

Media release

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What: Horse Sports National Safety Conference

When: February 1, 2020

Where: Melbourne

National Safety Conference for horse sporting organisations

All those involved in equestrian sports - decision makers, coaches, officials and participants – have the chance to hear from the experts at the first national safety conference on equestrian sport organised by Pony Club Australia.

The conference, on February 1 2020 in Melbourne, will examine what interventions horse sport organisations can make to reduce the risk of rider injury.

PCA has secured some of the top people in the field of equestrian sports and athlete safety to present at the conference and answer questions from organisers of, or riders in, horse sports and activities such as eventing, which has the highest accident rate of equestrian activities.

Attendees will also be able hear about current research and learn what safety changes are being made already or are in the pipeline.

The high calibre speakers include;

- Denzil O' Brien – researcher on incidence and risk of injury in equestrian sport
- Meredith Chapman – consultant in Workplace Health and Safety to reduce horse-related human injuries
- Dr Andrew McLean – world leader in Equitation Science
- Lindsay Nylund – Olympic gymnast, fall safety training for horse riders and PhD candidate
- Dr Kirrilly Thompson – anthropologist with interest in horse related risk
- Geoff Sinclair – Chair, FEI Eventing Risk Management Steering Group

There will be panel discussion sessions with industry experts on topics including safety of courses and gear, First Aid at events and grading riders for competition.

The full program will be released and registration for the event will open on Monday 14th October and places are limited. The conference will be held at Westwaters Hotel and Entertainment Complex, Caroline Springs, Victoria.

Pony Club Australia appreciates the support of Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, the major sponsor of the event.

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