

## Can I become a Centre Member if I have already been riding at a Centre?

If your riding school has been accredited by PCA, you can join PCA as a Centre Member. If your regular riding school is not accredited, you can put them in contact with us to find out more. Then you can order your manual and work through our rider training system of 8 internationally-recognised certificates.

## How much does it cost?

It only costs \$110 per calendar year to become a Centre Member. Pony Club Accredited Centres set their own costs for lessons, programs and other activities.

Becoming a Centre Member comes at a fraction of the cost of purchasing and caring for your own horse and related equipment.

Centre Members can purchase certificate manuals and merchandise from PCA at affordable prices.

Check with your Pony Club Accredited Centre to see if they provide helmets and boots until you decide to buy your own.



## Can I share my Centre Member journey?

We can't wait to hear about your life with horses! Social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are great ways to share your experience. So we can share your stories too, please tag us: @PonyClubAus and our funder @sportAUS in your posts.



### #NoPonyNoProblem #GetBackintheSaddle #TakeBacktheReins

For more information visit:  
[www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au](http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au)  
and click on 'I don't have a horse'

Or contact the Participation Manager

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Pony Club Australia  
Centre Membership

# No Pony? No Problem!

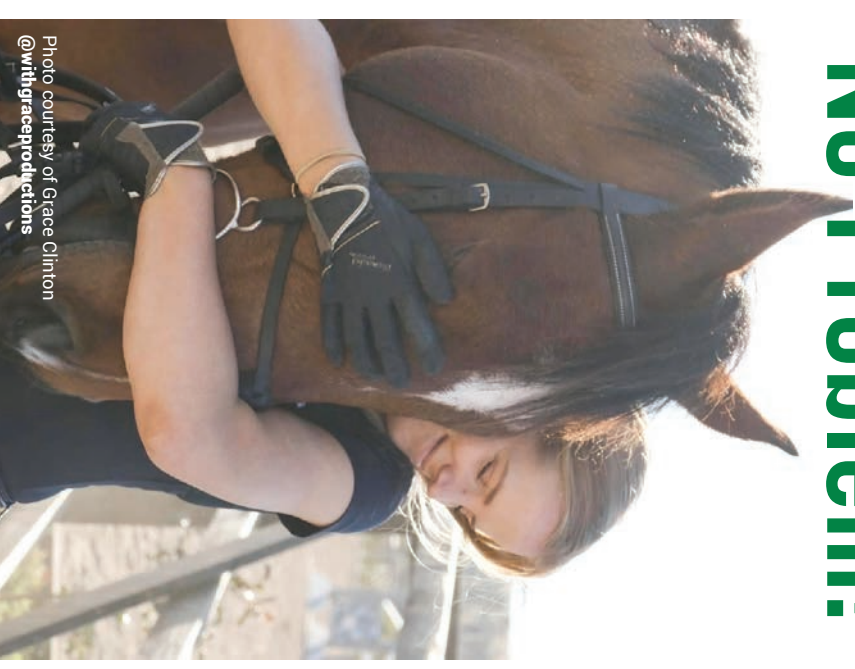


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An all-ages program for riders  
who don't have their own horse



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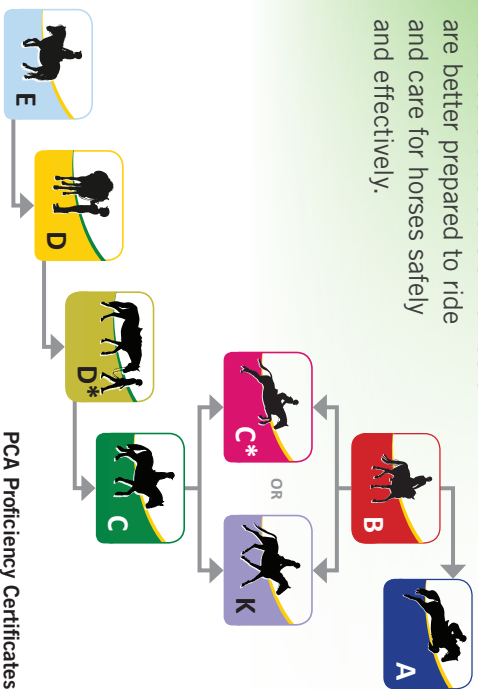
Pony Club Australia (PCA) is the largest and oldest equestrian organisation in Australia. For over 80 years, our clubs have taught people how to be happy, safe and successful with their own horses.

Now, everyone can ride with Pony Club – even riders who don't have their own horse, or the exclusive use of a horse (i.e. a full lease). Centre Members can experience Pony Club by riding trained school horses at one of our Pony Club Accredited Centres.

## Why has PCA introduced Centre Membership?

PCA is passionate about removing barriers to participation in equestrian sport. Centre Members can get the benefits of Pony Club without the cost and responsibility of owning a horse or pony.

Centre Membership gives people the chance to learn about horses before they commit to buying their own. Some Centre Members may go on and buy their own horse and later join their local Pony Club. Others may prefer the convenience of riding at a Pony Club Accredited Centre. Either way, our internationally-recognised proficiency certificates will make sure that Centre Members are better prepared to ride and care for horses safely and effectively.



## Who can join?

Anyone who does not have their own horse can become a Centre Member. Centre Membership is for riders aged 5 to 80. They could be a child or an adult new to riding or returning to riding after a break. Perhaps they don't want the responsibility of their own horse – or just want to know what horses are all about before they make any decisions.



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## What is the difference between Centre and Club Members?

Centre Members join PCA and they ride school horses at a Pony Club Accredited Centre. Club members have their own horse, or exclusive use of a horse. Their membership is with a Pony Club.

## What if I get my own horse?

If you do take the step of getting your own horse or pony, you can join a Pony Club. Any PCA proficiency certificates you have achieved at your Centre will be recognised. You can still have lessons at the Centre, but not as a Centre Member, and your assessments will be conducted by your Pony Club.

## What are the benefits of being a Centre Member?

Centre Members get all of the following without the responsibility of owning a horse:

- A Pony Club experience
- A structured, proven program for skills development
- An internationally-recognised syllabus of instruction combining tradition and science
- Proficiency certificates, manuals and awards
- Members-only initiatives and offers like discounted subscriptions to The Riders Pod app
- A safe and supportive learning environment
- Part of a global community of riders
- Participate in local, state, national and international exchanges and activities
- Personal accident and public liability insurance cover whilst participating in Pony Club activities at a Pony Club / Accredited Centre.

## Where can I ride?

We have Pony Club Accredited Centres in all Australian states. They are added to the PCA website on an ongoing basis, and on our dedicated 'Pony Club Australia Centre Membership' Facebook page.



If you can't see an Accredited Centre listed near you, let us know and we will help find one for you.

A Life with Horses starts here

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