



Central Scenes

Central Zone Newsletter

June 2025

Many rallies and events have been cold and muddy during a wet autumn, but keen CZ riders have turned out in all weathers.

CZ Flat Teams/Musical Ride and Games Champs and State Qualifiers

Held on May 25, Woodlands again hosted this event for Central Zone. We thank all the Woodlands club for setting up an enjoyable day for the riders.

Flat teams and Musical Ride.

These competitions were held in fine, although very windy conditions, and filled the morning.

Flat Team of Four: The Macedon team were the only entry. They rode an excellent test and will be worthy representatives of Central Zone at the PCV State Champs.



Flat Team of Two: a popular event – 5 teams competed.

The results were: 1 Riddells Creek. 2. Macedon 3. Macedon 4. Riddells Creek 5. Riddells Creek.





Musical Ride: the best entertainment of the day. We had 3 teams compete. The results were:

1. Woodlands *Beauty and the Beast* with a ride portraying the music and characters. *Beauty and the Beast* rode away together.



2. Gisborne *Footy Fever* featuring the favourite footy teams of the riders. The equine footy fields even had goal posts.





3. Gisborne *Teddy Bear's Picnic* with four fluffy 7 year old bears at the picnic and Mama bear anxiously watching over them.



Games

In the afternoon, the riders marshalled for the Games. 5 teams competed.

The results were: 1. Woodlands *Jets* 2. Woodlands *Warriors* 3. Composite Riddells Creek/Bullengarook *Teal, Ham & Eggs* 4. Macedon 5. Composite Riddells Creek/Kilmore *Riddellmore*.

Here are the teams, after presentations.





After each competition, the assisted riders went through the paces with their equine or human mounts.



The assisted riders were presented with participation ribbons.

We wish the Flat, Musical Ride and Games teams who compete at the State Championships every success. The teams in the first 3 places are qualified to enter but it is highly likely that the reserve teams may be offered a place.

PCV Horse Trials Festival

The PCV Horse Trials Championships (for grades 1, 2 and 3) and the Interzones Teams Challenge (for grades 4&5) were held on the weekend of May 11/12, hosted by East Gippsland Zone at Rosedale PC.

It was a long way from home but the 20 Central Zone riders enjoyed the venue, with a different and challenging cross country course.



The dressage was held on both grass and sand.



There were many colourful fences in the show jumping arena.



The Cross country had a water complex and inviting fences for all grades.

Central Zone had 8 riders in the Grade 1-3HT, 2 grade 4 teams and 1 grade 5 team in the Interzone Teams Challenge. Well done all those riders who qualified to represent the zone. Unfortunately, the presentations were late in the day so many families had headed for home.

Final results were:

Grade 1

🌟 WINNER ~ Darcy Macaulay & Parklands Time Traveler



2nd ~ Chanel Radburn & Bella

Annabelle Ennis-Wert & Its Overcast (OTT) and Gemma Cowburn & Allstars Banjo also competed, both making the decision to retire on Cross Country.

Grade 2

10th Michelle Woodcroft & Bobby B Dazzled (OTT)

Grade 3

8th Lily Evans & Go Harvey go (OTT)

15th Jasmine Coady & Ferrari Park Autumn Gold

Clara Greenwood & Who's Johnny (OTT) also competed.



At the end of the day, Madeleine collected lots of ribbons for the absent riders.

Interzone Grade 4A

8th Scarlett Robinson & Harleys Blue Moonshine

9th Macy Doyle & Pretty Hill Hazelwood

10th Ruby Jones & September Scarlett Rein

25th Lexie Cameron & CBP Farn

Interzone 4B

2nd Ivy Milina & Karlana Applause

5th Madeleine Manton & Wyann Mercedes

7th Emma Osman-Schroen & Tinka

13th Zara Delany & Goodluck Charlie

17th Jayde Coady & Weston Park Minardi

Grade 5

9th Ruby Milina & Whitney

18th Hayley Hopper & Mustang Cherokee

29th Emma Robertson & Wyann Touch Of Class

Awards:

John Barlee Perpetual Shield - Placings

CZ Bullyon Bees 4th

Interzone Grade 4 - Placings

CZ Woodfield Creek Bees 5th

Composite1 6th

CZ Bullyons 8th

Interzone Grade 5 - Placings

CZ Westies 4th

National Pony Racing



Congratulations to Jack Cumming from Kyneton PC, who placed 3rd at the National Pony Racing finals held at the Gold Coast Turf Club on June 7.

Jack qualified to represent Victoria in the Small Pony Category on his pony Poppy. Jack has only been riding for 2 years!

National Pony Racing is conducted by PCA in conjunction with Thoroughbred Industry Careers for riders aged 9-15.

Ride To Time

Ride to Time (formerly Speed To Safety) is an event that helps teach Pony Club riders the skill needed to ride at a given pace over a given distance. This skill is important for cross country riding and show jumping and can equip riders to be employed as track riders. The overall winners of each Pony Club Grade of the qualifiers will then go to represent the Central Zone PC at the State Championships at Monee Valley.

How riders are graded:

Maiden ~ Riders Graded 3 & 4 for Horse Trials

The given speed is 1000m in 120 seconds (500m/m)

Open ~ Riders Graded 1 & 2 for Horse Trials

The given speed is 1000m in 109 seconds (550m/m)

These times have been based on the CC times for each grade accounting for the fact there are no jumps.

Grade 1-4 riders can qualify to then compete at the State RTT at Monee Valley.



The first CZ qualifier was held on June 15 at Kilmore Racecourse. Thanks to Kilmore for hosting.

Results:

Maiden

1. Zara (Riddells Creek PC)
2. Samantha (Kilmore PC)
3. Issy (Kilmore PC)
4. Luca (Kilmore PC)

Open

1. Harry (Woodlands PC)
2. Molly (Mt DuneedPC)

Another CZ qualifier is scheduled for Sat July 19. Watch for the flyer.

CZ riders may also compete at qualifiers held by neighbouring zones to qualify for selection for the RTT Championships, if they cannot attend a Central Zone date. Riders will need to notify the Event organiser if competing outside of the zone, as these results will go towards the final State selection.

June Zone meeting

This was held online on June 6th. Nearly all clubs sent delegates and the executive attended an informative meeting. The minutes will be published on the CZ website when they are available.

President Niree commented that while the Olympic disciplines of dressage, show jumping and eventing are an important part of the PC curriculum, there are other activities offered which are fun and add further equestrian skills. Reports of CZ riders' participation in recent Games, Musical Rides, Pony Racing and Ride To Time are in this newsletter.

Riders who are not attending the selections for the State Mounted Games team at Woodlands on June 29 could consider the **Tetrathlon** at Gisborne PC. Tetrathlon is included as a PC discipline because of the jumping component. Most fit and active riders can also run and swim. Instruction will be given in the use of the laser guns at the Gisborne Tetrathlon.

Here are the Zone Rep's and Chief Instructor's Reports, with important information.

Central Zone Rep Report - June 2025

Central Zone Representative Report

June 2025

2025

- 21st 22nd June State KI Games @ Bacchus Marsh

Zone Events

Thankyou to all clubs that have volunteered to host 2025 events

- 3rd Aug Lowden Shield @ Whittlesea. All events running – but only the showing forms the shield
- 30th Nov Fimister Shield @ Glenlyon

2025 Nationals – October 2025 (tentative timetable at end of document)

EOI is now closed on all disciplines.

I am hoping to receive a list of all CZ riders in coming days, as I have to check that all riders meet the national pathways guidelines and then endorse them to move forward to the selection process.

The training day is being arranged for July, further details will be released when finalized.

Good Luck to All!!

Congratulations

State HT

Congratulations to all riders who attended the weekend and supported one another. Huge thankyou to Meaghan Sutherland for being on site and coordinating everything.

If you haven't paid for your polo top, please ensure you use the links provided and complete this.

Games Flat Musical

To all teams that participated in the Zone Games Flat and Musical at Woodlands PC.

As confirmed we have been approved to send the top 3 teams to state and all riders should have already entered and paid via the links sent to your team managers.

I was disappointed to be contacted by an ex zone representative that the CZ teams in Pairs and Games had contacted them to get confirmation they can attend, however as mentioned to those teams the Zone representative will let you know once all zones are entered, and approval given. The Zone representative has to approve the teams to go, before the state council will even consider the entry.

Currently we are waiting on zones to complete entry and as of 5-06-25, we still don't have confirmation of any additional teams going..... stay tuned and fingers crossed.

Thankyou Lisa for completing the zone entry, this was the first time via justgo and we should all appreciate that it wasn't too easy, but better than paperwork.

Justgo

We are currently setting up two forms in justgo

1. Equipment booking requests
2. Date/Calendar requests.

The aim of these forms is to create a structured platform that will capture the data we require and assist clubs to ensure they have support in compliance of running events. It will also help with tracking dates requests and the timing of the request.

Equipment bookings will also be easier to maintain.

Once this is complete full information will be provided to each club along with how the process will work.

August Zone Meeting - Zoom

Central Zone Representative Report

June 2025

I will not be able to attend the 7 August 2025 Zone meeting, as some of you are aware my son will be competing in The World Teams Championships (mounted games) in Belgium.

We fly out on the 3rd August (Lowden Shield day), I hope everyone has a wonderful day at Whittlesea and I look forward to hearing the results.

However I will endeavor to send a report in with as much updated information as possible.

October Zone Meeting - Onsite

As mentioned in prior months we have moved the Zone meeting in October to the 9th (not the 2nd), as it is in the middle of Nationals and I am sure we will all have some part to play or want to watch while its in Victoria.

Thanks Jo

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CZ Chief Instructors Report – June 2025

CZ Coaching Panel

Meeting held on 15th May, with Lauren Cocks being invited onto the panel and accepting post meeting, discipline areas were allocated to panel members present and absent

- Gear Check ~ Meaghan Sutherland
 - New set of resources from State CIP
 - Including updated online presentations and format for protocol to be finalized at next CIP
- Dressage ~ Madeleine Manton
 - Has access to Event Secretary to enable 5 dressage tests from each Dressage judge to be looked at for each CZ event. This is to monitor variations in scores etc
 - Looking at hosting judging workshops to encourage people to become dressage judges
- Showjumping ~ J'Aime Mallon
 - Presidents Cup
- Horse Trials ~ Lauren Cocks
 - Discussed benefit of rider meetings to go over some issues with rules
- Course Accreditation ~ Wayne Cuthbert/ Lauren Cocks Assistant
 - Assisting clubs that don't host events to ensure jumps are at the correct standard
- Games ~ Niree Weybury/ Dan Foster
 - Promotion and training days
- Ride 2 Time ~ Jo Brennan/ Aimee Cuthbert
 - 2 qualifiers in CZ
 - 1st @ Kilmore on the 15th June
- Club Visits ~ Pam Kalms
 - All clubs will be sent pre visit Q&A electronically, to include executive committees/ coaches including qualifications/ numbers/ certificates/ areas would like assistance with
 - Calander will be published when club visit is to be carried out for the 2025/2026 membership year
- Certificate Examination Secretary ~ Jayde Kirkham
 - Assessment days in Zone Calander
 - C Assessors
 - Aimee Cuthbert
 - Niree Weybury
 - Leonie Grey
 - Madeleine Manton
 - J'Aime Mallon
 - Jayde Kirkham
 - Higher Certificate Assessors
 - Meaghan Sutherland (B/ A as appointed by State)
 - J'Aime Mallon (C*/K)
 - Jayde Kirkham (C*/K)
- Quiz ~ Jo Brennan
 - Promotion and engagement at club level

Upcoming events in CZ

JUNE	
Sun 1	
Thurs 5	Central Zone Meeting 8pm via ZOOM – ALL CLUBS TO SEND 1 Rep
Sat 7	
F/S/S/M 6/7/8/9	MI3DE Mon: Kings Birthday
Sat 14	
Sun 15	CZ Ride to Time Qualifier @ Kilmore racecourse
Sat 21	PCV Games/Flat Teams/Musical Ride Champs @ Bacchus Marsh
Sun 22	PCV Games/Flat Teams/Musical Ride Champs @ Bacchus Marsh
Sat 28	
Sun 29	Gisborne Tetrathlon
JULY	
Sat 5	Riddells Creek eventing Clinic
Sun 6	
Sat 12	
Sun 13	Riddells Creek Dressage Day
Sat 19	CZ RT Qualifier venue tba
Sun 20	Gisborne Pony Club Show Jumping (Presidents Cup Qualifier)
Sun 27	Whittlesea Pony Club Brian Woods memorial Show Jumping (President's Cup Qualifier)
AUGUST	
Sat 2	Riddells Creek Eventing Clinic
Sun 3	CZ Gymkhana – Lowden Family Shield @ Whittlesea PC
Thurs 7	Central Zone Meeting 8pm via ZOOM – ALL CLUBS TO SEND 1 Rep

The next CZ meeting is scheduled for August 7 online.

Looking forward to chatting to club delegates then, or at events before then.

Leonie Lang

Editor

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