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Warwick Leeson from the Gulgong Club driving a bull he has broken in to harness

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 28 2011

Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting November 26 2011 venue TBC

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify Judy Harris on (02) 6942 6762 of intention to attend by November 19 2011

NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011/2012

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
September		
17-25	Royal Far West Charity Drive at Quirindi Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6741 1773
18	Come & Try Day at Canberra Riding Club Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
18	Junior Driver Clinic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Sue Plath 02 4681 9538
24	Social Night Dinner at Rouse Hill Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
24-25	Level 4 CDE at Hinemoa Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 6343 3292
October		
2	One Day CDE venue TBC Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
8-9	Gulgong to the Crusher at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
9	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
8	NSW Show Driving Championships at Jugiong Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9	Dressage and Cones at Jugiong Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9	Safety & New Horse/New Driver Day at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
15-16	Kate Wholagan School at Temora Temora Club	Kerrie Rosetta 02 6973 7584
22-23	Level 4 CDE at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
23	Visit to Cessnock Pony Club Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
30	NSW ACDS Show Judges /Drivers School at Bundanoon Show Panel & Southern Highlands Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
30	Open Day & Drive at Headlands Stud Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
November		
5	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
5-6	NSW CDE Championships at Marrar Riverina & Murrumbidgee Clubs	Mal Welsh 02 6922 6308
10 -14	Equitana at Sydney Showground	Tracey Greenacre 0402 854 696
12	Dressage / Freestyle to Music at Rosemount Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
13	Rally Day venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
20	40 th Anniversary National ACDS Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26	NSW Branch Meeting venue TBA	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
26-27	Christmas Party venue TBC Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 026374 2750
December		
4	Christmas Get Together venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
10	Obsthon and Christmas Party venue TBC Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
10	Christmas Party at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
2012		
March		
17	Graded Dressage at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
18	Munro Cup at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164

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CLUB NEWS

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Marty Boyce: The Club held a successful pleasure drive along Cummins Road between Laggan and Taralga in July. John Moyes was pleased with the performance of Avanti his standardbred gelding. Bob Pierce drove his percheron cross Vincent for the 20 km round trip, enjoying the leisurely drive whilst taking in the scenery of the plains extending to the horizon.

Kath Cole drove her palomino Reggie and Kylie Boyce drove John Moyes' palomino Nicholas. Both ponies were floated up to Cummins Rd prior to the drive. They looked a picture out on the drive together. Peter Felber opened and closed the gates at the cattle grids for the ponies, whilst Marty Boyce did the same for the horses who were further up ahead. It was a most enjoyable day.

Our August pleasure drive had to be cancelled due to the weather which made the roads impassable to both motor vehicles and horses. Work is currently under way at Laggan for our upcoming one day CDE to be held over the October long weekend. New causeways are being put in place so we can cross the creek and go into Rubyvale owned by club members Mike and Elaine Delaney. There is still plenty to do, but we are confident it will be a successful event.

Marty Boyce and Jess Parramore are busy getting Effie fit as well as working their new standardbred Cashel Rhi (Cashy). He is a big chestnut gelding with a real flare to his movement. The plan is for Jess to drive him in CDEs and Marty in Enduros. An Inner Club Standardbred Challenge is being talked about between Cashy, Effie and Avanti, with a suitable trophy as the prize.

Ponies Nicholas, Reggie, Bojangles and Wee Jordie are all being worked by John Moyes and Kath Cole for the upcoming CDE season, whilst Elaine and Mike Delaney are continuing to work Claudie, with the plan for Elaine to drive him in the club's one day CDE.

Coming up on the Reedy Creek calendar are the Dressage Day at Sutton Park Cottage on September 10 including preparation of music for the dressage in November, the One Day CDE on Oct 2, an Open Day and Drive at Headlands Clydesdale Stud at Crookwell on October 30, Dressage and Freestyle to Music at Rosemount on November 12 and an Obstathon and the Christmas Party on December 10.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Murrumbidgee Club held an Obstathon in May at its grounds at Murrumbidgee. The idea for the obstathon came from a similar event run at the Barellan Heavy Horse Day last year. Once again Trevor Brand used his many carriage driving skills to build a course which was challenging for advanced drivers but could still be driven by less experienced drivers. It started with a cones course, which moved into two MOs, and then finished back on the cones course. In the afternoon changes were made and the course was driven again. The scores from both sessions were added together to find the placegetters.

Murrumbidgee drivers included the Hammonds, Belinda Brand, Gail Haberman, Kim Hillyer and Chris Burns. Local member Irene Clark helped with the scoring. Di Murray came from the Riverina Club and Nicole Barry took the opportunity to groom, as a learning exercise. All agreed the day was a great success. Chris Burns sent this report on the Max Pearce School at Murrumbidgee on August 6/7 2011

What a weekend we all had at Murrumbidgee for our lessons with Max Pearce. Max and Cathy drove down on the Friday for a grand weekend of fun and frivolity and of course lessons. The weather overnight on the Friday turned bitter, with the sky opening up with steady rain. The rain however, cleared in the morning and it was a nice day apart from the odd light shower in the afternoon.

The lessons were well received by everyone, with Max helping to sort out our problems. All had different problems and different homework to go on with. It is now up to us to put in the hard yards with our steeds, to continue their education.

On the Saturday night we had a hot meal and sang songs around the fire. Elvis was alive and rocking at Murrumbidgee that night ! What a lovely time we all had, lots of laughs all round! Mulga Bill and Bill Shakespeare were also in attendance.

Gail Haberman, Sue Fraser, Amanda See and Glenn Murray camped overnight at the grounds and rose to a sunny Sunday. Luke and I arrived early to crank up the BBQ and we kicked off the morning with a cooked brekkie of bacon, eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes and even bread thrown on the grill. Back with the horses, we tackled other problems and saw more improvements.

It was a great weekend all round and we can't wait for the next instalment. Our song book and our best singing voices will be ready too, when Max and Cathy are back for us to show them how much we and the horses have improved.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB`

The busy spring season has started with Canberra members Peter McIntyre and Judy Harris competing at the Lockhart Dressage and Obstathon weekend. Garry and Judy Harris later helped at the Driver Development School at Tamworth following the State Branch Meeting.

The Club is busy preparing for a Come and Try Day at Canberra Riding Club on September 18, whilst members are looking forward to seeing entries come in for the NSW Show Driving Championships at Jugiong on October 8 and the Graded Dressage the next day.

Club member Hannah Harris was delighted to announce her engagement to Jack Becchio recently. Jack has passed all the horsey tests, having helped prepare the ponies for his future father in law at the 40th Anniversary Competition. Congratulations Hannah and Jack.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

A very pleasant drive was held in the grounds of historic Camden Park on July 17, attended by Lou Lyons with Gumpy and Carol Fitzpatrick with Spook, together with Hills members Bob and Roz West driving Tully and Paula Forrester with Rocky. Possible new members Carolyn and Cassandra Whitworth were Lou's passengers. They drove on the property roads and through native bushland before enjoying a picnic lunch. Betty Lyons drove Lou's horse Gumpy, with Lou as groom, at the Southern Highlands Orienteering Day in Penrose Forest, whilst Betty and John Lyons also attended the Southern Highlands Dressage Workshop on August 6. Carol Fitzpatrick and Maxine and Fred Saliba were at the Hills Three Day Drive at Putty also in August. Maxine and Fred took their new standardbred and little pony Muffin whilst Carol drove Neddie and Louie.

Camden was represented by Lou with Gumpy and Martyn Minns with Metsje at the annual Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon later in August. Unfortunately Martyn broke a shaft before even getting to compete, so Lou ended up as the only Camden rep. However she and Gumpy did a great job as usual and ended up winning the Spokesman Trophy for High Point Horse or Pony, the Best Club Average Trophy and of course the Camden Shield. Other Camden supporters there were Mike Lyons, John and Betty Lyons, Jo Minns, Greg McDonald, Sylvia Biffin and John Sharman.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

2011 was the Southern Highlands Club turn to host the annual Inter Club Challenge Day between Hills, Camden and Southern Highlands. Unfortunately no Hills members could make it there for the day, and Camden's representation dropped to only one, Lou Lyons, after Martyn Minns' vehicle sustained a broken shaft early on, but Southern Highlands fielded a team of twelve. The day began with show classes for each of the height groups, with Elva Macpherson officiating. Drivers then moved on to the sporting events and enjoyed putting their horses through some tricky courses which tested obedience and different paces.

Competing for Southern Highlands were Debbie Davis with Nemo, Sue Hellyer with Piper, Tony James with Sport, Bronwyn Pratt with Toad, Carol Roach with May, Ray Roach with Windsong Magician, Mima Ware with Mr Darcy, Amanda Kettlestring with Jerry, John White with Maestro and the three very competent junior drivers Stephanie Hayes driving Ana, Grace McGrath driving Tosca and Alex Hayes driving Maxi.

Final results were:

Spokesman Trophy for Highest Point Score Horse or Pony: Gumpy (Lou Lyons, Camden Club)

Highest Club Point Score Trophy: Southern Highlands

Best Average Club Point Score: Camden

Best Camden Horse or Pony: Gumpy

Junior Driver Highest Point Score: Grace McGrath (Southern Highlands) driving Tosca.

Southern Highlands will be holding a Junior Clinic on September 18, 2011 at the Shibumi Equestrian Centre, Ferndale Rd Bundanoon, starting at 9.30 am. Its aim is to introduce juniors to carriage driving. It will be run by experienced drivers and instructors, and the ponies to be used are all quiet. The day will include practice using a rein machine, as well as harnessing, putting to and having a short drive with an experienced ACDS adult driver, using two sets of reins, followed by taking out and unharnessing.

For enquiries contact Sue Plath on 02 4681 9538 or Yvonne Wood on 02 4883 4778

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The North Coast Club has an interesting newsletter called Slip Rail Mail edited by Karen Anderson, which comes out every two months. The new committee for the club was elected at the AGM at Glenreagh. President is Tony McGrath, Vice President Gary Rollans, Secretary /Treasurer Rowena Walker, Publicity Officers Kath McGrath and Echah Wright, and Public Officer /Safety Officer Karen Anderson.

Recently Jim McKenna, Don Purcell and Karen Anderson attended a Hendra Virus information evening hosted by the DPI regarding the outbreak near Macksville. With the news of horse deaths in northern NSW on many people's minds, it wasn't surprising that it was a very well attended meeting.

April Klein Nulend will be explaining what Concours d'Elegance events are all about at a planned information session at the August club day at Glenreagh. April competed quite regularly in these events whilst living in the Netherlands.

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

The Temora Club has recently welcomed two new family members. Preparations are in progress for the first sleep over pleasure drive to be held on September 3/4 at Cedar Farm. A street stall raffle in the middle of winter was fun, with the first prize being a hand knitted blanket donated by club members the Roberts family.

Monthly pleasure drives are being arranged as most of the members are new to the sport and enjoy the pleasure side of driving. Kate Wholagan will be conducting a school on October 15/16, and anyone interested in attending should call Kerrie Rosetta on 02 6973 7584 as soon as possible, as numbers are limited.

ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Brendan Dwyer:

The Ellmore Club has recently had a change of executive with Michael Finn coming to the end of his term as president, and Zita Farrell, Linda Willding and Kevin Willding retiring from the positions of secretary, treasurer and vice president respectively. Zita has been club secretary for more than twelve years and Linda has been in charge of finances for well over twenty years, with Kevin providing support as vice president for almost as long. This has been a remarkable commitment to the club from all three. We thank them, together with Michael, for their significant contribution and for keeping the club in a very strong position.

Keith Engelsman takes up the reins as president, ably assisted by Faye Cairncross as secretary, Rebecca Knight as treasurer and Judy Dwyer as vice president.

The club is looking forward to the upcoming training weekend with Trevor Brand on September 3 and 4 and plans are well under way for the Hinemoa Level 4 CDE on September 24/25. Entry forms are available on the NSW website. The event should be a great lead in to later events in the season and, as usual, all are welcome to attend.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Bungendore Club will be holding a CDE Training Day at Witwood on Saturday September 3, with Max Pearce and Dot Willcoxson as the instructors. The plan for the day is dressage tests with feedback, followed cones and Marathon Obstacles in the afternoon. The cones course and the MOs will first be walked as a group with the best ways to drive them being pointed out. Lunch will be a sausage sizzle.

Already on the calendar for next year are two dates in March 2012 - Graded Dressage on March 17 and the Munro Cup on March 18, both at Witwood.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

The AGM attracted 26 members and 5 visitors. The 2011-2012 committee is President Chris Hills, Vice President Ted Curby, Secretary Lois O'Neill and Treasurer Jim Gilbey. Red Buchanan was thanked for his work as Vice President over the last 12 months.

The Henry Lawson Drive Re Union dinner held at the Bowling Club was a happy occasion with many photographs being shared, especially on disks. The raffle raised a very worthwhile amount. Winner of the \$100 Horseland voucher was Christine Pickard, with the 2nd prize – a hand knitted rug made by Robbie Duck (Liverpool Range Club) being won by Sarah McCarthy and 3rd prize (a bottle of Merlot from Bunnamagoo Wines) going to Shiralee Unger.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Hunter Club member of the year for 2011 is Michael Huckerby, known to his friends as Huck. He is the club treasurer and chef and has done a great job counting the money and cooking the sausages at many of the club's activities.

Rosemary Laing writes:

It was decided to try a change of venue this year for the Hunter club's 4th Concours d'Elegance event by holding it in conjunction with the annual 'Peek into the Past' at Tocal Homestead, Paterson. On this day the historic homestead and its surrounding outbuildings are open to the public, and a large variety of rural activities of yesteryear are on display.

Our horse drawn vehicles fitted very well into this scene and the backdrop of old buildings and open countryside was perfect. In addition, we had a large crowd of interested spectators and the weather was springlike, so it was an ideal occasion to promote carriage driving.

There were seven entries, all of extremely high quality, to parade before judges Sandy and John Hunter, first in front of the old convict barracks and then on a drive around the Tocal College grounds. Competitors then had the option of a further drive around the wetlands. Jenny Fawbert once again did an excellent job as announcer.

Some competitors travelled to Tocal the day before the Concours and camped in the stables area at the college. This gave everyone a chance to socialize, with a BBQ dinner and breakfast cooked by our treasurer (and resident chef) Michael Huckerby.

Concours d'Elegance Results:

Authentic Period Turnout

1st Ryan Ward Hudson Gucchi and Hudson Gambler

2nd Denese Ward Georgia

3rd Owen Maytom Beryl

Highly Commended: Barbara Smith Brampton Dreams and Joyce Laidler Patria Jamile

Any Other Type of Vehicle

1st Stephen Lord Timothy

2nd Valerie Dewsbury Sweetie

Special Manager's Choice Award: Denese Ward

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

At the recent AGM the following members were elected: President Allen Smith, Vice President: Robbie Baxter, Secretary/Treasurer Judy Emerton, Risk Assessment and Safety Officer Trevor Mills, Publicity and Public Officer Robert Allport, First Aid Officer Robbie Baxter and Events Coordinator Allen Smith.

Mostly pleasure drives have been programmed in from October to March, with the exception of December when members have a horse free Christmas BBQ and get together.

Robert Allport and support driver Allan Collins enjoyed the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive in May/June, whilst Damon Allport and groom Jessie Parramore of Reedy Creek Club drove Robert Allport's standardbred gelding Bayley to win the horse endure at Marrar. Robbie Baxter and Judy Emerton with standardbred gelding Johntie were placed third. Robert Allport took on the duties of time keeper for the event.

Robert and Robbie joined several members of the Central West and Gulgong Clubs for six days of pleasure driving in the north west of NSW in the Marra / Quambone /Collie area in late August, whilst in September Robbie, Judy, Damon and Robert will be attending the Royal Far West Charity Drive at Quirindi.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills AGM was held at the RDA at Box Hill towards the end of July, in conjunction with the Anniversary Lunch. This year it was a hot meal, with everyone sharing in the catering. The traditional cutting of the Horses' Birthday cake concluded the delicious meal.

The Hills driving activity in August was a three day drive in the Putty Valley, northwest of Sydney, organized by June Malmberg.

The drive was based at the Putty Hall and people arrived on Saturday afternoon to set up yards and sleeping accommodation ready for the first drive on the Sunday. Those who attended were Ailsa Adams, Laurie and Barbara Smith, Rosemary Laing, Carol Fitzpatrick, Maxine and Fred Saliba and of course June Malmberg. Several friends of June's from the Putty Valley acted as grooms and gate openers. The Hall proved a great place to camp, with all the necessary kitchen equipment, and the fire to keep everyone warm. Most people camped in the Hall, whilst some braved it out in their trailers.

The Sunday drive went to the end of Putty Valley Road, a round trip of approximately 32km whilst the next day's drive went up Box Gap Road, with a delicious morning tea at Pam and Geoff King's property.

Tuesday's drive was a short one down to the Putty Valley Tea Rooms for morning tea, before it was packing up and heading home time.

Weekly pleasure drives on a Thursday have continued throughout the year based at Willy and Chris Reinhardt's property at Oakville. Dennis and Andrea Casper and Chris Reinhardt are the regular participants and they usually do approximately 12km around the quieter roads of Oakville and Maraylya. Another Hills member Allan Ongley, who is a whiz with camera and dvd production, visited the group to take some footage of the drive, to add to the current Year in the Life of the Hills Club – a series of dvd's that Allan produces to record Hills Club activities.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Brian Duck:

July began with a few Liverpool Range members attending the Marrar Endurance Event put on by the Reedy Creek Club. This was a fantastic week of driving, competing and socializing. Many thanks to John Moyes and his tireless crew for putting on such a great week.

The Liverpool Range July drive was held by Brian and Robbie Duck at Quipolly. On Saturday there was a 16km drive past the picturesque water supply Quipolly Dam, then going on towards Werris Creek, twisting along a quaint little back road. On Sunday we had a 30km drive past the old Quipolly Dam, which is now used as a silt catchment for the larger dam. It has been declared a bird sanctuary and breeding ground for many water birds including the black swan. These can often be seen in the breeding season with their broods of cygnets. The drive then went on winding along the creek to Karranilla, Robbie's parents' property, then up into the hills to Kingsmill.

There were 12 sulkies driven out on the weekend and everyone had a very enjoyable time. It was great to have Col Law and Neil and Rosemary Munn from the Hunter Valley participating in our weekend.

Our August weekend will be hosted by Malcolm and Donna Grace at Mt Parry on August 20/21. In September we will be holding the Royal Far West Charity Drive going from Quirindi in a loop out through Werris Creek, Breeza, Spring Ridge, Premer, Yarraman and Windy Station and back to Willow Tree, covering a distance of approximately 245km. It starts on September 17. Enquiries to Bill Greer 02 6747 1773.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Liz O'Brien reports:

The Farmers and Equine Expo held on July 23/24 at Manilla organized by the Manilla Equine Horse Association was a great success. The Tamworth Club had the opportunity to demonstrate a great mirror image

scurry. Feedback has been fantastic. The 12 members present had a great time and our static display was very popular. We are looking forward to next year's expo.

August 7 was the date for our next club drive. The venue being changed from Attunga to Manilla, proved to be a blessing as Manilla was the only place not to receive rain until late in the day. We had a good roll up including two new people – Trina Ridgwell and her groom Robyn Bowman. Trina drove her pony Prophet and Robyn was groom/camera lady.

With 13 members, we all enjoyed the social drive and the great BBQ lunch cooked by Max Saunders when we returned. Many thanks Max.

Amanda See and Glen Murray have sent this report: 'We were to attend Brisbane's EKKA next weekend but have withdrawn due to the Hendra virus threat. Last weekend we attended the Max Pearce school at Murrumbidgee Club. We took two ponies and had two lessons with each. It was very beneficial for drivers, ponies and onlookers, as Max explained everything very clearly and gave the reasoning behind it. It was a great weekend despite the changeable weather and the Murrumbidgee Club members made us feel very welcome. They are holding a graded dressage day and one hour CDE in September, which we are planning to attend.'

Tamworth's rally day dates in October and November are now October 9 and November 13 to avoid clashes with the Queensland and NSW CDE Championships. Contact Liz O'Brien on 0427 766 726 for details.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Shiralee Unger writes that Central West members have been on a club drive at Peak Hill, the Marrar Enduro, the Henry Lawson Drive and a club drive at Begerabong in recent months. The latter was organized by Wayne and Irene Teale. Wayne received his medals for distance driving and Sarah Hoey received her medal for her work as groom. There was a live band at Begerabong which included a piano accordion, a harmonica and a washboard which totally amazed the Unger girls.

The western show circuit is currently underway. At Peak Hill, there were 5 harness competitors, including Amanda Blakeley who won the pleasure pony class, and Shiralee Unger who won Champion Standardbred as well as winning the driver class. Amanda also competed at the Parkes Show, coming away with a win in her driver class, and Reserve Champion Pony.

Everyone is looking forward to the Trundle Bush Tucker Day on the first weekend in September. The Ungers will drive from their farm into Trundle, which is 35-40km away, and join the usual huge crowd staying at the grounds enjoying a full weekend of entertainment. This event is worth putting on the calendar for next year to come and enjoy the fun.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mal Welsh: Riverina member Di Murray and Bruce and Pat McNally from the Murrumbidgee Club organized a Graded Dressage and Obstacle driving weekend on August 19-20 2011 at Lockhart. There were 13 drivers – some experienced with new ponies and horses and some new drivers and new ponies and horses. Dot Willcoxson and Alison Graves judged the dressage and Doug Willcoxson judged the cones course.

All drivers drove two dressage tests and some drove the cones course three or four times.

Bruce and Pat organized for a sit down dinner at the Golf Club on the Saturday night and it was delicious.

New member Kate Young drove her standardbred, while Nicole Barry and Virginia Jones both drove new ponies.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you Di, Bruce and Pat for all your work for the weekend.

Working bees are underway preparing for the NSW CDE Championships to be held on November 5-6 2011 at Marrar.

FROM THE REINSMAN.....

For this tale I go back a few decades, back when the milk was delivered by your friendly milko by horse and cart. I had just got up and dressed when I heard a big commotion down the street. The milko had come from a side street and into our street. He was about 30 metres ahead of his faithful Clydesdale. The horse was well accustomed to follow unattended – he was well used to their system.

The procedure was to vary this morning because a VW Beetle had broken down immediately around the corner – right in Clydie's path. Clydie knew it didn't belong there, so to fulfill his duty, he simply went around said VW. Unfortunately he cut too close. The noise was the inside wheel being dragged up the back of the VW. Unable to travel up and over the Beetle engine room, he just backed away and then kept on trying – rolling up the VW several times before milko stopped him.

A very young Reinsman thought this was the funniest thing he had ever seen. His sense of humour was not shared by the milko. His stern words (I didn't understand most of them) gave me a different perspective.

Being a bit faster on my feet in those days was the only reason I didn't feel the milko's hand around the back of my head. Ah yes – happy days in a more gentle time. God bless you all and your horses. The Reinsman.

INDIA RUBBER TYRES

contributed by Dennis Casper (Hills Club)

When following up on an enquiry about when rubber tyres were first used on carriage wheels, I found this interesting excerpt from The Encyclopaedia of Driving by Sallie Walrond 1974

By the end of the 19th century, most high class carriages were fitted with India rubber tyres. They could only be used on good road surfaces as they were soon cut to pieces on stony roads. Rubber tyres found particular favour with aged, sick or nervous passengers, as the progress of the vehicles was rendered silent. The springy capacity of the rubber made travel more comfortable, causing less jolting to the carriages. This reduced the repair bills and gave vehicles a longer life.

At first the wired on variety was used. This consisted of a solid rubber tyre held into a straight-side iron channel by one or two strands of thick wire running longitudinally through the tyre. The ends of the wires were joined to hold the tyre into the channel. Wired-on tyres were superseded by clencher tyres. With these, the solid rubber tyre is held by a curved channel and is far less likely to spring out of place. It has however, been proved that clencher tyres too, are only suitable for good road conditions. Attempts have been made to use them for IFEI competitions but the severe sideways strain applied when cornering at speed over rough terrain during marathons, sometimes levers the tyres from their channels, as does the strain of sideways skid in obstacle tests.

FROM DROUGHT TO FLOODING RAINS by Karen Anderson (North Coast Club)

Since moving to the Mid North Coast in 2009, both Gordon and I have now experienced an up river flood event. For my horse Chelsea it has been a tough adjustment period, coming from Goulburn which was in drought for 10 years, coping with water, rain, mud, ticks and mossies, replacing dust, dry hooves, snow and cold winds.

During the June long weekend we were very lucky to get back home before the road closed and the water rose. Such was the power of the water streaming from our dam that it moved very large boulders from the spillway into the creek, and the back part of our property was under water for about 5 days. It was still 10 days before I could get over to the other side to check for any damage to fences etc

Our horses didn't quite know what to make of all the water and at one stage Chelsea was stuck on the other side of the creek from the rest of the gang, who apparently didn't mind walking through water. Now, to see Chelsea throwing the biggest tantrum because the others were away on the hill, was an experience. She would not be caught or calmed and became quite distressed at being by herself. I managed to get across the creek by walking along a concrete strip containing pipes. Chelsea then amazed me by copying my example. She leapt onto the strip, which is only about 30cm wide, and crossed the creek to get back to the others.

This incident made me realize that I needed to get her used to walking through water, just in case we have another rain event like in June. It has also made me realize that we all need to have an emergency plan. It would need include what would happen to our animals if we were not able to get home. Who would we entrust with the responsibility of caring for them and making decisions regarding their welfare if we were not there or not contactable ?

I gave this some thought and now we have a plan which has been given to our local vet and the LHPA office. The plan outlines the animals I have on the property, and any important information regarding a particular animal (such as Chelsea's aversion to crossing water). It also includes information on Gordon's show dogs which need particular housing arrangements and care. Written permission has been included in the plan for a vet to act in the best interests of any injured animal if I cannot be contacted, regarding its health or any medical treatment it may need. As was the case some years ago when we had the threat of bushfires where we lived, an emergency plan for the animals was just as important as the plan we had for ourselves.

So everyone, please don't get caught – put together an **emergency plan**. I hope none of us ever have to use our plans but knowing it is there could save a lot of time and worry, if something did happen.

LOCKHART DRIVING WEEKEND by Trevor Brand

The town of Lockhart in the Riverina hosted two days of carriage driving jointly organized by the Riverina Carriage Driving Society and the Murrumbidgee Carriage Driving Club on August 20-21.

Organisers braved blustery weather and flooded grounds on the Thursday to set up the obstathon course and the dressage arena. However the weekend was blessed with sunny weather and dry conditions. The Lockhart community have got right behind carriage driving at the picturesque showgrounds.

Saturday saw the drivers competing in the obstathon – most for the first time. The course was designed by Trevor Brand and judged by Doug Willcoxson . Drivers had the opportunity to drive the course twice. It was made up of 15 sets of cones with some configurations that were unique and two marathon obstacles.

There were a few eliminations as the length of the course tested some. Di Murray and Shadow were unbeatable. All enjoyed themselves, with most lowering their times in the second round. A large number of locals turned out to watch.

Saturday night's dinner was catered for by the locals at the Golf Club. The continuous raffle was a success – more so for some than others.

Sunday's dressage and cones enabled many of the new drivers and ponies to gain valuable experience. Nicole Barry from Narrandera had her new pony out for the first time. He went very well. Kate Young, a new member from The Rock competed for the first time.

Joy Belles, Mary Crawshaw and Virginia Jones made the trip up from the south to give their new ponies an outing. Belinda Brand and Judy Harris both had new 4 wheel vehicles to test. Other drivers were Trevor Brand, Bruce McNally, Lyn Cunnew, Bruce Hammond (the only multiple) and Peter McIntyre. A big thank you to Bruce and Pat McNally, Di and Bob Murray, Mal Welsh, Dot and Doug Willcoxson, Lorraine Wharton, Ron and Ilma Cunnew and Alison and Ken Graves for making a great driving weekend for the drivers.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO HOST KIWI DRIVERS ? by Tony James

The fourth round of the annual carriage driving Cultural Exchange between the Australian Carriage Driving Society and the New Zealand Carriage Driving Society is scheduled for November / December this year. In 2008 two Australian drivers and their grooms travelled to NZ and in 2009, four New Zealand drivers and their grooms came to Australia, with two being hosted in each of NSW and Victoria. Last year, three Australian drivers and their grooms were hosted around Hamilton in the North island, and competed in carriage driving events, which included a CDE. Reports of their enjoyable time in New Zealand appeared in the March 2011 ACDS Journal. Reports of our last and very successful hosting were in the March 2010 Journal.

The aim of the exchange is to foster friendship and co operation between Australia and New Zealand combined driving enthusiasts and their sport's governing bodies. Participants are able to enjoy carriage driving as well as experience a different way of life in another country. To determine who participates in the Cultural Exchange, the guest society calls for nominations from their eligible members and puts the names in a hat to draw out a priority list. Participation rules out repeat participation unless nobody else wants to go, on that occasion. Anyone lending a horse or pony and carriage and hosting some visitors goes to the top of the list for the next exchange. Selection of guests does not depend upon the results of a competition, although they are experienced drivers.

Guests are responsible for their own air fares and expenses, but the host nation would offer billet accommodation and horse/vehicle and transport thereof without charge. Guests would be expected to contribute to petrol costs etc. The guests' meals outside the accommodation are their own responsibility. Guests are responsible for all other expenses including any damage to competition vehicles, travel insurance, health costs, other travel and tourism expenses. Event entry fees should be waived or paid for by host clubs. Unless they had already done so, guests from one year would be expected to assist hosting the Exchange directly the following year. The Cultural Exchange is proving very popular with carriage drivers on both sides of the Tasman, with host societies offering to host three to four guests and grooms each year.

This year we are looking for four host families for about two weeks leading up to the Longwood CDE in Victoria on November 19-20. Anyone interested should contact Tony James on 0428 864 462 or email tjcarriage@bigpond.com

COMING STATE & NATIONAL EVENTS

NSW SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct 8 2011 at Jugiong. Wide range of show classes to suit all types of turnouts, horses and ponies. Driven Dressage and Cones next day. Programs and entry forms are on carriagedrivingsw.org.au. Entries close September 30.

Enquiries Penny Jacobs 02 69432667

NSW SHOW DRIVERS & JUDGES SCHOOL

Oct 30 2011 at Bundanoon. Includes Rick Jones discussing heavy horse turnouts and judging, and a session on light harness turnouts. *All drivers and current and intending judges very welcome.*

A **Judges Practical Exam** will be held after the school for anyone wishing to become a show judge. Possible candidates should contact Janet Muspratt as soon as possible (by Sept 26 2011) to complete an application form and obtain reading material.

Enquiries: Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

NSW CDE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov 5/6 2011 at Marrar Riverina and Murrumbidgee Clubs. Schedule and entry form on carriagedrivingsw.org.au Enquiries Mal Welsh 02 6922 6308 Entries close Oct 21 2011

ACDS 40th ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov 20 2011 at Hawkesbury Showground.

Wide range of classes in three rings – turnouts, hackney, non hackney, ponies and horses, heavy horses, separate ring for 10.2 and under. Virbac Challenge cones course. Program and entry form available on carriagedrivingsw.org.au or for hard copies contact Hills Club Sec Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 Entries close Nov 7 2011

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT TAMWORTH ON AUGUST 27 2011

Clubs represented were: Murrumbidgee, Hills, Canberra, Hunter, Liverpool Range, Southern Highlands, Camden, Ellmore, Tamworth

21 attendees.

Panel Reports

P & E

- *Several well supported pleasure and endurance drives across the state in last few months
- *Fifield Enduro – 16 entries from 9 clubs
- *Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive – 81 members, 37 horses, 31 vehicles, 3 riders – representing 8 clubs \$500 raised for Cancer Council at Cumnock morning tea, Brendan Dwyer visited group at Gumble Hall and presented awards.
- *Marrar Enduro – 9 entries from 7 clubs
- *Approx 50 medals presented for distance and endurance at HLPD re union dinner at Gulgong in July.
- *Next big drive is the Royal Far West Charity Drive at Quirindi from Sept 17-25.
- *Members encouraged to submit their driving distances to P & E Convenor Robert Allport by January 31 2012 (16 East St Crookwell or 02 4832 1860) Call Robert if a log sheet is needed.

Dressage

- *Review of dressage manual is well under way. Plan is for it to be the website soon.
- *The printing of Graded Dressage cards soon to be finalized
- *Combined NSW Dressage and CDE Panels workshop and refresher planned for Dec 10/11 at Witwood including duties of the ground jury, scenarios.
- *Event organisers are strongly encouraged to use NSW judges especially for Graded Dressage and lower level CDEs.
- *Anyone interested in becoming a dressage judge is encouraged to contact a dressage panel member.

Show Driving

- *Meeting with RAS horse committee held in June. Several light harness judges resumes submitted.
- *Successful harness gymkhanas held by Hills and Tamworth recently – other clubs encouraged to put on these days for their members
- *Hunter Club Concours d'Elegance at Tocal a success. Other clubs encouraged to run similar events.
- *State Show on Oct 8 at Jugiong, hosted by Canberra Club
- *National Show on Nov 20 at Hawkesbury Showground, hosted by Hills Club
- *Show Judges & Drivers School at Bundanoon on Oct 30.
- *Applications now required for hosting the 2012 State Show Driving Championships. Contact State Secretary

CDE

- *Definition of Hors Concours (HC) as put to Federal CDE Panel needs modification. Currently being discussed by NSW Panel.
- *A system for the recognition of prior learning (RPL) for officials has been adopted by the Federal Panel. NSW Panel feels states should be more involved in this process than currently planned. Report at next meeting.
- *Joint Dressage and CDE Workshop at Witwood on Dec 10/11.
- *Obsthons and Graded Dressage days are good ways of introducing new people to the sport and get horses ready for major events.

Historical – no report. President to discuss situation with panel members

Other Business

- *TPR Stewards ratified from Crookwell and Cootamundra Schools –M Roberts, B McKenzie, J Wiencke, M Delaney, E Delaney, K Boyce, M Boyce.
- *TPR Stewards recredited: T.James E Stead B Rosetta P McIntyre B Hammond P Felber J Moyes R Baxter J Emerton
- *2013 National CDE & Dressage Champs – expression of interest from SH Club. Check to see when NSW is next due to host.
- *Federal to be asked to develop logo 'affiliated with the ACDS' to be used in conjunction with club logos on letterheads
- *Vets at Enduros – president to discuss issue with P & E Panel. Horse welfare always main priority.
- *2012 NSW CDE – expression of interest from Bungendore Club – deferred to Nov meeting
- * Motion for new affiliated club (Northern CDC) defeated as too close to an existing club
- *Junior drivers must be accompanied by a competent adult who is an ACDS member – clarification received from Insurance Brokers
- *Junior drivers – need for uniform rules across all disciplines
- *Need to establish mini/one hour CDE criteria and possible consistent name.
- *Expressions of interest for position of Journal Advertising Coordinator.
- *Only full members (not club social members) have voting rights – Constitution.
- *Material & logistical support for Equitana 2011 Carriage Driving displays by NSW Branch.
- *ACDS Flyer being produced for Equitana

- *Exec to look at funding for panel meetings – video/tele conference costs or similar support
- *All events must have a Risk Management Officer with authority to promote & enforce the safety rules.
- *State Grant Criteria – document to be updated and finalized for Nov meeting. State Champs will need to use this process in future.
- *Janelle Marshall School in NSW in late Nov/ early Dec – Expressions of interest to host it needed.
- *AHIC Welfare Report (www.horsecouncil.org.au – click on horse welfare) – clubs asked to consider it and report back to Nov meeting.

Next General Meeting November 26 2011 venue TBC

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