

## Midland Zone Delegates Meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

Date:	Venue:	Online - zoom	Meeting open:	7.36pm
<b>Attendance</b>	Ararat: Jill Marshall	Bealiba: Debbie Weir, Julie Gould, Caroline Stewart,		
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo: Susan Harvey,		
	Castlemaine: not attending	Charlton: Joan Smith, Kaye Blanchard		
	Donald: not attending	Harcourt: Peggy Mills		
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Kellie Dickerson,	Learmonth: Dave Sheluako		
	Loddon: not attending	Maldon: Nicki Chalmers, Jacqui Hogan,		
	Mandurang Sth: Dylan Mealmaker	Maryborough: Linda Gerring		
	Neangar Park:	Stawell: apologies		
	St Arnaud: Kylie Kirk	Zone: Sue Foley		
<b>Apologies :</b>	Emilia Sudholz – Stawell PC. Motion 2022.12.01 That the apologies be accepted Mov: BronwynC Sec: SueF carried			
<b>Item</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>		
<b>1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	Motion 2022.12.02 That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct.	Mov: KylieK Sec: JacquiH		
<b>2. Business Arising</b>	Nil			
<b>3. Correspondence In</b>				
MZ Clubs	7/12 NPPC event nominations			
	6/12 Horsham PC – alternative event date			
	2/12 Bendigo PC – 2023 calendar dates			
	30/11 Maryborough PC 2023 calendar dates			
	2/12 Bendigo PC – website update info for facebook link			
	29/11 Bealiba – 2023 calendar dates			
	29/11 Kaye Blanchard – Charlton – D & SJ team consideration request			
	25/11 Neangar Park PC – 2023 calendar dates			
	18/11 Horsham PC – 2023 calendar dates			
	13/11 Maryborough PC – cancellation host HT			
	10/11 Charlton PC – flood damage to grounds/xcountry course			
	22/11 St Arnaud PC – 2023 calendar dates			
	10/11 Maldon PC – Adv first aid course 25 feb			
	4/11 Steph Horton – D & SJ team consideration request			
	25/10 Mandurang PC – 2023 calendar dates			
	3/11 Maldon PC – 2023 calendar dates			
	17/10 Maryborough PC – date change for MZ HT			
PCV	6.12 D&SJ champs & WWCC information			
	4/12 Working with children checks	Issues with website upload		
	9/12 coach membership now open	Clubs should not have a coach membership category		
	9/12 zone affiliation due			

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	7/12 PCV awards nomination MZ applicants for approval	
	30/11 2023 coach registration update	
	29/11 Zone membership renewal & change to stripe express	
	28/11 2023 fee update	
	15/11 Horse archer club information	
	2023 membership fee update	
	17/11 PCV cross country course design guide	
	3/11 Flood recovery update for clubs	
	12/11 Tetrathlon state championship entries open	
	24/10 Vic Gov Flood Recovery grants open	
	20/10 Bealiba PC - D & SJ program	
	29/11 Zone membership renewal advice	
PCA	2023 edition of the PCA national gear rules	
	21/10 Race Day Medical Services – Quote for date change	
Others	22/11 Club Builder 2035	
<b>4. Correspondence Out</b>		
To MZ members via justgo	Bealiba SJ & Dressage	
	19/10 Coach connect workshop & assessment	
To MZ club officials	22/11 ClubBuilder 2035	
	19/10 Minimum medical standards variation form and examples for club use	
General	Incorporation Victoria annual	
Motion 2022.12.03	That the correspondence be accepted	Mov: BronwynC      Sec: NickiC
<b>5. Reports</b>		
	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>5.1</b> Treasurer	Club query re zone rider fees.	Confirmed MZ does not impose rider fees and have waived 2023 Club affiliation fees.
	MZ currently as approx. \$31,000 in working account. This includes the recent \$5000 grant money.  It does not include the recent HT profit as yet to finalise the event. Expect approx. \$4000 profit.	Motion 2022.12.04 That the financial report be accepted Mov: DebbieW      Sec: BronwynC
<b>5.2</b> Zone Rep	Report read. Appendix 1	Motion 2022.12.05 That the Zone Rep report be accepted. Mov: SueF      Sec: NickiC
<b>5.3</b> Zone Chief Instructor	Report read.	Motion 2022.12.05 That the CI report be accepted. Mov: LindaG      sec: NickiC
<b>5.4</b> Zone Examining Secretary	Report read. Appendix 2	Motion 2022.12.06 That the ZES report be accepted. Mov: NickiC      sec: JacquiH
<b>6. Zone Events:</b>		
	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>6.1</b> Zone HT State Qualifiers	Section D	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November – Hosted by Mandurang South PC at short notice due

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		to continued rain affecting Maryborough grounds.
<b>6.2</b> First Aid providers for events	Grant received to train MZ volunteers. Plan for venues/dates/promotion to MZ members	\$5000 towards Adv first aid training for MZ club volunteers that MUST attend at least 1 MZ event each year. MZ will partially fund courses – amount dependant on EOI numbers. Payable on attending a course. ACTION: forward EOI to MZ members via JustGo. Unable to refund on training already completed (terms of grant).
<b>6.3</b> Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	Event 3 of series; December 10-11 - Venue change due to flood affecting Horsham grounds – held at Dunolly	
<b>6.4</b> NCAS coaching clinic	Held at Maryborough	Successful event.
<b>6.5</b> 2023 Ride to Time Qualifying series	Noted the changes to qualifications as per Zone Rep report	Confirmed possible dates to be added to MZ 2023 calendar – May (any weekend), June (4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> ), July (30 <sup>th</sup> ) for State finals in Sept.  Action: Jill Marshall to source racecourse venues.
<b>7. General Business:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>7.1</b> 2023 MZ calendar	Confirm calendar dates and start determining host clubs for MZ events.	ACTION: Send revised version to all clubs for 2023 competition events.
<b>7.2</b> Flood affected Clubs	Charlton - Small membership and questioning longevity of club and resources to rebuild xcounrty infrastructure	Confident about keeping the club going, not confident in ability to rebuild the xcounrty course. IT would be in the zones best interest to determine if the course can be rebuilt/redesigned to reduce flood vulnerability. Course builder Mick available to assess course – anything salvageable? Suggestion from Kaye – to create portable jumps for river front that can be moved when expecting a flood. ? Charlton OK to spend some of \$5000 on course assessment. Get quote for further grant application. ? MZ to fund Nicki happy to help with ordering timber as has worked with Mick in the past. Julie commented that buy locally. Charlton PC a member of the community asset committee – Carolyn Stewart looking if LGA grants available. Estimates from Nicki Gd1 & 2 \$10,000 Ways to save money – zone members offer to build portable jumps Charlton has a mens shed - ? may build portables if given plans. Dave Shedudko offering help when needed. Has machinery. Notify when Mick booked for course assessment.

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		ACTION: Sue to book Mick for course assessment
<b>7.3</b> D & SJ series	This year was not a good start to the series with weather affecting all rounds. Does MZ continue with the concept?	Motion 2022.12.07: that the D & SJ qualifying event return to a single event on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> weekend in December. Mov: SueF Linda gerring carried unan
<b>7.4</b>	Raffles at Mildand Zone events. Suggestion from treasure Debbie Weir that the MZ move back to the host club run the raffle to help raise funds to cover facility fees. Clubs attending to donate goods to raffle. Generally raises \$200-400	Motion 2022.12.08: That the host club/host section takes over the raffle at zone events. Mov: DebbieW Sec: NickiC
<b>7.5</b> Around the clubs	Ararat	Fun Christmas rally, Horsham attended. Has possible new site for xcountr course
	Bealiba	Fun Christmas rally, SJ & D clinics before Christmas, Allan M in jan.
	Beaufort	No flood damage, but grounds very wet, restricting activies on grounds
	Bendigo	Ongoing planning for move to Gornong Visit from Santa at Christmas rally 2 grants – portable yards purchased – can be hired to members \$1000 towards new xcountr jumps Members attended coaching clinic. Riders qualified for state event – Emily, Holly riding 5 horses at MZ qual event. Congratulations to Steph Horton for PCV award. Special mention to Dylan Mealmaker assisting with MMS. Currently have 2 adv 1staiders, 3 basic 1 <sup>st</sup> aid Younger riders beginning to compete and doing well.
	Castlemaine	Not attending
	Charlton	1 rally since the flood – flooding covered most of grounds. 6 members for 2023 confirmed. Getting input from members
	Donald	Not attending
	Harcourt	Christmas rally, 7 riders competing in D & SJ. Surface for arena to be completed in next week. Combined rally with Mandurang Sth as unable to use own grounds
	Horsham	Grounds flooded and site shut. Last rally casual BBQ. Shared Christmas rally with Ararat. Successful riders at MZ D & SJ. Planning beach camp in 2023.
	Learmonth	Interesting year – grounds underwater. D star certificate assessments completed in October. Nov/Dec rallies Recently updated constitution in-line with PCV. New members coming on committee with connections to other community groups

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	Loddon	Not attending
	Maldon	Christmas rally – perpetual trophy acknowledging Julie Robbins presented. Shay Lister qualified for state SJ ADV First aid clinic sat 25 <sup>th</sup> feb DELWP grounds assessment – oval arena to be improved and some maintenance equip to be provided
	Mandurang South	Host for MZ horse trials, thank you for MZ support to get grounds and jumps prepared. This was MSPC first HT with this committee. ? responsibility of sections to support the event. What is the obligation of the host section when a venue changed at short notice to another section. Club committee felt they were offered little support from host section. Combined rallies have been beneficial for members. Flood affected clubs should promote working bees as many others out there to assist. Santa attended Christmas rally. Recent fall at rally requiring ambulance, first responders performed well.
	Maryborough	Christmas rally, thanks to Pat Hedger who has created Christmas showbags for riders. Planning club camp in January to encourage members to re-join earlier in the year.
	Neangar Park	Quite relaxed Christmas rally. Wayne Hurst and drill work. Combined rally with HRCVA club – 65 people attended.
	Stawell	Apologies received.
	St Arnaud	Half day Christmas rally. New DC, planning 2023. Ready2ride members graduating to junior members
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month commencing February</b>	<b>Meeting Close: 2207</b>

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

### Zone Reps report December 2022

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Hi All, there have been two State council meetings since our last zone meeting.

The first in October.

A summary of the decisions from that meeting is as follows:

- The 2023 State showjumping and dressage championships will be hosted by Yarrambat pony club in the North Metro Zone on the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- The 2023 PCV State Horse Trials festival is to be held at Balnarring PC in the South Metro Zone on the weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. There have been changes to the name and format of the event. Name change to PCV State Horse Trials Championships including the John Barlee Shield and the Interzone Teams Challenge Perpetual Shield.

All qualified Grade 4 and 5 combinations can enter the event as individual entries and be eligible for sashes/prizes the same as the PCV110 to grade 3 competitors

John Barlee Shield – Teams to consist of 3 or 4 riders from across grades PCV110 to 3, with at least 2 riders from different grades. Club teams only – no composite teams.

Interzone Teams Challenge Perpetual Shield – Zones to nominate up to two Grade 4 and Grade 5 teams from individual entries, Scores from the top Grade 4 and Grade 5 team are added for each zone to select the winning zone for the Interzone Teams Challenge Perpetual Shield.

State Council also agreed that due to the lack of opportunity to qualify for the 2023 State HT Championships the qualifying criteria will be modified for all grades to 2 qualifiers including one in the year of the championships. One qualifier with no xc penalties and one with 20 or less xc fence penalties

- The PCV XC Accreditor training held in September at the Werribee PC horse trials was a success. Plans for the future include moving the training opportunities to venues around the state
- A discussion regarding PCV110 HT Grade that clubs rely on open riders to enter these events to make them viable, but our PCV110 doesn't meet the MERS (Minimum Eligibility Requirements) for EA 2\* The proposal was approved to go the Board to increase the height of Show Jumping for PCV110 from 1.10m to 1.15m so that it would be recognized as a EA 2\* MER, leading to more entries.
- Also discussed water to water jumps being added to our rule book for grade one and above, if built by a qualified course designer. Approved to be forwarded to the board.

SC has not received the minutes from the November meeting as yet. Items on the Agenda included:

- The approval of the Templates of handbooks that have been developed to assist Zones to host the State Sj & D Championships and the State Horse Trials Championships. The handbooks have been compiled to assist the Zones in the planning and the delivery of the PCV Championship events to support the Host Zone in ensuring excellence and consistency in delivering the event.
- A discussion of the Ride to Time grading and qualifying event criteria as recommended by the RTT subcommittee has mandated that all riders must attend two qualifying events held on separate days. All RTT combinations must now be graded.
- Combinations must attend two qualification days in the calendar year, to be eligible for consideration to ride in the State Final.
- Combinations can record one qualifying time, per zone qualifier, per day. Each combination can only ride a maximum of 3 x 1000m – familiarisation round, practice round and a qualification round. This means that our Zone must now hold 2 separate qualifying days. Riders can travel to another Zone for a qualification.
- Final approval to compete in the State Final must be provided by each riders Zone Representative.
- PONY CLUB VICTORIA FINALIST ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS:
  1. Ride to Time Zone Coaches will submit results to the State Coach after each qualification event is complete.
  2. At conclusion of all zone qualification events, the PCV Ride To Time Committee will meet to verify results to ensure all data has been collected and is correct.

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3. Finalist details are then forwarded to the PCV Zone Representatives for approval.
4. PCV announces the finalists & notifies successful riders of their selection to the State Final and the next steps.

Incoming correspondence included letters from Kaye Blanchard.

The first was about the John Barlee Shield, the makeup of teams and the scoring. This was addressed at the previous meeting. Scoring for the Team events is now done by raw scores as the dressage test scores percentages are all converted to penalty points

The second letter concerned the date of the Tetrathlon championships being the second weekend in December which is also the date of some zones qualifiers for SJ & D champs.

The recommendation from SC to the Tetrathlon committee is that they move their championships to the second weekend in January. 3

Congratulations to Asha and Paris Fielder from Horsham pony club who were both members of the Australian team that competed in the 2022 Pony Club International Dressage competition.

It was great to see the musical Ride team from Maryborough strut their stuff at Equitana as a part of the demonstration of pony club activities organised by PCA. The team consisted of Curly Jarrett, Makayla Cocking, Bessie Penhall and Renae Nielsen.

Carly Jarrett and her horse Jake also placed in the Handy Mount challenge which was a great achievement with so many riders in this event.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going Despite having only SIX days to to prepare their grounds, including a super human feat by Nicky Chalmers to accredit the course, the Midland Zone Horse Trials DID go-ahead at the beautiful Mandurang South Pony Club grounds thanks to the Dream Team of Dylan Mealmaker, Nicki Chalmers, Melanie Burke, Sharon O'Neill, Peggy Mills ,Jill Moran Marshall, Nicky Dowler, Erin Downie, Paris Room, Kelly Edwards, Travis and Sandra Diss , Julie Miller Gould and Julie Robins

Thank you to everyone involved who worked hard at the working bees. Due to the commitment of these wonderful people there were so many smiling faces that enjoyed a great day of equestrian competition.

Well done to the riders who gained a qualifier for the 2023 PCV State Horse Trials Festival.

Congratulations to the winners and place getters of all the grades but especially so to the Mandurang Sth team of Prudence Robinson, Matilda Burke, Charlee Dowler, and Scarlett Shepherd who won the Midland Zone Horse Trials Club Team Challenge Shield.

Huge congratulations to Charlton PC members Amalie Blanchard and Kian Blanchard who achieved a fantastic double whammy today at the Pony Club Victoria State Tetrathlon Championships.

Amalie was awarded Sub-Junior female winner and overall "Top Run" points and second highest score across all ages and gender.

Kian overall was the Junior male winner.

What brilliant achievements!

Congratulations to Neangar Park Pony Club member Steph Horton who was awarded the Pony Club Victoria Award of Merit today at the Zone qualifiers

A huge THANK YOU to the clubs of Section A, who worked so very hard to ensure the riders of the Midland Zone got to compete at Dunolly at the weekend for an opportunity to qualify for the PCV 2023 State Showjumping and Dressage qualifiers.

The Midland Zone is vast in area but small in member numbers. The rotation of qualifying events around the zone is so that all members are given the chance to compete close to home and not travel a vast distance to a competition every time.

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This year it was Section A's turn to host the SJ & D qualifiers and the venue was to be at Horsham PC grounds. The floods put a stop to that. Dimboola was an option for a venue, but that was not possible, then the same happened with Great Western. These venues are all in Section A.

Midland Zone Event Secretary Jill Moran Marshall is a member of Ararat, a section A club and she has a 'never say die' attitude. With the amazing support of Kylie Janetzki (Horsham D.C) , Narelle O'Callaghan (Stawell D.C), and the members of the section A clubs, the venue was moved to Dunolly, which is a long way from the home clubs of section A. This meant the program didn't go out until 2 weeks before the event but Teamwork made the Dream work. The wonderful section A clubs rolled up their sleeves and got the job done, albeit a long way from home!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success. There were so many riders who had a great day and you all made that happen. You are appreciated

Congratulations to the members of the Midland Zone who qualified to ride at the 2023 PCV State Champs in Show Jumping and Dressage.

All that is left for me to say is thank you to my fellow members on the Executive committee for all the time they volunteer to ensure the smooth running of the Midland Zone. My thanks also to the members of the Zone DCIZA panel

To the wonderful members who step up and take on committee positions at club level, thank you too! Without you our riders would not get to enjoy all that pony club brings to their lives

I would like to wish all members of the mighty Midland Zone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Roll on an uneventful, peaceful 2023!

***Sue Foley Proud PCV State Councillor and Zone Representative of the Mighty Midland Zone***

### Zone Examining Sec report 13/12/22

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*Apologies for not have a report at the last meeting.*

*After 2 years of covid, I had thought the days of having to postpone assessments were done. However, weather events and flooding had out last round of assessments, scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October had to be altered once again. Although, it was a slight improvement as only some assessments had to be postponed.*

*The zone had 10 c certificate nominees, two of those representing from a previous round. We also had 2 K certificate nominees and 3 C Star nominees, which was pleasing to see.*

*The assessments were to be held at Mandurang South Grounds, however, due to the weather events, flooding and many road closures the decision was made to postpone the C\* and K assessments as those riders were travelling distances from the grounds and the C candidates were all in a safe position to travel as they were closer to the area.*

*Eight of the ten candidates presented for assessment on the ridden day. Six of those passed successfully, with two requiring supps. Congratulations to all candidates who presented on the day. Their attitude and manners made it a pleasure to work with. Thanks to Trista Hoyland for assessing alongside me on the day, and also to Kira Chalmers and Kylie Jenetzki who were to assist with examinations prior to the change in format. Thanks to Mandurang South PC for providing the grounds.*

*WE are currently in the process of rescheduling the C\* & K assessments for January, where 4 of the 5 nominees will present after one candidate has decided to complete the C\* at a later date.*

*Now is an important time to remind clubs that there are two C certificate assessments each calendar year, and one C\* & K assessment per year. These are advertised on the zone calendar and it is the responsibility of members and clubs to check these dates, and importantly the close of nomination date, to ensure members are prepared in time. Particularly those who are intending to qualify for state and will require it.*

*Nicki Chalmers*