



MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

All you need to know about your club

INTRODUCTION – From Your President

On behalf of the Management Committee of the Brookfield Horse and Pony Club Inc (BHPC), I welcome all renewing members and new members to our Club.

This Handbook is produced with the aim of informing everyone associated with BHPC of the administration, rules, activities and aims and objectives of BHPC.

We are interested to know how we can improve the presentation and content of this Handbook and invite all members to provide any written comments they wish to make on the Handbook to the Club Secretary.

BHPC has the following objectives expressed in its Rules:

- (a) To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding;
- (b) To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship, and to instil in members the proper love and care of their animals;
- (c) To promote the highest ideals of horsemanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

Your Committee for 2022 encourages everyone involved with BHPC to keep in mind the aims and objectives of Pony Club and to involve yourselves in the activities of BHPC, our parent organisation Pony Club Queensland (PCQ) and our Zone for the benefit of all members.

BHPC is located in the south east Queensland zone of Pony Club, Metropolitan Zone 1. Amongst other things, Zone 1 regularly holds championship events in most equestrian disciplines that our riders can attend, an annual camp which is great fun and holds monthly meetings at which the BHPC is represented as an affiliated member of Zone 1.

There are clubs in Zone 1 that hold horse events throughout the year that your family can attend as a Pony Club member. See <https://zone1.org.au> for a list of local clubs and <https://ponyclubqld.com.au> for a calendar of events.



BHPC is a community club for local horse enthusiasts with a keen membership of both children and adults. BHPC provides a safe teaching environment for children to pursue equestrian sports. BHPC prides itself on teaching basic horsemanship for beginners through to preparing riders for elite competition, whether it be State and National pony club competition or interschool and Equestrian Queensland events.

As one of the three user groups of the Brookfield Showgrounds, BHPC contributes financially to the Showground maintenance, preservation and renewal through the Brookfield Showground Trust. It also supports and takes part in community activities through its relationship with the Brookfield Show Society, The Brookfield United Cricket Club, the Brisbane City Council and others, including Modern Pentathlon Queensland. BHPC members participate in and contribute to important local events such as the Brookfield Show, Anzac Day and Bush Christmas.

My family have been part of the BHPC for the past few years and have seen the dedication of all the committee, volunteers, instructors and parents first hand which you should all be very proud of. It is a fantastic family orientated club with riders of all skill levels encouraged to take part and improve in a safe and fun environment. I grew up on a cattle property in north western NSW and have been riding from a very young age and involved heavily in Pony Club until late in my teenage years, with showjumping, sporting and eventing being my favourite events. After pony club I ventured into camp drafting and later polo for a brief period. Horses provide so much to both individuals and bringing families & friends together.

As a result I can say with confidence that you have joined a great Pony Club with a strong history, friendly and supportive culture with excellent facilities all in a very convenient and enviable location to other pony clubs that I have been involved with.

Our Club is subject to the same economic and social pressures to which most other pony and sporting clubs are subject, including changing demographics and ever increasing competition for our time.

However, I believe that BHPC is well equipped to continue its success notwithstanding these pressures because of its numerous, and to some extent unique strengths, including:

1. Our position in a preserved location at the Brookfield Showgrounds with good facilities including the use of the Cemetery paddock with its cross country course and double sand arena.
2. The Club's dedicated and loyal members and friends over many years.



3. A larger than usual number of highly qualified, very experienced and dedicated instructors most of whom have been at the Club for many years.
4. The new instructors training to come through is very encouraging and would recommend any else that wants to improve their knowledge and skill base to sign up.

BHPC is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers on its committee and voluntary instructors, and therefore can only operate successfully if members and parents give of their time and effort to support the activities of the Club and to share the workload involved. I encourage you to get involved and experience all that the Club has to offer your family both in terms of involvement with other members of the Club and the full spectrum of Pony Club events at our Club, other Pony Clubs, our Zone and Pony Club Queensland.

If any members have any concerns at all throughout the year or suggestions we encourage you to speak up and speak with myself or any of the management committee.

On behalf of the committee we look forward to welcoming returning and new members at our first muster and wish you all a safe 2022.

Ed Bull

President



1 BHPC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2022

President	Ed Bull
Chief Instructor/Vice-President	Sandy Pollitt
Vice-President	Peter Ryan
Secretary	Emma Tait
Treasurer	Leisha Bennett
Membership Secretary	Jacquie Willsford
Committee Member	Rebecca Arnott
Committee Member	Joanne Sleep

Other Positions

Arena Co-ordinator	Emma Tait
Nominations Secretary	Jacquie Willsford
Zone 1 Delegates	Peter Ryan, Sandy Pollitt, Erika Woodland
Canteen Co-ordinator	To be announced
Roster Co-ordinator	Angela Bates
Events and Grants Co-ordinator	Rebecca Arnott
Horse Welfare Officer	Kimberley Jones
Website Administrator	Sanja Marais
Facebook Administrator	Kimberley Jones
Uniform Co-ordinator	Emma Tait
Maintenance Officer	Ben Pollitt
Newsletter Editor	Sandy Pollitt
First Aid Officer	Jacquie Willsford
Sun Safety Officer	Ben Pollitt

Instructors

Sandy Pollitt (Chief Instructor)
Rebecca Arnott
Sue Austin
Jennifer Gunn
Anne Rhodes
Peter Ryan
Liz Terry
Phil Vincent
Erika Woodland



2 OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

2.1 Musters

Members are encouraged to attend our Muster days which are held monthly from February to November. There is a break over the hottest part of the year – the Christmas holidays.

Don't forget to bring a Horse Health and Participant Declaration form to each Muster . It must be filled out for each horse you are bringing, as well as your health confirmation, with the day's date and a signature. These can be downloaded from our Website (www.brookfieldponyclub.org.au).

At the first Muster of the year there is a focus upon meeting new members and sorting the riding members into their groups. We may conduct an Orientation Day for our new members prior to the first Muster and this will be organised by our Chief Instructor. Groupings are determined by the Instructors with a view to placing each riding member with others of similar age and/or level of riding experience and ability. During the year, the riders earn points at 2 club competition ribbon days (Sporting Gymkhana and Formal Gymkhana) which go towards group trophies presented at the end of year.

Ponies and horses new to the Club also need to undergo some assessment by the Instructors at the first and subsequent Musters.

Please note that if your pony or horse has been known to kick out at other horses, it is a safety requirement that a red ribbon be tied around the animal's tail at the rump to signify this. Likewise new members, particularly our younger riders, need to be reminded of what the red ribbon signifies.

At musters, each group will rotate around the activities throughout the muster. Riders may also participate in team games, where teams each comprising a range of members of varying skill levels and ages will be formulated by the Instructors to compete against each other. In this way the younger members gain experience riding with, and getting to know, the older members and vice versa.

2.2 Muster Days

The club holds at least one Muster a month from February to November, usually on the FOURTH Sunday of each month, commencing at 8 am during the hotter months, and 9 am during winter. Most Musters have a short morning tea break, an hour lunch break, and finish at approx. 2 pm in the hotter months, and 3 pm in winter. Any changes to this schedule will be advised by email and on the BHPC website.



Stables in the shed as well as the yards adjoining the showgrounds are used on Muster days and are taken up on a “first come, first served” basis. **Please do not leave your horse in the grassy square yard** next to the long yard as this may be needed for lunging horses before the muster. Horses can be stabled overnight before a muster, but the Brookfield Trust must be notified via their website (<https://www.brookfieldshowground.com.au/>). Yards cannot be reserved or held for others. These yards are to be cleaned by the person whose horse occupied the yard at the completion of each muster.

Manure from horses tied to floats and trucks near the stables, along the access road or in the Brookfield Recreation Reserve (Cemetery Paddock) carpark must also be collected after each Muster.

Please bring a bucket, feed, halter and lead rope to each muster. Never tie your horse up by its bridle, always use a halter and lead rope.

2.3 What Happens at a Muster?

On muster mornings, riders may warm up their horses on the Showgrounds, but only at the walk and trot, unless given permission by an instructor to canter.

At the scheduled starting time, all members assemble on the Brookfield Showgrounds oval (alongside the perimeter fence on the Long Yard side of the Showgrounds) for an address by the Chief Instructor or organising instructor.

The riders are then divided into their groups, checked for attendance and a gear check performed of equipment used on horse and rider. This enables the instructors to check all gear on a regular basis for signs of wear and tear – always Safety First – and to ensure that all equipment used complies with Pony Club Australia (PCA) requirements for insurance purposes.

The PCQ website (<https://ponyclubqld.com.au/>) provides information on the equipment allowed at Pony Club events on its Rules/Gear Check 2022 page, click on the link to PCA National Gear rules. Members are not expected to plait their horses’ manes and tails, but they must be clean and obviously groomed. Saddlery, including girths, saddlecloths and bits, must be clean and well cared for. Members should be in full uniform – once again – clean.

A wide variety of activities are covered during a Muster.

These can include troop drill, flat work, dressage, lectures, horsemanship, show jumping, mounted games, target challenge, polocrosse, sporting events and cross country jumping.

The canteen is open during a Muster day and staffed by members on a roster basis. Bring some money for lunch and drinks throughout the day.



2.4 Parental Responsibility

At least one parent or guardian of children under 17 years of age must attend for the duration of the muster - not only for safety reasons but also to assist on the field with the running of events and also cleaning up at the end of the day. **If you, as parent or guardian have to leave the grounds on essential business, you are required to nominate another adult to be responsible for your child and advise the Chief Instructor or a member of the BHPC Management Committee. You must provide a contact phone number and the name of the person responsible for your child.**

Please ensure that at the end of each muster your child or children collect all their property and clean the stable used by their horse. Two pitchforks and a wheelbarrow are kept in the Pony Club gear shed for this purpose and must be returned after use.

2.5 Proficiency Certificates

Proficiency certificates are awarded to members as they progress, starting with an "E" Standard Certificate and working up to an "A" Standard Certificate.

To encourage members to work towards their PCQ or PCA Certificates, most Musters will have activities for certificate work.

2.6 PCQ Events & Performance cards

Throughout the year, other pony clubs affiliated with PCQ run various events, with both Official (in which the member competes for points) and unofficial classes (in which the member competes for fun and experience).

Members should have attended 2 muster days before attending any competition.

All riding members (of all ages) who wish to compete in any Official PCQ events in any of the disciplines must get a Performance card for each of those disciplines. Events will not allow you to compete without handing in your card, and you will not get your points without the card.

Please allow at least two weeks for this to be processed through the PCQ. Performance Cards are not required for Unofficial events.

To apply for a Performance Card, go to the PCQ website, select the Resources tab, then under General Forms download the Horse Registration Application form. **Fill out this form, ticking which cards you require, eg. Showjumping, One Day Event (ODE), Dressage, Combined Training. Attach a cheque for \$6 for each performance card and send the form to our Club Secretary, PO Box 61 Kenmore, Qld 4069.** It will then be forwarded to PCQ, who will process and return to the Club Secretary.



To find out about upcoming PCQ events, visit the PCQ website, click onto Calendar, and the events, open events and schools for each month can be viewed. Programs for gymkhanas, dressage, ODEs, and other events (both official and unofficial) are available on this website. Events will also be advised at Pony Club Musters, and details are emailed to members. **Members enter these events either via online nomination or through our Membership Secretary.** However most gymkhanas do not require pre-nomination and members simply nominate at the Gymkhana on the day.

A record of competition results should be kept by individual riders and forwarded to the Chief Instructor at the end of October, when points are tallied up for Junior and Senior Competitor trophies.

When attending PCQ competitions, don't forget to bring your Performance card (if competing in Official events), Horse Health Declaration Form, and check if your Hendra Vaccination Certificate will be needed.

2.7 Ribbons and Awards

Two Musters during the year will be nominated as a "Ribbon Day gymkhana " at which group competition occurs and for which ribbons will be awarded.

The Informal Ribbon Day is our Sporting Gymkhana where riders wear informal uniform and horses are ridden in natural presentation in the sporting and show jumping events. The Formal Ribbon Day Gymkhana covers the more formal events, as well as some gymkhana games and show jumping. Riders wear the Club's formal uniform and the presentation class requires horses to be plaited.

At the end of each year, BHPC has an Annual General Meeting, followed by an Awards Ceremony which includes the presentation of trophies and awards to riders to recognise achievement, endeavour and participation.

Trophies and awards - The club instructors decide which riders are to receive the awards and trophies. Following is a list of the various awards and trophies that the club gives.

- A **Participation trophy** to all riding members 17 years & under.
- A **100% Attendance Award** given to each riding member who rides at **ALL** the musters during the year.
- A **5 Year & 10 Year Loyalty award** is given to those riders who have been with the club continuously for 5 or 10 years.
- For riders new to the club this year, awards are presented to **Most Improved Riders 12 Years and under** and **Over 12 Years**, as well as **Encouragement Awards for those age groups.**



- The **Chief Instructor's Award** each year recognizes a special rider's commitment to the club.
- The **Alan Haycraft Trophy** each year recognizes a member's special commitment to the club. Alan Haycraft was a life member of BHPC and acted as the caretaker at the Brookfield Showgrounds for many years.
- **Ribbon Day Trophies** are awarded to the rider in each group who has the most points when Informal Ribbon Day and Formal Ribbon Day points are combined, as well as points from completion of the worksheets.
- There are three major Perpetual Trophies awarded each year
 1. **Champion Senior Competitor** Awarded to the Champion Senior Rider, Over 12 Years, for official PCQ competition only.
 2. **Colquhoun Family Trophy** Awarded to the Champion Junior Rider, 12 Years and under, for official PCQ competition only.
 3. **Bill Kay Award** This is awarded for points received from both ribbon days, pony club attendance, and attendance at Zone 1 events. There is no age limit.

2.8 Clinics

In addition to monthly Muster Days, BHPC plans to organise Clinics during the year. Such Clinics involve lessons given by an accredited instructor with expertise in a particular discipline (eg, dressage, show jumping, cross-country, camp drafting, etc). Such a Clinic may be conducted over two (2) days, usually during the school holidays.

Members will be given notice of any forthcoming Clinic planned during the year and the cost of participation in each Clinic will be determined on an event-by-event basis. The clinics may consist of two lessons per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, or one longer lesson daily, and may be held at Brookfield or another venue.

2.9 Visiting Instructors/ Demonstrations

During the year, BHPC plans to invite visiting Instructors to attend on some Muster days to provide additional instructional input for members of BHPC. Again, members will be notified in advance of any particular Muster if a visiting Instructor will be attending and details will be given of that particular Instructor's field of expertise. Moreover, it is also the aim of BHPC to arrange during the year demonstrations of particular areas of horsemanship provided by recognised experts in such fields of horsemanship.



2.10 Annual Camp

BHPC conducts the Annual Camp over a weekend during the year, with flatwork and/or jumping lessons given by visiting instructors, obstacle course games, and a trail ride or beach ride if we are close by.

Previous venues for the camp have included Brookfield Pony Club Grounds, Southport Pony Club Grounds, Kooralbyn Equestrian Grounds, and Burpengary Equestrian Centre.

These camps are seen as a great opportunity for all members and their families to join in Club activities over an extended period and thus provide a great way for members to establish and develop friendships with each other and to create firm relationships between all associated with BHPC. Further details of arrangements for the Annual camp will be provided in forthcoming emails to members and on the BHPC website.

2.11 Newsletters and muster notices

Each month, in advance of the Muster day, a notice will be emailed to members and uploaded to the BHPC website outlining plans for the forthcoming Muster in terms of the activities that will be conducted at the Muster. Additionally, a monthly newsletter provides other information of interest to members. Members are encouraged to contribute to the Newsletter by forwarding stories and photos to the Newsletter Editor.

2.12 Committee meetings

These meetings are usually held in the first week of each month, starting at 7.00 p.m. You do not have to be a Committee Member to attend these meetings and members are welcome to attend as visitors to the meetings and to provide input, although only members of the Management Committee have the power to move, second and vote on resolutions put to the meeting. Any members wishing to make any suggestions or to have input into the running of the pony club have the option of either attending the monthly Committee Meeting or alternatively writing to the Secretary, as all correspondence received by BHPC is tabled at the monthly Committee Meetings

2.13 Instructors' meetings

The Chief Instructor conducts regular meetings with the Instructors to formulate plans and arrangements for forthcoming Musters and other events. The Chief Instructor's report is presented at the Committee Meeting for discussion and approval of any motions.



2.14 Fundraising

During the year BHPC participates in a number of fundraising events to cover the costs that the club incurs. These expenses include payment to the Brookfield Recreation Reserve Trust for the use of the showgrounds; maintenance of arenas, jumps and other equipment; registration and insurance costs of 2 trailers, and purchase of new equipment. Traditionally the club's most important fundraising tool is the canteen, with most funds being raised by the club's canteen at the ANZAC Day commemoration in April and the Brookfield Show in May.

Other fundraising events may include the **Doggie Fun Day, Bush Dance, Derby Day or other PCQ event**, and the canteen at the Brookfield Show Society's **Bush Christmas**.

The Brookfield Show occurs in May of each year and ALL families are required to volunteer some of their time to serve on shifts in the Canteen during the course of the Brookfield Show. For more details, see Brookfield Show Bond, Section 4.2.

3 ROSTERS & WORKING BEES

BHPC is a not-for-profit organisation and all work performed by Committee Members and Club Instructors and other office bearers is done on a voluntary basis. The success of Club activities and in particular Muster Days depends very heavily upon members and their families contributing in a practical way to the work involved.

For most Muster Days, it will be necessary for the grounds to be prepared for the Muster by the setting up of equipment and show jumps. This is usually done on the Saturday afternoon before the muster. Again at the end of the Muster day, it is necessary to retrieve and store all of the equipment used for the Muster.

So that the workload is shared, an Equipment Roster is sent out to all members' families, and parents are asked to nominate two musters a year when they undertake to attend for set-up and also to be available at the conclusion of the Muster to pull down and store away equipment.

If you cannot attend on your rostered day it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute or to swap with another parent.

Likewise the Canteen is operated by BHPC on each Muster day and for other events. A roster for the Canteen is distributed to all member families. Again parents are asked to nominate two musters a year when they undertake to staff the Canteen. If you cannot attend on your rostered day it is your responsibility to arrange for a substitute or to swap with another parent.



Families are also required to participate in one of the two Working Bees, (the first of which is usually held mid-February), and also at one of the other Fund Raising Events (apart from the Brookfield Show which is compulsory for each family). Alternatively, if unable to attend a Working Bee, families can contribute at two fundraising events.

4 LEVIES AND BONDS

4.1 Club Roster Levy

A \$150 Roster levy per family is collected when joining the club. This levy is rolled over each year, provided all required Rosters are carried out. The 6 required rosters are: 2 equipment rosters, 2 canteen rosters, 1 working bee and 1 fund raising event (or alternatively 2 fundraising events) (additional to the Brookfield Show canteen). If members need to change their nominated dates they must inform the Roster Convenor and arrange to swap roster dates with another member. If families are leaving the club, and have fulfilled all their roster duties, their roster levy will be refunded.

4.2 Brookfield Show Bond

To encourage every family to volunteer some time for the Brookfield Show Canteen, a bond of \$150 is collected when joining the club. This bond is rolled over each year, provided the family has worked a **minimum of 6 hours** in the canteen during the Brookfield Show.

Families who cannot attend the Show can choose to forfeit their Show Bond, and must inform the Roster Co-ordinator. Alternatively, a family may choose to pay someone (perhaps a teenage club member) to complete their roster responsibility.

If families are leaving the club, and have fulfilled all their Brookfield Show hours, their Show Bond will be refunded.

4.3 Family Maintenance Levy

In addition to the Rita O'Hanlon sand arena in the cemetery paddock, BHPC is now responsible for the maintenance of the cross-country course and the Long Yard sand arena at the Showground. As an alternative to additional working bee duties on families, a levy of \$50/family/year (non-refundable) covers essential professional maintenance of these assets.

5 ROLES OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

5.1 Management Committee

Under the Rules of the BHPC and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*, the Management Committee elected from the members of BHPC at the Annual General Meeting each year:



- (a) has the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of BHPC; and
- (b) has authority to interpret the meaning of the Rules and any matter relating to BHPC on which the Rules are silent; and
- (c) may exercise all the powers of BHPC expressed in its Rules to borrow or raise funds; and
- (d) may delegate any of its powers to a sub-committee; and
- (e) determines questions arising at any of its meetings by a majority of votes of Committee Members.

The Committee is collectively charged with the responsibility of ensuring that BHPC acts consistently with the objects for which BHPC is established (as earlier set out); and with the rules and By-laws of PCQ to which BHPC is bound; and generally with the responsibilities of BHPC under its various contractual obligations, such as insurance contracts and the like, and any obligations imposed by statute.

Each member of the Committee therefore has a responsibility to ensure that BHPC meets its various responsibilities, aims and objectives in compliance with the rules which govern its operations.

Whilst the method of riding instruction to members is left with the Club Instructors (and they must comply with the syllabus of instruction as provided by the Pony Club Australia), the Committee can give direction to the Instructors in matters of training for particular events and different facets of pony clubbing undertaken by BHPC.

5.2 Club President/Vice-Presidents

The Club President, or in the CP's absence one of the Vice-Presidents, acts as chairperson of the meetings of the Committee. The President and Vice-Presidents must therefore have a good understanding of the Rules and By-laws of BHPC and PCQ. They must ensure that legal and other formalities at meetings are observed.

5.3 Club Secretary

The role of Club Secretary includes many and varied duties, and as such the Secretary has a most important position in the Club. Everything happening in the Club revolves about the Secretary and there is a need for a good working relationship with the President and Committee. It is the Secretary who has to put the policy and decisions of the Committee to work. The liaison between the Club's members and executive and Instructors is a very important facet of the Secretary's duties.

Amongst the many duties of Club Secretary are included the following:

- (a) convene meetings of the Club, or of any Committee of the Club, as and when directed by the Committee or by the Club rules;



- (b) ensure accurate minutes are kept of all decisions and proceedings of the Club and of the Committee or any other sub-Committees , and give effect to them;
- (c) attend to all correspondence;
- (d) carry out such duties as the Club or Committee may prescribe;
- (e) attend to all forms arriving from PCQ or Zone 1 and fill in accurately and within the prescribed time limit;
- (f) ensure that club delegates are aware of the Club's position on matters which may require a vote at Zone 1 meetings;
- (g) make provision for examinations for Certificates by riders, in consultation with the Chief Instructor;
- (h) be aware of members of the Club who may wish to be accredited as Instructors and with the Club's sanction nominate them for Instructors schools and apply for the appropriate work manuals;
- (i) bring to Club's notice official or State Championships;
- (j) attend to Clearances of Instructors and Riders who may be moving from or to another Club;
- (k) bring to the notice of members any rule changes as circulated in the PCQ minutes; and
- (l) order stationery items from PCQ.

5.4 Treasurer

The Club Treasurer is responsible for issuing receipts for all money, payment of all authorised accounts and for all floats or other money involved in BHPC functions. The Treasurer keeps records and books of accounts showing all transactions relating to Club funds and property. The Treasurer keeps the Management Committee informed regarding transactions and finances.

In accordance with Incorporation requirements the books of account must be audited before the Annual General Meeting and presented at that meeting of the Club. The Treasurer is also responsible for a statement of assets and liabilities to be made available for the Annual General Meeting.

5.5 Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary manages applications for membership from new and renewing members. Application for membership is a 2-step process, with the first phase undertaken to join PCA via its JustGo portal at <https://pca.justgo.com> , and the second phase involving downloading the membership form for BHPC from its website. The forms are forwarded to the Membership Secretary, with the member's horse's Hendra vaccination certificate providing evidence of full immunity.



The Membership Secretary may also be required to act as Nominations Secretary, carrying out nominations (or entries) for BHPC events and for outside events run by other clubs. Increasingly, nominations are done online on the PCQ website or via Nominate.com, although some events still require entry forms to be filled out and submitted by the Nominations Secretary. In that circumstance nominations are subject to a closing date set by the Nominations Secretary and must be accompanied by the correct fee.

The Nominations Secretary will not, under any circumstances, use his or her own money or Pony Club funds to pay for nominations. All members must provide the correct entry fee, as stipulated on the published entry form, at the time of submission.

Throughout the year the Nominations Secretary will collect members' entries for events that do not have online nomination and bank all funds promptly, in liaison with the Treasurer.

5.6 Zone 1 Delegates

Pony Club Queensland (PCQ) is formed by clubs which are situated in localised areas. Groups of clubs then form a zone. A number of zones are then grouped into regional areas for the purpose of instruction. The State-wide body is known as the PCQ. PCQ in turn is a member of Pony Club Australia (PCA), the national body.

BHPC is in the Metropolitan Zone (Zone 1) of PCQ and currently comprises 17 clubs around Brisbane. The Zone 1 Delegates are Members who represent BHPC at Zone meetings.

5.7 Canteen Co-ordinator

The Canteen Co-ordinator organises the canteen for muster days and events at the pony club. The position may be shared, if necessary, between a number of volunteers.

Throughout the year the Canteen Coordinator will:

- (a) deal with canteen income and expenses - keeping a record of money taken and spent. A float is retained and change organized for muster and event days by arrangement with the Treasurer. All money taken during an event is given to the Treasurer. Purchases of food and other supplies are made on account where possible;
- (b) manage the purchase of food and supplies - food, drinks, cleaning products and small items of equipment - stock should be recorded each month to assess next month purchase requirements;
- (c) inform the Roster Co-coordinator whether those families rostered onto canteen duty are attending;



- (d) ensure that volunteers sign the attendance book;
- (e) organise the cleaning of the canteen - fridges, equipment, etc. as required - At the end of the year a full clean out of fridges and defrost of freezers is to be done; and
- (f) organise the washing of the linen used.

5.8 Roster Co-ordinator

The Roster Co-ordinator prepares and distributes the annual muster rosters, which are for equipment set up and canteen, for the Brookfield Show canteen, and for fundraising events. The Roster Co-ordinator liaises with the Canteen Co-ordinator to ensure that adequate staffing has been provided for the monthly canteen duties. Families must also volunteer at one working bee and one fundraising event (or two fundraising events). Failure to fulfil roster requirements results in the forfeiting of the Roster Bond. The Roster Co-ordinator keeps records of attendance and must be informed by families if they are swapping rostered shifts.

5.9 Grants Co-ordinator

The Grants Co-ordinator's role is to identify and lodge applications for suitable grants for which BHPC may be eligible. This is done in conjunction with the BHPC Management Committee who will assist the Grants Co-ordinator in determining the items or services which shall be applied for.

5.10 Website Administrator

The website administrator is responsible for maintaining the club website (front end and back end). This includes in the front end: uploading news items (provided by the Newsletter editor or members), keeping the events calendar up to date, keeping documentation up to date (when provided by the Committee), photo gallery, contact information and general look of the site. In the back end, the Website administrator is responsible for ensuring the site is fully operational with no dead links, communication with the website host site, security updates and club e-mail accounts.

5.11 Facebook Administrator

Facebook is a vital tool to allow the club to not only communicate with its members but also the community. The role of Facebook administrators is to post news items from the website, advertise events (musters, training sessions and fundraising), updates (e.g. cancellation or last-minute changes to events), accept members to the closed "Members only" group (Note: It is advised that someone with access to the current list of members is also a Facebook Administrator to allow acceptance of group members).



5.12 Uniform Co-ordinator

The Uniform Co-ordinator maintains the Club's stock of Club uniform items and liaises with members wishing to purchase such items.

Throughout the year the Uniform Coordinator will:

- (a) maintain sufficient stock of BHPC polo and formal shirts, vests, pullovers and ties. A list of preferred suppliers and order numbers is kept with the account books for the Uniform Shop;
- (b) liaise with members wishing to purchase uniform items; and
- (c) maintain a record of accounts for audit at year-end; and

5.13 Sponsorship Officer

The sponsorships officer is responsible for management of the clubs sponsors. This includes identifying potential new sponsors, managing sponsorship agreements, sending out of sponsorship documents, following up potential sponsors (or resigning existing ones), working with the Treasurer to issue invoices, manage sponsors signage prior, during and after an event, ensure the club meets the obligations as detailed in the sponsorship agreements.

5.14 Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for collating a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter that contains information of interest to members, i.e., calendar of events, riders' results, reports from clinics, members' activities, classifieds and general information relating to BHPC. Throughout the year the Newsletter Editor will arrange the upload of the newsletters and other matters of interest to the pony club website, and email them to the members.

5.15 Horse Welfare Officer

The Instructors must appoint a Horse Welfare Officer within BHPC. This Officer is responsible for maintaining the records of the club's Hendra vaccination certificates provided by members, and the general wellbeing of horses within the Club. Should this Officer consider some action is needed regarding a particular horse, the Officer along with the Club Chief Instructor should advise the parent or owner/rider directly. The Horse Welfare Officer is the first person to talk to for any Horse Welfare issues.

5.16 Club Chief Instructor/Instructors

To be an instructor at BHPC, a person must:

- be a current financial member of BHPC;
- hold a PCQ Instructors Certificate;



- attend a Refresher School every two (2) years;
- attend four Muster days at BHPC each calendar year, or the club camp, or assist with training clinics; and
- have their Instructor's membership renewed by their Club Management Committee each year.

The Committee may give direction to the Instructors about training for particular events and different facets of Pony Clubbing, but the method of instruction is left with the Instructors who must comply with the syllabus of instruction provided by Pony Club Australia.

The Club Chief Instructor is responsible for the general line of instruction within the Club and to that end:

- oversees the organisation of the Muster days to ensure that the musters run smoothly and efficiently;
- co-ordinates the preparation of candidates for Proficiency Certificates "E" to "A";
- examines for appropriate Proficiency Certificates with assistance from other instructors;
- regularly attends Management Committee Meetings;
- ensures the smooth and efficient running of Club and Inter-Club events.

The Chief Instructor will convene regular meetings of the Club Instructors in advance of each Muster to ensure the planning and efficiency of organisation of the Muster days.

5.17 Junior Committee

Membership of the Junior Committee gives the Junior members insight into the workings of the Club and they often prove very helpful to the Management Committee. The Junior Committee is composed of members turning 11 to 17 years during the year. Two co-captains are elected by vote. Where possible, the co-captains are aged 14 years and over. Junior Committee Meetings are held during the lunch break or before the Muster and all ideas are submitted to the Instructor group and Management Committee at their monthly meetings.

The Junior Committee may help mentor new riders, organise fundraising activities, run stalls, present prizes, etc. On Muster days they may help with equipment.

It is also good training for members in later years in running meetings and general club management. It is most important that all ideas are referred to the Management Committee before they are implemented.



A Junior Committee generates a good Club spirit welcoming new members and helping younger members.

6 SADDLERY & GEAR FOR PONY CLUB MUSTERS

All equipment used on horses at Pony Club musters and events, as well as riders' equipment, must comply with Pony Club Australia (PCA) National Gear Rules, effective from 1 January 2022. You can access these rules through the PCQ website: <https://ponyclubqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/National-Gear-Rules-2022.pdf>.

All gear must not only comply with PCA rules, but must be suitable, safe, correctly fitted and comfortable for the horse. It is the responsibility of riders to ensure their gear is safe and compliant.

7 PARENTAL SUPERVISION

An adult family member must attend any muster days when their children are taking part, not only to assist on the field during the Muster, but in case an accident and medical emergency arises. See Section 2.4 Parental Responsibility.

8 OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

Any member representing the club at any PCQ competition should:

- (a) wear full formal uniform - long sleeved beige shirt, neatly tucked in at all times, green tie and pin, vest (optional) and beige jodhpurs;
- (b) have attended at least two Pony Club musters; and
- (c) present the horse suitably groomed, with mane and tail prepared if required (e.g., plaited) for that competition, and all saddlery clean.

9 INDEMNITY FORMS

Any riders attending for a Come and Try Open Day must sign the PCQ Participants Registration form, Open Day Liability Declaration Form and Open Day Waiver Form supplied by PCQ and pay the PCQ \$7 insurance levy.

10 COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

All applications for new membership must go before the BHPC committee for approval.



Please enjoy your membership privileges whilst being respectful to all including your Horse, and overall enjoy your riding and the satisfaction and friendships which are gained from this great sport.