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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



Heidi Stevens driving Blue Bows, Champion Delivery Horse at the National Show
(Rodneys Photography)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' February 19 2019

Next Branch Meeting at Bathurst Panthers Club
132 Piper St Bathurst
Saturday February 16 2019
All members welcome

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by February 8 2019
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NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018-19

**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
Dec	2018	
8-9	Pleasure Drive Ben Hall's Cave Hill Tops Club	Tess Smith 0414 961 801
9	Christmas Lunch and Auction at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
15	Christmas Party/Long Reining at Quorrobolong Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
Jan	2019	
12-13	CDE Officials, TPR & Scorers Clinics at Bathurst Showground	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
20	Pony Club Invite Come & Try Day TBA Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
25-28	Yalbraith Enduro Goulburn Club	Judy Emerton 02 4829 0185
Feb		
2	Evening BBQ at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
10	Combined Driving Experience Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
16	Branch General Meeting at Bathurst Panthers Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
24	Pleasure Drive in Scheyville NP Hills Club TBC	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
24	Games Day at Stroud Hunter Club	Warren Ricketts 0419 238 200
Mar		
1-2	Anne Synnot Cup & Driving Lessons Hill Tops Club	Judy Harris 0429 528 990
10	Pleasure Drive Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
10	Sports Day at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
10	Dungog Pony Club Carriage Driving Demo Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
16-17	Hinemoa Frog Weekend at Grenfell Ellmore Club	K Engelsman 02 6343 3292
22-25	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
24	Club Training/Coaching Day Cooranbong Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
24	Club Activity Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
30-31	Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Kate Young 0409 722 181
April		
12-23	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
14	Dressage and Cones Clinic Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
19-22	Easter Drive at Laggan Goulburn Club	Judy Emerton 02 4829 0185
27-28	ANZAC Level 3 CDE Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
28	Activity Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
May		
1-5	Ladies Drive Liverpool Range Club	Vicki Donnelly 0458 473 771
4	Indoor/Outdoor Rosemont Complex Goulburn Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
12	Long Reining Clinic Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
17-20	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
18-19	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518
19	Indoor/Outdoor Training Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
26	Junior Challenge & Sports Day Hills & Camden Clubs	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26	Club Activity Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
June		
1-2	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Tumut Hill Tops Club	Debbie Dunn 0407 472 361
9-10	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
15	NSW Branch AGM and general meeting at Bathurst Panthers Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
23	Pleasure Drive Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
23	Club Activity Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
30	Come and Try Day at Cooranbong Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
July		
12-15	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
13-15	Three Day Enduro Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
14	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
14	Harness Fun Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
28	Club Activity Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
Aug		
11	Interclub Challenge Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
11	Harness Gymkhana Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726

17-18	Southern Indoor/Outdoor Series Final TBA	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
18	Mini Marathon Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
24-25	Northern Indoor/Outdoor Series Final TBA	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
25	Come and Try Day at Stroud Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
Sept		
8	Dressage Cones & Mini Marathon Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
8	Combined Driving Experience Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14-15	Level 3 CDE at Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518
20-29	Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Judy Tonkiss 0438 669 271
22	Club Activity Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
28-29	Level 3 CDE Hinemoa Ellmore Club	K Engelsman 02 6343 3292
29	Pleasure Drive at Wollombi Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
Oct		
5-10	Endurance Drive at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
12-13	NSW Graded Dressage Championships Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
20	Cones Competition Cooranbong Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
20	Club Activity Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
Nov		
2-3	NSW CDE Championships TBA	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
10	Max Saunders Memorial Sporting Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
24	Activity Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
24	Christmas Party Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
24	NSW Show Driving Championships Gunning Reedy Creek Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
Dec		
1	Christmas Lunch Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
15	Christmas Drive and Party Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490

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Winner of the Judge's Choice in the Static Show was Carol Fitzpatrick's buggy built by Frank Woodcock, Adelaide (T Quist)

CLUB NEWS

HILL TOPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB (formerly Canberra Club)

Due to the altered members' demographic, lack of grounds in the ACT and no access to grant funding, a decision was made at this year's AGM to change the club name and move incorporation from the ACT to NSW.

With the Combined Driving season getting into full swing in spring, a number of Hill Tops

members have been out and about competing at these events. Members attended the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood in late October, hosted by the Bungendore Club. It was a tough course with strong competition, and all members excelled themselves, coming home with a stack of ribbons, smiles on faces and fond memories. All the club members who competed are relatively new to the sport and have come a long way in a short space of

time. The encouragement and coaching from the club's more experienced members has helped immensely in this and Judy Harris, one of the dressage judges, commented on the improvement. Peter Dunn, with Warren Harris grooming, was in the Novice Large Pony class driving Nanardine Danny Boy, and came third in dressage, fourth in cones and first in marathon, to finish third overall. Danny Boy also was awarded second place for Fittest Pony.

Tess Smith came fourth in dressage, first in cones, and second in marathon to come second overall in the Novice Small Pony class. It was her pony Koriana Absolute Star's first ever Championship. Debbie Dunn driving Ranni Park Hearts Ablaze was third in her dressage and marathon in the Novice Small Pony class, whilst Nikki Flynn, with Nicole Barry as groom, had a fun round and came fourth in the marathon driving Pocket Rocket in the Novice Large Pony class.



Nikki Flynn and Nicole Barry with Pocket Rocket at the NSW CDE at Witwood (T Smith)

In November Garry and Judy Harris ventured north to the Hawkesbury district to have a look at the National Show Driving Championships, whilst others headed south of the border for the Level 3 CDE at Longwood.

It was Tess Smith's and Warren Harris' first trip down south, and they were blown away by the talent and skill of the drivers and horses at the event. Tess just wanted to get a feel for such a big event and was very happy to gain overall fifth in the Novice Small Pony class. Her pony Koriana Absolute Star, was awarded the prize for the Smallest Pony. Debbie Dunn was ecstatic with the performance of Ranni Park Hearts Ablaze (Harry), coming sixth in the Novice Small Pony class of twelve. Peter Dunn had a blinder to come first in the marathon in the Novice Large Pony class, driving Danny Boy. Warren Harris was his very able backstepper. They finished fifth overall in a large and strong class.

It was a fantastic and inspiring experience for the group, with great weather, grounds, food and a friendly atmosphere, meaning a fun time was had by all.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Faye Cairncross: The Club's events for 2018 are over except for our Christmas evening in December. However plans for next year are well under way. Apart from the coaching clinics arranged, our first major effort will be our Anzac Level 3 CDE just after Easter. We hope to see lots of competitors, so do make plans to come! The NSW CDE Championships at Witwood saw a number of Southern Highlands Club members competing or helping. Tracey Ellis and Amy Lucerne drove in the Intermediate and Novice Large Pony classes, with Tracey coming third after winning the dressage, and Amy winning her class in a close finish. Well done – you kept the flag flying very well! Amongst the officials and helpers from the club were Sue Plath, one of the dressage judges and a ground jury member, John and Yvonne Wood who did timing on the marathon and myself being a steward on the cones and at the end of Section E.



Kerrie Barlow driving Riverlodge Fonteyn at the National Show Championships (P Fitzpatrick)

The National Show Driving Championships at Clarendon, hosted by the Camden and Hills Clubs, was another recent event. The large number of entries resulted in a full day of interesting classes. I groomed for Charlotte Hyles from the Camden Club, which was a new experience for me in learning 'the ways of show driving'. Enough ribbons to make a large yellow scarf went home with Charlotte and her horse Ziva.

Fellow Southern Highlands members Warren and Kerrie Barlow also competed at the National Show and had a very successful day, the culmination of which was first being awarded Champion and Reserve Champion Large Non Hackney Pony with Nagero Porcelain and Riverlodge Fonteyn respectively, followed by Nagero Porcelain being crowned Supreme Champion Horse or Pony of the Show!

CENTRAL COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mary Grant: A cold morning and a huge downpour at 7am made it look like our Cones Competition day was going to be a grim one. Fortunately it was just overcast but quite pleasant by the time competitors started to arrive, and it remained that way all day. Cones were set up and ready to be challenged.



Margaret Walmsley driving Griffin (M Grant) Noeline Cassettari had the first draw and set the pace. Our Hills Club friends Angela Eberle, Jenny Conquest and Leanne Perceval came and had a crack each, with some having a few extra goes. Angela's Pebbles improved beyond expectations with the more runs she had. She needed someone to follow in the first couple of runs, but by the end she was flying through. It was great driving by Angela and Leanne in their first cones competition with Pebbles.



Ryan Blackman driving Pirate (M Grant)

David and Mary Grant then went up against each other in the husband v wife pairs. The pony pair consisted of Oakey and Whinnona, and Jonathon Bird groomed for both Mary and David. To everyone's delight David only knocked one cone in his first ever competition driving anything, let alone driving a pair. It was a remarkable effort. Margaret Walmsley drove Griffin in his new traditional sulky and they were a beautiful picture to watch. Marg won a first after some very good attempts prior to her official run. Karen Pryor with Tommy, assisted by Barbara Smith, drove around the grounds for a while but was eventually persuaded to have a go at the cones course. After only looking at it for a couple of minutes she had a scorching run. She and Tommy had never done

cones before, having always concentrated on showing. Tommy had given Karen a bit of grief at the Welsh Show the previous weekend so it was great to see them both relaxed, with no pressure, having fun. Karen had a ball and Tommy seemed to be smiling too!

Lunch was held and then came the donkey drivers' turns. Once again husband v wife competitiveness came out, and Hayley and Ryan Blackman went at it with Pirate, Picasso and Polo. The latter is a mammoth donkey. There was a little confusion about times for both drivers at the end, but good sportsmanship saw Ryan handing over first place to his wife, of course!

It was a great day and everyone had a blast! Congratulations to the overall winner Jenny Conquest with Mannie. They had the fastest clear round and won the sash. Well done!

A huge thank you to Warren Ricketts for judging and to Janet Muspratt for the course design. Many thanks also to the Hills Club members for their support. Warren said we should have more of these days, so we will try to have a few each year, hopefully attracting more drivers. We also received a lot of good advice from Warren, who encouraged all of us to receive coaching to improve our driving. Some coaching/training days will be put on next year's calendar too.



Karen Pryor and Tommy stepping out in the Cones Course (M Grant)

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Hunter Club has put together a comprehensive calendar of events for 2019 with at least one club activity per month. The first event of the New Year will be a Games Day at Stroud Showground on February 24 2019. Contact Warren Ricketts on 0419 238 200 for more information.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

In October Marg and John Moore went to the NSW All Welsh Show at SIEC with their grey pony Linden Shakespeare (Perry). Marg drove Perry in their varnished sulky and they presented a very stylish traditional picture amongst the viceroys of the other competitors. Perry won the Pleasure Pony class.

The planned Hills Club Dressage Cones and Mini Marathon Day in October had to be postponed due to rain. However members really got behind the National Show Driving Championships on November 11, which Hills co hosted with the Camden Club. The Show was held at Hawkesbury Showground on November 11. Camden ran the main show and Hills looked after the Static Show. Members from both clubs shared the various stewarding and officials duties on the day, and it all worked out very well. The show was a great success. There was a wonderful roll up of competitors all of whom were beautifully presented, and it was a very impressive exhibition of carriage driving.



Emily Thompson driving Shepherds Hill Vanessa at the National Show (K Thompson)

In the competitor ranks, the Hills Club was well represented by Belinda Casper and Indi (Seawynd Moonshadow) with Jenny Conquest grooming, Kirstin Feddersen and Zed (Shepherds Hill Yowie), Emily Thompson and Shepherds Hill Vanessa, Alan Robertson and Bob, Andrea Casper and Sanbar Moon Light Caesar, Linda Ongley and Avanti, Karen Silvester and Ziggy (Rosymoon Siegfried), Kathy Brammall with Penny (Mirabella Lady Lass) and handler Steve Brammall, Sandra Shaw driving Martyn Minns' Friesian mare Metsje Fan Twillens, Mark Thompson who drove Shepherds Hill Vanessa in the Gentleman Driver class and Juliana Dearnley who drove Bob in the Junior Driver class.

In the Static Show Tony Ingersole exhibited his family's historic varnished sulky, Janet Muspratt showed two pony collars and a plaited leather driving whip, and the Casper and McKillop families showed a number of interesting items including a Bev Curtin sulky.

Many of these members did well, but special congratulations must go to Kirstin Feddersen who was awarded the Concours d'Elegance Prize (donated by Eddie Dobbin & Co Carriages), Emily Thompson who was Reserve Champion Driver and Juliana Dearnley who came equal second in the Junior Driver class.

Members who helped in the running of the show included Alan and Linda Ongley who were there on the Saturday afternoon to meet and greet the people stabling and camping overnight, and then were back again on Sunday to have a long day doing photography (Alan) and competing (Linda), Dennis Casper who stewarded for the Static Show and kept an eye on exhibits for the day, Tiffany Cornall and Kiah and Debbie Lyshak and grand daughter who manned the arena exit gate, Debra Mavin and June Malmberg who stewarded all day in the arena, Angela Eberle who helped with the Static Show, and Janet Muspratt who assisted pre show setting up equipment, and was safety officer and general rousabout on the day.

Other Hills members who attended included Karen Thompson, Helen Tudor, Leanne Perceval, Ron Miles, Paul and Marilyn Austin, Peter O'Regan, Helen Robertson, Eddie Dobbin and Chris Wilton Smith. Jenny Fawbert who was a founding member of the Hills Club, once again did an excellent job on the PA, whilst former members Sandy and John Hunter, and Christine Dunn and Nigel Burton, with ponies Patches and Ion, were also there.



Junior driver Juliana Dearnley driving Bob at the National Show with Alan Robertson (T Quist)

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Yvette Furner: This month we had the 'Max Saunders Memorial Harness Sporting Event' which was one of the best club rally days I have been to since becoming a member (admittedly it's only been a short time). The event was a big hit, with a good turnout of members who split into two competitive groups – the 'Hoons' and the 'Cruisers'. Everyone was striving for the honour of being the first name engraved on the fabulous trophy kindly donated by Richard Edler. It was an exciting day with most competitors taking home well deserved ribbons. A few stand outs were Ian Furner who was awarded the plastic

spoon and a blue ribbon for the most enthusiastic on-foot display of bending poles, whilst Annette and Philip Parris were glowing with pride at their awesome efforts.

Elizabeth O'Brien was the highest points scorer for the day for the 'Hoons' and only one point behind was Kristy French being the highest points scorer for the 'Cruisers'. Elizabeth took out the overall Champion for the day.

After all the sporting fun we were entertained by a new band called Just Jam. This was its very first gig and we would like to say a huge thank you to the band members Deb Baker, Virginia Austin, David and Ellen Gulliver and Brian and Robbie Duck, for making our day so much fun. A big thank you also to Margaret Broadbent and Evol Atkins for preparing our sausage sizzle lunch. Margaret Neely gave a beautiful speech which gave all who were present time to reminisce about Max, and remember him cheering from the sidelines. Of course he and Margaret always cooked the sausage sizzle too. It was truly a lovely tribute and I felt like I had known him.



Lex Vickers driving Froddo at the Max Saunders Memorial Harness Sporting Event (E O'Brien)

Our next adventure for this month was attending the *ACDS National Show Driving Championships* held at the Hawkesbury Showground in western Sydney. Five of our members travelled in convoy on the five hour drive to the showground. We arrived on Saturday afternoon, got our steeds settled and set up camp ready to tackle a long competitive day on the Sunday!

Sunday morning came all too fast. We were up at 5am feeding, mucking out and grooming our horses ready for the day's competition. We must have done a reasonable job as our little band of Tamworth Club members did the club proud. Karl Olsson and Soho Eros took out Best Performed

Standardbred amongst a number of other awards. Richard Edler and Caddie also did well, culminating in winning the Standardbred Encouragement Award. Margaret Neely got first place in her Jogger Turnout Class and shared 3rd place with me with Bundy Bear in the Open Pony o8.2 ne 9.2. That was my only ribbon but Margaret had a lot of ribbons to head home with. Elizabeth O'Brien and Prince Lonestar competed in some big classes and also had success. Judy Tonkiss from the Liverpool Range Club was there too with her pony Playboy, and did well in the Novice and Newcomer Pony classes. All in all it was not a bad day for us all!



Phillip Parris and Cosmic TNT at the Max Saunders Memorial Harness Sporting Event (E O'Brien)

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Ellmore Club members have been busy across a number of disciplines in recent months. At the beginning of September the Club held a Jump and Drive demonstration at the Grenfell Show. This was won by Kookie Engelsman and Ashwood Black Magic. Chuckie Radnedge with Hudson Gucci and Auburn Carr with JB Jetstar also participated. The event was an excellent promotion of carriage driving, with many showjump riders in awe of the speed and agility of the ponies.

The Club conducted the Driven Dressage and Hinemoa Frog Weekend on September 8/9. This event was a low key and fun preparation for the Dressage Championships in October. The dressage was on Saturday with ten competitors across four classes. The best Novice score was achieved by Auburn Carr and RB Jetstar, and Chuckie Radnedge and Hudson Gucci had the best Intermediate score. The 'Hinemoa Frog', a mini CDE, was held on the Sunday with nine competitors over three classes. The Hinemoa Frog Trophy for Best Performance by an Inexperienced Pony was awarded to Nikki Flynn and Pocket Rocket.

Chuckie Radnedge and Hudson Gucci travelled to Murrumbidgee on September 15/16 for the Level 3 CDE. Despite some challenging weather conditions, they performed well to win the Novice Horse class. On Saturday October 6 the Scribblegum Design & Print 2018 ACDS NSW Driven Dressage Championships were held at Hinemoo, near Grenfell. Conditions were perfect, with recent rain having settled the dust. The day was blessed with great weather, lovely judges, beautiful horses and ponies and friendly competitors. The event attracted 20 competitors from across the state. Chuckie Radnedge and Hudson Gucci won Champion in the Intermediate class, and Kookie Engelsman and Hudson Sideshow won Reserve Champion in the Novice class. Penny Jacobs and Rocky and Auburn Carr with RB Jetstar also participated. On the Sunday a drive and games were held, enjoyed by all.

Ellmore was represented at Witwood for the 2018 NSW CDE Championships by Chuckie Radnedge and Kookie Engelsman. Chuckie and Gucci came second in the Intermediate Horse class, whilst Kookie and Sideshow competed in the concurrent Level 4 CDE.

Chuckie and Gucci then travelled to Longwood in Victoria for the Level 3 CDE on November 10/11. They competed in the very competitive Intermediate Horse class, where they won the cones and marathon, and the class overall. On the same weekend, Heidi Stevens and Penny Jacobs travelled to the National Show Driving Championships at the Hawkesbury Showground. Heidi competed with her heavy horse Clyde (Blue Bows) and won Champion Delivery Horse. She and Penny reported that the show was great fun and was very well supported.

BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Jen Brennan: Club members recently farewelled our Korean member Jun-gi Min after his year working and gaining experience with Max Pearce. Min has moved to a job at an equestrian facility in Korea. The Club wishes him well in all his future endeavours. His smiling face will be missed. The Club hosted the NSW CDE Championships and a Level 4 CDE at the end of October, and was very grateful to receive the support of all the sponsors, volunteers and competitors. Scribblegum Design & Print was the major sponsor. There were 33 entries over the two events.

The class winners were Novice Small Pony: Glenda Marshall, Novice Large Pony: Amy Lucerne, Novice Horse: Carolyn Grinter, Intermediate Large Pony: Tamara Abed, Intermediate Horse: Tracie Borg, Open Horse: Lorraine Cairns, Large Pony Pair: Margaret Sperrin; Horse Pair: Tor Van den Berge, Horse Team: Carolyn Blakeley.

In the Level 4 CDE the winners were Novice Small Pony: Sarah Keevers, Novice Horse: Catharina Matschurat, Introductory Multiples: Lynne Dominish.

The Club was well represented at the Level 3 CDE at Longwood by Lyn Callaghan, Byron McIntyre, Lea McIntyre, Kim Groothof, Debbie and Graeme Dowling, Tamara Abed, Linden Barrey and Lucy Potter.

On the same weekend, Sarah Keevers competed with Drumeden Paddy at the National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground. They had a very successful show against large classes and strong opposition, highlighted by being awarded Champion Pleasure Horse or Pony.



Sarah Keevers driving Drumeden Paddy at the National Show Championships (P Fitzpatrick)

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Christine O'Rourke and Peter Honeyman: A great weekend was had by all, with six sulkies and one buggy being driven on the Round Island Drive run by the Liverpool Range and Gulgong Clubs. It was based at a very good campsite on the Cattle Lane, near Pine Ridge.

Everyone arrived on Friday, except for the Donnellys who came on Saturday morning. We did a 30km drive, leaving at 10am, stopping halfway at cattle yards, where we had lunch and watered the horses. It was a warm and humid day. Saturday night was good, spent around the camp fire. A storm came and went, with only a mm or two of rain. We were in between two storms, so were not affected much.

Sunday was a cool morning for our 22km return drive to Pine Ridge. We were back for lunch and then it was time to pack up and go home. The drivers were LeRoy Trengove, Trish and Peter Honeyman, Chris Ward, Kate Wilson, Mark Murphy, and Vicki and Bruce Donnelly, whilst the escorts were Sam Williams and Geoff Skewes, Rhody Williams, Donna Grace and Jo Trengove. We were down a few sulkies for a number of

reasons - Christine O'Rourke had to work, Sam Williams' horse was lame, Geoff Skewes had sold his float, Bill Greer was in hospital, Donna Grace's horse was out of work and the Munns' horse had a bad cut!

Thanks to Bill Greer for organizing the drive from his hospital bed and Sam Williams for running the drive. Everyone enjoyed the weekend, with the highlight being Geoff Skewes getting bogged at the water trough and Sam Williams having to tow him out!

Judy and John Tonkiss, together with Judy's pony Bells Mountain Playboy, made the trip down to the Hawkesbury Showground in western Sydney for the National Show Driving Championships on November 11. They linked up with a group of Tamworth Club members who also competed at the show, arriving on the Saturday afternoon, doing the show on the Sunday and returning home on the Monday. Judy and Playboy did well in the very competitive pony classes.



Judy Tonkiss driving Bells Mountain Playboy at the National Show Driving Championships (T Quist)

The Club Christmas Party will be held on December 1 at the Werris Creek Bowling Club. The bowling club is a great supporter of the Charity Drive, and of the Liverpool Range Club in general, so it will be nice to give back some support to them. All the members of the Liverpool Range Club would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all our Whip Around readers, production team and friends, and we hope to see everyone again in 2019 enjoying their driving.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Charlotte Hyles: Camden Club, in conjunction with the Hills Club, hosted this year's National Show Driving Championships. It was a very big combined effort and resulted in a hugely successful day. All those involved in the organization and running of the show ended the day very happy but very exhausted! Amazing sponsorship enticed a great number of entries with more than 40 horses and ponies competing in the 31 classes. Drivers came from as

far away as Bega and Tamworth to compete. The judges, Tom and Michael Lenihan from Queensland were very pleased to be presented with big numbers and high quality exhibitors. Camden junior members Jeanna Kinleyside driving Chocolate, and Isla Meads driving Lucy, competed in a number of open classes. In the Junior Driver class Jeanna was first and Isla equal second with Juliana Dearnley from the Hills Club. I drove Ziva, and we came back into form, placing in every one of our classes, including the huge Lady Driver class.



Charlotte Hyles driving Ziva at the National Show (P Fitzpatrick)

Sue Wright competed with her young pony Winddale Gwyndaf and was placed in the Novice and Newcomer classes. Her husband Bill was there as her back up crew.

Carol Fitzpatrick created by hand a most wonderful leather hat box which was presented to the Best Dressed Handler – Amanda Proctor. Carol also supported the Static Show by entering a buggy and a sulky, as well as several well preserved old hat boxes. The buggy was awarded the Judge's Choice prize in the Static Show.



Junior driver Isla Meads with groom Maxine Saliba driving Lucy at the National Show (P Fitzpatrick)

Martyn Minns exhibited two entries – Friesian mares Metsje Fan Twillens and Ulrika. He drove Ulrika and Sandra Shaw drove Metsje. They were

well into the ribbons in a number of events and finished the day with Martyn driving the two horses as a pair in the multiples class. They looked very impressive together.

Maxine Saliba drove with granddaughter Isla Meads, with Fred Saliba helping in preparations, whilst Carolyn Kinleyside was Jeanna Kinleyside's groom.

Amongst the officials and Camden supporters who put in a big day were Greg McDonald (ringmaster), Lew McDonnell (assistant ringmaster and general go-to man), Jo Minns and Carol Fitzpatrick (office), Sally Crowell and Lou Lyons (ring stewards), Peter Fitzpatrick who helped set up the vehicles in the Static Show and also took photos, Danni Katon and Alison McDonald.

Alison did the recording of results as well as organizing and leading the singing in the very dignified Remembrance Day ceremony at 11am.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Reedy Creek Club members have been out and about in good numbers lately.

Kath Cole and John Moyes did the very important job of volunteering at the NSW CDE Championships held at Witwood at the end of October, whilst the Blakeley family competed with their horse team and came home with the State Title and very big smiles. As usual the course was top level and full of obstacles and letters.



Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley with their team at the NSW CDE Championships (A Blakeley)

Although numbers were down a bit, the Marrar Endurance event run by Reedy Creek was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, with great camping and a friendly atmosphere. John Moyes ran an excellent competition, and the Victorians who were there loved it too. Keep it in mind for next year when it runs for three days over the October long weekend.

Amanda Taylor and Amanda Blakeley both attended the Cowra Show. Amanda Taylor won the Supreme Led Heavy Horse Exhibit, whilst

Amanda Blakeley won the Shetland in Harness. Attendance at country shows is so important if they are to be kept going.

Club members also attended the NSW Dressage Championships at the Engelsmans' beautiful property Hinemoa, and had a fun and successful weekend.



Amanda Blakeley with Kevelle Lee Fallon at the NSW Dressage Championships (C Blakeley)

Kath Cole and John Moyes went to the National Show Driving Championships on November 11, with their Standardbred horse Avanti, who was driven by Linda Ongley. Linda and Kath had a very enjoyable and successful day which included a win in the Pleasure Horse class and a number of placings in other classes.

The Blakeley family was also at the Show, driving Southern Cross Nickolas, their Shire heavy horse. They had a successful and fun weekend, with one of the highlights being awarded the Most Authentic Vehicle sash and prize. Wonderful people like Mark and Jeanie Burton were major sponsors of the show and it was good to see them there.



Linda Ongley and Kath Cole with Avanti at the National Show Championships (T Quist)

Plans are busy for the coming weekend Obsthon and Christmas Drive being run by the Club. So far about twenty competitors have entered and it promises be a lot of fun. Notable amongst these entries are two junior drivers, one brand new, Brady Silas driving Champ, plus two new members who are bringing their Clydesdale horses from Berry. Welcome to Anne and Vanessa Seton. At the recent NSW Branch Meeting, the Reedy Creek Club was pleased to be awarded the NSW Show Driving Championships for 2019. The Show will be held at Gunning on Sunday November 24 2019.

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

Sharon Beattie gave rides in the Temora Club vehicle at the Mary Gilmore Festival in late October. The vehicle, which is based on a governess car design, was featuring a brand new door at the back, to keep children safely in the vehicle during rides. The door was made by the Ariah Park Central School metalwork class.



Sharon Beattie driving Zoe in the Temora Club vehicle waiting for passengers at the Mary Gilmore Festival (S Beattie)

ARMISTICE DAY PARADE AT MACKSVILLE

Central Coast Club member Jim McKenna driving his horse Clancy, together with Karen Anderson driving Chelsea, led the Armistice Day Parade in Macksville on November 11 2018. The parade and 11am ceremony were organized by the Macksville RSL Sub Branch. Jim took a group of ladies dressed as WWI nurses in his vehicle, and Clancy wore a specially made Red Cross bonnet to fit the occasion.

The parade participants, which also included two jeeps and a Blitz truck, as well as many marchers, assembled outside the Fire Station before the parade started at 10am and proceeded through the town at walking pace. They reached the Macksville Cenotaph just before 11am, and lined up for the very dignified and respectful ceremony that followed.



Jim McKenna and Clancy with passengers dressed as WWI nurses in the Armistice Day Parade (T Gowen)

NATIONAL ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Charlotte Hyles.
Wow ! What a marvelous Show Driving Nationals we have just had!

Camden Harness Club and the Hills District Harness Club are heralding the 2018 National Show held at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon as an unparalleled success! This event truly provided the enjoyment and camaraderie of an excellent competition.

To start the day, every driver was given a competitor bag containing the catalogue, a commemorative poppy, sponsors' flyers, a sample of Direct Corp Bio bedding, and a great pair of socks from EMCEE Apparel.



Warren Barlow with the Supreme Champion Horse or Pony of the National Show Nagero Porcelain (A Ongley)

Tom and Michael Lenihan from Queensland judged 48 entries who contested 31 classes, with eight Champions and Reserves being awarded. Most classes had very good entry numbers and competition was strong.

The show started with the spectacular turnout classes. The Champion was Glenwood Limited Edition driven by Wendy Ragg, with Reserve Champion being Southern Cross Nickolas driven by Carolyn Blakeley.

Champions and Reserves in the Horse and Pony Rings were: Pony ne 10.2hh: Lynvale Lodge Balmoral (A Rattray) and Woodview Summer Rose (A Rattray), Non Hackney Pony o10.2 ne 14hh: Nagero Porcelain (W Barlow) and Riverlodge Fonteyn (K Barlow), Hackney Pony: Parkwood Pollyanna (M Glendenning) and Glenwood Limited Edition (W Ragg), Non Hackney Horse: Indi Maverick (P White) and Crosswynds Ebony (A Proctor), Delivery Horse: Blue Bows (H Stevens) and Southern Cross Nickolas (C Blakeley).



Karl Olsson driving Soho Eros the Most Successful Standardbred of the National Show (T Quist)

The top accolade of Supreme Champion Horse or Pony went to Nagero Porcelain, driven by Warren Barlow, winning a valuable cash prize from Direct Corp-Bio Bedding, plus an image from Rodney's Photography.

The other two Champions came from the Pleasure and Driver classes with the Pleasure Horse or Pony Champion and Reserve being Drumeden Paddy (S Keevers), and Chocolate (J Kinleyside), and the Driver Champion and Reserve being Amanda Proctor and Emily Thompson.

The Pleasure Horse or Pony Champion and Reserve received very generous vouchers from Kohnke's Own.

More wonderful sponsorship was seen in the Junior, Lady and Gentleman Driver classes, where the first three placegetters in each class received SSG leather driving gloves. The Lady Driver class had 17 entries, with 12 actually competing. Mahbrook Carriage Supplies also presented the Junior Driver placegetters with very valuable vouchers to encourage the drivers and support their parents.

During the course of the day, five special awards were concurrently being judged, each of which

was supported by extremely generous sponsorship. The Concours d'Elegance was won by Kirstin Feddersen driving Shepherds Hill Yowie. Kirstin was delighted to receive a very elegant prize of four etched wine glasses donated by Dobbin Co. Carriages. The Best Dressed Handler award went to Amanda Proctor who received a superbly hand crafted hat box created by Carol Fitzpatrick and the Most Authentic Vehicle sponsored by Mahbrook Carriages, was won by Carolyn Blakeley driving Southern Cross Nickolas. The other two special awards were for Standardbreds, designed to encourage the retraining of the breed into new careers after racing. Garrards donated \$100 vouchers and special sashes for each. Soho Eros and his delighted driver Karl Olsson was awarded Most Successful Standardbred of the Show, and Caddie, driven by Richard Edler won the Standardbred Encouragement Award.



Martyn Minns driving his pair of Friesians Metsje Fan Twillens and Ulrika H. at the National Show (T Quist)

Full results of the Show may be viewed on the NSW ACDS website.

Many interesting entries were received in the Static Show including a buggy and three sulkies, harness collars, old driving and riding whips, hat boxes, an WWI infantry sword, a child's Pegasus trotting gig and a Mobo Pony Express. Armando Djuric had the difficult task of judging this section.

Heavenly Horse Designs, The Mobile GG Spot and The Carriage Driver all provided onsite trade stands which allowed drivers to shop at the show, whilst Rodney's Photography was set up to allow viewing and purchasing of photographs on the spot. Catering was provided by Acacia's, and they did a busy trade all day.

Throughout the day Jenny Fawbert on the PA kept everyone up to date, calling competitors into the ring and giving results, as well as talking up the wonderful list of sponsors.



Kathy Brammall and Shetland Mirabella Lady Lass competing at the National Show (P Fitzpatrick)

We stopped at 11am for a very dignified, respectful and moving Remembrance Day ceremony organized by Alison McDonald. The showground was silent and everyone including the horses, stood still. Alison led the singing of the National Anthem to conclude the ceremony. Thank you everyone – competitors, judges, sponsors (including the Federal ACDS and a number of clubs), stewards, officials and spectators for all contributing to making the show a great success.

(A further report and photos will appear in the March 2019 ACDS Journal)

PHOTOS FROM THE NATIONAL SHOW

Hundreds of images from the show may be viewed and/or purchased from RodneysPhotography.com.au or follow this direct link to the show images: <http://www.rodneysphotography.com.au/gallery.php?mode=gallery&id=454&page=1>

ENDURANCE AND DISTANCE AWARDS for 2017

Endurance

Horse: New Penny – 489.6km Horse Driver: Robert Allport

Large Pony: Avanti – 245.5km

Large Pony Driver: Linda Ongley

Small Pony: Versace – 88.9km

Small Pony Driver: Sue Fraser

Distance Achievement:

Horse: Thelma (K Allport) 1055km Large Pony:

Tilly (P & T Honeyman) 854.6km

Medals: Horses: New Penny – 1028.3km; Gemma

(G Skewes) – 649.6km; Salut (C Ward) 614.6km;

Banda (S Fraser) 501.1km

Ponies: Tinker (R Laing) 615.8km; Darcy (M

Murphy) – 568.6km; Ruby (H Huckerby) – 523.7

km; Tom (V Donnelly) – 368.2km, Megsy (K Wilson) 459.6km

Club Trophy: Liverpool Range Harness Club: 6,588.6km

The P & E Panel has decided that the Endurance Horse Driver trophy should in future be titled '*The Robert Allport Memorial Trophy*' in recognition of Robert's wonderful work in support of Endurance and Pleasure driving.



Drivers and grooms with their awards after the 2018 Endurance Event at Marrar (A Ongley)

URGENT CALL FOR DISTANCE RECORD SHEETS AND MISSING TROPHIES

Distance Record Sheets: Drivers need to send their 2018 Distance Record Sheets to Rosemary Laing 2 Cowper St Stroud NSW 2425 by *January 30 2019*. Sheets are available for downloading on the NSW ACDS website. There are perpetual trophies to be won for Horse, Large Pony and Small Pony categories, as well as a Club trophy and individual medals. Every kilometre travelled in both pleasure and endurance events counts. These awards were initiated by the late Robert Allport, whom we sadly lost earlier this year, and we owe it to his memory to see that they are continued.

Several perpetual trophies are still to be located. These are trophies for Small Pony Endurance, Small Pony Endurance Driver and most importantly, the Junior Encouragement Award trophy. Drivers who have been awarded any of these trophies over the last three years are asked to *contact Rosemary Laing urgently*, on 0408 562 257 or rosielaing@yahoo.com, so that the trophies' whereabouts might be traced.

CDE OFFICIALS, SCORERS and TPR CLINICS

When:

CDE Officials Clinic Sat Jan 12 2019 9.30am
Scorers Clinic Sun Jan 13 2019 9.00am
TPR Clinic Sun Jan 13 2019 11.30am

Where: Bathurst Showgrounds 1 Kendall Ave
Bathurst

All these Clinics are for existing officials, new officials and anyone just wanting to come along, join in and learn more. EVERYONE WELCOME!

CDE Officials Clinic (Presenter: Trevor Brand – ACDS Federal Coach Coordinator)

For existing and new officials- Technical Delegates, Cones Judges, Course Designers and Ground Jury members. The clinic will start indoors, then go outside for practical exercises in the afternoon. Wear appropriate clothing.

Scorers Clinic (Presenters: Greg and Alison McDonald)

This session is aimed at experienced scorers and those who wish to start from the beginning. The morning will consist of an overview of the scorers program, and Greg will continue throughout the day for anyone wanting to learn further detail. If you would like to have the scorers program loaded onto your laptop, bring it with you. Installation of the software can be done on the Saturday evening, as time will be limited on the Sunday.

TPR Clinic (Presenter: Ian Denney, assisted by Sharon Beattie)

Aimed at those who need to renew their TPR qualifications and /or anyone wishing to become a new TPR Steward for both CDEs and Endurance events. Anyone just wanting to learn more is also very welcome. The course will start indoors, then move outside for practical exercises.

Catering: Free morning and afternoon tea both days. Need to bring or purchase your own lunch.

Accommodation: Powered campsites on the showground. Contact Christine (02 6331 1349 or 0418 637 6832) to book a site and advise you are with the NSW Carriage Driving Clinic
Free campsites at the Lions (Berry) Park Campground; variety of hotels, motels, cottages and apartments in Bathurst

Paperwork: For those who advise which clinics they are interested in, relevant paperwork can be provided. However feel free to print any of the relevant available documents on the federal website and bring them with you.

Horses/ponies needed: A few horses and ponies are needed on the Saturday afternoon to drive obstacles and cones, and on the Sunday to be used for TPR purposes. If you are able to help with this, please contact Tracey Ellis. There are yards available at the showground.

Contact: Tracey Ellis NSW CDE Convenor on 0402 854 696 or scribblegum64@gmail.com

NOTES from the Branch Meeting Bathurst November 17 2018

25 members attended from Bungendore, Ellmore, Southern Highlands, Hills, Hill Tops, Gulgong, Reedy Creek, Camden, Hunter and Temora Clubs

Panel reports

Show Driving

*National Show run by Camden and Hills was a big success, over 40 horses entered, many sponsors including ACDS clubs

*Agric Shows need support for their harness classes

*Canberra Royal (Feb 22-24) has a great harness program including separate classes and a Championship for Standardbreds in Harness

*Sydney Royal harness classes most likely from April 12 – 17

*Judges School planned for May/June 2019 hopefully in a northern NSW location



Showing the versatility of the harness horse, the last class at the National Show was the Drive and Ride (A Ongley)

P & E

*Reminder to clubs who have held pleasure drives and endurance events in 2018 to send names and distances completed by participants to Rosemary Laing by January 30 2019 for working out of the annual awards.

*We must all be conscious of and adhere to the requirements set out in Traffic Management and Risk Assessment plans and *must follow the Road Rules*, when pleasure and endurance driving.

*Maintaining a zero incident/accident record is extremely important. Organizers of timed events will need to be particularly aware of compliance regarding driving on the road, and Certified Traffic Controllers as escorts may become a requirement.

*Endurance event entries are in decline. The panel is discussing this issue and would welcome suggestions from members on how to re invigorate the sport.

*With many events on the calendar for 2019, all members are encouraged to experience the enjoyment of pleasure and endurance driving.

*When you look in the mirror, you see the person most responsible for your safety



Looking ready for a pleasure drive – the Pleasure Horse placegetters at the National Show (T Quist)

CDE

*Many thanks to the Bungendore Club for running the NSW CDE Champs and to the many other clubs who gave assistance. Please continue to support each other's events – it brings much goodwill and makes us a state to be proud of.

*CDE Officials, Scorers and TPR Clinics – January 12-13 2019 at Bathurst Showground. Information available on the website or contact Convenor Tracey Ellis.

*Officials whose qualifications expire in January 2020 are advised to attend the above clinics to extend their qualifications for another three years.

*Indoor/Outdoor Series – three applications to hold series qualifiers in 2019 already received – May 18 or 19 Murrumbidgee Club at Murrumbidgee, June 1 or 2 Hill Tops Club at Tumut, June 8 or 9 Tamworth Club at Moonbi. Finals dates: Northern Aug 17 or 18, Southern Aug 24 or 25 – hosts and venues TBA. A reminder that clubs proposing to hold a series event must gain approval first from the CDE Panel.



Line up in the CDE Turnout class at the National Show (T Quist)

*CDE Rule Book Review: The new Rule Book has been in use since Aug 1 2018. Rules that have raised concern are 1. Novice classes only doing A-D in Level 3 and 4 events. Members' concerns are being collated and a review will be held at a future date. 2. The rule re qualification to enter a

Championship – along with the new rule the following motion was recently passed by the Federal CDE Panel: 'Drivers who have completed without elimination two Level 4 events within the last 3 years be allowed to compete at any Championship event held until Aug 1 2019, providing it is with the same combination as they qualified with. Proof of this qualification must be provided by the competitor to the Organizing Committee'.

Dressage

*Thank you to Ellmore Club for hosting the NSW Dressage Championships – 19 entries, 1 scratching

*More drivers are attending Graded Dressage events and improvement has been noted in the competitions, most likely as a result of this and having lessons from various coaches.

*New 'Graded Driven Dressage Rulebook' presented to Federal Council but does not appear to have been run past State Convenors. To be followed up.

*Grading points will be awarded at Graded Dressage days

*Points achieved up until the NSW Dressage Champs have been forwarded to the Federal Grading Officer.

Historical

*Static Show at the National Show Champs had quite good support with four vehicles on display as well as a number of interesting harness and historical items



Tony Ingersole's sulky on display in the Static Show (A Ongley)

*Thank you to the people who have allowed inspection and photographing of their vehicles over the year. Members are encouraged to contact Convenor Alan Ongley to arrange inspections of their vehicles to help expand the archival record. Location and owners' identity will be held in strict confidence.

Website

*very important when sending programs and entry forms for placing on the website that the *name and date* of the Event be put in the title. Please do not send with the title 'program and entry'.

Junior Drivers

*A survey has been done of clubs regarding junior drivers in NSW – about 15 junior drivers and

grooms, with no more than about 10 being really active and competitive. Federal Convenor Carol Fitzpatrick is gathering national figures.

*Several clubs hold regular activities and classes in events for juniors

*The federal Junior Bursary Scheme is underway with entries closing in mid Nov 2018. A panel made up of all the Federal Convenors will consider the applications and pick the recipients.



Winner of the Junior Driver class at the National Show
Jeanna Kinleyside driving Chocolate (T Quist)

Other Business:

*Show Driving Champs – Resolved that the Champs be held on the last weekend in November. However another date will be considered if a willing host club is unable to use that date. SD Panel to decide.

*2019 NSW Show Driving Champs to be run on Nov 24 2019 at Gunning hosted by the Reedy Creek Club

*CDE Panel to consider suggestion that the NSW CDE Championships be held in autumn

*2019 NSW and National Dressage Championships to be run on same weekend by Southern Highlands Club on October 13/14 2019

*Border Club to be encouraged to run a Graded Dressage event

*Branch sponsorship of Junior Driver class at Sydney Royal to continue in 2019

*NSW Branch Rules and Regulations – a draft update has been done and is on the website

*A number of Clubs still to send in their Affiliation Forms – they are urgently required.

*Claiming the date: Munro Cup 24-25 February 2019

*The next Bram Chardon Clinic is booked out

*Often difficult for a club to run an event by itself so important for clubs to group together to run events

*Suggested that Armando Djuric be asked to a Branch Meeting to give a talk on vehicles and restoration

*Representatives of clubs present were given ACDS posters and flyers

Next Branch Meeting Saturday Feb 16 2019 at Bathurst Panthers Club 10.30am



Behind the scenes at the National Show (A Ongley)