

Midland Zone Delegates Meeting		MINUTES
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	Venue: Maryborough Gold Club
<b>Meeting Open</b>	Dinner 6.30 pm 7.30pm	
<b>Attendance</b>	Ararat: Helen Spencer, Jill Marshall	Bealiba: Julie Gould, Faye Barnett, Debbie Weir
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo:
	Castlemaine:	Charlton:
	Donald:	Harcourt:
	Horsham: Paris Fiedler Asha Fiedler, Emily Sudholz, Kylie Fiedler	Learmonth: Apologies
	Loddon:	Maldon: Apologies
	Mandurang Sth: Nicki Chalmers	Maryborough: Linda Gerring, Debbie Ruff
	Neangar Park:	Stawell:
	St Arnaud: Katrina Cheesman, Kylie Kirk	Zone
<b>Apologies</b>	Carolyn Stephenson (Bealiba PC), Lina Fahy (Learmonth PC), Nicole Funston (Maldon PC), Sue Foley, Peggy Mills (HarcourtPC); Jill McEwen (Donald PC)	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	Motion 2023.12.01 That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct.	Moved; HelenS Seconded: KylieF
<b>2. Business Arising</b>	2.1 Charlton flood recovery.	Successful working bee in October. Final Grant submission completed. Will need another working bee date to be confirmed for February 2024.
	2.2 Advanced First Aid Training	Grant aquittal submitted. As we asked for 2023 participants to contribute part payment, funds remaining for further course in 2024.
	2.3 MZ State Rep Positon	No nominations received by initial closing date 1 <sup>st</sup> November. Late nomination from Nicki Chalmers, received 29 <sup>th</sup> November accepted by PCV.
	2.4 MZ to host 2024 PCV State SJ & D Championships. 24-25 feb 2024	Bendigo PC confirmed for canteen. Merchandise tops confirmed and on sale. Volunteers – all clubs to be involved. Dinner and exhibition for Saturday night. Dressage judges confirmed. SJ judges confirmed. First Aid providers confirmed Sponsorship – PCV confirmed agreements with several companies. Prizes – Horseland 1 <sup>st</sup> placings. Prides 2 <sup>nd</sup> placings, EACinsideout 3 <sup>rd</sup> placings. JillM contact with Bendigo Toyota as major sponsor(\$2500) – will respond in 2024. Other suggestions – RB Sellars, Waratah, Raffle - ? presell tickets with competition entries. Program – NickiC has sourced previous event program. MZ club support – request \$100 from each club. Horizon jumps donating product to highest fundraising club. Info to go out to clubs in early 2024. Planning for event profit ? MZ keep set amount and remaining profit be shared equally between all clubs – therefore clubs may get back more than the \$100 contribution.
<b>3. Correspondence In</b>		
Clubs	Horsham PC – 2024 event nomination dates	
	Nomination MZ Rep	Nicki Chalmers

	Nomination – MZ President	Sue Foley
	Maldon PC – 2-24 event nomination dates	
	Mandurang Sth – 2024 winter horse trial date confirmed	
	Maryborough PC – club officials update	
	St Arnaud – 2024 event nomination dates	
	Peggy Mills resignation as MZ President	
	MZ – camp nomination date change	
	Ararat PC – 2024 event nomination dates	
	Harcourt PC – 2024 event nomination dates	
	Ararat PC – Club Officials Update	
	Maryborough PC – 2024 event nomination dates	
PCV	PCA December newsletter	
	Coaching – OTT sponsorship	5 rugs for MZ obtained. Must be awarded by May 2024
	Zone & Club affiliation fee notification	
PCA	Webinar – implementing new integrity policies in your club/association	
	JustGo – reminder for members to update credentials	
	JustGo – membership renewals	14mth membership available. Some MZ club members have utilised, really only useful for new members.
	Integrity news for club officials	
	JustGo – email and communications module update	
Other	Australia Bank – term deposit withdrawal	
	Racing Victoria – free programs – Stable Start	
<b>4. Correspondence Out</b>		
JustGo members	Notification of MZ President appointment	
	2024 State Dressage and Showjumping Festival. Information and call for volunteers.	
	MZ Rep – nomination form	
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MZ Clubs		
		Moved: BronwynC Seconded: LindaG
	PCV – executive positions filled – President & MZ rep.	
<b>5. Reports</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Treasurer	Report provided. See attached Thank you JulieG in assisting with the State event budget	Motion 2023.12.02 That the treasurers report be accepted. Moved: DebbieW      seconded: Paris F
Zone Rep	Report Read	Moved: NickiC      seconded: FayeB
Zone Chief Instructor	Report read	Moved LindaG      seconded: KylieF
Zone Examining Secretary	Report presented Nicki Chalmers has been in this role for 17years and would be interested in handing this role over. Suggested EOI for AGM. To be discussed further by CI panel.	Moved NickiC      seconded: BronwynC
<b>6. Zone Events:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
6.1 MZ club camp	January 2024	Awaiting program to forward to MZ clubs.
6.2 NCAS workshop	25-26 November. Section B @ Marborough (venue changed from St Arnaud)	
6.3 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	9-10 December. Section B. @ St Arnaud	Grounds well presented. Event well supported by competitors, some from outside zone.
6.4 2024 calendar	Discussion re MZ SJ & D state qualifier dates – clash with other major events around the state/Ballarat Horse Trials.	Action: change date to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday December. Will be 2 day event, so will be 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov -1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. ** aware that this will impact on clubs Xmas rally 2024. Email all clubs to notify in advance.

<b>7. General Business:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
7.1	From Kylie Kirk - would like discussion about section B and potentially changing this section. The clubs in this section are exceptionally small.	The very small membership of Section B clubs makes hosting MZ events challenging. Motion: to assist Section B clubs there will be a 12 month trial of combined section A & B for MZ events.
<b>7.3 Around the Clubs</b>		
Ararat	Good show of members at the MZ SJ/D qualifiers. Successful C* candidate. Combined Xmas rally with Horsham. Planning Section A/B combined rally at Great Western in early 2024.	
Bealiba	2023 has been a good year for the club and members. Riding members are keen to compete at state levels in all disciplines. Great mas rally with Santa.	
Beaufort	New membership progressing well. Will do membership drive again in early 2024.	
Bendigo	New DC Kerry met with Linda G. New grounds at Gornong progressing well. Situated near local swimming pool. Plans for xcounrty course.	
Castlemaine	No report	
Charlton	Planning club meeting after harvest. Plans for Committee of Management for other clubs to communicate with for grounds use. Charlotte competing at State, Prince Phillip World Games. Kian successful at Junior Nationals Tetrathon. Zoe successful at Junior Tetrathon.	
Donald	No report	
Harcourt	no report	
Horsham	Paris & Asha to Nationals. Combined rally with Ararat great 2 days. Progress with adult membership, good level of interest. Planning Beachport camp in Jan for PC members.	
Learmonth	No report	
Loddon	No report	
Maldon	No report	
Mandurang South	No report	
Maryborough	Riley Perry-Parmenter at Nationals 6 <sup>th</sup> in Elementary. Members qualified for states. Good to see Maryborough riders out competing.	
Neangar Park	No report	
Stawell	No report	
St Arnaud	Come & Try rally in December. Planning Gymkhana in early 2024	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>13 February 2024</b>	<b>Meeting Closed: 8.20pm</b>

<b>Midland Zone Sections</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
Ararat	Charlton	Bendigo	Bealiba	
Beaufort	Donald	Maldon	Castlemaine	
Horsham	Loddon	Mandurang South	Harcourt	
Learmonth	St Arnaud	Neangar Park	Maryborough	
Stawell				
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>
Midland Zone Horse Trials	B	A	D	C
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers	D	C	A	B
Midland Zone Games/Flat/Musical/Pairs	C	D	B	A
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team	A	B	C	D
Midland Zone AGM	A	C	B	D
Midland Zone NCAS Workshop	D	A	C	B
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend	C	B	D	A

I would firstly like to start by thanking the Executive for excepting my nomination for the role of Zone Representative of the Midland Zone. The mighty Midland Zone has been home to me for the past 40 or so years, and remained home after physically relocating from the zone around 17 years ago. I've listened to a many zone reports in that time, but I never thought I'd be standing here making one of my own. But never say never, here I am. I have very big shoes to fill – and I already have a size 11 foot!

While I have been around pony club for quite some time and have filled several different roles at zone and club level during that time I stand here still with so much to learn. Already in just over a week, I've been on a steep learning curve! Learning is a lifelong process and I look forward to learning as I go. I may make mistakes along the way, I'm human, but I can assure you that what I do will be with the best of intentions and an open mind, in keeping within the rules that we are stipulated to follow.

Again, thank you to Sue Foley for time as Zone Rep and all she has done. In saying that, I would also like to welcome Sue to the President role. Our biggest of thanks to Peggy Mills, our outgoing president. Your knowledge and long-time support to the zone is appreciated.

Our Showjumping and Dressage Qualifiers were held over the weekend. I have received so much positive feedback in relation to the fantastic venue. Section B is made up of very small clubs, and I commend the clubs from other sections who were ever so supportive, banding together to get things done. The weather didn't always play nice, but it was lovely to see them still smiling at the end. To all the volunteers, be those behind the scenes organising or helping over the course of the weekend please know you are appreciated. These events and opportunities for our members don't happen without this team.

Congrats to all riders for participating and a special congratulations to all riders who qualified for state to represent our fabulous zone on our home turf. Teams will be announced soon.

Planning for the State Showjumping and Dressage is well under way. A site visit was conducted a few weeks ago at Elmore. What a magnificent facility. This is 'our' event, and when I say 'our' I mean each and every club in the zone. We are in this together and I look forward to us as a team creating a spectacular event.

I don't have a lot to report this meeting as I am yet to attend a State Council meeting. But I will endeavour to keep the committee and members updated moving forward. I look forward to working with you all.

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**ZCI Report****Linda Gerring****12/12/2023**

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The Midland Zone hosted the final NCAS PCV Coach training and assessment Weekend for the year plus the first official National Gear Check training and assessment to be held in this zone.

A big thankyou to St Arnaud Pony club who were preparing to host the weekend but unfortunately the life of a farming community hindered the club's ability to host a 2-day state training weekend and the weekend was moved to Maryborough at very late notice

The gear check workshop was well attended with many people in attendance and from a variety of clubs from throughout the Midland Zone and beyond

Midland Zone Clubs represented.

\* Loddon

\* Maldon

\* Bealiba

\* Neangar Park

\* Maryborough

Other Clubs attending

\* Nyah

\* Ballarat

A big thank you to PCV State Coach [Shelley McCrae](#) for providing an informative, interesting gear checking training session for everyone.

Three coaches undertook their prelim assessments one of whom is a Midland Zone (Maryborough Pony Club) riding member – Bec Kendt

The three young women presented well and demonstrated sound positive coaching skills and passed their assessment effortlessly. Two of the coaches have their Equation Science qualifications and were happy to add their PCA NCAS Prelim qualifications to their resumes.

I encourage parents and senior riders to start their coaching journeys by registering to complete their PCA coach training. Newer coaches can commence with foundation coaching whereas more experienced coaches or riders with their C certificates can commence with their Prelim. Pony Club is reliant on having qualified coaches available to assist at rallies and the best way for us to get them is to train them.

If anyone is interested in coaching but is not sure where to start, please feel free to contact me.

A reminder to all our coaches that the 2024 coach membership is now open and everyone needs to register before taking on pony club coaching duties in 2024

I will finish by wishing everyone a very merry Xmas and safe New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2024

Linda Gerring

Midland Zone Chief Instructor

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**ZES Report.      Nicki Chalmers                      13/12/23**

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We held an assessment day in October with 12 C and 1 C star nominations. 3 didn't attend the ridden assessment due to various reasons and one candidate chose to withdraw on the day after starting. The remaining candidates passed on the day.

Thanks to Bealiba Pony club for allowing us to use their grounds, despite not having any candidates presenting. The grounds of other clubs being represented were not available so I appreciate Bealiba stepping in to help.

We will need to open vacancies for this position now that I have taken on the role of Zone Rep and will work on the process for doing so shortly.