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David Cranwell with Woodlands Park Peter
Supreme Champion at the ACDS National Show Driving Championships
(Photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' February 27 2012

Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting February 25 2012 at Crookwell

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify Judy Harris on (02) 6942 6762 of intention to attend by February 18 2011

NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
Jan		
26	Australia Day Picnic Drive at Gladstone North Coast Club	Jim McKenna 02 6569 9466
Feb		
5	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
11	John Kohnke Talk at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Sue Plath 02 4861 9538
11	BBQ at Marayong Hills Club	Linda Ongley 9626 1373
11-12	Campover (no horses) Introduction to Concours d'Elegance at Glenreagh North Coast Club	April Klein Nulend 0431 618 825
11-12	Graded Dressage & Cones Gala Day at Bowral Canberra Club	Tony James 02 48864462
18	Twilight Drive at Maraylya Park Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9696 6085
19	Come & Try Day venue TBC Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
19	Pleasure Drive in Penrose Forest Southern Highlands Club	Sue Plath 02 4861 9538
25	NSW ACDS DELEGATES MEETING at Crookwell	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
Mar		
3-4	Dressage & Protocol at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Sue Plath 02 4861 9538
4	Interclub Challenge at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
4	Social Drive venue TBA Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
11	Sporting & Fun Day at Rossmore Reserve Hills & Camden Clubs	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
17- 18	Graded Dressage & Munro Cup at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
April		
1	Dressage Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
5 - 18	SYDNEY ROYAL	
7-8	Cones & Picnic Drive at Nana Glen North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
14-22	Fifield Enduro Central West Club	Gaye Lees 02 6864 5129
May		
4	Social Drive venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
6	Pleasure Drive at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26-27	CDE at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
27	Carriage Construction, Restoration & Maintenance with Armando Djuric venue TBC Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
June		
2	DVD Night at Leppington Hills Club	Eddie Dobbin 02 96064212
3	Social Drive at Mullaley Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
23	NSW Branch AGM venue TBA	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
July		
1	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
8	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
22	AGM & Anniversary Lunch at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
Aug		
5	Dressage & Cones Training at Glenreagh North Coast Club	April Klein Nulend 0431 618 825
5	Social Drive at Piallaway Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
Sept		
2	Interclub Challenge at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
9	Dressage and Cones Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
15- 22	Royal Far West Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
22	Social Night venue TBC Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
Oct		
7	Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
14	Safety /New Horse/New Driver Day Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

Gavin Kew (NZ) with host Carolyn Blakeley in the marathon at the NSW CDE Championships at Marrar
(Southern Equine Photography)

CLUB NEWS

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mal Welsh: The Riverina Club held the Mitavite NSW CDE Championships on November 4/5 2011. It was a great weekend weatherwise and all the competitors enjoyed themselves. There were 39 entries and 38 starters, whilst one of the NZ visitors, Gavin Kew, hosted by Carolyn Blakeley, drove the marathon on the Sunday.

I would like to thank all Riverina members for the great amount of work put in to stage the Championships, especially David Royle, Michael Jones, Sue Fraser, Peter Bryant and Patrick Mockler. Full results are on the website with overall class placings in this Whip Around. Congratulations to club member Di Murray on winning some of the sections, plus winning the trophy for the Fittest Pony/Horse. A big thank you should go to The Rock Pony Club ladies for catering all weekend, including the Saturday night dinner.

All of this was followed up a week later by some of the members attending Equitana as drivers, workers or spectators. It was a busy two weeks for all involved.

Sunday November 27 has been slotted in as our Christmas get together to do some fun things at Marrar, or just go for a drive.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Marty Boyce: The Long Weekend in October saw Reedy Creek host a One Day CDE at the home base at Laggan. A good roll up of 13 competitors were there for the event held in blustery yet mostly dry conditions. All in attendance were happy with the day as a warm up for the Witwood Challenge at Bungendore. Thank you to Sue Plath for once again judging the dressage and providing valuable feedback for all competitors.

Witwood saw a good turnout of Reedy Creek members, with great results,. John Moyes and Gail Bain won their classes. Kath Cole, Marty Boyce and Jess Parramore had mixed results but still had a great time and gained valuable experience.

On October 20, the club had a day at Bob Pierce's Clydesdale Stud, driving and then exploring Bob's extensive collection of vehicles, as well as admiring the new foals. A wide sweeping cones coujagbeattie@yahoo.comrse was set up and all members had a great time 'racing' the clock and eachother. We were very pleased to welcome our new members and their wonderful horses – Gail Bain and Amanda Taylor.

A Dressage Day, with Yvonne Wood judging, was another successful event for the club. Yvonne's feedback was much appreciated and members are putting into practice the advice/tips from Yvonne, with good results.



Gail Bain at the NSW CDE Championships at Marrar
(Southern Equine Photography)

Gail Bain, John Moyes and Kath Cole competed at the NSW CDE Championships at Marrar, with Kath earning second place in the Novice small

pony class, driving Reggie. Gail, Kath and Di Murray were recruited for the NSW team on the day and of course they won the sash! Well done! Jess Parramore was absolutely thrilled to receive an invitation to spend the day with Boyd Exell and Max Pearce recently. He helped harness a team of four and groomed for Boyd while he put the team through its paces. It was a wonderful experience for Jess, and he learnt a great deal. Many thanks to Max and Cathy for their kind invitation. John Moyes, Kath Cole, Marty Boyce, Jess Parramore and Kylie Boyce drove Avanti, Cashie and Effie over to Binda from Laggan recently to meet up with the Goulburn Club for a lovely drive around the local area. It was unfortunately only a brief drive as the weather was not kind. The trip home from Binda was very wet, with drivers and grooms very happy to see the home stretch. The horses did not seem to mind the rain, however. The Club would like to wish Kath Felber a speedy and full recovery from an illness that has seen her hospitalized in the last couple of weeks. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Kath and Peter at this difficult time.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

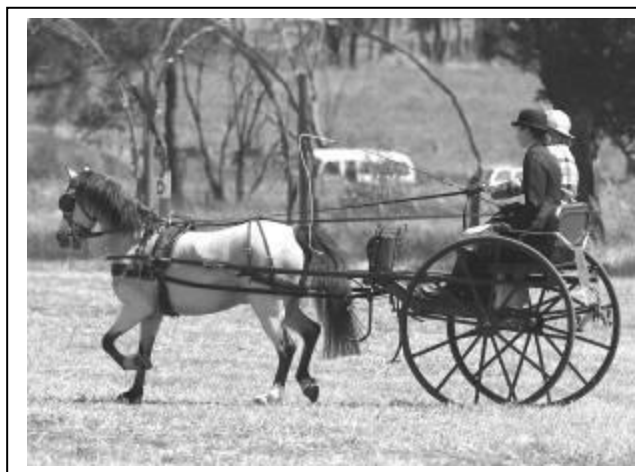
Robyn and Ian Schmetzer and Luke and Chris Burns travelled to Marrar to compete in the NSW CDE Championships at the start of November. Luke and Chris left home at 6 am on the Friday to secure a good camping spot, and were there by 8am. Robyn arrived about 10.30am, whilst Ian, who had to work, arrived on the Saturday morning. Friday was spent catching up with everyone and walking the challenging cones course. Rob Robertson had done a great job, putting a lot of thought into the design. They ate out at the local pub that night before heading off to bed for an early night. This was the first Championship CDE that Chris and her horse Jack had competed in so it was a big challenge.



Chris Burns driving Jack in the marathon at the CDE Championships at Marrar
(Southern Equine Photography)

Both Robyn and Chris were not scheduled for their dressage tests until late so the morning was spent putting final touches to horses, vehicles and harness. Shelley Little, who does ridden dressage, came from Wagga Wagga to be Chris' groom. It was the first time she had groomed at a CDE. Finally it came time to do the dressage. Chris was pleased with Jack, particularly when he did a straight reinback, instead of jackknifing the vehicle as usually happens. She was especially pleased when they did a clear round in the cones, with not a ball down. It was the only clear round in the whole event, although a few time penalties were incurred. It gave them first place in their class in the cones. The marathon was the next big test for Chris, Shelley and Jack. After getting a bit lost in Section A, they received time penalties at the end of the section, but thankfully Jack passed the vet check, despite being pushed to make up time. All the training beforehand obviously paid off. The Aussie Flags obstacle was a challenge. In Chris' words "I went into the obstacle not giving it a second glance, but Jack thought differently. I was ready to call it quits on that obstacle, but Shelley insisted we give it one more go. Jack must have heard and said 'What the heck !' and we got through finally. We were the longest in that obstacle by far, but we finished the whole course, nonetheless". Robyn and Rosie finished second overall in the Novice Horse class. It was Rosie's first Championship and first event after a couple of years' break. Chris and Jack finished sixth in the same class and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB



Pat Richardson at the CDE Championships at Marrar
(Southern Equine Photography)

Penny Jacobs:

We had an action filled November, starting with the NSW CDE Championships at Marrar. We all love the venue with plenty of space and obstacles that are easy to walk to and great viewing for spectators. Canberra competitors were Tony James, Penny Jacobs and Judy Harris driving novice

horses, Peter McIntyre and Pat Richardson driving novice ponies, and Garry Harris driving his pony team. The Harris' were accompanied by their NZ guests, Noel and Jo, who fitted right in. We all had a great time as always.

Having just got home from Marrar, it was time to pack and go to Equitana, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Garry and the team were the only Canberra competitors, but we were also represented by Tony James judging, various grooms and helpers on the ground, and Deborah and John Gorman had their Morgan stallion on display. Other members, Karen and Phil McHugh were there as spectators, and Ken Jacobs was in the research and horse health area, dissecting a foreleg! No sooner was Equitana over, it was time for the really dedicated to head off to Longwood. The Harris' contributed three ponies, one horse and three vehicles, thereby enabling three NZ guests to be part of a wonderful Australian driving experience.

A few of us will be taking instruction from Janelle Marshall at Witwood on December 3 and 4, and then we have the last club activity for the year, the Christmas Lunch on December 18, with no horses! There will be a few quiet drinks and our inevitable lucky dip Christmas gifts. Who will come away with the pink china Cinderella shoe this year ?? We are planning a Dressage and Cones Weekend at Bowral on February 11/12 and an Interclub Challenge at Murrumbateman on March 3/4 2012.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

On October 16, a drive was held on a big property at Bents Basin, belonging to a friend of Maxine Saliba. It was a beautiful day for driving, and although it was hilly at times, all managed to have a good drive. A sociable lunch was enjoyed after the drive by Maxine, Fred and Callum Saliba, Sylvia Biffin, Keri Izzard, Warren Ricketts, Michael and Lou Lyons, Peter and Carol Fitzpatrick, Nicki Price and Greg and Alison McDonald.



Lou Lyons leading the drive at Bents Basin

A number of Camden members volunteered to man the ACDS stand over the four days of Equitana at the Sydney Showground. They had a very busy time, particularly on the Saturday and Sunday, with people from all over Australia enquiring about carriage driving and the ACDS. Tracey Greenacre and her team did a great job setting up the stand and organizing the competitive demonstrations of teams, pairs and singles.

Camden members were well in evidence at the recent National ACDS Show Driving Championships at the Hawkesbury Showground. Carol Fitzpatrick was one of the three show judges, sharing turnout judging and then doing the large ponies and the pleasure classes. Martyn Minns and Metjse fan Twillens, with Greg McDonald as groom, competed in the Non Hackney Horse classes and took first place in the strong class for Horses over 15hh. Peter Fitzpatrick was there as one of the photographers, and Margaret and John Moore worked all day in the office and manning an arena gate.



Martyn Minns driving Metsje fan Twillens at the National Show (photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Three fund raising activities in the last month have helped bolster club funds considerably, after the huge financial outlay for the 40th Anniversary celebrations. Meanwhile, several pleasure drives have been held in the Penrose Forest. Another is planned for December 18 in the Joadja region, whilst it is back to Penrose Forest on February 19 for the first pleasure drive of 2012.

A John Kohnke Information Day is being held on February 11 with the topic for discussion being "Feeding for the Performance Horse". This will be at the Club Grounds, Quarry Rd Bundanoon and will commence at 12 noon. Those who would like to attend should contact the Secretary Sue Plath on 02 4861 9538 or email s_d_plath@skymesh.com.au. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover expenses, and will include afternoon tea. A Dressage & Protocol weekend will be held on March 3-4 at the Club grounds, which will be

beneficial to all. Again, anyone is welcome to attend, but please advise Sue Plath so that the weekend can be planned around the number of participants.

Newly arrived member from Queensland Jane Knight, had a successful National Show Driving Championships driving her big Clydesdale Alton Park Premier Lad. Amongst her successes was winning first place in a strong Two Wheeled Hard Tyred Turnout class.



Jane Knight driving Alton Park Premier Lad at the National Show (photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

Warren Ricketts judged the Small Pony Ring and Driver Classes at the National Show, with Keri Izzard as his steward. Barbara Ricketts did a great job manning the office all day, with Margaret Moore.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The North Coast Club has completed its calendar for next year, with a good variety of activities on offer to members. Running up to April, the following events are planned. On Australia Day (January 26) there is a picnic drive at Gladstone, followed by a 'no horses' camping weekend at Glenreagh on February 11/12, where April Klein Nulend will present an Introduction to Concours d'Elegance.



Mannes and April Klein Nulend stewarding at the National Show (Photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

In March a school with Max Pearce is planned at Unkyia, whilst April 7/8 will be a cones fun and picnic drive weekend at Nana Glen. Contact Echah Wright for further details on 02 6654 2557: Mannes and April Klein Nulend have been out and about in the last couple of months, supporting show driving events. They attended the Show Judges and Drivers School at Bundanoon at the end of October and then acted as ring stewards at the National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury on November 20.

Garry Rollans drove two dashing rounds in the Teams Obsthon on the Friday evening of Equitana. His was one of nine teams who competed in the Obsthon, in front of an enthusiastic audience in the indoor arena.

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

Kerrie Rosetta:

Temora Club hosted Kate Wholagan for her School in October at Cedar Farm. Young Cameron Roberts was a groom for Ben Rosetta and helped all day. The club had a BBQ tea cooked by Harry Hol and a line painting demonstration was conducted by Rob Robertson. Sharon Beattie and Kay Rose had lessons with Kate and are looking forward to another school with Kate. Wayne and Ann Townsend came for a look and are getting ready to join in.

The club gained a grant recently and has purchased a set of cones. It also has applied successfully to host the November State Meeting, which will be held at Stockinbingal.



Ben Rosetta competing in the Singles Obsthon at Equitana (photo Kerrie Rosetta)

Ben Rosetta competed in a few Spring CDEs and won the NSW Championships Open Pony class. Steinroschen and Ben then went on to Sydney to compete in the Singles Obsthon at Equitana, where they came second.

ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Brendan Dwyer: Ellmore Club members have been busy out and about competing recently at the NSW CDE Championships at Marrar, and the Longwood CDE in Victoria. The Club team of Kookie Engelsman, Tim Dwyer and Brendan Dwyer did very well at Longwood finishing 3rd overall in the Club Teams competition.



The 'Introduction to Carriage Driving Day' at Wirrimah

The Club ran a very successful 'Introduction to Carriage Driving' Day on November 27 in the small village of Wirrimah between Young and Grenfell. A terrific turnout of about 25 interested people, together with a couple of new horses and ponies, came along to learn more about carriage driving. The day included discussions about different styles of carriages, and demonstrations of correct fitting of harness and safe harnessing procedures, together with a few laps of a short cones course and talks to club members about what the ACDS does. A sausage sizzle lunch helped continue the conversations and the level of interest shown looks very positive for further membership growth. Thanks should go particularly to Keith Phillips and Kookie and Keith Engelsman for their organization and to all the club members who helped out on the day.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Bungendore Club lost one of its most keen and hard working members in Terry Kelly, the NSW ACDS Treasurer, when he died in late October. Terry came into carriage driving relatively late in life but took it up with great enthusiasm, particularly enjoying driving CDEs with his grandchildren. Terry was always friendly, and together with his very positive attitude, this made him a very well liked member of the carriage driving community. Our thoughts are with Tina and the family on their sad loss.

The Witwood Challenge held on the weekend of October 22/23 was a success with a good number of entries, coming from a range of different clubs. The overall results were:

Beginner Class 1st Suzi Ffrost 2nd Tamara Abed
Training Class 1st John Moyes 2nd Mima Ware 3rd Marty Boyce
Novice Horse 1st Ryan Ward 2nd Gail Bain 3rd Tony James
Novice Pony 121 ne 149cm 1st Sarah Keevers 2nd Keri Izzard 3rd Bronwen Pratt
Open Pony 121 ne 149cm 1st Kookie Engelsman
Multiples 1st Sue Hellyer
Others who competed but unfortunately had to retire or were eliminated were Kath Cole, Jess Parramore, Carol Roach, Mark Peel and Ray Roach.

Carolyn Blakeley is a great supporter of events. She attended Equitana driving her team in the Friday night teams Obstathon in the indoor arena, and then a pair in the pairs Obstathon on Sunday morning. The following weekend she was back up in Sydney at the National Show Driving Championships with her two horses Lac La Biche Son of a Rose and Flemington Dee. One of her main successes was being awarded the Concours d'Elegance Sash, no mean feat amongst an array of wonderful turnouts.

Another member who drove at Equitana was Dot Willcoxson, who competed in the pairs Obstathon, with Lorraine Wharton as groom.



Dot Willcoxson and Lorraine Wharton in the pairs Obstathon at Equitana

The Club's next event will be Graded Dressage and the Munro Cup to be held on March 17/18 2012

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

The weekend at Wongarbron with Magpie and Joan Macarthur was once again a wonderful time. Neil Munn, Lois O'Neill, Brad Lincoln, Jim Gilbey, Hayley Fagerstrom and Chris Hills all arrived on Friday afternoon and evening. They were greeted with a very tasty chicken dish and crunchy bread rolls. On Saturday morning they were joined by Warwick Leeson and Luke Milsom, and set off on the drive. It was the first time Lois had had her horse Charlie out in harness after he was broken in

by Donny Hobbs. There was a little bit of excitement to start with, but all went very well. Lois is looking forward to many more drives with him. On the other side of the coin, Hayley had a little incident and ended up with a broken foot. The drive through the countryside was very relaxing, and a long lunch break was taken beside the river. On Saturday night Magpie and Joan outdid themselves again by feeding their guests with very tender steaks on the Barbie, together with salads and dessert. Unfortunately a storm was brewing on Sunday morning so the drive was put off. Many thanks to the Macarthurs from all the participants, for a most enjoyable weekend.

A successful Come and Try weekend was held at Chris and Carol Hills' property at Gulgong on November 19/20. One of the highlights was Jim Gilbey harnessing up his pair of Shetlands so that other people could have a try at driving a pair. As a result of the weekend, the Club has gained a new family membership.



Chris Hills driving Jim Gilbey's pair of Shetlands at the Come and Try Day.

Jim Gilbey, Carol Hills and Donna Birchell took six Shetlands to the Shetland Super Show at the end of October at Bathurst. There was another Shetland at the show that Jim bred, and all seven ponies won ribbons. Carol came second in the Lady Driver class and her pony Ton Lea Park Jamie was second in the Driven Gelding class, according to Carol 'because we could pivot on one wheel, which the Scottish judge really liked'.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Helen Huckerby: The Hunter Club recently held a mid week drive at Pokolbin. Firstly thank you to our hosts Frank and Vanessa Lovett for allowing us to camp on their property. Due to rain on the first night, our camping quarters were upgraded from horse floats to the Homestead on 'Possums'. This was our first successful try at a mid week drive and I do believe it was a success. Attending on Tuesday were Rosemary Laing and Tinker,

Owen Maytom with Beryl, June Malmberg and Lukas, Helen Huckerby and Mishka, Frank Lovett with Blossom, and Julia and Brian Leaver who came along with Barry Paxton Brown and his pair of Haflingers. We were also joined by George Sinclair driving Zane.

We enjoyed a drive through the gardens, then out to the back of Pokolbin Estate where we stopped for a drink. We continued over to McLeish through to Peppertree and then to the Pokolbin Village for coffee and a snack. We had to hang around there for a little while, as there was an awesome storm. The horses looked terrific – what a great mix of vehicles and horses – Owen driving his stockhorse Beryl in a buggy; Rosemary with Standardbred x pony Tinker in a sulky; Barry driving his Haflingers in a buggy; George with Australian pony Zane in the RDA Wheelchair loading vehicle, and Frank and I with sulkies for our horses Blossom and Mishka.

The next day we had another relaxing drive from Possums to Peppers Creek and out the back way to Tyrrell's, then back for a yummy lunch.

The Hunter and Tamworth Clubs hosted a Janelle Marshall Clinic on Nov 30/Dec 1 at Murrurundi, and Paterson Park was the venue for the Club Christmas party on December 4.

Barbara and Laurie Smith took Brampton Dreams to the National Show Driving Championships and had a very successful day, including winning the Pleasure Pony and Period Turnout classes.

Unfortunately Ashleigh and Robin Allison Woods had to scratch their horses due to some last minute changes to NRMA commitments.



Cathy Browning at the Janelle Marshall Clinic at Murrurundi

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

Robert Allport: Robert and Damon Allport, Robbie Baxter, Judy Emerton, Allan Robertson and Allen Collins attended the Royal Far West Charity Drive organized by the Liverpool Range Club at Quirindi in September. The drive was very enjoyable, going through some of the best country to be seen in NSW. There were great overnight camp spots, with catered dinners and entertainment. A big thank you

to the organizers from Goulburn club members. Our members are looking forward to next year's drive.



Waiting to start at Windy Station on the Charity Drive

Our first club pleasure drive for the season was held at Binda on November 19/20. Forty eight kms were travelled on the Saturday along quiet country roads and through private property, with a minimal amount of traffic to worry about. On Sunday morning with the weather threatening rain, we travelled out and back along Woodville Rd for 25kms. Robert and Damon Allport accompanied by our new junior member Kimberley Allport, Allen Smith and grandson Jade Coggan, Michael and Patrick Finn with Thomas and Fergus enjoyed the weekend. Reedy Creek members John Moyes, Kath Cole, Marty and Kylie Boyce and Jess Parramore drove up from Laggan on Sunday morning for lunch and return.

Our Christmas BBQ get together in December will be hosted by Trevor and Shirley Mills, and the first pleasure drive of the New Year will be in mid January at Windellama at the property of Bill and Chris Gardiner.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills Club lost one of its most loyal and hardworking members – Kath Smith, when she passed away early in November. Kath was a wonderful member and her enthusiasm, quick wit and great sense of humour will be greatly missed. Sincere condolences to Max, Anne, Phillip and Shirley and Peter and Gail.

The Hills usual October activity is the Safety and New Horse/New Driver Day but this year it had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the wet state of the grounds. It was disappointing as several new and long time members had horses ready to bring to the day.

The annual Hills Club Trivia Night in November, organized and run by Eddie Dobbin, was again a great success, with more than thirty members and friends in attendance. It was good to see a number of new members there to try their knowledge against Eddie's wide ranging trivia questions.

November 20 saw the running of the National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground. Despite uncertain predictions regarding the weather, the day was fine. Competitors and spectators did however, have to contend with hot conditions and gusty winds later in the day. Many Hills members competed including Dennis and Andrea Casper, Bob Goodchild, Mary Grant, Karen Silvester, Ailsa Adams, Gay Bostock, Lynne Buckingham, David and Julia Cranwell, Bob West, Paula Forrester, Sandy Hunter, Emily Thompson and Kim McGregor as well as multiple members Amanda Kettlestring, Barbara Smith and Christine McGregor.

There were mixed emotions for the McGregors at the show as, although Kim did very well with their mare Lulu, they were still getting over the death of their prized gelding Kabir, only two days before the show. Kabir was Supreme Champion Non Hackney Horse or Pony in Harness at this year's Sydney Royal.



Mary and David Grant with Damar Whinnona Glen receiving her ribbon from judge Carol Fitzpatrick at the National Show (Photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

Many Hills members and friends helped run the show including Janet Muspratt, Eddie Dobbin, Joy Harris, June Malmberg, Rosalyn Faddy, Roz West, Ron Bostock, Margaret and John Moore, Barbara Ricketts and Jenny Fawbert. The three show ring judges – Carol Fitzpatrick, Nola Robertson and Warren Ricketts worked hard all day, together with their stewards Mannes and April Klein Nulend and Keri Izzard, whilst Alan Ongley, Peter Fitzpatrick and Belinda Casper took many photos.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Robbie and Brian Duck: October began with everyone recovering from the Royal Far West Charity Drive. The week's drive over the Liverpool Plains was a great success for all those involved and we raised \$13,000 for the Royal Far West.



Donna Grace enjoying the Royal Far West Charity Drive on the road near Werris Creek on Day 2

The October drive was a weekend at Spring Ridge, hosted by Bruce and Vicki Donnelly. On Saturday afternoon we drove through the pine forest, a place where you could easily get lost if you didn't have a guide. Then on Sunday morning we drove out to Goran Lake with totally contrasting driving conditions, vast stretches of smooth roads and tracks with great views of rich farmland. This lake covers over 30,000 acres when full and can appear and disappear over night, similar to Lake George near Canberra. Saturday night proved to be a very enjoyable evening, capably catered by Vicki and family. A great weekend was had by all for our last drive for the year. Many thanks must go to the Donnellys for a great weekend.

Our last event for the year was to be the Christmas party on November 26 hosted by John and Carol Scanlon at their property near Bundella. However widespread flooding meant it had to be put off. The plan is to have it as a New Year party now. 2011 was a great year for driving, with a wide range of drives in varied and spectacular locations. We look forward to 2012 to be an even better year for carriage driving, if that could be possible!

BEGA VALLEY HARNESS SOCIETY

Nola Robertson attended the Show Judges and Drivers School at Bundanoon on October 30 and a few weeks later was one of the judges at the National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground.

Sarah Keevers had a successful weekend at the Witwood Challenge CDE in late October winning the Novice Large Pony class.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Quite a few members competed in the harness classes at the APSB Show at Manilla in October. Dee Hillard took out the Champion Miniature Pony, whilst Karl Olsson won Champion Horse and Champion Turnout. Everyone came away with ribbons. Amanda See competed in the NSW CDE

Championships at Marrar and was placed 3rd in her class. From there Amanda went to Equitana the following week where she drove in the Singles Obsthon, placing 4th. She then went back home to Bunnan before going to Manilla with her NZ billet Dawn Millar the next day, for a more relaxed drive with the club. The following weekend they were both off to the Longwood CDE in Victoria where Dawn was to drive Amanda's horse Teamwork.



Amanda See at the NSW CDE Championships at Marrar (Southern Equine Photography)

The club drive at Manilla was well supported with 19 members attending from as far away as Merriwa, Walcha, Mullaley, Murrurundi and Gunnedah, as well as the local members. The drive headed out from Liz O'Brien's place towards the Tamworth Rd. Some people opted to do a shorter run due to their horses' fitness levels, but all eventually returned to the starting point, ready for lunch. After lunch people harnessed up again, even though rain was threatening, to run through a non competitive cones course set up in the back paddock. Luckily everyone had gone home by the time the heavens opened up and in no time Manilla had received 75mm of rain.



Karl Olsson and Gridion Boy at the National Show (photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

Karl and Lyn Olsson with Gridion Boy and Liz O'Brien with Mr Eyor and Bundy Bear travelled down to Clarendon for the National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground on November 20. Both Karl and Liz had a successful day winning several classes, including Karl's win

in the Gentleman Driver and Liz's win in the Cones for Ponies ne 10.2hh.



Liz O'Brien with her pony pair at the National Show
(Photo Allan Ongley)

The Tamworth Club Christmas Party at the Bendemeer Hotel attracted thirty members. There was a slideshow presentation of the year's activities within the club and also at the 40th Anniversary Festival and the National Show. The Christmas Raffle which contained lots of wonderful goodies donated by members was won by Peter Daley. Santa's helpers were also very generous, with presents for all the attendees.

Plans are well under way for the Club's CDE to be held on May 26/27 2012. Excellent sponsorship has already been received for this event.

The Janelle Marshall Clinic held mid week and co hosted by the Hunter and Tamworth Clubs at Murrurundi was a very educational and rewarding experience. It was well attended with a full day of classes and plenty of fence sitters, not bad for a mid week activity. Lessons with Janelle are thoroughly recommended.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Central West Club Christmas Party will be on December 17. Central West's big annual event, the Fifield Enduro will be held from April 14 – 22 2012. Enquiries to Gaye Lees on 02 6864 5129

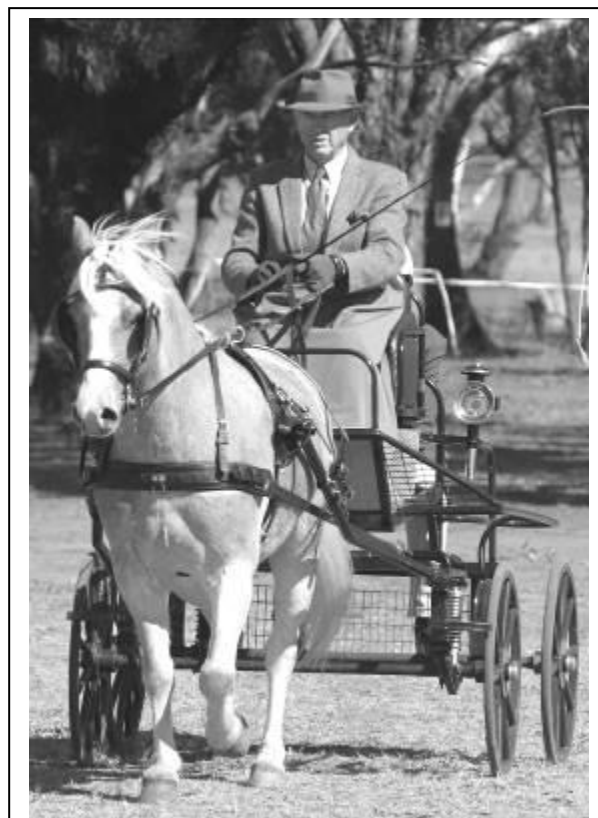


Amanda Blakeley driving Kevelle Lee Fallon at the National Show (Photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

Amanda Blakeley has been busy show driving over the last couple of months. She drove her horse Lac La Biche Son of a Rose at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Jugiong on October 8 to win Champion Pleasure Horse or Pony and Champion Driver, and then at the National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury on November 20, she won Champion Non Hackney Pony ne 10.2hh together with a number of other awards, with her Shetland mare Kevelle Lee Fallon.

THE REINSMAN is having a spell for this issue but will be back in harness for the next Whip Around.

VALE: TERRY KELLY



Terry driving Jack at the CDE at Marrar 2008

The Kelly Gang.

By Gail Lodge

* Terry with great competitive spirit driving his beloved ponies Jack and Kate, ably assisted by his grandchildren Eden and Madison, competent drivers in their own right thanks to their grandfather.

* Tina in the meantime back at the camp tending to the many family needs and culinary delights for friends and indeed any stray s on the lookout for homemade goodies.

* Many the time I witnessed the Battle Royal between Terry and his friend Warren Ricketts, but none better than one event at Bundanoon in a drive-off to win the cones, Both contenders drove with such skill and determination, with Jack and Warren's Maxie simply flying, both with that

beautiful, magnificent extended trot. To this day I am uncertain who won. However it was a tremendous competitive display to be well remembered.

Terry will be greatly missed by his many friends in the driving world.

‘GO JACK!’ was the call.

From Barbara and Gordon Burton:

Terry joined the Bungendore Carriage Driving Club in 2003. He embraced the concept of carriage driving with a determination and enthusiasm to ‘do it all’. After purchasing a sulky, he trained his pony Jack. Then combined driving became a passion – no problem – he built a CDE vehicle and competed with great success.

He then decided to drive a pair and Kate joined his stable. A larger float was required so he built a gooseneck float to transport the Kelly Gang around. Terry built a 4 wheel CDE vehicle and restored a buggy and several other vehicles. He was secretary of the Bungendore Club for several years and always had time to help other members with their driving and vehicles.

Goodbye our dear friend.

VALE: KATH SMITH 3/12/26 - 3/11/11

by Janet Muspratt

The carriage driving community lost a dedicated and much admired and respected member when Kath Smith passed away in early November. Our sincere condolences go to Max, Anne, Phillip and Shirley and Peter and Gail, and to grandchildren and great grandchildren.

These are my recollections of Kath.

Max and Kath joined the Hills Club in the early 1990s, after being members of a trotting enthusiasts club. Some of Max’s relatives raced trotters in the Bathurst district, which sparked his interest in driving.

They immediately showed that they were keen to become involved in a supporting role to all things carriage driving. One of their first tasks was to help at an RDA/Hills CDE at Kellyville. Kath took on the role of pencilling for the dressage judge – something that she did many, many times in the years to come. Max was a steward on a marathon obstacle.

They soon were travelling to CDEs all over NSW, setting up camp in their palatial tent, and getting on with helping in a variety of ways. Max would often be the presentation judge whilst Kath became a much sought after steward and penciller to both presentation and dressage judges. Both would then be stewards on the marathon, becoming ultra reliable in any position they were asked to do – whether it be at starts, finishes, MOs, gates, compulsory markers or vet checks.

Max and Kath had a busy couple of weeks around Easter time in 1997. They went to the NSW CDE Championships at Gundagai, came back to Sydney and assisted with the RDA carriage driving entries at the Sydney Royal, then went out to Parkes for the Australian CDE Championships. We took two ponies and two vehicles to each of these events – at the CDEs, one for my daughter Jeanie to drive and the other for our RDA driver, and two RDA entries at the Royal. Max and Kath were there with us all the way. After having truck trouble, Jeanie and I set off to Parkes very late. Max and Kath met us in the middle of the night with torches and lanterns and guided us into the camping spot they had saved for us. Over the weekend Kath pencilled and stewarded as usual whilst Max was our RDA groom, for Michelle Harris and me. Kath was in the arena working with one of the Cones judges when Pat Mann’s pony team bolted minus its driver and groom who had been thrown out, but with a child groom sitting on the back. It was potentially a terrible disaster, but miraculously things turned out all right.



Kath as timekeeper at the Fifield Enduro 2007

Kath was a ‘Friend of Fagan Park’ along with Max. This is a beautiful ex dairy farm/orchard at Galston left to the public by the last of the Fagan family. It is now a magnificent park of expansive mown grassy slopes, exotic gardens, lakes, creeks and gravelled roads and footpaths. Kath worked tirelessly to furnish and bring back a homely touch to the family homestead Netherby House. She spent every Tuesday there, often showing school groups and interested visitors through the house. On Fagan Park’s Heritage Day, Kath would ask several Hills Club members to dress in something historical and drive their horses and sulkies in the parade.

The Hills Club had a number of Private Drives at Fagan Park, with Kath dressing in period costume and assisting the judges as steward and penciller. She always dressed beautifully and looked just the part. She was just the same in her standard of dress and efficiency when she and daughter Anne, were pencillers for Max and me when we judged the wonderful Concours d'Elegance event in Canberra. Within the Hills Club, Kath was a conscientious and wise committee member. She was quietly spoken and gave plenty of thought to the topic before expressing an opinion. She was vice president for many years and she and Max were the Club Delegates to State meetings, also for many years. They always attended the meetings, no matter where they were, and Kath never failed to write a detailed report for the Club. Federal Conferences were also frequently attended by Max and Kath. Apart from this, they both were wonderful supporters of the club's events – always helping with the organisation, and attending to help run them.

A very special event in Max's and Kath's carriage driving life was the Fifield Enduro, run by the Central West Club at the tiny village of Fifield, just after Easter every year. They always attended, with Max helping around the camp keeping the donkey engine going, and going out on the course to help with vetting and watering, whilst Kath became the starter/finisher. Many cold and frosty early mornings were spent at the side of the road, wrapped up in warm clothes, counting down the competitors for their daily drive starts. Kath's wonderful sense of fun came to the fore at Fifield and she revelled in the evening entertainment, especially the Formal Dinner, dressing in finery and furs, in the outdoor 'formal dining room', around the campfires and the camp ovens. She soon became Queen Kath of Fifield, playing right up to the part with Royal corgi and regular Palace announcements, and much loved by all Fifield attendees.

These are some of my memories of Kath. She was a very active, efficient and wise lady with a great sense of fun and very quick sense of humour. She worked hard for a range of causes, was a great encourager of our junior and RDA drivers, was a very good judge of character, a great cook, always dressed beautifully and had great loyalty to the ACDS. It was a privilege to have known Kath, and she will be very much missed.

From the Smiths: Thank you so much for your support over recent weeks. From the time Kath went to the San we have been overwhelmed by your kind thoughts, beautiful cards and gorgeous flowers. Life without Kath is life without treats. She inundated us with generosity, spoilt us and led our family. Thank you so much for your comfort

and for the wonderful memories of Kath that you share and treasure.

THE EXPERIENCE OF RUNNING A CHAMPIONSHIP CDE THE NSW CDE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MARRAR 2011

by David Royle Vice President Riverina Carriage Driving Club

Following the running of the Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar during March 2011, the Riverina Club was approached to host the NSW CDE Championships. Club members recognized that because of our small number of members and their residential locations, the task would be beyond our ability. As a compromise, it was agreed that with outside help, we would make the grounds available and undertake the building and signage of the marathon course, leaving the dressage and cones arenas to be built and managed by others.

Having only five MOs which have served us for years, we set about constructing an additional two MOs, thus giving us the minimum number allowed for a Championship event. Material was scrounged and secured for the erection of two new MOs and over the course of a weekend, a few willing workers were able to dig some 42 holes, and put up and paint the additional MOs.



Suzie Ffrost negotiating one of the MOs at the CDE Championships at Marrar (Southern Equine Photography)

From rumblings within the area, it became obvious that the previous arrangement of others building and manning the dressage arenas and cones course may not eventuate. What to do.... Abandon the idea or push on? By this time the TD, judges and catering had been tentatively arranged and the event had been advertised.

We decided to push on!

The course and the MOs, proposed dressage and cones area were mapped and duly inspected by the TD, during a pre event inspection. The Cones judge designed and mapped out his proposed course and this map formed part of the overall paperwork. As is usual with such events, many trips to the site were undertaken during the weeks leading up to the

event, with the last few days being full on with things like phone calls, enquiries, special requests, signage of course, directional bunting and printing of paper work for the 39 entrants. There was also the putting together of the competitors' bags and preparing the draw. Hectic would be an understatement.

The marathon course and the MOs were signposted by the Wednesday before the event. The Friday before saw a lot of action, with the cones judge arriving, and with limited help, placing the cones as per the plan. Adjacent to this area, our event director with the help of several competitors and a member's relative was setting up the two dressage arenas.

About this time, there was a ground jury proposal to alter the cones course, causing some lengthy discussion, but the situation was eventually resolved after consulting the rule books, with the course remaining as first planned. Similarly there were differences of opinion and some misunderstanding about several construction features of the MOs, especially ones that have passed muster for a number of years, and one with dislodgable elements, but all was sorted out in the end.

Such was the beginning of our event.

Day One saw competitors participate in the dressage and cones driving competitions. All the competitors rose to the challenge of the Championships cones course, but only one achieved a clear round.

A float had been set up for our scorer. It was fine until the midday sun turned it into a hotbox. The small band of non local caterers encountered problems at the community hall, where the stove required mechanical repairs before it could be lit, and then it refused to maintain temperature in the oven. The promised help did not eventuate to the degree we expected, and every effort was made to secure stewarding help from the local Lions Club, friends and school children.



Mark Peel in the MO with the Aussie flags
(Southern Equine Photography)

Day Two was the marathon day. Several competitors gave the strongest MOs a savage workout, but not one driver hit any of the dislodgable elements!

This event was put on for the enjoyment of the drivers and we feel this was achieved. As a Club, we learnt a lot and hopefully will be able to draw on our experiences when planning any future event.

NATIONAL SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS NOVEMBER 20 2011

By Janet Muspratt

The Hills Club hosted the National Show at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon on November 20 2011. The show was supported by some wonderful sponsors including Virbac Animal Health, Zilco International, Ranvet Pty Ltd, John Kohnke's Own, International Animal Health and Dobbin Co Carriages, as well as the Tamworth, Camden, Murrumbidgee, Liverpool Range, Bungendore, Ellmore and Hunter Harness Clubs. In addition, several individual Hills members sponsored classes. This sponsorship made a big difference when it came to covering the show expenses and resulted in all classes having worthwhile prizes for the winners.



Sandy Hunter driving Shepherds Hill Rita at the National Show (Photo Peter Fitzpatrick)

Competitors came from many parts of NSW including Yass, Goulburn, Tamworth, Parkes, the Central Coast and Southern Highlands. as well as the Sydney region. Some camped overnight, but for most it was a day trip. There were 33 horses there on the day, down a little after several scratchings, but still a good number for an all harness show. Quite a few spectators were there too, having read about the show in the ACDS Journal and newsletters, in The Land and local Hawkesbury Gazette or on flyers at Equitana and on noticeboards around the Sydney region. The show ring judges were Nola Robertson from Bega, Warren Ricketts from Mittagong and Carol Fitzpatrick from Catherine Field, whilst Hills member Eddie Dobbin designed and judged the Virbac Challenge Cones Course.

More than thirty people (Hills members and friends) helped run the show and make it as streamlined as possible for judges and competitors.

On the day they acted as stewards, office staff, gate attendants, ringmasters, results runners, cones course attendants and timekeepers, caterers and photographers. A special mention should be made of Jenny Fawbert, our excellent PA Announcer who kept everyone informed about what was happening in the ring and made sure competitors knew when they were required for classes. She also gave all the sponsors good value.

The RDA Tall Timbers Centre did a good job selling hot and cold food and drinks to the competitors and spectators, often in difficult conditions, especially when the wind got gusty in the afternoon.

Some of the big winners were:

Supreme Champion Horse or Pony: David & Julia Cranwell's Woodlands Park Peter (Clydesdale)

Concours d'Elegance Sash: Carolyn Blakeley and Flemington Dee

Virbac Cones Challenge Fastest Clear Round: Karen Silvester and Wilbur

The full results are in this Whip Around.

Thank you very much to all the competitors, sponsors and helpers for supporting the show.

RESULTS OF NSW CDE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MARRAR

Novice Pony 91cm ne 121cm

1st Dawn Walter 2nd Kath Cole 3rd Rachel Haslau

Novice Pony o121 ne 149cm

1st Di Murray 2nd Keri Izzard 3rd Rhonda Armstrong 4th Amanda See

Novice Horse o149cm

1st Melissa Palviainen 2nd Robyn Schmetzer 3rd Judy Harris 4th Penny Jacobs

Open Pony 91cm ne 121cm

1st Vicki Stevenson 2nd Jessica Haslau

Open Pony o121 ne 149cm

1st Ben Rosetta 2nd Warren Ricketts 3rd Lyn Cunnew

Open Horse o 149cm

1st Michelle Jones 2nd Brendan Dwyer 3rd Carolyn Grinter 4th Gail Lodge

Pony Pairs o121 ne 149cm

1st Paula Rhodes 2nd Lorraine Cairns 3rd Sue Hellyer

Pony Four in Hand o121 ne 149cm

1st Wayne Armstrong 2nd Karen Rodgers

Horse Four in Hand o149cm

1st Mark Peel



Kath Cole at the NSW CDE Championships
(Southern Equine Photography)

RESULTS NATIONAL SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 20/11/11

Judges: Nola Robertson, Carol Fitzpatrick, Warren Ricketts

Turnouts over 10.2hh

Class 101 Viceroy /Show Vehicle Turnout

1st K & W Barlow Riverlodge Vanity's Star 2nd B Smith Brampton Dreams 3rd Ragg & Proctor Family Show Team Krystal Park Limited Edition 4th Ragg & Proctor Family Show Team Glenwood Show Off

Class 102 Two Wheeled Hard Tyred Turnout

1st J Knight Alton Park Premier Lad 2nd Grant Family Damar Whinnona Glen 3rd K Silvester Wilbur 4th McGregor Family Lulu

Class 103 Four Wheeled Hard Tyred Turnout - nil

Class 104 CDE Turnout 1st K Olsson Gridion Boy 2nd C Blakeley Flemington Dee

Class 105 Jogger Turnout - nil

Class 106 Trades/Delivery Turnout 1st D & J Cranwell Woodlands Park Peter 2nd B Goodchild Nellie

Class 107 Period Turnout 1st B Smith Brampton Dreams

Champion Turnout o 10.2hh D & J Cranwell Woodlands Park Peter **Reserve** B Smith Brampton Dreams

Non Hackney Ponies o 10.2 ne 14hh

Class 109 Novice Pony ne 14hh 1st Grant Family Damar Whinnona Glen

Class 110 Pony o 10.2 ne 12.2hh 1st Ragg & Proctor Family Show Team Krystal Park Limited Edition 2nd Ragg & Proctor Family Show Team Glenwood Show Off 3rd Grant Family Damar Whinnona Glen

Class 111 Pony o 12.2 ne 14hh 1st K & W Barlow
Riverlodge Vanity's Star 2nd B Smith Brampton
Dreams
3rd B West Tully

Champion Non Hackney Pony o10.2 Riverlodge
Vanity's Star **Reserve** Krystal Park Limited
Edition

Hackney Ponies

Class 113 Novice Hackney Pony - nil

Class 114 Hackney Pony ne 12.2hh - nil

Class 115 Hackney Pony o 12.2 ne 14hh 1st K &
W Barlow Dunolly Nicoli

Champion Hackney Pony Dunolly Nicoli

Driver Classes

Class 117 Novice Driver 1st Michelle Perry 2nd
Karl Olsson 3rd Karen Silvester 4th Ailsa Adams

Class 118 Junior Driver under 18 years 1st
Rebecca Swift 2nd Andrew Swift 3rd Emily
Thompson

Class 119A Lady Driver 18yrs & over (o 14hh) 1st
Kim McGregor 2nd Carolyn Blakeley 3rd Karen
Silvester

4th Michelle Perry

Class 119B Lady Driver 18yrs & over (ne 14hh)
1st Amanda Kettlestring

Class 120 Gentleman Driver over 18 years 1st Ksrl
Olsson 2nd Bob Goodchild 3rd Matthew Swift

Champion Driver Kim McGregor **Reserve**
Amanda Kettlestring

Multiples and Pleasure Classes

Class 122 Multiples 1st C Blakeley Lac la Biche
Son of a Rose & Flemington Dee 2nd A

Kettlestring Kariong Bobby & Kariong Temuchin

Class 123 Pleasure Turnout 1st A Blakeley Kevelle
Lee Fallon 2nd D Casper Clanline Stardust 3rd A
Kettlestring Kariong Bobby & Kariong Temuchin
4th K Silvester Wilbur

Class 124 Pleasure Pony ne 14hh 1st B Smith
Brampton Dreams 2nd A Blakeley Kevelle Lee
Fallon 3rd D Casper Clanline Stardust

Class 125 Pleasure Horse o 14hh 1st McGregor
Family Judstan Lulu 2nd K Silvester Wilbur

Champion Pleasure Horse or Pony Judstan Lulu
Reserve Brampton Dreams

Turnouts ne 10.2hh

Class 201 Viceroy Turnout 1st G Bostock Lambrae
Lynx 2nd A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon

Class 202 Two Wheeled Hard Tyred Turnout 1st L
Buckingham Lil Dobbins Steppins Moonshine 2nd
A Casper Clanline Stardust

Class 203 Four Wheeled Hard Tyred Turnout - nil

Class 204 CDE Turnout 1st A Kettlestring Kariong
Bobby & Kariong Temuchin 2nd E O'Brien Mr
Eyor & Bundy Bear

Class 205 Jogger Turnout 1st E O'Brien Mr Eyor
& Bundy Bear

Class 206 Trades / Delivery Turnout 1st L
Buckingham Lil Dobbins Steppins Moonshine 2nd
A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon

Class 207 Period Turnout 1st L Buckingham Lil
Dobbins Steppins Moonshine

Champion Turnout ne 10.2 A Kettlestring
Kariong Bobby & Kariong Temuchin **Reserve** G
Bostock Lambrae Lynx

Non Hackney Ponies ne 10.2hh

Class 209 Novice Pony ne 10.2hh – nil

Class 210 Pony ne 8.2hh – nil

Class 211 Pony o 8.2 ne 9.2hh 1st A Casper
Clanline Stardust 2nd L Buckingham Lil Dobbins
Steppins Moonshine

Class 212 Pony o 9.2 ne 10.2hh 1st A Blakeley
Kevelle Lee Fallon 2nd G Bostock Lambrae Lynx

Champion Pony ne 10.2hh Kevelle Lee Fallon
Reserve Lambrae Lynx

Light, Medium & Heavy Delivery Horses

Class 214 Novice Horse 1st B Goodchild Nellie 2nd
M Perry Cologon Casper

Class 215 Light Delivery Horse 1st K Silvester
Wilbur

Class 216 Medium Delivery Horse 1st B
Goodchild Nellie 2nd M Perry Cologon Casper

Class 217 Heavy Delivery Horse 1st D & J
Cranwell Woodlands Park Peter 2nd J Knight Alton
Park Premier Lad

Champion Delivery Horse Woodlands Park Peter
Reserve Nellie

Hackney Horses - nil

Non Hackney Horses

Class 313 Novice Non Hackney Horse 1st P
Forrester Speedaway

Class 314 Horse o 14 ne 15hh 1st B & J & G & R
Bensley Stillbrook Tabitha 2nd Hunter, Thompson
& Chesson Shepherds Hill Rita 3rd C Blakeley
Lac la Biche Son of a Rose 4th McGregor Family
Lulu

Class 315 Horse o 15hh 1st M & J Minns Metsje
fan Twillens 2nd C Blakeley Flemington Dee 3rd K
Olsson Gridion Boy 4th P Forrester Speedaway

Champion Non Hackney Horse Stillbrook
Tabitha **Reserve** Shepherds Hill Rita

SUPREME CHAMPION HORSE OR PONY

D & J Cranwell Woodlands Park Peter

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE C Blakeley
Flemington Dee

VIRBAC CONES CHALLENGE **Judge:** Eddie
Dobbin

Class 401 Ponies ne 10.2hh 1st E O'Brien Mr
Eyor & Bundy Bear 2nd A Kettlestring Kariong
Bobby & Kariong Temuchin 3rd D Casper Clanline
Stardust

Class 402 Ponies o 10.2 ne 14hh 1st Grant Family
Darlea Oakey Glen 2nd Grant Family Damar
Whinnona Glen 3rd B West Tully

Class 403 Horses o 14hh 1st K Silvester Wilbur
2nd C Blakeley Flemington Dee 3rd C Blakeley
Lac la Biche Son of a Rose 4th M & J Minns
Metsje fan Twillens

Fastest Clear Round: K Silvester Wilbur

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT STOCKINBINGAL ON NOVEMBER 26 2011

Clubs represented were: Ellmore, Canberra,
Bungendore, Goulburn, Hills, Murrumbidgee,
Reedy Creek, Riverina, Southern Highlands,
Temora.

28 attendees.

A minute's silence was observed at the start of the meeting paying respect to Terry Kelly and Kath Smith.

Panel Reports

CDE

* No. of clubs have held Level 4 CDEs – valuable learning experiences and encouraging new people into the sport

* NSW CDE Championships at Marrar – very successful – many thanks to Mal Welsh and his team.

* Joint CDE & Dressage Workshop to be held at Witwood on Dec 10/11

* Only one event notified so far for 2012 – Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar on Mar 31 / Apr 1

* New CDE TPR stewards have been accredited: Elaine Delaney, Mike Delaney, Kylie Boyce, Martin Boyce

P & E

* Liverpool Range Royal Far West Charity Drive in Sept – outstanding success for all concerned. Raised \$13000 for the charity. Risk management, safety and horse welfare were well addressed.

* Bill and Trish Greer (Liverpool Range Club) attended dinner at Government House to present cheque for \$13 000 to Royal Far West

* Successful pleasure drives held at Fifield in October

* Great regret expressed over the passing of Kath Smith – chief timekeeper at the Fifield Enduros.

* Club secretaries asked to pass on reports of pleasure drives to Robert Allport 16 East St Crookwell 2583

* Record sheets of pleasure driving distances covered in 2011 need to be submitted to Robert Allport by January 31 2012.

Dressage

* Judy Harris has completed requirements to be a Novice Dressage Judge

* Latest version of the Dressage Manual has been finalized and will be copied onto a CD. Can be

ordered from D Willcoxson. Will be on ACDS website in due course.

* Confusion still re difference between graded Dressage and CDE tests. Ideally all drivers would benefit from starting at the lower levels for Graded Dressage and working their way up the scale. Details in dressage manual.

* Graded Dressage cards available at meeting. Delegates encouraged to take sufficient for club. Thank you to Lyn Cunnew for their design and printing.

* All interested are invited to attend the CDE/Dressage refresher at Witwood on Dec 10/11.

Show Driving

* Tamworth Club Driver Development School in conjunction with Aug Meeting – well organized and attended. Good initiative.

* State Show Driving Champs at Jugiong – good quality turnouts; thank you to Canberra Club

* Show Judges and Drivers School at Bundanoon – good no. of participants including current judges; excellent presentation by Rick Jones on heavy horses in harness

* April Klein Nulend and Wendy Ragg upgraded to General Show Driving Judges

* National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury run by Hills Club – very successful with good no. of quality entries.

* Need clubs to host NSW Show Driving Champs and NSW Show Judges and Drivers School in 2012. Plenty of help available from the Panel.

Historical – no report. Dennis Casper has been approached to become the Panel Convenor.

Other Business

* E Hammond and K Rosetta reaccredited as TPR Stewards

* WA allocated Nat CDE Champs in 2013. NSW next turn is 2015

* Road rules and Junior Drivers – Interpretation is that they are the same as for bicycle and horse riders. License only required when it is a motorized vehicle. Juniors still need to be instructed on road rules.

* Tina Kelly co opted to be financial officer for NSW Branch until next AGM

* Equitana came in under budget. Many thanks to Tracey Greenacre for her work with Equitana.

* Grants Criteria adopted, after Repayment of Grants clauses removed

* Australian Horse Welfare Protocol: voluntary guidelines only and not binding. NSW Branch to become a signatory to the Protocol

* EA & ACDS have established a good working relationship and continue to meet.

* Draft Measuring Policy to be circulated to clubs for comment prior to the next State Meeting

* 2012 NSW CDE Championships to be hosted by Bungendore Club at Witwood in spring

* Branch to purchase a Come and Try / Introduction Day Banner
 * Vet requirements at Level 1 and 2 CDEs – resolved to remain as is. Cost of vets needs to be incorporated in entry fees.
 * Junior drivers – consistent rules need to be developed across all disciplines. Fed Delegate to take to next Federal meeting.

* Young Driver Coordinator needed for NSW
 * TPR stewards – Fed Delegate to take to next Fed Meeting that TPR exam and accreditation cover all disciplines.
Next General Meeting February 25 2012 at Crookwell

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