

WHY PONY CLUB?

The main aims of the Association are that Pony Clubs teach their junior members to ride well and enjoy all kinds of sport connected with riding, to instil in them the proper care of their animals and to offer them the opportunity of being taught a higher standard of riding than they might otherwise get. To this we have added recently a program for those young (or not so young!) people who are interested in learning more about horsemanship, but are not yet lucky enough to own their own horse or pony. We have called this new class of members - Pedestrian Equestrians.

Pony Club wants to encourage enthusiasm among the young people of today, and have them properly taught the many branches of horsemanship so that they will be the capable horsemen and women of tomorrow.

By setting a standard which is practical for Australia and schooling the junior member along those lines, they will know what is expected of them when they take part in competitive riding and will be quite confident that they will be judged on that standard.

It is important that members should enjoy themselves and make new friends, so that when it comes to competition they will think more of the fun of competing than in the rewards they might gain.

Pony Club members have to bear in mind that their instructors spend valuable time, without pay, passing on knowledge gained only through years of experience. Those receiving this voluntary service and benefiting from this first-hand information for the very small charge of their Club membership, can best show their appreciation by at all times being loyal to their Pony Club and its instructors, and by keenly supporting all its endeavours to progress and increase its membership.

Members must always do what they are told by their Instructor in charge of rallies and must help other members whenever necessary.

Certificates are given as they progress, starting with a "D" Certificate and working up to "A". Details of how to gain these certificates are given in the Syllabus of Instruction Booklet. By working towards these certificates, the Association hopes that members will, in turn, carry on the work of the Movement and act as instructors in the future.

PCAQ'S CORE VALUES

- Co-ordinating the activities of the Affiliated Pony Clubs in Queensland.
- Affiliating with Pony Club Australia and any other organization, membership of which the PCAQ Management Committee believes may advance the interests of the Pony Club movement in Australia.
- Encouraging young people to ride and learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding, to provide instruction in riding, horsemastership and horsemanship and to instill in young people the proper care of their animals.
- **Promoting the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self discipline and doing all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes.**

