

2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: 18th August 2023
Venue: Cumberland Hotel, Castlemaine
Time: AGM opened 8.15pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Ararat: Cecilia Myers, Helen Spencer	Bealiba: Debbie Weir, Julie Gould
Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo:
Castlemaine:	Charlton:
Donald: Club apologies	Harcourt: Peggy Mills, Jan Williams, Chelsea Williams
Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Paris Fiedler, Asha Fiedler	Learmonth:
Loddon:	Maldon: club apologies
Mandurang Sth: Rebecca Nicholls, Dylan Mealmaker, Nicky Dowler, Paris Room-Batters, Nicole Chalmers.	Maryborough: Linda Gerring, Debbie Ruff
Neangar Park: Steph Horton	Stawell:
St Arnaud: Club Apologies	Life Members: Don Roach, Sue Foley (Bendigo), Kaye Blanchard (Charlton)

Apologies:

Anne Marsden (LM), Kylie Kirk (StArnaud), Ashlea Martin (StArnaud), Emeilia Sudholz (Horsham), Susie Hedt (Donald), Helen Spencer (Ararat), Nicole Funston (Maldon), Pat Hedger (Maryborough), Jill Marshall (Ararat), Beryl Pierce (LM)

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021-2022 AGM minutes be accepted as true and correct.
Moved: Debbie Weir Seconded: Sue Foley

Executive Committee Reports:

1. President's Report – presented by Peggy Mills

Motion: That the Presidents report for the 2022-2023 be accepted.
Moved: Peggy Mills Seconded: Sue Foley

2. Treasurer's Report - presented by Debbie Weir

Motion: That treasurers report for the financial year 2022-2023 be accepted
Moved: Debbie Weir Seconded: Nicki Chalmers

3. Midland Zone Representative Report - presented by Sue Foley

Motion: That the MZ Representative report for the 2022-2023 year be accepted.
Moved: Sue Foley Seconded: Julie Gould

4. Midland Zone Chief Instructors Report- presented by Linda Gerring

Motion: That the Chief Instructors Report for the 2022-2023 year be accepted
Moved: Linda Gerring Seconded: Peggy Mills

5. Midland Zone Examining Secretary Report – presented by Nicki Chalmers

Motion: That the Examining Secretary Report for the 2022 – 2023 year be accepted

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Moved: Nicki Chalmers

Seconded:

Photo presentation revisiting clubs in the Midland Zone and State event qualifying event.

Election of Executive Members

All Midland Zone Executive will stand down and positions declared vacant.

Nominations received

President	Peggy Mills Harcourt PC	Nominated by Maree Campbell Harcourt PC	Nominated by Elsa Habich Harcourt PC
Senior Vice President	Julie Gould Bealiba PC	Nominated by Faye Barnett Bealiba PC	Nominated by Debbie Weir Bealiba PC
Junior Vice President	Dylan Mealmaker Mandurang Sth PC	Nominated by Nicki Dowler Mandurang Sth PC	Nominated by Dylan Mealmaker Mandurang Sth PC
Treasurer	Debbie Weir Bealiba PC	Nominated b Faye Barnett Bealiba PC	Nominated by Julie Gould Bealiba PC
Secretary	Bronwyn Cuthbertson Beaufort PC	Nominated by Bronwyn Cuthbertson Beaufort PC	Nominated by Helen Spencer Ararat PC
Zone Examining Secretary	Nicki Chalmers Mandurang Sth PC	Nominated by Dylan Mealmaker PC Mandurang Sth PC	Nominated by Nicole Dowler Mandurang Sth PC

Nominations from the floor

Zone Event Secretary	Jill Marshall Ararat PC	Nominated by Nicole Chalmers Mandurang Sth PC	Nominated by Sue Foley Bendigo PC
Midland Zone Representative	Sue Foley Bendigo PC	Nominated by Julie Gould Bealiba PC	Nominated by Peggy Mills Harcourt PC

Due to oversight from the PCV head office, and a lack of process, no advice was received for the available Zone Representative positions in all zones for their 2023 AGM. As a result, nominations were called for from the floor as the oversight was not discovered until after the MZ close of the nomination date for 2023/24 executive positions. Nomination was taken from the floor for a single year only. This position will be available for nomination from the Midland Zone membership at the 2024 AGM.

General Business:

1. Review and confirm Midland Zone fees for the following year.

Motion: That the Midland Zone fees to clubs remain at \$90 for the 2023-2024 year.

Moved: Peggy Mills

Seconded: Sue Foley.

Guest Speakers

Bronwyn Cuthbertson & Helen Spencer – History and allure of the Tom Quilty Gold Cup

Meeting closed: 9.25pm

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Next AGM: 16th August 2023 (3rd Friday in August)

Section A

MIDLAND ZONE PRESIDENT Report

AGM 2023

Once again, it is with pleasure that I present my report,

Once again the Victorian Pony Club Team Championships were run in March with great success, with riders and parents wanting this event to continue. It may not be run in 2024 as our zone is to organise and run the State Show-jumping and Dressage championships which will be held at the fantastic site at Elmore Equestrian Park. This will be a huge event to run, so there will be a lot of volunteers required. So put this in your calendars for next year.

The state games and flat ride were run and won. Bealiba Pony Club really son out this year, representing our zone and placing or winning in every section. A very big congratulations to Bealiba Pony Club. You are a credit to the zone. All other clubs that competed were also a credit to the zone.

We also ran the Zone horse trial sat Mandurang South PC and a bit thankyou to the committee of Mandurang Sought PC for pulling this together.

The Zone Show-jumping and Flat Team Shield event is to be run this weekend, so the best of luck to all teams and individual riders at this event.

Peggy Mills.

MIDLAND ZONE REPRESENTATIVE Report

AGM 2023

Good evening to Midland Zone life members, special guests, club delegates and members,

Each year, as I prepare this report it is a time to look back and reflect on the past 12 months in the Zone and to celebrate the participation and achievements of our wonderful members.

It is also a time to recognize that without the goodwill and commitment of the myriad of committed volunteers, none of what is achieved would be possible.

This year it made me think about those who have come before us, whether at the club or Zone level. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who through their efforts in whatever role they took on, enabled the club or the Zone to flourish in the past for the benefit of the current members and those yet to join.

None of us has ownership of whatever position we currently hold. Nor are any of us irreplaceable.

We are but the caretakers at this time which is why good succession planning at all levels is vital so that our Zone and clubs can continue to evolve and grow and future members can enjoy the opportunities that our current members do.

I recognize that compliance with State legislations, PCA, and PCV rules means that operating at the club level is not as simple as it once was and I thank all the club committee members who diligently adhere to the compliances for the safety of our members

It has been another successful year for the clubs and riders of the Midland Zone.

The 2022 PCV AGM report sadly didn't show membership figures for individual Zones however it did show that the only increase in riding membership categories was in Ready To Ride and in Adult riding membership. Many of the clubs of the Midland Zone are supportive and encouraging of both these categories. As I am always saying, to survive we must evolve and this means embracing what is new and offering what riders are telling us they want, so long as it's in the rules!

The part of my role I love as Zone rep is watching our riders at club rallies and Zone qualifying events and then supporting our riders at State events. It is a real joy to witness the camaraderie, good sportsmanship, and wonderful horsemanship shown by our members. In September 2022, I was

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fortunate to attend the Ride to Time finals at Moonee Valley Racecourse where the committee rolled out the red carpet for pony club members making the day very special.

Bessie Penhall and her horse Icarus Endeavour from Maryborough PC won the Maiden section which was a fabulous achievement.

The weekend of February 25th and 26th this year was the date of the PCV State Showjumping and Dressage Championships held at Yarrambat in North Eastern Zone.

Paris Fielder from Horsham PC placed 4th in the Advanced Dressage Championships event. Riley Perry-Parmenter placed 6th in the grade 1 Dressage Championships.

The 2024 PCV State Showjumping and Dressage Championships are to be hosted by the Midland Zone at Elmore, so this is our chance to shine and host the best State Championship ever! I have every confidence that we can do this.

In April, the PCV State Horse Trials were held at the beautiful Balnarring grounds in South Metro Zone. The camaraderie and team spirit among our riders were alive and well all weekend with smiles and laughter all around and I also received many compliments on how well-presented our rider were.

Midland Zone riders finishing in the placings were as follows:

In grade 3, Iris Sudholz 5th from Horsham Pony Club riding River and Prudence Robinson was awarded 6th place on Kenlock Super Davina from Mandurang South Pony Club.

The 2023 State Games, Flat and Musical Championships held at Bacchus Marsh PC in June were sensationally successful for the MZ riders who represented their clubs and Zone.

In the Musical Ride section Bealiba Pony Club riders Ingrid Gould, Nicole Catto, Neve Nisbet, & Ella Parker WON with their brilliant ride 'The Girls from Snowy River'

The Bealiba Musical Ride team "Smurfs Just Want To Have Fun" consisted of Lillian Stephenson, Violet Stephenson, Charli Catto & Zeva Missen and placed 4th!

Maryborough/ Harcourt- Musical ride team members Makayla Cocking, Renae Neilson, Beccy Neilson, & Maddy Jackson did a great job as The Highlanders to finish 5th. Bealiba riders Ingrid Gould and Nicole Catto had a hugely successful day and won the pairs!

The dynamic duo from Maldon PC, Sophie Bourke, and Sadie Garsed rode brilliantly to place 4th in the pairs.

The Bealiba /Charlton Composite games team of Nicole Catto, Charlotte Stewart, Victoria Heywood, Ella Parker, Zeva Nissen, Charli Catto, and Maddi Corcoran also did a fantastic job to finish to 4th in the games.

The Ararat games team finished just out of the placings and came 7th. What a huge credit to the riders, their coaches and their families. For team events to succeed at this level there needs to be such a strong commitment from all involved. At this event hard work and teamwork paid off!

Only yesterday the PCV teams were announced to compete at this year's PCA Nationals.

- Congratulations go to Asha and Paris Fielder from Horsham pony club who are in the junior and senior dressage teams respectively.
- Riley Perry Parmenter of Maryborough Pony Club is also a member of the senior dressage team.
- Holi Campbell of Bendigo Pony Club is in the junior show jumping team,
- Charlotte Stewart from Charlton Pony Club is in the senior games team,
- Kian Blanchard, Charlton PC is in the senior Tetrathlon team while his sister Amalie is in the junior Tetrathlon team

Let's take a moment to appreciate that from our small but Mighty Zone we have SEVEN riders representing our State this year at National level!

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The Midland Zone is in a very secure position financially due to responsible and sound financial management over many years. As a result, we are the proud owners of the best dressage trailer in the association and are currently awaiting delivery of a set of Horizon show jumps. A show jumps trailer to transport the jumps is at the design stage.

These are assets that support our riders now and into the future.

The success of the Zone and of the clubs is due to the commitment of the dedicated volunteers I mentioned at the beginning of this report. These are people, who, as Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they simply have the heart. Very big, very generous hearts. For example, every member of the outgoing Midland Zone committee has given years and years of service at club and Zone level, and all but myself still do at club level.

On behalf of the clubs and members of the Zone, I acknowledge the fantastic work done by the Zone executive committee and thank them for their selfless dedication to their clubs and the Zone.

President Peggy Mills, senior vice President Jo Lane, Junior vice president Julie Gould, Treasurer Debbie Weir and Secretary Bronwyn Cuthbertson work hard for the Zone and for their clubs and also juggle family and work commitments.

Grateful thanks go to Nicki Chalmers for the time and effort she puts in to her role as certificate coordinator, dressage judge coordinator and examining secretary and this year as Ride to Time coordinator. All this while not even a resident of our Zone but as a much valued member.

Jill Marshall continues to shine in the Zone event secretary position and I marvel at her composure when I call her with event questions and she calmly answers despite the bleating of the 500 sheep she is currently herding from one paddock to the next. She takes multi-tasking to the next level.

Chief instructor Linda Gerring represents the Zone on the State CIP panel and coordinates all things coaching for the benefit of Midland Zone members.

I also add my very sincere thanks to all the volunteers of the Midland Zone, who, in whatever capacity, give so generously not only their time but their hearts, to ensure that the pony club experience for the members of the Mighty Midland Zone is a positive and fulfilling one that they will remember for the rest of their days.

I am so proud to be a part of such an amazing community.

Long live the mighty Midland Zone!

Sue Foley

MIDLAND ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR Report

AGM 2023

Greetings to all members and attendees of the Midland Zone AGM. It is my privilege to present the Chief Instructor's report for the past year.

To begin I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands that we meet tonight the Dja Dja Wurrung peoples and their elder's past, present and emerging.

I wish to thank the DCI/ZA Panel who have supported the Midland Zone in various roles throughout the past year. In particular Nicki Chalmers as the Zone Examining secretary and her assessment team of Trista Hoyland, Julie Robins, Kira Chalmers and newly appointed Kylie Fielder. These ladies are always ready to undertake higher certificate assessments of our zone riders as well as guide and support the riders on the day.

The Midland Zone ran a back-to-back PCV State Coach Connect Workshop and NCAS coach assessment day in November at Maryborough Pony Club.

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It was great to see so many coaches from our zone and beyond attend the Saturday PCA State Coach Connect Workshop with state coaches Paul Seuren, Shelley McCrae & Niree Weybury who delivered interesting coaching lessons in Dressage with Metronomes, Coaching Ready2Ride, Creative Poles, Show Jumping with Metronomes and Games Coaching. Thankyou to Kath Kinder and her team at PCV for organising this weekend.

Congratulations to the coaches who undertook their NCAS assessments on the Sunday. The Midland Zone coaches who gained their qualifications were:

- *Riley Perry Parmenter Level 1*
- *Lyn McIntire Prelim & Level 1*
- *Nadine Munro Prelim*
- *Melissa Gillespie Prelim*

A big thankyou to all the riders who volunteered as demo riders for the two days – without you and your horses/ponies the weekend would not have been a success.

Congratulations to Cecilia Myers who undertook her Prelim training and gained her NCAS Prelim qualifications at the Wannon Zone Assessment Day mid-2023.

The PCA National Gear Check training and qualifications have been rolled out and I congratulate the coaches and parents throughout the zone who have undertaken this training and gained their qualifications.

I have had the privilege of coaching at Beaufort, Learmonth and Maldon pony clubs throughout the year. It is a great way for me to see what is happening at other clubs and to get to meet other coaches in our zone. I thank these clubs for inviting me.

I wish to acknowledge the great job that all the clubs do to keep their riders safe, engaged and learning at rallies regardless of the size of the club it is heart-warming to see the many Facebook posts showing the many interesting activities and learning opportunities riders of all ages are able to undertake at their club rallies

I wish to encourage all clubs to stay on top of their rider's certificate journey and to ensure all their coaches understand that Pony Club follows a syllabus of instruction so that all our riders develop not only riding skills but also horsemanship skills as a part of their pony club journey.

Congratulations to Horsham and Ararat Pony Club who supported riders to step beyond C certificate level and undertake their C & K Certificates. This is a big achievement for the riders and their coaches, club and parents need to be commended on the support they give to help riders be prepared for this assessment.*

I wish to acknowledge all the coaches who have commenced their NCAS training and encourage you to contact me if you need assistance to link to a mentor to help you finish your workbooks. I would love to see the Midland Zone continue to grow our list of qualified coaches.

To our club DC's and chief instructors please encourage senior riders and parents who become interested in coaching. Firstly they need to register as a coach and then point them in the direction to commence their training. Upcoming Pony Club coaches need to be encouraged and nurtured as the future of many clubs depend on qualified grass roots coaches being available for club rallies.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time at club and zone level – without all of you Pony Club would not survive.

Linda Gerring

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MIDLAND ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY Report

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Over the last 12 months we have had successful C, C Star and K certificate candidates within Midland Zone.

In January, 4 C*/K candidates sat their ridden assessment over a Friday evening and Saturday morning to accommodate the weather. The riders all made an excellent effort to present themselves to the best of their ability and did all that was asked of them on the day. Sharing the process with them was enjoyable. The girls were very active in the lead up to assessment, asking questions and seeking feedback to improve, showing their commitment to this opportunity. These are the first C*/K candidates assessed under the new syllabus, so I've been able to reflect on the process and how we can improve the experience for candidates in the future.

In total, we have had 11 members successfully complete their C certificate over the past 12 months. Thanks to Ararat, Bealiba and Mandurang South pony clubs for hosting certificate assessments. It's great to see clubs welcoming others and building the connections and community within the zone.

As the Adult rider membership has continued to grow, it has been great to see several of those clubs encouraging their adult members to work towards and gain certificates.

It's great to see growth and improvement in regard to the Groundwork and equitation science components as clubs, coaches and riders become more confident. I've had some great conversations with riders along the way, who are realising the benefit of understanding how the horse learns and how groundwork improves their ridden work.

I also want to let DC's who may be on the newer side, that while the C certificate does have a set format there are always ways to accommodate riders with different needs. Riders who may have physical or intellectual needs that don't suit the standard format, we have ways to work around this. Please contact me in advance so that we can make a plan to suit each rider's needs. This also applies to lower level certificates. I can support clubs with alternative assessment methods where needed.

Nicole Chalmers

TREASURERS Report

1st July 2022 - 30th June 2023

Balance Sheet

Midland Zone Pony Club
As at 30 June 2023

30 JUN 2023

Assets

Bank

Midland Zone	32,080.56
Midland Zone Term Deposit	28,536.04
Total Bank	60,616.60

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Profit and Loss

Midland Zone Pony Club
For the year ended 30 June 2023

2023

Trading Income

Certificate - Rider Fee	900.00
Entries	9,436.24
first aid grant income	(2,000.00)
Games Flat Musical Pair	1,172.50
Hire Deposit and Fee radio's	2,400.00
Hire Deposit and Fee's Dressage Trailer	2,400.00
Horse Trials	20.00
Interest Income	53.09
Member Uniform purchase	535.00
Merchandise sale income	270.00
Other Revenue	4,950.00
Ride To Time	440.00
Show jumping Teams entry	185.00
SJ & Dressage State Quals	3,337.01
Sponsorship Team Champs	5,650.00
State SJ & D Rider half fee	(720.00)
Team Champs	26,735.90
Team Champs Polo orders	418.00
Total Trading Income	56,182.74

Gross Profit

56,182.74

Operating Expenses

Certificate - Judges Travel	50.00
Certificate expenses - cards / discs	20.76
Certificate Judges Cost	829.00
Consulting & Accounting	719.55
Dressage Arena Insurance	772.00
Dressage Trailer Insurance	212.00
Dressage Trailer Registration	62.40
Event Costs	1,061.40
Executive payments	170.00
Expenses occurred with dressage trailer	46.99
First aid costs to zone	200.00
G F M & P Expenses	2,340.00
General Expenses	895.50
Horse Trials Expenses	4,274.35
Insurance	(223.59)
PCV Subscriptions	153.54
Refund Deposit Fees	2,800.00
Rider Refund	82.50

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2023

Show jumping equipment	10,252.50
Showjumping and Flat Teams Event (August)	626.83
SJ & Dressage State Quals Expenses	1,710.70
State HT Half Rider Refund	152.50
Team Champs expense Polo order	3,630.00
Team Champs Expenses	21,425.63
Website expenses	302.50
zone uniform purchase	345.00
Total Operating Expenses	52,912.06
Net Profit	3,270.68

Team Champs Income 2023

Midland Zone Pony Club
For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Sponsorship	5,650.00
Income: Entries, stables, prizes ribbons Judges Etc	27,145.90
Total Income	32,795.90

Team Champs Expenses Transactions

Midland Zone Pony Club
For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Rugs Stables Equipment Judges(all expenditure)	
Total Team Champs Expenses	21,425.63
Total	21,425.63

Total Profit Team Champs	11,370.27
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Horse Trials 2022

Midland Zone Pony Club
For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Date	Source	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit
Horse Trials					
14 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Jill Marshall - teams entry		0.00	20.00
16 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Event Secretary - Entry fees	2022 HT	0.00	6,851.24
Total Horse Trials				0.00	6,871.24
Horse Trials Expenses					
05 Oct 2022	Payable Invoice	David Stammers - X Country accreditation for Zone HT's at maryborough 2022: Inc 106		120.00	0.00
01 Nov 2022	Payable Invoice	Event Sec - Event secretary - cancelled HT event costs	inv 000346	275.97	0.00
21 Nov 2022	Spend Money	Mel Wynveen - First Aid		200.00	0.00
24 Nov 2022	Spend Money	Hannah Johnston - Hannah First aid		200.00	0.00
24 Nov 2022	Spend Money	Sue Foley - Toilet hire for Mandurang		170.50	0.00
08 Dec 2022	Spend Money	Computer Sashes - Ribbons for replacement		531.92	0.00
08 Dec 2022	Spend Money	Race Day Medical - Race day medical 1st aid		765.60	0.00
16 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Event Secretary - Judges Payments	2022 HT	570.00	0.00
16 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Event Secretary - scoring draws , entry handling	2022 HT	820.36	0.00
16 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Event Secretary - day insurance collected	2022 HT	75.00	0.00
16 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Event Secretary - screen repairs	2022 HT	290.00	0.00
16 Dec 2022	Receive Money	Event Secretary - yard payment to Mandurang	2022 HT	255.00	0.00
Total Horse Trials Expenses				4,274.35	0.00
State HT Half Rider Refund					
16 May 2023	Spend Money	Laura Beer		45.00	0.00
16 May 2023	Spend Money	Nicole Dowler		45.00	0.00
21 Jun 2023	Spend Money	Emelia Sudholz		62.50	0.00
Total State HT Half Rider Refund				152.50	0.00
Total Profit				2,444.39	