

Midland Zone Delegates Meeting		
Date:	11 October 2023	Venue: Online -
Meeting Open	7.30pm	
Attendance	Ararat: Helen Spencer,	Bealiba: Debbie Weir, Carolyn Stephenson
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo: Kerry Yean
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Kaye Blanchard
	Donald:	Harcourt:
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler	Learmonth:
	Loddon:	Maldon: Jacqui Hogan
	Mandurang Sth: Paris Room, Nicky Dowler, Nicki Chalmers	Maryborough: Linda Gerring
	Neangar Park:	Stawell:
	St Arnoud: Katrina Cheesman	Zone : Sue Foley
Apologies	Debbie Peter; Emelia Sudholz; Julie Gould (Bealiba); Jill Marshall (Ararat)	
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion 2023.10.01 That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct.	Moved: Bronwyn C Seconded: Paris R
2. Business Arising	2.1 Charlton flood recovery.	Initial truck load of jumps delivered Working bee 28 th Oct to complete building course. Final grant application to be submitted by end of October with paid invoices. ACTION: Bronwyn C to contact Alena @ Charlton to determine MZ loan to the project.
	2.2 Advanced First Aid Training	Grant to be completed by end of October ACTION: Jill Marshall to confirm final course.
	2.3 MZ to host 2024 PCV State SJ & D Championships. 24-25 feb 2024	EOI forwarded to section C clubs for running canteen. Committee Meeting to be planned next week.
3. Correspondence In		
Clubs	Mandurang South PC club officials	DC – Paris Room
	Mandurang South PC – 2024 event nomination	
	Harcourt PC officials update	DC – Peggy Mills
	Beaufort & District PC officials update	DC – Bronwyn Cuthbertson
	Castlemaine PC officials update	DC – Tracey Peter
	St Arnaud PC officials update	DC – Tracey Arbuckle
PCV		
PCA	Child Safeguarding club program – education & training	The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a voluntary program however every club must ensure they are aware of and implement child safe practices at their club. The Child Safeguarding Club Program is a series of checklists aimed at helping your club to identify activities or actions to undertake to help embed child-safe practices at your club.
	PCA riding centre dressage virtual competition entries open	
	Acknowledgement incident report x 2 from MZ event	
	Child Safeguarding club program – data and record keeping	
Other	Australian Sports Foundation Active Kids Grant open	
	JustGo improved email module information	
4. Correspondence Out		
JustGo members	Harcourt PC SJ & Stockmans challenge event program	

	C/C*/K certificate nominations closing soon - member/club reminder	
MZ Clubs	EOI State event canteen	
	Event secretary booking and quote request for 2024 state SJ & D event.	Moved: Seconded:
	MZ event nomination form to all clubs	
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
Treasurer	Report provided. See attached	Motion 2023.10.02 That the treasurers report be accepted. Moved: KerryY seconded: Paris R
Zone Rep	Report read – see attached	Motion: 2023.10.03 That the MZ Rep report be accepted. Moved: Sue F seconded: BronwynC
Zone Chief Instructor	Reminder for NCAS to be held at St Arnaud on 25 th November. Coaches needing assistance to complete workbooks, please contact me to complete your qualification this year. Will need demo riders for the two days – Clubs encourage riders to consider. Gear checking training on the Saturday in am and pm	
Zone Examining Secretary	Report read – see attached.t	Motion: 2023.10.04 That the MZ examining secretary report be accepted. Moved: NickiC seconded: Kerry Y
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 MZ club camp	November 4-5 @ Dunolly	Difficulty accessing instructors. Plan to move to date in January.
6.2 NCAS workshop	25-26 November. Section B @ St Arnaud	Saturday will include Gear Checkers accreditation.
6.3 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	9-10 December. Section B. Venue to be confirmed.	Options – Charlton or Donald (Charlton now have cattle yards removed) ? St Arnaud show grounds, camping may be an issue ACTION – Sec to contact Alena for grounds access.
6.4 2024 calendar	Midland Zone qualifying events 2024 dates 24-25 feb: host PCV S & SJ state championship @ Elmore 21 April: Games/flat/musical teams qualifier – Section C 16 June: Ride to Time Qualifier 14 July: HT individual/team event – Section B 21 July: Ride to Time Qualifier 16 August: MZ AGM 23-23 November: D & SJ state qualifying event: SJ & Flat shields team event	Motion2023.10.05 That the MZ D & SJ state qualifying event move to the 4 th Sunday of November from 2024. Moved: LindaG seconded: KayeB Carried Motion:2023.10.06 That the MZ forward a letter to PCV council and Tetrathlon subcommittee that the State requesting the competition move to a competition date in the month of January. Moved: KayeB seconded: HelenS
7. General Business:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
7.1 StArnaud PC uniform	Unable to source club coloured jackets. Seeking permission to change jacket colour and add club colour with embroidery. We would like to ask that we are permitted to wear navy soft shell jacket with gold or purple embroidery for rally's and competitions.	Members must wear uniform in club colours when competing. Jackets are not a part of competition uniform, therefore not a MZ decision. Clubs may choose to have different coloured jacket to wear when not competing.
7.2 MZ State Rep Position	Position to be filled by 1 st November 2023. Nomination procedure and appointment procedure	Sue to find appropriate form for nomination to go out to clubs. To be returned to the MZ secretary by 20 th October 2023. If a vote is required, clubs get one vote per club

7.3 Around the Clubs	
Ararat	Horsham joining for Christmas rally in dec One member for C* next weekend.
Bealiba	School holidays camp and competitions coming up.
Beaufort	Ready2ride members progressing well. Successful rally with Nicki Chalmers attending and working members through ground skills. Ready2ride members very successful with park!
Bendigo	Moving forward, working with Council for move to Gornong. Loading containers with belonging from old club rooms so this is available for rallies at Gornong. Still looking at hiring grounds until Gornong developed. SJ comp on 29 th Oct at Gornong grounds.
Castlemaine	Not present
Charlton	Congratulations Sue, grateful for your efforts of the years. Excited that xcountry jumps have been delivered. Had mounted games squad visit for rally. Charlotte competing at tate and 4 th in games. Kyan moved from junior to seniors and placed 4 th against senior riders. Vic Senor boys won with Kyan in team.
Donald	Not present
Harcourt	SJ & Stockman's challenge last weekend. Clubs now looking at building stockmans challenge course
Horsham	Versatility day at last rally. Now looking at protocol day. Planned Christmas rally combined with Ararat. Moving towards including adult riders as members and working on certificates.
Learmonth	Not present
Loddon	No present
Maldon	No discussion
Mandurang South	Thank you to sue from all at MSPC as friend and supporter of the club and how you take on the spirit of all things PC. Tanks to Dylan Mealmaker previous DC, and his guidance into the DC role. Oct rally – breast cancer awareness pink fund raiser. Kids out and about competing, including Harcourt. 3 members doing c cert next weekend.
Maryborough	Busy club, pink rally in October and member of parliament visited on the day. Moving forward, plans towards 60 th anniversary in May 2024, invites going out soon. Grant application to create history book. Christmas rally will be navigation ride and luncheon.
Neangar Park	Not present
Stawell	Not present
St Arnaud	Not discussion
Next Meeting:	December 12th face to face @ Maryborough Linda G to book venue
	Meeting Closed: 9.20pm

Midland Zone Sections					
A	B	C	D		
Ararat	Charlton	Bendigo	Bealiba		
Beaufort	Donald	Maldon	Castlemaine		
Horsham	Loddon	Mandurang South	Harcourt		
Learmonth	St Arnaud	Neangar Park	Maryborough		
Stawell					
		2023	2024	2025	2026
Midland Zone Horse Trials		C	B	A	D
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers		B	D	C	A
Midland Zone Games/Flat/Musical/Pairs		A	C	D	B
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team		D	A	B	C
Midland Zone AGM		D	A	C	B
Midland Zone Coaches Workshop		A	C	B	D
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend		B	D	A	C

Balance Sheet

Midland Zone Pony Club As at 9 October 2023

9 OCT 2023

Assets

Bank

Midland Zone	34,656.88
Midland Zone Term Deposit	29,392.13
Total Bank	64,049.01

Account Transactions

Midland Zone Pony Club

For the period 15 August 2023 to 9 October 2023

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	CREDIT	DEBIT	RUNNING BALANCE
Midland Zone						
16 Aug 2023	Spend Money	Bendigo Family Equestion - Show jump poles		154.00	-	(154.00)
20 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Scarlett Shepherd	C Cert	-	40.00	(114.00)
22 Aug 2023	Spend Money	Sue Foley		48.00	-	(162.00)
22 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Karen Catto - yards		-	20.00	(142.00)
22 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Tracey Arbuckle - yards		-	10.00	(132.00)
22 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Katrina Cheeseman - yards		-	10.00	(122.00)
22 Aug 2023	Spend Money	Mel Gillespie - First Aid		200.00	-	(322.00)
24 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Maryborough PC	equipment hire	-	600.00	278.00
24 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Teepika Jones	C Cert	-	40.00	318.00
24 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Maryborough Pony club	equipment hire	-	200.00	518.00
28 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Harrison & Francis Walls	C Cert	-	80.00	598.00
30 Aug 2023	Receive Money	Nicole Dowler	C Cert	-	40.00	638.00
1 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Interest		-	0.30	638.30
1 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Clarke C+		-	60.00	698.30
4 Sep 2023	Payable Payment	Payment: Dunolly HRC AV	yards	80.00	-	618.30
4 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Ava Holland	C Cert	-	40.00	658.30
4 Sep 2023	Payable Payment	Payment: Maryborough PC	Equipment hire	200.00	-	458.30
4 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Bethany Cole	C Cert	-	40.00	498.30
5 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Event Secretary	August SJ & Flat Teams - Profit	-	2,467.67	2,965.97
5 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Ella Parker	Yards	-	20.00	2,985.97
6 Sep 2023	Spend Money	Maryborough Pony club	equipment hire	600.00	-	2,385.97
11 Sep 2023	Spend Money	Xero Accounting		56.05	-	2,329.92
11 Sep 2023	Receive Money	Milahni Taylor	C Cert	-	40.00	2,369.92
11 Sep 2023	Receive Money	WALMSLEY,	C Cert	-	80.00	2,449.92
18 Sep 2023	Spend Money	Newment Investments	Marquees deposit	1,025.20	-	1,424.72
27 Sep 2023	Spend Money	Computer Sashes	Ribbons x 3 events	1,476.85	-	(52.13)
27 Sep 2023	Spend Money	Newment Investments	Marquee final payment	1,025.20	-	(1,077.33)
27 Sep 2023	Spend Money	Sixtyone Design	Website Hosting	302.50	-	(1,379.83)
1 Oct 2023	Receive Money	Interest		-	0.31	(1,379.52)
Total Midland Zone				5,167.80	3,788.28	(1,379.52)
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Profit and Loss

Midland Zone Pony Club

For the period 15 August 2023 to 9 October 2023

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Trading Income

Certificate - Rider Fee	C & C*	460.00
Event Income	August Event SJ & Flat Teams	2,912.61
Hire Deposit and Fee radio's		200.00
Interest Income		0.61
Total Trading Income		3,573.22

Gross Profit

3,573.22

Operating Expenses

Consulting & Accounting		56.05
Equipment purchased		2,050.40
Event Costs	Computer Sash Ribbons x 3 events	1,476.85
Executive payments	Annual meeting expenses - Gifts	48.00
Refund Deposit Fees		200.00
Showjumping and Flat Teams Event (August)	Judges & event Sec costs & Day insurance	664.93
Team Champs Expenses	Broken SJ Pokes x 2	154.00
Website expenses		302.50
Total Operating Expenses		4,952.73

Net Profit

(1,379.51)

Zone Examining Secretary

10th October 2023

We have another upcoming round of certificate assessments scheduled for next Saturday. We had 12 nominees for C certificate and 1 C star nomination. All nominees have completed their written assessment and provided videos of their groundwork components. Two of the C nominees will not be completing their ridden assessment at this time. Kylie Janetzki and myself will be examining at Bealiba PC grounds. I would like to thank Bealiba for so kindly offering the use of their fantastic facilities despite not having any members completing certificate assessments this time around.

I would like to mention the certificate written assessments. These written assessments are open book. This is stated at the beginning of the task and is no secret. I would really like to reiterate to club personnel who are supporting our certificate candidates, that they encourage the riders to use their workbooks when answering questions. Literally read the question, find the answer in the book and from their complete the answer. While the written exam is to test knowledge, it is also about supporting riders in learning and retaining information. There are some questions from previous manuals to check information retention, so I also suggest reminding members to keep them after they have finished each certificate, and it might be an idea to have them nearby during their written exam in case they are needed. DC's can use completed C certificates manuals as evidence to show that all areas of the theoretical components have been covered prior to nominating riders. These should be worked upon throughout the year at rallies as the syllabus is covered.

Hello All.

I attended a Face to Face State Council meeting in Melbourne last Sunday. It was great to meet the new zone reps from Wannon and North metro Zones in person.

The introduction of modifying marks in the dressage phase of horse trials and combined training competitions was again on the agenda and had the full agreement of the Zones reps at the meeting to again go to the board with the recommendation that it be introduced in both these competitions in pony club classes.

After some robust conversation it was voted to also recommend to the Board that Zones be given the opportunity to offer Adult rider pony club classes in grades 6, 5 and 4 in all the graded disciplines. This would mean that Junior riders would ride in one class and Senior and Adult riders ride in a separate class. It is up to clubs if they want to offer these options but it first has to be approved by the Board.

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the 2023 Midland Zone Showjumping and Flat Team Shield event in August, held at the Dunolly Horse and Activity Club.

It was a fabulous day with all participants showing great sportsmanship and team spirit. It was wonderful to see riders from neighbouring zones, and open riders having a great time too.

MZ Adult Riding members were included in the Teams event making it a very inclusive competition.

Huge congratulations to all the winners and placegetters. Especially so to Harcourt PC for winning the Showjumping Shield and Bealiba PC for winning the Team of Four Shield and the Pairs ride.

Thank you to section D for hosting the 2023 AGM and to the Zone club members who attended the meeting. It was lovely to see life members Kaye Blanchard and Don Roach at the meeting. Thanks go to the Special guest speakers Zone secretary Bronwyn Cuthbertson, her husband Sandy and Ararat PC Adult riding member Helen Spencer for the very informative and entertaining talk about their experiences in the most famous endurance ride in Australia, the Tom Quilty Gold Cup.

I attended the ride to Time State final at Moonee Valley on Saturday September 9th to support Bealiba rider Neve Nisbet who rode brilliantly doing her club and her zone proud.

Asha Fiedler, Paris Fiedler,(Horsham) Kian Blanchard, Amalie Blanchard Charlton PC, Holi Campbell ,Bendigo, Riley Perry-Parmenter Maryborough, and Charlotte Stewart Charlton, did a fabulous job representing their State, their Zone and their club at the recent Nationals competition held in hubs at Bacchus Marsh and Benalla. At the time of writing this report the results for the Dressage, Jumping and the Showman class are, according to the website 'in progress' so stay tune for the information to be posted on the Midland Zone Facebook page when it is available.

Charlottes Stewart from Charlton PC did a great job for her games team with the team placing 4th.

Kian Blanchard did really well as a member of the Senior male Tetrathlon team. He was 2nd fastest in the swim, 3rd highest shooting score and placed 4th overall. The Victorian team won by a convincing 2718 points!

Amalie Blanchard was a member of the junior female Tetrathlon team placing 8th in the individual competition. Her team did an outstanding job to win the competition by 17 points from W.A.

It has been almost 10 years since the Mighty Midland Zone hosted the State Showjumping and Dressage Championships. In 2014 we hosted this event at the Bendigo Showgrounds. Since that time more grades have been added which means a larger venue is needed so we are hosting the event at the Elmore Equestrian Park.

The facility has 108 beautiful stables plus 80 double rail yards, 6 permanent dressage arenas plus the indoor, a grassed showjumping area, ample toilet and shower facilities and so much more.

Each club in the Zone has the obligation to supply volunteers to ensure the event runs well. We are the hosts, so we want all competitors and their support crews to have a wonderful experience and go away with the memory of attending the best State event ever!

We can achieve this, and planning is in full swing.

An Expression of interest has gone out to the clubs of Section C to run a canteen over the course of the weekend. All the information is in the attachment but in summary, the opportunity to run the canteen is being offered to the clubs of Section C, as they are the most favourably geographically placed section in relation to the venue.

The club that takes on the canteen must also commit to setting up 2 show jumping arenas on Friday, February 23rd under the guidance of the State course builders thus fulfilling their volunteer obligations to the event.

Should more than one of the clubs in section C submit an EOI, the Midland Zone Committee will vote on the outcome.

It is time to inform the members of the Mighty Midland Zone that this is my last report as your Zone rep. At the 2023 Midland Zone AGM, I was nominated as Zone representative of the Midland Zone for the 2023/24 year. However the PCV constitution that

came into effect in October 2020 stipulates that a Zone rep may only serve on the position for 9 years. Apparently I can't count as I thought I had one more year. I was not Zone rep in 2014 when we last hosted the State Showjumping and Dressage Championships. In my memory, I took on this role in 2015. However, it was actually in October 2014, so my term finishes October 31st 2023.

My time as Zone rep of this wonderful zone has been a privilege, a joy, and an experience for which I am so grateful. I will always treasure the friends and the memories I have made, the opportunities I have had and all I have learned, along with the great times shared with our incredible riders.

A new Zone rep will take the reins on November 1st. Nomination forms will be distributed to clubs before the end of the week.

My sincere thanks to the 2023/24 Midland Zone committee along with the many other members of the Midland committees I have worked with over the last nine years. I appreciate so much the people in this Zone who fill the Zone positions. The Zone could not function without their dedication to take on these positions. Many do so while also holding club committee positions and they do it all for the benefit of our riding members.

I offer my very best wishes and support to the new Zone rep who will take the reins on November 1st2023.

Sue Foley