### **2022 Annual General Meeting**

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Midland Zone of Pony Club Victoria Inc. was held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the St Arnaud Sporting Club function room following dinner.

### Welcome and Introductions: Meeting opened 8.20pm

### Apologies:

Emelia Sudholz (Horsham PC), Don Roach (LM), Ann Marston (LM), Loris Cole (LM) Debbie Weir (Bealiba PC), Paris Room (Mandurang PC), Tracey Peter (Castlemaine PC), Salonika Hardie (Castlemaine PC), Debbie Peter (Castlemaine PC), Helen Spencer (Ararat PC), Pat Hedger (Maryborough PC), Emma & Roger LeGrand (Learmonth PC), Dave Sheludko (Learmonth PC). Tony Blanchard (Charlton PC), Debbie Ruff (Maryborough PC), Coleen & Col Bothille (Maryborough PC), Aileen Marshal (LM).

Motion 2022.1: That the apologies be accepted Moved: Kylie Johnston Seconded: Trista Hoyland

### Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting:

Motion 2022.2. That the minutes from the 2121 Midland Zone AGM be accepted. Moved: Sue Foley Seconded: Linda Gerring

### **Executive Committee Reports:**

### 1. President's Report for 2022

It is with please that I give my 2021/2022 annual report. Covid, not so much of a problem this year, but well and truly still with us so everyone still needs to be very careful. Riders and members are still missing out on events because they have been unlucky enough to have caught covid, and I feel this is going to go on for some time yet.

The year started with the Victorian team championships held at Bendigo showgrounds, and once again this was an amazing event, thanks to Sue Foley and her hardworking committee. Many compliments from riders and parents who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, having loads of fun and meeting new friends and eagerly awaiting the next one.

April, saw the return of our 2 day camp for members, after a few years absence, mainly due to covid. The camp was held at the Dunolly horse activity club grounds which was an excellent venue, with dressage arena, show jumping arena and a full cross country course as well as enough yards for all horses.

The 2 days consisted of Dressage with Jason Dins, Show jumping with Jamie Murray, Cross country with Barry Roycroft, Games with Chelsea Gale, Barrells with Pat Collins, Bit fitting with Fiona Derring, Harness with Jamie Thompson, Polo Crosse with Sarah Sewell, Linda Gerring who took the Ready to Ride group, and the riders also learnt how to braid a lead rope. It was a great time for all riders who attended and they are eagerly awaiting the camp for next year which hopefully will be around the same time.

The state games, and flat teams were held at Charlton Pony club, where there was a lack of flat teams, but thankyou to Bealiba for fielding a team and then going onto State and placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done girls. The games was better attended with several teams this time, and the first time for a lot of riders, who had great fun and learnt a lot about the competition. Well done to Bealiba again!!

Several ridings (and parents) made the long trip to Mansfield for the State Horse Trials, with all riders doing a fantastic job with many placings throughout the grades. Congratulations



to all riders for representing your zone with a high level of competitiveness. You all did your zone proud.

And as I always say, thank you Sue Foley for your tireless efforts for PCV and especially our zone and to outgoing office bearings who I hope will stand for re-election for the next year.

Peggy Mills, President Midland Zone, 2022.

Motion 2022.3: That the Presidents Report be accepted. Moved: Peggy Mills Seconded: Sue Foley

**2. Treasurer's Report for 2022** Financial Statements provided. Treasurer not attending.

Motion 2022.4: That the Financial Statement be accepted. Moved: Nicki Chalmers Seconded: Kira Chalmers

### **Financial Statements 2022**

Total Bank

57,210.92

### Profit and Loss Midland Zone Pony Club

### For the year ended 30 June 2022

Certificate - Rider Fee	360.00
Clinic	5,758.00
Covid Income	2,500.00
Event Income	182.00
Games Flat Musical Pair	1,547.50
Hire Deposit and Fee radio's	820.00
Hire- Saddleblanket	20.00
Interest Income	1.99
Member Saddleblanket purchase	95.00
Member Uniform purchase	720.00
Other Revenue	8.50
Raffle	801.80
Ride To Time	150.00
Show jumping Teams entry	140.00
SJ & Dressage State Quals	4,900.04
Socks	97.30
Sponsorship Team Champs	5,454.00
State SJ & D Rider half fee	1,080.00
Team Champs	21,182.00
Team Champs Polo orders	4,080.99
Team of 4 ride	40.00
Total Trading Income	49,939.12
Gross Profit	49,939.12
Certificate - Judges Travel	116.00
Certificate Judges Cost	450.00
Clinic Expenses	5,916.00
Consulting & Accounting	391.59
Dressage Trailer Registration	61.40
Event Costs	187.90
G F M & P Expenses	2,738.33
Horse Trials Expenses	2,993.59
Legal expenses	60.10
Office Expenses	283.12
PCV Subscriptions	150.00
Refund Deposit Fees	600.00
Refund to Club from Stripe incorrect payments	8.50
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00
Rider Sponsorship Nationals	340.00

## Profit and Loss Midland Zone Pony Club Profit and Loss

2022

SJ & Dressage State Quals Expenses	4,489.92
State HT Half Rider Refund	250.00
Team Champs expense Polo order	3,173.00
Team Champs Expenses	18,302.81
zone uniform purchase	1,073.00
Total Operating Expenses	42,585.26

### **Net Profit**

7,353.86



### 3. Midland Zone Representative Report for 2022

Good evening to our Special guests, life members, members and friends. I stand before you as the very proud zone rep of the Mighty Midland Zone. Each year as I write this report it is such a great experience to look back on all that the clubs and the riders have achieved since the last Zone AGM.

In the 2021 PCV AGM report the Midland Zone was one of 4 zones that showed increased membership compared to the previous year. This is a wonderful achievement for a small zone during the challenging times of Covid. Thank you to the club committees and to the Midland Zone executive who work hard to ensure that the pony club experience for our members is such a positive one.

Our Zone has been a forerunner in the acceptance and promotion of the Ready 2 Ride program and the inclusion of adult riding members. These membership categories serve to support what I think is the future of pony club in the Equestrian association market place and that is as the association that values the community aspect of belonging to a club, along with ongoing learning, fun, friendship and competition opportunities. Pony club is unique in offering all these opportunities in the one association and here in the Midland Zone we do this so well.

Despite the ongoing challenges, caused by COVID, of holding rallies and events in the last ¼ of 2021, MZ president Peggy Mills ran a valuable show jump course building and show jump judging workshop at Maryborough PC which was well supported and included participants from nearby Zones. Peggy also put together a wonderful 2 day Midland Zone camp at the Dunolly Adult riding grounds in April. All who attended the camp had a great time and learned a lot thanks to the skill and quality of the coaches and the varied disciplines on offer including archery, polo cross and long reining.

Covid also managed to badly impact the PCA National that were to be hosted by Victoria at Benalla meaning the Nationals became a virtual competition which was very disappointing for all involved. T didn't stop our riders from achieving great results!

Congratulations to Kian Blanchard from Charlton PC who placed second in the Junior Tetrathlon competition.

Bendigo PC rider Holi Campbell was a member of the Sub Junior Show jumping Team that placed first. Well done to Holi!

Congratulations also to Paris Fieldler from Horsham PC who placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in Elementary dressage competition.

*Iris Sudholz , also from Horsham place 5<sup>th</sup> sub junior Combined Training . It was not possible to hold a virtual horse trials competition so the event was run as Combined Training.* 

In December the qualifiers for the 2022 State Show Jumping and Dressage Championships were held at Mandurang Sth PC. The Zone SJ & Flat shield competition was combined with this event due to an earlier postponement because of Covid restrictions.

Bealiba PC won the SJ shield and Loddon PC won the Flat shield. Both were very well deserved results.

The New Year saw the introduction of the Just Go system which gave, and continues to give some challenges and headaches. Thanks to MZ Chief Instructor Linda Gearing for offering her assistance to club secretaries who were struggling with the system. Thanks go to Linda too for her organisation of the NCAS workshops, the games workshop and the support she offers to Midland Zone coaches and clubs in all things coaching.

In February the Midland Zone riders who qualified for the PCV State SJ & D Championships headed off to Sale for 2 days of competition.

The MZ was represented by a talented group of riders from various clubs across the zone who all did their clubs and their zone proud. The B Grade SJ team of Kian Blanchard, Ingrid Gould, Jasmyn Beasley and Holi Campbell place 3<sup>rd</sup> which was a great effort. Our grade2 Dressage team Jasmyn Beesley ,Asha Fiedler and Courtney Dickerson did an outstanding job to place first overall as the GRADE 2 Dressage Champions

Jasmyn Beesley riding Mr Jackson won the Advanced Dressage Champion, an outstanding achievement.

The long weekend in March was again the date for the Midland Zone Victorian PC Team Championships. Each year the organising committee refines the event just that bit more, resulting in great feedback from the competitors. As always special thanks g to the tireless committee who go above and beyond to make this such a great weekend for the competitors and most importantly, it's the major fund raiser for the Midland Zone

A fun day was had by all who rode at the fabulous Charlton grounds in April for the Games Flat and Musical State qualifiers. Bealiba PC riders had a great day resulting in their teams winning the pairs, the flat rides and the games. The Bealiba Brumbies games team did very well to place 4<sup>th</sup> at State with the team of 4 placing a fantastic 2nd.

The PCV State horse trials were held at the beautiful Mansfield PC grounds in May. Our mighty Midland Zone riders were out in full force with strong representation across the grades and some wonderful results.

Mandurang Sth Superstars Jasmyn Beesley, Prudence Robinson and Teaghan Stebbins rode brilliantly to on win the John Barlee Perpetual Shield and to the Mighty Midland composite club team of Mackenzie Downing, Anna Sudholz, Ingrid Gould and Iris Sudholz who placed second. Such a great achievement for our Zone!

Maddy Jackson and Grace Christiansen from Bealiba PC rode really well to secure 6 th place in grade 4 Interzones in a composite team with riders from Barwon Zone.

Ingrid Gould riding Treasured Image in grade 2 did a fantastic job and placed 5th overall

Jasmyn Beesley from Mandurang Sth PC, had outstanding and well deserved results at the Horseland Pony Club Victoria Horse Trials Festival 2022 winning the grade I competition and the Best Performed OTT on her talented mare Ella Azure. She also won the grade 2 competition on Jazdan Spellbound.

Congratulations to team Midland Magic on placing 3rd in the grade 5 InterZone competition Shayla Lister, Maldon PC rode 2 horses in the team that also included Alice Hogan, Maldon PC and Zeva Missen, Bealiba PC

Maldon PC member Mackenzie Downing and her brave horse Wildoak Rockafella did a fantastic job in the 1.10m class placing 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The MZ Ride to Time qualifiers were held at Donald PC in July. Thank you to Donna Stebbins for coordinating the day. Best of luck to Teaghan Stebbins MSPC in the Open section and Bessie Penhall Maryborough PC in the Maiden section when they compete at the Ride to Time finals on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Moonee valley

I think it is very important to look back over the year and recognise the competition achievements of our riders but equally important is to acknowledge the committeemen of the club committees and all the riders of this zone to pony club.

When visiting the clubs of the Midland Zone my orange and black heart is constantly warmed by the many sights of riders enjoying their horse and ponies, enjoying each other's company and being supported by dedicated committees who do it all for the love

of pony club and the benefits to be gained from belonging to this great organisation. Thank you one and all!

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It remains only for me, on behalf of the clubs and members of the zone to acknowledge the fantastic work done by the zone executive committee.

President Peggy Mills, senior vice President Jo Lane, Junior vice president Donna Stebbins, our very capable treasurer Debbie Weir, Secretary Bronwyn Cuthbertson, who needs to be thanked for the hours she devoted this year to building the new Zone website.

Thanks to Nicki Chalmers who is a wealth of pony club knowledge and experience and brings this to the great job she does as Zone certificate coordinator and examining secretary.

Jill Marshall stepped up last year to take on the Zone event secretary position and she has done a great job and is introducing new ideas to streamline event organisation.

Chief instructor Linda Gerring not only coordinates all things coaching but also coaches at rallies in her own club and others.

Pony Club Victoria relies heavily on the good will of volunteers and the Midland Zone is so very fortunate to have these talented and generous people supporting the clubs and members of the zone. My sincere thanks go to the outgoing committee.

I look forward to working with the incoming committee in my role as Zone rep for the next 12 months. Long live the Mighty Midland Zone!!

Thank you Sue Foley

Motion 2022.5: That the MZR report be accepted

Moved: Sue Foley Seconded: Kay Blanchard

- 4. Midland Zone Chief Instructors Report report read Motion 2022.6: That the ZCI report be accepted Moved: Linda Gerring Seconded: Kylie Fiedler
  5. Midland Zone Examining Secretary Report - report read Motion 2022.7: That the MZES report be accepted Moved: Nicki Chalmers Seconded: Julie Gould
  6. Midland Zone Club report presentation
- 6. Midland Zone Club photo presentation.

Thanks to Morgan Lane of Horsham PC for putting together the presentation of photos that celebrates the clubs of the Midland Zone during 2022. Congratulations to Morgan on her appointment to the Pony Club International Alliance Youth Advisory Council. This is such an amazing and well-deserved achievement. Morgan is one of only two people in Australia chosen for the Council. Morgan you have always been a shining example and a wonderful role model to all pony club members and your zone is proud of you.

### **Election of Executive Members**

- 1. All Midland Zone Executive will stand down and positions declared vacant.
- 2. Meeting chair Dylan Mealmaker (Mandurang South PC) to oversee appointment of the incoming committee.
- 3. Call for nominations from the floor for MZ event secretary.

Nominations received

President	Peggy Mills	Nominated by DC	Nominated by secretary
	Harcourt PC	Chakra Williams	Elsa Habich

		Harcourt PC	Harcourt PC
Senior Vice	Jo Lane	Nominated by DC	Nominated by secretary
President	Horsham PC	Kylie Fiedler	Kelli Dickerson
		Horsham PC	Horsham PC
Junior Vice	Julie Gould	Nominated by DC	Nominated by secretary
President	Bealiba PC	Faye Barnett	Debbie Weir
		Bealiba PC	Bealiba PC
Treasurer	Debbie Weir	Nominated by DC	Nominated by secretary
	Bealiba PC	Faye Barnett	Debbie Weir
		Bealiba PC	Bealiba PC
Secretary	Bronwyn	Nominated by DC	Nominated by secretary
-	Cuthbertson	Julie Burton	Remi Gray
	Beaufort PC	Ararat PC	Beaufort PC
Zone	Nicki Chalmers	Nominated by DC	Nominated by secretary
Examining	Maldon PC	Narelle O'Callaghan	Malinda Hall
Secretary		Stawell PC	Stawell PC
Zone Event	Jill Marshall	Nicki chalmers	Sue foley
Secretary	Ararat PC	Maldon PC	Zone
Secretary	Ararat PC	Ivialdon PC	Zone

### General Business:

### 1. Midland Zone Life Membership awarded to Sue Foley.

President Peggy Mills described it as a very pleasurable moment to present a very special award to a very special member. A member show always had the zone riders best interests at heart. Plays by the rules so everything is black and white. Will always be there for anyone who needs some help, whether riders, parents r officials and if she doesn't know something that is asked of her, she will find out. Encouraging and supporting every rider. Heling out with programming of events. Heling out where needed, including being a cross country jump judge at zone horse trials and club horse trials. Doing a lot more that is normally required. And most notable for her OCD making sure every ribbon is placed perfectly on every rider for every photo. A previous DC of Bendigo Pony Club for many, many years. Who always went above and beyond for the club members. A parent of 2 keen girls in Britt and Elke who followed their pursuits in many horse riding activities whilst they were members of Bendigo Pony Clubs. Many miles were travelled around the state attending events with her girls. A very supportive parent for many years.

Sue was a very strong advocate for the Midland Zone during the PCV constitution changes. She is a current member of many committees, including the PCV rules subcommittee, the Horse Trials Championships, the State show Jumping and Dressage committee, PCV showing championships, PCV annual awards judging panel and presentations and a PCV representative on the PCV gear rules committee. And most of all is the Midland Zone's representative to the PCV council.

It is with great pleasure to present Life Membership of the Midland Zone.

2. Review and confirm Midland Zone Club Affiliation fees for following year. These fees have been waived in 2020 and 2021 in response to the COVID pandemic concerns.

Motion 2022.8: That the club affiliation fees remain unchanged at \$90 for the 2022-2023 year.

Moved: Bronwyn Cuthbertson Seconded: Trista Hoyland

### General Business:

 Proposed change to Midland Zone By-Laws. Motion: That all Zone ran events offer all grades for competition. Proposed by Kaye Blanchard

Rationale: In reference to the upcoming zone horse trials at Maryborough, it has been minuted at the last meeting, Tuesday 09 August that the Zone Horse Trials at Maryborough will not be running a grade 1 event.

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It is possible to offer and run a grade 1 event, even though it will not count as a State Qualifying event. It allows all riders the ability to be a part of a club team to compete for the zone shield, which is the main purpose of the event.

Comments from clubs – currently working towards updating xcountry courses – would not be able to offer G1 qualifier course, but could offer a competition course for G1 rider. Issues identified – zone event rotation, volunteer hours of multiple clubs in a section, competitor travel

**ACTION** – no seconder for the motion. To hold over for further discussion at next delegates meeting in October

 Proposed change to Midland Zone By-Laws. Motion: That all zone ran events, give priority entry to pony club members within the Midland Zone. Proposed by Kaye Blanchard

Rationale: When competition spaces are limited, it can be published and upheld that Midland Zone Riders have priority for the competition that is being ran by the zone for the zone.

**ACTION** – no seconder for the motion. To hold over for further discussion at next delegates meeting in October

### **Guest Speaker**

#### Mel Peacock

Mel Peacock is a Quantum Savvy Horsemanship Senior Instructor and Grade 3 Horse Trainer. She specializes in building confidence in both horse and rider. Through training horses and offering coaching and support of the QS Programme, Mel has helped countless people achieve their goals and become more confident, safe and successful with horses. Mel has studied extensively with Shane & Meredith Ransley—Co Founders of Quantum Savvy Horsemanship—and has travelled the country teaching and training horses. Her experience has led her to become Quantum Savvy's highest ranked Instructor and Horse Trainer.

Next AGM: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August) section D

Meeting Closed: 2150



Annual General Meeting Attendance List				
Friday 19th August 2022				
Club Name	Club Representatives Present			
Ararat	Jill Marshall, Wendy Dickenson			
Bealiba	Julie Gould, Camille Dowling, Maddy Jackson, Carolyn Stephenson			
Beaufort	Bronwyn Cuthbertson			
Bendigo	apologies			
Castlemaine	apologies			
Charlton	Joan Smith, Kaye Blanchard,			
Donald	apologies			
Harcourt	Peggy Mills			
Horsham	Kylie Fiedler, Kelli Dickerson, Morgan Lane, Jo Lane			
Learmonth	apologies			
Loddon				
Maldon	Melissa Gillespie, Kim Williams			
Mandurang South	Dylan Mealmaker, Kira Chalmers			
Maryborough	Linda Gerring			
Neangar Park	Trista Hoyland			
Stawell	Narelle O'Callaghan			
St Arnaud	Kylie Kirk, Katrina Cheeseman			
Zone	Sue Foley, Nicole Chalmers			
Life Members, special guests, etc.	Mel Peacock, Alex Little			