



# Whip Around



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at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' May 18 2017**

**Next Meeting: NSW Branch AGM and General Meeting  
at Bathurst on June 17 2017**

Usual charge for catering, if required, payable on the day

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by June 8 2017

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## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

***IMPORTANT ! Club Secretaries – Always submit proposed calendar dates to the Calendar Coordinator Garry Harris ( [gjharris@live.com.au](mailto: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
<b>Mar</b>		
12	Activity Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
15-19	Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge Liverpool Range Club	Vicki Donnelly 0458 473 771
25-26	Graded Dressage, 3 Phase Event & Hinemoa Frog Trophy Ellmore Club	Tess Smith 0414 961 801
<b>Apr</b>		
1-2	Joe Hawkins Cup CDE & Three Phase Event at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
6 - 19	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
8-9	Indoor CDE Event at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
15-22	Fifield Enduro Central West Club	Gaye Lees 0427 624 984
22-23	Horsepower at Aria Park Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
23	Club Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
29	NSW Driven Dressage Champs & Cones Classic Manilla Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
30	NSW Show Driving Champs Manilla Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
30	Sunday Funday at Gulgong Showground Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
<b>May</b>		
5-7	Level 2 CDE at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
6-7	Tucklan /Laheys Creek Drive Gulgong Club	Leroy Trengove 02 6375 9629
6-7	Mike Thill School Benalla Club Victoria	Bev Bresanello 03 57663257
7	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
13	Navigation Drive Ellmore Club	Peter Lotherington 02 63431474
14	Junior Challenge & Sports Day at Rossmore Hills & Camden Clubs	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
27-28	Molli Mercer Clinic, Fun Day & Mini CDE Hunter Club	Jules Cook 0407 756 437
27	Club Pleasure Drive at Camden Park Camden Club	Louise Lyons 0417 684 508
28	NSW Show Judges & Drivers School at Rossmore hosted by Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
28	Pleasure Drive Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
<b>June</b>		
3	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331
3-10	Henry Lawson Heritage Drive Ballimore to Gulgong Gulgong Club	Leroy Trengove 02 6375 9629
4	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
17	<b>NSW Branch AGM &amp; General Meeting at Bathurst</b>	<b>Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814</b>
18	Club Picnic Drive Bicentennial Park Camden Camden Club	Carol Fitzpatrick 0438 066 306
18	Sunday Funday at Gulgong Showground Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
23-25	Federal ACDS AGM & Conference at Sovereign Hill Vic	Sue Waters 03 5983 6629
27-30	Putty Social Drive Hunter Club	June Malmberg 0418 417 147
<b>July</b>		
2	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
9	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
9-11	Mini Enduro Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
14-15	Mudgee Small Farms Field Days	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
16	Anniversary Lunch and AGM at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
23	Club Fun Day Camden Club	Carolyn Kinleaside 0466907482
<b>Aug</b>		
1-6	Leisure Drive at Gulgong Hunter Club	June Malmberg 0418 417 147
6	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
13	Sunday Funday at Gulgong Showground Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
27	Club Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
27	Come and Try Day Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
<b>Sept</b>		
9-10	Level 3 CDE at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Kerry Rosetta 0428 414 518
10	Dressage Cones and Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
10	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
16-24	Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Judy Tonkiss 02 6760 3018
23	Social Dinner Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 96261373

24	Club Drive, Dressage & Presentation Demo Camden Club	Charlotte Hyles 0412 120 685
30	Indoor CDE at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
<b>Oct</b>		
8	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8	Sunday Funday at Gulgong Showground Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
13-15	Thornthwaite Drive Liverpool Range and Gulgong Clubs	Leroy Trengove 02 6375 9629
14-15	Pleasure Drive Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
22-23	Level 3 CDE at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0438 880 458
28-29	Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292
28	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Nov</b>		
4-5	NSW CDE Championships venue TBA	
5	Club Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
18	NSW Branch Meeting venue TBA	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
26	Club Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26	Social Drive at Morpeth Hunter Club	Helen Huckerby 0401 738 353
<b>Dec</b>		
3	Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
10	Christmas Lunch and Auction Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
	2018	
May 6	NSW Show Driving Championships Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859

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Dionne Wilson driving Buckstar at the North Coast Club's Christmas Drive at Dorrigo (Q Naylor)

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB**

Rowena Walker: The Club's Christmas Party was held on December 10 2016 at the North Dorrigo Recreation Reserve. At 780 metres above sea level and only 36km from the sea as the crow flies, Dorrigo has its own unique climatic conditions, sometimes with four seasons in a day! Members who don't already live with their heads in the clouds, bravely faced the winding trek up the mountainside (part of the Great Dividing Range) to Dorrigo, from the coast. Others came from Ebor and Uralla on the tablelands. Some members dressed themselves and their horses to suit the festive Christmas spirit.

The day started with a short pleasure drive in foggy drizzle around scenic North Dorrigo, once the main town centre of the region. All the old

shops have now gone but their historic location is still signposted. Lunch was a wonderful feast of BBQ and bring and share fare. Unfortunately about a million flies thought so too!

The weather cleared and it became quite warm and sunny. After lunch there was a cones course to complete the day.

### **RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Sue Fraser: The Riverina Club held a Pleasure Drive at Jugiong in January, the day after the CDE Officials Clinic there. Drivers assembled at the Jugiong recreation grounds and headed down the road to The George Hotel for a photo shoot, where a lot of photos were taken. When that was done, they headed off up the road towards Harden, through the underpass beneath the Hume

Motorway and onto dirt road. They then had a steady climb of two km up to the top of a hill, where the horses needed a break, and drivers and passengers enjoyed the spectacular views of rolling hills. The road took them through Dunolly, once the home of former ACDS stalwarts, Michael and Mary Willsallen, and Mary's hackney and Welsh pony studs. It is now a cropping property. After 17km of driving and with the day getting hotter, the group rested and watered the horses before returning via the same route, having completed a drive of approximately 35km.



Drivers lined up in front of The George Hotel at Jugiong (W Leseberg)

The Club raffle of the handmade drop top Driving Whip was won by Graham Martin. Thank you to the many people who took tickets hoping to win this lovely prize.



Riverina Club member Peter Dunn competing in the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

The Club will be running two popular annual events in April. First will be the Joe Hawkins Cup which this year has a Three Phase Event open to all sizes of equine, running in conjunction with it. These events are on April 1/2 at Marrar. Then on April 22/23 the Riverina Club and Aria Park Community Projects are combining to conduct the Horse Power Festival at Aria Park. There will be a pleasure drive on the Saturday, with Show classes for Heavy and Light Harness, Working

classes for Heavy Horses and an Obsthon on the Sunday. Prize money will total \$1000 over these classes. The Horse Power event has developed a great reputation and is well worth attending. (See advertisement in this Whip Around).

### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB**

After the very successful Bram Chardon Clinic early in January, members have enjoyed a break during the extremely hot weather that most of us have been experiencing.

The Club has plans for a full year of competition, training clinics and some pleasure activities, with details and entry forms being distributed in the not too distant future.

There is also a busy time ahead with fund raising activities, as it is hoped that some improvements to the facility and perhaps some updated equipment may be acquired in 2017, if members put their shoulders to the wheel to help out.

Members who have been out and about with their horses include Faye Cairncross who drove at the Goulburn Club's Three Day Endurance Event at Yalbraith towards the end of January. Faye, together with Hills Club member Keri Izzard just did the pleasure driving course rather than taking part in the competition. Another member, Kerrie Barlow, competed at the Crookwell Show and had a very successful day with her pony, being awarded Supreme Champion Horse or Pony in Harness.



Faye Cairncross competing at the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

Two other club members, Tracey Ellis and Sue Plath had a busy few weeks running Clinics for ACDS officials. Tracey ran the two CDE Officials Clinics, one at Jugiong and the other at Singleton during January, whilst Sue conducted the Dressage Judges Refresher at Yass in February. Tracey was

also the harness judge at the Crookwell Show in early February.

### **HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB**

The first Hills Club event for the New Year was an evening BBQ at Pat and Lilian Mannix's at Londonderry on February 4. The dinner was held in a big open sided shed on their son Daniel and daughter-in-law Kylie's property next door, but it wasn't hard to mistake the entrance, as Pat's sulky was parked on the verge beside the driveway. Being a very hot evening, everyone was pleased to be sitting at tables surrounded by fans. Daniel and Kylie together with family and friends were keen to be our hosts and had cleared the shed and set up the tables in readiness, before slow cooking the lamb and pork in the BBQ. Everyone else brought along salads and desserts, and a wonderful meal was had by all.

Those who attended were Paul and Marilyn Austin, Max Ridge and Vicki Connelly, John and Marg Moore, Willy and Chris Reinhardt, Eddie Dobbin, Dennis and Andrea Casper, Sue Boyd, Angela Eberle, Jenny Conquest, Janet Muspratt, Karen Silvester and Rob and Thelma Nichols, as well as of course Pat and Lilian and the family. Many thanks for the wonderful hospitality extended to the Club members from the Mannix family.

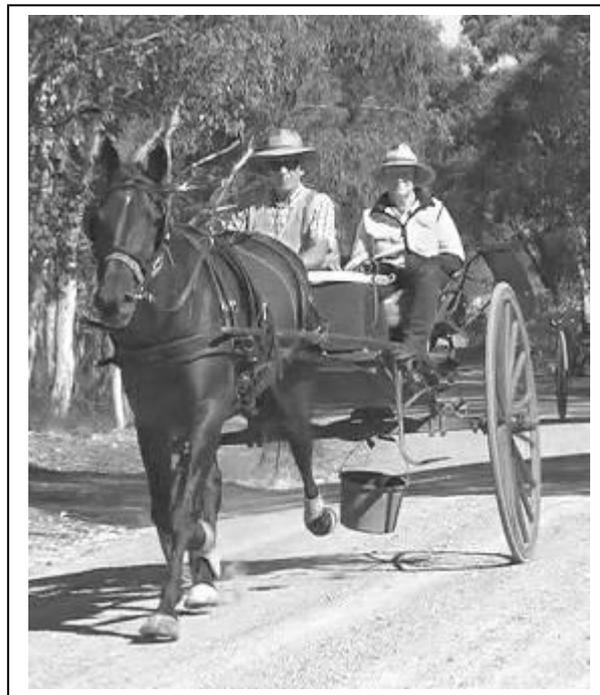
Jenny Conquest and Angela Eberle travelled to Singleton for the CDE Officials Clinic held there in January, keen to learn more about becoming CDE officials as well as widening their knowledge about competing in CDEs. They felt their attendance was very worthwhile.

Keri Izzard, Linda and Alan Ongley, and Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor attended the Goulburn Club's Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith in late January.



Keri Izzard and groom in the pleasure drive at the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

Keri just took part as a pleasure driver, but Linda, Tony and Helen were in the competition and did well. Tony and Helen won the Horse Half Enduro class driving May, whilst Linda who drove Avanti, off sided by Kath Cole, came second in the Large Pony class. Allan and Linda stayed on with John Moyes and Kath Cole at Laggan, so that Linda could compete with Kath in the harness classes at the Crookwell Show the next weekend.



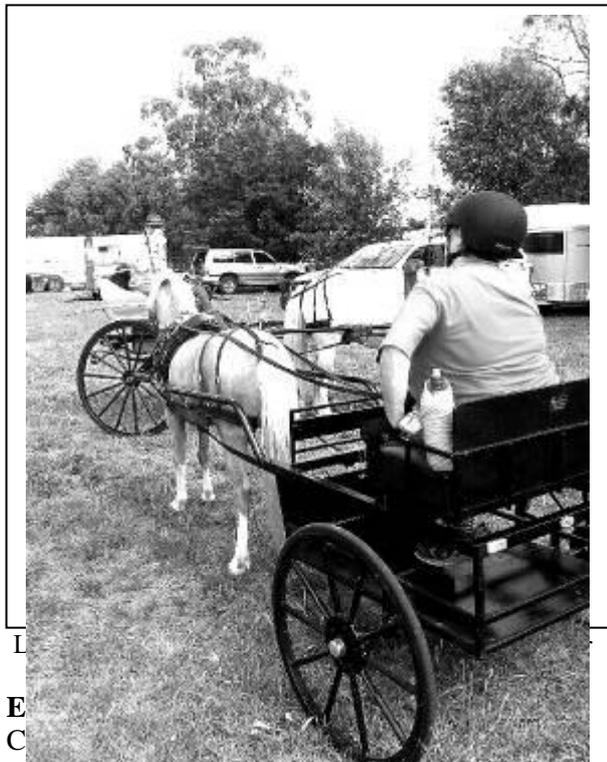
Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor with May, winner of the Half Enduro for Horses at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

### **TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB**

Lizzette Ferguson: A number of Tamworth Club members attended the CDE Officials Clinic at Singleton in January. It was run by the ever wonderful Tracey Ellis along with Tony James, and attendees were given lots of information that they were able to try out in the afternoon. The club's first rally day was on February 5 at the Attunga Sportsground, and Val Dewsbury put into practice what she learnt at the Singleton Clinic by designing a cones course, incorporating two obstacles. The course was big and sweeping, taking in the clump of trees at the river end of the grounds, and the obstacles quite challenging. Sue Kelly was the judge for our freestyle dressage tests, with Lynne Olsson penciling. These tests had to include the following: straight line on entry, two 20m circles, a walk of at least 30m, two deviations, a halt of 5sec and a reinback of 3 steps and enter and leave the arena at a working trot. The day was very well supported with twenty people and ten horses attending. Drivers and grooms travelled from as far as Dorrig, Spring Ridge, Scone and Kentucky.

This test outline was devised by our ever busy secretary Liz O'Brien, who has also been working

hard getting things organized for the Triple Championships to be held at the end of April. The Triple Championships consist of the Bluedog Fences NSW Driven Dressage Championships and the ColTect Cones Classic Championships to be held on Saturday April 29, and the Bluedog Fences NSW Show Driving Championships to be held on Sunday April 30 2017. The venue for all the events is the Manilla Showground. For more information contact Liz O'Brien on 0427 766 726 or [myeyor@yahoo.com.au](mailto:myeyor@yahoo.com.au)



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president of the Ellmore Carriage Driving Club, which is such a wonderful little club. This is not only because it gets its name from one of the original carriage driving venues in Australia (and the home of many happy childhood memories for me), but also because we are blessed with incredible members who are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and overly generous with both their time and property.

Last weekend we ran a 'coaching weekend' at my parents' (Keith and Kookie Engelsman) property Hinemoa just outside Grenfell in the beautiful Central West of NSW. Anyone who has been to an event at the farm knows that the grounds are always lovely, and the food even better. This weekend was no exception.

Despite the fact we have been without significant rain and the paddocks are very dry, Keith and Kookie had clearly been busy with the mowers and slasher, to have the place looking a treat for everyone to drive. There was a great roll up of drivers. We had a brilliant day on Saturday, with all drivers having at least one lesson with either Brendon Dwyer or me in dressage, cones driving or marathon obstacle driving.

It was fabulous to see so many new drivers and not so new drivers taking the opportunity to learn and develop their skills in a relaxed and supportive environment. We will run another of these clinics as it was so well received so stay tuned for dates and details. A huge thank you to Tess Smith who has proven herself to be the best club secretary you could ever want, to Keith and Kookie for the use of the farm and to Brendan for coaching all day in the 45°C heat with me.



Louise Wass with Pegasus at the Coaching Weekend at Hinemoa (W Harris)

The club is hoping to see more of you coming to events at Hinemoa in 2017, including coming to the 'Frog Weekend' at the end of March. For entry forms contact Tess Smith on 0414 961 801 or [theresemith12@bigpond.com](mailto:theresemith12@bigpond.com). We look forward to welcoming you.

#### **GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY**

The recent Three Day Endurance Event held at Yalbraith was enjoyed by the ten competitors and two pleasure drivers. They all liked the quiet shaded country roads, with limited numbers of motor vehicles to worry about. The Goulburn Club was represented by Kimberly Allport driving Thelma, with her father Damon as groom. They finished in second place in the Full Enduro. With Allen Smith and Trevor Mills on sick leave, the remaining club members were busy attending to TPR work, being traffic escorts, time keeping, and manning the water trailers at the compulsory rest breaks. A big thank you goes to Camden Club members Adam and Chelsea Meads and Fred Saliba, and Debbie Dunn from the Riverina Club who assisted with time keeping and driving escort vehicles.

In the Full Enduro John Hetherington driving Jake took out first place, whilst Tony Ingersole, driving May, won the Half Enduro for Horses. The Big Pony Half Enduro was won by junior driver Lloyd Warren driving Tinker with Rosemary Laing, whilst Leonie Nichol won the Small Pony Half Enduro driving Shine. The other junior drivers,

Kimberly Allport and Callum Meads, both finished second in their classes. It was so hard to decide who should be awarded the Junior Driver sash, that names were put in a hat, and Kimberly was the lucky one to be drawn out.



Kimberly and Damon Allport with Thelma in the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

Late on the Sunday afternoon, when most people had gone home, a grass fire ignited on the southern side of the campsite. John and Janet Hetherington from Gulgong were the only people staying overnight, and they were advised by the RFS to evacuate the campsite immediately for their safety. They packed up and drove to Crookwell for the night, before leaving for Gulgong on the Monday morning.

The following weekend was the Crookwell Show, where the Allport family competed with much success. Kimberly with her standardbred mare Thelma started the day in the led classes, where Thelma was awarded Champion Standardbred Exhibit, before winning the Ridden Standardbred class, with Kimberly in the saddle. In the harness classes, Kimberly won the Junior Driver class, as well as gaining a number of placings.

### **BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Jen Brennan: Bungendore Club members have been busy over the summer. Tamara Abed, Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley, Kim Groothof and Amy Woodfield all took advantage of the Bram Chardon lessons hosted by the Southern Highlands Club. Tamara reports that she had five fantastic lessons with Bram, and was absolutely thrilled with Robbie's improvement. She had three dressage lessons and Robbie is now doing lovely leg yields, bending around the corners and isn't fighting the contact as much. Thanks to Bram's instructions on settling him down and using the outside rein more, they are doing the marathon obstacles much more smoothly. She was also thrilled when doing the cones course, with only two balls down and a half second over time. Apparently the course was exactly the same as the

one used at the Pony World Championships, and was very tight and technical.

The Blakeleys took their new team of Shetlands (Kevelle Lee Fallon, Mulwaree Diamond, Cranellie Lewis and Cranellie Eugene) to the Bram Clinic, where they behaved beautifully and negotiated the difficult cones course with ease. They also took the team to the APSB Show at Goulburn where they won the multiples class, and in February drove the team 14km into Yass to attend the Dressage Judges Refresher School – nothing like arriving in style!



Leah Montefiore competing at the Bungendore Show with Beauwood Rocky Road (J Conte)

Max Pearce and Debbie Dowling attended Boyd Exell lessons in Melbourne with their horses, whilst Dot and Doug Willcoxson were there to watch. Unfortunately the Willcoxsons had to leave early due to a large bushfire threatening their property back at Braidwood. Thankfully, due to the diligent and hard working teams at the RFS, the fire was contained, and Witwood was rendered safe.

The Bungendore Club was well represented at the Bungendore Show. It was an incredibly hot day, and there was no shade anywhere. Special thanks to the judge Heidi Stevens and steward Doug Willcoxson for their dedication in such dire circumstances. Jen Brennan, the Blakeleys, Deb and Graham Dowling, Leah Montefiore, Max Pearce and Camden member Charlotte Hyles attended. The Blakeleys showed their beautiful Shire Southern Cross Nickolas. He won Best Led Shire Gelding, the Ground Driven class and the Ridden Shire class in the morning, before coming out in harness to end up winning the Supreme Champion Horse or Pony in Harness.

Crookwell was the next show and this time the Blakeleys took their Percheron mare Peg. With Amanda driving, Peg was awarded Reserve Champion Non Hackney Horse or Pony in Harness and took Amanda to Champion Driver. Peg also had a successful morning in the led ring where she won Champion Any Other Heavy Breed. Shetland Mulwaree Diamond was their horse of choice for the Gunning Show the following week, and a

number of good placings were achieved in the Shetland and Open Harness classes.



Amanda Blakeley and Peg at Crookwell Show  
(C Lavender)

The Bungendore Club has been the grateful recipient of a grant from Veolia Mulwaree Trust. A new PA System has been purchased and will be unveiled at the upcoming Munro Cup on February 25/26 2017.

It is very sad to report that several members have lost precious horses over the last few weeks. Sincere condolences and thoughts go to Deb and Grahame Dowling after losing their beautiful pony Tilly, to Max Pearce on the loss of Blondie to snakebite and to Tamara Abed for losing Dr Pepper, her treasured companion of 23 years.

#### **MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Some Murrumbidgee members travelled to the Graded Dressage Day held by new Victorian club, Northern Country Carriage Driving Club, at Cobram on January 28/29 2017. The event was a very good, well run competition, conducted in hot conditions. The new club's members are working hard to develop their facilities at Cobram.

A new event to NSW will be run by the Murrumbidgee Club this year. The Club is organizing a training day and competition for the Indoor Series, a popular event run in Victoria over winter. There will be a training day on Saturday June 3, to give competitors a good sense of the rules and what is expected in the dressage arena. The arena is much smaller than usual for driven dressage, being 50m x 20m. Then on Sunday June 4 drivers will have the opportunity to have a try at the competition with a full program set for the day. Contact Robyn Schmetzer on 02 69552331 or email [robyn\\_schmetzer@yahoo.com](mailto:robyn_schmetzer@yahoo.com) for details.

A reminder that the club is hosting a Level 3 CDE on September 9/10 2017 at Marrar, very generously sponsored by Alonga Waterfront Cottages ([www.alongacottages.com.au](http://www.alongacottages.com.au)) with sponsorship worth \$2000 for accommodation and boat hire. The lucky winner of this holiday

package will be the competitor with the best score overall. Sunrice is also a sponsor, with Coprice feed for individual classes. Contact Kerrie Rosetta on 0428 414518 or email [rosymoon@bigpond.com](mailto:rosymoon@bigpond.com) for more details.

#### **GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION**

On the January long weekend John and Janet Hetherington attended the Goulburn Club's Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith. John took his horse Jake and they won the Open Full Distance Enduro class.



Janet and John Hetherington at the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

The planning for 2017 Heritage Drive is well underway. Due to not having a cook this year, it will be self catered, but there are plans for a few meals to be provided along the way. More details will be available closer to the event. The final route is being checked and it sounds like there are some nice places to go through, although it may come with a bit of gate opening and closing. Some fun days at the Gulgong Showground have been put on the club calendar, every couple of months. The idea is to have a bit of fun doing various activities in harness such as poker runs, obstacles and cones courses.

These days will also be good opportunities for people wanting to increase their driving confidence by being able to drive in an enclosed area, where they will have help close by. Encouraging safe practices will be paramount, and discussions on harness fit and vehicle suitability will also be included from time to time.

#### **REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Kath Cole: Reedy Creek was represented at the Yalbraith Endurance Event by Lloyd Warren driving Rosemary Laing's Tinker, Kath Cole accompanying Linda Ongley who drove Avanti and John Moyes who drove his small pony pair, with Bronwyn Warren as groom. Lloyd and Linda were both in the Large Pony class. Lloyd was also one of the three junior drivers taking part. Horses, drivers and grooms all coped well with what was asked of them.



Rosemary Laing and Lloyd Warren followed by Leonie Nichol and groom on the road at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

The quiet country roads used are mostly lined with shady trees, making this a good venue for a summer event. In the Large Pony class each day saw its three competitors in different placings, so the day awards were shared around. The final outcome was Lloyd and Tinker first and Linda and Avanti second. John, who had been consistently second out of two, was second overall in the Small Pony class. The three junior drivers had each achieved a first place ribbon over the three days, so the overall award was drawn out of a hat. It went to Kimberly Allport. This is Lloyd's final year as a junior driver and it was a great experience for him to have a co driver of Rosemary's calibre and to drive a pony of Tinker's ability.

One week later and we had the Crookwell Show. Linda and husband Alan had stayed on with us to drive Avanti in the show. Avanti was at this time blissfully unaware of shows, but after some hurried lessons in shafting, and an encounter with some trimming scissors, shampoo and conditioner, off he went to add 'show pony' to his resume. We were very proud of both Linda and Avanti as they achieved a ribbon in every class they entered.



A class lineup at the Crookwell Show (A Ongley)

Robert Pierce's Clydesdale Headlands Monty did everything right in the led classes, eventually coming out with the Champion ribbon. Robert had to be pleased, as he said it is not often that a gelding beats the stallions.

The next event coming up for John, Kath, Linda and Allan is the Pokolbin mid week Pleasure Drive from February 28 – March 2. The talk of wine tasting, chocolate shop and cheese factory contrasts pleasantly with the rigours of endurance

driving and the pressure of show driving. We are very much looking forward to it.

### **CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

A good time was had by all at the club's Christmas Party held at the refitted Wallendbeen Pub on Sunday December 11. Thirteen members gathered for lunch and enjoyed a very good meal and prompt and courteous service. A drive had been programmed for part of the day, but it was decided to postpone this, due to the predicted heatwave conditions.

Penny Jacobs, with Elsa Guyader as groom, attended the Bram Chardon Clinic on January 8/9 driving her pair Rocky and Zac. It was different to previous Bram Clinics for them, as it was January and hot, and previous lessons had been with the horses as singles. They worked hard, learnt a lot, entertained the spectators with their difficulties in the tight cones, and by the end of their second lesson had Zac, the somewhat 'special' younger horse, actually prancing, and what's more listening to his instructions ready to act upon them immediately!



Elsa Guyader at the Ellmore Club Coaching Weekend at Hinemoa (W Harris)

Tony James also had lessons with Bram with his Standardbred George III. Tony particularly wanted to gain more than one trot (working) from George and was thrilled that by the end of the lesson, he had two trots – lengthened strides and his energetic working trot. Bram also gave Tony plenty of good advice on how to continue with George's training. Two Canberra Club members, Tony James and Judy Harris, attended the Dressage Judges Clinic held at Yass on February 12. It proved to be a very worthwhile day.

A change of pace has seen Gail Bain and husband Barry spending the last few months sailing the Caribbean, whilst Gail's horse Michael winters in England before being prepared for another season of events in the UK.

### **LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB**

Peter Honeyman: Liverpool Range Club held its first drive of the year at Woolbrook from Thursday

February 16 to Monday February 20 2017, with a total of 9 sulkies taking part.



On the road on the Woolbrook Drive (P Honeyman)

Peter and Trish Honeyman, Cherry Steele, Mark Murphy, Geoff Skewes, Doug and Sally Jones, Wayne Leary, Ron Miller and Colleen Dunn, John McKee and Sharon Wheeler and Jim McKenna and his mate Barry were there from the Liverpool Range Club, together with Hunter Club members Joy and Allan Hawkins and Rosemary Laing. Jim and Barry travelled from Allgomera on the coast, whilst John and Sharon made the trip from Tomki near Casino. John has recovered from his accident last May, and it was good to see him driving again. Other club members, Ian Small and his wife, also paid a visit.



Trish Honeyman followed by Mark Murphy and Sally Jones on the Woolbrook Drive (P Honeyman) Half the crew turned up on the Thursday, with the rest arriving on Friday. The first drive was an 18km trip up to Walcha Road, crossing the Macdonald River and then returning. Saturday saw the group set out on a 28km drive to Congi Station and back. Unfortunately Geoff Skewes got a call to return home immediately due family illness just as the drive was to start. Then when the drive was within 5km of being back at camp, the channel and tyre came off Jim McKenna's right hand wheel. Jim got a lift to the camp with escort driver Doug Jones to pick up his truck and float, whilst Barry minded the horse and sulky. At least the weather was pleasant with a

cool breeze most of the time, temperatures only warming up as the drivers approached home. Goodbyes were said to Jim and Barry and John and Sharon early on Sunday morning before they headed home. The remaining drivers then set out on a 30km round trip to Nerstane Merino Stud, again in cool conditions. It was a lovely drive with magnificent views from the hill above Nerstane. The owner, Hamish, invited us onto his back verandah to have lunch with him and his family. Most people packed up and went home before the storm that came late that afternoon, leaving the Hunter crew to set off early on Monday. Thank you to all who came for this first drive of the year. The club has a busy calendar of drives organized right up to October. These are:

March 10-12 Walcha drive hosted by Cherry Steele, March 15-19 Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge hosted by Vicki Donnelly and Christine O'Rourke, April drive at Kentucky hosted by Christine O'Rourke, May drive at The Dip hosted by Kate Wilson, June 16-18 Charlie Phillips Memorial Drive at Round Hill hosted by Allison and Darcy Richards, July drive at Gowrie hosted by Peter and Trish Honeyman, August 19-20 drive at Spring Ridge hosted by the Donnellys, September 15-24 the Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive at Manilla and Trelawney Station, and the Thornthwaite drive at Scone, jointly hosted by Bill Greer and Gulgong Club member Sam Williams in October. From October 30 to November 4 will be the Tabulum to Copmanhurst RSL Drive and Ride, commemorating the Charge at Beersheba and Harry Chauvel. Much work has already been put into its organization to make it a memorable expedition. It is expected there will be several hundred ridden horses, together with a number of horse drawn vehicles. The Liverpool Range Club will possibly have between 6 and 10 drivers and vehicles attending. Contact Jim McKenna on 0407 699 466 for further information.

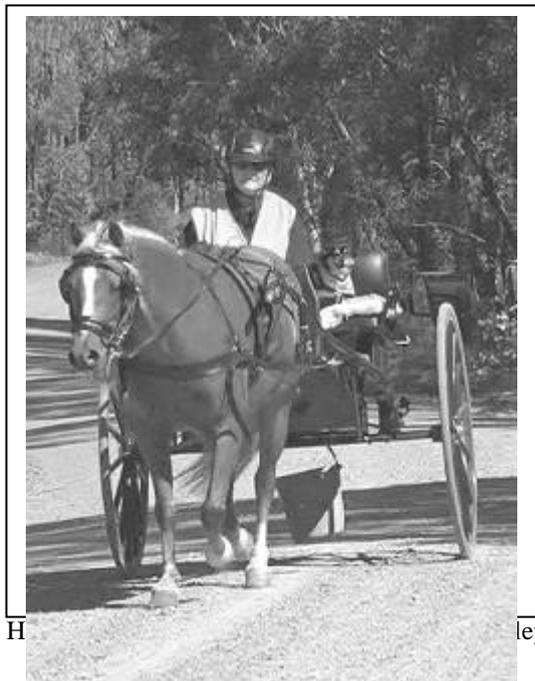
#### **HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Rosemary Laing and her pony Tinker, together with Helen Huckerby and her pony Ruby, attended the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith at the end of January. Rosemary was the offsider for junior driver Lloyd Warren driving Tinker, in the Big Pony class. Helen and Ruby were also in this class. Lloyd and Tinker came out on top, with Helen and Ruby gaining third place.

Rosemary and Tinker, together with Joy and Allan Hawkins and their horse, then went north to the Liverpool Range Club's drive at Woolbrook in late February, and had a very enjoyable time.

The Hunter Club's midweek Pokolbin Pleasure Drive from Feb 28 – March 2 has attracted a huge amount of interest amongst drivers, with participants expected to be there from many different clubs, as well as Hunter members. This drive has steadily built up a tradition of lovely

leisurely drives along well formed tracks through vineyards, as well as traversing quiet roads through the district, whilst the camaraderie amongst participants is always relaxed and friendly. The planned visits to cellar doors, cheese factories, and other delicious food and beverage producers around Pokolbin also make this a very attractive horse drawn outing.



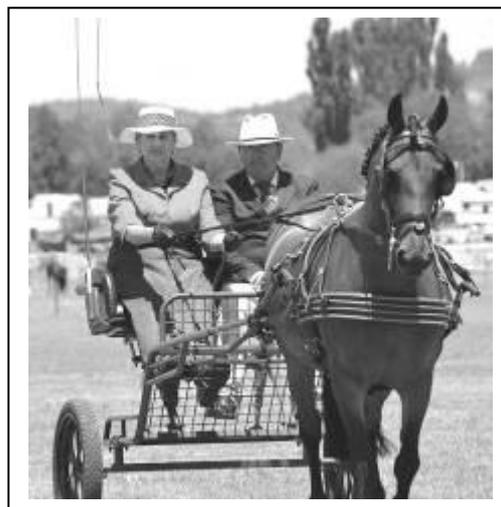
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#### **CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB**

Camden Club's first event of the year was a non horse Safety Day held at Phil and Sally Crowell's property at Theresa Park on January 22. It was attended by Greg McDonald, Charlotte Hyles, Carol Fitzpatrick, Carolyn, Roger and Jeanna Kinlyside, Maxine Saliba, Lou Lyons and of course Sally and Phil. A very enjoyable and worthwhile morning was had going over the various do's and don'ts of harnessing, using Sally's pony Pepsi and her vehicle. A delicious BBQ lunch followed, put on by the Crowells. The day before, Greg and Allison McDonald travelled to Singleton for the CDE Officials Clinic, whilst the Saliba and Meads families had a great time at the Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith on January 27-29, where junior driver Callum Meads competed with his grandmother Maxine as groom, driving Katut.

Charlotte Hyles attended the Bungendore Show on January 29 driving Ziva, who has only recently been put back into harness, after a mishap and injury last year. Max Pearce helped Charlotte to get Ziva back in, and then was there at the Show to help Charlotte on the day. They did well with Ziva being awarded second in the Pleasure Horse class, and Charlotte second in the Lady Driver class. In the meantime, members have been doing mid week drives in the extensive grounds of Camden's Bicentennial Park. Sally Crowell and Lou Lyons are regulars for these drives, whilst Greg

McDonald and Carol Fitzpatrick also take part from time to time.



Charlotte Hyles and Max Pearce at the Bungendore Show (J Conte)

#### **CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

The annual Central West Club's Enduro at Fifield will be held from April 15-22 2017. There will be the usual Endurance classes for horses, large ponies and small ponies, whilst pleasure drivers are also being encouraged to attend for more leisurely driving. There are many wonderful quiet roads very suited to driving horses in the Fifield district, and the camping facilities at the Fifield Sportsground are very comfortable. Contact Gaye Lees for more information on 0427 624 984

#### **BORDER CARRIAGE CLUB**

Pam Salter: The February rally for the club will be lessons with Mike Thill at Lumeah, Mullengandra. There is exciting news for Jayde and Daniel Whitehead with the safe arrival of their second son Chase. Both mother and baby are doing well. Chase arrived only a few weeks after Jayde and her Welsh Section C pony Burrowa Achilles Gem were out competing at Henty Show in the harness ring, bringing home the Champion Non Hackney award.

Ross Carbery and Miriam Bentley are busy preparing horses for the Sydney Royal, as well as organizing the Australian Heavy Horse Spectacular to be held at SIEC at Horsley Park on April 22/23 2017.

#### **TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB**

**Vale: Tim Beattie** 17/4/93 – 17/12/16

It is with great sadness to report the death of young Temora Club member Tim Beattie as a result of a motor vehicle accident in December. Tim was a founding member of the club. He grew up around horses and often accompanied his mother Sharon at ACDS events, local shows and parades.

At various times over the years he was a groom, penciler, steward and general helper at events. However, Tim's greatest enjoyment in carriage driving was in pleasure driving, rather than in the busy world of competition.

Our sincere condolences go to Tim's family at this sad time. (Tim is also remembered in an article in the March Journal.)

### **CDE OFFICIALS CLINICS January 2017** by Tracey Ellis (NSW CDE Convenor)

The CDE Panel held two CDE Officials Clinics in January, one in the south of the state at Jugiong, and one in the north at Singleton. The clinics were open to re-accrediting officials, new officials and those just wanting to learn more as observers. The new ACDS re-accreditation / accreditation system was introduced at the clinics. It was bit confusing to begin with, but as with many changes, once the bugs have been ironed out we will have good documented procedures in place ensuring nothing is missing during the process. Accreditations for existing officials were extended till the end of June 2017. Anybody unable to attend either of the two January clinics in NSW to re-accredit, may still attend clinics in other states prior to June 30 2017.

Thank you to all who attended, and special thanks to those who helped with the packing up.



A session at the CDE Clinic at Singleton (T James)

### **DRESSAGE JUDGES CLINIC** Tony James

A very successful Dressage Judges Clinic was conducted in Yass on February 12 2017 by the NSW Dressage Panel. It was organized by NSW Dressage Convenor Sue Plath, who co presented with Federal Dressage Convenor Dot Willcoxson. No less than 30 people attended and this is believed to be a record number of participants at one of these clinics.

The Clinic had a national flavour with four Victorians and two Queenslanders making long journeys to be present. The interstateers were full of praise for the Clinic, expressing gratitude for their inclusion.

The Clinic used the new ACDS Officials Accreditation system and it was well received. The amount of paperwork involved was more than usual, but found to be effective. Participants were asked to score movements in a number of videos of excellent dressage tests and not so wonderful tests, which was very informative.

Participants had also been sent some 'homework' to complete beforehand, and then were asked to support their answers to important questions. The Clinic started at 10am and the Judges' portion finished about 5pm. This was followed by another hour covering the roles of the President and Members of the Ground Jury. It was a long but very beneficial day. Full credit to Sue and Dot, and also to Brendan Dwyer who performed the important IT role on the day.

### **ENDURANCE EVENT AT YALBRAITH** by Linda Ongley (Hills Club)

Once again the Goulburn Harness Club provided us with a very scenic area to drive in around the Yalbraith area.

We all arrived on the first day to set up camp in a paddock, where everyone had to navigate the thistles – no thongs worn at all this time! The thistles had been slashed, and were gradually flattened over time with vehicles travelling through the campsite, but tweezers were needed quite a few times to dig out the prickles from shoes and dogs' feet.

The welcome BBQ on the Thursday afternoon (Australia Day) was very enjoyable, not to mention it being a very social get together. Compliments must go to Judy Emerton and her helpers for all the hard work behind the scenes. This was also when the rules and safety instructions for the event were explained to us. The total distances this year were 146.2km for the Full Enduro and 90.5km for the Half Enduro.

We had a weekend of hot weather but this did not deter the ten competitors plus friends from enjoying a great weekend. Two competitors represented the Hills Club – Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor driving May, and myself with Kath Cole as my groom / navigator, driving Avanti. Another Hills member, Keri Izzard, was there too, doing the pleasure drive.

The other drivers were Peter Dunn, John Moyes whose groom was Bronwyn Warren, Lloyd Warren with Rosemary Laing as groom, Helen Huckerby, Callum Meads with grandmother Maxine Saliba as groom, Leonie Nichol, Kimberly Allport with her father Damon as groom, John and Janet Hetherington, and Faye Cairncross. Faye was another one who just did the pleasure drive.

We definitely should not forget our very willing service crews, who were out there with the water cart at the half way stops for the horses to have a drink or be wetted down, as well as the drivers of the escort vehicles making sure all the horse drivers were safe and did not get lost.

The days started early with 6.30am vet checks, and the first horses were out at 7.30am. The others followed at 2 minute intervals. This ensured that all the drivers were back in camp before the hottest part of the day. Each day had its challenges, one day very hilly, the next mainly flat. However the

horses and ponies seemed to enjoy the drive no matter what the terrain was like, and the roads were well graded.

After each day there was a drivers' meeting and presentation of awards for the day. There was always plenty of chatter about the day's experiences, including finding snakes in the grass. The after dinner gatherings were at one of the campsites and went well into the night for some. No campfires were allowed as a total fire ban was in place.

An Ironing Board competition was held again this year. Folding ironing boards (minus the covers) have been camp essentials for years amongst many endurance drivers, being easily transportable and making great tables and washing up stands. The challenge was to display the Best Presented Ironing Board, and judging was done across the course of the weekend. Maxine Saliba's camp took out first place.

On Sunday afternoon almost everyone packed up to go home. Only John and Janet Hetherington planned on staying until next morning to go home to Gulgong. However, within two hours of the exodus, a bushfire started not far up the road and John and Janet had to rapidly evacuate to the safety of Crookwell. I believe all ended well regarding the fire, with it being put out quite quickly.

Many thanks to Robert Allport and the Goulburn Harness Club for a fantastic weekend. We are looking forward to next year and meeting up again with all the friendly people from this year.



Linda Ongley and Kath Cole at Yalbraith (A Ongley)

### **RESULTS: THREE DAY ENDURANCE EVENT AT YALBRAITH**

Full Enduro: 1<sup>st</sup> John Hetherington 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberly Allport 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Dunn

Half Enduro for Horses: 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Ingersole 2<sup>nd</sup> Callum Meads

Half Enduro for Big Ponies: 1<sup>st</sup> Lloyd Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Ongley 3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Huckerby

Half Enduro for Small Ponies: 1<sup>st</sup> Leonie Nichol 2<sup>nd</sup> John Moyes

Junior Driver winner: Kimberly Allport

### **NOTES from the BRANCH MEETING at Bathurst February 18 2017**

Approx 22 members present.

Clubs represented: Bungendore, Southern Highlands, Camden, Hills, Goulburn, Riverina, Reedy Creek, and Ellmore

#### **Panel Reports:**

##### **Show:**

\*Five judges upgraded to General SD Judge following attendance at Towrang Heavy Harness School

\*Light Harness Judges and Drivers School and Exam to be held at Rossmore May 28 2017.

Applications invited from Judge Candidates, to Convenor Janet Muspratt ( 02 9606 6085 or [jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au) )

\*NSW Show Driving Championships at Manilla on April 30 2017. Clubs sponsorship encouraged.

\*2018 NSW Show Driving Championships May 6 hosted by the Southern Highlands Club.

##### **CDE:**

\*Both CDE Officials Clinics held in January very successful – many members re-accredited and several applying to become officials, many new faces at Singleton – good to hear their ideas and thoughts re CDE

\*If unable to go to these clinics but still wishing to re accredit or become officials, clinics may be attended in other states. Contact Convenor Tracey Ellis [scribblegum64@gmail.com](mailto:scribblegum64@gmail.com) or 0402 854 696)

\*Indoor/Outdoor Series for NSW – the CDE Panel will oversee the implementation of this type of event in NSW and will send out a flyer to clubs to get things moving.

\*TPR Stewards: Bruce McNally, Robyn Schmetzer, Phil Rosetta, Kerrie Rosetta and Nicole Barry approved as current TPR stewards.

\*Grading Officer and Horse Registrar positions have been combined. Margie Morgan doing both. Contact her at [margiemorgan6@gmail.com](mailto:margiemorgan6@gmail.com)

\*Results of CDEs to be forwarded within 14days to the Grading Officer (see above)

##### **Dressage:**

\* 30 participants at Dressage Clinic at Yass – including 17 re-accrediting judges, 2 novice judge candidates and 7 observers, from three states.

##### **P & E:**

\*Yalbraith Three Day Enduro had 10 competitors plus 2 pleasure drivers, horse welfare very important with 7.30am start times to allow drivers to be back by lunchtime. No horses vetted out.

\*Gazebo, fold up table, 2 chairs, beach umbrella and digital thermometer have been purchased from grant money

\*Next endurance event is the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Fifield Enduro commencing on April 15 2017

#### **Historical:**

\*Historical items are being sought from all clubs

\*Documents, films, photos of club activities and members, event results, photos of vehicles and harness all tell the history of the ACDS. Very important to have names, dates and places.

\*An 'on site' service to convert documents, photos (prints and slides) and films into 'soft copy' is available.

\*'Vehicles of significance' – photos and documentation still being welcomed. Note: information regarding ownership and location will be completely confidential.

\*Contact Alan Ongley on 02 9626 1373 or [alan.ongley@gmail.com](mailto:alan.ongley@gmail.com) re any of the above.

#### **Junior Drivers:**

\*Three junior drivers competed at the Yalbraith Three Day Enduro.

\*Many thanks to Rosemary Laing who has made her pony Tinker, together with herself as groom, available to many juniors to drive in endurance events over the past few years.

\*The Fifield Enduro has awards for junior drivers and junior grooms.

\*The annual Junior Driver Challenge Day run by Hills and Camden Clubs will be held on May 14 2017 at Rossmore. All juniors invited to attend.

Contact Janet Muspratt on 02 9606 6085 or [jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au)

#### **Other:**

\*Mary Grant, representing the proposed new Central Coast Carriage Driving Club, was welcomed to the Meeting and gave an outline of plans for the club

\*Horse registration is now \$20 for lifetime rego

\*Very Small Equines (VSEs): Riverina Club has included a Three Phase Event with the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE on April 1-2 2017 for which VSEs are eligible.

**Next Meeting: AGM and General Meeting  
June 17 2017 at Bathurst**

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14 events: winners receive \$10

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**Entries close: April 10 2017** Forms from Sue Fraser (Secretary, Riverina Carriage Driving Club)

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