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**Subject:** Tom Roberts Project

Hi Greg

Just following up on the **Tom Roberts Project** as per our last meeting.

We need to do a major promotion to Pony Club, as I think it is important that the history is not lost.

**Background:**

Last year Pat Roberts (wife of Tom Roberts) died and left a large body of Tom's work to Horse SA be preserved. Resources that must get be lost to the equestrian fraternity - books, notes, old films that need to be digitized so we can see them again, etc.

**Tom Roberts should have a special place in the minds of Pony Club members** – my understanding is that he was instrumental in founding the organisation (plus a personal connection as he joined the South Australian Police Force in 1925, and after service in the Middle East in 1940 returned to be Instructor to the South Australian Mounted Police until his retirement in 1960).

Certainly it was the combination and foresight of RM Williams, Tom Roberts and Margaret Clarke who established the Pegasus Pony Club in 1953, (the oldest and largest Pony Club in SA? and the second oldest in Australia?). Margaret, a Life Member of the Pegasus Pony Club passed away in 2009 aged 87 years at Murray Bridge where she had resided with her daughter Judy and family. Margaret was the author of several equestrian publications including a joint publication with Dr Andrew McLean. SA Pony Clubs Westwinds Woodville Pony Club and Black Hill Pony Club along with Pegasus are members of the Metropolitan Zone PCASA and were formed as separate branches of the Pegasus Pony Club.

## **We are asking PCASA to get behind this project.**

Internationally renowned horse training and behaviour modification expert **Dr Andrew McLean** of the **Australian Equine Behaviour Centre** was influenced by Tom's methods & has agreed to co-author a book on the subject (*it will be available for purchase as e-book or hard copy*).

**More details can be found at:** <http://www.horsesa.asn.au/heritage/tom-roberts-legacy-project/>, and I have attached a flyer that can be distributed to clubs. It would be great if clubs can take a role in this, fund raise and spread the word.

Direct financial support can be given via any of the following

- Purchase via the Horse SA [online store](#) (VISA or PayPal)
- Or email & request an invoice [horsesa@horsesa.asn.au](mailto:horsesa@horsesa.asn.au)
- Direct deposit: BSB 015-367 A/c: 015367 181319933 HORSE FED OF SA INC (email & let us know)
- Cheque to: The Horse Federation of SA Inc. 105 King William St, Kent Town SA 5067

I would greatly appreciate if you can distribute this information to clubs, and throughout Pony Club SA to members. Ask them to give consideration to making a contribution towards preserving this important legacy for future members.

*We are hoping that Andrew will be in Adelaide for the launch of the Tom Roberts' Book in the first week of August – this will be another opportunity to involve PCASA.*

If you want any more information, or to discuss ways in which we can jointly promote this, feel free to contact me on M: 0414881606 or [hw@senet.com.au](mailto:hw@senet.com.au)

Kind Regards  
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On behalf of Horse SA