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ALICE SPRINGS RIDERS NT JUMPING CHAMPIONS

Alice Springs Pony Club is the top showjumping team in the Territory, taking out the Pony Club Association of the NT jumping championships on the weekend.

The team of five – Lucy Doyle, Jade Doyle, Tegan Copland, Sarah Ride and Carla Tanner – won the title convincingly.

Lucy, Tegan and Carla also took out the three highest individual scores in the Territory championships.

Alice Springs Pony Club president Angela Copland congratulated the team and coach Kath North on their achievement.

“The girls have been training hard over the past few months for this and their commitment has paid off.

“Alice Springs Pony Club won the showjumping championships when we sent a team to Darwin in 2007.

“We weren’t able to send a team to Darwin last year so this is the first chance we’ve had to defend our title.

“Our dressage team also did tremendously well, with all our riders scoring highly.”

The PCANT championships were held in a ‘virtual’ format this year.

Five teams from Darwin and Katherine competed in dressage, showjumping and games in Darwin over the recent long weekend.

The same judges then came to Alice Springs last weekend to judge the same tests in dressage and jumping.

“Being able to have a ‘virtual’ championships mean our riders and horses don’t have to travel to Darwin each year – an extremely expensive trip that is beyond our means on an annual basis,” Mrs Copland said.

“Alice Springs Pony Club is very proud of our showjumping and dressage teams’ achievements.

“We’d also like to thank Judith McGrath, our dressage team coach, and Sam Hill for helping our jump team, Matt Wharton for assisting in dressage and our Chief Instructor Lyn McCormick.

“Our next big event is a visit from Beijing Olympic silver medallist Megan Jones, who will be conducting lessons with our riders in a few weeks.”

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