

Midland Zone Delegates Meeting – August 2022

Date:	Tuesday 9 th Aug	Venue:	Online - zoom	Meeting open:	7.30pm
Attendance	Ararat: Jill Marshall	Bealiba: Julie Gould, Carolyn Stephenson			
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo:			
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Kaye Blanchard			
	Donald:	Harcourt: Peggy Mills			
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Jo Lane	Learmonth: Dave Sheludko			
	Loddon:	Maldon: Nicki Chalmers, Sonia Taylor			
	Mandurang Sth: Dylan Mealmaker, Donna Stebbins,	Maryborough: Linda Gerring			
	Neangar Park:	Stawell: Narelle O'Callaghan			
	St Arnaud: Katrina Cheeseman	Zone : Sue Foley			
Apologies :	Emelia Dudholz (Stawell), Kelli Dickerson (Horsham), Jacki Hogan (Horsham), Jill McEwan (Donald), Debbie Weir (Bealiba) Motion 2022.08.01 That the apologies be accepted M: BCuthbertson S: NChalmers				
Item	Action/Discussion		Outcome		
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion 2022.08.02 That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct.		M: NO'Callaghan S: SFoley		
2. Business Arising	2.1 PCA pony racing - Concern expressed re lack of standards, proof of competency.		ACTION: letter of concern to PCA – Faye Barnett (Bealiba) to detail Sec to follow up with Faye		
3. Correspondence In					
MZ Clubs	Harcourt PC eventing clinic				
	Bendigo PC – historic office bearers query		Unfortunately only able to provide one of the years in question		
	Bendigo PC - Emily Monro – Rally & Ride 2022 – joint rally camp		one of 20 people in Australia participating in the Pony Club Australia Leadership certificate program.		
	NPPC award of merit nomination				
	StArnaud PC – Gymkhana program				
	Maryborough PC – president contacts update				
	St Arnaud PC gymkhana cancellation and new date request				
	MaryboroughPC winter woollies gymkhana program				
	MaldonPC club officials update		Nominated DC – Melissa Gillespie		
PCV	PCV whip rules				
	New Victorian Child Safe Standards				
	PCA minimum medical standards – latest update				
	Reminder – pro rata membership fees				
	AGM support/info				
	Reminder – PCA gear rules effective 1 july				
	Pro Rata membership fees				
	Free webinars for clubs				
PCA	Medical services to pony club events				
	National Integrity Framework				
	Recording link for JustGo club drop in session				
	Hygain Pony Club Promotion				

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Others	EQ saddlery – Safety Vest Voucher for PC members	
	Quotation – race day medical	
	PC Just Go Club subscription	Mz upgrade
4. Correspondence Out		
	To all clubs - C-C*-K certificate nominations	
	To PCV – MZ CI nomination 2022-2023	
	To Jacinta Allen – letter of support for BendigoPC relocation	
	To all clubs – Sporting Club Grants now open	
	To all clubs – MZ individual and team SJ/flat ride program	
	To all clubs – team 4 & pairs ride	
	Application – sporting club grant	First aid training for MZ clubs
	Motion 2022.08.03 That the correspondence be accepted	M: BCuthbertson S:Sfoley
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
5.1 Treasurer	4 month statement April to August Total Assets: \$57,679.55 Income: \$3590.06 Expenditure: \$158872.72 This includes GFM ribbon order for 2 yrs, late accounts from Team Champs, Zone uniforms stock supply order, repairs & maintenance zone equip and Maldon Xcountry grant. MZ clinic camp gained \$140 profit	Motion 2022.08.04 That the Treasurers report be accepted M: NChalmers S: DSheludko
5.2 Zone Rep	Report read – see appendix Motion 2022.08.05 That the Zone Representative report be accepted.	M: Sfoley S: KCheeseman
5.3 Zone Chief Instructor	Report read Motion 2022.08.06 That the Zone Chief Instructors report be accepted.	M: LGerring S: DShedludko
5.4 Zone Examining Secretary	The next round of certificate nominations close on 20th August. This includes C/C*/K this round. The ridden date is scheduled for 8/9th October which now coincides with the Zone HT. So it will more than likely be held on the 8th. If numbers are large, then we may need to look at alternates. I already have a nomination for a K assessment which is great to see a higher level certificate coming through. I have also had people contacting me early to get organised, which is appreciated so there isn't a last minute rush.	Motion 2022.08.07 That the Zone Examining Secretary be accepted. M: NChalmers S: DShedludko
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 MZ Ride to Time Qualifiers	July 24 th @ Donald Racecourse	Successful event – riders qualified and prepared for state event.
6.2 Zone AGM	Section B – scheduled for August 19 th	Thank you to Katrina Cheesman (StArnaud PC) for booking St Arnaud

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		Sporting Club – has booked for 20-30 people for 7pm meal.
6.3 Zone Flat Team & SJ MZ shield	Section C – August 21 @Mandurang Sth	JMarshal has created Event planning checklist. Section to confirm working bee
6.4 Zone HT State Qualifiers	Section D –	JMarshal working on event planning checklist.
6.5 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	Section A – December 10-11 @ Horsham	Guidelines for the SJ & D series. ACTION: forward series guidelines to all clubs and identify events on the calendar.
7. General Business:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
7.1 MZ Bylaws update	MZ bylaw - 4.16.b. Zone meetings are held one week after PCV State Council meetings. Meetings alternate between Maryborough and St Arnaud	Motion 2022.08.08: Change to MZ bylaw 4.16.b That MZ meeting sare held 1 week following every second State Council meeting. Meetings occurring face to face three times each year 1 at Maryborough, 1 at St Arnaud and the AGM, remainder of meetings held online. M:BCuthbertson S:JLane
7.2 Around the clubs	Ararat	Busy preparing for endurance ride hosted for VERA. 110 entries. Club membership healthy 40+ with large group of R2R. Members keen to compete.
	Bealiba	Smokey Memorial event coming up on 10-11 sept, will have Sat night dinner & auction.
	Beaufort	No report
	Bendigo	Not present
	Castlemaine	Increasing membership
	Charlton	No report
	Donald	Not present
	Harcourt	No report
	Horsham	D & SJ & CT comp coming up. 2 days gymkhana & show sept 19 th
	Learmonth	Near membership capacity for grounds, 14 R2R & 10 junior members. Planning freshmans SJ series in 2023 indoor arena
	Loddon	No present
	Maldon	Alan Mitchell Sj clinic coming Saturday
	Mandurang South	HT last weekend excellent event. MMS variation process decreased event costs by \$2000, DMeal maker on PCV MMS variation committee, happy to discuss process with any club needing assistance. R2R age group concern – program description not in sync with PCV membership ages. Now not able to run R2R group until future members get to 3 yrs old.
	Maryborough	54 members including 12 R2R and adults. Held working equitation into @ rally – older riders enjoyed
	Neangar Park	Not present

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	Stawell	Membership strategy is strong
	St Arnaud	Postponed Winter Gymkhana due to extreme weather, now 28 th Aug. Preparing for MZ AGM. Alan Mitchell & Lyn McIntyre clinic at end Oct.
7.3 Membership ages & insurance	GowGates not insuring members outside ages 3-80 yrs of age, however statement will cover pre-existing members under 3yrs of age.	ACTION: Letter to PCV to clarify membership for current members under 3 yrs of age. Comment re insurance rule change and lack of notification to membership/clubs.
Next Meeting:	October 11th - online	Meeting Close: 8.45 pm

Zone reps report August 2022

Hello All,

July 1st saw the introduction of the PCA gear rules with some challenging issues, not the least being the 72 page document!

The Body protector standards are a bit confusing. PCA is not recognising the EN 13158 2009 standard but is accepting all BETA level 3 standards. If a riders need to purchase a new body protector be aware that PCA only accepts the EN 13158 2018 standard and at this point, all BETA level 3 standards.

It is possible to apply for a gear rule exemption by following the link on the PCA page <https://www.jotform.com/form/211177535758867>

The new PCA mandated medical compliance rules are also proving problematic for clubs in regards to sourcing the appropriate services. Again, it is possible to apply for a variation to the standards via the PCA website <https://form.jotform.com/221788376024057>

Some awareness and actions that clubs need to share with their members resulting from the two State council meetings held since my June report are:

- All PCV members aged 18 years and over who attend PC 3 or more times a year (including riders) need a current Working With Children Check. A photo of a current WWCC should be uploaded on the members JustGo profile. PCV MUST be listed as an organisation on the members WWCC account.*
- PCV is hosting a XC COURSE WORKSHOP on the first day of the Werribee PC horse trials being held on September 24th & 25th at the National equestrian centre. Theme: Introduction to XC course accreditation (training day). For clubs, riders, parents, coaches. The course will cover measuring distances, technicality of xc fences, terrain, styles of fences at different levels.*
- Please include on all future competition programs that PCA gear rules apply with the exception of the PCV whip rules. PCV whip rules still apply to Pony Club and Open riders. The following advice needs to be included on all competition programs that include dressage*

Current PCA National Gear rules apply with the exception of the PCA whip rule. PCV published whip rules are applicable.

- A whip not exceeding 1200mm including the lash is permitted for Grades Adv, 1, 2 & 3. EA Tests Preliminary and above. (only include the EA information if it is relevant to the tests being ridden.)*
- A whip not exceeding 750mm including the flap is permitted for Grades 4, 5 & 6, EA Preparatory tests. (only include the EA information if it is relevant to the tests being ridden.)*

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All programs must include the following condition of entry:

- *Gear check: Current PCA National Gear rules apply. All riders require a gear check before riding. The responsibility to ride in the correct competition gear remains with the competitor. If any judge or official discovers a competitor riding with incorrect competition gear, elimination may occur.*

The MZ Zone Horse Trials have been postponed to October and will not include a grade 1 competition. The event will be held at Maryborough PC grounds.

Congratulations to all the Midland Zone riders who had a fun weekend competing at the State Games Flat & Musical State event held at Woodlands PC, especially so to the Bealiba Brumbies on their 4th placing in the games Leah Haworth, Nicole Catto, Maddy Jackson, Charlotte Stewart, Victoria Heywood, May Edwards Perry, Charli Catto.

Congratulations also to- [Riley Perry-Parmenter](#) (Maryborough PC , Victoria Heywood (Bealiba PC), Nicole Catto (Bealiba PC), and [Olivia Jardine](#) (Bealiba PC) on their 2nd place in the team of 4 flat ride. Huge thanks to Riley for stepping in at the last hour to the team as Ingrid Gould's horse sadly suffered a paddock injury and was unable to compete which was very disappointing for Ingrid

Exciting news for Bealiba PC member Charlotte Stewart who has been selected in the Prince Philip Mounted Games Senior team to represent PCV at the 2022 Championships!! What a wonderful achievement! Congratulations Charlotte!

There was a great turnout of competitors at the mighty Midland Zone Ride to Time qualifiers held at Donald Racecourse at the end of July. Grateful thanks to Jack from the Donald racecourse for organising the use of the grounds and to the Donald pc committee for hosting our riders.

Special congratulations to Teaghan Stebbins from Mandurang Sth PC riding her wonderful OTT Lloyd Ashton who won the Open section and was also the best performed OTT in that section. A huge 'well done to Bessie Penhall Maryborough PC, riding Icarus Endeavour who achieved incredibly correct times in the Maiden section to qualify for the finals at Moonee Valley on September 3rd.

Jas Rollinson from Donald PC and her lovely OTT First D'Or won the best performed OTT in the Maiden section. All in all, it was a great day. Thank you to Donald PC for hosting the event and to Donald Racecourse for welcoming our riders to their lovely venue. Thanks go to Donna Stebbins who is a Ride To Time coach for coordinating the day and to Melissa For generously donating her time to cover the medical compliance and to Nicki Chalmers for collating the times and scores

Entries for the 2022 Midland Zone Individual & Team Show Jumping Event & Team of Four Flat Ride & Pairs ride are now open on Event Secretary. The date is August 21st and the venue is Mandurang Sth PC grounds, Hannans Rd, Mandurang Sth

Midland Zone riders who want to enter the Team of 4 Flat ride and or the Pairs ride, please contact your club DC.

At the start of 2022 PCV clubs were asked if riders would support a showing Championships. The idea received majority support from the Zones resulting in a subcommittee being formed to develop the event.

At this stage the venue will be at Werribee Park and the date will coincide with the Sumner horse show. There will be no qualifiers that are all PCV riders are welcome to compete at a PCV State Championships but must be graded for dressage. Classes will be Smartest on Parade, rider, handler, mount most suitable, pair of riders, trio of riders.

The date for the first event is 2024 to give club DCs time to add showing lessons and show prep lessons to rally programs. Entries based on dressage grading of the combination, split into heights under 14.2 hh and over 14.2hh – Watch this space!

Happy horsing!

Sue Foley

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Midland Zone is divided into four sections (A, B, C, D). Each section holds one zone event per year on a rotating basis. The calendar rotation also includes the MZ AGM dinner and MZ Workshops.

Midland Zone Sections				
A	B	C	D	
Ararat Beaufort Horsham Learmonth Stawell	Charlton Donald Loddon St Arnaud	Bendigo Maldon Mandurang South Neangar Park	Bealiba Castlemaine Harcourt Maryborough	
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Midland Zone Horse Trials	D	C	B	A
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers	A	B	D	C
Midland Zone Games, Flat Musical & Pairs	B	A	C	D
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team	C	D	A	B
Midland Zone AGM	B	D	A	C
Midland Zone Coaches Workshop	D	A	C	B
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend	C	B	D	A