

# PASS THE HAT AROUND



# FOR PEGASUS

## What is 'Pass the Hat Around for Pegasus'?

'Pass the Hat Around for Pegasus' is a fundraiser – with a difference.

People hosting an event on Melbourne Cup Day are invited to, literally, pass a hat around to collect donations for Pegasus – a local not for profit community organisation that provides equestrian activities for people with a disability.

## What is Pegasus? What does it do in our local community?

Approximately 100 people with a disability participate in Pegasus programs each week. Our riders have a wide range of intellectual and physical disabilities, but all benefit from the therapeutic, recreational and sporting programs that we offer.

Individualised programs are designed to develop the abilities and support the needs of each of our riders. They are supported in their weekly lessons by our team of over 100 trained volunteers and our nationally accredited coaches.

Horse riding provides a range of benefits to our riders. These include:

- Improvements in balance, motor control, muscle strength and flexibility.
- Improved self-esteem and confidence.
- Improvements in behaviour, self control and social skills.
- A feeling of freedom and control – something that is often lacking in the lives of people with a disability.
- Opportunities to participate in a fun recreational activity and to progress to competitive sporting events.



## What do I need to do to "Pass the Hat Around for Pegasus"?

Passing the hat around is a simple task which merely piggy backs on your Melbourne Cup celebrations.

Whether you are the social convenor for a large public service department or you are just organising an afternoon tea to watch the race with some friends, you can help to make a difference to the many young riders at Pegasus.

All you need to do is:

- Register your interest in hosting a Cup Day Celebration with Pegasus (ph: (02) 6254 9190 or register on line at [www.pegasusact.com.au](http://www.pegasusact.com.au) ).
- Once you have registered we will contact you to arrange for you to get a Host Pack with all the information you need and your official "Pass the Hat Around" collection hat.
- On Cup Day you can then place the promotional material in a prominent place and invite attendees to make a donation by placing their contribution in the hat.
- After your celebrations, you will need to count up the donations made to Pegasus and ensure that they are passed on promptly to Pegasus.

Other suggestions for increasing donations will be included in the Host Pack.

## Are donations tax deductible?

Pegasus is a registered charity and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donors seeking a receipt will need to place their donation into a "Pass the Hat Around" envelope and complete the details on the front of the envelope to ensure that we can post a receipt out to them.

## Who can get involved?

Anyone who is hosting a Melbourne Cup Day event - big or small - can register to Pass the Hat Around for Pegasus. This might be a corporate lunch, a sponsor's tent at the races, a restaurateur, a school group or just a group of friends watching the race over a cup of tea. As the registered host you will be responsible for promoting the fundraising activity and keeping donations secure.

**Pass the Hat Around at your Melbourne Cup Event to support Pegasus Riding for the Disabled - a local not-for-profit community organisation.**