



Central Scenes

Central Zone Newsletter

February 2025

CZ Dressage and Showjumping Champs Jan 2025

Well done all the riders who kept their horses fit in the summer heat to attend the CZ Dressage and Showjumping Champs held at Woodlands on January 18/19. The riders urged their mount to do their best, in true pony club spirit and by the end of the weekend, we had awarded champion and placing sashes and listed the riders qualified to be entered for the 2025 State Championships. We are grateful to Woodlands PC members for providing a great venue and also for providing sustaining food and cold drinks from the canteen to officials, competitors and their families throughout the day.

Congratulations to our dressage champions:

Advanced dressage Lili Taylor (Riddells Creek PC) riding Oscar

Grade 1 dressage Darcy Macauley (Riddells Creek PC) riding Parklands Faltango

Grade 2 dressage Alira King (Riddells Creek PC) riding Lethal Flame

Grade 3 dressage Amelia McDougall (Gisborne PC) riding JKE Arlington

Grade 4 dressage Eva Potesta (Riddells Creek PC) riding Brookside My Favourite

Grade 5 dressage Anneka Bean-Thornton (Woodlands PC) riding Lucifer Lodge Leo

Grade 6 dressage Lacey Roughly (Riddells Creek PC) riding Nugget

Photos of the proud champions and place getters who were present for the dressage presentations are below.





Congratulations to our showjumping champions.

- B grade** Chanel Radburn (Werribee PC) riding Bella
- C grade** Sophie Fosnaugh (Gisborne PC) riding Champagne Fizz
- D grade** Abigail Fosnaugh (Gisborne PC) riding Monahan Vagabond
- E grade** Poppy quay (Riddells Creek) riding Buckles
- F grade** Emily Beven (Riddells Creek) riding Hony Tonk

The riders who have been entered to the state champs are listed below.

Dressage			
Advanced			
	Lili Taylor	Oscar	Riddells Creek
Grade 1			
	Darcy Macaulay	Parklands Faltango	Riddells Creek
	Kloe Soper	Bonfire Belle	Riddells Creek
	Madeleine Manton	Wyann Mercedes	Woodend
Grade 2			
	Alira King	Lethal Flame	Riddells Creek
	Tamsyn Harvey	Misty Night	Riddells Creek
	Kathryn Bartlett	Yarrumdoc Debutante	Woodlands
Reserve 1	Emily Bartlett	Pumpkin Pie	Woodlands
Reserve 2	Lauren Cocks	Treasured BP Hewitt	Riddells Creek
Grade 3			
	Amelia McDougall	JKE Arlington	Gisborne
	Abigail Fosnaugh	Monahan Vagabond	Gisborne
	Michelle Woodcroft	Strutin to a Tribute	Riddells Creek
Reserve 1	Laila Portogallo	Devonte	Werribee
Reserve 2	Tyler Gamble	SLH Noble Ledger	Woodlands
Grade 4			
	Eva Potesta	Brookside My Favourite	Riddells Creek
	Brodie Haliday-Tough	BLT Lone Star	Woodlands
	Abbey Brinkhuis	Casuarina Ridge Marvel	Riddells Creek
Reserve 1	Angus Kerr	Tucker Providers Dream	Woodlands
Reserve 2	Tamsyn Harvey	Courtalia Park La Diva	Riddells Creek
Show Jumping			
A Grade			
	Mirri Lang	Mousetang	Gisborne
B Grade			
	Darcy Macaulay	Parklands Time Traveler	Riddells Creek
	Lili Taylor	Williams Dreaming	Riddells Creek
	Chanel Radburn	Bella	Werribee
	Indira Lau	Kalimna On a Cloud	Williamstown
Reserve 1	Alexah Robinson	Isle Of New York	Werribee
C Grade			
	Heidi Jackson	Karlana Ima Koolkat	Bullengarook
	Chloe O'Rourke	Atlas	Macedon
	Sophie Fosnaugh	Champagne Fizz	Gisborne
	Lincoln Dougall	Forrestor Creation	Kilmore
Reserve 1	Lauren Cocks	Treasured BP Hewitt	Riddells Creek
Reserve 2	Michelle Woodcroft	Bobby B Dazzled	Riddells Creek
D Grade			
	Alira King	Lethal Flame	Riddells Creek
	Nikita Cotter	Silver Storm	Macedon
	Abigail Fosnaugh	Monahan Vagabond	Gisborne
	Scarlett Robinson	Harleys Blue Moonshine	Werribee
Reserve 1	Alice Summers	Bel Attrait	Gisborne

We wish these riders every success at the State Champs at Tonimbuck on 22/23 February. There have been a few changes since January so some reserves will be riding in the teams.

Central Zone Horse Trials

In 2024 the Central Zone of Pony Clubs decided to bring back the CZ Horse Trials, last held in 2019, and incorporate it into a Horse Trials held within the Zone, rather than host a stand alone event. It was included with the "Ride With Elegance" Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials in September 2024. The shield was won by Werribee PC.

In 2025, The CZ HT was held in conjunction with the Gisborne PC Horse Trials. For a weekend in the middle of summer, it was bitterly cold, but the horses found it perfect weather for a gallop. The shield was won by Gisborne PC, with Werribee a close second. Unfortunately, the Werribee riders were not able to stay for the presentations. Bullengarook PC placed third.





A Freshman's section was also held for the little tackers who are keen to participate with their siblings and club mates but are not yet ready to compete.



Eventers of the future.

Central Zone February meeting

This was held at the New Gisborne Ross Watts hall on February 6.

The Zone Representative Report is attached as Appendix 1.

Certificates

Meaghan Sutherland, The Zone Chief Instructor, gave the reminder that riders over the age of 14, who have been in pony club for 2 or more years, must have their C certificate to be eligible to compete at the State Championships. The next C certificate assessment day is the 15th of March. Applications for C cert assessment should be sent to the Zone Examining Secretary, Jayde Kirkham, as soon as possible. The application form, including Jayde's contact details, can be found on the CZ website www.centralzonevic.com under *Coaching-certificates*.

Any clubs having trouble setting up certificate processes at their rallies should get in touch with Meaghan. Centralzone.ci@gmail.com

Coaching Accreditation

The next CZ assessment day is March 16th 2025, with a training day on March 15th, both at Riddells Creek PC, with State Assessors Sally Francis and Shelley McCrae.

On the Saturday there will also be another Gear Check Accreditation morning session, giving coaches and clubs the opportunity to become qualified.

Demonstration riders for higher certificate C*/K/B are needed as well as riders for gear check accreditation practical and coaching assessments. Preferably the riders are off-lead and riding independently. Please get in touch with Meaghan if you have riders who are available and keen for a free lesson.

Up-coming Events

MARCH	
Sat 1	
Sun 2	Glenlyon Pony club and Open Horse Trials
Sat 8	
Sun 9	
	Labour Day
Sat 15	CZ C cert assessment Day
Sat 15/Sun 16	CZ Higher Certificate and Coaching workshop
Sun 16	Heathcote PC Freshman's
Sat 22	
Sun 23	Whittlesea PC CTD
Sat 29	
Sun 30	Woodlands PC Games Clinic
Sun 30	Gisborne PC Open show
APRIL	
Thu 3	Central Zone Meeting 8pm Ross Watts Hall, New Gisborne – ALL CLUBS TO SEND 1 Rep
Sat 5	Kyneton PC CTD
Sat 5	
Sun 6	
Sat 12	
Sun 13	
Sat/Sun 19/20	Easter Saturday & Sunday Riddells Creek Pony Club Easter Horse Trials
Fri 25	Anzac Day
Sat 26	
Sun 27	Heathcote PC Nav Ride

The full calendar can be found on the CZ website.

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Central Zone Representative Report

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2025

- 22nd & 23rd PCV State SJ and Dressage @ Tonimbuk - Meagan Sutherland will be acting Zone Representative
- 17th & 18th May State HT @ Rosedale
- 21st 22nd June State KI Games @ Bacchus Marsh

Presidents Cup -2025

G Grade will be included in the Presidents Cup

Zone Events

Thankyou to all clubs that have volunteered to host 2025 events

- 15th 16th Feb CZ Horse Trials @ Gisborne
- 25th May CZ Games, Flat Muscal qualifiers @ Woodlands
- 3rd Aug Lowden Shield @ Whittlesea. Games
- 30th Nov Fimister Shield @ Glenlyon

2025 Nationals

PCA Nationals will be @ Werribee 1st October – 5th October 2025

More details to follow, as there is the PCV Nationals pathway committee releasing a document to all, showing how they can qualify for the event.

Programs

All programs should be sent to programs.centralzonepcav@gmail.com

These are to be sent a min of 2 weeks prior to your event and your event is not approved until you receive a confirmation email. Programs will not be approved in 24-48 hours.

Unfortunately, clubs are not having these approvals and putting themselves at risk of backlash from competitors. Clubs are aware of the process, it has been in place many years. You need to use your zone resources and knowledge to help you succeed.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all riders who have qualified for the State SJ and Dressage, we look forward to seeing you representing CZ!

Thankyou

Thankyou to everyone that made the CZ Dressage and SJ day a huge success, it was well attended, and everyone had a great day.

Thankyou to Leonie Lang for constantly putting up with us all changing and asking for calendar dates, it's a thankless task that doesn't go unnoticed, we appreciate your 110th version of the new calendar.

PCV Coaching requirements

As discussed at the December meeting, all clubs need to ensure their coaches are registered in justgo with Vic Direct. It is your club's risk if you choose not to do this. Riders are covered 24/7, however the clubs insurance can come into question if an incident occurs. I understand that this is another item we all need to complete, but it is what it is and we need to do the best we can.

I have included a flow chart document from PCV.

To check if a coach is registered simply email coaching@ponyclubvic.org.au

Come and Try procedure

It has come to my attention that many clubs are not following the correct come and try procedure, this has been in place for sometime now.

You cannot accept a come and try into your portal without proof of payment via Victoria Direct, the rider has to be able to prove they paid the insurance fee.

If you do not complete this step, your rider has no insurance with PCV/PCA. There are no manual forms to complete, and this isn't an optional step.

The club can add its fee and use justgo to collect this after the insurance fee is paid or have them pay directly to your bank account.

Again, I understand that some clubs do not like the procedure, but you are putting your club at risk when you don't follow these guidelines.