

State Office Report – November 2021

Membership Statistics

Pony Club Association of NSW (PCA NSW) membership for 2021 as of November 22nd is:

7170
Riding Members



10,391 Total
Members

2347 Non-
Riding Members

So far this year we have had **579** members join as the 2nd non-riding member from the same family set at the discounted price of \$20 (**up from 443 last year**), and **295** come & try members (up from 111 at the same time last year).

At this time of the year in previous years we had the following membership numbers:

2020: 10,241 members

2019: 11,677 members

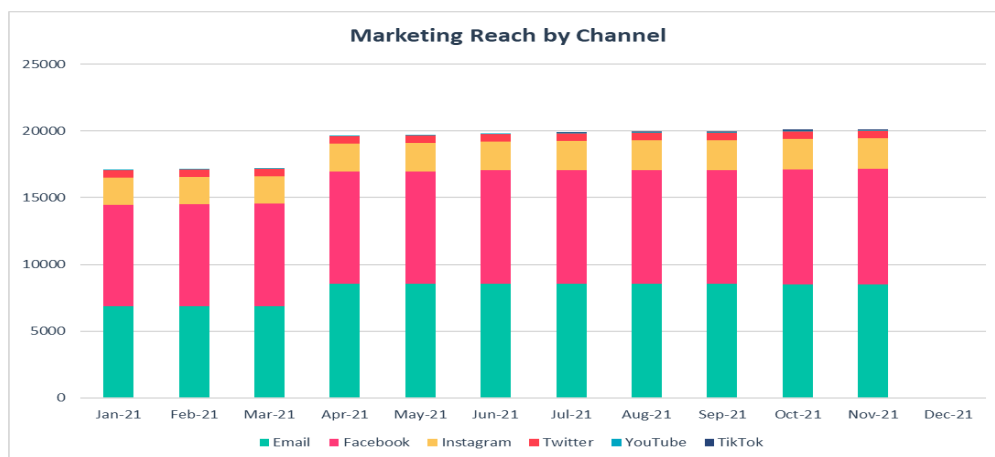
2018: 11,470 members

2017: 11,989 members

As you can see, membership numbers are tracking slightly higher than 2020, however significantly lower than pre-COVID.

Marketing and Sponsorship

Across our various marketing channels, PCA NSW has a reach of 20,070 people. Our largest channel is our Facebook page, which accounts for 8632, closely followed by email marketing (EDM) with 8507 subscribers. This highlights the importance of making sure all existing members have a current and correct email address linked to their MyPonyClub profile. All new members will need an email to sign up, however we urge club secretaries to check their existing members profiles to ensure all members are receiving news from PCA NSW.



Sponsorships have been limited due to COVID-19 and a financial downturn for many businesses. Our Official Nutrition Partner is **Ranvet**, and they are extremely generous and supportive of not only PCA NSW, but club and zone level pony club events as well. If you would like them to attend your rally day to speak about various horse health and management topics, they would love to hear from you. **Wintec** remain our Major State Sponsor for 2021 after their sponsorship deal had been rolled over from 2020 due to lack of events to uphold our side of the agreement. We are very pleased to have such an iconic brand partner with PCA NSW.

State Championships

We were lucky enough to be able to run 7 of our 12 State Championships in 2021. See statistics below:

State Entries	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg
Sporting	278	252	230	274	176	150	230	151	141	218		112	201
Campdrafting	157	118	110	136	123	89	132	92	96	129		61	113
Team Penning							54	62	51	99			67
Dressage	195	212	201	131	145	108	163	146	140	70			151
Jumping Equitation	150	153	213	195	158	117	121	92	99			65	136
Showjumping	108	171	132	174	173	110	101	186	170	214		192*	157
Polocrosse	n/a	147	155	82			36						105
Mounted Games	235	155	140	165	130	160	117	120	80	70			137
Team Sporting							130	115	75	85			101
Combined Training							70	21	75			84	63
ODE	129	106	91	94	70	61	40	26	80	157		84	85
Show Riding	254	220	272	245	231	198	199	146	142	77			198
Tetrathlon												37	37
Formal Gymkhana												60	60
Total	1506	1534	1544	1496	1206	993	1393	1157	1149	1119	0	598	1331

*n.b. No championships held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *2021 SJ are entries - event was subsequently cancelled.*

Host Zones Required

We urgently require host Zones and Venues for the 2022 State Championships, please check our event calendar <https://www.pcansw.org.au/events/event-calendar> for dates, if Zones are interested in hosting please complete an application to host form which can be found in the download section <https://www.pcansw.org.au/events/state-interstate-events>

2021 Virtual Nationals Hub Event

On the 6th -7th November, our top riders from around NSW met at Kootingal Pony Club Grounds to compete in the 2021 PCA National Virtual Championships. This event was the first for many in a long time due to various Covid lockdowns, so riders were extremely excited to be out competing again! All our riders competed incredibly and showed great horsemanship and sportsmanship over the weekend. Not a moment went by where a rider or parent wasn't offering to lend a hand. A special mention needs to be made for Kootingal Pony Club - they were amazing hosts over the weekend, with their assistance ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Not only did our riders compete well and show strong Pony Club values, but we were also the best dressed State! The uniforms from Emcee and Twenty4Seven were modern, comfortable and sun safe. Many of the riders commented on how much they were looking forward to re-wearing their uniforms in the future. Overall, both riders and parents had a fantastic time and were endlessly grateful that the event went ahead.

Pony Club NSW Awards

The 2020 Volunteer of the Year Awards were announced at the July State Meetings. Recipients had their prizes sent to them in the post due to covid lockdowns. Winners have been announced via the PCA NSW

website and social media channels shortly after the meetings. Congratulations to all award recipients, as well as Londonderry Pony Club who were awarded Pony Club of the Year.

PCA NSW was proud to be awarded a finalist in the Sport NSW Community Sport Awards in the Community Event of the Year Category. The award was for the 2020 Riders Cup Event where we had over 400 entries across the state in this innovative Showjumping competition in a difficult year. This is a huge honour to be named one of four finalists and couldn't have been made possible without the 20 host clubs and zones, the riders, and the volunteers that made the event possible.

Disputes and Mediation

PCA NSW office continues to receive complaints where possible, these complaints are directed to the lowest level possible i.e., club or zone. Tribunal Panels have been convened for two matters which were not successfully managed at club/zone level and findings provided to all parties.

Work Health & Safety Association

NSW Health Public Health Orders for Community Sport now allow for a greater easing of restrictions for members under 16 years and vaccinated members, as such example risk assessments have been updated to reflect these changes <https://pcansw.org.au/management/risk-management> With greater freedoms the State Executive Committee have determined that it is no longer necessary for clubs and zones to submit their risk assessment documentation to the State Office prior to activities and events. Clubs and zones must continue to complete and have on hand risk assessments, Covid Safety Plans and utilise QR Codes as per Work Health and Safety or Public Health Orders.

Working with Children Checks

Many members would now need to renew their Working with Children Check (WWCC) registration number via Services NSW, new and renewing registrations are valid for five (5) years and are free for volunteers. If a member already has a WWCC registration as an employee, the same number may be used for their volunteering.

Details can be found on the Office of Children's Guardian website: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check> Club/zone authorised personal must verify the WWCC registration to complete their obligations as an employer.

Database

Pony Club Australia (PCA) have announced JustGo as the new database provider, this announcement came after consultation with stakeholders to determine the needs and wants for the new system. PCA have commenced the information webinar sessions for clubs and zones and JustGo will provide more detailed training to users during drop in sessions which are scheduled for late November and early December. Timelines for this project are very tight however the system is on track for 2022 renewals. Details and information will be available to stakeholders via webinar, drop in sessions, videos and help documents on both JustGo and PCA websites.

Administration Workshop

We already have a booking for an Administration Workshop in 2022 from Zone 16, any Zone who would like to book a workshop can submit an application form which can be found <https://www.pcansw.org.au/management/forms>

Club Accident Summary

Information as of 22 November 2021 as provided by Club accident reports:

Zone Event	Report 2016	Claims 2016	Report 2017	Claims 2017	Report 2018	Claims 2018	Report 2019	Claims 2019	Report 2020	Claims 2020	Report 2021	Claims 2021
Camp					2		5					
Nat							20					
SP&C D	7				6		8				5	
DR	3		5									
JE	4		9		4							
SJ	9		13		13		12					
MG & TS	2				5		6	1				
PC	2											
ODE	2						4					
SR	5		3		2						4	
Tet & FG	4										3	
T Pen	1											
2	4		30	1	9	1	2	1	2		3	
3	5		9		7		8		7	1	4	
4	1		2	1	3		2		2		1	
5	31		37	1	19	1	8	1	6	1	6	
6	7		3		1				2		1	
7			10		1		2		9		5	
8	7		37		1		9		17		4	
9	44		23		30	1	20		12		26	
10			2		4		1		1		2	
11					1		1		0		0	
12			18	2	11		8		12	1	3	
13	13		9		13		18		2		3	
14	7		16		5	1	3		1		12	1
15	1				3		1		3		2	
16	5		34		10		10	1	1		31	
17			1						0		0	
18	1		3	1			1		0		3	
19	2				1				5		5	
20	1		5	1	5	1	1		2		3	
21									0		2	2
22	2	1		1	4	1			1	1	1	
23			8	1	4	1	5		4		12	
24	6	1	6		10		18		9		4	
25	6		8	1	9		4		7		18	1
26	4		5		4	1	3		2		5	
27			1		2				1		0	
28			10		1				0		3	
Totals	178	2	307	9	189	8	156	3	107	2	172	4

COACHING

STATE SCHOOLS booked for 2021

ZONE	NCAS ASSESS	STATE INSTRUCT	REGIONAL SCHOOLS	SENIOR REGIONAL	SPECIALIST CLINICS	MOUNTED GAMES	Total
2		1		1			2
3	1	1					2
4							0
5							0
6		1	1				2
7		Postponed	Postponed		Postponed		0
8			2		Postponed		2
9	1	1			Postponed		2
10							0
11			1				1
12							0
13		1					1
14			Postponed		Postponed		0
15							0
16		1					1
17							0
18		Postponed	Postponed	Postponed			0
19	1	1	2				4
20		1	1				2
21				1			1
22		Postponed	Postponed				0
23	1	1	1	1	Postponed		4
24	1		1		Postponed		2
25		1					1
26		1					1
27		Postponed	1			1	2
28		1	Postponed	Postponed			1
State Totals	5	12	10	3	0	1	31

STATE SCHOOLS.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid Lockdown we had to postpone a number of schools that is reflected in the above chart. No Instructor assessments have been held since the lockdown but hopefully two will be able to go ahead in December.

However, four zones have completed a Zoom Examiners Workshop, Zones 16, 18, 25 & 25.

A State Assessors Workshop is due to be completed before the end of the year.

A number of new Education initiatives i.e.. Zoom schools and workshops have been established during lockdown and may prove to be very effective and will be continued to be used into the future.

Policy Update

PCA NSW State Executive Committee and the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee have been working through current PCA NSW Policies and Procedures and updating them where necessary, these include:

- Strategic Plan

- PCA NSW Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Policy
- PCA NSW Conflict of Interest Policy
- PCA NSW State Executive Induction Policy

Office Closure for Christmas

The office will be closed for the Christmas break with our last day 21st December returning on 4th January 2022.

We would like to thank all club and zone committee members who work tirelessly to support their members which has been even harder with the restrictions that Covid-19 has placed on us all. Thank you to our members who continue to come to PCA NSW activities and events we appreciate your support.

We wish our members and their families a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to a positive 2022.

PCA NSW Office