



Central Scenes

Central Zone Newsletter

October 2021

It was a long, boring winter in lock-down, but we managed a few events before it started.

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

Held at Oaklands on April 18, this was the last time that Oaklands will host this event for Central Zone at these grounds. We thank them for setting up an enjoyable day for the riders, as always and for all the previous years.

It was an exciting day for the riders and most successful teams were looking forward to competing at the PCV State Champs. However, Covid restrictions intervened yet again and they were to be disappointed.

Teams that should have gone to state were:

Flat Teams of Four



Riddells Creek



Macedon



Werribee

Flat Pairs



Kyneton



Riddells Creek A



Riddells Creek B



Werribee D



Werribee B

Musical Ride



Oaklands



Kyneton



Werribee



The Kyneton team were also selected to ride at Equitana. Here they are in full costume.

Games



Werribee A



Gisborne A and friends



Oaklands A



Oaklands B



Macedon



Werribee B

PCV Horse Trials Festival

The PCV Horse Trials Championships (for grades 1, 2 and 3) and the Interzones Teams Challenge were held on the weekend of May 8/9, hosted by Riddells Creek PC.

Central zone had a strong contingent of 17 riders in the Grade 1-3 HT. A handful were thrilled to place in very competitive fields. No photos, sorry.

In the Interzones Teams Challenge, CZ riders rode very well, with the Central Stars winning and the Lightning Bolts 2nd in grade 5 and the CZ Ranges 3rd in grade 4.



Central Stars



Lightning Bolts



CZ Ranges

When the points were added up. CZ riders were thrilled to discover they had won the shield. We have waited 15 years for this.



Around the grounds

Two weeks later the lock downs started. No competitions and limited opportunities for rallies. Clubs kept up morale with online activities and small groups riding when restrictions in regional areas permitted. Here are some of the ways clubs kept their riders engaged.



Kilmore had a camp at the Merton Park obstacle course back in March. Before the lockdowns but they enjoyed it so much, it sustained them for the rest of the year.



Findon held an Open Day in June to publicise their club to the community.



In August, their ponies enjoyed a delicious equine-friendly birthday cake.



Gisborne also had a party in August, complete with lolly bags. All of the ponies had a carrot, but they ate them too quickly for the photo.



For the older riders, there was a session with the horse dentist.



Some were brave enough to put their hand in the pony's mouth and feel the teeth.



And in the clubhouse, the Olympics was on the big screen.

The Gisborne membership is split between metro and regional riders. In September and October, metro riders met online with activities, while the lucky regional riders had spaced out clinic-style rallies. The Junior committee organised prizes for the online activities, which were mailed out to metro riders.



Riddells Creek

Here at Riddells Creek our talented and dedicated DC Meg organised a few opportunities for the kids to get out and about on a tight roster and Get in Get Out scenario. Public gathering restrictions meant our amazing Rookies could still get together in their regular group and have some fun.



Our older riders had training sessions organised for them in reduced group sizes, allowing them to get out and exercise their ponies with some flat and showjumping lessons. We even had a few members get together for a flat lesson, some jumping and go for a nice trail ride across the top of Bolinda. One rider was lucky enough to be taught how to sew some stirrup covers for her saddle - a very handy addition to the tack shed indeed.



When we couldn't rally, Klever Kloe and Super Sal pulled together some online trivia



games for the kids with some fantastic prizes kindly donated by Horseland Sunbury, and Erin's Equine Service. The kids had a blast and it was great to see their smiling faces, especially our Metro kids.



On a different note, one of our Pocket Rocket's - Katie received her official strapper licence and went along to the trots to help her Dad while Mum was out of action. Katie seemed to have the golden touch helping her Dad's horses come home with a win and a third place on the day. You're a Rockstar Katie!



Our Breast Cancer Awareness "Pink Rally" was held on Oct 31. Brodie, (despite being in the Metro lock down) had great fun pulling together some pink tack for the weekend. This rally was originally planned for May and has been rescheduled three times due to COVID-19 restrictions. We can finally have some fun (with our Metro Members able to join in) and raise some money for the McGrath Foundation's incredible Breast Care Nurses just squeezing it into October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Some clubs posted photos from their October rally on Facebook.

Glenlyon



Kyneton



Macedon



Heathcote also managed to squeeze in a Show for regional riders on August 16.
A couple of CZ riders had a wonderful day.



PCA Nationals Quiz

CZ had 2 members in the Victorian teams for the National Quiz. Hector Brennan (Oaklands) was in the Juniors (coached by Jo-anna Brennan, Oaklands DC) and Sophie Fosnaugh (Gisborne) was the captain of the sub-juniors.



No results yet but both teams performed very well.

Sophie used her experience to make a quiz for the Metro riders in the Gisborne online October rally. They now do one every Monday in their Certificate zoom sessions.

Central Zone AGM Thursday October 7

Your new elected Executive is:

President	Ronnie Graham (Truganina)
Vice President	Tanya Stocker (Kyneton)
Vice President	Teri Kirkham (Macedon)
Secretary	Leonie Lang (Gisborne)
Treasurer	Robin Crawford (Kyneton)

According to the new PCV, the Zone Rep is now elected at this AGM.

Des Haliday was re-elected as Central Zone Rep for 2021-2023.

Other positions appointed were

Zone Examining Secretary (ZES): Jayde Kirkham

Entry secretary for State events: Lisa Kennedy

Ribbons, pennants and trophies: Lisa Kennedy

Zone events coordinator: Sue Hollins (Gisborne)

Sue Hollins retired as zone President after many years in this and other roles in Central Zone. In appreciation of her years of service, she was awarded a Life Membership. As this was an online meeting, the actual badge will be presented when we are able to meet in person again. Sue will still be involved in organising events.

Zone meeting October 7

At the regular zone meeting which followed the AGM, details of the amalgamation of Oaklands, Sunbury and Tullamarine were given.



The club will have the new name of **Woodlands** and the home grounds will be at Greenvale Reserve. The meeting approved the new colours and uniform. Look out for these colours at CZ events next year.

CZ Who's Who for 2021-2022

Here's a brief description of the roles that different people have at zone level. (Where applicable, the person's member club/role is also stated.) Remember, these people are all volunteers and putting in their spare time to help administer our zone!

Position	Responsibilities	Currently held by
Zone Representative 	Represents central zone member clubs at state meetings and competitions; ensures pony clubs within our zone operate in accordance with all current PCV rules and by-laws.	Des Haliday (Riddells Creek PC) dphaliday@hotmail.com ph: 0447 541 878
Zone President 	Chairs zone meetings and helps co-ordinate clubs and assist them to carry out the objectives of the PCV.	. Ronnie Graham (Truganina PC) ph: 0412 163 841
Zone Vice-Presidents 1.  2. 	Assist the president wherever possible and act as a deputy in the president's absence.	1. Tanya Stocker (Kyneton PC) stockerdairy@bigpond.com ph: 0407 351 062 2. Teri Kirkham (Macedon PC) Terikirkham@outlook.com ph: 0409 532 821
Zone Secretary 	Prepares, sends out agendas for zone meetings; attends each meeting, circulates the minutes to clubs; carries out zone instructions; does zone admin, correspondence.	Leonie Lang (Gisborne PC) centralzone.pcav@gmail.com leonie.lang284@gmail.com ph: 0408 310 843
Zone Treasurer 	Receives monies and pays accounts approved by zone committee; records zone's financial transactions; presents monthly and end of year financial statements.	Robin Crawford (Kyneton PC) aandrcrawford@bigpond.com ph: 0429 340 544

Zone Chief Instructor (ZCI) 	Responsible for the policy and direction of instruction throughout the zone; facilitates the organization of courses for coaching, and efficiency testing.	Niree Weybury (Oaklands PC) bernwey1@bigpond.com 0408 559 915
Zone Examining Secretary (ZES) 	Responsible for all matters relating to organization and registration of efficiency tests within the zone.	Jayde Kirkham (Macedon PC) jayde.kirkham6@gmail.com 0409 002 164
Events Coordinator 	Organises schedules and volunteer rosters for zone eventsweb	Sue Hollins (Gisborne) suehollins18@hotmail.com ph: 0403 080 033
Website and Newsletter 	Keep the database up-to-date. Share news and events with clubs in the zone.	Leonie Lang (Gisborne PC) Leonie.lang284@gmail.com 0408 310 843/5428 2717

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