

P&E Conveners Report February 2019.

To all members our thoughts are with those who are surviving through this Hot Weather and the current Drought we are experiencing unless you are in North Queensland I hope you have survived the Floods, Dorothea McKellar was on the mark with her famous Poem.

Over the past 6 months several Endurance and Pleasure drives have been undertaken, I must at this stage give my apologies to those who have completed and have covered the required distances to be awarded a medallion in recognition of your achievement.

I originally felt that there may be a different way of recognition of your achievement and efforts and I have asked my fellow members of the P&E Committee to review and recommend if they believe that there a more practical of suitable trophy , I'm hoping for a recommendation or resolution shortly.

I must bring to the attention of all drivers the effort that has been put into recording the distances covered by all driver/horse combination has been taken up by Rosemary Laing, she has greatly assisted the Committee in this task and all competitors and organisers can now forward by either TXT or Email the distance covered to Rosemarie and she will update the Distance Sheets.

On another matter it should be noted that some clubs are struggling to maintain membership and be within the requirements of our Constitution in relation to membership numbers, this is affecting such tasks as organizing and running events, I believe that some smaller clubs may have trouble in surviving and this is an issue that the NSW Branch will have to address this issue and plan for a strategy going forward so that we don't lose those members who may wish to drive but are unable to join a club.

Pleasure Driving is a Basic element of Carriage Driving and is enjoyed by many of our members, so with this in mind we must not over complicate this simple pleasure, I have discussed this with many members who are pleasure drivers and if we do start over complicating things then with Insurance rising and a lot of our members are self-funded retirees we will see a decline in membership which will have an impact on our income, which is required to fund many facets of our sport such as Insurance and Schools etc.

Pleasure / Endurance Drivers make up to 75% of our membership which in turn generates 75% of our income.

There are drives being planned to be run over the next few months which I'm sure will be well received as many of us are in Hibernation at the moment due to this Hot Weather, the LRHC Ladies drive in May to be held at Spring Ridge has already attracted enquires from Queensland and South Australia this event is proving to be a great success and is appreciated by all the Ladies who enjoy a good time with other Lady Drivers.

In January I assisted the NSW CDE Convener Tracey Ellis with a TPR Steward Accreditation, along with Ian Denney and Sharon Beattie, the Federal ACDS have requested that we implement a Draft TPR Steward Accreditation Manual which will assist in approving and accrediting all members, this document will be in Draft form and should be completed soon for the Federal CDE and P&E Conveners to review and comment. Once this has been completed it will be rolled out across the country.

Regards

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