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Byron McIntyre with his Private Drag and passengers at the Mayfield Garden Park Drive (photo L Mace)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' August 20 2018

**Next Branch Meeting is the AGM and General Meeting at
Bathurst Panthers Club 132 Piper St Bathurst**

**NOTE: new location
on Saturday June 16 2018
All members welcome !**

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by June 8 2018
Ph: 0417 228 814 or carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au

NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

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 |
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| June | | |
| 9-10 | Indoor /Outdoor Qualifier at Moonbi Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726 |
| 9-10 | Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859 |
| 16 | NSW Branch AGM at Bathurst | Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814 |
| 17 | Rally Day Central Coast Club | Mary Grant 0434 584 490 |
| 23-24 | Back to Back Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859 |
| 24 | Club Drive Camden Club TBC | Lou Lyons 0417 768 508 |
| 24 | Girvan Drive Hunter Club | Pat Thomson 02 4997 6737 |
| 30 | 40 th Anniversary Lunch at Monte Cristo Junee Riverina Club | Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330 |
| July | | |
| 1 | Show Driving School at Attunga Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 8 | Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 13-14 | Small Farms Field Days at Mudgee Gulgong Club | Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481 |
| 14-15 | Federal ACDS AGM & Conference Hahndorf SA | Sue Waters 03 59836629 |
| 14-16 | Three Day Enduro at Round Hill Piallaway Hunter Club | Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257 |
| 22 | Hills Club AGM and Anniversary Lunch at RDA Box Hill | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 22 | Club Drive Camden Club TBC | Charlotte Hyles 0412 120 685 |
| 22 | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Hunter Club | Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257 |
| Aug | | |
| 4 | Fun Day Gulgong Club | Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481 |
| 5 | Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 4-5 | Munro Cup at Braidwood Bungendore Club | Jen Brennan 0403 062 340 |
| 11-18 | Pleasure Drive Gulgong and Goulburn Clubs | Le-Roy Trengove 02 6375 9629 |
| 12 | Interclub Challenge Day Camden Club | Lou Lyons 0417 768 508 |
| 19 | Rally Day and Club AGM Central Coast Club | Mary Grant 0432 584 490 |
| 25-26 | Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859 |
| 26 | Sporting and Activities Day at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 26 | Come and Try Day Hunter Club | Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257 |
| Sept | | |
| 1-2 | Indoor/Outdoor Final venue TBC | Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696 |
| 8-9 | Hinemoa Frog Graded Dressage & 3 Phase Event Ellmore Club | Brendan Dwyer 0407 838 700 |
| 9 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 9 | Small Arena Three Phase Day at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 15-16 | CDE at Murrumbidgee Club | Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518 |
| 15-23 | Charity Drive Quirindi & Werris Creek Liverpool Range Club | Judy Tonkiss 0438 669 271 |
| 22-23 | Boot Camp Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 766726 |
| 23 | Social Dinner Hills Club | Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373 |
| 23 | Small Arena Dressage Quorrobolong Hunter Club | Kylie Dos Remedios 4998 6097 |
| 29-Oct4 | Full Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club | John Moyes 02 4837 3023 |
| 29-Oct1 | Mini Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club | John Moyes 02 4837 3023 |
| 29 | Graded Dressage & Cones Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859 |
| 30 | Mini CDE / Teams Challenge Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859 |
| Oct | | |
| 6-7 | NSW Dressage Championships Ellmore Club | Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292 |
| 14 | Dressage Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 27 | Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 28 | Cones Competition Central Coast Club | Mary Grant 0438 584 490 |
| 28 | Aberdeen Drive Hunter Club | Mick Carey 0409 189 874 |
| Nov | | |
| 3-4 | NSW CDE Championships venue TBC | Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696 |
| 4 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 11 | National Show Driving Championships Hawkesbury Showground Camden and Hills Clubs | Greg McDonald 0408 611 738 |
| 17 | NSW Branch Meeting venue TBC | Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814 |

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| 18 | Pleasure Drive Central Coast Club | Mary Grant 0438 584 490 |
| 25 | Graded Dressage & Activities Day venue TBC Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| Dec | | |
| 2 | Barefoot Bowls & Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 9 | Christmas Lunch and Auction Hills Club | Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748 |
| 15 | Christmas Fun Fair Central Coast Club | Mary Grant 0434 584 490 |
| | 2019 | |
| April | | |
| 27-28 | ANZAC Level 3 CDE Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859 |

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Melisa Bensley driving Cherry Farm Alarick, Supreme Champion Horse or Pony at the NSW Show Driving Championships (Rodneys Photography)

CLUB NEWS

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS CLUB

Le Roy Trengove: Friday April 13 2018 saw fifteen members assemble at the Birriwa Recreation Grounds in readiness for the drive to Dunedoo and back. On Saturday morning eight sulkies left the grounds for a 6km jog on a dirt road to meet up with the Tucklan/Dunedoo Road, and then it was a 10km drive on tar to the lunch stop at the Dunedoo Saleyards. It was a very windy morning with much needed rain threatening. After lunch we proceeded east along Fairfield Lane for 7km, then onto the track beside the railway line for 12km back to camp. We only just made it! We were washing the horses when a wild storm sent us scurrying to the Rec Shed for refreshments.

On Sunday the sun was shining but a blustery wind had everyone clinging to their hats. The ladies all bundled in the rear escort vehicle leaving the men to brave the elements! We did a 24km round trip on nice dirt roads and were back at the camp for lunch, before packing up for the journey home. On the drive were Gulgong members Neil and Rosemary Munn, Ted and Anneliese Curby, Sam Williams, Robbie and Vicki Bennett, John and Janet Hetherington (front escort) and LeRoy and Jo Trengove (rear escort). We were joined by

Liverpool Range Club members Geoff Skewes, Bill Greer and Mark Murphy, and Chris Ward from the Tamworth Club.



Harnessing up on the Birriwa/Dunedoo drive (V Bennett)

Another weekend drive is planned for the weekend of May 12/13 starting at Ballimore Village. The Ballimore Inn is under new management and the plan is to try their meal on Saturday evening. All is ready for the annual Henry Lawson Drive, meeting at Tooraweenah on Saturday June 2 and leaving Sunday June 3 2018. The drive is self

catering again this year, with two evening meals provided at Tooraweenah and Mendooran.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

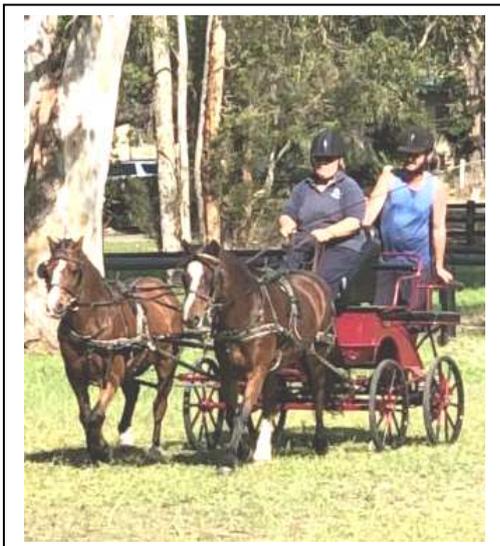
North Coast members have been doing a good job supporting shows in their region. Sharon Clarke attended the Comboyne, Kempsey and Macksville Ag Shows and achieved Champion Harness Horse and Champion Driver, with her pair of Belgians. It was the first time at Ag shows for both of these horses and they performed like true professionals. Lauren Wood driving Dublin and Rowena Walker driving Pippin attended the Bellingen Show. Lauren also went to the Macksville Show, where she was awarded Reserve Champion Turnout and Reserve Champion Driver.



Lauren Wood with Dublin at Bellingen Show (G Wood)

CENTRAL COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mary Grant: We had wonderful weather yet again for our club day. Mary Grant and new groom/driver in training Jonathon Bird had a pairs practice early on with the grounds all to themselves. We had our club meeting after that.



Mary Grant and Jonathon Bird with the pony pair (D Grant)

The suggestion of a Park Drive near Mount Penang Gardens in the Gosford area was

discussed. Members of other clubs are urged to contact Mary Grant the Club Secretary (centralcoastcdc@gmail.com or 0434 584 490) if interested in participating in something like this. Another pleasure drive at Wollombi may be held sometime in the future, and interested people are also asked to contact the Secretary.

Robert Pankhurst has a new donkey, although Benny and his fame can never be replaced. The new donkey is progressing well and has already attended an Anzac Day March. Everyone has been doing their own driving work at home, but we hope to see a good roll up at the next Club rally on June 17 2018. It will be held in a new location – the Wollombi Pony Club Recreation Grounds. Finding suitable grounds for our activities is always a problem. We need plenty of drivers to attend and give their opinions on the new site. Contact the Secretary for directions.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Hunter Club will be running its annual Three Day Enduro again this year on July 14-16 2018, based at Darcy and Allison Richards' property Round Hill, Piallaway. There will be four classes: a Full Enduro for Horses over 150km for the three days, a Half Enduro for Horses (90km for the three days), a Large Pony Enduro (ponies o12hh ne 14.2hh) – 90km, and a Small Pony Enduro (ponies ne 12hh) - 90km. Classes are open to singles and multiples.

Ribbons will be awarded for daily performances, and sashes will go to the winners and placegetters overall in each class. There will also be a Junior Driver award. This is an especially good event for drivers wanting to try out Endurance driving, as well as being an extra event for regular Endurance drivers.

Entry Forms and further information available from the Secretary Rosemary Laing (0408 562 257 or rosielaing@yahoo.com). Entries need to be via the Entry Form and close on July 6 2018.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Faye Cairncross: On Sunday May 6 2018 the Southern Highlands Club hosted the **NSW SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS** at their home ground at Bundanoon. The always dubious weather did the club proud this time, with the most perfect day anyone could wish for.

Much behind the scenes activity was carried out beforehand. The grounds were a picture, flags and banners fluttered, entries and scoresheets were sorted, ribbons, prizes and trophies were laid out, the rings were marked out, and food and beverages prepared. Many thanks to John and Yvonne Woods and their helpers for all the preparation. Stewards were Elva Macpherson, Tracey Ellis and Amy Woodhouse. The announcer was Nola

Robertson and the very efficient judges were Wendy Ragg and Amanda Proctor. Sue and Dave Plath helped out everywhere, and Lorraine Wharton and Yvonne Wood were in charge of the kitchen.

Non hackney horses and ponies, hackneys, Standardbreds and heavy horses all featured. Some were woolly, some had a half clip and others from warmer climes were still glossy.

The **Supreme Champion** was the beautiful Hackney stallion Cherry Farm Alarick, driven by Melisa Bensley. This combination also won the **Concours d'Elegance** trophy.

The **Champions** were:

Turnout: C Blakeley Southern Cross Nickolas

Non Hackney Pony ne 10.2hh: K Brammall
Mirrabella Lady Lass

NH Pony o10.2hh: J Bensley Stillbrook Bellbird

Standardbred: A Blakeley Flemington Benny

Non Hackney Horse: K Feddersen Shepherds Hills
Yowie

Hackney Horse: M Bensley Cherry Farm Alarick

Delivery Horse: C Blakeley Southern Cross
Nickolas

Pleasure Horse or Pony: L Ongley Avanti

Driver: K Brammall

The **Best Dressed Handler** award went to Steve Brammall.



Tracey Ellis with Louis at the Show Driving Championships (Rodneys Photography)

The 'most fun' class was the Drive and Ride as the finale to the show. Tracey Ellis and Amy Woodhouse dashed back to Tracey's place to harness up their ponies and return to take part. They came first and third! By then the shadows were lengthening and the air cooling down, on what had been a very enjoyable day.

The next event for the Club is the Phil Marshall Clinic starting on June 8 2018. All four days are fully booked out, but anyone who missed out should contact Yvonne Wood in case there is a cancellation.

After that is the double round of Qualifiers on June 23-24 2018 at Bundanoon for the Indoor Series.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Club's non competition Activity Day in April was well attended despite the absence of several usual drivers who were at the Hawkesbury Show or out at Fifield pleasure driving. This Activity Day is when members are invited to present some different activities for drivers to try. This also involves setting them up and assisting with stewarding. This year there was a cones maze, a barrels race and a buckets and bean bags game, as well as a cones course and a marathon obstacle. There were fourteen drivers and thirteen horses and ponies – Hills members Jenny Conquest with Pistachio, Lynne Buckingham and George, Karen Silvester and Ziggy, and Angela Eberle and Mal, who were joined by Camden members Jeanna Kinleyside with Chocolate, Carolyn Kinleyside and Charlie, Kim Glinkowski and Fred, Annette Campbell and Netty, Greg McDonald with Fingal, and Maxine Saliba and Callum and Isla Meads with Katut and Lucy. Chelsea Meads drove Lucy too, as a One Activity Member. Also there, was new Camden member Danni Katon, who brought along her pony King for a look. As well as driving, all the drivers had a turn at stewarding and timing, assisted by Eddie Dobbin, Adam Meads, Debbie Lyshak, Fred Saliba and Janet Muspratt. Alison McDonald was the roving photographer and Faye Cairncross called in to see everyone.



Karen Silvester and Danni Katon with Ziggy at the Hills Activity Day (A McDonald)

Meanwhile Kirstin Feddersen went to the Hawkesbury Show with her lovely big grey horse Zed and had a successful day in the harness classes.

Several members participated in the Mayfield Garden Park Drive including Ellie Hunt with Mannie, Thelma Nichols with Oscar, Karen Silvester with Ziggy and Angela Eberle with Danny. Thelma was thrilled to win the Pleasure/CDE Turnout class with Oscar. It was her last drive with him before he went off to his new home in the Southern Highlands.

Belinda Casper has been holding the flag high for Hills in the CDE world. She and her Welsh Cob Indi competed very successfully in a number of CDEs leading up to the Australian CDE Championships at Witwood over Easter. However, drama struck just before Easter when Belinda injured one of her arms (as it turned out, quite badly). It was to be her first National Championships so she was determined to go to the event, and battled on with the aid of strapping, and the help of husband Mark, family and friends. She and Mark had a wonderful weekend with Indi, winning the cones and finishing second overall in a strong Novice Horse class. The hospitality, great company and overall atmosphere of the weekend was 'excellent from start to finish' according to Belinda. She had an operation on her arm soon after she returned home and is now doing three months of recovery.

Hills drivers at the NSW Show Driving Championships were Linda Ongley, driving Avanti with Kath Cole as groom, Kathy Brammall driving Mirabella Lady Lass and Kirstin Feddersen driving Zeb. All did very well and each brought home at least one champion ribbon! Steve Brammall did very well too, winning the Best Dressed Handler Award.



Steve Brammall with Kathy Brammall driving Mirabella Lady Lass (K Brammall)

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Val Dewsbury reports that Gunnedah Show's harness section had a number of new classes this year due to the work of enthusiastic new convenors. These included a new 'no frills' ring, which attracted four first time exhibited harness ponies. They were judged by Robin Allison Woods, who shared her extensive knowledge of showing in harness with the grateful exhibitors. The open harness ring was judged by Kim Shields who remarked on how well turned out the exhibits were. Eleven drivers entered the huge program of events, and everyone went home a winner. Many thanks to the workers behind the scenes, the sponsors, the judges and of course the competitors for their support.

New member Renee Howe wrote the following report on the Mothers Day Drive at Curlewis: 'Over the Mothers Day weekend I joined the Tamworth Club for my first ever club rally day. I had only driven Timmy (Val Dewsbury's little guy) three times before the weekend and must admit I was a little nervous. I was made to feel so welcome when I arrived, and was offered lots of advice over the two days.

Our weekend started with a lovely lunch and then a very scenic tour around Curlewis. Steve Lord spoke about the history of some of the buildings and houses around the town, which was very interesting and loads of fun. That night we had a delicious dinner and sat around the camp fire. Sunday started with a hot breakfast and a lovely Mothers Day gift bag, thanks to Annette Parris and Val Dewsbury. Then we were off again for a drive to spot 'things that don't belong'. These included a suitcase, a fan and even an iron. Our day finished with lunch. For my first two big days out I had an absolute ball, and would highly recommend others to come along and enjoy.'

The Tamworth Club will be hosting a Harness Boot Camp on September 22-23 2018. There will be expert instructors on hand to help everyone from beginners to the more advanced drivers. Everyone is invited to attend. The entry form is on the club website www.trhdc.webs.com Early in 2019 the Club will be hosting an Online Harness Video Show. Full details are available on the website www.trhdc.webs.com. This should be lots of fun, so get those videos happening in readiness. They can be filmed at home or at a show, but need to be limited to 2min and have no slow motion, music or other photo shopping. There will be three judges, and ribbons and prizes await.



Renee Howe driving Timmy on the Curlewis Drive (E O'Brien)

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Brendan Dwyer: The inaugural **MAYFIELD GARDEN PARK DRIVE** has been run, and despite the challenging weather conditions, we felt it was a great day.

A big thank you to Mayfield Garden for allowing access – Meg and Rebecca, thanks for going above and beyond to help us organize the day.

Thank you to our sponsors: Freightmaster Transport - Marty Williams, Scribblegum Design and Print, Edinburgh Horse Rugs, the Shetland Pony Society of Australia, Bathurst Tack Box, ACDS NSW Branch, Springmead Farmyard Saddlery and Heidi Stevens – without your support the event would not have been possible.

Heidi Stevens and Lyn Callaghan – thanks for all the organizational, promotional and publicity work in the lead-up – a great job to get the event noticed. Linda Mace – thank you for stepping in as official photographer at the last minute. Your photos are fantastic.

Thank you to our judges Marjorie Stuart-Smith and Richard Bentley, and to steward Jenny Guihot, for your time and commitment to the task on the day.

Lastly to our competitors, thank you for making such a huge effort with your turnouts and for patiently braving the conditions. I don't think we have seen such a varied collection of vehicles together on the same grounds in a very long time. It was great to see the attention to detail put in by everyone.



Chuckie Radnedge and tandem being judged at the Mayfield Garden Park Drive (L Mace)

The official results were:

Static Vehicle Display: 1st Private drag – Byron and Leah McIntyre 2nd George IV phaeton – Blakeley Family 3rd Sydney brass sulky – Dwyer Family

Traditional Turnout : 1st Joanne Dorman and Yarra Heights Little Bee to a governess car 2nd Byron McIntyre with Revilo, Vega, Indi and Rosie to a private drag 3rd Penny Jacobs with Rocky to a spider sulky

Lady Driver: Carolyn Blakeley

CDE/Pleasure Turnout: 1st Thelma Nichols and Tianjarra the Magician 2nd Amy Woodfield and

Midnight Secret 3rd Cazzie Hedge and Talgarth Pacific Princess Lady Driver: Debbie Dowling

Additional Prizes: Best Four in Hand: Byron McIntyre – Revilo, Vega, Indi. Rosie

Best Performance by registered Shetland: Blakeley Family team Kevelle Lee Fallon, Mulwaree Diamond, Cranellie Lewis, Cranellie Eugene.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Jen Brennan: Bungendore members Amy Woodfield, Graeme and Deb Dowling, the McIntyre family, Chris and Kim Groothoff and Jen Brennan attended the inaugural Mayfield Garden Park Drive. The event was well planned and Mayfield Garden provided a spectacular setting. The weather was not so kind, with a very cold and blustery wind. The Ellmore Club did a fantastic job hosting the event and we look forward to more in the future.

Amy Woodfield and Jen Brennan also attended the NSW Show Driving Championships hosted by the Southern Highlands Club. The weather was magnificent and the autumn colours provided a stunning backdrop for the event held at the Southern Highlands grounds at Bundanoon. Southern Highlands organized a great event with their legendary hospitality and efficiency. Tamara Abed and Jen Brennan enjoyed a casual weekend hosted by the Reedy Creek Club at Tracey and Steve Kearns' property. Tracey and Steve are such kind and welcoming hosts. They have developed a fantastic track on their property with 'tree obstacles', as well as some other constructed obstacles. Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley, John Moyes and Kath Cole were the 'games masters' on the Sunday, running a variety of fun games. They involved water, small chocolate eggs and butterfly nets and lots of cones. I was particularly grateful to John Moyes and his healthy dose of assistance, which some may have interpreted as cheating. The games were casual and had everyone in fits of laughter. In reality, the games were really good for improving our driving skills in a non competitive fun atmosphere.



Jen Brennan at the NSW Show Driving Championships (Rodneys Photography)

Bungendore Club has recently welcomed a potential new member. Congratulations to Leonie Hass and Damien Morse on the birth of their son Mason Jasper Morse on April 16 2018 at 2.32pm. He was 3.6kg and 51cm. He is not quite driving yet, but I am sure it won't be long. I am particularly honoured that they named him after my pony Mason (said with tongue firmly planted in cheek!).

Lorraine Wharton has decided to 'hang up her tongs' after 35 years of catering for events with the Bungendore Club. Lorraine's ability to organize and cater for large groups at events will be sorely missed. We all thank her for her enormous efforts, and wish her all the best in her 'retirement'.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Peter Honeyman: The Liverpool Range Club held a driving weekend from Fri 20th to Sun 22nd April 2018 at The Dip, Breeza. It was hosted by Kate Wilson. Most of us arrived on Friday and set up camp. We were joined by Lyn and Allan Hawkins from the Hunter Club, and their friends Malcolm and Caroline with a caravan, Sam Williams from the Gulgong Club, and Chris Ward from the Tamworth Club. Liverpool Range members Bruce and Vicki Donnelly and Christine O'Rourke brought their truck to drop off at the camp, before going home to Spring Ridge for the night. Vicki and Christine then drove their ponies next morning the 25km from Spring Ridge to The Dip. They did the 26km Saturday arvo drive and the 28km Sunday drive, before driving the 25km back to Spring Ridge (fit ponies!).



Bill Greer setting out on a drive at The Dip
(P Honeyman)

On Saturday morning Sam Williams, Bill Greer, Geoff Skewes and Chris Ward went for a short 16km drive out onto the plain. Saturday afternoon saw a lovely 26km drive with one koala (drop bear) being spotted. We had three escort vehicles. Kate was in the lead, Don Thomas and Neville were in the middle and Malcolm and Caroline were at the rear. These same escorts were on the Sunday drive too. Nine sulkies were on the drives both days – Bill Greer, Geoff Skewes, Alison

Richards, Trish and Peter Honeyman with granddaughter Bella, Vicki Donnelly, Christine O'Rourke, Chris Ward, Sam Williams and Joy Hawkins.



Geoff Skewes and Kate Wilson on The Dip Drive
(P Honeyman)

Saturday night was spent around Sam William's fire. A big fire was prohibited due to fire restrictions. Julie Mammen and Ray and Helen Morris dropped in for a visit, with Julie delivering some prizes for our Charity Bowls Day on May 27, and again donating a week's holiday at Scotts Head. Very much appreciated Julie!

Sunday was another lovely drive of 28km, with a morning tea stop of delicious cakes, slices and biscuits, as well as a drink for the horses. We spotted a koala and an emu this time.

A great time was had by all. A big thank you must go to Kate Wilson for organizing the drive and for her wonderful hospitality. Many thanks also to Kate's partner Sam Clift, for the use of his property. Sam was away for the weekend, having flown his plane to Alice Springs.

Our next club drive is the Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge on May 16-20 2018. It has become bigger than Ben Hur with about thirty drivers and vehicles expected to attend. It will be hosted by Vicki Donnelly and Christine O'Rourke and is designed to build confidence and to help women drivers.

Sunday May 27 2018 is the Charity Bowls Day at Kootingal Bowling Club. Apart from the bowls, there will be lots of raffle prizes, with the funds raised going towards the Charity Drive for the Royal Far West. The Charity Drive will be from September 15 – 23 2018 in the Quirindi and Werris Creek districts.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

A large number of Camden members attended the Hills Activity Day in April, and got into the spirit of the day by helping set up activities and then taking turns to drive and steward through the morning. Carolyn Kinleyside organized an event

involving buckets and beanbags, which proved a good fun challenge to most of the drivers. Sue Wright and Charlotte Hyles were amongst the eight or more competitors in the light harness ring at the Hawkesbury Show and Sue's pony Polly was awarded Champion Pony in Harness.



Greg McDonald with Fingal at the Hills Activity Day (A McDonald)

Camden Harness Club members had an outstanding day at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon on May 6. Junior driver Jeanna Kinleyside with her mother Carolyn as groom, drove her pony Chocolate to achieve great success. Jeanna won the Junior Driver class and then was awarded Reserve Champion Driver against the adults. Chocolate also did well winning his height class, and placing in the Novice Pony and Pleasure pony classes. Sue Wright's pony Polly came second in her height class and then won Reserve Champion Non Hackney Pony over 10.2. Charlotte Hyles driving Ziva won the CDE Turnout.



Jeanna Kinleyside being sashed by the judge Amanda Proctor, with proud mother Carolyn Kinleyside alongside (Rodneys Photography)

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

All the best to Robert Allport who has had some health issues lately. Everyone is keen to see you out and about again soon.

Damon and Kimberly Allport, Alan Smith and the Finn family went out to Fifield for some pleasure driving in April. The traditional Fifield Enduro unfortunately could not be held, but many devotees of this event still gathered at the Fifield Sports Ground from April 22 – 29 2018 to camp and drive in the district.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Sue Fraser: Janice Reynolds with Big Red and myself with Archie travelled to Spring Ridge for the Ladies Drive hosted by the Liverpool Range Club in mid May. What a fun week! There were pleasant drives each day covering approximately 99km, and large warming campfires where we all collected for fun karaoke (Janice and I apologize to Elton John for killing his song) and games, plus the occasional warm beverage. There were also demonstrations of harness fitting etc. On one of the days we drove out to a lovely picnic spot and were served chicken and salads followed by cheese cake with lashings of whipped cream, and to balance it all, glasses of champagne with strawberries. We both love our pink Ladies Drive shirts and will be wearing them at lots of events.

The Riverina Club 40th Anniversary Lunch on June 30 2018 at Monte Cristo is going to be a fun event celebrating the 40 years of carriage driving in the Riverina.

Those who would like to attend please contact Sue Fraser on sue@frahavenstud.com.au by June 16 2018.



Janice Reynolds and Sue Fraser in their pink Ladies Drive shirts (S Fraser)

BORDER CARRIAGE CLUB

Pam Salter took her pony Dalgangle Horatio to the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE for a training weekend to practice the dressage and cones. However, preparation hadn't gone to plan and the pony was not at a level of fitness to complete the entire weekend. Horatio did a nice test and won the dressage phase in his class, but the combination wasn't at its best in the cones, with a number of balls down, confirming that retiring before the marathon phase was a practical choice. Pam and Horatio then headed to Oxley to have a dressage lesson and a good refresher with Mike Thill, prior to going to Maffra for the Victorian and Australian Driven Dressage Championships.

Linda Porta and her pony Lady Mariette also went to Oxley Reserve for a lesson with Mike Thill, and found it to be a well run and friendly day run by the Benalla and District Horse Harness Club.

Pam took on the challenge of competing at Maffra in Victoria's Gippsland, with two ponies, Dalgangle Horatio in the Novice Pony and Yanina Mister Mystical in the Intermediate. The trip down on the Friday was long, after an eventful Thursday which saw a number of fires in the Gerogery area, where Pam lives. All the fires were thankfully under control and out by that evening. The very hot weather from home didn't follow down to Gippsland, with Saturday turning the thermostat right down and the fan up.

The wind and cold were a challenge over the two days, with a pill box hat being the only form of headwear other than a helmet to have any chance of staying on. Both ponies performed well on the Saturday, with Horatio winning both his tests and taking out the Novice Single Champion and Best Performed Novice Pony under 11¾ hh. Yanina Mister Mystical did well to be awarded Reserve Champion in his section.

The wind was so bad the balls were disregarded for the cones course, and it made for interesting driving on the Sunday when more than half the numbers were blown over too. Navigation was a bit of a challenge. Pam was very grateful to have some lovely neighbours at the event, Paula and Helen, who kindly shifted her dogs and put her gear away when it started to rain. They then helped unharness Horatio whilst getting very wet. Thank goodness for a heater and a powered site, otherwise the experience could have been quite miserable.

Dinner on Saturday night was fabulous and the dressage to music was very entertaining. After a long night of being buffeted by the wind, the ponies and their driver weren't quite as shiny on the Sunday for the Australian Driven Dressage Championships, with the early starts and the trip down also taking its toll. Horatio did two good tests, but unfortunately a lapse in driver concentration meant a complete section in his first test was missed. He still managed a respectable third and Yanina Mister Mystical also placed third in the Intermediate.

Sunday night and Monday were almost tropical compared to the rest of the weekend. After what seemed to be a very time consuming process packing up, Pam headed home. It was an uneventful trip, and included a stopover at Longwood to give everyone's legs a stretch.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Although the traditional Fifield Enduro was not held this year due to Council requirements on road use, a number of drivers still gathered at the Fifield

Sports Ground from April 22-29 for a general camping get together and pleasure driving in the district. Central West members Gay and Colin Lees and Wayne Teale were part of the group enjoying the relaxation of the week. Members from other clubs who were also there included Carol and Peter Fitzpatrick, June Malmberg, Helen Huckerby, Rosemary Laing, Cherry Steel, Allan Smith, Damon and Kimberly Allport, Patrick, Fergus and Tom Finn, and John and Janet Hetherington. Even with no Enduro to contest, these people just love going to Fifield each year.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The Club held its first Indoor Series event on May 19/20 2018 with a Double Qualifier at its grounds at Murrumbidgee. Competitors who completed the competition are now qualified to drive at both the NSW and Victorian Indoor Finals to be held later in the year. Those familiar with CDEs learnt to adjust to this form of competition, whilst all agreed it is an excellent way to get new drivers and horses familiar with the three phases encountered in CDEs. The drivers were Ben Rosetta, Maaiké Van Dam, Kerrie and Phil Rosetta, Peter Dunn, Robyn Schmetzer, Nicole Barry, Tess Smith and new member Phil Cussons. The dressage judges were Garry Harris and Anne Robertson.



Nicole Barry driving in the Indoor Series Qualifier at Murrumbidgee (R Schmetzer)

A reminder that the club will be the first in the springtime to hold a CDE, with its event being on September 15/16 2018. All classes will be catered for. There is a change in the sponsorship this year and all competitors who complete the CDE will go into a draw to win a week's accommodation and boat hire at the beautiful Amaroo Resort at Sussex Inlet, worth \$2000. For further information contact Kerrie Rosetta on 0428 414 518 or email rosymoon@bigpond.com

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley took their team of Shetlands and George IV Phaeton to the Mayfield Garden Park Drive in April, adding a lot of

historical flavour to the array of vehicles being driven. There was one of two teams being driven. Reedy Creek was represented by John Moyes and Kath Cole and Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon on May 6 2018. Kath was groom for Hills member Linda Ongley who drove Kath's and John Moyes' standardbred Avanti. The Blakeleys had their Shire horse Southern Cross Nickolas and a standardbred Flemington Benny. Benny is one of the wheelers in their horse team of four. All three horses and drivers did very well, with plenty of blue ribbons and several champions shared amongst them.



Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley with their Shetland team at Mayfield Garden (L Mace)



Linda Ongley and Kath Cole with Avanti at the NSW Show Driving Championships (Rodneys Photography)

One week later the weather changed from glorious autumn to bitter winter for the pleasure (?) drive at Rabbiter's Hill. However this didn't stop the weekend drive from happening. Kath Cole and John Moyes (without horses) joined the group on the Saturday afternoon, just as turnouts were getting back from an invigorating afternoon drive. A very cosy evening was enjoyed in the big shed, where the opportunity was taken to hold a club meeting with some of the members who can't get to a weekday meeting. The next activities coming up include catering at the Show Driving School to be held at Gunning on

June 3, and an indoor weekend on July 7-8 at Wallengrove, Yass. This will consist of a small arena dressage training or protocol day on the Saturday and an obstathon on the Sunday.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Garry Harris was one of the dressage judges for the Murrumbidgee Club's Indoor Series Qualifier on May 19-20 at Murrumbidgee, whilst Canberra was also represented by another member, Peter Dunn, who was one of the competitors. The other judge was former Canberra member, Anne Robertson, who now lives in Victoria.

Peter and Debbie Dunn competed at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon on May 6, with Peter driving his hackney Nanardine Danny Boy and Debbie driving her pony Ranni Park Hearts Ablaze. Both did well.



Peter Dunn and Nanardine Danny Boy at the Show Driving Championships, with the judge Amanda Proctor (Rodneys Photography)

THE LADIES DRIVE by Christine O'Rourke

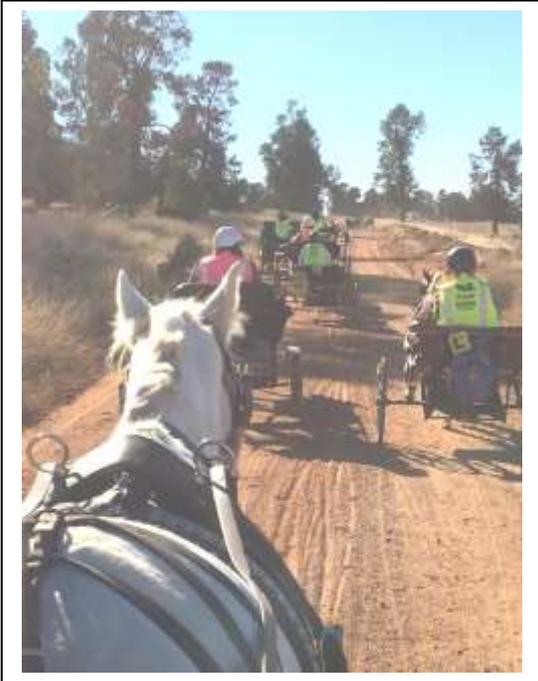
The 2018 Ladies Drive was held at Spring Ridge from May 15- 20. This year's drive was a huge success, with 28 sulkies, 5 additional grooms and 36 ladies all up, including escort vehicle drivers (Judy Tonkiss and Kate Wilson) and a catering volunteer (Elaine Watts).

The group of ladies comprised members from eleven different ACDS clubs, with participants travelling from as far north as the Gold Coast and as far south as Wagga Wagga. Horses ranged in size from 9.2 to 16 hands. There were two lots of pairs, and one heavy horse.

With two drives daily of 10 – 15km, and a 25km luncheon drive on one of the days, there was plenty of driving for all. All drives were conducted at about 6-8kph, which was a challenge to keep to, with such a diverse range of horses and ponies. However in the spirit of the drive, everyone attempted to walk, and some of the bigger horses were happy to stop and wait for their smaller mates when it was needed.

The total distance covered was just over 100km, although not all ladies completed every drive. As it wasn't a competition, it was left up to everyone to decide which drives they felt like going on, and

which they sat out. Needless to say, all ladies attended the Chicken and Champagne drive, with some doubling up as grooms for the day.



On the Chicken and Champagne drive (V Donnelly)

Evenings were spent with games and karaoke around the campfire, and small prizes were handed out. Most ladies went home with a little something special to remember the drive.



Joel Bassett showing correct fitting of a Zilco classic harness on Bill the Guy Fawkes brumby (V Donnelly)

Between the morning and afternoon drives educational demonstrations were given, and these were very well received. Many thanks to Joel Bassett (Sydney Carriage and Harness Supplies) from demonstrating the correct fitting of a Zilco Classic harness on my 'voluptuous' Guy Fawkes brumby Bill, to Ailsa Adams for her willy washing (sheath hygiene) demo, and Heidi Naylor for explaining and clarifying our new helmet rules. A lot of ladies now feel confident about purchasing compliant helmets, although I'm unsure about how many will attempt the sheath clean! Carol Ryan donated three lovely harness pads and at the farewell dinner all the ladies were asked to

vote privately on who should receive them. The very popular winners were Margaret Neely, Shirley Heffernan and Judy Tonkiss. A special gift was also given to Robin Burren for her tireless work around the camp.

Vicki Donnelly and I would like to thank everyone who helped us with the drive. The list is long! We are thrilled that our dream of helping lady drivers overcome their fears and hesitations has grown to this extent. We would love to see other clubs follow this format and promote our wonderful sport, and we are both happy to help and advise anyone interested in hosting a Ladies Drive in their area.

YES, we will be holding the drive again next year, so stay tuned. We are already doing some planning, with some new ideas in mind.

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****No Branch Meeting Notes as no meeting held since last Whip Around**
Next Meeting: AGM and General Meeting
June 16 2018 at Bathurst Panthers Club 132
Piper St Bathurst- note new location

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SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Kirstin Feddersen with Shepherds Hill Yowie (Rodneys Photography)

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