



Central Scenes

Central Zone Newsletter

June 2026

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 24, 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 Gisborne 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: Again, the Riddells Creek pair were the only entry. We look forward to them representing Central Zone at the PCV State Champs.



Musical Ride: the best entertainment of the day. We had 2 teams compete.

The results were:

1. Woodlands with a colourful theme of *Clowning Around*.



2. Riddells Creek team featured *Braveheart* with appropriate tartans and wild hair.



Games

In the afternoon, the riders marshalled for the Games. 6 teams competed.

- The results were:
1. Woodlands *Jets*
 2. Macedon/Gisborne *Ferrari Racing*
 3. Woodlands *Warriors* (with the addition of a rider from each of Bullengarook and Whittlesea).
 4. Riddells Creek/Kilmore *Riddellmore*.
 5. Gisborne/Macedon
 6. Lancefield/Riddells Creek/Bullengarook *Teal, Ham & Eggs*.

Here are the teams, after presentations.





Here are the Central Zone teams entered in the PCV state champs on June 20/21. Results in the next newsletter.



GAMES

WOODLANDS JETS

Harry Brennan	Woodlands
Tamika Coggan	Werribee
Jack Hamilton	Woodlands
Ben Hamilton	Woodlands
Maya Whalen	Woodlands
Ellie Vasconcelo	Woodlands
Sigrid Black	Woodlands

FERRARI RACING

Sophie Arnold	Macedon
Scarlett Summerfield	Macedon
Lily Summerfield	Macedon
Hannah Lloyd	Macedon
Emersyn Craig	Gisborne
Astin Leggett	Gisborne
Mia Darrell	Gisborne

WOODLANDS WARRIORS

Ainslee McDaniel	Woodlands
Melody McDaniel	Woodlands
Audrey Harry	Woodlands
Frank Hurmez	Woodlands
Annabelle Vasconcelo	Woodlands
Penelope Mawhinney	Bullengarook
Heidi Slade	Whittlesea

RIDDLEMORE

Isabell Ryan	Kilmore
Samantha Hume	Kilmore
Grace Bradshaw	RCPC
Jaxon Christian	RCPC
Darcy Christian	RCPC
Skylah Redman	RCPC
Zoe Roberts	RCPC

TEAL EGGS AND HAM

Zac Mizzi	Bullengarook	Arthur Mahwinney	Bullengarook	Matilda Carr	Lancefield
Cooper Owen	RCPC	Sunny Phillips	RCPC	Miranda Byrne	RCPC
Stella McGregor	RCPC				



TEAM OF 4 & PAIRS

TEAM OF 4 – GISBORNE

Emersyn Craig	Gisborne
Astin Leggett	Gisborne
Lily Goodisson	Gisborne
Georgina Kavanagh	Gisborne

PAIRS – RIDDELLS CREEK

Michelle Woodcroft	Riddells Creek
Tamsyn Harvey	Riddells Creek

MUSICAL TEAMS

CLOWNING AROUND

Tamika Coggan	Werribee
Harry Brennan	Woodlands
Maya Whalen	Woodlands
Ben Hamilton	Woodlands

BRAVE HEARTS

Cooper Owen	RCPC
Skylah Redman	RCPC
Sunny Phillips	RCPC
Miranda Byrne	RCPC

CZ Horse Trials

This year the CZ Horse Trials were scored in conjunction with the Riddells Creek Easter Horse trials, held on April 4/5.

The results of the CZ riders were tallied for the CZ shield.

Riddells Creek was the winning club.



Gisborne placed 2nd and Woodlands were 3rd



Darcy Macaulay, riding Parklands time Traveler, as the winner of the PC Grade 1 section, was presented with the Mathew Slade Memorial Trophy by Warwick Slade.

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 Barwon Zone at Colac PC grounds at

It was a long way from home but the 22 Central Zone riders enjoyed the venue, with a different and challenging cross country course.



Central Zone had 13 riders in the Grade 1-3HT, 1 grade 4 team 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.

Some of the final placings were:

Grade 1



Darcy Macaulay riding Parklands Time Traveler - 2nd

Emily Atkinson riding Night King – 4th

Annabelle Ennis-Wert & Its Overcast
Gemma Cowburn & Allstars Banjo,
Nina Ryssenbeck & Irish Vixen
Ashley Cowburn & Hendrik
also competed.

Grade 2

Just out of the placings were:

7th Lily Evans & Go Harvey Go

9th Darcy Mae & Patangas Hollywood

10th Michelle Woodcroft & Bobby B Dazzled

Grade 3



2nd (in photo) Josie De Brie & Fabulous Floyd

4th Jasmine Coady & Ferrari Park Autumn Gold

5th Laila Portagallo & Devonte

11th Sophie Wall & Lexi

14th Maya Whalen & Archie

Zone Teams competition for grades 1,2,&3 John Barlee Perpetual Shield



3rd Central WGB comprised of Jasmine, Laila, Lily and Annabelle (no photo, sorry)

6th Candlebark Crackers with Darcy, Michelle, Nina and Josie.

Zone Teams Challenge for grades 4&5

CZ riders blitzed this section. Both the grade 4 and grade 5 teams won. Individual results:

Interzone Grade 4A

1st Milly Swan & Whatever Trevor

6th Illiana Way & La Princesse

Interzone 4B

1st Jayde Coady & Weston Park Minardi

3rd Zara Delany & Acing Dreams

Interzone 5A

1st Emma Robertson & Wyann Touch of Class

13th Lucy Roberson & Dalu Moondust

Interzone 5B

1st Idelia Saic & GL Altum Shiraz

5th Lucy Robertson & Gem Park Sinatra





Central Zone won the Champion shield.

Certificates



Congratulations to Lily Evans – Glenlyon PC and Harry Brennan Woodlands PC on completing their C*.

Harry is pictured here with Meaghan Sutherland. She and Shelly McCrae always put 120% into these days, thankyou for always helping our riders.

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 Ride To Time qualifier was held at Kilmore Racecourse on June 27.



Open placegetters



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Another CZ qualifier is scheduled for Sat July 11. 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 4th. 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.

The Zone Rep Report by Jo-anna Brennan and the Zone Chief Instructor Report by Meaghan Sutherland were comprehensive and instructive and are recommended reading. A bit large to put in the newsletter so they have been attached separately. They are also published on the CZ website.

Upcoming events in CZ

	JULY
Sat 4	Werribee HT Winter Series
Sun 5	
Sat 11	CZ Ride To Time @ Kilmore racecourse
Sun 12	
Sat 18	Werribee HT Winter Series
Sun 19	Gisborne Pony Club Showjumping (Presidents Cup Qualifier)
Sat 25	
Sun 26	Whittlesea Pony Club Brian Woods memorial Showjumping (President's Cup Qualifier)
	AUGUST
Sat 1	Melton PC Eventing Clinic
Sun 2	Central Zone Gymkhana (Lowden Family shield) @ Woodlands
Thurs 6	Central Zone Meeting 8pm via ZOOM - ALL CLUBS TO SEND 1 Rep
Sat 8	
Sun 9	Bullengarook Pony Club and Open Showjumping (Presidents Cup Qualifier)
Sat 15	
Sun 16	Heathcote PC and Open show
Sat 22	
Sun 23	Kilmore Pony Club Combined Training
Sat 29	
Sun30	

The next CZ meeting is scheduled for August 6 online.

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

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