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I can't believe it is this time of the year again I wonder where time goes. The first seven months of the year is so hectic it flies by.

A very busy year again for our DCI/ZA Panel running clinics at Yarra Glen, Mooroolbark, Lilydale and Eltham. Brenda Mitton and her team work tirelessly in promoting and filling these clinics which are very popular and well attended in our zone. Our panel has also hosted a successful Games Workshop, 2 senior rider Cross country Clinics instructed by Adam Benson, and has also held a dressage clinic and workshop with Anne Levingston. We have also hosted a C Certificate night and 2 NCAS workshop nights facilitated by Kate Wilson. In addition to the above our panel has been very busy again with C certificate examinations and club visits. I take this opportunity of thanking our panel for their dedication and hard work and a big thank you to our Zone Chief Instructor Rachael Edwards who is very enthusiastic, organised and a very hard worker.

We have had our major fundraiser for the year Yeringberg Horse Trials up and running again and this was very well attended both by pony club and EV members alike. Unfortunately due to inclement weather we had to cancel our Zone Teams Challenge this year at Yeringberg but it will be back again next year.

We have fielded teams in Dressage, Show Jumping, Horse Trials, Games and the Interzone Horse Trials this year with our riders achieving fantastic results. Well done to our riders and to their families for their support.

After a reduction in membership in our zone it is great to see some of our clubs at full membership this year. Particularly Yarra Glen Pony Club a fire affected club is at full membership with a waiting list. We still of course have some clubs that are affected by Leasing problems and this will be a continuing problem for metropolitan zones. Some of our clubs have had successful grant applications and are putting these grants to good use. In 2009 some of our clubs were badly fire affected, this year it has been floods. We have had a number of clubs affected by these floods but am pleased to say they are up and running again.

I would like to thank my zone executive who put in a lot of hours for the clubs and a particular thank you to Jim Page and Jim Hurley who despite ill health have worked tirelessly for the zone and clubs throughout the year.

Linda Smith
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