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Carolyn Blakeley driving Southern Cross Nickolas, Supreme Champion Horse or Pony at the 2016 NSW Show Driving Championships
(Photo J Smith)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' August 20 2016

Next Meeting: NSW Branch AGM & General Meeting at East Maitland on June 18 2016

\$20 pp for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by June 8 2016

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NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

IMPORTANT ! Club Secretaries – Always submit proposed calendar dates to the Calendar Coordinator Garry Harris (gjharris@live.com.au or ph 02 6942 6762) for checking, to avoid clashes with other events, particularly similar nearby or close interstate events.

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
June		
4-11	Henry Lawson Drive Binnaway to Gulgong Gulgong Club	Leroy Trengove 02 6375 9629
5	Carriage Driving Experience at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
17-19	Charlie Phillips Memorial Drive at Piallaway Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
18	NSW Branch AGM & General Meeting at East Maitland	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
26	Dressage Clinic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
26	Pleasure Drive at Glossodia Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
July		
8-10	Federal ACDS AGM & Conference St Gregs College Campbelltown	Tony James 0428 864 462
9-11	Endurance Drive at Piallaway Hunter & Liverpool Range Clubs	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
10	Carriage Driving Experience at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
15-16	Mudgee Small Farms Field Days	Carol Hardaker Hills 0427094481
17	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
24	Anniversary Lunch and AGM at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
30-31	Come and Try Days at Gulgong TBC Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
Aug		
7	Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14	Interclub Challenge Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
20	NSW Branch Meeting venue TBC	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
20-21	Hinemoa Frog Training Weekend Ellmore Club	Brendan Dwyer 0407 838 700
20-21	Mike Thill Training /Activities at Oxley Vic	Bev Bresanello 03 5766 2257
28	Concours d'Elegance Competition Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
Sept		
4	Club Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
4-5	Level 3 CDE at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0438 880 458
11	Dressage Cones & Mini Marathon at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
17-25	Annual Charity Drive Somerton & Attunga Liverpool Range Club	Judy Tonkiss 02 67603018
24-25	Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa Ellmore Club	Brendan Dwyer 0407 838 700
25	Club Day Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
30-Oct	Marrar Enduro Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4838 3023
Oct		
1-2	Graded Dressage & Mini CDE Teams Challenge Southern H'lands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
9	Activities Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
9	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14	Bram Chardon Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
22	NSW Driven Dressage Championships at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
23	Obsthon at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
TBC	Donnelly Drive Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
Nov		
5-6	NSW CDE Championships at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
6	Social Drive Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
6	Pleasure Drive venue TBA Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
19	NSW Branch Meeting venue TBC	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
Dec		
4	Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
TBA	Social Day & Christmas Party Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
11	Christmas Lunch and Auction at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
Jan 2017		
23-31	Bram Chardon Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4886 6859

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NOTIFICATION OF NSW BRANCH AGM

CLUB NEWS

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The Ellmore Club will be holding an Introduction to Carriage Driving Day at Hinemoa on Saturday June 4 2016. The focus of the day will be on harness and carriage fitting, driving safely, and driving a dressage test, a cones course and a marathon. It will be a great day for people just starting in harness or with an interest in carriage driving and wanting to know where to begin, as well as a refresher for others already driving. The more experienced members of the club will be on hand to coach and assist drivers.

VALE: RON GUIHOT

Tess Smith: The Ellmore Carriage Driving Club and indeed the whole ACDS community has been left bereft by the sudden and shocking loss of our beloved Ron Guihot.



Ron and Jenny Guihot with 'Marsfield Barnaby' in the 2006 Concours d'Elegance Event in Canberra
(All Creatures ACT)

Ron was a member of the club for many years and was known for his humour, gentle spirit and generosity. A great competitor in the show ring, he loved the colour blue and would strive for nothing less. In Combined Driving his highest priority was his horses and he would always ensure they were well up to the task. He never had a horse vet out. In later years Endurance Driving inspired him and he was often part of the Fifield scene. He was there just recently for the 2016 event.

Ron drove a number of different types of horses during his career including big Percherons, some beautiful homebred horses and his treasured little brumby mare Kosi. He worked on the land all his life, including on his beautiful property

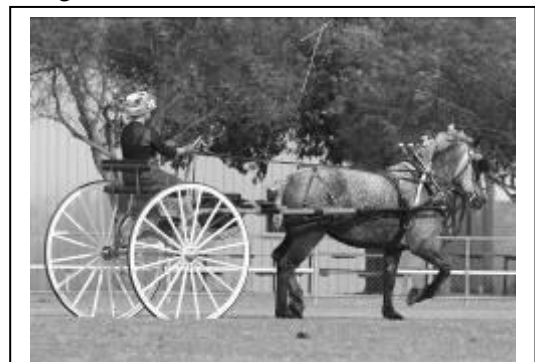
'Marsfield', and utilized his practical skills in building and maintaining some stunning carriages, in which he took great pride.

Ron could always be relied upon to lend a hand, offer advice and provide whatever help was needed to those starting out in carriage driving. He was looked up to by many as an inspiration and he defined what true generosity of spirit was all about.

Ron shared many of his carriage driving experiences with his equally selfless, talented and wonderful wife Jenny. He built his life with her over many years, after sweeping her off her feet during her nursing days at Cowra Hospital. Our condolences go to Jenny and her family during this very sad time. We take heart that somewhere Ron is cracking a whip or a joke, or dangling a line in the rivers and backwaters beyond.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

Heidi Naylor: We have been having fun at the North Coast Club and several of our members have also been out and about. Sharon Clarke had a busy time at the end of April with two visits to Sydney with Rosie Bubbles, her striking Percheron mare. First she went to a heavy horse show at SIEC where classes were held in the indoor arena. Rosie Bubbles performed very well in the strange setting and they gained a number of good placings. It was then home to Kempsey for a few days before going back to Sydney the following weekend for the NSW Show Driving Championships. Sharon and Rosie Bubbles did well there too with good placings in strong classes. Another long distance traveler was Lauren Booth who went to the recent Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Charity Day hosted by the Tamworth Club. She had a wonderful day representing the North Coast Club proudly and meeting some truly welcoming drivers and grooms. Thankfully she left her Hoola Girl outfit at home and her horse Dublin did not have to wear his coconut bra from the Bellingen Show!



Sharon Clarke with Rosie Bubbles at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Smith)
Christine O'Rourke and her Guy Fawkes brumby Northern Rivers Billy Tea worked with a documentary film crew at Ebor for a demonstration day promoting the Guy Fawkes brumbies. Bill did the brumbies proud. He was well behaved all day in front of a crew of about a hundred or so, with filming, whip cracking demonstrations and even a rogue drone above, all whilst in harness! Evidently he now expects to be fed bits of cake and sausage sandwiches, having had these given to him by admiring children throughout the day. Brumbies are very adaptable and clever when it comes to food!



the Mother's Day Run at Coffs Harbour (H Naylor)
Meanwhile back on the coast, the Club had a Mothers Day Fun Day, in May at the Coffs Harbour Showground. First drivers practiced doing a 'flower' obstacle and cones to warm up the horses. Then after lunch, they did the Mothers Day Run against the clock. It involved going back and forth, getting a chair, a tray with a vase of flowers, pouring a cup of tea, putting on a dressing gown, donning a night cap and swaddling a 'baby'. The 'mum' then got to sit down and drink her tea with the 'baby' on her lap. It was a lot of fun, and reinforced the importance of teaching a horse to stand still and steady so that 'mum' could juggle her tea and the baby.

The club's other novel adventure was being part of a carriage driving demonstration at the Coffs Harbour Show in April. A small group took the message to the people about harness driving. The Show Society, to avoid having poorly attended harness classes, offered free show tickets and entry to classes if some drivers would do a harness demonstration.

Immediately after the Grand Parade, whilst the stand was still full, a cones course was set out. There were three drivers – one in a traditional sulky with a pleasure driving part Dartmoor pony, one with a pneumatic wheeled jogger and a five

year old horse bought as a foal from the dogger pen, and one with a marathon competition vehicle driving a sixteen year old Welsh, well seasoned in CDE and ready to go when he saw the cones. There were also handlers for each of the horses, and members to put out the cones and look after the arena gates. The whole event was well contained and controlled.

In half an hour, the different types of harness, vehicles and horses were explained, as well as the uses of the voice, reins and whip, all the while doing runs through the cones at slow, medium and fast paces. Whilst this was not done under the banner of the North Coast Club, it was certainly given a good plug over the microphone!

The two most important messages conveyed to the public were:

1. The importance of passing wide and slow if you see a horse drawn vehicle on the road. It was explained that a horse drawn vehicle is considered a 'vehicle' under the law, and whilst a horse and rider may be able to quickly get out of the way if necessary, a horse drawn vehicle can't be put down a culvert or up an embankment to get off the road. As well, passing at 60kph with a 1m clearance is way too fast and close.

2. Driving in harness is a great way of putting the fat pony in your paddock that your child outgrew, to good use. However there's a lot more to it than just whacking on the harness and vehicle! Joining your local club is a good way to see how it all comes together.

The Show Committee held up its side of the bargain and ensured no other activities were undertaken in the entire arena, until the horse drawn vehicles had left. The whole demonstration showed a great team effort of ground crew and drivers. Lauren Booth with Dublin and Rowena Walker with Pippin were two of the drivers. Looking forward, there is an Instructional Weekend coming up in mid June with Peter and Bronwyn MacAdam, whose knowledge comes from many years of driving experience.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Sue Fraser: The annual Joe Hawkins Cup was a great success. There were twenty three entries, eight of which travelled up from Victoria. The entries comprised nineteen singles, three pairs and one team.



Trevor Brand driving Nilton Calypso at the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE (S Fraser)

The free welcome BBQ dinner on Friday night was very popular with all drivers, grooms, helpers and officials getting to know each other. Many new friendships were made. People again got together at the BBQ and around the fire drum on the Saturday night, making for a very friendly atmosphere all weekend. The weather was fantastic and the good rain a fortnight before made the grounds look perfect for the CDE.

The worthy Joe Hawkins Cup winner was Sarah Keevers driving Wooleen Miss Henrietta. The \$50 prizes for fittest pony and fittest horse were respectively won by Wooleen Miss Henrietta and Rocky, driven by Elsa Guyader. Lyndsay 'the wonder groom' won the \$50 prize for best groom, in memory of Patrick Mockler. Greg and Alison McDonald did a fantastic job getting the scores out in record time.



Sarah Keevers with Wooleen Miss Henrietta (S Fraser)
There was a bit of rivalry between NSW and Victorian drivers, so next year there will be a Team Challenge, maybe for a 'State of Origin' trophy ?? To all the drivers, grooms, helpers and officials a very big Thank You. See you next year!
CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB



Greg McDonald driving Xavier at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Smith)
Sue Wright, Martyn Minns and Greg McDonald all competed at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury on May 1. Sue drove Bamborough Evette and Martyn and Greg drove Martyn and Jo Minns' Friesians, Gerbe van't Wilbroek and Xavier respectively. All three did well in strong competition. Greg finished the day by riding as well as driving Xavier in the drive and ride class.

On May 4 several Camden Club members met for a pleasure drive and ride in Camden Bicentennial Park. Sally Crowell drove Pepsi, Lou Lyons drove Gumpy, Charlotte Hyles rode her pony Éclair, and Greg McDonald brought his horse along for an outing, but groomed for Lou on the drive. After a lovely drive around the picturesque park, including having some fun going through the various water obstacles, they all went back to the shed at the campdraft ground and had lunch. It is certainly a wonderful venue for driving.



Lou Lyons driving Gumpy through the water at Bicentennial Park Camden (L Lyons)
On May 22 the Camden Club co hosted the annual Sports Day and Junior Challenge at Rossmore Reserve with the Hills Club. It was again a great success with five junior drivers, thirteen adult drivers and seventeen horses altogether. In the Junior Challenge, Camden was represented by Callum Meads driving Katut, with Maxine Saliba, and Jeanna Kinlyside driving Chocolate with her mother Carolyn. Overall, Callum finished second and Jeanna third. They each won in an event – Callum the Walk and Jeanna the Cones. Carol Fitzpatrick put a lot of work into designing, setting out and then judging the Pleasure Course, assisted by husband Peter, Sylvia Biffin, Sally Crowell and Mike Fitzgerald. Sally later harnessed up and drove Pepsi in the various activities set up across the grounds. Pam Fisher also enjoyed the day driving Fozzie. Others from Camden Club included Roger Kinlyside, Greg McDonald, Fred Saliba and Noel Fisher.
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

The Southern Highlands Club was very well represented at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury on May 1 by drivers Tracey Ellis, Gordon Ball, Alex McGuire and Heidi Stevens. They all did well in the strong classes. A highlight was Tracey being awarded the Concours d'Elegance Perpetual Trophy, driving her beautiful black pony Kaewing Dinnagwyn. Plans are firmly in place for a **Concourse D'Elegance Driving Competition**, to be held in Bundanoon on Sunday August 28 2016. The Drive will commence at the Southern Highlands Club grounds, with judging taking place at Linkside Retirement Village, where residents will be able to see horses and carriages reminiscent of their past. Further information and schedules will be distributed in the near future. Competitors can be assured of a wonderful day, wherein they can present their beautiful old carriages and be dressed to the nines in the costuming of the day, and evoke many memories and smiles from the spectators. Some beautiful prizes and awards will be on offer for competitors. Everyone should keep the date free, tell their friends and be there for what promises to be a very gracious and enjoyable day. Afterwards, there will be mulled wine and refreshments to cap off a wonderful day of 'remembering'.



Gordon Ball driving Alcheringa Paris at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Smith)

A Dressage Clinic will be conducted on Sunday June 26 at the Clubhouse at Bundanoon. Those who would like to attend should contact either Yvonne Wood (02 4883 6859) or Sue Plath (02 4841 0636) so that sufficient take-home paperwork can be prepared. There will be further information about this clinic via the usual channels.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

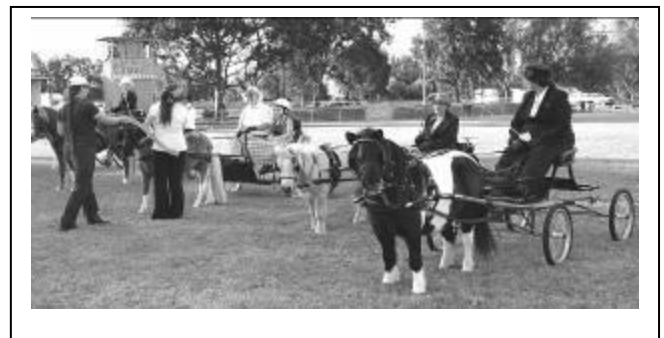
The Hills Club held a Pleasure Drive based at Maraylya Park in early April with seven drivers participating. It was the first drive with the club for Catherine Charteris and Melody Kraay, who came with their two heavy horses and newly acquired vehicles. The drivers were Tony Ingersole and

Helen Tudor, Lynne Buckingham, Karen Silvester, Jenny Conquest and Angela Eberle. Mike Eberle and Janet Muspratt did escort duties at the front and back of the group. Linda and Steve Upton brought their three pintos Lordy, Chrissie and her foal Rocket for a look at the turnouts before the group got on its way. The drive of about 10km was through the rural districts of Maraylya and Oakville, mostly a five acre block area. The traffic has increased markedly since the last drive there, unfortunately making it a less favourable location for future drives.

May 1 saw the Club hosting the NSW Show Driving Championships at the Hawkesbury Showground. There was great support from Hills members for the show, starting many months beforehand with a number of members successfully seeking sponsorship and prizes and some being sponsors themselves. Closer to show time, members willingly shared preparation responsibilities and then on the day many competed whilst others worked in various capacities to see that all went well. It was a wonderful team effort, and the club was rewarded by having an excellent number of entries coming from all over the state.

Hills members who entered the show were Andrea Casper, Belinda Casper, Paul and Marilyn Austin, Jenny Conquest, Angela Eberle, David and Julia Cranwell, Christine Dunn, Tony Ingersole, Linda Ongley, Kim McGregor, Thelma and Rob Nichols, Lola Sutton, Karen Silvester, and Karen and Emily Thompson, whilst the ground crew on the day included June Malmberg, Danuta and Molly Paxton, Debbie and Kiah Lyshak, Tiffany Cornall, Janet Muspratt, Dennis Casper, Marg Moore, Lynne Buckingham, Sue Boyd, Joy Harris, Lilian Mannix, Alan Ongley and Daniel and Damian Mannix. A report of the show appears later in this Whip Around.

A few weeks later the Hills and Camden Clubs shared the running of the second annual Junior Challenge and Sports day at Rossmore Reserve. The Junior Challenge is for drivers under 18 and



Hills members in the Pleasure Pony line up at the NSW Show Driving Championships (A Ongley)

includes a range of activities – dressage, a cones course, walking race, bending race, marathon

obstacle and a pleasure driving course. The results of all of these are put together to find the overall winner and placegetters. This year there were five drivers in the Challenge – Jessica Casper (Hills), Jeanna Kinlyside (Camden), Molly Paxton (Hills), Callum Meads (Camden) and Kimberly Allport (Goulburn), and all acquitted themselves very well, with a good spread of high placings and wins across the board. Accompanying the juniors were Belinda Casper, Carolyn Kinlyside, Marg Moore, Maxine Saliba and Damon Allport respectively. In the final lineup for trophies and sashes it was 1st Jessica Casper, 2nd Callum Meads, 3rd Jeanna Kinlyside, 4th Kimberly Allport and 5th Molly Paxton.

As well as the junior drivers there were thirteen adults driving the activities, under non competition conditions. They were Karen Silvester, Dennis Casper, Linda Upton, Pam Fisher, Lynne Buckingham, Angela Eberle, Jenny Conquest, Tony Ingersole, Maxine Saliba, Christine Dunn, Sally Crowell, Rob Nichols, Thelma Nichols. When driving had finished, everyone, including all those who helped run the day by setting up the equipment, judging and stewarding, gathered together for the sausage sizzle lunch and presentation of the junior awards. The group numbered about 50 – a wonderful sign of support for the day.



Junior drivers Callum Meads, Kimberly Allport, Jeanna Kinlyside, Molly Paxton and Jessica Casper with their awards in the Junior Challenge (A Casper)

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Peter Honeyman: The Liverpool Range Club held a driving weekend at ‘The Dip’ on April 16/17 2016. Members began arriving on Saturday morning at the property called ‘The Dip’ which is near Breeza. Kate Wilson and her partner Sam Clift were our hosts for the drive. We all set up camp in the paddock next to the beautiful old homestead, then gathered for lunch together in the garden under the shade of the trees. At 1.30pm horses and sulkies were harnessed and away, led by Kate in her sulky. Doug Jones drove the rear escort safety vehicle.

We went out onto the plains driving across some Shen-Wah land, with Kate pointing out boundaries and test holes for coal. Then it was back onto their

land, around the irrigated cotton area, and back past the dryland cotton to the homestead. It was a short drive of 18km.

On Saturday night we all had a BBQ tea in the original homestead kitchen, which is now an entertainment area. On Sunday morning Brett Chittick and his daughter Nicola arrived and we all headed out at 9.30am. Sam Clift was the lead escort and Alison Richards and Doug Jones did rear escort duties. Alison had retired her sulky due to a breakage, but we still had eleven sulkies for the Sunday drive.

We travelled around the other side of the cotton onto a back road past an old 22 stand shearing shed, near where they held the big protest blockade against the Shen-Wah mine proposal, led by Tim Duddy. We then travelled onto the Duddys’ property, stopping at their big machinery shed for a water break and a chat to the Duddys. We continued onward to The Dip road, turning left for a couple of kilometres, past some koalas (drop bears?), then back onto Sam’s property, before following the fenceline for about 5km back to the homestead. It was a round trip of 30km. The land was very dry and dusty. With all the dams dried up, Sam was watering the cattle each day with a semi trailer water tanker.



‘The Dip’ drive on the Liverpool Plains (S Jones)
This was a terrific drive over flat country with a very diverse terrain, and Shen-Wah land all around. God help us if the government allows the mine to go ahead, as the coal dust and destruction of the water aquifer will ruin the Liverpool Plains – a region producing a quarter of our nation’s food. Many thanks to our hosts Kate and Sam for their hospitality and running a great drive. The attendees were Sally and Doug Jones, Alison and Darcy Richards, Donna Grace, Vicki and Bruce Donnelly, Peter and Trish Honeyman, Geoff Skewes, Don Thomas, Mark Murphy, Ron Miller and Colleen Dunn, and Brett and Nicola Chittick. There were 12 sulkies in all.

Our next Club Drive will be at Tambar Springs on May 21/22, followed by the Charlie Phillips Memorial Drive at Round Hill, Pialloway on June 18/19 2016. The Annual Charity Drive is shaping up to be another good one, and it will be held from September 17-25 2016. For more information

contact Club Secretary Judy Tonkiss on 02 6760 3018 or mob 0409 669 271

It will be a busy time for some, as several will be also attending the Binnaway to Gulgong drive, run by the Gulgong Club from June 4-12 2016.

VALE: JOHN SIMSON

The Liverpool Range Club wishes to advise of the passing of John Simson, a past president and founding member of the club. John and his wife Judy were very active members and held many drives on their property Gananny, near Bundella. John was a very knowledgeable and capable horseman and man of the land. In recent years John helped with the annual Charity Drive, including driving his truck as the rear escort, or towing the ever essential mobile toilet. At least one of the overnight camps was at Gananny, where participants were able to use the shearers' quarters for camping, showers and toilets. A visit to see the Simson buggy and other vehicles in one of the sheds, was a highlight of this stopover.

Our condolences go to Judy and the Simson family at this sad time.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Karl and Lynn Olsson, Jules Cook and Sandy Hunter all headed off to Sydney for the Show Driving Championships on May 1. Karl, driving Cadels Action (Albert), scored a number of placings before finishing the day with a first in the Pleasure Horse and then Champion Pleasure Horse or Pony, bagging some lovely ribbons, a combo rug and prize money. Jules, with Cookie, gained 4th in the CDE Turnout, 5th in the Novice Pony and 5th in the Pleasure Pony. Sandy, who was driving Shepherds Hill Vanessa for Hills members Karen and Emily Thompson, won the Novice and the Newcomer Horse classes before being awarded Champion Non Hackney Horse. Sandy has not long finished breaking in Vanessa, so it was a great achievement. There were strong fields at the show, including several Sydney Royal competitors, so the Tamworth Club members did their club proud.



Jules Cook driving Cookie at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Smith)

The Fun Charity Drive for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at Trina Redgewell's on Sunday May 15 was great, with perfect weather and a good roll up. Lots of fun was had doing the Treasure Hunt, travelling around Trina's property Mossvale. Drivers worked their way around the paddocks with the thrill of incorporating a few obstacles along the way. There's nothing like attempting an obstacle blind! Everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch and the raffle resulted in most people going home with a prize or two. Best presented under 12hh went to Lynn Olsson and Barney, 12 – 14hh to Jules Cook and Cookie and over 14hh to Lauren Booth and Dublin all the way from the North Coast Club.

Many thanks to Trina and her crew for putting together such an enjoyable day, to Joanna Dockerty for making faces and hands lovely with her Nutrimetics products, to all the people who travelled big distances to the event and finally to Michelle Booth for her fantastic photography of the day.

It was unfortunate the Club had to cancel its Level 3 CDE at the end of May at Gresford, particularly as Liz O'Brien and Lin and Paul Monger had put a lot of effort into setting the course and general organization. The cancellation was due to unforeseen circumstances and was something the club had no control over. Hopefully the event will be able to be run in the near future.



Karl Olsson with Cadels Action at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Smith)

The Carriage Driving Experience set down for May 1 at Attunga had to be cancelled due to the very welcome sound of rain, but will now be run on June 5, with a 9am start. The Carriage Driving Experience is designed to give drivers a chance to practice their driving skills with dressage, cones and obstacles. Lunch will be BYO and everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle.

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

The Goulburn Club was represented at the Fifield Endurance event by a number of members. Robert Allport was the Safety Officer and assisted with time keeping duties, Fergus Finn, with Rosemary Laing as groom, drove Tinker in the Large Pony

section and Tom Finn and Kimberly Allport competed in the Horse Half Endurance section, with Patrick Finn and Damon Allport as grooms. Tom and Patrick driving standardbred gelding Bill and Kimberly and Damon Allport driving standardbred mare Thelma had a close contest all week. They shared the day winner spoils with three shirts each. The yellow shirts for day winners at Fifield have long been highly prized.



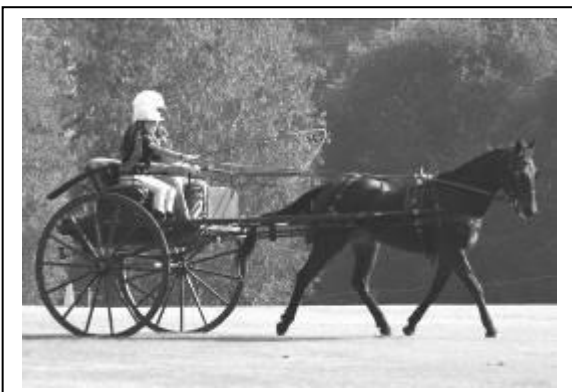
Goulburn members at the Fifield Presentation Night –
Back: Fergus and Patrick Finn and Damon Allport
Front: Tom Finn and Kimberly Allport (R Allport)

Amazingly, at the end of the six days of competition, both drivers finished on the same time and distance, resulting in a dead heat being declared. This is the first time a dead heat for overall first place has occurred in endurance driving. Patrick Finn had some work commitments to attend to at times, so Terry Worthington and the late Ron Guihot filled in on the groom duties on those occasions.

Fergus Finn placed overall second in his class. Unfortunately Rosemary had to miss the final day due to a family commitment. However, it was a great result for all three Goulburn Club junior drivers.

Many thanks to the Central West Club for another excellent endurance event.

On May 22 Kimberly Allport drove Thelma, with her father Damon as groom, at the Hills /Camden Clubs' Junior Challenge event at Rossmore.



Kimberly Allport doing her dressage test at the Junior Challenge event at Rossmore (A Casper)
Kimberly's grandfather Robert was also there as a keen supporter. Kimberly won the dressage section and finished overall 4th in the strongly contested event, which comprised six different activities for junior drivers over the day.

Robert and Damon Allport will be attending the Gulgong Club's Binnaway to Gulgong Drive in early June.

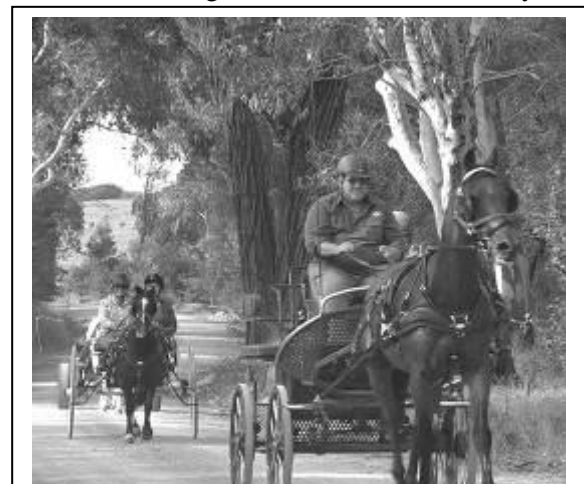
On behalf of the Goulburn Club, sincerest condolences to Jenny Guihot on the recent passing of her husband Ron Guihot.

BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Jen Brennan: The Bungendore and Southern Highlands Clubs co hosted on April 15- 17 2016 the Southern Classic, a combined EA/FEI/ACDS event. It was a resounding success. Many thanks to the volunteers who made such an event possible. Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley were very successful at the NSW Show Driving Championships hosted by the Hills Club on May 1 at Hawkesbury Showground. They won the Supreme Champion Horse or Pony, against two hackneys and several non hackneys, with their 18.1hh Shire gelding Southern Cross Nickolas, driven in their Rat Catchers cart. Congratulations and many thanks to the Hills Club for staging a successful show.

Another very worthy success by a Bungendore Club member was that achieved by Sarah Keevers who won the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar in mid May. Well done!

Our Mothers Day Pleasure Drive at Jerrawa was well attended. It was a relaxing social event. We drove on quiet country roads in unseasonably warm weather ... on Saturday at least. Leonie and Jason Hass' children kept us entertained especially with their enthusiastic wood collecting for our bonfire – perhaps urged on a little by the offer of payment from club president Dot Willcoxson. They were delightful and, after an energetic day, soon fell asleep in their chairs in front of the fire. The campfire chat was convivial and the food great. Big thanks to George Blakeley for making a huge pot of pumpkin soup to share, using his own home grown pumpkins, and to Tracey Kearns who made outstanding individual trifles for everyone.



Steve Kearns on the Jerrawa drive (A Ongley)
 Unfortunately the event was washed out by rain on Sunday. However the rain was well needed so everyone was cheerful and not too disappointed. Many thanks to Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley for organizing the pleasure drive and making everyone feel welcome and included.

For the future, a Club training day is planned to be held soon, and the Club has finally taken possession of its new dressage arena rails and letters. They will be polished up for the NSW CDE Championships in November at Witwood.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The Murrumbidgee Club has been successful in securing a \$5000 grant to purchase a set of international cones and some outdoor equipment. Special thanks need to go to a very dedicated club member Kerrie Rosetta for finding the grant and completing the application.



Club member Nicole Barry has purchased Smarty from Wayne Armstrong and is having a great time getting to know him and preparing for the spring competitions. Nicole groomed for Mandy Lawrence and her beautiful gypsy cob at the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar, and has caught the bug for CDE driving.

The Club is running some training days over the winter months in preparation for the spring events. In the meantime, members will be travelling to Koonoomoo in July to compete in the Indoor Series Qualifier, and also to Grenfell for the Green Frog CDE in August.

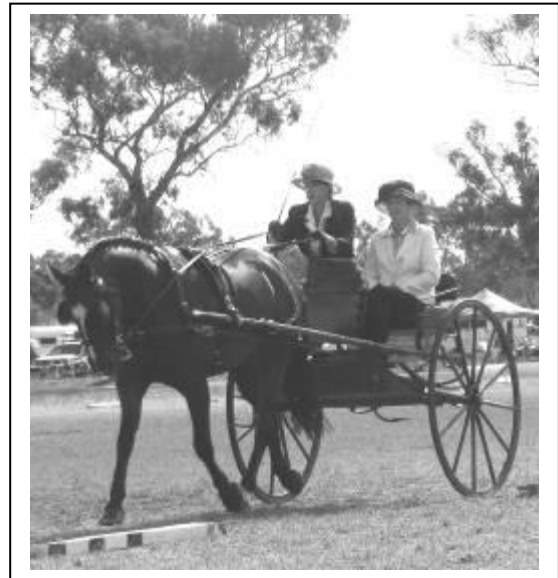
For further information on the club training days, contact Robyn Schmetzer on 02 6955 2331

CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Canberra Club was well represented at the Horse Power weekend in mid April at Ariah Park by Penny Jacobs and Elsa Guyader with Rocky and Zac, and Garry Harris driving Charlie, whilst Judy Harris did the commentary for the Obsthon. It was interesting to learn that Riverina member Mal Welsh was driving his horse in a buggy built by the late Terry Kelly. It is now owned by Alan Bowyer. Mal's turnout was judged overall Champion and Smartest on Parade.

Penny and Elsa also competed with Rocky and Zac, in the ACDS/EA event run at Witwood in April, in the ACDS Level 2 CDE pairs class, and had a very enjoyable weekend. There were competitors from Queensland, South Australia and Victoria, as well as NSW so it was an interesting event all round.

Peter McIntyre, Garry Harris and Elsa Guyader went to the Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar. Rocky, driven by Elsa, was judged the fittest horse.



Elsa Guyader and Penny Jacobs at the Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar (S Fraser)

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Huckerby clan – Helen, Donna, Tamsyn, Madison and Hayden, together with Rosemary Laing, went to the Fifield Enduro again this year, with everyone being either drivers or grooms. In the pony classes Rosemary was offsider to Goulburn Club junior Fergus Finn driving Tinker, whilst Donna groomed for Hayden driving Diesel, and Helen groomed for Tamsyn driving Fly. Madison was groom for Colin Lees from the Central West Club, in the Horse class.



Hayden and Donna Huckerby with Diesel at the Fifield Enduro (D Huckerby)

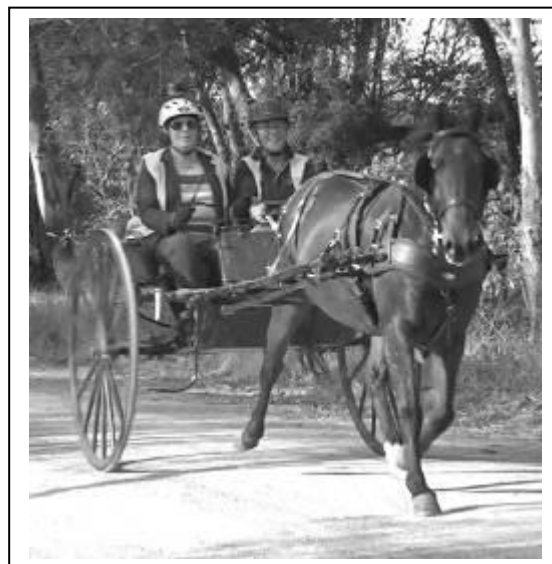
As often happens over a week of driving, there were some variations in fortunes, but the Fifield Enduro isn't entirely about the driving. The non driving activities are always thoroughly enjoyed including the welcome BBQ, dressing up for the 'formal dinner' held under the stars and baked in camp ovens, and the presentation dinner at the end. The Hunter group upgraded its camp this year when it opened a 'cinema'. Fifield Cinema screened several blockbusters and new releases over the week. Like all cinemas, it had a neon glow so everyone in the 'one pub, thirty horse town' could see where it was, and there was popcorn and candy on offer. On formal dinner night, Retro was the theme for Hunter.

Over the last three years the Hunter Club juniors have attended a number of endurance events and have developed many of the special skills and responsibilities it takes to be an endurance driver or groom. They have been rewarded with experiencing the fun (and sometimes difficulties) of driving long distances, camping out and being with happy, helpful and enthusiastic people. Well done to the three of them. The Club is very proud to have such a team of juniors in its midst.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Ray and Carol Roach worked hard providing pleasure rides at the Riversleigh Heritage Weekend in Goulburn while John Moyes and Kath Cole have attempted to take part in more pleasure driving activities. Vehicle malfunction meant John and Kath were unable to get their horse Avanti to the Fifield Endurance event. They did get there mid event and were able to catch up with the competitors both old and new, and enjoy a great event without the stress of competing.

On their return home, Alan and Linda Ongley paid John and Kath a visit, so the opportunity was taken to have a day driving Avanti in the Wingello Forest. They also joined in the Bungendore Club's weekend pleasure drive from the Jerrawa Showground. Linda and Kath enjoyed the roads, which included some kilometres of disused Hume Highway, three lanes wide and not a car in sight. Saturday was completed with a barbeque and chat around the fire. The following day started with light rain. The group waited for it to ease, only to realize that it was setting in, so the decision was made to be fair weather drivers, and postpone driving in the hope that another such pleasure driving weekend might be possible.



Linda Ongley and Kath Cole with Avanti on the Jerrawa Drive (A Ongley)

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

On May 14/15 2016 the Gulgong Club had a drive at Dunedoo, organized by Warwick Leeson. On Saturday it was a beautiful balmy winter's morning when six sulkies left Dunedoo. Escorted by Warwick Leeson, the group travelled along the Talbragar River flats for 20km to the Stanford property. After having a lunch break, they had an easy 19km jog back to the Dunedoo Showground. A relaxing evening around the campfire followed. Sunday saw a very relaxed drive of 11km around the outskirts of Dunedoo before returning for a quick lunch, and packing up to go home. It was a very enjoyable and easy going weekend.

Those who drove were Leroy and Jo Trengove, Robbie and Vicki Bennett, John and Janet Hetherington, Neil Munn, Ted and Anneleise Curby, and Ron Miller and Colleen Dunn who came over from Werris Creek for the drive.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Gaye Lees: The 2016 Fifield Enduro was held from Saturday April 16 to Sunday April 24 2016. There were only ten starters this year, which was a little disappointing. A few had to pull out just prior to the event and one left home in sufficient time, but took until Wednesday to arrive, but that is another story in itself.

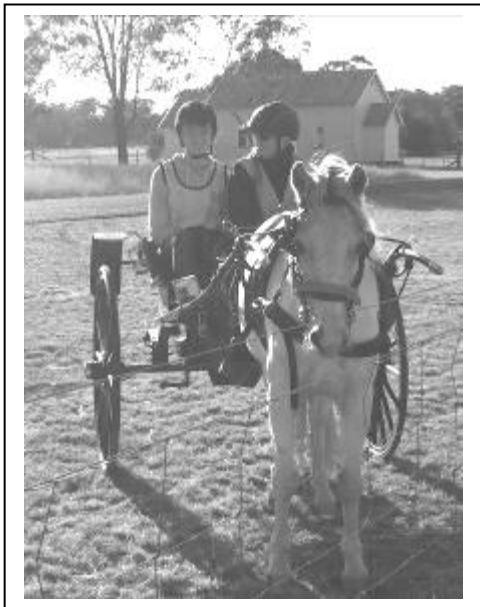
The Class 1 distance was 308.4km and for Classes 2, 3 and 4 the distance was 195.1km

The results were as follows:

Class 1 (over 14.2hh) 1st Wayne Teale 2nd Colin Lees 3rd Tony Ingersole

Class 2 (over 14.2hh short course) =1st Tom Finn (junior) =1st Kimberly Allport (junior) 3rd June Malmberg

Class 3 & 4 (under 14.2hh) due to small numbers these ran together: 1st Janice Reynolds 2nd Fergus Finn (junior) 3rd Tamsyn Huckerby (junior) 4th Hayden Huckerby (junior)



Tamsyn and Helen Huckerby with Fly at the Fifield Enduro (D Huckerby)

Overall, the event was a huge success and a most enjoyable week. I really feel like it is an annual family get together. It is also wonderful to see the number of junior drivers that we have at Fifield. It is a perfect event to learn about distance driving with the best bunch of people you could meet. This year we introduced a new class, being for horses on the short course. Huge credit goes to the drivers who completed the full marathon, as all three covered the full distance of 308.4km. However, the real competition was between the two junior drivers in the new Class 2. Prior to the last day of competition, Tom was 6 minutes ahead of Kimberly. Tom drew the short straw and was first out, so it was up to Kimberly to see if she could catch him, or if Tom could maintain his lead. So... the race was on! However it is not just about winning at all costs, as the horses must vet in. I must say I was very happy with the condition the two horses returned in, both vetting in well before time and heart rates well below the limit. I think this was a very valuable lesson for these younger members, that it is great to be competitive, but you must look after your horse. I am sure that both Tom and Kimberly would have been disappointed neither of them won outright, but I think a dead heat was the best result and a wonderful finish to this year's event. June Malmberg completed the trio in Class 2, finishing a very respectable 5 hours behind the others, but showing that you can have a very leisurely pleasure drive, cover the distance and still end up placing at the end of the event.



June Malmberg with Sam having his vet check done by Gaye Lees (C Tanner)

Even with our small entry this year, and five drivers being juniors, we managed to squeeze in more juniors as grooms, with Madison Huckerby grooming for Colin Lees and Zali and Cayless Dunn grooming for Wayne Teale. I think to have eight juniors involved in a ten horse entry is so wonderful, and I love that our Fifield family is so nurturing to our juniors in this event. Tamsyn Huckerby won the Junior Driver award and Madison Huckerby won the Junior Groom award. I would like to make special mention of Janice Reynolds who competed in Class 4, but joined Class 3 due to low numbers. Janice won the award for the longest time on course, as she also drove the event as a pleasure driver. However she was the overall winner of Classes 3 & 4. It was a classic example of slow and steady wins the race. The Fifield Enduro is held in the second week of the April school holidays each year, so mark it on your calendar and come and join us in 2017, for the best week you will have all year.

FIFIELD ENDURO April 16 – 24 2016

by June Malmberg

After spending last April and May overseas, I was very much looking forward to attending the annual Fifield Enduro hosted by the Central West Horse Driving Society. Although I did not intend to compete, I was able to join the Half Enduro with my (rather slow) part draught horse Sam. This was also made possible by my good friend Celia Tanner, who agreed to travel down from her home at Upper Lansdowne to act as co driver. The planning, packing and training for the horse are always a challenge! Lists everywhere. Trying to float Sam over to a safe road to drive on. Will he then stand still long enough for me to move from his head back to the carriage and get in ? We left on the Thursday morning, to stay with Christine and Barry McGregor at Goolma for the night. This was a great break in our journey and it was good to catch up with them. We arrived on Friday at Fifield to set up our camp for the week. There were a few drivers already settled in, but it was a much smaller crowd this year. After putting the finishing touches to our campsite, Celia and I set off with Sam for a short drive which went well. Then came the vet check (I must



learn to run better), followed by our first competitors' briefing and a delicious welcome BBQ put on by the Club.



June Malmberg and Celia Tanner with Sam about to start a day's drive at Fifield (C Tanner)

The first day we had a slow trip just to see if Sam could really manage the distance of 27.5km. There was no problem here, as he vetted in at 46bpm. There were four pony drivers and two horses with junior drivers, Kimberly Allport and Tom Finn, competing over the same distance as us. Hayden and Donna Huckerby in the pony class had a spill, but no one was hurt and the pony only had minor cuts.

The days that followed were lovely, roads were quiet and there were good views. The countryside was very dry. Our speed increased slightly and our vet in times were always good. Tuesday evening was 'pub night' with entertainment from Barry Green from Parkes.

Wednesday was the rest day so Celia and I drove (by truck, not horse) into Condobolin for a look-see. We had some nice coffee and lunch and then returned to Fifield for the formal night and delicious camp oven dinner. Some controlled burning had occurred whilst we were away, but thank goodness it did not include the dinner! Everyone was 'dolloed up' and the Hunter club won the prize for the best table – they went 'retro' this year. John and Janet Hetherington arrived for a visit and Janet kindly agreed to come for a drive with me on Thursday so that Celia could do some sketching and photography.

There were no problems with us over the last three days. Fellow Hills members, Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor, were also there, and their horse May was now vetting in nicely. Tamsyn and Helen Huckerby had a tyre issue which was fixed. The two junior drivers in the Half Enduro Horse class were neck and neck. Rosemary Laing and her pony Tinker had to leave on Saturday morning to attend a family event, which meant that junior driver Fergus Finn, who had been driving Tinker with Rosemary, was left 'ponyless' on the last day.

In the wide open country at Fifield (C Tanner) Meanwhile Janice Reynolds and her pony Griffindor were still on the road and doing well. The Presentation Dinner on Saturday night was provided by the Fifield Hotel, and set up in the adjoining hall. The Full Enduro Horse class was won by Wayne Teale, and Janice Reynolds took the Pony prize. Kimberly Allport and Tom Finn tied for first place in the Half Enduro and were about five hours ahead of me at the end – what a great result! Prizes were awarded to all drivers and grooms. I received a lovely camping bag and was very pleased and surprised. Other awards went to Tom Finn (who received the last of the Max and Kath Smith goblets), Tamsyn Huckerby (Junior Driver), Madison Huckerby (Junior Groom) and a well deserved 'For the Love of It' trophy to Gaye Lees.

Thanks to Gaye and all the members of the Central West Club – you sure can run a great event!

NSW ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Janet Muspratt
Show day, May 1, dawned with rain, but fortunately the weather cleared completely by the time the show got underway. On arrival at Hawkesbury Showground, it was wonderful to see the parking area covered in floats, with more streaming in, and knowing they were all harness people. Before long it was time for Announcer Jenny Fawbert to call the competitors for the first class at 9am, and the show got underway. The original plan was to have two interstate judges, Di Londrigan from Queensland and Perina Kentish from Tasmania. Di was there, but Perina had to decline at the last minute due to family illness. Fortunately we had a reserve judge, Anne Ferris, and she stepped straight in.



Joanne Dorman driving Ashwoods Captivation at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Smith)

The turnout classes came first, followed by the horse and pony classes, and finally the driver and pleasure classes. It was a busy day with many big classes, and the judges and their stewards worked hard to keep everything rolling along in a timely manner.

Just outside the arena fence in a cordoned off area, were the entries for the Static Vehicle Show. It was a beautiful lineup of traditional vehicles which attracted a lot of interest from spectators throughout the day. Barbara Smith from Mt White was the judge for the three classes in this section of the show.



Horses and ponies in the Pleasure Turnout class (J Smith)

Competitors came to the show from as far north as Armidale, Moonbi and Murrurundi, from Kempsey and Dungog to the north east, from west to Hobby's Yards and Clear Creek and from south to Yass, Wombat and Bundanoon, as well as many from closer to Sydney. All the horses, ponies and vehicles were beautifully prepared, and drivers and handlers looked spic and span. The final event, held as the shadows were starting to lengthen, was the drive and ride. It was a very good way to finish the show, seeing four horses and ponies which had competed consistently and successfully throughout the day, come out under saddle and show their versatility.

It was estimated that there were as many as 300 people on the grounds, counting the competitors, their back up crews, the officials and spectators – quite a crowd for a harness show. The caterers, Acacia's, did a very busy trade serving hot food, cakes, tea and coffee and cold drinks all day. Jenny Fawbert did her usual excellent job on the PA keeping everyone informed, especially the competitors, about the classes in the ring and those to come, as well as giving frequent mentions about the very generous sponsors. There was a remarkable number of sponsors and donors for the show, which meant that all the class winners, the nine champions and reserve champions and the

supreme champion received worthwhile prizes or prizemoney.



Concours d'Elegance winner Tracey Ellis driving Kaewang Dinnagwyn (J Smith)

The sponsors were All Pets Pantry, Camden Harness Club, High School Study Abroad Campus Education Australia, Dobbin Co Carriages, Edinburgh Horse Rugs, ePro Equine Products, Horses Warehouse and Stockfeeds, Kohnke's Own, Mustad Saddlery, Newmarket Saddlery, Riverview Produce, R M Williams Publishing Pty Ltd, Southern Quality Stockfeeds, Stepdon Park Pony Stud, Thecarriagedriver, The Market Pet Shop, Zilco International, plus the following individuals and families: Carol Fitzpatrick, Jan Murray, the McGregors, the Nichols and the Moores. The generous grant from the ACDS NSW Branch of course was invaluable in enabling the show to be run at Hawkesbury Showground, and also to source judges from interstate.

The full results of the show are in this Whip Around but a mention should be made here of the winners of the special trophies – Supreme Champion Horse or Pony : the Blakely Family's Southern Cross Nickolas Concours d'Elegance: Tracey Ellis and Kaewing Dinnagwyn

Best Dressed Handler: Julia Cranwell

Best Junior Driver: Lola Sutton

Many thanks to all the people and businesses who supported the show. It certainly made it very worthwhile.

STATIC VEHICLE SHOW at the NSW SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS by Dennis Casper

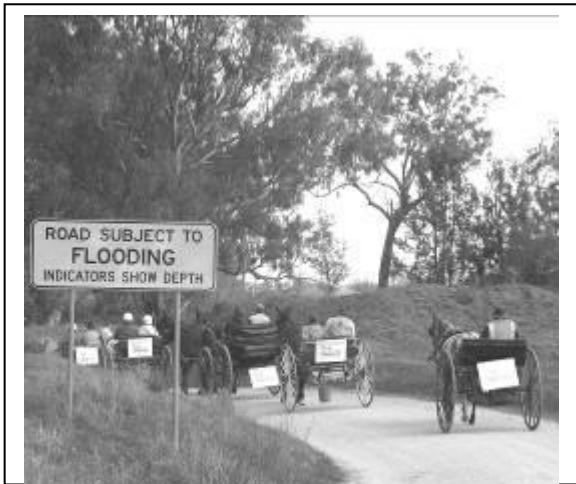
This type of show which does not involve horses at all, opens an opportunity to enthusiasts who have old or historical vehicles, to show them off with the pride they deserve.

I was very pleased that we had eleven entries, of which seven arrived on the day. The quality was high, and included Tony Ingersole's great grandmother's varnished timber sulky; a Shetland sulky, a goat sulky, a dog sulky, a lady's phaeton and a doctor's phaeton with C springs entered by Clint Jones: and a Shetland sulky entered by Laurie Grima. The lineup looked absolutely stunning. R.M. Williams Publishing Pty Ltd very

generously donated a one year subscription as a special prize for the oldest vehicle exhibited, and Clint Jones was thrilled to win this wonderful prize with his doctor's phaeton. Its axles are stamped 1895.



The oldest vehicle in the Static Show Clint Jones' Doctor's Phaeton dated 1895 (M Smith) I encourage all clubs to consider including a Static Show or Display at their events, as it lends a certain ambience to the occasion, and gives members another reason to participate and to keep old vehicles.



This event has been held in the Sydney region, and attendance is strongly recommended. It is a rare chance for

many NSW members to go to the Conference and AGM without having to travel too far. Some very interesting and informative sessions have been organized for the weekend and it affords a chance to meet other carriage drivers from all over Australia. There will also be trade stands. Stay at the venue or nearby, or if you live locally come for a day or both days.

Note: It is essential to book meals and accommodation as per the AGM and Conference Information package sent to all members.

Bookings close June 24 2016

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COME TO CAMPBELLTOWN !

LIVERPOOL RANGE CLUB CHARITY DRIVE

Where: Somerton and Attunga

When: September 17 – 25 2016

The drive this year is based in new territory north of Tamworth. For the first few days driving and camping will be based at Trelawney Station, Somerton. It has excellent facilities available to participants including showers, toilets and kitchen. Drives will be between 20 -32km each day mainly on dirt roads and through paddocks.

The camp moves to Attunga Sports Ground, about 23km away, for the second half of the week. Here there are also very good facilities for camping, as well as shops and a pub. Drives will again be no more than 32km a day on quiet roads.

The whole week is BYO catering apart from the welcome BBQ on the first night at Trelawney Station, and it is BYO regarding horse feed and yards.

Come and have a relaxing driving holiday with the Liverpool Range Club!

Contact the Event Secretary Judy Tonkiss on 02 67603018 or jtonkiss@bigpond.com for more information. **Entries close on August 21 2016.**

A scene for the 2013 Liverpool Range Charity Drive (S Jones)