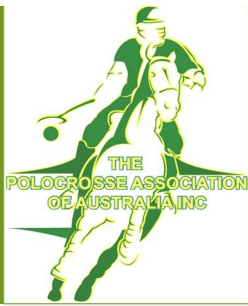


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NATIONAL HORSE WELFARE OFFICER

It is with pleasure the PAA announce the appointment of Dr Chris Reardon as the new National Horse Welfare Office.

Chris is a leading rural veterinarian, company director and owner of the Warwick Veterinary Clinic Group, Queensland's Darling Downs He has served as a Branch President, Secretary and President of Equine Veterinarians Australia (EVA). Chris has represented the AVA on government reviews relating to equine influenza and Hendra virus.

Chris has been the Official PAA Vet for the PAA National Championships since 2014 and was the official vet for the 2019 World Cup. PAA Director, Charlie Brook holds the horse welfare portfolio.

PAA STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

The PAA would like to advise members the State Liaison Officers for the next 12 months are:

Queensland: Susie Rose
NSW: Gillian Meppem
Victoria: Charlie Brook
SA, TAS & NT: Sandra Weston
Western Australia: Drew Gurney

Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant PAA Director via the NEO with any questions or concerns.

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VALE PAUL MYBURGH

It is with sadness that we share the news that Paul Myburgh, former Northern Territory Polocrosse President and PAA Board Member, passed away on May 30th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul's family.

Paul's contribution to both the NTPA and the PAA was incredibly significant and he will be deeply missed.



RETURNING TO POLOCROSSE SAFELY

As the COVID-19 restrictions ease, the PAA is highly committed to supporting the recommencement of polocrosse throughout Australia. However, in doing this, we must remain vigilant and ensure that we do not compromise the health of our members or the community. In addition to safety, the overall sustainability of our sport is central to the Board's decisions surrounding the recommencement of activities.

NTPA started to play full competition on June 6, with PAWA and QPA able to start practice only on June 12.

The PAA is continuing to work closely with the other States and expect to make further announcements on the recommencement of activities in those States, in line with their current restrictions, shortly.

Polocrosse Australia is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our members and the community. To assist, we strongly encourage all members to download the COVIDSafe app.

We thank you for your co-operation and continued understanding during this time. If you require further advice or guidance on activities in your State or Territory, please contact your local association.

CHANGES TO THE PAA STRUCTURE

PAA Director Susie Rose has been working with President Graham Lane to provide the Council and State Association a better understand the implication of this required move. A special meeting is planned for June 22nd discuss the transition to a limited company and the proposed constitution.

The PAA would like to thank all Councilors for their patience and understating regarding this matter.





HORSE DEALS

For some time now each month the PAA has a double page spread in this publication.

The articles are about our game, the people who play it and the general polocrosse community.

In the June's edition there is a story about Greg Davidge and an extra article about Carlie Grills – "Equestrian Mothers"

Gerard Walsh, (who writes the articles) is always on the lookout for extra great news stories, so if you think you have a member that goes the extra mile, or an activity that your club does differently to the norm, please let me know.

You can send your ideas through via email: neo@polocrosse.org.au

June's edition now on sale.



TOP GUN COACHING CLINICS

With the easing and lifting of COVID -19 restrictions, now is the time to take advantage of this great initiative. The PAA offers the best of best to help build skill, confidence, horsemanship, relationships and most important of all - HAVE FUN!

A refresher on how the Top Gun Coaching clinic works.

States/Zones/Clubs are requested to submit their preferred dates and venues by August 2020. This time frame may vary depending on COVID 19.

However, the PAA needs to ensure squad members are available and allow Clubs plenty of time to make sure they have enough numbers, please contact the NEO to access the Request Form.

Squad members will work with Jodie Hall, National Manager of Coaching and Sandra Weston, PAA Director to get the Top Gun clinics locked in.

Event organisers are also required to source travel and accommodation arrangements for the Top Gun squad and loan horses where required.

Once again, any questions please liaise via email; neo@polocrosse.org.au



BLUE BANDAGE POLOCROSSE

- **What is Blue Bandage Polocrosse?**

Blue Bandage Polocrosse was designed to be a non-competitive and non-contact polocrosse where you can go out and enjoy playing the game in a safe and nurturing environment. Blue Bandage Polocrosse is about teaching you and your horse slowly the game of polocrosse. It can be a pathway to white bandage competition polocrosse.

When you register as a Blue Bandage Polocrosse player you are covered under the PAA insurance and it allows you unlimited practice on a registered polocrosse ground.

- **What do you need to play Blue Bandage Polocrosse?**

A horse, a saddle, and a helmet. You can hire a Blue Bandage Polocrosse kit from your club or zone.

You can purchase your own racquet through the PAA NEO for \$93.50 plus postage.

For more details contact your club or talk to someone who plays white bandage polocrosse.



As always stay well and safe, we will get to meet again one of these days and enjoy our fabulous sport in the wide-open spaces!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you don't believe it's a great day, just try missing one!" Zig Ziglar.