



Central Scenes

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CZ Dressage and Showjumping Champs Jan 2026

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 17/18. 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 2026 State Championships. We are grateful to Riddells Creek 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 Darcy Macauley (Riddells Creek PC) riding Parklands Faltango

Grade 1 dressage Kathryn Bartlett (Riddells Creek PC) riding Yarrumdoc Debutante

Grade 2 dressage Amelia McDougall (Gisborne PC) riding JKE Arlington

Grade 3 dressage Eva Potesta (Riddells Creek PC) riding Mithril Samwise

Grade 4 dressage Anneka Bean-Thornton (Woodlands PC) riding Habafield Jett

Grade 5 dressage Oliver Bellchambers (Lancefield and District Pony Club) riding Shiloh

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.



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Congratulations to our showjumping champions.

B grade Indyanna Harper (Barwon Valley PC) riding Lostasock

C grade Jasmine Coady (Bullengarook PC) riding Ferrari Park Autumn Gold

D grade Sophi Wall (Macedon PC) riding Lexi

E grade Jaxon Christian (Riddells Creel PC) riding Tremayne Its All About Him

F grade Oliver Bellchambers (Lancefield PC) riding Shiloh

G grade Annabelle Phillips (Riddells Creek PC) riding Belle

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The riders who are eligible to be entered to the state champs are listed below.

Dressage Advanced

Darcy Macaulay Parklands Faltango Riddells Creek

Dressage Grade 1

Kathryn Bartlett Yarrumdoc Debutante Riddells Creek

Lauren Cocks Treasured BP Hewitt Riddells Creek

Madeleine Manton Wyann Mercedes Woodend

Reserve: Annabelle Ennis-Wert Its Overcast Werribee

Reserve: Miranda Byrne Braefoot Park Paddington Riddells Creek

Dressage Grade 2

Amelia McDougall JKE Arlington Gisborne

Michelle Woodcroft Strutin to a Tribute Riddells Creek

Michelle Woodcroft Bobby B Dazzled Riddells Creek

Reserve: Clara Greenwood Highfield Diamond Wonder Macedon

Reserve: Emily Harris Magic Margot TAE Riddells Creek

Dressage Grade 3

Eva Potesta Mithril Samwise Riddells Creek

Darcy Christian Warrina Constellation Riddells Creek

Eva Potesta Brookside My Favourite Riddells Creek

Reserve: Darcy Christian Roundhill Rising Victory Riddells Creek

Reserve: Laila Portogallo Devonte Werribee

Dressage Grade 4

Anneka Bean-Thornton Habafield Jett Woodlands

Marli Potesta Harry Riddells Creek

Jayde Coady Weston Park Minardi Bullengarook

Reserve: Jaxon Christian Tremayne Its All About Him Riddells Creek

Reserve: Abbey Brinkhuis Delrazzi Riddells Creek

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Showjumping A Grade

Lincoln Dougall Ninja Warrior Kilmore
Tex Lang Stoneleigh Sunday Rose Gisborne

Showjumping B Grade

Darcy Macaulay Parklands Time Traveler Riddells Creek
Lincoln Dougall Forrester Creation Kilmore
Mirri Lang Gisborne

Showjumping C Grade

Nikita Cotter Silver Storm Macedon
Michelle Woodcroft Bobby B Dazzled Riddells Creek
Jasmine Coady Ferrari Park Autumn Gold Bullengarook
Penny Mahwinney Bo Peep Bullengarook
Reserve: Maya Whalen Archie Woodlands
Reserve: Abigail Fosnaugh Champagne Magic Gisborne

Showjumping D Grade

Amelia Harris Rosette Ties Whittlesea
Grace Bradshaw Jayde Riddells Creek
Sophie Wall Lexi Macedon
Summer Doyle Karlana Ima Kool Kat Bullengarook
Reserve: Sophie Slade La Cresse Whittlesea
Reserve: Katie Alford Navajo Jake Riddells Creek

When entries have been confirmed, reserve riders may be offered spots both individually and in composite teams. We wish all riders who compete every success at Warrnambool on February 21/22.

Central Zone February meeting

This was held at the New Gisborne Ross Watts hall on February 5.

For a couple of items of discussion, clubs were asked for feedback.

- 1. PCV Whip Rule** – consideration of whether the rule remains relevant, with reference to PCA Gear Rules. Clubs are asked to discuss this item and provide feedback by the April meeting.
- 2. Optimum time rule for lower show jumping grades.** In August 2025, James Lang presented some information about the rationale for placing show jumping competitors according to 'optimum time' and argued that the intention of the FEI rule at open show jumping was not appropriate for the lower pony club grades. At the October zone meeting, clubs offered a vigorous feedback discussion but further action was deferred in anticipation of an electronic version of the presentation being made available for club discussion. This was subsequently emailed to clubs and delegates at the December meeting were asked to send any follow up actions to the February meeting. The following correspondence was tabled at the Feb meeting.

Gisborne Pony Club is submitting the following motion about the optimum time article for F and G grade show jumping for tabling at the Central Zone meeting.

After a year of trialling the new article it has been observed many children are deliberately working in circles and riding at a slower pace than is safe and developmentally appropriate. As such children are losing forward motion in front of jumps and ponies stopping instead of holding a steady canter over the jumps.

In the light of this, we would like the following motion to be put to the Central Zone general meeting:

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“That the PCV rules for F and G grade show jumping revert to the FEI rules as for the other grades, but with no penalty for the trotting/slow pony.”

As the ethos of pony club is to use a grading system it is recommended that DCs grade appropriately to ensure riders going dangerously fast are educated rather than altering the premise of teaching junior riders for show jumping competitions.

If this motion is carried, it should be forwarded to the PCV Zone Representatives Council as correspondence.

In the event that this motion fails, please table this second motion:

“That the articles for F and G grade show jumping be replaced by an Equitation style event. This will not be judged using score sheets but will be based on the judge’s opinion.”

An equitation style event is like “hunter jumping” which is an established discipline around the world such as the USA where riders progress from “hunters” to “jumpers” Events.

If this motion is carried, the proviso of considering it if motion 1 fails could be included in the correspondence to PCV.

Discussion and a vote were deferred to the April meeting. Clubs are urged to consider their position on this issue and vote accordingly at the April meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached for reference.

Note: The April Zone meeting has been **rescheduled to March 26** to avoid Easter.

Representative Report and ZCI report attached as Appendices 1&2.

Up-coming Events

FEBRUARY	
Sun 1	Gisborne Pony Club and Open Horse Trials
Thurs 5	Central Zone Meeting 8pm Ross Watts Hall, New Gisborne – ALL CLUBS TO SEND 1 Rep
Sat 7	
Sun 8	Teams clinic for dressage and musical @ Woodlands
Sat 14	Kyneton Freshmans showjumping
Sun 15	
Sat/Sun 21/22	PCV State Dressage and Showjumping Championships @ Dennington - Warrnambool
Sun 22	Glenlyon Pony club and Open Horse Trials
Sat 28	Riddells Creek PC Eventing Clinic
MARCH	
Sun 1	
Sat 7	
Sun 8	
Mon 9	Labour Day
Sat 14	CZ C assessment day
Sat/Sun 14/15	PCV State Workshop
Sun 15	
Sat 21	
Sun 22	
Thurs 26	Central Zone Meeting 8pm Ross Watts Hall, New Gisborne
Sun 29	Whittlesea PC CTD
Sun 29	Gisborne PC Open show

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The full calendar can be found on the CZ website.

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Central Zone of PCV Inc.

Appendix 1

State Zone Representative Panel Report (Central Zone) February 2026

Dates to Remember

- **21–22 February 2026** – State Showjumping & Dressage Qualifiers – *Warrnambool Showgrounds*
 - **TD:** Andrew Hosier (FEI Level 3)
 - **Show Jump Judges:** Ian Box, Helen Forrest (both EA accredited)
 - **Course Builders:** Lee and Leah Teal, Ian Chalmers
 - **Dressage Judges:** Lineup confirmed (one change: Pam Edwards for Level 1/Advanced)
- **14-15 March 2026** – Central Zone State workshop – details to come - Running with C, D & D* Certificates
- **4-5 April 2026 - Central Zone Horse Trails** – Running with Riddells Creek Easter HT
- **16–17 May 2026** – State Horse Trials – *Colac Pony Club*
 - **TD:** Andrew Hosier
 - **Show Jump Judge/Course Builder:** Ian Box
 - **XC Course Builder:** Jared Stanley
 - **Course Control/XC Dressage:** Beth McCann
 - **Canteen:** Lockhart Pony Club
- **24 May 2026** – Central Zone Kay Irving Games, Flat & Musical Ride Qualifiers – *Woodlands Pony Club*
- **20–21 June 2026** – State Kay Irving Games, Flat & Musical Ride – *Bacchus March Pony Club*

Thank you to Riddells Creek Pony Club for hosting.

Congratulations to all riders heading to Warrnambool in February. The State Zone Representative Panel is currently reviewing entries to confirm who has entered and identify any missing nominations. This process will allow reserve riders to be balloted on Tuesday, following the close of entries on Monday, 9 February.

Meaghan Sutherland will be acting State Zone Representative Panel member on across the weekend.

State Council discussed the following items:

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- **PCV Whip Rule** – consideration of whether the rule remains relevant, with reference to PCA Gear Rules. Clubs are asked to discuss this item and provide feedback by the April meeting.
- **Strategic Plan** – the Strategic Plan will be released in the coming weeks.

State Council will meet on Saturday, 7 February to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the State Zone Representative Panel, the Board, and office functions. This discussion aims to bring greater consistency across zones and clubs and to improve understanding of roles and responsibilities across zones and clubs.
- **Coaches** -State Council is aware that coaches are now being asked to pay fees to attend state training workshops. This matter is currently under investigation to determine how this has occurred, the reasons behind it, and to work towards an appropriate resolution.
- **Hat standards** are currently under review. We are awaiting a decision from PCA in the coming weeks, along with the possible release of updated PCA Gear Rules.
- **Club closures and governance** are currently under review across the state. If your club is not up to date with Consumer Affairs requirements and affiliation payments, you will be contacted shortly.

We will also be reviewing clubs that are currently closed but have not yet finalised closure requirements, including bank accounts, Consumer Affairs notifications, and other administrative obligations.

State Horse Trials

QUALIFYING CRITERIA – Same as prior years, with the addition of HRCVA events to be included as an option. Full details to be emailed out in February to all members.

Event and Cross-Country jumping penalties must be noted on the rider's membership card.

Grade 1

D.6.1.e. Grade 1 combinations must complete two Horse Trials, one of which must be in a pony club or open section of a PCV Accredited Grade 1 event.

- An EA CCN1*-S event may be used as one qualification. 1 or 2 events successfully completed
- at PCV 110 level will also be accepted as a qualification.
- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.
- One qualification with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase & one
- with zero jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase.

Grade 2

D.6.1.f. Grade 2 combinations must complete two Horse Trials, one of which must be in a pony

- club or open section of a PCV Accredited Grade 2 event.
- An EVA95 event may be used as one qualification.

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- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.

Grade 3

D.6.1.g. Grade 3 combinations must complete three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a pony club or open section of a PCV Accredited Grade 3 event.

- An EVA80 event may be used as one qualification.
- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.
- Two qualifications with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase & one
- with zero jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase.

Grade 4

D.6.1.h. Grade 4 combinations must complete three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a pony club or open section of a PCV Accredited Grade 4 event.

- An EVA65 event may be used as one qualification.
- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.
- Two qualifications with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase & one
- with zero jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase.

Grade 5

D.6.1.i. Grade 5 combinations must complete three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a pony club or open section of a PCV Accredited Grade 5 event.

- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.
- Two qualifications with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase & one
- with zero jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase.

Calendar Bookings

The new calendar booking system has had a great start—thank you to everyone who has completed the required information.

Bookings can be made via the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/252887115057058>

Appendix 2

CZ Chief Instructors Report February 2026

Happy New Year to everyone and hope that all members got some quality time with their ponies on the summer break.

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Certificates

C Certificate assessment day 14th March 2026 @ Riddells Creek Pony Club in combination with the State Workshop.

Higher Certificate weekend C*/ K/ B/ A Pre Assessments and Assessments 11th & 12th April 2026

Coaching Accreditation

State Workshop on the 14th March @ Riddells Creek, training on the Saturday and assessments on the Sunday Will be putting the call out to all Central Zone members who would like to be demonstration riders for either or both days. Wide range of levels required. Opportunity for free lessons. We are looking to run sessions on coaching team riding/ games/ gear check accreditation, these days are required for coaches to be able to update their accreditations through continued professional development.

Coach Training Evenings ~ Games

A massive thankyou to Dan Foster for facilitating 2 training evenings for coaches on coaching the skills of games at Pony Club rallies. Coaches, parents and riders all had a great time and learnt a lot. It was great to see a junior coach at a recent rally taking those skills and coaching games, to the point where the riders didn't want to leave the session.

Rider Training Day ~ Teams Riding

Thankyou to Woodlands Pony Club for organising and facility a come and try team riding day at their next rally, which is the 8th of February. Idea is to enable riders to come and try riding in teams and pairs and how to create a musical ride.

Both games and teams riding offers junior members an opportunity to learn fundamental riding skills in a fun and friendly way. The confidence and skills riders gain through doing these activities results in passive learning and its fun along the way. If you would like some assistance getting sessions off the ground relating to games or teams riding please get in touch and we as a panel will help you facilitate these sessions in a fun way.

Central Zone State Qualifiers

Run at Riddells Creek Pony Club. Thankyou to the Central Zone executive for all their time and efforts and we are now starting to confirm riders who are not able to attend and offering those spots to reserve riders. State Championships are to be held at Warrnambool on the 21st and 22nd of February.

Panel Meeting

Focus was on running the State Qualifiers and the 2 games coaching evenings. Next State Meeting end of Feb next Zone meeting 10th March prior to State workshop.

Camps and Clinics

It has been great over the summer period to see a number of Central Zone Clubs host camps and clinics. These events enable riders from multiple clubs to come together learn some new skills/ disciplines and make some new friendships.

Items for the Agenda/ notes;

- Central Zone Dressage Series Rules
- Finalizing the updated President Cup rules, which will be presented at the next Central Zone meeting

Meaghan Sutherland

Central Zone Chief Instructor