



Central Scenes

Central Zone Newsletter

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The Fimister Shield



The Fimister was held on Sunday November 30 at Glenlyon PC. The Glenlyon workers did a wonderful job setting up the grounds and providing a great venue. It was a typical November day with rain throughout the day. They all bravely persevered and many stayed for the presentations.

Thanks to the CZ Executive, especially Meg Sutherland, for hosting the day, and to Michelle Woodcroft for the many photos.



The Fimister shield is an annual show jumping competition run by the Central Zone. The event is designed to give all grades of rider (from PG to PA), experience of different kinds of show jumping events. Riders who place or win an event on the day receive points for their Club. The scores for each rider on the day are aggregated towards their Club score and the Club with the most points wins.

This competition was created to honour the memory of Frank Fimister, who as a foundation member of Findon PC went on to reach great heights in the Pony Club movement. He was also a top performer in show jumping and eventing. At the time of his death (in a level crossing accident) in 1968, he had been selected to the training squad for the 1968 Mexico Olympic Equestrian Team. Three of his horses subsequently competed with distinction on the British and European circuits.



The winners of the Fimister shield this year were Riddells Creek. Gisborne placed second and the host club, Glenlyon, placed third.



Overall winners and placegetters:

A, B and C grade



D and E grade



F and G grade



A rosette for the best equitation is awarded in each grade. The judge chooses a rider who has ridden with nice lines, a smooth canter and well judged take offs and landings.



President's Cup

The winners and placegetters in the President's Cup showjumping series were based on the points accrued at the previous qualifying rounds at Macedon, Gisborne, Whittlesea, Bullengarook, Riddells Creek, Melton and Williamstown and the Fimister classes.

Here are the winners, with the placegetters present on the day.

A, B & C grade winners: Lincoln Dougall (Ninja warrior), Darcy Macaulay (Parklands Tim Traveler) and Nikita Cotter (Silver Storm).



D and E grade winners: Amelia Harris (Rosette Ties) and Emersyn Craige (Captain Tucker)



F and G grade winners: Jayde Woolfe (Forest Way Bonsai) and Frankie Kortlang (George)



The full results can be found on the CZ website centralzonevic@gmail.com

Ascot Saddlery Delegates

In May, Ascot Saddlery sent a proposal to clubs in Central Zone.

Ascot Saddlery Saddleworld is looking to support the upcoming generation of riders in the regions around Melbourne with the establishment of a network of young Team Ascot riders. We are asking each pony club in the Central Zone to nominate one rider in their club to be a member of Team Ascot for the next 12 months. They would be the recipients of various benefits.

The chosen rider does not need to be the best rider or the most competitive in the club or their grade, however, we'd ideally like them to be chosen for the attributes of being a willing helper with a positive attitude and demonstrating responsibility, love and care for their pony. The chosen rider, or rider's parents, would be asked to tag Ascot Saddlery in on any social media post that features the rider's equine related activities.

Here are some of the worthy delegates who have been chosen by their clubs and published on social media. Keep a lookout for their further activities.



Heidi Jackson Bullengarook



Alice Summers Gisborne



Lily Evans Glenlyon



Ruby Fraser Kyneton



Evie Isherwood Lancefield



Eliza White Melton



Cooper Owen Riddells Creek



Sophie Slade Whittlesea



Lavinia Berridge Williamstown



Angus Kerr Woodlands

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is the highest State Award for Service to Pony Club by a member aged between 19 - 26 years. This award recognises the commitment of young members to their Club on an administration or in a voluntary work capacity. Service means carrying out tasks that benefit the club, its members and perhaps the wider community. Service does not include riding ability or competing in teams.



This year, Indira Lau from Williamstown & District PC is to be congratulated for being nominated for this prestigious award. She is an exemplary role model demonstrating her love of horses and their welfare and willingly passing her extensive knowledge of horsemanship to junior members. She is a worthy recipient of this award.

She was presented with the certificate and badge at the club December rally by DC Trish Murphy.

CZ Dressage and Showjumping Champs

This event will be held on January 17/18 2026 at Riddells Creek PC. Entries now open on Event Secretary. This is the final qualifier for the PCV Dressage and Show jumping champs 21/22 February at Warrnambool Showgrounds, hosted by Dennington PC.

Clubs got into the Xmas spirit at their December rallies.

Most clubs usually have fun days, with mounted games and different activities. End of year presentations also feature. Fancy dress is in the Xmas spirit, although some just like dressing up.

Williamstown had an "Iconic Duo" theme for their fancy dress, with presentations from DC Trish Murphy later.



At **Gisborne**, the riders in teams decorated with their team colours, competed for the Gisbathon team trophies (dressage, show jumping and fun games) before Santa arrived with lollies. Later in the week, the club joined the Gisborne parade.



Here are 4 of the 5 Gisbathon teams.





Kilmore In the morning the older riders had a dressage lesson and a teams jumping competition while the younger riders went out on an adventure through the trails and completed a fun scavenger hunt. Then, after a yummy lunch they got into games mode! All together as a club riders split into teams and raced against the clock in apple bobbing, sack race, marshmallow race and pole bending in an afternoon full of laughs, some wet hair and faces covered in flour and marshmallows!



Woodlands celebrated with the annual Woodlands Cup, comprised of XC, SJ and Handymount, followed by a trail ride in the park, where they encountered Mrs. Santa and then presentations.



Central Zone December meeting

The minutes from this meeting will be sent out to clubs and up-loaded to the CZ website when they are available.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a **Safe and Happy New Year**

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