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Lou Lyons with Gumpy and Sally Crowell with Pepsi enjoying a drive in Bicentennial Park Camden amongst cross country jumps (C Hyles)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 16 2016

**Next Meeting: NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst on
November 19 2016**

\$20 pp for morning tea and lunch payable on the day
Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by November 8 2016
Ph: 0417 228 814 or carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au

NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016/17

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
Sept		
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
18	Graded Dressage Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
24-25	Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 6343 3292
25	Club Day Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
30-Oct6	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
8-9	Pleasure Drive Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
9	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
9	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14-22	Bram Chardon Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
15-16	Driving Weekend at Bunnan Gulgong and Liverpool Range Clubs	Sam Williams 02 6546 6559
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
29	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
TBC	Donnelly Drive Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
Nov		
5	Winery Drive Gulgong Club	Jim Gilbey 02 6372 1996
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
13	Heavy Horse Show Driving and Judges School at Towrang SD Panel	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
19	NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst	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
27-29	Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith Goulburn Club	Robert Allport 02 4832 1860
Feb		
18	NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
25-26	Graded Dressage & Munro Cup at Witwood Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
Mar		
4-5	Anne Synnot Cup & Cones at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0438 880 458
Apr		
1-2	Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
6 - 19	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
22-23	Horsepower at Aria Park Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
29	NSW Driven Dressage Championships at Manilla Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
30	NSW Show Driving Championships at Manilla Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
May		
6-7	Level 3 CDE at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
June		
17	NSW Branch AGM & General Meeting at Bathurst	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
Aug		
19	NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
Sept		
9-10	Level 3 CDE at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT COL FFROST

I would like to thank those of you who once again put your hands up to take on various positions within our organization. It is not easy in our busy age to find the motivation to fill volunteer positions, especially as one is often criticized by those who don't. A special thank you to the new people on the panels, and to those who nominated but may not have been successful this time.

I think it is time we looked at modernizing our systems and put more emphasis on electronic communications. This is not a field in which I profess to have a lot of expertise, but I am sure there are many members who do have this knowledge, and I look forward to hearing from you. Don't hold back. I am also planning on visiting as many clubs as I can, for either meetings or club activity days, to meet as many of you as possible for a cup of tea and a social chat.

As we all know, we live in a large state and it is a concern of mine that the state executive seems to be drawn from one small area. Is this because we were the only ones to put our hands up? For the health of the organization, this is a matter which needs serious thought. Our sport covers many aspects and I can understand that some of the clubs in the north and west which are mainly interested in their wonderful pleasure drives, can't build up too much excitement for meetings which often seem to have a large amount of discussion on CDEs.

Let me know your thoughts. We all have different ideas so let us pool our knowledge and put aside any preconceptions, to make NSW the leading state for carriage driving in Australia.

If you would like to contact me, please do.

Email me on colfrost72@gmail.com or phone me on 0429 369 095

Col Ffrost

Col and Suzie Ffrost driving at Bundanoon (S Plath)

CLUB NEWS

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Chuckie Radnedge: Our region has been very wet in the last few months so there has not been much driving within the Ellmore Club. However by the time this newsletter is published we will have held the annual 'Hinemoa Frog' weekend and participated in the local Grenfell Show. Once again the Club has organized the Ride and Drive event at

the show with at least four carriages combined with local showjumpers to have some fun and entertain the crowd. Activities like this help to raise the profile of the club in the local area and also support the agricultural show movement. The AGM was held this month. Brendan Dwyer has stepped down as Secretary. Tess Smith has taken on the position and is sure to do a great job. Brendan is not off the hook completely however, as he has been elected as the Vice President. Keith Engelsman is again the Treasurer, and I have again been nominated as President. We are looking forward to welcoming many competitors to 'Hinemoa' on September 24/25 for our Level 3 CDE, which will be good preparation for the State Championships.

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

The Club held a Pleasure Drive from Temora Showground on August 13, which was followed next day by a TPR School. Bruce and Liz Hammond brought along a young horse to gain experience on quiet roads away from home. The drivers followed a dirt track near the showground before returning and doing a lap of the trotting track.

That night the Temora Carriage Club helped out at the Bonfire, Barbeque and Bush Dance held at the Showground Pavilion. Harry Hol and Allen Partridge helped the show society people by cooking sausage sandwiches, and also assisting in piling up the big bonfire. It was lit just on dark. The flames reached high into the night sky and the heat radiated out at least ten metres. People quickly filled the seating near the fire and ate their sausage sandwiches.

At 6.30pm Sharon Beattie introduced the bush dancing, with many favourites including the Heel and Toe Polka, Barn Dance, Strip the Willow, Macarena and the Pride of Erin being enjoyed into the night, only interrupted by a break for supper. When activities finished at 10pm the bonfire had been reduced to a huge pile of embers. The night was so successful that it is planned to run it every Spring and Autumn.

The next day the Club ran the TPR School at the Showground. Vet Ken Jacobs ran the school. He and wife Penny brought along two horses Rex and Bailey to help demonstrate the readings. It was good to have these two experienced horses who were used to having TPR tests done on them. Ken ran a wonderful school and was very clear with his instructions. Several people were there to refresh their qualifications and another to become accredited for the first time.



Sherylyn Crisp driving Zac with husband Chris looking comfortable grooming (R Connell)

Our AGM saw Echah Wright step down after several years of Presidency, and we all thank her for her efforts on behalf of the club. Heidi is now President, and Sherylyn Crisp has taken on the Vice President's role. She is also Club Delegate to state meetings. Rowena Walker is again our trusted Secretary /Treasurer.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Pauline Hopkins with Arlie and Sue Fraser with Archie travelled to Benalla Harness Club at Oxley for a weekend of activities on August 20/21, which included lessons with Mike Thill. They arrived on the Friday to be greeted like long lost friends, and enjoyed the welcome dinner. On Saturday there were lessons with Mike in the morning followed by a navigation drive in the afternoon, looking for clues around the quiet streets of the town. Saturday night saw another lovely meal followed by a quiz using cryptic clues. On Sunday there was a Mini CDE. It was Pauline's first experience going through MOs and Cones and she enjoyed it immensely. Second lessons with Mike were held in the afternoon. As usual it was a great educational experience having these lessons, and both Pauline and Sue learnt much more about rein control. Many thanks to Benalla members for their hospitality.

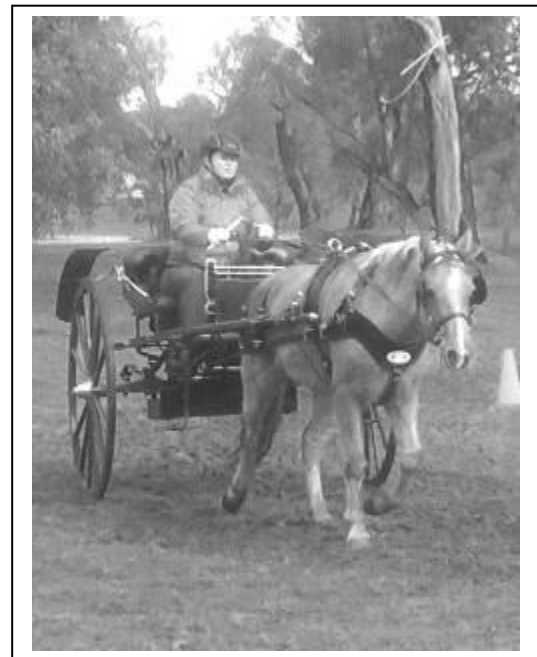
A number of Riverina members are heading up to the Charity Drive hosted by the Liverpool Range Club in September. Looking to October, a reminder that the NSW Driven Dressage Championships will be held at Marrar on Saturday October 22 followed by an Obsthon on Sunday October 23 2016. Programs are on the ACDS websites or contact Sue Fraser on sue@frahavenstud.com.au or 02 6920 2330

At the TPR School: Elsa Guyader, Liz Hammond, Bruce Hammond, Ken Jacobs, Tess Smith and Veronica Chown watching a horse being run out. (S Beattie)

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB photos

Heidi Naylor: Since it's AGM season, here is a quick summary of what the past twelve months held for North Coast Club members. We had thirteen club days, including a Christmas Party and Driving Clinic, with only two wet weather cancellations! On average we had six horses attend club days, with the most being ten and the least being three. We generally have a lot of non members come on our regular days and their social input (and gate opening abilities) really add to the enjoyable experience we have come to expect from the North Coast Club.

By and large our days are relaxed and without pressure for horse or driver as illustrated by Heidi Naylor and Rowena Walker, who enjoyed their afternoon tea sitting in their vehicles at our August club day. Having just had our AGM and an ordinary meeting, back to back, Heidi suggested that this is how all meetings should be held! Our horses will either learn to stand patiently, or we will learn to hold shorter meetings! On the same day, Hilary Graham was inspired to try a version of tandem driving, with her two stately white Shires. She rode Buddy and long reined Bella. To us it looked effortless, but she said it really 'wasn't as easy as it looked on the video'.



Pauline Hopkins driving Arlie at Oxley (S Fraser)

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

At the end of July Sally Crowell driving Pepsi and Lou Lyons driving Gumpy did an observation drive from Sylvia Biffin's place at Cawdor. Sylvia had compiled a list of questions to find the answers to, as they drove along the road. At the end they found a pot of gold – a bag of chocolates to share! On August 10 Charlotte Hyles riding Ziva, Sally Crowell driving Pepsi and Lou Lyons driving Gumpy went for an outing in beautiful weather, in Bicentennial Park Camden. One of the highlights of the day was the practice they had driving and riding through water. Gumpy is a seasoned water baby but it was especially good for Pepsi and Ziva. When everyone had had enough they adjourned to the shed for lunch together.

Camden was well represented at the annual Interclub Challenge Day hosted this year by the Hills Club at Rossmore. Two of Camden's drivers were juniors – Callum Meads driving Katut with Maxine Saliba as groom, and Jeanna Kinleyside driving Chocolate with Carolyn Kinleyside as groom. After a close battle with points, Jeanna came away with the Junior Trophy. Also representing Camden were Pam Fisher with Fozzy, Sally Crowell with Pepsi and Lou Lyons with Gumpy. Lou and Gumpy won the Camden High Point Shield. Also there helping run the activities were Carol Fitzpatrick, Lew McDonnell, Charlotte Hyles, Sylvia Biffin and Adam and Chelsea Meads, whilst Peter Fitzpatrick did a great job taking photos and Noel Fisher and Roger Kinleyside added support to the club's drivers. A great day was had by all. Next year the Challenge Day heads to the Southern Highlands.



Pam Fisher driving Fozzie with Callum Meads giving some guidance at the Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

In mid August, Tracey Ellis with Louie and Faye Cairncross driving Buckeroo represented the Club at the Interclub Challenge Day at Rossmore, and were very successful. Tracey's Louie won the High Point Horse or Pony Trophy and the Club won the Best Average Score Trophy. John and Jennifer White were there too supporting Tracey and Faye.



Tracey Ellis driving Louie with groom Jennifer White (P Fitzpatrick)

The Southern Highlands Club is shortly to host its first Concours d'Elegance event. Many thanks need to go to Lee Ann Hill from Tasmania who has supplied all the information for the conduct of such an event. Judging by the entries received so far, it should be a memorable day for residents of the Warrigal Care Facility and Linkside Retirement Village, with many people probably recalling their own experiences with horse drawn vehicles.

Thank you to all those ACDS members from near and far who have supported this venture, by entering their treasured vehicles and horses. Hopefully, with the assistance of a little mulled wine, everyone will enjoy a wonderful day of the more traditional type of driving.

Entries are coming in for the Graded Dressage and Teams Challenge Mini CDE, to be held on October 1/2 2016. It promises to be a really fun weekend and there are some great prizes on offer. For people who have not entered yet, entries close on Friday September 16 2016 with the Event Secretary.

The Bram Chardon Clinic is due to commence on October 14 2016. The clinic is a great opportunity for drivers who have not booked lessons, to attend as fence sitters. It is only \$10 a day and will be well worth the money for just one day, but especially valuable over a few days.

Contact Yvonne Wood at woodsies2@bigpond.com or 02 4883 6859 to book a spot.



Faye Cairncross driving Buckeroo at the Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills Winter Gymkhana had to be postponed due to waterlogged grounds but is now set to be held on October 9 2016 at Rossmore Reserve. However, club members were still able to get together for the AGM and Anniversary Lunch at the RDA Box Hill in July.

It was the Hills Club turn to host the Interclub Challenge Day this year and it was held at Rossmore Reserve on August 14 2016. Driving for Hills were Dennis Casper (Cassie), Andrea Casper (Caesar), Christine Dunn (Patches), Belinda Casper(Indi), Jenny Conquest (Man-ie), Angela Eberle (Mal), Lynne Buckingham (George), Rob Nichols (Charlie), Thelma Nichols (Oscar), Tony Ingersole (May) and Marg Moore (Perry). Michael Eberle, Helen Tudor, Jessica Casper and John Moore were there too as grooms and supporters. Hills members who helped run the day included Debbie and Kiah Lyshak, Tiffany Cornall, Joy Harris, Eddie Dobbin and Janet Muspratt, whilst a number of Camden and Southern Highlands members and friends also gave very valuable assistance. Thanks to the great enthusiasm and ultimate success of Hills drivers, the Club triumphed this year by winning the Interclub Trophy. Belinda Casper was the top point scorer for the club and won the Hills Shield.

From August 21-26 a Leisure Drive (more laid back than a Pleasure Drive!) was organized by Hills member June Malmberg and Camden member Carol Fitzpatrick based at the Gulgong Showground. June and Carol have had many good times driving on the quiet roads in the Gulgong district whilst on the Heritage Drives and wanted to go back for more, using the Gulgong Showground with its very good camping facilities as the base. Linda and Alan Ongley, Helen Huckerby, John Black, Carol Hardaker Hills, Kath Cole, John Moyes, Maxine Saliba and John Cross joined June and Carol for the week.

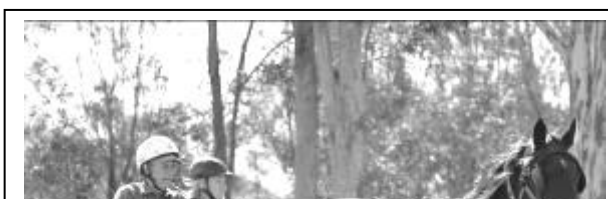
Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor with May at the Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

A return to Round Hill at Pialloway over the weekend of August 6/7 was blessed with clear blue skies at last. Club members gathered for the AGM in the morning before going for a drive in the afternoon. For 2016/17 the President will be Peter Honeyman, Vice Presidents: Geoff Skewes and Malcolm Grace, Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Tonkiss, Publicity Officer: Donna Grace and Safety Officer: John Tonkiss. Peter commented in his President's report that the money raised over the last six charity drives has been in excess of \$70,000, including \$7,000 from last year's drive. After lunch the call to harness up was made and a party of four drivers ventured out for a property tour of Round Hill, led by Darcy Richards. Darcy drove a young Friesian/ Stockhorse cross for only her third time out, Bill and Trish Greer had their new horse Mary, and Kate Wilson and Mark Murphy also had inexperienced horses. All horses acquitted themselves well. The countryside was a picture of green with clover everywhere. The evening saw a small group gathered around the campfire, in contrast to the previous weekend when Darcy and Alison Richards hosted the Phillips Family Reunion for eighty people, celebrating to the day 225 years since the first family member arrived.

Sunday morning was a frosty start followed by a beautiful day. Sam Williams from the Gulgong Club arrived to join in the morning drive of 25km along some local Pialloway roads. Then it was time to pack up and head for home.

The Club's August drive was hosted by Vicki and Bruce Donnelly at Spring Ridge, and was a good opportunity to give horses more conditioning prior to the Charity Drive in September. The Saturday drive was 19.2km across the plains, whilst on Sunday it was a 22km drive through the pine forest behind Spring Ridge. There were 10 sulkies on the road on both days. Everyone had a great time, despite a very cold Saturday night!





On the black soil plains on the Spring Ridge Drive
(P Honeyman)

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Held under a beautiful blue sky, Tamworth Club's annual gymkhana was once again a great success, with everyone going home with a ribbon or two, not forgetting their prizemoney. With quality entries, it gave the judge Lizzette Ferguson a challenging job choosing the winners and placegetters. Those who really shone through the strong field of competitors were: Champion Horse or Pony: Trina Redgewell with Ronan, Reserve Champion Margaret Broadbent with Flight of the Phantom; Champion Turnout: Pam D'Hudson driving Shanghai Rooster, Reserve: Margaret Broadbent with Flight of the Phantom; Champion Pleasure Horse: Karl Olsson Trigger, Reserve Loraine Gibson with Peppermint; Champion Driver: Trina Redgewell, Reserve: Margaret Broadbent; Champion Cones: Pam D'Hudson Shanghai Rooster, Reserve: Loraine Gibson Peppermint.

Having in mind the Tamworth Club hosting the 2017 NSW Dressage Championships at the end of April, the Club is holding a Graded Dressage Day at Moonbi on September 18 2016. Drivers intending to compete at the Championships are reminded that their horses need to have completed at least two Graded Dressage Days to be eligible. Horses also need to have the \$10 lifetime ACDS registration. Registration forms are available on the ACDS websites or via club secretaries. Powered camping sites and stables are available at the grounds but must be booked in advance. The entry fee is a novelty – it is a donation of one wrapped secret raffle prize, with a maximum value of \$10. Entries close on September 11 2016. Late entries, if accepted, will incur a donation of two raffle prizes. A cones course will be available to drive on the day but will not be part of the competition. For more information contact Liz O'Brien on myeyor@yahoo.com.au or 0427 766 726



Trina Redgewell with Ronan, the Champion Horse or Pony at the Tamworth Club Gymkhana (S Kelly)

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

The Allport family went to the Hunter/Liverpool Range Mini Enduro at Round Hill in July, with Kimberley driving with Damon as groom, and Robert being the TPR officer. Kimberley finished second in the Half Enduro for Horses. Damon and Robert Allport recently joined five other drivers in their sulkies on a week long trip from Carinda northwest of Coonamble, to Nyngan. Part of the journey included going through the Macquarie Marshes and staying at Sandy Camp station near Quambone.

Planning is underway for the next Goulburn Club Mini Enduro at Yalbraith which will be held on January 27-29 2017. Contact Robert Allport for further information on 02 4832 1860.

BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Club's Training Day at Witwood was unfortunately a washout, but things went ahead without horses. A Rule Book Quiz proved interesting, informative and fun, and was a good wet weather activity. It was followed by an inspirational Boyd Exell Masterclass and Yard Talk dvd.

Tracey and Steve Kearns have a new horse called Nellie, a 16hh 5 year old unraced trotter. They are looking forward to driving her at events.

Kim Groothoff and her husband were recently overseas and attended a memorable carriage driving event at Aachen. They saw many well known drivers including Boyd Exell and Ijsbrand Chardon with their four in hands. Boyd drove brilliantly including his dressage test in the pouring rain. An additional spectacle was a teams event combining show jumpers and carriage drivers. Four teams competed, and the atmosphere was wonderful with music playing and the audience in the packed grandstands cheering on their favourites. Another spectacular performance the Groothoffs saw was the symphony of horses. It featured a live orchestra and choir playing and

singing the theme songs from movies such as Star Wars and Pirates of the Caribbean, whilst the equines performed in activities such as vaulting and dressage, and with a horse whisperer.

The Groothoffs also visited Bram Chardon at his home in Den Hoorn near The Hague where they saw his excellent facilities including two indoor arenas and many stables. A special experience was when Bram took them with him on the carriage, whilst training some horses.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Attention CDE Drivers!!! A wonderful prize is on offer at the Murrumbidgee Club's Level 3 CDE coming up next year on September 9-10 2017 at the Murrumbidgee Sportsground near Leeton. The major sponsor for the event will be Alonga Waterfront Cottages (alongacottages.com.au) at Sussex Inlet who have very generously donated a holiday package to the value of \$2000, which includes accommodation and boat hire, to go to the competitor with the best score. What a fantastic prize, and plenty of time to get ready to win it! Much work has gone into making the grounds and facilities at Murrumbidgee a great place for a CDE, and camping facilities, showers, toilets, yards and catering will all be available for the event.

Murrumbidgee members would love to see a big roll up of CDE competitors and spectators for this event, so put it in your diary as a 'must go' event for next year. There will be more reminders over the coming months. For further information contact the event secretary Kerrie Rosetta on 0428414518 or rosymoon@bigpond.com

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The annual Three Day Enduro in July, organized by the Hunter and Liverpool Range Clubs, was held at Darcy and Alison Richards' property Round Hill at Piallaway. In preparation for the event, Helen Huckerby and Rosemary Laing went up to Round Hill some time beforehand to work out the daily courses for the enduro. However, rain and subsequent rising water just prior to the event caused limited access to certain roads, and some alteration to one of the drives was necessary at the last minute. As it turned out, the new route received many compliments as it involved great driving roads and a very long shallow stretch of water to cross, something that is rare in the world of endurance driving.

A total of nine drivers took part, including two competing for the first time in Enduro – Darcy Richards and Jules Cook. The winners of the different sections were Tony Ingersole, John Moyes and Jules Cook, whilst Madison Huckerby won the Junior Driver Award and Anne Cross was awarded Junior Groom.

During the afternoons after the drives, the younger members present for the event, Madison Huckerby, Anne Cross and Kimberley Allport had a great

time riding their horses, Ruby, Diesel and Thelma. They designed their own bending and jumping courses and kept up the activity until sunset on most days. When some of the harness horses preferred to just step over the jumps, the girls were quick to hop off and physically teach their steeds how 'jumping' is done properly.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

The Gulgong Club was present once again at the Mudgee Small Farms Field Days in July, sharing a site with the Australian Draught Horse Stud Book Society. Pat McCormick from the APSB NSW Shetland Promotional Group was also welcomed to the site. Pat bred Gulgong Club member Pauline Hannaford's ponies.

The weather was fine and a display board was able to be put up outside the tent, with information on the ACDS and GHHA showing newsletters, photos and information on coming events. Shetland vehicles and harness were set up alongside the big horse equipment. The Gulgong Club was responsible for the daily 'Harnessing to a Vehicle' talk and demonstration each day.

The site was near one of the entrance gates and there was a steady flow of people going past all the time. Very few children could resist the cuteness of the Shetlands and the awesomeness of the Clydesdales, and many older visitors stopped to talk of the days of their youth working the big horses on farms.



Mudgee Field Days: Chris Hills talking about shoeing, with Jim Gilbey at the horse's head (C Hardaker Hills)

For the first time a 'Festival of Yesteryear' was included at the Field Days and there was a more extensive display of how things were done in years gone by. Blacksmithing, woodworkers and the working machinery club all had interesting displays in the area around the Gulgong Club and Draught Horse site. Chris Hills, Jim Gilbey, Chris and Pauline Hannaford and Carol Hardaker-Hills set up and ran the site, as well as providing horses for the display, and chatting with the many people who dropped in for a look.

The Come and Try Weekend at Gulgong Showground on July 30/31 also had beautiful

weather. In addition to club members Chris Hills, Jim Gilbey, Donna Birchall, Chris and Pauline Hannaford, Christine and Barry McGregor and Carol Hardaker-Hills, there were 19 people there on the Saturday and 18 on the Sunday, all interested in watching or participating in the activities. Five 'One Activity Family Memberships' were filled out, and these people were able to handle the horses and have a go at driving. One family brought along two miniature horses that they had bought already well experienced in harness, so they could get tips on fitting harness and start enjoying themselves driving. Both proved to be excellent little horses.



Drivers at the Come and Try Day (C Hardaker Hills) Jim Gilbey's experienced ponies Sebastian and McGregor and Carol Hardaker Hills' Jamie were popular with everyone who wanted to try their hands with the reins, as well as being there to give smaller family members rides in the sulkies. There was a lot of talk about harness fit and types of vehicles. Some people wanted to know about foot care too, so Chris Hills used his Clydesdales Sterling and Sam to demonstrate. At lunchtime, club events were discussed and the general feeling amongst the visitors who might join up was that events suitable for the level of competency of themselves and their horses, and those that involved the whole family, would be appreciated. They liked the idea of events being held at the showground plus some local drives suitable for ponies. As a result, Donna Birchall put up the possibility of having a 'Sporting in Harness' weekend with modified versions of events such as bending, flag racing, and barrels polocrosse.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Congratulations to John Moyes and Kath Cole on being chosen to receive the Service to Carriage Driving Award for 2015. It was highly deserved. There's no standing still for John and Kath. In July they did the long trip from Laggan to Piallaway to compete in the Mini Enduro, where John won his class driving Avanti. Then it was on the road again for them in August, when they took Avanti to Gulgong to join in the Leisure Drive for the week. This time John's vintage Austin car went along too, and had lots of drives around the town,

carrying excited members from the Leisure Drive camp.

They are now making final preparations for the annual Reedy creek Club's Enduro at Marrar at the end of September.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Members gathered at the Murrumbateman Inn on August 16 for the AGM and August general meeting. The main topic for discussion was the club's CDE at Murrumbateman in early September. Members are looking forward to welcoming competitors to this event on the new course.

A number of Canberra members will be attending Ellmore's 'Hinemoa Frog' Training Weekend at the end of August.

Gail Bain continues to do well in the UK with Shepherds Hill Michael. She has competed in CDEs at Belvoir Castle, Sandringham, Ashfields, Goodwood and Hopetoun over the last few months. She and Michael, together with new groom Lindsey, have achieved some very pleasing results including being second overall in the Open Single Horse class at Hopetoun and at Goodwood.

INTERCLUB CHALLENGE DAY

Fortunately a run of fine weather dried out the grounds at Rossmore Reserve and enabled the Interclub Challenge Day to go ahead on August 14 2016, with the Hills Club hosting the time honoured event, this year. The Challenge Day has been going on every year since the mid 1970s. It was originally between Hills and Camden (then called Illawarra), before Southern Highlands was invited to join in. Each club takes its turn to host the event. The formula of a mix of show, sporting and novelty events has proved to always be popular, as indicated by this year's 18 entries, including two junior drivers.

Competitors were divided into three fairly even groups ie Small Pony, Pony and Horse, making for some spirited competition. Points were allocated for placings in each event in each group, to come up with the high point horse or pony of the day and the club with the highest points. Drivers who did not place in an event received points for entering, so still helped boost their club's total.

The day started with a show class for each group, judged by Kathy Turner. Drivers then turned their hands to doing the different activities set up around the grounds. These consisted of a cones course of ten 2m gates plus two measured gates, an A - F marathon obstacle, a square bending race, a walk trot and halt test, a what proved to be very frustrating 'stand up and knock down the cones' task and finally a tandem cones course.



Saliba, Jeanna Kinleyside, Pam Fisher and at the front Callum Meads and his little sister (C Kinleyside)

By lunch time everyone had done the rounds of the activities and gathered for lunch together in the shade near the clubhouse. Hills Club president Dennis Casper thanked everyone for coming to the Challenge Day, with special thanks to those who got there early to set up the various activities and take the entries, the stewards who ran the events, the people who did the packing up, and to those who tallied the results. It takes a big crew for these sorts of days to work out well. He then presented prize certificates to the winners and placegetters. Finally it was time to announce the perpetual trophy winners: Camden Club Shield: Louise Lyons with Gumpy, Hills Club Shield: Belinda Casper with Indi, Junior Driver: Jeanna Kinleyside, Best Club Average Score: Southern Highlands, High Point Horse or Pony: Tracey Ellis with Louie, and Interclub Trophy: Hills It is Southern Highlands' turn to run the Challenge Day next year.

OVERALL ENDURANCE RESULTS for 2015/16 YEAR

Horse/ Driver: Thelma - Kimberley Allport (Goulburn Club), Big Pony/Driver: Tinker - Rosemary Laing (Hunter), Small Pony/Driver: Griffendor – Janice Reynolds (Riverina) Junior Awards: Driver: Kimberley Allport (Goulburn); Encouragement: Tom Finn (Goulburn); Groom: Madison Huckerby (Hunter); Michael Finn Memorial Trophy: Tom Finn (Goulburn).

Distance Achievements: Thelma – 941.3km; Tinker - 1087.3km; Griffendor – 907.1km

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN 2015

Show Driving: Christine Dunn (Hills Club)

Christine, with her miniature pony Grassdale Elliott (Patches), was a wonderful ambassador for show driving throughout 2015, competing with success at the Sydney Royal, many agricultural shows, breed shows and at the ACDS Show Driving Championships. However, she was also very loyal to the Hills Club during the year, with regular attendance at pleasure drives and various activity days, including represented Hills at the Interclub Challenge Day where Patches was the equal winner of the prestigious High Point Horse or Pony trophy.

Andrea and Dennis Casper in the tandem cones event
(P Fitzpatrick)

The 'tandem cones course' was for club points only, and was an opportunity for two drivers at a time to test their coordination skills by following each other through the regular cones course, swapping leaders halfway through. Bonus deductions from their time were on offer if the two drivers kept close together for the trip. Alas not too many were awarded bonuses! It proved very difficult for the tandems to keep close, particularly when horses and mini ponies went out together. It was a great crowd pleaser however, and there was a lot of laughing going on between drivers! The winner of this tricky event was a Camden club tandem consisting of Sally Crowell with her 12hh pony Pepsi and junior driver Callum Meads, with groom Maxine Saliba, driving Katut who is over 15hh.

The 'stand up and knock down the cones' sounded simple enough. All the driver had to do was stand up the ten cones lying on the ground, using just the handle end of the whip, and then go around and knock them down again the same way, all against the clock. However, it wasn't so simple after all, it seems. None of this 'in, round and out' business as seen in MOs. Time keepers Eddie Dobbin and Joy Harris relaxed in the sunshine and got to have a good look at every competitor, as times ranged from four to ten minutes.



Some of the Camden members at the Challenge Day
Carol Fitzpatrick, Lou Lyons, Sally Crowell, Maxine



Christine Dunn driving Patches at the Sydney Royal
(A Casper)

Dressage: Carolyn Blakeley (Bungendore Club)

During 2015 Carolyn made exceptional improvement in driven dressage with her Percheron mare Peg, culminating in being awarded the Novice Champion at the 2015 NSW Dressage Championships. She and Peg practiced their dressage at a number of events across the year, and also attended several schools run by high profile instructors.



Carolyn Blakeley with Peg at Bundanoon (J Knight)

Apart from this activity, Carolyn was an active member of her club, attending all club events. This included helping to organize, and then competing at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Gunning in November and other events such as a club pleasure drive at Gunning.

Carolyn is also a very keen show driver, and is a member of the NSW Show Driving Panel.

CDE: Belinda Casper (Hills Club)

Belinda gradually introduced her young Welsh Cob Seawynd Moonshadow to CDEs and CDE type events during 2015 with very pleasing results in dressage, cones and the marathon at most of the events she attended. Her enthusiasm extended to having lessons with a number of highly regarded instructors during the year.



Belinda Casper with daughter Jessica driving Indi at the Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

Belinda did not neglect her loyalty to the Hills Club, however, being on the club committee and attending most of the club's activities throughout the year, often mentoring and sharing the driving of Indi with her junior driver daughter Jessica.

Junior Driver: Jeanna Kinleyside (Camden Club)

Jeanna is a very enthusiastic driver who attended as many Camden and Hills Club activity days as she could, with her parents. She handled her forward going 10.3hh pony Chocolate very capably and particularly enjoyed doing sporting events. Jeanna and Chocolate were very competitive at the Interclub Challenge Day and helped the Camden Club win the Interclub Trophy. She also won the Junior Driver trophy. In addition, Jeanna has proved to be a capable groom on pleasure drives and endurance events.



Jeanna Kinleyside with mother Carolyn going through a cones course at Camden driving Chocolate
(A McDonald)

P & E: Janice Reynolds (Riverina Club)

Janice is a particularly keen long distance pleasure driver who loves to attend big drives, no matter where they are around the state. She is also a very keen supporter of endurance events and drove at three of the four on offer in 2015. She is always warmly welcomed at events, being known for her friendliness and good sense of humour.



COMING EVENTS
LIVERPOOL RANGE CLUB CHARITY DRIVE

Where: Somerton and Attunga

When: September 17 – 25 2016

Contact the Event Secretary Judy Tonkiss on 02 67603018 or jtonkiss@bigpond.com for more information.

NSW DRIVEN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & OBSTATHON

Where: Marrar

When: October 22-23 2016

Entries close: October 15 2016

Contact the Event Secretary Sue Fraser on 0269202330 or sue@frahavenstud.com.au for more information

NSW CDE CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: November 5-6 2016

Where: Witwood, Braidwood

Contact Jennifer Brennan for more information on 0403 062 340 or jenbrenn@tpg.com.au

HEAVY HORSE SHOWING AND JUDGES SCHOOL

Where: Towrang

When: November 13 2016

For more information contact Janet Muspratt on 02 9606 6085 or jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au

Janice Reynolds with her pony Griffendor (S Fraser)

Service to Carriage Driving: John Moyes and Kath Cole (Reedy Creek Club)

John and Kath are quiet achievers in the carriage driving world, working constantly behind the scenes for their fellow Reedy Creek Club members, as well as many other ACDS members. This has been going on for many years, but in reference to 2015 they organized events throughout the year including the Mahbrook Tri Series Dressage Days and the Christmas Obsthon on their own property, and the week long Endurance event at Marrar. However, a special feature of their service to carriage driving was their enthusiasm to prepare and work their horses so that ACDS member friends with disabilities could drive in dressage and endurance events, accompanied by Kath.

In between all this, they also found time for themselves to compete in several endurance events, CDEs, Graded Dressage days and Cones events.

John and Kath are always friendly and welcoming with a willingness to help anyone. They have been very loyal and hard working ACDS members for a long time, and thoroughly deserve to be rewarded for their 'Services to Carriage Driving'.



NOTES ON THE AGM AND GENERAL MEETING AT EAST MAITLAND

JUNE 18 2016

34 members present representing Tamworth, Hills, Hunter, Ellmore, Bungendore, Southern Highlands, Temora, Canberra, Camden, Gulgong and Goulburn Clubs

Office Bearers for 2016/17

President: Col Ffrost Vice Presidents: John Wood, Garry Harris Secretary: Amanda Blakeley Treasurer: Lesley Little

Panels: Show Driving: Janet Muspratt, Carol Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Blakeley, Kim McGregor, Jennifer White

CDE: Chuckie Radnedge, Tony James, Tracey Ellis, Penny Jacobs, Amanda See

Dressage: Dot Willcoxson, Sue Plath, Yvonne Wood, Kookie Engelsman, Lyn Callaghan

P & E: Robert Allport, Rosemary Laing, Helen Huckerby, Karl Olsson (one position to be filled)

Historical: Alan Ongley (four more positions to be filled)

Appointments: Federal Delegate: Col Ffrost; Newsletter Editor: Janet Muspratt; Webmaster: Liz O'Brien; Young Driver Coordinator: Robert Allport; Public Officer: Amanda Blakeley

Awards for 2015

Show Driving: Christine Dunn; CDE: Belinda Casper; P & E: Janice Reynolds; Dressage: Carolyn Blakeley; Junior: Jeanna Kinleyside; Service to Carriage Driving: John Moyes and Kath Cole ; CDE Leaderboard: Amanda See

Other:

- * Tamworth Club granted 2017 NSW Show Driving Championships and NSW Dressage Championships to be held on April 29/30 2017 at Manilla Showground
- * State grants: Clubs running CDE Championships \$800, all other Championships \$600
- * Decided to have central location for future Branch Meetings - Bathurst. To be reviewed after two meetings. Meetings are on third Saturdays of Feb, June, Aug and Nov.
- * Clubs reminded not to schedule events on the Branch Meeting weekends
- * Clubs strongly encouraged to send delegates to Branch Meetings.
- * Schedules for events may be loaded onto the NSW website
- * Helmets – new standards as of January 1 2017

NOTES ON THE BRANCH MEETING AT BATHURST ON AUGUST 20 2016

Clubs represented: Bungendore, Southern Highlands, Ellmore, Camden, Hills, Gulgong and Temora

Panel Reports:

Show:

- * Heavy Horse Showing and Judges School Nov 13 2016 – now to be held at Rick Jones' at Towrang
- * Show Judges & Drivers School with exam for candidate judges to be held in early 2017. Intending candidates need to complete and submit application forms asap
- * Request has been sent to Uralla Show Soc to include harness classes on 2017 program. Awaiting reply.

CDE:

- * Fed Council has approved the updated accreditation packages for CDE officials & dressage judges, plus a new supplementary qualification for CDE ground jury members. Re accreditation will require attendance at a refresher clinic plus completion of an open book exam. Existing accreditations extended to June 30 2017.
- * NSW CDE officials clinics now to be held in January 2017 – one at Singleton Showground and one at Jugiong Showground. All current officials will be contacted re the updated situation and upcoming clinics.

* Indoor / Outdoor Series similar to Series run in Victoria is being considered by the CDE Panel

Dressage:

- * Sue Plath is the new NSW Convenor
- * Dressage judges accreditation & re accreditation packages passed by Federal Council in July. They are on the Federal ACDS website. Current judges and anyone wishing to become a judge advised to look at them. NSW Panel following up on some queries.

P & E:

- * Welcome to John Moyes who has filled the vacant position on the P & E Panel
- * Hunter/Liverpool Range 3 Day Enduro at Round Hill a success, included two new endurance drivers.

Historical:

- * Data base of horse drawn vehicles – Panel Convenor hoping to continue gathering photos and information. The emphasis is on the physical aspects of a vehicle and its known history, if any. The aim is to get a better understanding of the number of various vehicles in the state.
- * The information and photos on the database could also be helpful to members restoring similar vehicles.
- * The identity of a vehicle's owner will be kept separate to the vehicle database and will only be revealed with the consent of the owner.
- * Should photographs, film, video and results of competitions etc come under the Historic Discipline banner as a record of ACDS history?

Other:

- * TPR School at Temora – four successful in exam – B Hammond, S Beattie, E Hammond, T Smith
- * President and possibly other Executive members aim to visit clubs across the state during coming year.
- * Helmet collection for use by disadvantaged riders in Botswana – contact Jenny Brennan (Bungendore Club).
- * NSW Driven Dressage Championships to be held on a date in Oct – Nov starting in 2018
- * NSW Show Driving Championships to be held on a date in April – May starting in 2018
- * Clubs asked to consider whether three Branch Meetings a year (instead of the current four) is sufficient. To be further discussed at the next Branch Meeting.

Next Meeting: November 19 2016 at Bathurst

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