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Charlotte Hyles driving Ziva at the Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon
(M Lyons)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 18 2017

Next Branch Meeting November 18 2017
at the RSL Club 114 Rankin St Bathurst
All members welcome !

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by November 10 2017
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NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017 / 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 |
|--------------|--|------------------------------|
| Sept | | |
| 9-10 | Level 3 CDE at Murrumbidgee Club | Kerry Rosetta 0428 414 518 |
| 10 | Dressage Cones and Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 10 | Club Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726 |
| 16-17 | Training Days Bungendore Club | Jen Brennan 0403 062 340 |
| 16-24 | Annual Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club | Judy Tonkiss 02 6760 3018 |
| 23 | Social Dinner at Baulkham Hills Hills Club | Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748 |
| 24 | Club Drive, Dressage & Presentation Demo Camden Club | Charlotte Hyles 0412 120 685 |
| 30-Oct1 | Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa Grenfell Ellmore Club | Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292 |
| 30-Oct2 | Mini Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club | Kath Cole 02 4837 3023 |
| 30-Oct5 | Full Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club | Kath Cole 02 4837 3023 |
| Oct | | |
| 7-8 | Winery Drive Gulgong Club | Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481 |
| 8 | Club Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726 |
| 8 | Sunday Funday at Gulgong Showground Gulgong Club | Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481 |
| 8 | Navigation & Observation Drive at Vines PC Oakville Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 13-15 | Thornthwaite Drive Liverpool Range and Gulgong Clubs | Sam Williams 02 6546 6559 |
| 21-22 | Level 3 CDE at Cootamundra Canberra Club | Judy Harris 0438 880 458 |
| 21-22 | Molli Mercer Clinic Hunter Club | Jules Cook 0407 756 437 |
| 28 | Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 31-No4 | Charge at Beersheba Remembrance Drive at Tabulam | Jim McKenna 02 6569 9466 |
| Nov | | |
| 4-5 | NSW CDE Championships at Witwood Bungendore/Ellmore Clubs | Jen Brennan 0403 062 340 |
| 11-12 | Fun Indoor/Outdoor Weekend at Lemon Tree Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 18 | NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst RSL | Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814 |
| 19 | Rally Day Central Coast Club TBC | Mary Grant 0434 584 490 |
| 25 | Christmas Party Liverpool Range Club | Peter Honeyman 0438 741 140 |
| 26 | Social Drive at Morpeth Hunter Club | Helen Huckerby 0401 738 353 |
| TBA | Robbies Nest Drive Gulgong Club | Leroy Trengove 02 6375 9629 |
| Dec | | |
| 2-3 | Pleasure Drive at Jerrawa Bungendore Club | Tracey Kearns 0409 121 577 |
| 3 | Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726 |
| 9 | Indoor Obsthon Reedy Creek Club | Kath Cole 02 4837 3023 |
| 10 | Christmas Lunch and Auction Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 2018 | | |
| Jan | | |
| 21 | Rally Day Central Coast Club TBC | Mary Grant 0434 584 490 |
| 27-29 | Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith Goulburn Club | Robert Allport 02 4932 1860 |
| Feb | | |
| 3 | Evening BBQ at Londonderry Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 4 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 24-25 | Graded Dressage & Munro Cup Bungendore Club | Jen Brennan 0403 062 340 |
| 24-25 | Pleasure Driving Weekend at Gingkin Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| Mar | | |
| 3-4 | Anne Synnot Cup at Murrumbateman Canberra Club | Judy Harris 0429 528 990 |
| 4 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 11 | Sporting Day at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 17-18 | Joe Hawkins Cup Riverina Club | Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330 |
| 23-Apr3 | SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW | |
| 30-Apr2 | National CDE Championships Witwood Bungendore Club | Jen Brennan 0403 062 340 |
| April | | |
| 8 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 15 | Park Drive at Mayfield Garden Oberon Ellmore Club | Heidi Stevens 0411 642 529 |
| 15 | Rally Day Central Coast Club TBC | Mary Grant 0434 584 490 |
| 22 | Sporting & Activities Day at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |

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| May | | |
| 6 | NSW Show Driving Championships Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club | Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859 |
| 9-13 | Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge Liverpool Range Club | Vicki Donnelly 0458 473 771 |
| 27 | Junior Challenge & Sports Day Rossmore Hills & Camden Clubs | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| June | | |
| 2-3 | Official Indoor / Outdoor Event at Attunga Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726 |
| 16 | NSW Branch AGM at Bathurst | Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298 |
| 17 | Rally Day Central Coast Club TBC | Mary Grant 0434 584 490 |
| July | | |
| 1 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 8 | Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 22 | Hills Club AGM and Anniversary Lunch at RDA Box Hill | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| Aug | | |
| 5 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 28 | Trial Indoor/Outdoor Day Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 029606 6085 |
| Sept | | |
| 9 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 9 | Sporting & Activities Day Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 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 |
| Nov | | |
| 4 | Rally Day Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |
| 11 | National Show Driving Championships Hawkesbury Hills/Camden Clubs | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| 25 | Graded Dressage & Activities Day Hills Club | Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 |
| Dec | | |
| 2 | Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club | Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726 |

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Louise Lyons from the Camden Club driving Gumpy at the Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon (M Lyons)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Notification of ACDS AGM (letter to Editor in June 2017 Whip Around)

Due to the meeting being held in Bathurst which is over a six hour drive for myself and over 10 hours for others within the far northern and southern areas of NSW, I myself would need to take a Friday off work to attend these meetings. This is unlikely to occur due to many of us taking time off work / family to frequently help promote the ACDS NSW. This recently included the preparation and running of the Championships at Manilla at the end of April. In addition, our club cannot afford to pay or part pay for our two – three day stay away to attend these meetings.

I feel the NSW Branch ACDS should look at moving all meetings around NSW to places like western Sydney, Singleton and southern areas, as this would include and encourage the many members from the northern, far southern and coastal areas to attend. We need to encourage more members from up here to attend these

meetings, with only a day's travel needed. Attendance would help members gain a better understanding of and become more involved in the running of the ACDS. There could be the added bonus that these members might be interested in becoming office bearers in the future, which would only make the ACDS stronger.

Lizzette Ferguson (Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club member)

CLUB NEWS

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Kath Cole: Like many other drivers we have been looking into using indoor venues during the winter months, and Joan McLennan and I attended the talk given by Phil Marshall at Bundanoon, introducing the Indoor/ Outdoor competition. We learnt a lot, though we were not able to attend the second day when it was all put into action. John Moyes and I then attended the Bungendore Club's Indoor Obsthon at Yass. We must have had the only two small ponies as we placed first and second, places that were probably determined by John having a longer senior's moment than me in the first obstacle.

Thus enthused, we decided to give our Rosemont indoor venue a trial run. We have previously used this venue for our Christmas Obsthon, but with more sand having been added since then, we were worried it might be too deep for harness activities. Club members Ray and Carol Roach, Jan Murray, Joan McLennan, and John and I all took ponies for a number of runs through an indoor cones course and really enjoyed ourselves. We then made the decision that the arena surface was quite acceptable, so this summer, rather than winter, we will enjoy the shade provided indoors, and hold our Christmas Obsthon under cover.

CENTRAL COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING

CLUB Editor: Welcome to our newest club and a report on the club's first rally day at Cooranbong.

Mary Grant: The wind and rain stayed away, giving us a brilliant day. We started with the club's first AGM and all who attended contributed with great enthusiasm.



Drivers Ryan Blackman, Michelle Ashbridge and Kylie dos Remedios at the Central Coast Rally Day (M Grant)

After that, drivers harnessed up and drove around the grounds getting used to the surrounds, before

having a go at a cones obstacle. One of the equines was a donkey driven by Ryan Blackman, and he went very well including doing the cones on his first day out. The grounds were terrific and made it easy to set everything out for the day planned. Thank you to those who attended from other clubs including Bob and Cathy Browning, Kylie dos Remedios and Michelle Ashbridge who attended to support our new club with their beautiful horses and ponies.

It was a great day and things can only grow bigger from here. We invite all to come and have a drive with us at our next day, November 19 2017 when we are going to have a friendly in house cones driving competition.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

Rowena Walker: With the AGM behind us comes the promise of another year 'in harness'. The 2017/18 office bearers are: President: Heidi Naylor, Vice President: Lauren Wood, Secretary/Treasurer: Rowena Walker. Committee members: Maria Trott, Shirley Heffernan, Renae Connell and Thea Eves (with Sherylyn Crisp if Thea is overseas). Being part of an ACDS Club Executive requires being able to work as an effective team, and comes with behind-the-scenes responsibility and a lot of honorary extra work. Without this a club could not lawfully function. Club day forward planning, including proper minuting of such events, venue booking and payment, risk assessment and safe practices, information distribution, accurate record keeping and funds management are all part of the work, just to name some of the jobs. Oh, and don't forget coming up with news articles as well! The hardest part is attempting to keep the majority of the members happy and entertained – a demanding task indeed, and not always successful. Still, there we are, and always ready to happily welcome any constructive criticism should anything be not quite up to scratch.

Where is this preamble going ? The constraints of making a good club day for others means we don't always get to do what we'd really like to do at some of our club days, although we still enjoy them. On the rare occasions when club day attendance is low, we get a chance to give our junior drivers some undivided attention. We had a very 'small' showing yesterday, with two mini horses and a mini pony and a small pony! The low numbers gave Heidi Naylor an opportunity to

focus on her children Finnlay and Tully driving their ponies, for a change.



Shirley Heffernan, Rowena Walker and Layla Connell and Heidi and Tully Naylor at Glenreagh (L Walker)

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Sue Fraser: On July 23, our rally day was 'Christmas in July'. What a fun day. It consisted of a pleasure drive at Aria Park followed by Christmas lunch with Christmas music, crackers to pull and pudding with brandy sauce. Later we sampled Mal Welsh's fruit cake. The rest of the day was spent looking around the very well set up train carriages at the B & B, and inspecting a collection of memorabilia from a few life times at a farm clearing sale. A big thank you goes to Rita, Lyndsay and Rowen Bromfield for their wonderful hospitality.

Lyndsay and Rowan both drove Clydesdales, whilst Mal Welsh drove his Andalusian x mare Ruby, and I drove my Andalusian Banda.



Drivers on the 'Christmas in July' pleasure drive (S Fraser)

Next year is the 40th Anniversary of the Riverina Carriage Driving Society. The first meeting was held on July 23 1978 at Monte Cristo at June. I am organizing an Anniversary Lunch next year at Monte Cristo, to which all past and present members are invited. More information on this will be circulated in the coming months.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Faye Cairncross: Our winter has been chilly and dry with most equines and drivers rugged up and staying under cover. However some brave hearts have ventured out for visits to Wingello Forest, a beautiful spot right on our doorstep which provides a great day out with friends and horses.

We were also hosts for the 2017 Interclub Challenge Day, a friendly competition between the three 'Sydney Basin' clubs, comprising a selection of events including show classes, cones, obstacles, games and skill tasks (no racing!).

Three members from the Southern Highlands Club (Warren Ricketts with Max, Tracey Ellis with Louie and Elva Macpherson with Elroy), two from the Hills Club (Christine Dunn with Patches and Karen Silvester with Ziggy) and six drivers from the Camden Club (Charlotte Hyles with Ziva, Lou Lyons with Gumpy, Jeanna Kinlyside with Chocolate, Carolyn Kinlyside with Charlie, Martyn Minns with Xavia and Maxine Saliba with Katut) braved the cold morning with stalwart Carolyn Blakeley coming from Yass to judge the show classes.



Warren Ricketts and Tracey Ellis at the Challenge Day (M Lyons)

Camden won the Interclub Trophy (overall highest points), the High Point Horse or Pony Trophy was taken out by the delightful Patches, all of 8.2hh, driven by Christine Dunn from Hills and Jeanna Kinlyside with Chocolate gained the Junior Trophy. The keenly contested trophy for the club with the Best Average Score (per driver) was taken out by Hills (wild cheers), a few decimal points over Southern Highlands (howls of anguish!). Jeanna won the Camden Club Shield narrowly from her mother Carolyn, and Christine and Patches won the Hills Club Shield.

Everyone gathered in the warm clubhouse for lunch to round off this enjoyable fun event. Many thanks to the organizers and all the helpers. Later in August drivers came to Bundanoon from various parts of the state for individual coaching

lessons with Phil Marshall, an ACDS accredited trainer from Victoria. The three day clinic was good preparation for the coming season, and thanks go to Phil for his time and interest. From October 2 – 11, international star Bram Chardon from Holland will be based at the Southern Highlands grounds for another coaching clinic, to follow on from the lessons he gave in January. These two coaching opportunities are part of fulfilling the Club's aim to provide quality, safe and accessible training for carriage drivers.



Jane Paroissien driving Reggie having a lesson with Phil Marshall (T Ellis)

Upcoming plans include setting up a Facebook page for the club, having a training day in September, and doing a country drive in October. For 2018 plans involve helping the Bungendore Club with the CDE Nationals at Easter, running the NSW Show Driving Championships in May, having an Indoor Qualifier next winter, and running another CDE 'Teams' Event on the October long weekend. All dates subject to approval. Keep posted!

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The AGM, General Meeting and Anniversary Lunch at the RDA Box Hill in mid July was a very pleasant get together of Hills members. Events for the next twelve months were discussed and will include a pleasure driving weekend at Gingkin near Oberon, a trial indoor/outdoor fun weekend at Lemon Tree and a graded dressage day, as well as the usual Hills activities such as the gymkhana, junior challenge, dressage, cones and mini marathon day and several non competition sporting days.

Several Hills Club members have enjoyed some overnight camping and midweek drives in the last few months, hosted by the Hunter and Camden Clubs. The first was the Putty Valley Drive organized by June Malmberg (Hunter) and the other was the Leisure Drive at Gulgong organized by June together with Carol Fitzpatrick (Camden). Jenny Conquest, Elie Hunt, Catherine Charteris, Melody Kraay, Karen Silvester, Vicky Connelly and Max Ridge were all at Putty, whilst Catherine,

Melody, Vicky and Max attended the Gulgong event as well.

Just two Hills members drove at the Interclub Challenge Day, hosted this year by the Southern Highlands Club at Bundanoon, but they certainly did the club proud. Christine Dunn with Patches and Karen Silvester with Ziggy managed to win the Best Average Points Score trophy for Hills, and Patches won the High Point Horse or Pony trophy. They were supported in their endeavours by Nigel Dunn, Janet Muspratt and Karen's groom Vicki Quinn. Sandra Shaw was also there grooming for Camden member Martyn Minns. Congratulations to club members Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor on being awarded Pleasure Drivers of the Year for 2016. Tony and Helen driving standardbred mare May attended many pleasure and endurance driving events across the state as well as supporting a number of Hills Club events closer to home.



Christine Dunn with Patches at the Challenge Day (J Muspratt)

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Liz O'Brien: It never ceases to amaze me how lucky we are with the weather at Attunga. With the most perfect blue sky and warm sun, it set the scene for a fantastic day to hold our annual gymkhana. It was wonderful to see the eighteen drivers enjoying the day.

Under the watchful eye of our visiting judge Echah Wright from the North Coast Club, competitors were put through their paces on the show ring. Echah was well prepared with workout cards so the competitors could fully understand what was expected of them. Competition was tough and the drivers gave Echah lots of work when making her decisions for placings. Her excellent ring steward Tracey Fillicetti was more than capable of fulfilling her duties and both ladies need to be commended for giving their time and knowledge to make the day a great success. Thank you Echah and Tracey.

The major results were:

Champion Non Hackney: Trina Redgewell Tanlee Ronan; Reserve: Thea Eves Prince Lonestar

Champion Hackney: Ashleigh Allison Woods
 Ashwood Exquisite
 Champion Turnout: Richard Edler Caddy
 Reserve: Trina Redgewell Tanlee Ronan
 Champion Pleasure Horse/Pony: Margaret Neely
 Fairlea Larry Reserve: Liz Ferguson Bundy Bear
 Champion Driver: Karl Olsson Sohoeros Reserve:
 Richard Edler Caddy
 Cones: u10hh: Liz O'Brien Prince Rebel 10-12hh
 Thea Eves Prince Lonestar 12-14hh no entries
 o14hh Dean Rheinberger Landcloudy Diamond
 Smuggler and Landcloudy Smugglers Choice



Judge Echah Wright with Richard Edler and Caddie
 (E O'Brien)

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Chuckie Radnedge: It has been a quiet couple of months for our club with cold weather making everyone prefer to stay indoors. However, in the last few weeks we have geared up and are ready to take on the coming Spring events with gusto. We have had an AGM in the meantime and I would like to thank everyone who put up their hands to take on a role within the club. A big thank you to Tess Smith for her work over the last couple of years as secretary. She has done a wonderful job. Welcome to Heidi Stevens as vice president and Brendan Dwyer who is back as secretary once again.

At the beginning of August Auburn Carr, Penny Jacobs and I headed down to visit Mark Peel for a day of coaching at Borambola Park, just outside Wagga Wagga. It was a great day, cold but dry, and we all continued to learn loads from Mark. Auburn had her lovely little pony Jetstar there. He is going a treat and ready to take on the many events we have coming up in the Spring. Penny took two single horses, driving them in her new sulky. Both worked well. My boys were in as a pair and feeling fresh. I just hope they do not go like that every time we take them off the property. Last week the club held a working bee at Hinemoa to start the ball rolling with work that needs to be done before our CDE on the October long weekend. We got plenty done and were pleased to have our TD and Course Designer on site for their

first visit for our event. Both Glen Murray and Amanda See were very happy with how the course is looking, and will be back again before long to smooth out any bumps we might have. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new and old faces at the event. It is always a great weekend in a friendly and relaxed competition environment. Get your entries in!

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Louise Lyons: On July 23 the club held a fun day at Rossmore Reserve and members who drove included Charlotte Hyles, Carol Fitzpatrick, Jeanna Kinlyside, Carolyn Kinlyside, Lou Lyons and Sally Crowell. Greg McDonald and Roger Kinlyside were there helping. A few prospective new members came along for a look. Our day included a cones course designed by Sally Crowell plus several other fun activities.

Midweek drives are often held in Camden Bicentennial Park and Sally Crowell and Lou Lyons are regulars on these drives, often joined by several other members.

On August 6 the annual Interclub Challenge Day was held at Bundanoon, hosted this year by the Southern Highlands Club. Drivers from the Hills and Camden Clubs attended along with Southern Highlands members. Camden's drivers were Lou Lyons, Martyn Minns, Maxine Saliba, Jeanna Kinlyside, Carolyn Kinlyside, Charlotte Hyles, whilst Sally Crowell groomed for junior driver Jeanna. Roger Kinlyside, Mike Lyons and Jo Minns were there to cheer on the crew. A great day was had by all, with Jeanna winning the Junior Trophy and the Camden Shield and Camden winning the High Point Club trophy.



Jeanna Kinlyside and Sally Crowell with Carolyn
 Kinlyside at the Challenge Day (M Lyons)

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Dot Willcoxson: Work is well under way to prepare the obstacles for the NSW Combined Driving Championships on November 4/5 2017. The Witwood bridge is undergoing some renovation so driving under it will once again be an option. There is a new water obstacle, same

location, but with a much bigger water area. Course designer Peter Harkness was very impressed with the contribution to the construction by Graeme Dowling, Murray Callaghan and Byron McIntyre with their bobcats, Manatou and roller. It is amazing what machinery can achieve in a short time.

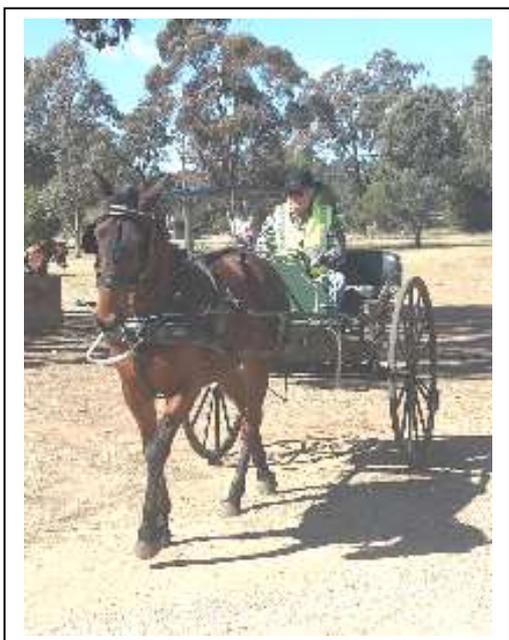
We are very fortunate that all club members rally round for working bees to ensure the course is safe and looks its best.

The organizers will also be offering a Level 4 event in conjunction with the Championships. The Bungendore Club always encourages its members to drive at club organized events. However some of our newer members are not qualified for the Championships. We would also love to have entries from other drivers in this competition. Bungendore Club members are looking forward to welcoming drivers for the Championships and Level 4 Event. Schedules will be released shortly.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

John Tonkiss: The August 2017 club drive was held at Spring Ridge on the Liverpool Plains, and was organized by Vicki and Bruce Donnelly. Fortunately the weather was good to us, albeit a bit windy and quite cold. Many members arrived on the Friday night, and much to the delight of the local publican, we found a warm refuge in his establishment.

On a sad note, we lost a good member Chris Burgess (Burgo) last week, and we all had a toast to Burgo. He was a man who lived large and enjoyed life. To Julie and his family we send our condolences, and look forward to seeing Julie on our drives again before long.



Jim McKenna on the Spring Ridge drive
(J Tonkiss)

On Saturday we had eleven vehicles set out on a 24km drive across the Plains. Those of you who have attended drives at Spring Ridge will be

familiar with the broad flat acreages, and this time we drove on tracks for 7km in one dead straight line in one paddock and 8km in another. The horses enjoyed this, as it gave them time to settle and get into a comfortable pace. The only problem was the brisk cool wind, that cut a swathe across the Plains. All the drivers and grooms were dressed like they were members of Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition.

Sunday dawned clear and calm, with no wind, although this was soon replaced with a cool but gentle breeze. We had another two members join us, taking the group to a total of thirteen vehicles. The facilities at Spring Ridge are first class and the Quirindi Council along with the Spring Ridge Sports Ground Committee have been very proactive in establishing a new shower block and lighting. This ground has become a much utilized area, as it attracts free RV and caravan camping, and of course harness drivers.



Ray Morris on the Spring Ridge Drive (J Tonkiss)

To Vicki and Bruce Donnelly a big thank you for a well organized and enjoyable driving weekend, and thank you to Bruce for driving the escort vehicle. Besides Vicki and Bruce, those who attended were Peter and Trish Honeyman, Christine O'Rourke, Mark Murphy, Don Thomas, Ron Miller, Colleen Dunn, Ray Morris, Kate Wilson, Bruce and Ken Hill, Brett and Nicola Chittick, Darcy and Allison Richards, Sally Jones, John and Judy Tonkiss, Trevor Hunt and Jim McKenna. It was especially good to have Trevor and Jim, who both live on the North Coast.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Robyn Schmetzer: The Murrumbidgee Club has worked very hard over the past ten years to transform a 50 acre empty paddock into a first class venue for running combined driving events. We secured funding from the Murrumbidgee Landcare group to erect new fencing around the paddock and

the Murrami school children planted trees that they had grown from seed in the arboretum, around the grounds.

The Murrami School had to be convinced they needed town water connected, which allowed the grounds committee to have water connected at the same time. Grants from the FRRR were obtained that allowed us to have the power connected and the Leeton Shire Council has given us a total of \$11,000 towards erecting the club house and toilets and shower block. It has only been possible to achieve so much, because the farmers in the local community have volunteered their time for all the building required.

We have also built 12 horse yards and a cement wash bay. The Leeton Shire Council slashes the grounds whenever needed and sprays the building for spiders free of charge. They also pay for our electricity.

The owners of the neighbouring farm to the recreational reserve have also given our club great support by allowing us to run our marathons on their extensive property. This makes our events very safe because they are run off the roads, and it is much easier on the horses' legs.

Our inaugural Level 3 CDE at Murrami on September 9/10 2017 is now very close, and all preparations are in full swing. We have had four working bees to paint the obstacles, and the grounds committee along with the club are working together to build two additional showers. These will ensure top class conditions for everyone camping over the weekend of competition. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone at the event.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Jules Cook: All of us in the Hunter Horse Driving Society have had a busy few months. Members have participated in a variety of activities. June Malmberg hosted two fantastic pleasure drives, the first being at Putty and the second at Gulgong, along with Carol Fitzpatrick from Camden Club.



Rosemary Laing and Tinker at Putty (C Tanner)

Participants reported that both drives were enjoyable, but the winter woolies definitely needed to be worn. However Hunter members don't let a little cold deter us from getting out and enjoying our horses.

The new format of rally days on the 4th Sunday of each month at Stroud Showground has been continuing to work well, with a good turn up of members at each outing. Club meetings are also held in the break at the rally days which ensures good input from members.

Our June rally day saw Owen Maytom give some tuition on driving deeper into corners, which was harder than it sounds. Each horse and driver combination showed improvement as a result of his patient teaching. The July rally day was a games day hosted by junior member Lily Cook. Lots of testing of driving skills and a healthy dose of laughs were had by all.



Drivers at a Rally Day at Stroud (J Cook)

The club has also run a very successful fundraiser at Bunnings Maitland. It was a real team effort with many members turning up throughout the day to help out. A special thank you must go to Helen and Michael Huckerby for their behind the scenes work, ensuring the day was a success.

This month we wish lifetime members Owen and Judy Maytom good luck for their move from the area, to the Tamworth district. We have been extraordinarily fortunate to benefit from their support and wealth of knowledge over the many years they have been involved with the Hunter Club. We look forward to their continued input into the club, just from a bit further afield.

Helen Huckerby who drives visitors around the Pokolbin vineyards in horse drawn wagons, had an interesting wedding to do a few weeks ago, driving Blossom in a landau. It was a very colourful and noisy Indian wedding but Blossom took it all in her stride.

There are lots of activities coming up for the club during the rest of the year. Our next rally day is September 24, whilst there is a Molli Mercer Clinic and Fun Mini CDE scheduled for October 21/22, and a social drive at Morpeth on November 26 2017. Several members will also be venturing off on the Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive during September.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Tony James: After some difficulties regarding the event planned for October 21/22, including losing the use of the new venue at Murrumbateman due to a double booking (It is the weekend of the huge Murrumbateman Field Days), we are most fortunate that Judy and Garry Harris have offered their property, Corramandel at Cootamundra as the CDE venue. The timing for this Level 3 Event is good as it is a fortnight before the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood. Corramandel has a very good dressage arena, which was used some years ago for a Janelle Marshall Clinic, and a suitable site for a cones competition. There is also plenty of room for a marathon course.

At the recent AGM, the outgoing president Deborah Gorman thanked all office bearers for their service over the past year. The incoming Office Bearers are: President Deborah Gorman, Vice President: Garry Harris, Secretary: Judy Harris, Treasurer: Helen O'Brien, State Delegates: Garry Harris and Tony James, Publicity / Newsletter: Tony James. The other Committee Members are Lyn Anstee and John Gorman. Canberra Club is very proud of its member Gail Bain who is competing with distinction in Horse Driving Trials in the UK. Her horse Shepherds Hill Michael survived the northern winter in great shape and is back in work. Gail has already competed at Catton Park, Hopetoun and Cricklands, as well as at Sandringham, where she scored a very impressive third place.

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

Robert Allport: First of all, a get well message to Robbie Baxter from our club members and all his other carriage driving friends.

Robert and Damon Allport and Colin Simons enjoyed the Gulgong Club Heritage Drive from Ballimore to Gulgong in June. The weather was quite pleasant although they had to survive some big early morning frosts. Robert drove his standardbred mare New Penny. In July Robert, Damon and daughter Kimberly attended the Three Day Enduro at Round Hill. Kimberly driving Thelma, with Damon as groom, finished in equal first place in the Half Enduro for horses. Robert, driving New Penny, retired from the event after the second day.

At the recent Club AGM all executives retained their positions from the previous year. It was also decided to conduct the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith on January 27-29 2018, so place the date in your diaries. For more information contact Robert on 02 4932 1860.

Robert and Damon recently met up with some fellow drivers for a leisurely seven day drive starting at Coonamble and finishing 20km north of Gulargambone, in the flat dry country of the

western districts, and at home Robert and Kimberly have begun to work Thelma and New Penny for the Marrar Enduro at the end of September.

On the pleasure driving scene, Robert and Damon, together with Allan Smith, are hoping to attend the Liverpool Range Charity Drive in mid September.

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

Sharon Beattie: On Saturday July 1 Sharon and Rachele Beattie drove Zoe in the Emirates Melbourne Cup Parade down Main Street in West Wyalong. We arrived at the showground to find members of neighbouring clubs dressing up and harnessing up, so we unloaded and started to get ready too. Before long, Sue Frazer called a 10 minute warning for all to be ready. We were all ready on time and followed Sue out the gate and drove along the back streets to a car park.



Sharon Beattie and passengers with Zoe in the parade at West Wyalong (S Fraser)

We were organized into order for the parade, and then the officials were loaded into each of our carriages, with the magnificent gold Melbourne Cup proudly on display. The band start to play and we proceeded into Main Street, where the shop fronts were decked out in gold colours to match the Melbourne Cup, and crowds of people lined the street. We drove along waving to everyone. At the end of the street we stopped for a photo shoot before going back along the street with our officials. After dropping them off, we drove back to the showground, unharnessed, loaded our vehicles, put the horses in stalls, and went to the pub for lunch. It was a lovely day out.

THREE DAY ENDURO AT ROUND HILL

By Rosemary Laing

Once again Allison and Darcy Richards made their property available for this event, together with their famous hospitality. Beds were found in the house for numerous people, vast quantities of delicious food kept appearing as if by magic and enormous campfires were lit each night. Darcy's

new tractor proved well up to the task of dragging in the logs required to fuel the fires.

A total of eleven contested the event, coming from the Hunter, Liverpool Range, Goulburn, Hills, Camden, Tamworth and Riverina Clubs. Two others had to pull out at the last minute. We were lucky to have Carol Fitzpatrick and June Malmberg step in at short notice as Vet Steward and Timekeeper respectively to replace Neil and Rosemary Munn. They did a magnificent job. Everyone arrived on Thursday to be vetted in. Then we enjoyed some of Allison's chicken soup followed by a huge carrot cake which 'needed to be eaten', and it certainly was.



Goulburn, Hunter and Liverpool Range Club banners on display at the Enduro at Round Hill (C Fitzpatrick)

All competitors followed the same course each morning, with all vetting being done at Round Hill, and the full course horses going out again in the afternoon. The weather was good and the roads were in excellent condition so we were able to use the routes planned for last year, when it was too wet to use them. A small adjustment was made to avoid Carroll Rd for the ponies, as we had four juniors in that class and the road was busy with cotton trucks. The second day took us on a beautiful drive out towards Somerton, a little more hilly than the other days.

A special presentation of awards was made on the Saturday night with the 2016 ACDS Endurance and Distances trophies and medals being handed out. It was good to see Anna cross win the Junior Groom award, with a proud Mum and Dad there to cheer her on. How lucky was I to have her as my groom this year.

As usual, all the kids had a ball. The horses got a break this year in the afternoons, as there was too much else to do, feeding poddies, playing with the dogs, filling water containers and going out with Darcy to check in the ute on cattle.

Neil Munn paid us a visit and we were pleased to see he is on the road to recovery after their mishap in June. Many thanks to all the members of the Liverpool Range Club who were there to help over the weekend: Geoff Skewes, Donny Thomas,

Donna Grace, Kate Wilson and Vicki Donnelly. Fred saliba from the Camden Club also did a great job as escort and tractor driver/fire builder. We could not have run the event without you, and again massive thanks to Allison and Darcy. They are two in a million!

Results

Full Horse Enduro:

1st Tony Ingersole & Helen Tudor (Hills) May

2nd Chris Ward (Tamworth) Salut

3rd Robert Allport (Goulburn) New Penny

Half Horse Enduro:

= 1st Callum Meads (Junior driver) & Maxine Saliba (Camden) Katut

= 1st Kimberly Allport (Junior driver) & Damon Allport (Goulburn) Thelma

3rd Janice Reynolds (Riverina) Big Red

Large Pony:

1st Rosemary Laing & Anna Cross (Junior groom) (Hunter) Tinker

2nd Madison Huckerby (Junior driver) & Helen Huckerby (Hunter) Ruby

Small Pony:

1st Darcy Richards (Liverpool Range) Miss Piggy

Junior Driver winners:

Callum Meads & Kimberly Allport

Junior Groom winner: Anna Cross



Chris Ward at the Enduro driving Salut (C Fitzpatrick)

THE PUTTY VALLEY DRIVE

by Vicki Connelly

On Tuesday June 27 2017 a group of drivers made their way to June Malmberg's property at Putty for four days of great company and beautiful scenery. After setting up yards and camping gear we headed out for a short warm up drive. I had to return to camp halfway through due to a flat tyre, but the others continued on and enjoyed the drive. Later that evening we were welcomed to Putty with some very tasty homemade soups in the wooden cabin, with a potbelly stove keeping us warm. Wednesday morning saw us enjoying bacon and egg rolls for breakfast, made all the better by having them cooked for us. Then we harnessed up for a lovely drive up the quiet country Putty Valley Road, crossing an old wooden bridge and up a few hills to one of June's very welcoming neighbours.

It started to lightly rain about halfway there, but it got heavier and we were all soaked. We left the horses to have the rain to themselves and went inside the lovely house for more homemade soups in front of a roaring open fire.

When it was time to leave, I for one was not keen on going back outside into the rain, but it had to be done. Half the group wanted to take it easy on the way home whilst the other half wanted to get there as quickly as possible so we split into two groups, and headed off. The potbelly stove at June's was again very warming that evening and we laughed and entertained ourselves into the night.



Hills members Karen Silvester, Ellie Hunt and Vicki Connelly ready for a drive start at Putty (C Tanner)

On Thursday morning we awoke to steady rain so a decision was made to use mechanical vehicles instead of the horses and sulkies, to drive to another of June's neighbours for fantastic Devonshire teas. The sun started to shine soon after we returned to camp, so we harnessed up and headed along the road to the Putty Hall and beyond for about 9½ km, through more spectacular country. A sausage sizzle, fun games where there were no losers, sitting around an open fire pit, enjoying chocolates and lots of laughs were the features of Thursday night at the camp.

Friday dawned as a very white frosty morning, that made us either move fast or freeze. We soon warmed up with bacon and egg sandwiches cooked once again by June's very helpful and much appreciated friends. The drive (about 24km) that day took us past the hall and then up a country lane onto another property. Here some of us were chased by a cow who took offence at the sulkies passing through her paddock. After a short break chatting to more of June's neighbours, we headed back to pack up and go home. It was roughly a 24km round trip.

Those who attended the drive were Karen Silvester and Ziggy, Jenny Conquest and her daughter Ellie with Pistachio and Mani, Catherine Charteris and Melody Kraay with Big Mollie and Jessie, myself and Mickey, and Max Ridge driving the escort vehicle, all from the Hills Club, Carol Fitzpatrick with Jesse from the Camden Club, and June Malmberg (drove a different horse each day – Sam, Lochy and Thomas), Helen Huckerby (Ruby)

and Rosemary Laing (Tinker) from the Hunter Club. Others there included Celia Tanner, Ailsa Adams, John Cross, and John and Carol Sparks who helped June with the organization, were grooms, and took photos. We had a great time with great company and new friends made. Thank you to June and to everyone else who made it a fantastic first outing for me. I'm hooked!

LEISURE DRIVE AT GULGONG

by Carol Fitzpatrick

On the Horses' Birthday, Tuesday August 1, we all arrived at Gulgong Showground for this year's Camden/Hunter Clubs Leisure Drive, and celebrated with soup, rolls and carrot cake for tea. We had brilliant weather on the Tuesday, and Wednesday was a lovely first drive day. However after the drive on Thursday the wind and rain joined us, making our BBQ with the Gulgong Club that night cold and miserable. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the evening, despite the weather. Friday was cold and windy and a couple of our group were not well, so we all decided to have a sticky beak at the Honey Place and spend time in Mudgee, browsing and having lunch at The Brewery. On Friday night we had our sausage sizzle.



Catherine Charteris and Melody Kraay, followed by Vicki Connelly and Rosemary Laing on the Gulgong Leisure Drive (P Fitzpatrick)

Saturday was nice weather again so we set out for Beryl Bridge for our last drive, and then went on to Lois O'Neill's place. We had a great break and morning tea before returning to camp. Lois joined us on two runs and seems to be keen to re join the sport.

There were seven drivers when we started on Wednesday for the 14.5km drive, but over the next few days numbers dropped off for various reasons. On Thursday morning an unwell Sue Fraser headed home (with her horse Banda), whilst the rest of us did the 14.5km drive. On Friday we said goodbye to Catherine Charteris and Melody Kraay (with Big Mollie) who had to return home for work, whilst Saturday saw Helen Huckerby

(Ruby) and Rosemary Laing (Tinker) packing up for home, also for prior commitments.

Three drivers remained – June Malmberg with Lochy, Vicki Connelly with Mickey and myself with Jesse, and we drove 26km on Saturday. John Cross, Max Ridge and my husband Peter did the escorting and took photos for us.

Thank you to all the drivers, helpers and visitors, without whom we could not have had our Leisure Drive.



Carol Fitzpatrick followed by June Malmberg and Vicki Connelly on the Leisure drive (P Fitzpatrick)

JUDGING THE GYMKHANA AT ATTUNGA by Echah Wright

Many thanks to Liz O'Brien and the team for inviting me to judge at the Tamworth Club's Gymkhana this month, and thank you to my steward Tracey Fillicetti. She was of great assistance. I had the best day, although initially I was fraught with anxiety. It had been a long time between doing a show judges school in 2015 and now being a judge. I did a quick read up of notes, which thank goodness I had kept, and a brush up on workouts. I arrived the day before, prepared, and ready to observe and enjoy a winter's day out west with friends and equines. There were twenty two classes with horses ranging from Miniatures to Standardbreds to magnificent Fells.

My favourite classes were the turnouts. I asked the competitors for their 'stories' as to why they were dressed as they were, and some of the explanations had us all in stitches.

One competitor was going to the bank to ask for a loan, another was going with a bottle of wine to meet some unsuspecting gent under the bridge for some hanky panky. One lady was going to the church to assist someone who had fallen on hard times, and another was secretly following the lady who had the rendezvous with the gent, working as a private detective for the lady's husband. The lady going to the church was going to pray for both of them.

Then there was the lady going to the local shops, as you would have in the late 1880s complete with pennies in an appropriate purse, and the gent who was going to the physician, to whom I expressed concern that the outcome would be favourable. The cones were at the end of the day and although it was getting late, no one was going to miss out. There was much excitement and enjoyment, especially when the pair of Fells churned up the grass. FANTASTIC!

Thank you for the experience!



Echah Wright with Lorraine Gibson and Peppermint Sundae at the Gymkhana (E O'Brien)

COMING EVENTS

LEVEL 3 CDE AT MURRAMI

A final reminder about Murrumbidgee Club's Level 3 CDE on **September 9/10 2017** at Murrumbidgee, and its wonderful prize to the competitor with the best overall score, of an accommodation and boat hire package worth \$2000 at Alonga Waterfront Cottages at Sussex Inlet. Class winners will receive bags of CopRice Pellets. Contact Kerrie Rosetta on 0428 414 518 or rosymoon@bigpond.com

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB CHARITY DRIVE 2017 by John Tonkiss

2017 will be the 8th year the Liverpool Range Club has run its Charity Drive. In that time over \$80,000 has been donated to the Royal Far West Children's Charity. This year's week-long pleasure drive will be run from **Saturday Sept 16 to Sunday Sept 24 2017**. It has been likened to a holiday with your horse.

The event will start at Manilla Showground. Those coming from long distances will be able to arrive a few days beforehand to settle their horses, if required. After drives in the Manilla district for a few days, the camp will move on the Tuesday to Trelawney Station near Somerton for the rest of the week.

The drives this year we believe to be some of the best drives we have undertaken so far, with nice tree lined dirt roads into secluded valleys. Distances planned are from 25km to 40km. There

will be regular water, rest and toilet breaks. A unique sight is the rear escort vehicle fully decked out with warning signs, flashing lights, a 1000 litre water tank and a portable toilet. We often wonder what people must think when they see it!

We have recently introduced a special lunch break with a BBQ, billy tea and coffee all supplied by the club. We like to give back something to our participants, as they are a big part of the whole Charity Drive picture.

All event organizers are aware of the amount of work required in planning and running events, and this event is no different. The organizing committee started the planning for this drive back in January. However it is all worth it, and the sight of more than thirty vehicles, with their drivers and grooms and helpers makes it even more special. Ever mindful of driver safety and equine health, we conduct a pre event safety meeting where we cover risk assessment and our traffic management plan, and at the end of each day we have a general discussion about the day's drive and the plan for the next day. This also includes talking about any safety breaches which may have been noted that day.

For more information about the Charity Drive contact the Event Secretary Judy Tonkiss on 0438 669 271 or jtonkiss@bigpond.com

THE CHARGE OF BEERSHEBA REMEMBRANCE DRIVE/RIDE

This will be a ride and drive over three days (**Oct 31-Nov 4 2017**) from Tabulam to Copmanhurst on NSW's north coast to honour the Upper Clarence Light Horse who took part in the heroic Charge of Beersheba in October 1917. The program for the 2017 ride and drive is as follows:

Tues Oct 31 Arrive and set up camp at Tabulam. 6pm service at monument, dinner by CWA and Lions Club

Wed Nov 1 Ride /drive to Broadwater - 33km

Thurs Nov 2 Ride/drive to Hassans Creek – 38km

Fri Nov 3 Ride/drive to Copmanhurst – 26km

Sat Nov 4 9am service at Copmanhurst Memorial, riders and drivers lining the street. Brunch at the hotel.

Toilets and hot showers at each camp, hot food truck travelling with the group, water for horses every 14km, bus to ferry drivers of horse trucks/trailers between camps.

For more information contact Jim McKenna on 02 6569 9466 or horsesandcarriages@hotmail.com

RIVERINA CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY 2018

An Anniversary Lunch is being organized in 2018 at Monte Cristo, Junee to celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary. All past and present members invited. More details to come.

Contact Sue Fraser on sue@frahavenstud.com.au or 02 6920 2330

NOTES on June 18 2017 NSW BRANCH AGM & GENERAL MEETING at Bathurst

51 members present representing Hills, Hunter, Ellmore, Bungendore, Southern Highlands, Temora, Canberra, Camden, Gulgong, Reedy Creek, Riverina, Liverpool Range and Goulburn Clubs, and future Central Coast Club

Office Bearers for 2017/18

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

Panels: Show Driving: Janet Muspratt, Carol Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Blakeley, Jennifer White, Linda Ongley

CDE: Chuckie Radnedge, Belinda Casper, Tracey Ellis, Penny Jacobs, Tamara Abed

Dressage: Sue Plath, Warren Ricketts, Yvonne Wood, Dot Willcoxson, Lyn Dominish

P & E: Robert Allport, Rosemary Laing, Helen Huckerby, Damon Allport, John Moyes

Historical: Alan Ongley, Carol Fitzpatrick, Paul Austin, Sue Fraser, Garry Harris

Appointments: Federal Delegate: Col Ffrost; Newsletter Editor: Janet Muspratt; Webmaster: Sue Fraser; Young Driver Coordinator: Robert Allport; Public Officer: Amanda Blakeley

Awards for 2016

Show Driving: Karl Olsson (Tamworth Club);

CDE: Chuckie Radnedge (Ellmore); P & E: Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor (Hills); Dressage: Sue Searle (Southern Highlands); Junior: Callum Meads (Camden); Service to Carriage Driving:

Darcy and Allison Richards (Liverpool Range); CDE Leaderboard: TBA at Nov meeting

Other:

*Branch fees to remain the same as for 2016/17 – Family \$37, Single: \$35. Junior: \$22. Associate \$28

*Garry Harris to continue as Calendar Coordinator

*Bungendore Club to host 2017 NSW CDE Champs and 2018 National CDE Champs

*Grant of \$1000 to Southern Highlands Club to assist with hosting costs of Bram Chardon Clinic

*Teleconferencing for North Coast Club to be trialed at Nov Meeting, following its request

*Currently two Accredited Coaches for ACDS – Phil Marshall and Margie Bowen (Vic)

*Ellmore Club to host 2018 NSW Dressage Champs October 6/7 2018

*NSW to run 2018 National Show Driving Champs. Camden & Hills considering submission.

*Central Coast Carriage Driving Club – affiliation accepted

*Indoor Series meant to be an 'off season' activity – May to September

*Park Drives to be held starting in 2018. Mayfield Garden, Canberra Royal, Clifton Hill possible venues. Sub committee headed by Heidi Stevens formed, to organize.

*If a club wishes to apply for funding submit a letter and budget to State Secretary.

*Motion passed re use of coloured tags on helmets to indicate they are compliant.

*Junior drivers and grooms – clubs asked to contact Convenor Robert Allport re junior training days and other plans to encourage junior drivers and grooms.

*Pleasure drivers are always welcome and provided for at Endurance events.

*Judges – reminder of club responsibilities when engaging judges such as providing travel, accommodation & meals expenses. These officials are volunteers and should not be out of pocket.

*All horses competing in Graded Dressage and CDEs need to be ACDS registered and One Activity Membership is not valid for Dressage or CDE Championships.

*CDE Rule Book review – current Federal CDE Panel working on the two yearly review, with updates expected to be submitted and adopted at Federal Conference for release on Aug 1 2017.

*Indoor/Outdoor Series events – Clubs are asked to contact CDE Panel Convenor if planning to hold trial events as the CDE Panel keen to give support and get feedback. Information on the planned NSW Series will continue to be distributed as further developments occur.

*All carriage driving memorabilia, not just vehicles, is of interest to the Historical Panel. Contact Convenor Alan Ongley re any memorabilia such as badges, results, ribbons, old photos etc. Owners of vehicles are reminded that ownership details and locations are not included in the vehicle database, without the consent of the owner. The physical aspects of the vehicle, and known history if any, are the principal interest. Apart from helping to document the variety of vehicles in NSW, the database is a useful reference for vehicle restorers.

Next Meeting: November 18 2017 at Bathurst RSL 10.30am start

AWARD WINNERS FOR 2016

Show Driving: Karl Olsson

Karl has been President of the Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club for several years, and is highly regarded by his club and the wider ACDS community for his horsemanship, enthusiasm and friendly, helpful nature. He particularly enjoys competing in the show ring with his beautifully presented traditional show sulky. He is a great supporter of harness classes at local and ACDS shows, as well as helping with organization and driving at his club's rally days and other events. He has several standardbreds which he has retrained successfully to do show work and pleasure driving, and they are always very well presented and schooled. As a result, Karl won a

number of major harness awards during the year in the show ring.



Karl Olsson competing at an ACDS Show at Hawkesbury Showground

Pleasure & Endurance: Tony Ingersole & Helen Tudor

Tony and Helen, from the Hills Club, love pleasure driving, particularly long distance pleasure drives and endurance events. They travel all over the state to take part in these events, and really enjoy meeting other ACDS members involved in these activities. They also are very good supporters of Hills Club events. Last year they attended the Fifield, Round Hill and Marrar Enduros, as well as the Liverpool Range Charity Drive and a variety of Hills Club events. Tony is a respected horseman who puts a lot of work into conditioning his standardbred mare May, and he and Helen always have May's welfare foremost in mind at Endurance events. They are popular members and always willing to help new drivers with their horses and driving.



Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor driving May on the 2016 Liverpool Range Charity Drive (P Fitzpatrick)

CDE: Chuckie Radnedge

Chuckie served as President of the Ellmore Club and was on the NSW CDE Panel in 2016. She is a dedicated ACDS and club member, helping to organize training events, CDEs and three phase events for the club, as well as coaching less experienced drivers during coaching weekends. She competes as often as possible at CDEs and won almost every event she contested, with very competitive scores. She competes in Level 1 and Level 2 CDEs every year. Chuckie also does Graded Dressage and associated Cones competitions to help improve her scores in CDEs. She was the Australian CDE Tandem Champion in 2016.



Chuckie Radnedge driving Hudson Vamoose (A Eldridge)

Dressage: Sue Searle

Sue is a member of the Southern Highlands Club. She is a keen dressage driver, always striving to improve her dressage scores. In 2016 she attended the Bram Chardon Clinics and several dressage workshops as well as a number of Graded Dressage days and her performances have been improving every time.



Sue Searle competing at a Challenge Day

Junior: Callum Meads

Callum (aged 8) is a very keen and confident young driver from the Camden Club. He thoroughly enjoys the challenge of competition in sporting events as well as the long distances of endurance driving. He is constantly striving to do as well as possible in his events. Callum has been driving for several years, always driving big horses and accompanied by his grandmother Maxine Saliba. In 2016 he was the Reserve Champion Junior Driver (from five competitors) at the Junior Challenge Event at Rossmore, and was also 2nd in the Half Enduro for Horses at the Yalbraith Endurance Event. Callum is a bright and friendly young man, always sporting a big grin, and a great asset to have around the camp at endurance events.



Callum Meads, with Maxine Saliba, driving Katut

Service to Carriage Driving: Darcy & Allison Richards

Darcy and Allison Richards are great ACDS members who have supported their Liverpool Range Club's pleasure driving events for many years, often each driving a separate turnout. They are both extremely capable and experienced horse people and carriage drivers. They have hosted drives at Round Hill, Piallaway for a number of years, including when Allison's father Charlie Phillips (also a very capable driver and ACDS member) was alive. Since he died they have carried on the tradition every year. Club members and drivers from other clubs speak volumes about their great hospitality, and how generous, helpful and welcoming Darcy and Allison are. In 2016 they hosted three driving weekends at their property. In addition they drove at three other Liverpool Range weekend pleasure drives and at the weeklong Charity Drive. At the

latter they donated beef, lamb and goat and did the cooking and serving for the Spit Roast Dinner for 40 people. The unassuming contribution they have made to the pleasure driving world of the ACDS in northern NSW is enormous, and very worthy of recognition.



Darcy Richards on a Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive (S Jones)

LIFE STORY....A SNIPPET!!

Firstly may I say how humbled Darcy and I were to be nominated for the 2016 Service to Carriage Driving Award, let alone be the winners of it! We extend a huge thanks to all involved in making it happen. We only enjoy doing what we do, and are always happy to share our knowledge and experiences.

Darcy and I grew up at Piallaway, central to Tamworth, Quirindi and Gunnedah, NSW. Both being horse enthusiasts, we spent our youth attending local gymkhanas, shows and rodeos, thanks to my dad carting us around! Darcy became a very competitive campdrafter. We both attended Currabubula Public School and I went on to boarding school in Sydney whilst Darcy attended Tamworth High School. I left school and worked at the Sydney University (in the Ag dept) for two years, then Dekalb seed company in Tamworth, before we married in Sydney in 1970 and came to the property Iona at Goorangoola near Singleton. Darcy spent his time as a cattle dealer, travelling throughout the northwest and Hunter Valley, and working on both his parents' properties at Piallaway and Singleton. He has done the full circle, as we are now back doing just that at Iona and Round Hill at Piallaway.

My dad, Charlie Phillips, grew up on his dad's property Round Hill, where he knew no other way to farm other than with a team of draft horses, often telling me how he had to harness up a team every morning before he rode to school. He said the harness was really their only expense as they grew the feed for the horses, all fed with nose bags to be sure they all got their share of feed. Horse shoes were made in the blacksmith's shop, which still stands along with many other relics at Round Hill. Sadly I don't remember the working horses

being used, but I do remember well the last two working mares, Daisy and Gypsy, brown and black Clydies. One got down in the mud after a drought, was too weak to get up and had to be put down. No flash lifters then... a sad day.

My first recollection of harness 'riding' was in a cart being pulled by a grey mare called Mighty. Mum had chooks and we took the eggs (which I had to clean whilst listening to Dad and Dave on the wireless – no tv) to Tamworth to sell at the Egg Board. When the creek came up, Dad left the old chev ute at Pialloway and we drove up in the cart and left Mighty in a paddock (kind neighbour). I can distinctly remember one night coming home curled up amongst the egg boxes! I can also remember Mighty running me under a pepper tree, and coming out with plenty of scratches... probably my first solo ride on her.

Dad eventually got into harness ponies which he showed, before getting involved in fulltime pleasure driving.



Allison Richards driving Miss Piggy on a Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive (P Fitzpatrick)

Darcy and I, having swapped cattle dealing for horse dealing and breaking, often came home with a 'potential' harness pony, which we would break in and give to Dad to fiddle with. Two favourites were Beaver and Houni, which both gave him years of pleasure before we got them back for our three children (and many others) to learn to ride on and drive. We also loved the 'heavies' and broke in many drafties to sell on and for other people. Eventually we became 'the ones to ask' by people who wanted us to do their weddings as well as a lot of parades etc... and there were many! We also broke the odd 'mad' saddle horse to harness. That gave them something to think about! Our greatest task was breaking six heavies to pull my grandfather's wool wagon in Singleton in 1988. We had once been given a pure Percheron gelding, Luke. He became our lead horse and we put five Clydies in with him. We used a lot of harness out of the Round Hill harness room (patched up with rivets and tie wire) and borrowed other harness. We went on to participate in a number of parades for the next few years,

including a tv commercial for S & W Miller (electrical appliances). Darcy and our son Russell were dressed as Santas. The girls had to sit in huge boxes wrapped in Christmas paper (on one side only) so as they wouldn't fall off the wagon. I was the gofer. It was lots of fun. Our children also rode on the wagon, and the girls and I often rode side saddle or in my grandmother's sulky (both still at Round Hill). Great memories.

We had a lovely pure Clydie mare years ago and a colt that was Percheron x Clydie x Thoroughbred. From them we bred many lovely horses which were all harness broken, used on our pleasure drives and sold on. One of these was a beautiful mare we called Peachy. After we broke her in, Dad was in need of a new harness horse so we gave her to him. Many drivers will have fond memories of her. She was Dad's 'best friend' and they did many miles together. Peachy is still retired at Round Hill, hoping never to be harnessed up again! A few years ago I went to sell a horse at the

Maitland horse sale (trying to reduce) and came home with a beautiful Suffolk Punch x stockhorse yearling filly. She became quite stunning and was used at a number of club drives and at the King of the Ranges. I then purchased a matching coloured Clydie x TB mare and Darcy drove them in our wagonette doing a couple of weddings for friends. Since then we have bred a Percheron x mare to a pure imported Friesian, resulting in a colt and three lovely fillies. The first filly Darcy drove on our Charity Drive last September. The gelding remains a magnificent riding horse if anyone is looking for one. We have never had time to break him to harness.

Then of course, there is Miss Piggy, whom I bought online out of Victoria, and cost more to get home than to buy! She's a dear little thing with a huge attitude, but never fails to give in carting me around!

So shall we all live on! Cheers Allison Richards



Charlie Phillips driving Peachy (S Jones)



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