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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Pony Club Australia Award Finalists

Pony Club Australia is looking forward to the presentation of the national awards in Toowoomba on 20<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the program of the 2017 National Championships.

The Pony Club Australia awards recognise the achievements of riders and all of those that contribute to Pony Club – as coach, club administrator, and volunteer in many roles. The rider awards go beyond first place competition results to reward leadership, citizenship and participation in Pony Club. The Gillian Rolton Alumnus award goes to an ex-Pony Club member now making a contribution to the broader horse industry.

The national awards were first presented in 2016, and have been embraced by the membership with a large number of nominations received this year. The nominations themselves represent the spirit of gratitude across Pony Club for those that volunteer their time so that young Australians can enjoy riding and care of their horse.

Congratulations to the finalists:

#### **Best achievement by a rider aged under 17 years, sponsored by Horseland**

- Georgia McGrath, Tasmania
- Chris Paton, Victoria
- Lucy Peters, Victoria

#### **Best achievement by a rider aged 17 – 25 years, sponsored by Horseland**

- Rebecca Cameron, New South Wales
- Olivia Palfreyman, New South Wales
- Victoria Temm, New South Wales

#### **Pony Club Alumnus**

- Natalie Hibbert, Western Australia
- Richard Mitton, Queensland

#### **Volunteer of the year, sponsored by HorseWyse magazine**

- Peter Bridgeman, Queensland
- Grace Brodie, Queensland
- Carole Ann Hodges, New South Wales

#### **Coach of the year, sponsored by Wini**

- Peter Bridgeman, Queensland
- Wendy Cumming, Western Australia
- Anthony Newham, New South Wales

#### **Club of the year, sponsored by Gow Gates Insurance**

- Gisborne, Victoria
- Huntingfield, Tasmania
- Mount Duneed, Victoria

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#### **About Pony Club Australia**

Pony Club Australia is a not-for-profit National Sporting Organisation recognised by the Australian Sporting Commission. PCA has over 40,000 members and 860 clubs making it the largest equestrian organisation in Australia. PCA is delivering equestrian education to young people across Australia and in China with an emphasis on safety, skill, animal welfare and fun.

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