



COVID-19 Update 26 June 2020: Local Government Area Hotspots

Pony Club Victoria is committed to the health and well-being of our members and the wider community.

Recently the Australian Government declared 6 local government regions in Victoria COVID-19 'Hotspots' due to the high level of community cases detected.

To limit the spread of Coronavirus the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued a recommendation that travel to and from these Hotspot regions be discouraged.

Pony Club Victoria has sought clarity from DHHS regarding impact on Community Sport and a return to competition for Pony Clubs which we are waiting on. Yesterday we advised our clubs in the affected regions pending advice from DHHS that competition cannot be held until 30 June, this date being provided to allow time for DHHS to respond.

This morning the daily health advice from DHHS showed a dramatic increase in the detected COVID-19 infections from these Hotspots.

Pony Club Victoria will continue to support the Victorian Government with their fight against the COVID-19 health crisis.

In light of the increasing positive detections, we are anxious to ensure we; our clubs and our members are all doing the right thing and staying safe.

If we as Victorians all together do not curb this spike in cases we may have to revert to stage one lockdown again and no one wants that.

With this in mind if you have travelled to the following suburbs recently, please don't visit your club until this spike is under control.

The 10 suburb Hotspots identified as have a high rate of community transmission are:

1. Keilor Downs
2. Maidstone
3. Albanvale
4. Sunshine West
5. Hallam
6. Broadmeadows

7. Brunswick W
8. Fawkner
9. Reservoir
10. Pakenham

In addition, the return to competition for clubs in this area will be delayed until 31 July, 2020, unless advised otherwise by PCV. This will allow time for the situation to stabilise.

Rallies and other activities for clubs within these areas may still be conducted STRICTLY in accordance with the PCV Covid-19 Return to Riding Plan for club members only, including members that live in the affected suburbs.

The State Government has announced that anyone living in these areas should get tested. For information on where you can get tested visit

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR0x7mndwUee-mEWTiAmcnLOBufkb8jzYvXCnVveK4jUN5tgPx1R3oJr61o>

Kind regards



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