

About Us...

Manly, Warringah & Pittwater Pony Club is situated at the Clive Rogers Equestrian Grounds, Walsh Street, North Narrabeen.

The grounds are situated on one of the largest areas of open space on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. There is a club house with canteen, equipment storage and toilet facilities. Horses can be brought to the grounds by float or by riding from the local area

Manly, Warringah & Pittwater Pony Club is run under the rules and regulations of the Pony Club Association of NSW (PCA).

View the website at: www.pcansw.com.au

The club belongs to **Zone 23** of the PCA and as such, all members may compete at any events held on behalf of the Zone.

The club is not large, but offers personalised instruction as well as a friendly and welcoming environment. Many close and on-going friendships are formed within the club. On some rally days, we may join with other local clubs so that our members enjoy the full range of activities enjoyed by other clubs within the zone

House Rules

- New or additional horses are to be registered with the Senior Instructor.
- No child under 16 is to be left without a parent/guardian in attendance. Should a parent have to leave the grounds, a person must be designated as being responsible for their child whilst they are away.
- Horses must be kept within the confines of the designated riding area on the day and riders must not go off on their own without the express permission of the Senior Instructor.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Wet Weather:

During times of significant wet weather, the grounds may be closed by Pittwater Council. This information is available on the Pittwater Council Wet Weather line from 3 pm on a Thursday afternoon each week:

Should rain occur after this time the grounds will be inspected by a committee member.

Please check with the President, Vice President or Senior Instructor after 8.30 am on a rally day to check for any wet weather decisions.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

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Pony Club

Welcome

We hope you enjoy your time at Manly, Warringah & Pittwater Pony Club. This leaflet is designed to help you and your family know more about the club and to make your membership with us as rewarding as possible. Please talk to a committee member if you have any questions about pony club membership:

President: Ian Dix 0413 018 532

VicePresident: Julia Alston 0437 562 917

Secretary: Helen Killen 0413 018 532

Chief Instructor: Sarah Lambert 0417 684 300

Rally Days

Rally days are generally held on the **first** and **third** Sunday of each month during school terms. Any changes will be notified on the preceding rally day. There are no rally days during school holidays.

Each rally day begins with a **compulsory** gear check for horse and rider outside the clubhouse at **9.15 am**. Riders should arrive by **9.00 am**. Riders are to be in correct club uniform, horse and gear are to be clean, and the quality of presentation will be assessed by the gear checker. These results will contribute to awards given out at the end of the year.

Hoof black is not permitted at Pony Club events.

No one is to ride on the club grounds before being gear checked. Whenever a horse has had the saddle removed or loosened, the horse and rider must be gear checked again.

For safety reasons, no one is to get on a horse without a helmet and because of Pony Club insurance **only members** are permitted to ride. No riding is permitted on the grounds without an authorised instructor being present.

Rally days usually offer a range of activities and learning experiences. Some rally days will be devoted to one particular discipline such as a dressage competition. No other activities will be offered on those special days.

PCA rules stipulate that if a member wishes to attend a Zone or State

competition, then that member must **attend 3 instructional rally days** in the **12 months** prior to the event. The 3 rally days must be with the specific horse being ridden at the zone event.

Children are not permitted to go off riding on their own either before, during or after rally days, or at lunchtime.

The Pony Club Movement uses completely voluntary labour. This means that parents usually have to instruct, run the canteen, undertake maintenance tasks and generally help to make things happen. Parents are asked to assist with the setting up and packing away of equipment on each rally day, and may be asked to help out in the canteen or with the provision of lunches as needed.

Canteen

The canteen is usually open every rally day for snacks and drinks. Tea and Coffee are provided free of charge throughout the day. At lunch time take-away is usually collected and made available at cost. Any profits from the canteen go back into the club. Assistance with the canteen is always appreciated.



Special Events

During the year the club may combine with other local pony clubs for their special events such as dressage

competitions and showjumping etc. This ensures that we provide the same level of experience as other clubs despite our small size. Riders will need to be able to float their horses to these events and any zone or other PCA competitions that they may wish to attend throughout the year. Existing members may be able to offer floating space to these events for those riders who do not have floats, depending on availability.

Insurance

The PCA provides a level of insurance cover for members of the club whilst attending Rally Days and Pony Club competitions. However, parents will be required to sign an indemnity form which acknowledges the risks involved with riding horses and indemnifies the club from any legal liability. Parents will also be required to sign an agreement with regard to safety and abiding by the rules of the club. For further details regarding insurance, specific information from the PCA can be made available on request.