



The PAA is proud to announce the Open teams to play in the upcoming Test Series against New Zealand at Morgan Park Warwick over the weekend of 6th – 8th May 2022.

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Open Men:

Corey Buys – Sale Vic
Matt Davison – Albury/Holbrook NSW
Abbott Grills – Albury/Holbrook NSW
Jimmy Grills – Albury/Holbrook NSW
Tom O’Neil – Tansey QLD
Luke Saul – Quirindi NSW
Will Weston – Jugiong NSW
Islay Young reserve – Narrabri NSW

Coach – Arch Anderson
Manager – Caitlin Greenwood

Open Women:

Samantha Allen – Tansey QLD
Laura Donnelly – Macksville NSW
Lindsey Doolan – Chinchilla QLD
Lucy Grills – Albury/Holbrook NSW
Beth Hafey – Tansey QLD
Taylor Radford – Walkaway WA
Suzette Thomas – South Midlands WA
Lauren Sibley reserve – Narrabri NSW

Coach – Jane Marriott
Manager – Paul Keir

Please join us in congratulating our talented men and women who will be representing us, proudly wearing the green and gold.



2022 PAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BALLARAT, VICTORIA

The PAA and the VPA are very happy to announce that the 2022 Nationals will be proceeding, starting Wednesday March 30th and running through to Sunday April 3rd. Sandra Weston and Charlie Brook will act as the PAA Board’s primary liaison points for the organising committee.

We wish to thank everyone for their patience and look forward to seeing you all at Ballarat in 2022.

ASHS HI-POINT POLOCROSSE AWARDS

POLOCROSSE ITEMS FOR SALE

- Blue Bandage Polocrosse Racquets \$93.50 each
- Umpire Saddle Clothes \$85 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

TOP GUN COACHING CLINICS

Some of you may be aware of the coaching initiative the PAA launched at the end of 2019 called Top Gun Coaching clinics.

The objective of Top Gun Clinics is to promote our sport by closing the gap between grass root and elite. They are for everyone.

Top Gun Coaching Clinics offers the “best of the best” to help build skill, confidence, horsemanship, relationships, and most of all to have fun.

With 2022 fast approaching and a lot of State Government COVID restrictions being lifted, the PAA is keen to reboot these coaching clinics around the country.

The PAA is pleased announced the appointment of Stephanie Cochrane as the National Administrator for the Top Gun Coaching Clinics.

Here is your opportunity to have your Club or Zone be coached by the “Best of the Best”. If you are interested in hosting a Top Gun Coaching Clinic, please email Stephanie via linfields@bigpond.com and Steph will be able to assist you with your planning.



PAA NATIONAL TEAM MANAGER

The PAA is pleased to announce that Toni Davidge has been appointed as the PAA National Team Manager. Toni, who has many years of experience as a team manager, is from the Lake George Polocrosse Club.

The purpose of this newly created role is to enable the ongoing support of PAA appointed team managers. It is hoped that this role will guide and mentor team managers and act as a single communication and coordination point for all PAA team managers. It is also envisaged that the national team manager will assist the Board to identify potential candidates for these roles and succession planning to ensure Australia has an ongoing supply of well-equipped and trained team managers to keep Australia number #1 in the world!

SPECIAL & GENERAL MEETING OF PAA COUNCIL MEMBERS

The PAA Council will meet the evening of Monday 20 December via video conference for a Special Meeting to consider and if agreed pass a special resolution to transfer PAA from an incorporated association to a public company limited by guarantee as requested by the PAA funding body Sports Aust. The proposed new constitution draft has received considerable consultation and the PAA Board thanks PAA Director Susie Rose for working through this process. The Council will also meet for a General Meeting on the same date to agree the proposed 2022 player fees and review the PAA event calendar for forward years.

TRIAL PLAYER CATEGORY

Please remember the membership category of **Trial Player**. This category is open to all ages with unlimited practices however members of this category cannot compete at carnivals. Clubs who would like to host a "Come and Try" day are encouraged to use this category to welcome new members to their club.

These come and try days can be part of your carnival if you choose to do so, they are a great way to introduce friends, family and community members to our sport. If in any doubt contact your State Executive Officer to discuss.



MEET THE PAA JUNIOR ALL STARS TEAM



Ashley Cooper, Greenough WA; Emily Bowden, Wandoan QLD; Ella Myers, Warwick QLD; & Emily Wamsley, Guyra NSW.



Riley Edmistine, Bauhinia QLD; Hunter French, Tambo QLD; Mitchell French, Jugiong NSW; & Harry Semmens, Sale VIC.

POLOCROSSE RULES



During the year, Kent Wells, former PAA National Manager of Umpiring, has been testing the polocrosse community on their knowledge of the rules of polocrosse.

Here is the link to his last survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVYDNNK>

You can download the PAA rule book via this link,

<https://www.polocrosse.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PAA-2019- RULEBOOK.pdf>.

If you would like to purchase a hard copy, please email the PAA NEO neo@polocrosse.org.au

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The PAA would like to wish all the polocrosse community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to see you all soon around the polocrosse grounds.



Meet Stephanie Cochran: SEO for QPA and the National Administrator for the Top Gun Coaching Clinics.

When did you start to play Polocrosse? Around the time I was 8 years old for the Quilpie Club.

What is your experience in playing polocrosse? Prior to my first major experience I played for the first time at the QLD State Champs in Rockhampton in 2003, being from Quilpie I had no idea what to expect, let alone how far it actually was. My Dad was then convinced by Lyn Capewell (also an Outback Zone member) to turn around and take me back to the junior trials for Albury Nationals held at Eidsvold. Our family then didn't even

know what the Nationals were, this led to representing QLD at Albury Nationals in 04 then 06, 08, 2010. I then relocated to NSW for a couple of years and represented NSW in 2012 and have now been selected in the QLD Open Women's team for the 2022 Nationals.

What do you do outside of Polocrosse? I have two kids Henry (7) and Matilda (2) my husband Zach breaks, trains, and prepares horses for sales, we also breed a few ASH horses originally started by my parents. Between horses, kids and work there is not much more spare time.

What is the most memorable occasion associated with the game? Winning the Women's at the QLD State Champs 2021 alongside a great bunch of very talented young women, also comparing Henry's first game ever to the last in 2021 was very special.

Another moment I have to mention was playing at the 2010 Zone champs at Dunedoo with South West Slopes, being absolutely flogged in our round game, then Sandra Weston swapping us and changing me from the 2 to the 3 telling me everything will be ok!!! We ended up narrowly winning the final against Southern Highlands, again winning with some of my very best friends.

I'm very lucky to have had many memorable experiences with family and friends and I'm sure many more to come.

Where do I see the game going in the next 5 years? I hope to see polocrosse in our western QLD and northern zones gain numbers and strength. I also think that the ASHS Hi-Point incentive will be a great addition to our sport as it recognises all grades not just the elite. I also believe with the depth we have in our younger generation across the country that we will continue to stay strong on the international stage.

Tell us something that is unusual about you? I love going to the Gold Coast but cannot stand the sand.

Thanks, Steph for your time

 **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

“When you play a team sport all your life, you need to get out there sometimes and show some individualism in a sport where you play against the nature”. Brian Charles Lara, one of greatest batsmen of all time.
