



A new partnership forged between Thoroughbred Racing South Australia (TRSA) and Pony Club Association of SA Inc (PCASA) will showcase – and support – the versatility of thoroughbreds beyond the racetrack.

The partnership includes a TRSA-provided sponsorship to help promote thoroughbreds' adaptability as pony club mounts, and as competition horses in dressage, showjumping and eventing.

The three-year partnership will also help boost careers in racing, and improve life for thoroughbreds after their racing careers.

“We’re excited and genuinely pleased to partner with PCASA to support off-the-track events and initiatives for thoroughbreds,” said TRSA’s Chief Executive Officer, Nick Redin.

“We also want to promote the rewarding careers in racing, plus the ongoing care of retired racehorses. Thanks to our new partnership, this will be done via a raft of platforms.”

Mr Redin said the agreement will include the introduction of Ride to Time events to “showcase transferrable skills and pathways into a career in the racing industry”.

A spokesperson for PCASA, said “although many thoroughbred horses are involved in the main stream disciplines of dressage, show jumping, & eventing, thoroughbreds are also suited to other sports such as polocrosse, camp drafting and mounted games – including archery, throughout pony clubs across Australia & Internationally. By having access to this opportunity we will be able to keep track of these thoroughbreds’ post-racing activities, by holding Off the Track thoroughbred Classes.”

“TRSA is supporting both state and local competitions for the next three years, helping run Ride to Time clinics and competitions, and promoting safe-riding practices. In addition, the sponsorship will be used to help support the running of many PCASA events, including state titles, clinics and competitions” the spokesperson said.

Pony Club Association of SA aims and objectives:

- To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses and riding.
- To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.
- To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline in the members.

This is an exciting time to be involved in pony club & the racing industry.