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IN OTHER NEWS

School Holiday Program

Our School Holiday Program is available and in great demand. Dates for the January and February school holiday program are:

Week 1: Tuesday, 23
January – Thursday, 25
January 2018

Week 2: Tuesday, 30
January – Friday, 3
February 2018

Please call us on 02 6254 9190 for more information.

Term Dates 2018

Pegasus term dates for 2018 are:

Term 1: Monday, 5
February to Saturday, 14
April

(School will start a week

From the CEO

Well, if you're anything like me you'll be wondering where 2017 went? The time just seems to have flown by! There's a saying by author Gretchen Rubin that, 'the days are long but the years are short' and that's exactly how it has felt at Pegasus this year. There's been plenty to keep us busy, with our noses firmly pressed to the grindstone. Now as we approach Christmas and the New Year, it's the perfect opportunity to pause and take stock of all the amazing things we've achieved as an organisation this year.



Since our last HoofPrint in August, our schedule has been packed full of wonderful events – including our AGM, as well as ongoing program reviews, a herd health audit, and some grant applications success. There's no doubt that it has been a challenging year for Pegasus, as we've navigated through a process of change and program reform. These changes have been brought upon us partly by the cessation of government funding as a result of the NDIS, and partly because of the gap between the program delivery cost and the income that the programs yield.

Dealing with this new funding reality and economic landscape has fundamentally challenged the way Pegasus does business, and it's shone a spotlight on the changes we must make to become more sustainable. What all of this means is that we are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to streamline our processes, find efficiencies and boost effectiveness.

This was highlighted at our 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 22 November, when Board President Peter Stubbs presented our 2016-2017 Annual Report and spoke of the need to be innovative in our approach in order to best serve our local community and minimise the current waiting list of 86.

The AGM was well attended by our Members and the new Board voted in. I'm pleased to welcome back Nick Langley and Stephanie Williams and to see so many familiar faces remaining.

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Term 2: Monday, 30 April
to Saturday, 7 July

Term 3: Monday, 23 July
to Saturday, 29
September

Term 4: Monday, 15
October to Saturday, 8
December

Thank you to all our supporters

Our major donors and their generous donations help Pegasus make a real difference to those living with a disability in the ACT and local NSW region.

July – December 2017

\$500 and over

- Allan Spowers
- Bernard Clark
- Freddy von Reibnitz
- Heather Cork and the Department of Employment
- Heather Henderson
- Jane Olesen
- Joanne Gibbons
- John Churchill
- Kevin Heindl
- Kevin and Pam Durick
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Lodge Caledonia of Canberra
- Marcus Quinlivan OAM
- Margaret Henley
- Michael Hutchinson
- National Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball Foundation
- Network Electrical Group
- Penelope Ferguson
- Rachel Stephen-Smith
- Ray Silburn
- Riverview Group
- Rotary Club of Canberra – Weston Creek
- Sally Druhan

That same month I attended the RDAA AGM in Adelaide and I am proud to report that Pegasus is considered a trailblazer for the diversification and introduction of new programs and the expansion of existing RDA programs. As the first national centre to tackle the NDIS, Pegasus is well placed to be able to help other RDA centres come to grips with the new funding landscape and provide leadership and insights to make their transitions easier.

Back at home, the ongoing theme for this year has been expanding our range of programs and approaching current programs with a fresh perspective. We've introduced the Cottage Program and an Early Intervention Playgroup, and have opened up the Unmounted Program to participants from all age groups. These initiatives will help us minimise the current waiting list; provide new and exciting volunteering opportunities; provide volunteers with further training and scope to upskill; allow Pegasus to engage more fully within the local community; and help to secure a sustainable future for us.

As part of our Community Connections program – which helps people with a disability, including disengaged youth and those with mental health challenges, to participate in a mainstream equestrian activity – Pegasus is hosting a Community Connections Equine Event day. Coach Yolanda Rohling and I have been out and about visiting with Zone 16 Pony Club representatives to garner their support and participation in the event day, so watch this space as more details come to hand.

In other exciting news, we have two new Pegasus vehicles! Thanks to Beyond Bank and the Prime Minister's Charity Ball, Pegasus' first company vehicle is a new Ford Ranger. This vehicle will raise the awareness and exposure of Pegasus in the community; save us money on fuel reimbursements (already 8,000km a year); reduce our reliance on staff and volunteers to use their own vehicles; give us some funds through depreciation; allow us to better manage access and transport of collateral to events and expos; and as we grow our inclusion programs, it will provide transport for our horses to Pony Club events, transport to vets, and to purchase horses.

Our second vehicle is a 12-seater bus with wheelchair access, which we have been able to secure thanks to a Variety grant. As some of you may have heard, the Education Department has directed most school groups attending, Pegasus that they will no longer support transport to and from the farm. The Pegasus bus will provide a much-needed door-to-door service for our school group participants (52% of our participants) – transporting them to Pegasus from their school and back again. We do need the help of volunteers to be able to provide this service (as drivers and transport support people), so if you are interested and would like more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Allison.

Events are an integral (and fun) part of the Pegasus calendar and since August, we've had a few. We hit the greens in September for our annual The Walking Clinic's Yowani Pegasus Charity Golf Day. The event, now in its fourth year, was very successful with 22 teams participating and raising over \$27,000 for Pegasus. Thanks to everyone who participated and to those who helped organise the event. Special thanks to our major sponsors The Walking Clinic and Yowani Country Club Canberra, to the Lions Club Belconnen for the sausage sizzle, to our volunteers, and to all those who donated prizes and auction items.

- Synergy Group Australia
- Tall Foundation
- The Lions Club of Canberra Woden
- The Tom Efkarpidis Foundation
- The Tradies Group
- The Walking Clinic
- Vanessa Millard
- Yolanda Rohling-Goorden

In-kind (\$500 and over)

- Bunnings Fyshwick
- Capital Chemist
- David and Suzanne Robinson
- Harvey Norman Commercial
- Summerhill Road Vineyard
- Nerida Winters and families
- The Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen

Pony Adopters

- Barbara Scott
- Capital Chemist
- Capital First National Real Estate
- Den, Dean and Romy Collier
- Joanne Gibbons
- Marcus Quinlivan
- Radford College
- Riverview Group
- Sally Druhan
- Tall Foundation
- The Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen
- The Silburn family
- The Walking Clinic
- Thoroughbred Park

Charlie (the Mouser)

- Jane Donnelly

Upcoming Events – Save these dates...

Tuesday, 27 February:
Scholarship Awards Evening

Saturday, 5 May:
Pegasus Open Day

A few weekends ago we celebrated our Pegasus Christmas party. Despite the inclement weather, the party didn't disappoint with more than 100 friends, participants, families, volunteers and staff enjoying the festivities – which included fantastic music; a miniature pony show; bubble soccer and scrumptious BBQ. Thank you to everyone who shared our Christmas celebration with us, and thanks to everyone who contributed to making the event such a special one for all involved.

Thank you to the Lions Club Belconnen for the wonderful BBQ; to Guitar Cases – Andy, Andrew, and Lawrence, and to Kerry Flynn and her band of bagpipers for the fantastic music; and of course Nerida Winters, and the lovely miniature ponies. I would also like to thank Capital Chemist, Bunnings Fyshwick, Summerhill Road Vineyard, Filly and Co, The Canberra Distillery and Atlas Café, Gungahlin, and many other generous supporters for their wonderful donations to our Christmas raffle.

From a community fundraising perspective, we have been really lucky to have the support of some wonderful organisations and businesses. Thanks to the team at ISTP for hosting several ISTP Pegasus Charity Breakfasts. Plenty of hungry office workers enjoyed the brekkie feasts and helped to raise over \$1,863 for us.

Our Bunnings BBQs in Fyshwick have also been very successful this year. Ten BBQs have been held, with hundreds of sausages consumed and \$10,665.30 raised. Thank you to the Lions Club Belconnen as they take the first shift for the BBQ mornings and get us started for the day.

It is also anticipated that the Combined Christmas Card shops (at Tuggeranong and the City) will raise close to \$1400 through Christmas card sales.

An ex-participant, Heather Cork and the Department of Employment post-graduate legal team chose Pegasus as their beneficiary charity this year and managed to raise \$13,500. Well done and thank you for selecting Pegasus as your charity of choice.

Pegasus is all about people and so it is with great pleasure that I introduce a few new staff members to the Pegasus ranks. Matt Watson joins us as our new Executive Officer; Allison McCudden as our new Volunteer Coordinator; and Andrew Kelly as our new Program Manager. Welcome on board! You can read more about them here. On a sadder note, we farewelled Head Coach Jo Skimin. Jo worked closely with the families, participants and volunteers, developing the programs and helping make Pegasus a well-respected organisation. We wish her all the very best.

As for our other staff members – the gorgeous Pegasus ponies – we have conducted a herd health audit with Dr Natasha Webb of Webb Equine Veterinary Services to determine the health, wellbeing and fitness of each horse. We have adopted her recommendations and will continue to undertake quarterly health reviews to monitor the herd and their working capacity, and their specific supplement needs and dietary requirements. Now that the programs have finished for the year, all of our horses will take a well-deserved holiday break over the next few weeks.

Talking of horses, we are still desperately on the lookout for suitable horses and ponies to join our herd. If you have – or know of anyone who has – a suitable horse for Pegasus, please see our website for

Friday, 22 June: Corkhill
Bros Pegasus Race Day

Stay tuned for further
details!

Help us build our herd



We continue to be on the lookout for new horses.

If you know of anyone with a pony or horse you think may be suitable, please check out the questionnaire on our website at: <http://www.pegasusact.com.au/pegasus-needs-ponies.html>

Ways to donate

Online:

Visit pegasusact.com.au and click on the 'Make a Donation' button.

Direct deposit:

BSB: 032 712
Account Number: 11 22
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Cash donation:

Can be made directly to Pegasus during our working hours of 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday.

Cheque:

Made out to Pegasus, cheques can be posted to us: 119 Drake Brockman Drive, Holt, ACT 2615.

Make a Bequest

A bequest to Pegasus is one of the best ways to leave a lasting legacy that has the power to transform lives well beyond your lifetime. A bequest is a gift nominated in a Will to a person or an organisation.

Bequests to Pegasus may consist of:

- a percentage of your estate
- a nominated dollar amount
- proceeds from a life insurance policy

more details.

What's scheduled for the beginning of 2018? Well, we have our school holiday program starting on 23 January and our Scholarship Program is now open for applications. We currently have 14 full year scholarships of offer. Applications close on Friday, 12 January with successful applicants notified in February. The Scholarship Program is with thanks to our very generous donors, as we would not be able to offer these scholarships without the help and support of key organisations and people. For information on how to apply for a scholarship, please see our website: www.pegasusact.com.au. If you would like to support a scholarship, it's not too late. See here for information and our scholarship funding agreement.

So as you can see, there's been plenty to keep us busy. But I wouldn't want it any other way because it means we are always looking for ways to broaden our services; engage with more people, organisations and businesses; continue to increase our exposure in the local community; and ultimately, serve our participants and families.

Thank you to all of our dedicated donors, sponsors, members, volunteers, participants, families, staff and the local community for your support throughout the year. I would like to wish you, your family, and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

Pegasus Scholarships – Applications Open

Pegasus' 2018 Scholarship Program is now open and we are seeking applications from those who wish to be involved in a horse-facilitated therapy program. The aim of the scholarship is to reward a participant for their motivation and interest in riding and horsemanship; and to help participants develop their abilities and reach their potential. Applications close on **Friday, 12 January**.

To date the available Scholarships are:

- Opportunities Scholarship in Memory of Chris Hall
- Riding Tall Scholarship in Recognition for Excellence in Riding
- Capital Chemist Scholarship in Recognition for Excellence in Riding
- Ruth Dolman Scholarship
- Canberra Rotaract Club Scholarship for Excellence in Riding
- The Confidence Scholarship in memory of Helen Heindl
- Quinlivan and Donald Scholarship for Developing Confidence
- Quinlivan and Donald Scholarship for Horse Companionship
- Quinlivan and Donald Scholarship for Excellence in Riding
- Lions Club of Canberra, Woden Scholarship in Recognition of Riding Excellence



- shares or bonds
- property or real estate

You may choose to leave your gift for general use or you may prefer to discuss your gift intention with Pegasus to identify a specific project. It's up to you, but you can be assured that your wishes will be honoured.

Simply make a provision in your new Will or add a codicil to your existing one, stating your bequest. So if you are thinking of making or updating your Will, please remember Pegasus. See

<http://www.pegasusact.com.au/make-a-bequest.html> for more information.

Love Pegasus?!

Be a champion for Pegasus by spreading the word about us to friends, family and co-workers.

Invite friends to our annual events or host a beneficiary event for Pegasus through your workplace.

Together, we can make great things happen!

Become a Pegasus Pal!



We have created Pegasus PALS in honour of Pegasus co-founder Bid Williams – a special friend who we greatly appreciate! Regular donors become Pegasus PALS – people who are visionary, loyal and dedicated – just like Bid.

Regular giving is a great way to support Pegasus. It helps us by providing regular donations that we can count on. Imagine – if just three people gave \$70 a month it would support a 12-month riding scholarship at Pegasus for a child with a disability.

To make a regular gift, please visit givenow.com.au/pegasusridingfordisabled/

- St Francis Xavier College Scholarship for Developing Confidence
- Belconnen Bowling Club Scholarship in Recognition of Good Horsemanship
- The Lord's Taverners Taverners' Bill Riding Development Scholarship
- The Courage and Confidence Scholarship in Recognition of Good Horsemanship.

See www.pegasusact.com.au for more information and application details.

September was 'tee time'

The Walking Clinic's Yowani Pegasus Charity Golf Day was held on Thursday, 14 September and 22 talented teams participated, raising an impressive \$27,000 for Pegasus.



Ladies, Mens and mixed teams took to the greens for a fun-filled (and some would say 'competitive') day of golf. Players were sustained by the yummy sausage sizzle – kindly provided by the Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen members – before finishing the day with a buffet supper, cool drink, auction and prize giving.

Well done to everyone who participated and to those who helped organise the event. Special thanks to our major sponsors The Walking Clinic and Yowani Country Club Canberra, and to the Lions Club Belconnen, our volunteers, Harvey Norman Commercial for the Vintec Wine fridge raffle item, and to all those who donated prizes and auction items. And of course, to Bernie Clarke who established the event, and Paul Powderly who has provided great support for its success. To see photos of the day, please visit our website: www.pegasusact.com.au and look under the tab 'News and Events' 'Recent events'

Pegasus Parties!



Why not open a Beyond Bank Community Reward account?

Pegasus is a Beyond Bank Community Reward account recipient organisation. By opening an account and nominating Pegasus, Beyond Bank donates a percentage of the annual average balances to us. To find out more, please see <http://www.pegasusact.com.au/open-a-beyond-bank-community-reward-account.html>

Marcus Quinlivan Developing Abilities Fund

Ever wanted to give a gift that keeps on giving?

Well, that's exactly what Pegasus supporter and Honorary Life Member, Mr Marcus Quinlivan OAM did in 2014.

With Marcus' very significant gift, Pegasus has established the Marcus Quinlivan Developing Abilities Fund for people with disabilities – an endowment fund to support, in perpetuity, programs that develop confidence, self-esteem and improve physical well-being and ability through horsemanship, riding skills and horse-facilitated therapy.

Learn more about this wonderful fund at: <http://www.pegasusact.com.au/the-marcus-quinlivan-developing-abilities-fund.html>

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Santa made a much-anticipated appearance and was a hit with both the young and the young at heart. Thank you to everyone who shared our Christmas celebration with us, and thanks to everyone who contributed to making the event such a special one for all involved.

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Have bus, will travel

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again, two mornings a week. This service will also ensure that current participants and those in the future have no limitation to accessing our programs.

In order to provide this service, we need the support of our fabulous volunteers to help us make two school runs (for Cranleigh and Malkara schools) on two mornings a week. Each school run requires a driver and two transport support people, and appropriate training for these positions will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a Pegasus bus driver or transport support person – or know of someone who may be – please let our Volunteer Coordinator Allison know at:

volunteers@pegasusact.com.au

As with all volunteer positions, you are required to have a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

Staffing news

In the last few months, several new staff members have joined the Pegasus family. Matthew Watson is our new Executive Officer; Allison McCudden is our Volunteer Coordinator; and Andrew Kelly will be on board in early 2018 as our Program Manager. Welcome to the team!



To read more about them, please visit: <http://www.pegasusact.com.au/staffing-update.html>

Let Us Know...



If there is anything specific that you would like to see included as a regular feature in our quarterly HoofPrint newsletters, please let us know.

Your ideas and feedback are most welcome, so call us on 02 6254 9190 or send us an email at admin@pegasusact.com.au

From the Pegasus wishlist...

As with all not-for-profit charities, we are always in need of items to help keep our facilities functioning throughout the year. These items – some large, some small – will assist with our horse and pony care and facilities maintenance.



Amongst many items on our Wishlist, our front fence has been damaged by white ants and needs to be replaced.

If you would like to donate an item on our Pegasus Wishlist (found here at: <http://www.pegasusact.com.au/pegasus-wish-list.html>), provide a monetary donation, or gift your services to us, please let us know on 02 6254 9190 or admin@pegasusact.com.au

Merry Christmas from us and ours, to you and yours

On behalf of all of us here, thank you all for your generosity and support of Pegasus this year.

Season's greetings and best wishes for the New Year. See you in 2018!

