

Central Zone of Pony Clubs Inc.

General Meeting of Central Zone on Thursday 4TH June 2026 VIA ZOOM

Meeting Opened: 8 pm

Zone Meetings for 2026

Thursday 5 Th February at New Gisborne Children's Hall	Thursday 6 th August 2026 online
Thursday 26 th March 2026 online	AGM & Zone Meeting: Thursday 1st October 2026 New Gisborne Hall
Thursday 4 th June 2026 online	Thursday 3rd December 2026 New Gisborne Children's Hall

Central Zone Executive

Zone President:	Niree Weybury (Woodlands)
Zone Vice President:	Katrina McDougall (Gisborne) APOL
Zone Vice President:	Madeline Manton (Woodend)
Zone Secretary:	Aimee Cuthbert (Werribee)
Zone Treasurer:	Lisa Kennedy (Kyneton)
Zone Representative:	Jo-anna Brennan (Woodlands)
Zone Exam Secretary:	Jayde Kirkham (Macedon)
Zone Chief Instructor:	Meaghan Sutherland (Riddells Creek)
Minutes:	Aimee Cuthbert

Denotes Action Items.

Zone Delegates Present:

Member Club	Represented by:
Bullengarook	Tracey Robertson
Findon	Pam Kalms
Glenlyon	Kris Sarah Klas
Gisborne	Susie Cara Katrina McDougall
Heathcote	Sarah Wilkins
Kilmore	NIL
Kyneton	Cassandra Waters Lisa Kennedy
Lancefield	Kristy

Member Club	Represented by
Macedon	Peter Wall
Melton	NIL
Riddells Creek	Carol Meaghan Sutherland
Werribee	Aimee Cuthbert Wayne Cuthbert
Whittlesea	Naomi Slade
Williamstown	Trish Murphy
Woodend	Madeline Manton Sharon Banner
Woodlands	Jo-anna Brennan Niree Weybury
CZ ZES	NIL

Clubs not represented:
Kilmore, Melton

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of PREVIOUS MEETING as a true and accurate record as amended.

Amended to be made last minutes.

MOVED: CARA

**SECONDED:
WAYNE CUTHBERT**

	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM 1	CORRESPONDENCE
Inwards: Melton PC Zone fee 2026/2027 Lancefield PC Dressage series enquiry Melton PC New president Macedon PC Enquiry State GFMP entry fees Club merger ~ Cassandra Waters Kyneton PC & Sharon Banner Woodend PC Bullengarook PC Showjumping flier approval Melton PC Cross Country Course Assistance Gisborne PC Jodhpurs and Shield Award of Merit Nominations from CZ clubs Melton PC August Clinic (REMINDER : CZ Calender link for calender dates / email for programs / jot form https://centralzonevic.com/calendar/) Outwards: All clubs Zone fee 2026/2027 Lancefield PC Dressage series enquiry Melton PC New president Bullengarook PC Showjumping flier approval Melton PC Cross Country Course Assistance Gisborne PC Jodhpurs and Shield Melton PC August Clinic	

MOTION:	MOVED:	SECONDED:
Correspondence as tabled be noted and accepted.		

ITEM 1	BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 2	TREASURER’S REPORT – Presented by Lisa Kennedy	
Financial reports showed the zone in a strong position with total funds of \$32,917.99 across two accounts.		
MOTION: LISA	MOVED:	SECONDED:
Treasurer’s Report as tabled be noted and accepted.	Lisa	Niree

ITEM 3	ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Jo-anna Brennan E-mail: jo.anna.brennan80@gmail.com
Central Zone Representative Report	

**State Zone Representative Panel Report
(Central Zone) Jo Brennan**

June 2026

Dates to Remember

- **20–21 June 2026** – State Kay Irving Games, Flat Musical Ride – *Bacchus March*
- **27 June 2026** - CZ Ride to Time – Kilmore
- **11 July 2026** - CZ Ride to Time – Kilmore
- **2 August 2026** – Lowden Shield – *Woodlands Pony Club*
- **29 November** – Fimister Shield – Gisborne Pony Club

Congratulations to all riders who attended the State Horse Trials in Colac.

Thank you to Meaghan for managing all the ins and outs—it's very much appreciated, and we're lucky to have you in our zone.

Come

The CZ Games and Flat Musical Qualifiers were held at Woodlands on 24 May. Congratulations to all riders who attended. As always, the standard and quality of our riders was outstanding, and it was wonderful to see such strong participation and sportsmanship throughout the day.

At this stage, we have qualified the following combinations for the State Championships:

- All Musical Ride teams
- All Team of Four teams
- All Pairs teams
- The top four Games teams

Entries close this week, and a final position will be confirmed once all entries have been received and processed.

A reminder to all clubs any changes must be approved by the Zone Representative. Please ensure that any proposed changes are communicated prior to submission of entry forms, as rider eligibility and team compositions are checked before programs are finalised.

I would also like to wish Clara Greenwood a speedy recovery. Unfortunately, a fall on Saturday prevented her from competing on Sunday. Despite this setback, Clara was still there with a smile on her face, supporting her fellow riders and demonstrating the great spirit and sportsmanship that Pony Club is known for.

State Council discussed the following items:

- **Dressage and Showjumping 2027 onwards**

While it will be formally announced shortly along with guidelines, it has been agreed that the State SJ and Dressage will be split into 2 events. Dressage at the start of the year and SJ at the end.

- **Optimum Time**

No further information currently, as zones are still having these discussions.

- **Membership fees**

Fees are now due, please remind members and ensure you have your justgo up to date.
Meaghan will update on the installment's options available.

A lot of work is being done around the Bylaws, which are to be released on 1 July.

Meaghan very kindly attended the F2F meeting on behalf and may have more to add that I have missed.

State Rotation List

**State Zone Representative Panel Report
(Central Zone) Jo Brennan**

June 2026		
Year ending in	HT	SJ/D
0	WGZ	EGZ
1	WZ	BZ
2	SMZ	NEZ
3	NZ	NMZ
4	CZ	MZ
5	EGZ	WGZ
6	BZ	WZ
7	NEZ	SMZ
8	NMZ	NZ
9	MZ	CZ

There will be an update once the breakdown of State SJ and Dressage is completed.
These rotations are Zone run events, not club run event. The zones would then discuss with clubs if the grounds are suitable for hosting.

There is a document under construction that will outline what the requirements are to run the event.

WWCC

The ability to approve club WWCC now sits with the club, the legal liability sits with the club. The requirements under PCA/PCV have not changed, but the administration side is with the club.

Come and Try

Finally the Come and Try process is now back at club level. The insurance is automatically completed on checkout via your justgo portal

PCA Nationals 2027

An announcement will be made in due course as to the location and running of the 2027 in person nationals. They are looking at September 2027

Congratulations to all riders who attended the State Horse Trials in Colac. Meaghan, I am sure will have full results.

Thank you to Meaghan for managing all the ins and outs—it's very much appreciated, and we're lucky to have you in our zone.

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>

Certificates

C* Riders

State Zone Representative Panel Report (Central Zone) Jo Brennan

June 2026

Congratulations to Lily Evans – Glenlyon PC and Harry Brennan Woodlands PC on completing their C*. Meaghan and Shelly always put 120% into these days, thank you for always helping our riders.

Reminder – There have been multiple emails, reports, and reminders regarding the C Certificate and its requirements. If you are 14 years or older and have been in Pony Club for two years, this certificate is mandatory to compete at any State event.

We were contacted in January by riders wanting to complete, however these riders did not appear in March assessments.

Our next CZ assessment will be held in October 2026. DC's are to ensure that riders are prepared and Jayde is provided details.

Award of Merit

Central Zone Nominations close 12 June centralzone.pcav@gmail.com

The Pony Club Victoria Award of Merit is one of Pony Club Victoria's highest recognitions for young members who have made a significant service contribution to Pony Club beyond riding and competition achievements.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, the nominee must:

- Be a current or former Pony Club Victoria member.
 - Be at least 19 years old and not older than 26 years at the time of nomination.
 - Have been a riding or non-riding Pony Club member for at least three years and attended rallies regularly.
 - Have consistently been helpful, considerate and courteous to others involved in Pony Club.
 - Have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner.
 - Have completed outstanding service to their club for a minimum of two years. Service refers to contributions that benefit the club, its members and potentially the wider community. Riding ability and competition results are not considered service.
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ITEM 4

ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR REPORT – Meaghan Sutherland
E-mail: centralzone.ci@gmail.com



CZ Chief Instructors Report June 2026

State Horse Trials

A great bunch of riders and ponies headed to Colac with the support of their loyal parents and supporters. With a late arrival time, Pizza was the CZ evening dinner, with a small amount of sit down time before final preparations ie plaiting was completed.

Saturday saw Dressage and Showjumping for Grades 1-4, with Grade 5 completing their Dressage. In the afternoon course walks with Yona Lloyd took place and provided some great insight into the course, lines and how to plan to ride different sections. Saturday night was dinner off site, with the assistance of some shuttle buses provided by the event. Saturday night saw more than 20mm fall overnight and studs were a feature for many of the higher grade horses. The rain let up after the grade 5 showjumping in the morning and cross country started, clear of any large rain clouds. All the riders rode to the conditions and were a credit to their ponies, clubs and zone. Thankyou to all the riders and parents for following process where required and also creating their names and their social media profiles for the zone.

Teams 1/ 2/ 3

Composite ~ Central WGB ~ 3rd

Annabelle Ennis-Wert, It's Overcast, Werribee PC, Grade 1, 10th

Lily Evans, Go Harvey Go, Glenlyon PC, Grade 2, 7th

Jasmine Coady, Ferrari Park Autumn, Bullengarook PC, Grade 3, 4th

Laila Portogallo, Devonte, Werribee PC, Grade 3, 5th & OTT

Riddells Creek Pony Club ~ Candlebark Crackers 6th

Darcy Maculey, Parklands Time Traveler, Grade 1, 2nd

Nina Ryssenbeck, Irish Vixen, Grade 1, 8th

Michelle Woodcroft, Bobby B Dazzled, Grade 2, 10th

Josie De Bie, Fabulous Floyd, Grade 3, 2nd

Composite ~ Central GWM ~ 8th

Emily Atkinson, Night King, Gisborne PC, Grade 1, 4th

Maya Whalen, Archie, Woodlands PC, Grade 3, 14th

Sophie Wall, Lexi, Macedon, Grade 3, 11th

Riddells Creek Pony Club ~ Cowburn and Co

Gemma Cowburn, Allstars Banjo, Grade 1, 11th

Ashley Cowburn, Hendrik, Grade 1

Darcy Macauley, Patangas Hollywood, Grade 2, 9th

Emily Harris, Magic Margot TAE, Grade 2, DNS

Interzone Challenge ~ Central Zone 1st

Grade 4 GMRB Riders ~ 1st

Milly Swan, Whatever Trevor, Gisborne PC, 1st

Illiana Way, La Princesse, Macedon PC, 6th

Jayde Coady, Weston Park Minardi, Bullengarook PC, 1st

Zara Delany, Acing Dreams, Riddells Creek PC, 3rd & OPT

Grade 5 Sister & I ~ 1st

Emma Robertson, Wyann Touch of Class, Bullengarook PC, 1st

Idelia Sala, GL Altum Shiraz, Williamstown PC, 1st

Lucinda Robertson, Dalu Moondust, Bullengarook PC, 13th

Lucinda Robertson, Gem Park Sinatra, Bullengarook PC, 5th

Composite Team 1, Grade 5 ~ 2nd

Sophie Hopper, Millington Sampson, Glenlyon PC

Ride To Time

Massive Thankyou to Jo Brennan for driving this. Both days will take place at Kilmore Pony Club.

All entries via Just Go which is now live and overall Zone Shield across the two days.

Saturday 27th June

Saturday 11th July

Gradings

As the end of the eventing season comes to a close its time to celebrate our riders develop and growth. It is also time to look at riders gradings and the plan for the start of the next season. Any DCs or committees who would like assistance at any time re gradings please don't hesitate in touching base. Gradings are monitored across events and as per the PCV Horse Trials rules, the Zone Rep may request riders to ride HC if they are unable to upgrade and are consistently winning at their current grade.

The same has occurred at a Zone level after the commencement of the Dressage and Showjumping Series. We have spoken to a number of DCs and riders regarding their grading and are happy they are currently graded correctly. This is one area that is continually monitored.

GFMP Zone Qualifiers

Thankyou to Woodlands for hosting and putting on a great day. With significant reduction in numbers across the board, each delegate to take back to their club, why they are unable to field a team, what the zone could do to assist them in fielding a team. This year we have run a training day for riders to come and try teams riding and also have had a number of games days in and around the zone and also had sessions on coaching games and teams through a series of training evening and at the state workshop.

Coaching

The following Australian Sports Commission (ASC) courses are mandatory for all Pony Club coaches. These can be found through the PCA Academy tile in your JustGo profile.

- Community Coaching Essentials course (Please ensure you are logged into your JustGo profile before clicking this link)
- National Integrity Framework Course
- Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction course

CanterCon in 25th-26th July @ Melbourne Showgrounds

CANTER Con is a dynamic equestrian event that brings together coaches and leaders from Equestrian Australia, Pony Club Australia, and Riding for the Disabled to elevate coaching standards across the sector. The event provides valuable opportunities for professional development through expert-led sessions, practical education, and best-practice training. Alongside learning, CANTER CON fosters collaboration and connection, encouraging coaches from all disciplines to share knowledge and build lasting relationships. With its mix of high-impact training and cross-organisational engagement, CANTER Con offers a unique national platform dedicated to supporting and empowering Australia's equestrian coaches.
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1556474>

Awards of Merit

Due to Central Zone by 12th June, once passed by CZ Exec then forwarded to PCV by 30th June



2025/26 Pony Club Victoria Annual Awards



Nominations for the 2025/26 annual awards are now open!

The Pony Club Victoria Annual Awards recognise riders, coaches, officials, supporters, and volunteers for their achievements and contributions to the development of Pony Club.

To view the list of available awards and their selection criteria, head to <https://ponyclubvic.org.au/about-us/awards/>

Additionally you can use the Pony Club Victoria [Awards Guidelines 2025-26](#), and [suggestions for how to write a great nomination](#).

You can submit your nominations [HERE](#). Nominations will close on the 30th June.

Pony Club Australia Awards

The Pony Club Australia Annual Awards are a proud opportunity to recognise the people, clubs and achievements that make Pony Club so special.

From riders, coaches and volunteers to clubs, centres and lifelong contributors, the awards celebrate the dedication, spirit and generosity found across our Pony Club community.

Nominations open on Monday, 20 July, with the 2026 Annual Awards to be presented virtually on Thursday, 22 October.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about who you could nominate. Award categories and criteria are available on the Pony Club Australia website.

Help Shape The Future of Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping at Pony Club

Pony Club Australia is seeking expressions of interest from members who would like to contribute to the development of Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping at a national level.

The National Discipline Sub-Committees will support the growth, safety and enjoyment of these Olympic disciplines across Pony Club, including input into rules, participation pathways, coaching and officials development, and the planning and delivery of Pony Club Australia National Championships.

This is an opportunity for people with discipline knowledge, experience or a strong interest in contributing to work collaboratively within a national framework and help guide the future direction of these disciplines. Members interested in nominating are encouraged to read the full information pack before completing the nomination form.

Nominations close 19 June 2026.

OPTIMISING THE PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE

Thursday, June 18 | 6:00pm AEST

[Register now](#)

Pony Club thrives because of the people who take part. Their experience plays a big role in whether they stay involved and continue to enjoy what they do.

This session explores what creates a positive participant experience and how clubs can build an environment where riders, families and volunteers feel welcome, engaged and motivated.

	JustGo Clubs should have finished setting up their fees for the 2026/ 2027 membership year. Members will notice a service fee on top of the displayed fee. This will be removed in September 2026 by JustGo. Which will means the displayed price will be the final cost price. Please remember JustGo does have an option to spread the payments across the membership year. If your club doesn't currently offer this but wish to please touch base. At a club level this is seen as a very inclusive measure that can relieve financial stress for members and their families. Presidents Cup and Dressage Series Held an online information session for host clubs, attended by 3 clubs. Please ensure ALL your riders and supporters read the previously circulated rules. Good luck and have a great time at the Games, Flat, Musical and Pairs State Championships on the 20th of June. Meaghan Sutherland Central Zone Chief Instructor
ITEM 5	ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY – Jayde Kirkham E: Jayde.kirkham6@gmail.com PH: 0409002164
	No report Niree reminded the Zone next C certs in October. And that the Zone hosts 2 C cert days a year. We cannot allow riders to go to state without a C cert, please ensure clubs follow this up with your riders. Ensure to check the riders that need them for the next round for State in 2027.
ITEM 6	ZONE PRESIDENT– Niree Weybury E: bernwey1@bigpond.com PH: 0408 559 91
	Brush on basically what everyone has already reported about the kids at Colac. All riders from the zone went so well, great conduct, happy, smiling, could not have been prouder of the zone. Please take this back to all the riders. Games Flat Musical was another great day, every team was a composite, and every one pulled together to get teams in. Thanks to everyone coming together to get this off the ground. Hoping to get good numbers at State for the GFM. Thanks to the execs that all helped out on the day.
ITEM 7	GENERAL BUSINESS WITH NOTICE
	Woodend / Kyneton PC merger. Kyneton & Woodend Pony Clubs would like to advise the Zone that our clubs will be merging as of 1st July 2026 All assets from Woodend PC would be transferred to KPC including cash to be used for WPC members to receive KPC Uniforms unless any WPC members advise they are going to another club, then funds will be provided to that club for the WPC member to get a new uniform. Kyneton and Woodend will retain Kyneton's colours of Navy & Yellow and the name will change from 'Kyneton & District Horse & Pony Club' to 'Kyneton & Woodend Horse & Pony Club' We also ask that we are allowed to have two uniforms registered with the above names for competition to give existing Kyneton members a chance to phase out old uniforms and bring in the new uniform club name. Woodend PC has been at the racecourse reserve for the past 30 years ~ Macedon Shire are now moving new user groups into the groups including 2 soccer fields. The club meet with the council to discuss the safety concerns, but yards will be move 500 meters away from the clubrooms. Decided to create 1 large club with Kynetyon instead of having 2 smaller clubs, and 90% of members moving over. The Kyneton PC has been very welcoming to the Woodlands members with the merger. Motion for CZ to approve the uniforms to use the existing K&DPC as oppose to K&WPC. Also in the process of updating the uniforms for all members, with full name. Asking for a 2 year grace period on uniform wording change.

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE**Aimee ~ Horse Welfare.**

As we go into winter, horses will use more energy in winter to maintain their body temperature. Horses can drop weight when trying to use their body fat to keep warm. This can lead to uncomfortable conversations around members horses or ponies dropping off during this time. With a lot of junior riders coming through, there may be a lot of new members with not a lot of equine knowledge. Horses may not be getting the types of food, and quality over quantity. Have include in the agriculture welfare caring for horses link in the minutes. Clubs can also reach out to Johnson Formula Horse Feed, BARASTOC, or Hygain to come in and chat to members to pass on some knowledge.

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/horses/health-and-welfare/caring-for-horses-during-winter>

In our zone we also have Tracey Robertson who works for Barastoc in our Zone. Details available below for general advice on Horse Feed:

Tracey Robertson

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**Bullengarook PC SJ august 9th**

Now available on Event Secretary to enter.

Gisborne Dressage Date June 28

*Flier coming out, and July Showjumping day the 19th ~ Presidents Cup.

*Asked for black jodphurs to be approved ~ its already under PCV rules.

*Team of 4 shield ~ found at Macedon.

Riddells Creek PC

*GMR ~ trying to get it more popular , more riders there?

*Suggested a novice section for riders who had never competed their before?

*Advised to pop it in writing for exec to look into this further.

*Trying to find a way to encourage riders to get there.

*In the past it was 25 teams, so trying to encourage riders to get to the event.

*Pairs and team of 4 plumenting across the state.

*Time of year was changed from June to October, then moved back to June.

*Training this time of year is difficult

*As a zone, a motion can be put forward to move the dates

*Lots of composite teams this year

*Reminder if we are looking into changing dates ~ make sure it does not cross over a membership year

*Discussed if SJump / Dressage State being split ~ maybe move the Kay Irving Flat to the same Dressage event? Ian Wardell is the musical, Kay Irving is the Games, Flat Pairs is nothing. Could do both comps at the same event. Advised that this is already being discussed.

Lancefield PC

Advised a rider with Epilepsy and parent wants child to ride at the club. Niree advised that the rider will need to have medical clearance to ride. The zone can help ensure the medical clearance needs to be done. The rider can attend rallies unmounted, so ensure inclusion for the rider is done in the meantime. Also upgrade first aiders at the club.

Questioned the calling of straight dressage over Combined Training Dressage.

Rider / Horse Participation Table

Reminder of the Rider / Horse participation table at events:

Table 1- Rider/Horse Participation Table

Activity	Max. number of classes per horse per day	1 horse + 1 rider	1 horse + more than 1 rider	PCV Class OR Open Class	PCV Class AND OpenClass
HT	1	✓	✗	✓	✗
Combined Short Course	1	✓	✗	✓	✗
Supercross	1	✓	✗	✓	✗
Derby	1	✓	✗	✓	✗
Combined Training	2	1 PCV OR 1 PCV + 1 Open OR 1 Open	1 PCV + 1 Open OR 2 PCV OR 2 Open	✓	✓
Combined Training + Dressage	1 CT + 2 tests	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressage	4 tests	1 PCV OR 1 PCV + 1 Open OR 1 Open	1 PCV + 1 Open OR 2 PCV OR 2 Open	✓	✓
Dressage + Showjumping	2 tests + 3 SJ rounds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Showjumping	5 rounds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Freshmans Showjumping	5 rounds	✓	✓	Open Only	Open Only
Combined Training + Freshmans	1 CT + 3 SJ rounds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mounted Games	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gymkhana or Show	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓

Meeting Closed: 8.55 pm

Next meeting: Thursday August 6th