

Midland Zone Delegates Meeting - MINUTES

Date:	Tuesday 14 TH APRIL 2026	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81075505995?pwd=Rmpb8bwKV5ISQUedNneW0E99FagPft.1
Meeting Start	7.40 pm	
Attendance	Ararat: Helen Spencer, Jill Marshall	Bealiba: Carolyn Stephenson, Ingrid Gould
	Beaufort:	Bendigo: Susan Harvey
	Castlemaine:	Charlton:
	Donald:	Harcourt:
	Horsham:	Learmonth: Linda Fahy
	Loddon:	Maldon: Kylie Kirk
	Mandurang Sth:	Maryborough: Bron Ballesty,
	Neangar Park:	Stawell:
		Midland Zone: Bronwyn Cuthbertson, Julie Gould, Nicki Chalmers
Apologies	Kylie Fiedler (Horsham), Debbie Weir (Bealiba), Kira Chalmers (NPPC), Peggy Mills, Linda Gerring (Maryborough), Pat Hedgers (Maryborough)	
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion 2026.04.01 That the previous meeting minutes be accepted as true and correct. Moved: Bronwyn Cuthbertson Seconded: Helen Spencer	Correction of meeting date to 2026
2. Business Arising		
	2.1. MZ equipment trailers	Installation of trackers in trailers – apple vs android or combined. Linda G to enquire further re costs. ACTION: Julie Gould to purchase portable air compressor x 3 (Kmart \$25 each) Users – remind to take photos on pick up and return. Concerns measuring wheels not accurate
	2.2. Games Trailer	Games equipment for 2026 schedule purchased with grant money-\$912 spent. This does not include the bending poles. Cost \$1410 from gamesequipment.com.au Trailer will be painted over winter. Motion 2026.04.02 That MZ purchase pending poles x6 set at quote cost from games equipment. Moved: Julie Gould Seconded: Bronwyn Cuthbertson passed. ACTION: investigate pickup/delivery – Bronwyn Cuthbertson Measuring wheel held at Julie Goulds. Plan for delivery prior to Saturday set up.
	2.3 Consideration that adult members have same opportunities at state level as junior/senior riders	Motion has been made and matter being discussed at PCV and to be presented to the board.
	2.4 CI Panel (Kira/Kylie/Linda) draft letter of concerns re the C cert Jot form in online assessment altering student answers.	Ongoing.

	2.5 Dressage Competition 2026.	Survey to SJ & D competitors – survey completed with good feedback on event structure. SJ & D qualifier event is the only event not standardised across the separate zones. There is discussion at PCV to standardize the zone qualifying event format.
	2.6 Hiring of Show Jumping Timers to MZ clubs	? in use for MZ HT event. MZ exec to plan SOP document. Jill Marshall happy work with Peggy to create SOP document.
	2.7 2029 PCV Horse Trials – MZ host.	? set up subcommittee and encourage senior rider/young adult members Sue Foley expressed interest in being on subcommittee.
3. Correspondence In		
Clubs	Maryborough PC XC accreditation form	
	Maryborough PC Dressage trailer hire form	
	Maryborough PC radio hire form	
	Maryborough PC letter to MZ exec	
	Horsham PC clinic flyer	
	Castlemaine PC – contacts update	Nominated DC – Pablo Carroll
PCV	Pro Rata for new memberships	
4. Correspondence Out	Via JustGo – delegates meeting minutes	
	Via JustGo – MZ calendar update	
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
Treasurer		
Zone Rep	<p>Reviewing child safety, medical clearance, esp around concussion, ? JustGo membership flag which will be noted for events using JustGo entry system.</p> <p>Whip rule vote – retaining PCV whip rule.</p> <p>Dual PC club membership discussions.</p> <p>Adult riders in competition, discussed and to be recommendations to be forwarded to the board.</p> <p>Bylaw rule changes, some membership name changes, 1.adult riders change to Masters, 2.remove Rookie from Ready2ride, 3.new membership- junior club supporter (non rider, volunteering at no cost)</p> <p>State HT – MZ rep to register riders on event secretary.</p> <p>State SJ format under consideration.</p> <p>Nationals proposing virtual nationals every second year. Vic to vote yes. Concern with aged based vs competency based.</p>	

Zone Chief Instructor	See report in appendix.	Current recommendation \$300 for certificate assessors.
Zone Examining Secretary	Kylie to assess the C* and have visitor assessor	
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 MZ HT	26 th April Section 2 @ Maryborough	Encouraging clubs to promote to riders, entry numbers are low at this time. Section working well to prepare the grounds. Grounds preparation, raking of the course to be done.
6.2 Teams GFM Qualifying	10 th May Section 3	Trailer will be available for all games. To be held at Dunolly, only room for 3 lanes. Program to be forwarded to all clubs. All ribbons ordered. Jill Marshall has arm bands and cap covers. Check Dunolly has adequate drums. Games Judge to be confirmed. Flat judges organised. Flat arena separate to games arena.
6.3 SJ & Flat team shield	15 th August Section 3	To be confirmed
6.4 AGM	21 st August Section 1	Jill to confirm
6.5 NCAS training & assessment	14-15 th November Section 2	
6.6 Dressage & SJ Qualifiers	12-13 th December Section 1	
6.7 ride 2 time	Issues with ground access due to winter wet tracks. Kyton available, but would prefer a track in the zone.	No sand track available for May 8 Bendigo booked for June 14 ? St Arnaud Consider dropping back to 2 events Riders can qualify at within a different zone.
7. General Business:	Discussion	Outcome/Action
7.1	Bealiba discussion re sporting codes publishing names of under 18yrs, surname not used when posting teams/information. Noted Event Secretary using full names in programs.	Identified by membership who are teachers.. Note schools have media policy. JustGo has media comment in membership. Clubs to consider how to protect juniors, alternative communication pathways, eg email, messenger groups, use of JustGo for all event entries.
Around the Clubs		
Ararat	Rally this month, split rally with Stawell during shed build. Roof is on, walls and surface to be completed. Schedule for completion at end of April. Joint HT with Harcourt went well.	
Bealiba	3 day school holidays camp recently completed. Numbers down, reflecting current times. Thanks to all our volunteers and participants for a great 3 days.	
Beaufort	Small membership continue to enjoy each others company at rallies. Some new membership enquires, hoping these will develop into the new financial year.	
Bendigo	Club doing well. Last rally, Kira and Nicki visited. Bendigo fortunate has large numbers coaches, level1 – foundation. Relocation has needed health inspector for kitchen facilities, now require registration to be compliant, unable to sell food until upgrades completed. Only able to do sausage sizzle and drinks.	

Castlemaine		
Charlton		
Donald		
Harcourt		
Horsham		
Learmonth	Small team of 8 members, come and try at March rally. Archery and flat work. Half day rally suiting membership and negates need for catering. Still looking for instructor for 3 rd May. Ongoing battle for instructors for rallies, thanks to Bronwyn C and Linda G. MZ comment – feel free to post note on MZ facebook page.	
Loddon		
Maldon	Alan Mitchell clinic last month, successful. Grant for 1 st aid training for members completed.	
Mandurang South		
Maryborough	Lots of work on xcountry for MZ and club event in may.	
Neangar Park		
Stawell		
Meeting Closed	9.23 PM	
Next Meeting:	Tuesday 9th JUNE 2026	online

SECTIONS (based on travel distance within the section)		
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Ararat Charlton Donald Horsham Stawell	Bealiba Beaufort Loddon Maryborough	Bendigo Castlemaine Harcourt Learmonth Maldon Mandurang South Neangar Park

	2025	2026	2027	2028
Midland Zone Horse Trials (April)	Charlton	2	3	1
Midland Zone Games/Flat/Musical/Pairs (May)	Bealiba	3	1	2
Midland Zone AGM (August)	Bendigo	1	2	3
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team Shield (August)	Horsham	3	1	2
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend (Nov)	Castlemaine	2	3	1
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers (Dec)	MSPC	1	2	3

Chief Instructor Report – April 2026

1. Coach training and assessment weekend. Scheduled for 21/22 November in Section 2. Activities to be covered will need to be arranged.

2. Certificate Assessments – there are 3 C candidates and one C* candidate for assessment in Bealiba on 18th April. This has now been changed to Maryborough and we have only the C* candidate to assess.

3. Rider Position Workshop being held on 18th July. An important aspect of coaching that is evident gets forgotten and I encourage all coaches to attend. Cost is low to attend as is subsidised to allow affordability to all but still be able to cover some of the costs. All accredited coaches can use this workshop as points towards their coaching log.

4. Coaching Memberships in JustGo - a reminder that ALL coaches (paid or not paid) need to have a coaching membership in JustGo. This means that coaches need to click on the Victoria Direct tab on the right hand side of the JustGo mainscreen and then select the coaching membership relevant to them. Volunteer Coaches are free.

This will be my last report as I will not be re-electing for Chief Instructor of Midland Zone, come June.

It has been a privilege to work along side the other Zone's Chief Instructors and State Office, gaining new skills in becoming a Co-Assessor for B level Certificates and facilitating at various workshops.

Thank you for having me as Midland Zone Chief Instructor for the past couple of years.

Kylie Fiedler

MZ Chief Instructor