

Midland Zone Delegates Meeting - MINUTES

Date:	Tuesday 9 TH JUNE 2026	Online - Zoom Meeting
Meeting Start	7.32 pm	
Attendance	Ararat:	Bealiba: Carolyn Stephenson
	Beaufort:	Bendigo: Sue Harvey
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Gemma Pridgeon
	Donald:	Harcourt:
	Horsham: Jade Horton, Amelia Sudholz	Learmonth: Linda Fahy
	Loddon:	Maldon: Kylie Kirk, Gemma Fennell
	Mandurang Sth:	Maryborough: Debbie Ruff, Linda Gerring Bronwyn Ballesty
	Neangar Park:	Stawell:
	Midland Zone: Nicki Chalmers, Debbie Weir, Julie Gould, Bronwyn Cuthbertson	
Apologies	Ingrid Gould (Bealiba), Kylie Fiedler (Horsham), Pat Hedger (Maryborough), Peggy Mills (Harcourt)	
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion 2026.06.01 That the previous minutes be accepted as true and correct	Moved Kylie Kirk Seconded Jade Horton
2. Business Arising		
	2.1. MZ equipment trailers	Installation of trackers in trailers – apple vs android or combined. ACTION: Julie & Linda G to enquire most appropriate type. ACTION: Julie Gould to purchase portable air compressor x 3 Users – remind to take photos on pick up and return.
	2.2. Games Trailer	Games trailer used at recent qualifying event. Now stored at Bealiba. Sandblast and Paint yet to be completed. Some equipment needs noted • 100m tape needed to mark out games arena • Spot spray in different colours to set up different games in advance • Line Marker unit in the dressage trailer
	2.3 CI Panel (Kira/Kylie/Linda) draft letter of concerns re the C cert Jot form in online assessment altering student answers.	Ongoing.
	2.4 Hiring of Show Jumping Timers to MZ clubs	MZ exec to plan SOP document. Jill Marshall happy work with Peggy to create SOP document.
	2.5 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	Mandurang South PC – officials update	Nominated DC – Laura Ednie Assistant DC – Jade Horton
	Horsham PC event flyer	

PCV	Changes to WWCC compliance	Now to be managed by clubs. Clubs are responsible for verifying valid WWCC for volunteers, instructors and officials. Clubs should establish a process for recording and maintaining their own WWCC. PCV will have guidance resources for clubs.
	Kay Irving GFM entry links for zones/riders	
	Come@Try membership now at Club Level	Clubs should now activate come&try in their membership set up on JustGo, ideal for members you know will join your club.
	Membership renewals – documents to clubs.	fees notification, renewal checklist for clubs, affiliation information. Bridging membership from 18 th May.
	Ayden Payment Platform	JustGo transition to Ayden payment platform in 2025, onboarding process to be completed.
	2026-2027 membership year	JustGo black out period for membership setup.
	JustGo membership transfer	A member had accidentally nominated membership to Midland Zone and required transfer approval for moving to a new club.
	PCV Annual Awards Nominations	Award nominations close 30 th June. Awards recognise riders, coaches, officials, supporters and volunteers achievement and contribution to the development of PC. Document to assist with nomination writing. Award of Merits to be submitted to zone prior to 30 th June.
PCA	Integrity Talk	SIA webinar – unreasonable complaint behaviour Safeguarding Children & Young People – policy for PC. 8 Actions to safeguard your club. Club Corner – Annual General Meeting checklist.
4. Correspondence Out	Via JustGo – MZ team GFM event program Via JustGo – delegates meeting minutes Via JustGo – MZ shield team of 4 and pairs event Via JustGo – delegates meeting agenda	
	Girton Grammer School invoice for trailer hire.	Motion2026.06.02 That Correspondence by accepted. Moved Bronwyn Cuthbertson Seconded Nicki Chalmers
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
Treasurer	NFP Tax return completed Zero financial reports are now downloaded to xcell, enabling links to pages associated with each expense. GFM not usually profitable.	Most expenses are reimbursements HT were profitable \$2000 Motion2026.06.03 That the financial report be accepted. Moved Debbie Weir Seconded Nicki Chalmers

	Riders payments for ½ entry fee for state events, not all riders yet made payments. Full Financial report in attachment	
Zone Rep	Presented by Nicki Chalmers See report in appendix.	Motion 2026.06.04 That the MZ Rep report be accepted. Moved Nicki Chalmers Seconded Sue Harvey
Zone Chief Instructor	See report in appendix.	Kylies role ends on 1 st June. On behalf of the MZ, we would like to pass on appreciation of Kylie in this role, she has been a go getter and gets things done. Motion 2026.06.05 That the MZ CI report be accepted Moved Julie Gould Seconded Linda Gerring
Zone Examining Secretary	Report received. See report in Appendix	
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 Teams GFM Qualifying Event	10 th May - Section 3 @ Bealiba	Equipment deficits in trailers 100m tape needed for accuracy in games and dressage trailer – to purchase - Instructions for 30mx60m arena
6.2 SJ & Flat team shield	15 th August Section 3 - Venue to be confirmed Max D test/day = 4 Masters (PC members over 26yrs) to be included at this event Will need to run shield event over 2 days SJ – Saturday D - Sunday	Motion 2026.06.06 That the MZ add Dressage to the existing Teams Shield event program in 2026 to support the new dressage qualification requirements for State Dressage. Moved Bronwyn Cuthbertson Seconded Nicki Chalmers Carried unanimous
6.3 AGM	21 st August Section 1	Jill (Ararat) to confirm
6.4 NCAS training & assessment	21-22 nd November Section 2	Venue to be confirmed DCIZA will organise
6.5 Dressage & SJ Qualifiers	12-13 th December Section 1	Venue to be confirmed
6.6 Ride2Time	14 th June @ Bendigo – sand track July @ Avoca	Reminder send out to members for entries. Currently only 3 riders.
7. General Business:	Discussion	Outcome/Action
7.1 State HT concerns re unsafe jump inclusion.	Iris Sudholz, first rider, fall at jump 1, dangerous jump, removed from course after Iris fall.	? insurance covers horse treatment as well as rider. Nicki to take to state council on behalf of rider to prevent happening again.
7.2 Recent Maryborough HT – unacceptable behaviour of adults in open sections	HRCav riders - ? PC club can forward letter of concern to HRCav Both riders breached both PC and HRCav code of conduct.	New rules will support PC response to behaviours. Suggest the club can refuse individual entries for future events. Club to notify Event Secretary if managing entries Suggest club also forward concern to PCV.
7.3 Volunteer coaching registration and fee.	Volunteer coaching on JustGo - volunteer coach with no fee not offered	New coach/membership staff at PCV ACTION: Nicki Chalmers to follow up with PCV why volunteer coaches do not have free coaching registration this year.

Around the Clubs		
Ararat		
Bealiba	Composite games and musical team to state School holidays 2 day Alan/Lynn clinic 1-2 july. Wed-Thurs entries open soon.	
Beaufort	Small active membership with some C&T interest for the new PC year.	
Bendigo	Recent rally concentration of riding dressage test and show jump course 26 members – 9 new members. Recent AGM with new office bearers. Kitchen compliance progressing.	
Castlemaine	Some riders out and about at PC events – at Maryborough HT	
Charlton	Gemma – Rally last month 2 riders, great day, using Gd 6 xcountr AGM with new office bearers. Families supporting roles. Bendigo Bank Sponsorship application for uniforms. Grants application for round yard upgrade. Setting days in August – working bee with past members to clean up equipment sheds.	
Donald		
Harcourt		
Horsham	Successful Jamie clinic in april. Organising Rider Position workshop in Ballarat, Debbie Warne – places open. August 2 nd freshmans SJ @ D jackpot. ? may change this to SJ in light of state qualifying SJ.	
Learmonth	Rallies going well with 8 members. Last rallies, joined with Rokewood and Beaufort. New C&Try. Looking to have pairs team for august event. AGM at june rally. Indoor booked for July/August rally, shared with Beaufort.	
Loddon		
Maldon	AGM this month. Memberships strong. Working towards HT in October.	
Mandurang South	AGM committee 2 new exec unchanged New jumps in xcountr for upcoming event. Alan clinic last month, fully booked. C&T and visiting rally from Barrum Grounds feedback – ongoing talk following loose horse at Dec event. Seeking support from other clubs MZ members that has been addressed and resolved, with grounds now secure for events.	
Maryborough	AGM in Oct/nov. Successful HT – entries capped , entries wait listed Membership looking good, ongoing C&T. Rally weekends with adults/junior	
Neangar Park		
Stawell		
Meeting Closed	9.53 pm	
Next Meeting:	Annual General Meeting 21 st AUGUST 2026 Encouraging all clubs to attend and support section 1.	VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

SECTIONS (based on travel distance within the section)				
1	2	3		
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

APPENDIX ONE – Treasurers Report - June 2026

Profit and Loss

Midland Zone Pony Club

For the period 10 February 2026 to 7 June 2026

Account	10 Feb-7 June 2026
Trading Income	
Equipment Hire	600
Games Flat Musical Pair	765
Hire Deposit and Fee radio's	600
Hire Deposit and Fee's Dressage	
Trailer	2400
Horse Trials	5303.35
Member Uniform purchase	210.00
State SJ & D Rider half fee	-442.5
Total Trading Income	9,435.85
Gross Profit	9,435.85
Operating Expenses	
Certificate - Judges Travel	87.5
Certificate Judges Cost	350
Consulting & Accounting	398.62
Executive payments	2382.96
Expenses occurred with Games	
Trailer	1896.5
G F M & P Expenses	600
Horse Trials Expenses	3312.11
Refund Deposit Fees	700
Zone Annual Fees	49
zone uniform purchase	69
Total Operating Expenses	9,845.69
Net Profit	(409.84)

APPENDIX TWO - Zone Rep Report - June 2026

Hi everyone,

Updates to share from State Council.

Rally attendance rule

There has been a proposed update to the rally attendance rule, which has been approved by the Board.

This is mainly about tightening and clarifying the wording of the current rule. The purpose behind the two-rally rule and minimum rally attendance for grading is safety.

One important point to remember is that the rule currently specifies that the rider must ride under instruction. This means a rider cannot simply get on, ride around on the side and have that counted as a rally.

Rally attendance outside of an official rally will also be limited to a maximum of one in any 12-month period.

Horse welfare and abuse

The horse welfare and abuse updates have been put forward to the Board, but have not yet been finalised.

The definitions and examples of abuse and dangerous riding have been tidied up to make them clearer. Sensory hairs have also been added.

There will also be the addition of breaches and disciplinary actions, including elimination or exclusion from an activity, 25 penalties for jumping from a standstill and official warnings.

These incidents will be recorded at the office so they can be monitored across zones.

The abuse and dangerous riding rules will also be removed from Horse Trials specifically and moved into the By-Laws so they apply across all activities.

State Dressage and State Showjumping

There will be a change of format for State Dressage and State Showjumping.

These will now be held over two separate weekends.

The rationale behind this is to make the events more inclusive. At the moment, only around 30 dressage riders and 40 showjumping riders can attend from across the state.

The change is also intended to ensure that riders attending are performing at state level. It should also support clubs by encouraging attendance at competitions throughout the year.

Dressage will be held in February. Showjumping will be held between August and December.

State Showjumping format

State Showjumping will include three events over two days.

There will be a jump-off for individual grade champions if there is more than one section in a grade.

Qualifying will follow a similar format to Horse Trials.

- For A and B Grade, riders will need two competitions.
- For C and D Grade, riders will need three competitions.
- E Grade will be added after the first year.

Qualifying performances will include:

- one round with zero jumping penalties
- two rounds with eight jumping penalties or less in the final round of the day
- one qualifying performance per competition

A qualifying log or performance card will be developed and stamped at events.

The qualifying timeframe will be the 12 months preceding the event.

State Dressage format

State Dressage will be held over two days.

Riders will compete in three tests. One of the tests will be ridden twice, but under a different judge.

Qualifying will again be similar to the current Horse Trials qualifying system.

Riders will need three tests from three different dressage competitions. Horse Trials tests will not be eligible.

The required percentages will be:

- Advanced and Grade 1: 63%
- Grades 2 and 3: 65%
- Grades 4 and 5: 67%

A qualifying log or performance card will also be developed and stamped at events.

For the 2027 State Dressage event, qualifying results will be taken from events held after the State event in February this year, through to the event date next year.

State Horse Trials

There will be a change to State Horse Trials, with a Combined Training section added.

Results will be taken from Horse Trials results. Riders will not be able to attend as Combined Training only. It will simply be an additional optional section.

A State qualifying log will also be developed to record performances for Dressage, Showjumping and Horse Trials.

John Barlee

The John Barlee competition will be extended across all grades.

The Interzone Shield will be removed.

Club visits

Club visits have been paused for the time being.

There has been a lot of discussion about the purpose of club visits and how they can be delivered consistently across zones. Because of this, they have now been formally paused while this important support is clarified.

This does not mean clubs will not be supported in the meantime. Clubs are always welcome to reach out if they would like attendance, advice or support.

State Games, Flat and Musical Ride

At the May meeting, it was decided that composite teams for State Games, Flat and Musical Ride should only be formed by Zone Representatives. Clubs will no longer be able to form composite teams themselves.

This decision was made due to concerns about clubs creating "super teams". After issues last year where changes were made using unqualified riders, this was also raised as a safety concern.

As per the rules, only Zone Representatives can approve team changes. Clubs cannot approve these changes themselves.

Because our clubs had already been practising due to our early qualifiers, I allowed clubs to continue as usual with composites this year. However, from next year, this change will need to be noted and followed.

Masters section

I am very excited to announce that a Masters section will be added to State events from 2027.

I was just as passionate about getting this passed as the rest of you. I also want to thank those people who trusted me when I made suggestions about the best way to approach this issue.

More information will come soon, as the finer details are still being finalised.

Minimum venue standards

There is ongoing discussion around the development of minimum venue standards for State events. This is based on survey results, as well as the rationale and expectations of Pony Club.

There has already been a lot of discussion and I believe there will be more to come. Unfortunately, this may impact which grounds can be considered for State events moving forward.

State Horse Trials at Colac

Finally, a huge congratulations to all riders who attended State Horse Trials at Colac. I think we can all agree it was a magnificent location and a wonderful event.

Nicki Chalmers

APPENDIX THREE - MZ Chief Instructors report – June 2026

Nothing to report apart from a reminder of the upcoming 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.

I have had no communication of the new Zone Chief Instructor, but I wish that person all the very best with the role. The other Zone Chief Instructors are extremely hard working for PCV and are a fantastic bunch of people to learn from.

Coaching Director Jill at PCV office is also very helpful and dedicated to PCV coaching.

This is my final report.

Kylie Fiedler

APPENDIX FOUR - MZ Examining Secretary report – June 2026

The first round of Certificate assessments for 2026 was held in April. We had three C Certificate candidates and one C* candidate nominate. Of these, our C* candidate has been asked to complete a supplementary component. Unfortunately, none of the C Certificate candidates were assessed due to one injury and two late withdrawals.

The next round of assessments is scheduled for 26–27 September, with nominations currently open on JustGo. This will be the final round of assessments for our zone this calendar year, so if you have riders aiming to qualify for Dressage or Showjumping, please encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity and nominate. Closing date for Nominations close on 1 August.

I would like to kindly remind all clubs to ensure that riders are fully available before nominating for assessments. Late withdrawals create significant challenges, as assessors need to be secured, exams prepared and marked, and venues organised. This represents a considerable investment of time and effort, which could be avoided with firm commitments from the outset.

I'm sure everyone understands the impact of this, as we are all volunteers.

Kira Chalmers