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Max Pearce driving Beauwood Rocky Road at the 2015 Bungendore Show

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' May 25 2015

Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting – AGM and General Meeting at Orange on June 20 2015

Registration from 9.30 am. AGM to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify the Secretary Chuckie Radnedge of intention to attend by June 15 2015

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NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Mar		
1	One Day Combined Driving Experience at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
7-8	Susan Carter Driving Lessons, Graded Dressage & Cones at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0438 880 458
8	Sporting Day & Junior Challenge at Rossmore Hills & Camden Clubs	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
9-11	Midweek Pleasure Drive at Pokolbin Hunter Club	Helen Huckerby 0401 738 353
10-16	Bram Chardon Clinic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
14-15	Pleasure Weekend Bellingen Showground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
15	Graded Dressage Day Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
21-22	Joe Hawkins Cup Level 3 CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
26-Apr8	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
28-29	Pleasure Driving at Bylong Gulgong Club	Chris Hannaford 02 6375 9655
Apr		
11-12	Horse Power Weekend at Ariaah Park	Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1924
11-12	Pleasure Weekend at Macksville Showground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
11-19	Enduro at Fifield Central West Club	Gaye Lees 02 6864 5129
12	Training Day at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
18	Navigation Drive at Grenfell Ellmore Club	Chuckie Radnedge 0413953414
18-19	Level 3 CDE at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
25-26	Level 3 CDE at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
26	Pleasure Drive at Oakville Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
May		
2-3	King of the Ranges Weekend at Murrurundi Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
3	Dressage Tri Series Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
3	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
9	Pleasure Drive and Fun Day at Wombat Ellmore & Canberra Clubs	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9-10	Pleasure weekend at Glenreagh Sport & Rec North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
23	Demonstration Cones at Bicentennial Park Camden Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
30-Ju8	Gulgong Heritage Drive Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
30-31	Cones & Dressage Day & Clinic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
30-31	Pleasure Weekend at Macksville Showground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
31	Tackbox Talk and Activity Day venue TBC Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
June		
14	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
14	One Day Combined Driving Experience at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
20	NSW Branch AGM & General Meeting at Orange	Chuckie Radnedge 0413953414
26-28	ACDS Federal AGM and Conference at Dookie (Vic)	Sue Waters 03 5983 6629
27-28	Pleasure Weekend at Ulmarra North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
28	President's Lunch venue tbc Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
July		
4-6	Endurance Drive at Spring Ridge Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
5	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
10-11	Mudgee Small Farms Field Days Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 02 6374 1818
11-12	Pleasure Weekend at Bellingen Showground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
12	Pleasure Drive at Oakville Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
18-19	Come and Try Day at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 02 6374 1818
25-26	Driving and Show Judges School at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 727
Aug		
1-2	Graded Dressage and Level 4 CDE venue TBC Ellmore Club	Chuckie Radnedge 0413953414
2	Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726

8-9	CDE Officials School venue TBC CDE Panel	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
9	Obstacle Driving Clinic & Obsthathon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
15-16	Pleasure Weekend at Glenreagh Sport & Rec North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
23	Interclub Challenge Day at Camden Camden Club	Lou Lyons
29-30	Level 4 CDE and Graded Dressage Ellmore Club	Chuckie Radnedge0413953414
30	Course Building Day venue TBC Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
Sept		
5-6	Mudgee Winery Driving Weekend Gulgong Club	Jim Gilbey 02 6372 1996
6	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
12	Pleasure Drive at Macksville Showground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
12-13	Level 3 CDE venue TBC Canberra Club	Hannah Becchio 0412 240 382
13	Dressage Training & Cones at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
19-20	Level 3 CDE venue TBC Ellmore Club	Chuckie Radnedge0413953414
26	Social BBQ venue tbc Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
26-Oct2	Endurance Drive at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
Oct		
1-5	NSW CDE Champs, National Dressage Champs and Cones Classic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
9-10	Harness classes and Jump and Drive at 100 th Leeton Show	Bruce Hammond 0439 202 078
10	Pleasure Drive at Glenreagh Sport & Rec North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
10-11	Social Driving Weekend at Goolhi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
18	Dressage Tri-Series Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
25	Dressage, Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
25	Graded Dressage Day venue TBC Border Club (Albury)	Pam Salter 0427 126 959
Nov		
1	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
15	Dressage Tri-Series Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
29	NSW ACDS Show Driving Champs at Gunning Bungendore Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
Dec		
6	Christmas Lunch venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14-15	Pleasure Weekend Nana Glen Equestrian Ground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557



Michael Jones with his pair and wagon at the Ganmain Hall Market Day. Mal Welsh backstepping.

CLUB NEWS

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Tess Smith: The Ellmore Club has been taking it easy over the summer months, as the temperature rose and Christmas holidays and celebrations were under way.

Chuckie Radnedge attended the Bram Chardon School at the tail end of the year and couldn't praise highly enough the talents and teaching

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abilities of this gracious young man. Meanwhile Judy Dwyer, together with Heidi Stevens, did well showing her lovely mare Ellmore Black Velvet winning Supreme Champion Harness Horse at the 2014 50th Anniversary National APSB Show. Others have been getting new ponies started and even turning their hands to carriage building. Many would think the streets of Grenfell have turned back in time with all the carriage horses and ponies being driven about! A few members have

even tried out Western Showing with their horses and have won some ribbons.

Our grounds are looking fantastic with all the rain we have had over summer. The club has purchased some posts which it is hoped will be used to make new obstacles, creating new challenges for those interested in Combined Driving. Horses and ponies are coming back into work now in preparation for the approaching season, and just in time too, as the good pasture over summer has turned many into kegs on legs!



Tess Smith and Warren Harris with Minty on a drive around Grenfell

The Club has an afternoon Navigation Drive planned for April 18, deciphering Peter Lotherington's famous cryptic clues, to be followed by an evening BBQ at the Grenfell Showground. A Pleasure Drive and Fun Day will be held on the new grounds at Wombat on May 9, in conjunction with the Canberra Club.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

At the end of November the North Coast Club had its final gathering for the year, with a large number of club members finding their way to Hilary and Steve Graham's beautiful property in the Orara Valley in the Coffs Harbour hinterland. Some members brought their horses as well and went for a picnic drive around the property and then further down the road to a Fjord Pony Stud.

The air was perfumed with horses and flowers, and the decorations were sparkling and bright, with big red bows and tinsel on stable doors. Under the trees it was shady and cool, and a calming place to be, but in the rustic cobbled stables there was a veritable feast of chicken, sausages, salads, mince pies, custard, pavlova and cream. It was a memorable day where the children got soaked played with water bombs and everyone had a go at bochee in between eating. Many thanks to Hilary and Steve for their hospitality.

Liz O'Brien from the Tamworth Club judged at the Camden Haven Ag Show on the mid north coast on the 'cyclone weekend' in February and wrote: It poured all weekend but as the saying goes 'the show must go on'.

Obviously there was a downturn in numbers and no one wanted to get their lovely show carriages wet, so we only had led heavy horses and long reining classes. It was a pity but I don't blame them as we were trudging around in gumboots and drizabones all day.

Both the Champion and Reserve Champion Led Heavy Horses were owned by North Coast member Sharon Clarke. The five month old colt beat his nine year old mother. They are shown in the photo below.

We jokingly called it the Cyclone Marcia Show.



Sharon Clarke's winning horses with handlers and the judge at the very wet Camden Haven Show

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Michael Jones gave carriage rides with his wagon and pair at the Ganmain Hall Market Day, on behalf of the Riverina Club. Colourful banners on the wagon sides advertised what the Riverina Club was all about. One of the pair, Annie, was outstanding as this was her first public appearance. Mal Welsh was the backstepper. The wagon rides were very popular and \$237 was raised for the hall fund.

Debbie Dunn driving her pony Cherry Bomb and Susan Fraser with Welsh A pony Archie attended the Temora Club's Dressage and Cones School, where Garry and Judy Harris were the guest instructors. It was an excellent day, well attended and very informative. Janice Reynolds with Griffin was there for the Sunday TPR day. Everyone took their horse's standing heart rates before going for a 5km drive. Heart rates were then taken straightaway after the drive and a little later. Preparations for the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE on March 21/22 are on schedule. The judges are booked, entries are arriving and the grounds have greened up after a little bit of rain. The event is showing all the signs of being a first rate CDE.



Debbie Dunn driving Cherry Bomb at the Temora Dressage and Cones School

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Carolyn Kinlyside: On the Australia Day long weekend Maxine Saliba and Carolyn Kinlyside ventured to Taralga for the Mini Enduro hosted by the Goulburn Club. Jeanna Kinlyside accompanied them to act as groom, whilst Roger Kinlyside, Fred Saliba and Maxine's friend Sharon were there as well. They had a great weekend and learnt a lot. Robert Allport from the Goulburn Club was a wealth of information and most congenial and helpful. Base camp was on Mr Keith's property on the Yalbraith Road. Carolyn and Maxine did the half enduro comprising 30km a day for the three days, driving a pair – Maxine's Andalusian cross Zena and Carolyn's standardbred Mackie. They finished 3rd on the Saturday, 1st on the Sunday and 1st on the Monday to come 2nd overall in their class. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and will be doing more enduros in the future.



Sharon Jacobson, Maxine Saliba and Carolyn Kinlyside cooling off the horses at the Enduro at Taralga Another Camden member Sharon Jacobson was also at the Mini Enduro with her brumby pony Kahn entered in the Large Pony class. They did

well coming second on day one, and first on days two and three.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Yvonne Wood: 2015 is shaping up to be a very busy year for the Southern Highlands Club with the conduct of the Bram Chardon Carriage Driving Clinic from March 10 – 16, then a Level 3 CDE on April 25/26, both being at our club facility at Bundanoon.

The club has been instrumental in bringing Bram Chardon from the Netherlands to instruct not only ACDS drivers, but also to pass on his expertise to dressage judges from across the country. The latter have been invited to fence sit free of charge for the entire week. Quite a number of judges have taken up the offer. This offer, in some small way, gives a little back to the judges who give their time freely to ACDS members at competitions whilst at the same time having to self fund their accreditation and continuing development.

Bram Chardon is a World Champion Pony Four-in-Hand Driver who has achieved much on the world stage by the age of 21. Besides Carriage Driving, he is also an extremely highly qualified Coach for Riding, Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country. He is presently training teams for Combined Driving from several European countries at his family's large Equestrian Centre in Delft, The Netherlands.

As well as the above, and the other clinics and activities the Southern Highlands Club will be offering its members throughout the year, there will be its five day Festival of Driving from October 1-5 2015. This is the Club's contribution to the Bundanoon Community for the Sesquicentenary celebrations, and promises to bring many visitors and competitors from interstate and perhaps New Zealand. Two international judges will be coming from Belgium and they will also conduct clinics during the Festival. Much interest is already pouring in for this event, so all things are looking rosy for a very successful and enjoyable five days of competition, fun and socializing amongst competitors and visitors.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The schedules are out for the annual Central West Club's Enduro at Fifield. It will be held from Saturday April 11 to Sunday April 19 2015. The Enduro will be conducted over seven days and involves up to 350km of travel for horses over 14.2, and 240km for ponies not exceeding 14.2. There are three classes – horses over 14.2, ponies over 12hh and not exceeding 14.2 and ponies 12hh and under. A rest day is scheduled for the Wednesday, and on Wednesday night is the

Formal Dinner – always an event eagerly prepared for by the Enduro participants.

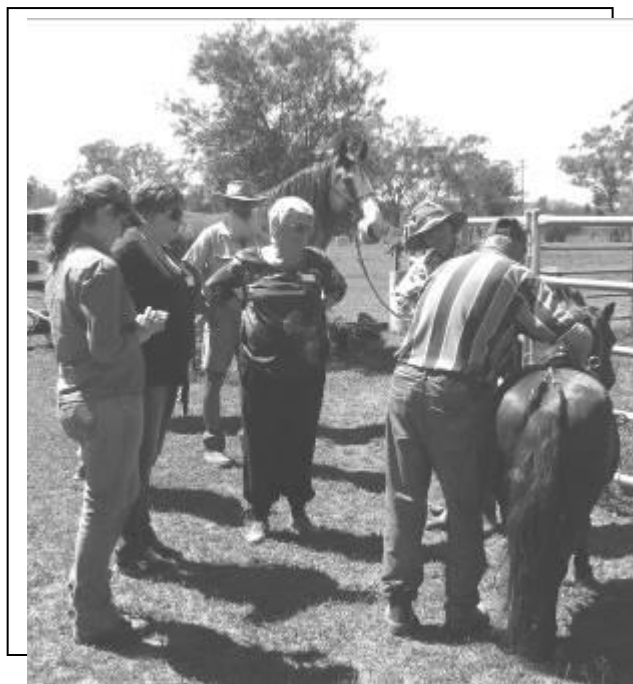
The Fifield Enduro has been conducted by the Central West Club for many years and is the highlight of the carriage driving year for many ACDS drivers. The sports ground in the little village of Fifield (population 20) becomes a very busy base camp for the Enduro week with many campsites packed around its perimeter, together with horses in electric fence yards, and sulkies parked nearby. The event is known for its very good organization and the friendliness amongst all the participants.

The closing date for telephone or email confirmation of entry has already passed (February 28) but payment and the completed entry form must be received no later than March 28 by the secretary Gaye Lees (02 6864 5129 or gaye@ipstarmail.com.au)

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

Carol Hills: Hayley Fagerstrom got home to Dunedoo on November 25 but has been rather housebound as Dunedoo doesn't have footpaths and the small front wheels on her wheelchair catch badly on the rough ground. She has recently been back to Sydney for medical appointments and to get fitted for a wheelchair which includes solid wheels to avoid punctures. She has also purchased a device called a Freewheel which attaches to the footplate and picks up the front wheels so she can traverse uneven ground more easily.

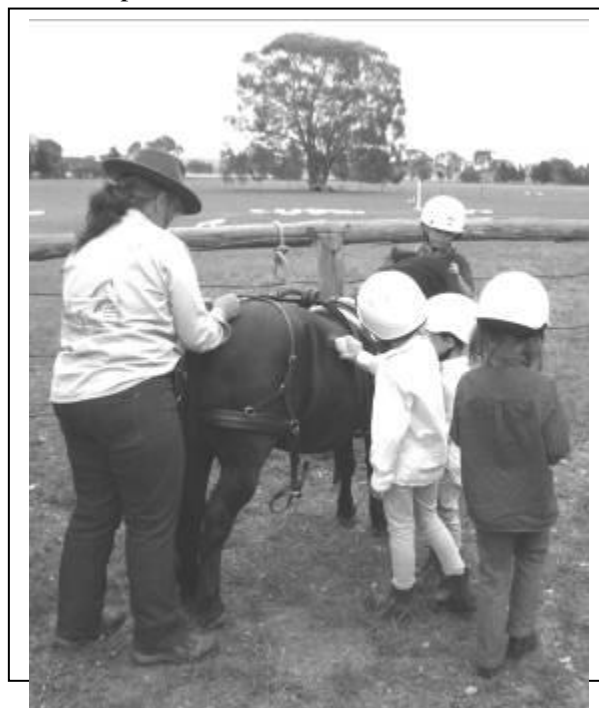
Hayley's house is almost complete as the kitchen went in just after Christmas and the carport now just needs shade panels for her car. The car has been ordered, and it will be fitted with hand controls when it comes in.



Participants at the Gulgong Club Come and Try Weekend held at Chris and Carol Hills' property

The Come and Try weekend at Gulgong in January 17/18 had eight visitors and eight members on the Saturday and two visitors and five members on the Sunday. On Saturday people were shown how to harness up and how horses are trained. Carol Hill's pony Midge had his first outing with other horses in a short drive down Magpie Lane, whilst another of her ponies, Maeve, had some more education. Lynne Childs was there too, with Peg. Lynne then went on to be a groom for one of the competitors at the Enduro at Taralga on the January long weekend.

One of the visitors brought her child's pony to be assessed for harness. He proved to be quite unflappable and they left for home with some training ideas and contacts for more information. The Gulgong Pony Club invited Carol Hills, Jim Gilbey and Chris and Pauline Hannaford to bring their Shetland ponies to its annual camp to demonstrate harnessing and harness work. Each session gave the children opportunities to sit in and drive with the members. The smaller children were fascinated to be able to handle animals they could harness up themselves.



Pony Club members

Several Gulgong members had a big day at the Gulgong Show in February – Jim Gilbey, Chris and Pauline Hannaford, Carol Hills and Donna Birchall took nine Shetlands. Carol's Midge had his first showing in harness, and Jim's new stallion Regent was out for the first time since Jim bought him.

Coming events include a weekend drive on March 28/29 at Bylong organized by Chris Hannaford (02 6375 9655) and the Heritage Drive which will now start from Yeoval on May 30. Registration for the drive closes on April 15 2015. For further details contact Chris Hills on 0428 292 777 or cazhills@bigpond.com

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Helen Huckerby: The Club Christmas Party was held in Pokolbin in the BBQ area of the Hunter Valley Gardens. The members who attended were Frank Lovett, Owen and Judy Maytom, Bob and Cathy Browning, Rosemary Laing, Jill Buisman, Ruby Murray, Julia and Brian Leaver, Kevin and Jenny Fayth, and Michael, Helen and Donna Huckerby. Everyone enjoyed sitting in the shade relaxing, chatting and eating.

The highlight of the get together was a special presentation of Hunter Club Life Membership to Jill Buisman. Jill and her family were active members of the Hunter Club years ago when her daughter Suzanna had a little coloured pony. Then, after a break, Jill returned as a social member. This membership was at times upgraded to driving member as Jill went from passenger with me to grooming for Rosemary Laing. Whether it was competitions, club outings or PR events, Jill was always in the right place at the right time to hold a horse, help clean, set up camp or make sure we had drinks (horses and people). There was always water for the horses, but it depended on the time of day for *our* treat.

Jill also took on the important role of club tea person for many years. Her selfless contribution to the sport has made her an invaluable member of the club's driving family. Many thanks Jill for your years of support and the wonderful memories we have all made together.

Rosemary Laing, Helen Huckerby and Joy Hawkins made the long trek up to Ebor for the Liverpool Range Driving Weekend in mid February. Unfortunately driving was off the agenda due to continuous rain. However cards tournaments, together with plenty of social chit chat with other ACDS members in the comfort of the hall, with a fire blazing to keep out the cold, resulted in a happy and relaxing weekend.



Hunter and Liverpool Range Club members at the Ebor 'Drive'

The Hunter Club's annual Pokolbin midweek drive will again be based at 'Possums' and will go from March 9-11 2015. This event is always very enjoyable with beautiful drives through the Hunter Valley wine country along very quiet roads and farm tracks, followed by relaxing evenings together. The camping facilities at Possums are very good and include hot showers, toilet and BBQ. Contact Helen Huckerby for more information on 0401 738 353

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills Club started the year with the annual BBQ at the Alan and Linda Ongley's place at Marayong. On arrival, everyone was captivated by the magnificent dwarf red flowering eucalypts in full bloom in the Ongleys' front garden. The trees were covered in huge bunches of large red blossoms.

About 25 members sat around tables on the back lawn, catching up with news and enjoying the delicious BBQ, salads and desserts on offer. The newly purchased club plastic plates and dessert dishes were used for the first time. They will get plenty of use at club social events, replacing the frequently purchased throw away plates previously used.



Jenny Conquest's Caramel and Keri Izzard's Ginger Meggs meeting for the first time at Mt Tomah

The next event on the Club calendar was the Pleasure Drive at Mt Tomah, organized by Karen Silvester. The drive was based near Karen's lower paddock and went through the rainforest on private property along bush tracks and private roads. Eight turnouts were there for the drive - Karen driving Wilbur, Belinda Casper with Indi, Dennis Casper with Cassie, Andrea Casper with Caesar, Lynne Buckingham with George, Marilyn Austin with Matilda, Keri Izzard with Ginger Meggs and new member Jenny Conquest, accompanied by Kim McGregor, with Caramel. Also there were Linda

and Alan Ongley, John and Marg Moore, and Danuta and Molly Paxton.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Vicki Donnelly: Liverpool Range Club members are poised to begin another year of adventure filled drives, with sulkies dusted off, horses polished and their GPSs programmed to find Ebor Campdraft Grounds for the first driving weekend of the year on the weekend of February 21/22, organized by Christine O'Rourke.

Update on the Ebor Driving Weekend: 'Despite an impressively disastrous weather report for Australia, which included two cyclones, flood warnings and a severe weather event mentioning 100-200mm of rain for Ebor on the Saturday night, a number of members from the Liverpool Range Club and other neighbouring clubs braved the elements and started arriving on the Wednesday in preparation for a great weekend.

Early arrivers went for a sightseeing drive around Ebor on Thursday morning. The afternoon was taken up in the continuing saga of the elusive trout hunt. A party of four led by the always optimistic Doug Jones returned many hours later to triumphantly present their trout. (We won't mention that the trout was smoked and packaged from the Trout Farm!)

Friday afternoon was devoted to a hotly contested Canasta (cards) tournament. Five hours of fierce competition saw Doug Jones and Jenny Andrews declared the Ebor Canasta Champions for 2015. Saturday dawned after a night of rain, which continued all day. After a club meeting, a trek to the local coffee shop 'Fusspots' was made, to indulge in coffee and Devonshire teas. Over the scones and cream a whisper went around about another cards tournament - Five Hundred, followed by a game of Cheat. Saturday dinner was ably catered onsite and was followed by a game of Celebrity Heads, which proved a winner, with Christine O'Rourke a standout competitor.

As you can see sulky drivers will go anywhere for a drive, in any weather and in the long run, a successful weekend is always judged by the great company, not the weather!

Many thanks to Christine O'Rourke and partner Donny for organizing and hosting the annual Ebor Drive.

Club member Bruce Donnelly has been industrious over the summer hiatus building sulkies and a breaking in 'chariot'. One of his orders was for a British Racing Green pony sulky, with a visit from the pony and its owner in the initial stages for a session of measuring and fitting.

The Donnellys have acquired two new ponies in recent months. Jazz, an 11hh part Welsh pony, has had eight weeks of training and has his bags packed for the trip to Ebor for some socialization and experience with a large group of horses. He

will also find the countryside very different to the flat Liverpool Plains.

The other pony is Clydie a 9.2hh taffy Shetland. He has an amazing 'go with the flow' attitude to life. He very quickly mastered driving and the sulky, and is quite happy to go along the road with B double semitrailers carting grain, and kangaroos crossing the road under his nose. However he does not cope with missing a meal, and also has no respect for fences or gates. His record for escaping from his allocated paddock was to graze his way through five different paddocks in one day.



Vicki Donnelly driving her taffy Shetland Clydie
TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

The first club day of the year was held at Attunga Sports Ground. There was a good attendance of old and new members for the early start. Some interesting turnouts included Amanda Kettlestring with her team of four small ponies, with groom Michelle Major. Another was Lyn and Paul Monger's turnout with their standardbred who looked very competitive around the cones course.



Lyn and Paul Monger in the cones course at Attunga

The driving was followed by an excellent BBQ lunch and then a general meeting to bring everyone up to date on events to come including the Level 3 CDE on April 18/19 2015 at Moonbi, and the Carriage Driving and Show Judges Schools at Moonbi on July 25/26 2015. A Show Judges Exam

will be held in conjunction with the SD School. For further details contact Liz O'Brien on 0427 766 726 or myeyor@yahoo.com.au The next club day will be on March 1 at Attunga Sports Ground – the One Day Combined Driving Experience.

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

The inaugural three day Mini Endurance Event conducted by the Goulburn Club on January 24-26 2015 was a well attended event with ten competitors taking part in the four different classes. There were three junior drivers and four new competitors. In addition, four new people came for the day to see what happens at endurance events. They came from Nowra, Boorowa, Camden and Oberon.

The Endurance winners were junior driver Jayde Coggan in the horse full endurance class, John Moyes in the horse half endurance class, Marilyn Mooney in the big pony class and Leonie Hass in the small pony class.

It was very pleasing to see so many new members competing. The weather was pleasant and the quiet country roads were in good condition and often well shaded. There was plenty of green grass, water and shade for both people and horses at the camping area.

The Club is hoping to run the event again in 2016, on the last weekend in January.

Robert, Damon and Kimberlee Allport all took part in the Cones Competition at the recent Crookwell Show, representing the Goulburn Club in the Inter Club competition.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Kim Groothoff: On Sunday February 15 Tamara Abed and Kim Groothoff attended the Crookwell Show for the cones event. It was an afternoon start which meant a leisurely start to the day and time enough to get organized and pony on float. The weather was good although it did become steamy towards the afternoon.

The course was set up in the arena, and it was a great course, except we went left instead of right not only once but twice!

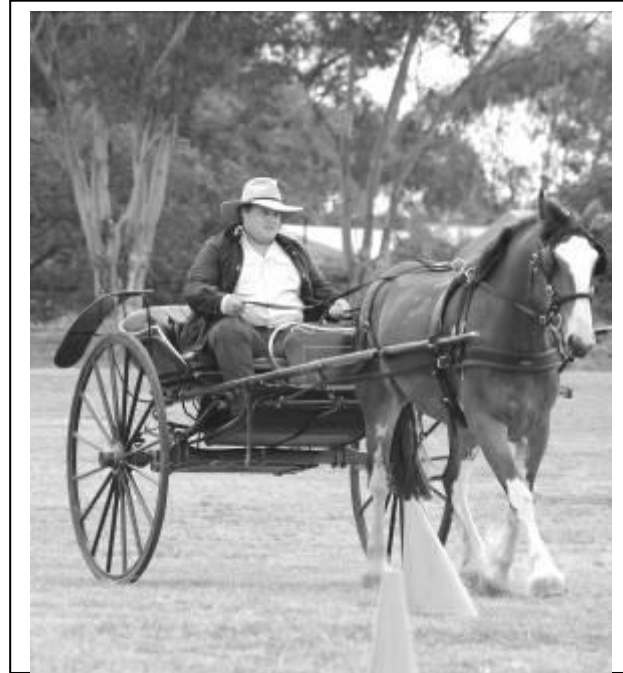
My pony Fairy and I had two down first go, and three down on the second run. My daughter explained to me why this happened and that if I kept my head up and looked where to go I could do quite well. This I have noted. Tamara did very well, and got a first with Robbie and a second with Princess. We both agreed it was great fun. It would be good to see this cones event at other shows, but that would depend on the availability of organizers and helpers. Congratulations to Crookwell Show and especially to the Denneys for a great day.

Amanda Blakeley: The Bungendore Show held at the end of January had the harness classes sponsored by the Bungendore Carriage Driving Club. The judge was Alan Bowyer and the steward Tamara Abed. There was a good roll up of harness horses and ponies ranging from Shetland to Shire and everything in between. It was great to see club members doing very well on the day. They included Carolyn Blakely who won Champion Driver and her horse Southern Cross Nickolas Champion Delivery Horse, and Max Pearce who won every class he entered, and gained several champions with Beauwood Rocky Road and Beauwood Titan, before Beauwood Titan was judged Supreme Champion.

Longtime Bungendore Club members and supporters, the Burton family, not only excel in carriage driving pursuits. Mark Burton's son, and Barbara Burton's grandson, Yanni Burton, is a singer, songwriter and bassist living in New York. Since graduating from the Juilliard School, Yanni has performed around the world at many well known venues and with famous pop icons. Yanni will be performing on March 16 2015 at the Southern Cross Club in Woden, Canberra in a Benefit Concert for the very worthy cause - Retina Australia. For further information and tickets contact Jan James on 02 6258 4823 or email mf_jm@optusnet.com.au

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

On February 14/15 the Club ran a Beginners' Dressage, Cones and MO School, together with a Fitness School and 5km drive at the Temora Showground.



Lyndsay Bromfield driving Bonnie in the cones course at the Temora Dressage and Cones School (T Chown)

Garry and Judy Harris gave coaching in dressage and cones driving on Saturday, whilst Sharon Beattie ran the fitness school on the Sunday. Participants with horses over the weekend were Rowan and Lyndsay Bromfield, Sharon Jacobsen, Deb Dunn, Sue Fraser, Harry and Cheryl Hol, Janice Reynolds and Sharon Beattie whilst Harry Hol, Allen Partridge, Veronica Chown, Mary Roberts and Rita Bromfield backed up Sharon by helping set up courses and doing the catering. Tamika Chown, a junior member, took all the photos.

The day commenced with each driver having a 30 minute session of dressage instruction. After a BBQ lunch with salads and sweets, Judy continued with the dressage lessons, whilst Garry moved over to the cones course. The course was set up by Harry Hol and Sharon Beattie on the showground camping area and was on a slope. The course zig zagged up the slope, with some alternative routes including between gates 13 and 14, where there was a choice of going the long way round on a gentle slope or doing the short route down an embankment. Everyone opted for the short cut. Drivers loved doing the course and all had several runs at it.



On the drive around Temora as part of the Fitness School. Deb Dunn leading. (T Chown)

Most people were close enough to Temora to go home for the night, but Sharon Jacobson and Deb Dunn camped overnight. Janice Reynolds arrived early the next morning, along with the previous day's drivers. The instruction started with a discussion about heart rates, what to listen for when taking the heart rate and how to count. The merits of different thermometers were then discussed as well as how to use them. The group moved across to the horses which were standing under cover in the sheep yards and Sharon demonstrated how to find the heart rate on Janice's unharnessed pony, as well as Harry Hol's harnessed horse, and gave people the chance to listen as well. After this, everyone went off to find

their own horses' heartbeats and record them on their Horse Fitness Cards. It was then time to harness up for the drive.

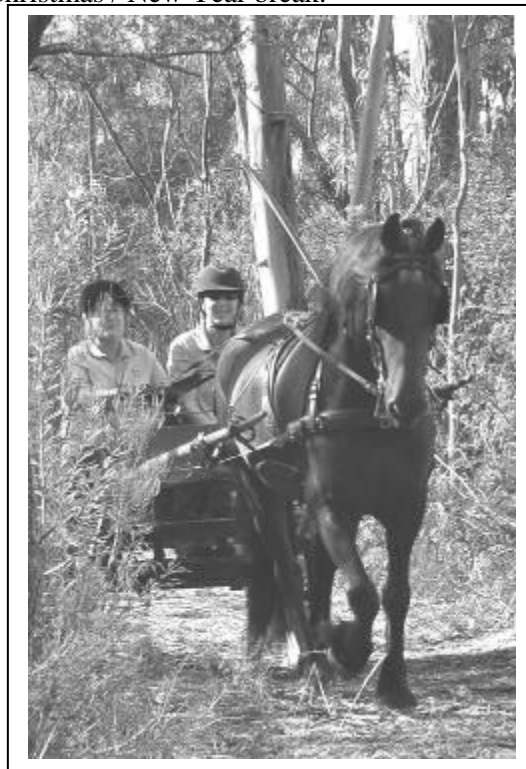
The drive took the group out of the showground and onto a dirt track which followed the railway line for about two kilometres and then onto a tree lined track between farms. They continued along on the edge of town, before going past the airport and finally turning for home near the saleyards. There was no traffic.

When they got back to the showground the horses' heart rates were taken whilst still in harness, then after hosing down and finally after 30 minutes, to observe the recovery rates. Once all the horses were cooled down and put away, it was time for lunch – another delicious BBQ with salads. The weekend was so popular amongst participants that a similar one is being considered for the spring.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

The Canberra Club kicked off the 2015 driving year with the first club meeting at the usual watering hole – the Murrumbateman Tavern. Members caught up on eachothers' driving exploits since meeting at the Wallendbeen Pub for the Christmas get together.

Members have been doing a variety of activities: Peter and Sue White competed at the Bungendore Show with success. Indi Maverick came 2nd in the novice non hackney horse and 3rd in the open non hackney horse class. Penny Jacobs had a great time driving in Tasmania with a friend over the Christmas / New Year break.



Penny Jacobs driving with a friend through the bush in Tasmania

Garry Harris presented a carriage driving seminar to the Probus group in Cootamundra, and then, more recently, he and wife Judy were the instructors at a Beginners' Dressage and Cones day run by the Temora Club. Elsa Guyader has been practicing her driving skills, ready to compete in the Munro Cup at Witwood at the end of February.

Ken Houlahan has organized tickets so club members can visit the 'Spirited' Exhibition at the National Museum in Canberra. The exhibition is well worth seeing but finishes in early March. Everyone is looking forward to the Canberra Club's inaugural Anne Synnot Cup Dressage Competition at Murrumbateman on March 8.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Kath Cole: Participating in the Goulburn Club's first Mini Enduro in January reminded us what a great sport carriage driving can be. Reedy Creek members taking part were John Moyes with Bron Warren as co driver in the horse half enduro, Claire and Marilyn Mooney in the large pony section and Lloyd Warren accompanied by Kath Cole in the small pony class and junior driver section. Another Reedy Creek member, Kylie Parramore, was kept busy as the very capable TPR steward.

Conditions were quite pleasant, as after the first day the weather became quite cool, and the only downpour of rain happened in the afternoon and evening when the day's driving was all over. Each of our three turnouts completed their distance requirements and passed their heart rate checks, and all starred as placegetters in the final awards. While this was happening there was another event going on at Collector on Australia Day. Ray and Carol Roach set up a cones course as part of the celebrations at the village and were pleased and surprised with the interest it created.



Bob Pierce with Headlands Monty in the Cones Competition at Crookwell Show (L Sewell)

A similar cones competition was held at Crookwell Show in February, organized by Ian Denney from the Southern Highlands Club. This was the second year the event has been held, and this year, as well as individual awards, it was run as an inter club competition. Unfortunately there were no Southern

Highlands drivers but Reedy Creek, Bungendore and Goulburn Clubs were all represented. Reedy Creek had a really good roll up. John Moyes and Nicholas, who won the pony section and Bob Pierce with Clydesdale Monty, who won the horse section, were supported by Carol Roach and May, Kath Cole with Peggy Sue and Wee Jordie, Ray Roach with Bandit and Robert Harmond with Chance. This resulted in Reedy Creek Club winning the Inter Club trophy in its inaugural year!

THE REINSMAN

The Reinsman will be back in the next issue.

RESULTS OF THE MINI ENDURANCE EVENT AT TARALGA JANUARY 2015

Horse Full Distance Class: 1st Jayde Coggan (jnr driver) 2nd Robbie Baxter

Horse Half Distance Class: 1st John Moyes 2nd Maxine Saliba and Carolyn Kinlyside with a pair

Big Pony Class: 1st Marilyn Mooney 2nd Sharon Jacobson

Small Pony Class: 1st Leonie Hass 2nd Janice Reynolds 3rd Lloyd Warren (jnr driver)

TOP WATER CARTERS DRIVEN CONES COMPETITION AT

CROOKWELL SHOW By Ian Denney

Sunday February 15 saw a field of thirteen horses and ponies contest the second annual Top Water Carters Driven Cones Competition at the Crookwell Show.

Fortunately the weather was kinder to competitors and their horses than last year, when the temperature hit 40°. Many thanks to the Reedy Creek Club for providing the cones, and to Trevor Leibowitz of Shibumi Equestrian Centre for designing a testing but entertaining course, John Wood, Sue Plath, Ian and Jan Denney and Lindsay Reynolds (Southern Highlands Club) and Lorraine Wharton (Bungendore Club) for officiating and providing equipment, Doug Willcoxson (Bungendore Club) for being the judge and to Nola Robertson (Bega Club) for doing a really great job as announcer and commentator.

Competitors came from three clubs – Reedy Creek, Bungendore and Goulburn. Most of the entries were in the pony classes but three horses also took part. The overall points score was won by Reedy Creek Club with strong performances from John Moyes, Bob Pierce, Kath Cole, Carol and Ray Roach and Robert Harmond. It was great to see Kim Groothof (Bungendore) and her pony Marconi Fairylights give the more experienced ponies a 'run for their money'. Tamara Abed (Bungendore) was kept on her toes with two entries, Princess and Keyi Corroboree. Once again three generations of the Allport family competed –

Robert, Damon and Kimberlee, all from the Goulburn Club.

Bob Pierce provided a stark contrast to the other competitors with his Clydesdale gelding, who had already had a busy show in the led classes and was having his first run at a cones competition.

The event saw each entrant completing the course twice, and ribbons and trophies were decided on the better of the two completed rounds. There were five clear rounds. Especially well done to those competitors!

Club High Points Score: Reedy Creek Club
Champion Horse: Bob Pierce and Headlands Monty (Reedy Creek)

Reserve Champion Horse: Robert Harmond and Chance (Reedy Creek)

Champion Pony: John Moyes with Nicholas (Reedy Creek)

Reserve Champion Pony: Tamara Abed with Keyi Corroboree (Bungendore)



John Moyes and Nicholas doing a tight turn in the Cones Competition at Crookwell Show (L Sewell)

All in all the sport was very well presented to the enthusiastic crowd. There has already been good feedback and several enquiries from people wanting to find out more about carriage driving. Very many thanks to all those who contributed to the event including the competitors, the officials, Crookwell's 'Top Water Carters' for the handsome trophies and Linden Stud for sponsoring the ribbons.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS 2015/16

Nominations for 2015/16 Executive Office Bearers, Panel Members and Appointed Positions (Young Driver rep, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor) are now being called for. A Nomination Form is attached to this Whip Around. Nominations must be **returned by post** to the State Secretary by **May 4 2015**. Faxed or emailed nominations will not be accepted. *Give back something to the Society by nominating for one or more of the jobs on offer.*

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN 2014

Nominations for the Annual Awards for Excellence in 2014 in the following categories – Show Driver, CDE Driver, Dressage Driver, Pleasure & Endurance Driver, Junior Driver and Service to Carriage Driving, are now being called for. A Nomination Form including a Supporting Statement is attached. Nominations may be submitted by clubs, panels or by individual members.

Nominations should be sent to the State Secretary by **May 31 2015**

There are many members who should be nominated for an award in at least one of the categories. Give a deserving member recognition by completing a Nomination Form and sending it in. It is a small task but it will be much appreciated.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Clubs interested in hosting one or more of the following 2016 NSW ACDS Championships are requested to submit Expressions of Interest (with proposed date, venue and brief outline of event plans) to be in the hands of the Branch Secretary by **June 20 2015**. Members at the General Meeting to be held immediately after the AGM on June 20, 2015 will consider the submitted EOIs and vote to choose the successful applicants.

*2016 NSW Show Driving Championships

*2016 NSW CDE Championships

*2016 NSW Driven Dressage Championships

Note: A club is still being sought to host this year's 2015 Driven Dressage Championships. **If your club is interested in running this event, please contact NSW Dressage Convenor Dot Willcoxson on 02 4842 7164 as soon as possible.**

NOTES FROM NSW BRANCH MEETING February 21 at Temora

Clubs represented: Ellmore, Temora, Bungendore, Canberra, Southern Highlands, Hills, Murrumbidgee, Hunter. 21 attendees

Panel reports:

Show Driving

*Expressions of interest invited from clubs to run 2016 NSW Show Driving Championships. Contact Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

*Show Judges & Drivers School/Exam at Moonbi (Tamworth Club) plus show driving instruction July 25/26 2015

*Leeton Show on Oct 9/10 2015 will have Jump and Drive event plus wide range of harness classes

* 2015 ACDS National Show will be on Sept 27/28 at Toowoomba, QLD

*NSW Show Driving Championships at Gunning on November 29 2015

*‘Accreditation of Officials Notification Form’ and flowchart now in use. State Secretary is notified only, and State Convenor sends new names straight to Federal Council for ratification.

Historical

*Information still being gathered on vehicles and their histories – thanks to Hills Club members and Liz O’Brien and Tamworth Club for support.

*Other members urged to do some record keeping and photographing of their own or their club’s vehicles

*Gloria Austin talk and presentation about her carriage museum in the US, held in Vic in January was a success

CDE

*Federal CDE Forum held in Feb in Melbourne. A proposal will be put to members in the next Journal for feedback. Final proposal will then be prepared, hopefully to be implemented by Aug 1 2015.

*Suspension of CDE grading points will continue until the new CDE proposal is adopted

*Scorers School & CDE Official Clinic Aug 8/9 2015 venue TBC

*Motion passed that the NSW CDE Championships be held on a fixed weekend each year. The first weekend in November has been suggested by the CDE Panel.

P & E

*Three day Mini Endurance Event on Jan 24-26 – very successful. Had four new competitors to endurance driving, plus three junior drivers. Goulburn Club hopes to run same again in 2016.

*Next endurance events are at Fifield after Easter and Spring Ridge in July.

*Travel distance sheets need to be in to Robert Allport asap

Dressage

*More clubs now holding Graded Dressage days. Bungendore and Canberra Clubs Graded Dressage days both have good entries.

*More Intermediate Tests being sourced

*Proposal that dressage scores be included in CDE grading. Will appear in next Journal with feedback requested

*2015 NSW Dressage Championships need a host club. Interested clubs should contact Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164

Other Business:

*NSW ACDS website

(www.carriagedrivingnsw.org.au) – classified section is worth looking at and using, more photos needed- any member can send through photos to Liz O’Brien on myeyor@yahoo.com.au, facebook page and entry forms and schedules also on the website.

*Very important to renew annual membership before the due date (Aug 31) to remain covered by ACDS insurance

*Federal ACDS Conference and AGM will be held at Dookie College in Victoria from June 26-28 2015

*Branch grant to assist in payment for Bram Chardon airfare – the correct procedures for a grant application were followed by Southern Highlands Club, but the decision could not wait until Branch Meeting. Executive felt the application had merit and decided to support it.

*There are still some time slots available for lessons at the Bram Chardon School. Contact Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859

*Grant awarded to Temora Club for purchase of safety equipment

*Grant awarded to Tamworth Club to support Carriage Driving and Show Judges Clinic.

***Calendar Coordinator** – very important that clubs contact the Coordinator Garry Harris (02 6942 6762 or gjharris@live.com.au with proposed dates before putting them on the calendar. Calendar is updated on the 20th of each month so important to send ALL activity dates to Garry by then.

*TPR Schools – Due to expense and difficulty in organizing regular schools, CDE and P & E Panels to investigate and report alternative means of qualifying and/or re-accrediting TPR stewards beyond formal training clinics eg a checklist with vet’s signature and stamp.

Next Meeting is the Branch AGM and General Meeting at Orange Ex Services Club, Anson St, Orange hosted by the NSW Branch Executive on June 20 2015

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