evening was delightful, outside in balmy Queensland weather, with a very friendly, party atmosphere. The teams were introduced and all made brief speeches.

The families of several team members accompanied us on our trip. Their support, encouragement and especially their good humour was very welcome.

The Victorian Senior Mounted Games Team has not "disbanded. They will



**L to R:** Albert Pol (Team Manager), James Harvey, Albertina Pol, Richard Glenn Leah Cioccio (Captain), Sarah Rowlands, Marilyn Healey (Coach)

participate HC at the Kangaroo Ground Games Day were they have also been invited to ride a demonstration of the Prince Philip Games at the lunch break. They will participate at Tonimbuk Indoor PPG Games Competition, again HC. Langwarrin Pony Club has invited the team to one of their rallies to demonstrate the PPG. Team members are assisting the Junior Squad training with specialist skills and we are preparing for a demonstration at Equitana later in the year. These exceptional young men and women are committed to promoting pony club and the mounted games. They are very fine ambassadors for Victoria.

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to our Team Manager, Albert Poll. His support and practical assistance has been invaluable to the entire team. Thank you also to Andrea Davis who arranged for the team uniforms to be made and delivered, on time and all correct. No small feat.

The PCAV State Equipment Trailer has been a wonderful addition to our equipment. Its availability has eased the previous equipment transport dilemma and proved to be an excellent, portable addition to this team's training.

Congratulations from the entire team must go to Queensland Pony Club Association for staging such a successful championship. They said in their welcome that wanted the event to be known as "The Friendly Games" They certainly succeeded.

I am very grateful to PCAV to have been given the opportunity to coach the Victorian Senior Mounted Games Team for 2001. I delight in their talent, their fun, their camaraderie and their good sportsmanship.

I continue to learn from them.

**Marilyn Healey**  
**Victorian Senior Mounted Games**  
**Team Coach**

## Program Funding

### Speed to Safety

The *Speed to Safety* concept was based on an original idea, conceived by the Riding for the Disabled Association of Victoria in 1999, - the "All Champions Day". The event organisation did not proceed due to the unfortunate death of Mr Stephen Evans a major proponent and organiser of the proposed RDAV event.

At a workshop conducted by the Pony Club Association of Victoria's Chief Instructors Panel, "Learning to Ride to a given Speed" was targeted as an area of concern, particularly within the instruction of those riders participating in the discipline of eventing. It was agreed that if a similar event to the RDAV's "All Champions Day" could be organised as a culmination to a series of training days and an education process, this may well be the first step to equipping riders with skills required, when riding at a given speed.

Training clinics have been conducted throughout various zones teaching riders the skills involved when riding to a given speed together with instruction on racetrack etiquette.

Four Grades of Pony Club riders will contest the *Speed to Safety* challenge and will be run between the Victorian Racing Club race program on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2001 – Grades 1 and 2 will be combined in the same trial, followed by combined Grades 3 and 4. During the scheduled race intervals, entrants will ride down the straight individually, and be timed with stopwatches.

Embroidered Winner Rugs provided by Horseland, will be presented to the winners of the combined sections.

All agree the inaugural *Speed to Safety* will be a very exciting opportunity to advance a better awareness for riding to a given speed and promote the Pony Club Association of Victoria.

## Riders without Horses



*Riders without Horses*, was initially supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria and has been succeeded by VicHealth for the

coming 2001-02 year. The program is recognised as one that stimulates participation providing children without ponies but with a love of horses, the opportunity to develop an understanding and insight into a sporting activity they may not otherwise be able to experience.

Based on the current Australian Pony Club Council syllabus, *Riders without Horses* offers participants a series of Horsemastership Sessions working with existing certificate groups within the club. The participants receive a *Riders without Horses* membership cards and are able to affiliate as a full Pony Club member at any time throughout the year long membership.

Clubs around the state are slowly adopting the program. Currently membership levels up to August 2001 are as follows:

### Barwon

2 clubs 14 *Riders without Horses* Members

### Midand

5 clubs 14 *Riders without Horses* Members

### Northern Metropolitan

5 clubs 29 *Riders without Horses* Members

### Northern

2 clubs 6 *Riders without Horses* Members

### Southern Metropolitan

1 club 10 *Riders without Horses* Members

### Wannon

1 club 1 *Riders without Horses* Member

### West Gippsland

1 club 29 *Riders without Horses* Members



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## *Award of Merit*

### **Barwon Zone**

Heidi Sutherland – Ballarat  
Kate Trudgeon – Drysdale/Leopold  
Dale Ferrari – Loch Ard  
Kristen Miller – Loch Ard  
Lyndal Dew – Barwon Heads

### **Central Zone**

Tully Kristy - Lancefield

### **East Gippsland**

John Nicolson – Sale

### **Southern Metropolitan**

Lisa Korver – Doongala  
Alicia Homes – Tooradin  
Sharinka Blacker – Macclesfield  
Kylie Cleine – Main Ridge

### **North Eastern**

Joanne Bektash - Wodonga  
Megan Hodge - Moyhu

### **Northern Metropolitan**

Rowena Lewis - Seville  
Rebecca Hill - Ringwood

### **West Gippsland**

Kate Nankervis – Nar Nar Goon  
Daniel Scott – Cranbourne



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## *Efficiency Certificates*

### **"A" Certificates**

#### **Central**

Meghan Sutherland – Riddells Creek PC

### **"K" Certificates**

#### **Barwon Zone**

Melissa Paton – Colac PC  
Sharni Cunningham – Colac PC  
Tanya Walsh – Colac PC  
Nellie Ryan – Colac PC  
Chrystal Wood – Colac PC  
Clare Potter – Colac PC  
Matthew Graham – Colac PC  
Stuart Griffiths – Colac PC

#### **Central Zone**

Miranda Ingram – Sunbury PC  
Nicole Sheehan – Sunbury PC

#### **Southern Metropolitan**

Claire Hawkey – Mountain District PC

#### **Midland**

Carly Lane – Bendigo PC

#### **Northern**

Alexis Fehring – Cohuna PC  
Dimity Chalmers – Nyah PC  
Jane Pinney, Swan Hill PC  
Lisa Scougal - Swan Hill PC  
Dimity O'Bryan - Swan Hill PC

#### **Wannon**

Erin Kinnealy – Penshurst PC  
Tennielle Onyett – Dennington PC

# Best of Luck for the 201-2002 Pony Club Year



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