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2021 PAA JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE ALL STARS ANNOUNCED

The PAA are proud to announce the **ALL-STARS** Junior and Intermediate Teams for 2021.

Juniors:

Ashley Cooper - Greenough/ WA
Ella Myers - Warwick/QLD
Emily Bowden - Wandoan/QLD
Emily Wamsley - Guyra/NSW
Harry Semmens - Sale/VIC
Hunter French - Tambo/QLD
Mitchell French - Jugiong/NSW
Riley Edmestone - Bauhinia/QLD

Intermediate:

Felicity Elford - Narrabri/NSW
Gemma Stuart - Albury Holbrook/NSW
Julia Stuart - Narrabri/NSW
Makayla Elford - Narrabri/NSW
Callum Brook - Warwick/QLD
Cameron Frear - Quirindi/NSW
Thomas French - Jugiong/NSW
Tom Keightley - Capel WA

Congratulations players on your selection and thanks to the PAA Selection Committee.

The PAA supports all Government health advice on the Covid 19 vaccination program.

For vaccine resources, please visit the Covid 19 Information Centre.



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ASHS HI-POINT POLOCROSSE AWARDS



**ASHS HI-POINT
POLOCROSSE AWARDS**

Launching in 2022...
Open to all competition eligible registered
Australian Stock Horses
Nationally & Internationally

**ALL GRADES
EVERY
WEEKEND**

RUGS & CASH PRIZES
FOR STATE & NATIONAL LEVEL AT END OF SEASON
HORSES MUST BE owned by a financial
Australian Stock Horse Society Member to be eligible.

2022 ASHS HI-POINT POLOCROSSE AWARDS

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- This is a competition for eligible registered horses.
- All horses must be registered with the ASHS and must be eligible to compete for prizes.
- All horses must be registered with the ASHS.
- The ASHS Hi-Point Awards will be awarded to the horse that has the most points.
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2022 NOMINATION FEE
\$50 FOR FIRST OR ONLY HORSE
\$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HORSE

For enquiries please Email: info@ashs.com.au Website: ashs.com.au

POLOCROSSE ITEMS FOR SALE

- Blue Bandage Polocrosse Racquets \$93.50 each
- Umpire Saddle Clothes \$71.50 each
- The Polocrosse Story - Video \$16.95 each
- PAA Badges \$6.95 each
- PAA Rule Books \$3.50 each

The above prices include GST, but not postage.

You can purchase any of the above by contacting the PAA, National Executive Officer via email; neo@polocrosse.org.au

TOOLKIT PROJECT FOR POLOCROSSE

Supporting Polocrosse Clubs to Secure our Sport.

Owing in a big part to the responses from you, the polocrosse community, the PAA were recently awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Australian Sports Commission to prepare an online toolkit designed to provide the State Associations and Clubs support across key themes such as:

- Resourcing - grants, sponsorship, and other income generation
- Building capacity to help clubs grow and or maintain success
- Knowledge transfer between states and clubs
- Recruiting and retaining volunteers
- Governance

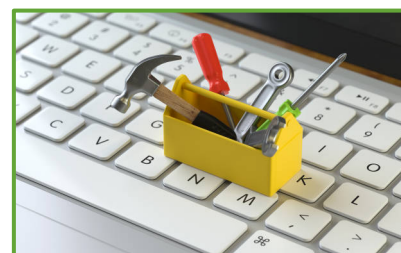
The recent survey you completed provided the PAA with a comprehensive understanding of your needs and what we can do to support positive change in the sport. The best way for this to happen is at Club level with the support of the States, the PAA Council and the PAA Board.

Our Consultant, Andrew Kikeros will shortly be contacting Club Secretaries to ask them where they require specific support in both the day-to-day running of the sport and future strategic direction.

This information will then shape the online resources which will be located securely on a revamped PAA Website to be easily accessed by Clubs.

The PAA Board sincerely thanks you for taking the time to complete the survey as the information you provided has not only allowed us to secure the grant, it will also help the PAA in setting our strategic direction for the next three years and create consistencies across the whole polocrosse community.

If you have any questions about the Toolkit Project, please contact Andrew Kikeros on andrew@lifetimewise.com.au



QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some excellent horse flesh on show at the QPA State Champs. *Photo credit Gerard Walsh.*



Wandoan in the March Past.



Justin Hafey, Tansey in possession of the ball, with Lucy Grills, Albury/Holbrook in defence.



Warwick Womens Team: Stephanie Cochrane, Caitlin Brook, Bree Thornton, Monique Hoare, Ella Myers & Keeley McGrath



QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the weekend of 3-5 September the QPA State Championships were held at Wandoan.

Results:

A Grade: Winners Albury/Holbrook – R/Ups Tansey 1

A Grade Women: Winners Warwick 1- R/Ups Tansey 1

A Grade Mixed: Winners Wandoan 1 – R/Ups Tara 1

B Grade: Winners Tambo 1 – R/Ups Toompine

B Grade Mixed: Winners Wandoan 2 – R/Ups Chinchilla

C Grade: Winners Bauhinia 1 – R/Ups Chinchilla 2

D Grade: Winners Tara 1 – R/Ups Clifton 1

E Grade: Winners Cunningham 1 – R/Ups Tambo 2

F Grade: Winners Roma 2 – R/Ups Gold Coast 4

G Grade: Winners Wandoan 2 – R/Ups Toowoomba

H Grade: Winners Gold Coast 5 – R/Ups Roma 3

A Grade Juniors – Winners Wandoan – 2nd Tansey 1

B Grade Juniors – Winners Chinchilla 1 – 2nd Pyramid

Champion Lady Player – Lucy Grills Albury/Holbrook

Champion Lady ASH – Laura Hafey, horse Judge Judy

Champion Male Player – Matt Davison Albury/Holbrook

Champion Male ASH – Mick Dillon, horse Dillon Vehdello

Champion Intermediate Player – Dan Hafey Tansey

Champion Junior Player – Hunter Gould Wandoan

Champion Junior ASH – Ella Myers, horse O'Brien's Trensette

Fraser's Champion Horse – Berragoon Scarlett, ridden by Byron Davison, owned by Berragoon ASH Stud – Charlie & Sara Grills.

Congratulations to everyone. It was a great weekend and enjoy the off season. - *Steph Cochrane, SEO QPA.*



Meet Andrew Kikeros: Consultant for the PAA and Principal of LifeTimeWise

What is your involvement with Polocrosse? Over the last few years, I’ve been working with the WA Polocrosse Association and more recently the PAA helping with grant funding and strategic planning. The latest projects were the survey (and reports) and currently developing a toolbox to help the Clubs.

What is your experience in playing polocrosse? Only played a tiny bit – joined Perth Polocrosse Club with Blue Bandage and despite having ridden a bit over the years found myself constantly outridden and outsmarted by kids aged no more than 8!! It’s soooooo much harder than it looks. Incredibly lucky to be able to ride some fabulous horses (I don’t have any).

What do you do outside of Polocrosse? For leisure – I spend a fair bit of time in summer catching my food, fishing, crabbing, and getting abalone. My partner Rachel and I spend a third of the year on a station in the East Kimberley where we run creative workshops and I’m partners in a cattle herd. Doesn’t feel like work! My other paid work revolves around helping companies and individuals deal with the impacts of the ageing workforce.

What is the most memorable occasion associated with the game? I think it was watching an A Grade final last year and seeing the incredible skills of the riders and the horses’ agility and composure.

Where do I see the game going in the next 5 years? I think the focus of the PAA in ensuring there is capacity for individuals, clubs and states to have the right support in enhancing the game is the right one. There is growing recognition of polocrosse by government, and this is, and will hopefully continue to see, funds coming to polocrosse. I think there is no reason why participation won’t grow by 15%-20% within 5 years and hopefully in regions where the social and economic impact has the most affect.

Tell us something that is unusual about you? I drink wine, rum, coffee, tea all from the same quart pot.

Thanks, Andrew for your time.

 **CONTRIBUTORS**

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Remember, if your club, zone, or state would like to promote an event that is happening please let me know via an email to; neo@polocrosse.org.au

 **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead”. - Nelson Mandela (former President of South Africa 1994 – 1999)