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IMPORTANT – FORMATION OF RISK & FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

UPDATE BULLETIN

Pony Club Victoria has been working very hard since the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the measures announced through the State Governments Health Directions are in place at Pony Club since the State of Emergency was declared.

The health, wellbeing and safety of our members, and that of the community, has been and will continue to be paramount in all our decision making.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the way you have approached dealing with the pandemic, and the way in which we have all worked as a team. It is heartening that the values and culture that is and always will be Pony Club have shone through in helping each other in so many ways. Thank you.

While the safety and well-being of our members has been paramount, Pony Club Victoria is also concerned with the future fallout for our clubs and members due to COVID-19. The government response to the pandemic is changing, often daily which is affecting Pony Club Victoria's ability to make timely, transparent and accountable decisions, given our current structures.

The decisions we make now will impact on how well our clubs and members return to normal activity, and this simply cannot be undertaken in how we are structured today.

To respond to this, a new sub-committee has been formed, the Finance and Risk Sub-Committee, which State Council overwhelmingly resolved to support in its work by delegating State Council's powers for decision making in relation to matters particularly around membership, finance and risk.

With a membership of 5, and a weekly meeting schedule, the Sub-Committee is able to respond rapidly and decisively. Since being formed on 2nd April the Sub-Committee has already met twice and put in place several initiatives which will be announced as they are firmed up.

Its immediate tasks are to assess the impact on cash flow due to potential decreases in membership to our clubs brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to put in place initiatives to mitigate membership decreases and any cash flow issues that it identifies.

Your Finance and Risk Sub-Committee members are:

- President Peter Favaloro
- Vice President James Lang
- Vice President Linda Smith
- Treasurer Helen Simmons
- Zone Representative Beth McCann
- Executive Officer Rick Gill (ex officio)

The sub-committee will be shortly consulting with our clubs and members on some of its initiatives.

In the meantime, continue with the great programs in staying engaged with your Pony Clubs, continue to be enthusiastic about your equestrian journey and above all continue the great work in supporting each other and staying safe.

Rick Gill

EXECUTIVE OFFICER