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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' February 17 2018**

**Next Branch Meeting at Bathurst RSL 114 Rankin St Bathurst  
on February 17 2018  
All members welcome !**

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by February 10 2018  
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## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017 - 18

***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>Dec</b>		
2-3	Pleasure Drive at Jerrawa Reedy Creek Club	Carolyn Blakeley 0438 458 298
9	Indoor Obstathon at Rosemont Goulburn Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
10	Christmas Lunch and Auction Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
	<b>2018</b>	
<b>Jan</b>		
1	Christmas and New Year Drive & Feast Camden Club	Charlotte Hyles 0412 120 685
21	Pleasure Road Drive Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
21	Fun Day Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
27-29	Three Day Enduro at Yalbraith Goulburn Club	Robert Allport 02 4932 1860
<b>Feb</b>		
3	Evening BBQ at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
4	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
17	NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
24-25	Graded Dressage & Munro Cup Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
25	Club Drive venue TBC Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
25	Twilight Drive Camden Club	Carolyn Kinlyside 0466 907 482
<b>Mar</b>		
3-4	Anne Synnot Cup at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0429 528 990
4	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
11	Sporting Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
11	Fun Day Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
17	Camden Show Camden Harness Club TBC	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
17-18	Joe Hawkins Cup Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
23-Apr3	SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW	
30-Apr2	National CDE Championships Witwood Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
<b>April</b>		
8	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
15	Park Drive at Mayfield Garden Oberon Ellmore Club	Heidi Stevens 0411 642 529
15	Show Driving Training Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
22	Sporting & Activities Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
29	Club Drive Camden Club TBC	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
<b>May</b>		
6	NSW Show Driving Championships Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
13	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
16-20	Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge Liverpool Range Club	Vicki Donnelly 0458 473 771
27	Junior Challenge & Sports Day Rossmore Hills & Camden Clubs	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>June</b>		
2-9	Henry Lawson Drive Gulgong Club	John Hetherington 02 6374 1410
3	Practice for Indoor / Outdoor Qualifier at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
9-10	Indoor /Outdoor Qualifier at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
9-10	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
16	NSW Branch AGM at Bathurst	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
17	Rally Day Central Coast Club TBC	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
23	Graded Dressage & Cones Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
24	Indoor /Outdoor Qualifier Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
24	Club Drive Camden Club TBC	Lou Lyons 0417 768 508
<b>July</b>		
1	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
7-9	Three Day Enduro Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
8	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
13-14	Small Farms Field Days at Mudgee Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
14-15	Federal ACDS AGM & Conference Hahndorf SA	Sue Waters 03 59836629
22	Hills Club AGM and Anniversary Lunch at RDA Box Hill	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

22	Club Drive Camden Club TBC	Charlotte Hyles 0412 120 685
<b>Aug</b>		
4	Fun Day Gulgong Club	Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481
5	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
11-18	Pleasure Drive Gulgong and Goulburn Clubs	Le-Roy Trengove 02 6375 9629
28	Trial Indoor/Outdoor Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Sept</b>		
9	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
9	Sporting & Activities Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
15-16	CDE at Murrumbidgee Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518
15-23	Charity Drive Quirindi & Werris Creek Liverpool Range Club	Judy Tonkiss 0438 669 271
23	Social Dinner Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
29	Graded Dressage & Cones Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
30	Mini CDE Teams Challenge Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
30 -	Mini Enduro Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
<b>Oct</b>		
6-7	NSW Dressage Championships Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292
14	Dressage Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
27	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Nov</b>		
4	Rally Day Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
11	National Show Driving Championships Hawkesbury Showground Camden and Hills Clubs	Greg McDonald 0408 611 738
25	Graded Dressage & Activities Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Dec</b>		
2	Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726

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Rosemary Laing, Sue Fraser and Robert Allport after the presentation of the Interclub Distance Challenge Trophy to the Riverina Club (A Ongley)

### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Sue Fraser: A big welcome to the Riverina Club's newest member, Kathy Wolfenden. Kathy drives a pretty chestnut pony called Ginger. She is very eager to get into the sport of carriage driving. At the Enduro at Marrar hosted by the Reedy Creek Club, I was surprised and delighted when it was announced that the Riverina Club had won the Interclub Distance Challenge Trophy. I accepted the trophy on behalf of the Club, from Rosemary Laing and Robert Allport representing the PEH Panel. The trophy is scored using the yearly

distance sheets submitted to the PEH Convenor Robert Allport. The total distance covered by Riverina Club drivers was 1680.2km. These drivers were Janice Reynolds, Debbie Dunn, Chris Morley, Peter Dunn and Sue Fraser.

#### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB**

Faye Cairncross: The Spring season round of CDEs for NSW has come and gone already, with most of the club's driving members competed successfully. First off was Murrumbidgee Club's Murrumbidgee CDE out west, followed by Ellmore's



Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa, Grenfell. The next was Canberra's CDE at the beautiful new venue at Garry and Judy Harris' property at Cootamundra, followed two weeks later by the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood, Bungendore. The NSW CDE Championships was a great competition, professionally organized, and with over 40 competitors. Even the rain held off until the end. A large group of friendly invaders from south of the border arrived and won many of the prizes.



Yvonne Wood and groom Jeanna Kinleyside at Witwood (C Kinleyside)

It was pleasing to see Yvonne Wood back in action with Ziggy at Witwood, after her lessons with Bram Chardon in October, and Tracey Ellis driving Louie taking out first place in the Novice Large Pony class at both Cootamundra and the Championships. It is very obvious that the recent coaching clinics are helping improve the standard of driving and giving us much to practice.

Tracey travelled to the CDE at Longwood (Vic) a week after the Championships, and came third overall in the Large Pony class after winning the dressage and cones competitions. Sue Plath was also there, involved in dressage judging and Panel/Jury duties.

The Southern Highlands Club will be conducting three Coaching Clinics in 2018 with ACDS Accredited Coach Phil Marshall from Victoria.

These are booked in for:

February 9,10,11 June 8,9,10 August 24,25,26  
Unfortunately Bram Chardon is not available to do his normal clinic early in the year, as his training and competition commitments have increased significantly. He will be unavailable until after WEG next year.

The Information Package and Application Form for the February Phil Marshall Clinic will be made available shortly, so mark your calendar and keep a watch out.

### **HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB**

In late October more than 30 members and friends enjoyed the annual Hills Club Trivia Night, held at the RDA NSW Centre at Box Hill. Five tables of players wrestled with the often tricky questions dealt out by Mark Casper, and the lists of horse

and carriage driving related questions supplied by Belinda Casper. In the end the group who called themselves Winx were declared the winners, with the Jimmy Hendrix Hooters finishing in second place. It was a lot of fun.

The Club's November activity was an Indoor/Outdoor training weekend held at the Casper family's property at Lemon Tree near Dooralong on the Central Coast. The property is an ex cricket ground surrounded by more land, a creek and tall trees, and even has a very well appointed clubhouse and verandah overlooking the cricket ground. The weekend was expertly organized and run by Belinda Casper, assisted by husband Mark and daughter Jessica. Belinda had attended a similar training weekend run by the Southern Highlands Club a few months ago, and was keen to pass on the knowledge she gained to more NSW members.



Drivers assembled at Lemon Tree Indoor/ Outdoor Trial (B Casper)

Eleven drivers with their horses and ponies were joined by a number of other people over the two days. Most of them camped overnight and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie, plus the excellent meals served up by Belinda, Mark and Jessica.

Saturday was spent learning about the different phases of the Indoor/ Outdoor event and getting used to doing dressage, cones and obstacles in the small arena (50 x 20). Two 50 x 20 arenas were set up side by side on the old cricket ground for the Indoor / Outdoor, whilst a big cones course was also accommodated on another part of the grounds, to give drivers another option to drive during the weekend.

Sunday saw a mock competition with nine drivers taking part. This was done very slickly, with no time lost between drivers' dressage tests or their cones runs. When the dressage was finished, two obstacles were quickly set up in the ex dressage arena and the drivers were then put through their paces completing them. It was really good to have everyone watching each other and cheering one another on.

All was finished by lunchtime and everyone adjourned to the clubhouse verandah for another

delicious BBQ lunch, prepared by Mark Casper. Points were worked out and prizes, donated by former Hills member Pat Hughes, were distributed. The weekend was voted a wonderful success ! The drivers over the weekend were Jessica Casper, Jenny Conquest, Ellie Hunt, Dee Webb, Keri Izzard, Wayne Webster, Kirstin Feddersen, Angela Eberle, Emily Thompson and Vicki Connelly from the Hills Club and Barbara Smith from the Central Coast Club. Others there included Hills members Max Ridge, Karen and Mark Thompson, Janet Muspratt and Lynne Buckingham; Central Coast member Mary Grant, and Jules Cook and children, Bob and Cathie Browning, Lyn Coles and Rosemary Laing all from the Hunter Club. Horses ranged in size from mini pony Mannie driven by Ellie Hunt to Kirstin Feddersen's big grey Shepherds Hill Yowie, a Friesian /Andalusian /Thoroughbred cross. Others were Welsh ponies and cobs, Australian ponies and Standardbreds. All handled the work very well.

Congratulations to Belinda Casper and her Welsh Cob Indi who have taken all before them in the CDEs in NSW recently. Indi finished the season being the NSW Champion Novice Horse.

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

A very enjoyable pleasure drive was held at the beginning of October at Gunnedah. It started at the Gunnedah Showground and wound its way through local streets and parkland. The wide road verge beside the Coonabarabran road was particularly appreciated. A talented safety officer in fluoro vest accompanied the drivers, and stopped the traffic where necessary, with a stop/slow sign.



The Gunnedah pleasure drive (L Ferguson)

After the drive, the showground arena was tried out in preparation for the 2018 Gunnedah Show. There will be 59 harness classes, free gate entry and prizemoney on offer.

The last rally day of the year was held at Attunga on November 5. Seven ponies and drivers lined up to do the activities, with a number of members as ground stewards to run the events. The events required precision driving and sometimes speed, and included: knock-down and stand up the cones, spearing wire rings on poles with driving whips, a keyhole, a cones course, and musical poles. The

latter was great entertainment as drivers tried to sneak, cheat and outwit each other.

Next year the Tamworth Club will be holding an Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Event on June 9/10 2018 at Moonbi/Kootingal Pony Club Grounds. There will be two events, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. They will be open to all full ACDS members, with horses and ponies of all sizes and combinations. For more details contact Elizabeth O'Brien on [trhdc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:trhdc.secretary@gmail.com) or 0427 766 726

#### **ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Chuckie Radnedge: It has been a busy time in the last few months for Ellmore members, competing in shows and CDEs.

In mid October, three members headed to Cootamundra for the first event to be held on the Harris property. The event was wonderful, with all of us having a great run around the new track. Kookie Engelsman came away with a win in the Intermediate Pony class. I won the Horse Pairs and Auburn Carr came second in the very competitive Small Pony class.



Auburn Carr with Jetstar (L Mace)

Two weeks later we all headed to Witwood for the NSW CDE Championships hosted by the Bungendore club. We put our hands up to help with the stewarding and I would like to thank all the members who made the effort to help out on at least one of the two days of the event. Auburn Carr was the star this week, with her pony Jetstar taking out the NSW CDE Small Pony Championship in impressive style. All the best to Auburn, who is now on maternity leave awaiting the arrival of our newest club member. Kookie went well with Ashwood Black Magic, winning the dressage and ending up second in the Intermediate Pony class. I was part of a fantastic class with two other horse pairs, and ended up in second place behind Byron McIntyre by just 0.9 penalties.

Last weekend I ventured down to Longwood in Victoria to compete in the Skye Rugs Australian Classic CDE. We had a wonderful weekend and



again ended up second to Byron, this time by 1.2 penalties.

In the meantime, Heidi Stevens and Louise Wass have both been competing very successfully at the local shows, bringing home ribbons and sashes from every outing.

All we have left for the year is our Christmas Party, which will no doubt be a great chance to catch up, without horses, and reminisce about a wonderful year of driving. We are looking forward to another busy year in 2018, with training days, clinics, our annual Frog Weekend, and the NSW Dressage Championships to keep us busy.

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

Robert and Damon Allport driving Thelma and New Penny, and Allen Smith and Allan Robertson driving Buster attended the Liverpool Range Charity Drive in September.

A week later Allen Smith and Robert, Damon, and Kimberly Allport went to the Endurance Drive at Marrar conducted by the Reedy Creek Club.

Robert, driving New Penny, won the five day Full Endurance for Horses, whilst Kimberly, with her dad Damon as groom, won the five day Half Endurance, driving Thelma. Allen Smith with Buster placed second in the five day event.

Kimberly won the Junior Driver award.



Damon Allport with Thelma on the Liverpool Range Charity Drive (S Jones)

The Club's Christmas Party will be held this year at the Lagan Hotel on December 2. The next event after that is the Enduro at Yalbraith from January 27 to 29 2018. This has become a popular event on the calendar over the last few years. Enquiries to Robert Allport on 0427 916 524

### **BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Jen Brennan: Bungendore Club members have been involved in several clinics and events over the last few months. There was world class instruction, great food and great company at the Bram Chardon Clinic hosted by the Southern Highlands Club in early October. Tamara Abed,

Col and Suzie Ffrost, Lynne Dominish and Ray and Kim Groothoff all attended. Bram's patience, humility and expertise was truly appreciated. Sarah Keevers and Tamara Abed were both successful at the Murrumbidgee Club's Level 3 CDE at Murrumbidgee, whilst Lyn Callaghan, Sarah Keevers, Amy Woodfield and Graeme Dowling all attended Canberra Club's Level 3 CDE at Cootamundra. Lyn won the Open Horse class and Sarah the Open Pony class.

The NSW CDE Championships run by Bungendore Club were a great success, with competitors from NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. Many thanks to all involved and to Bungendore Club members who worked hard to prepare the course.



Congratulations to the winners: Novice Pony 91-121cm: Auburn Carr; Novice Pony 121-149cm: Tracey Ellis; Novice Horse over 149cm: Belinda Casper; Intermediate Pony 91-121cm: Graham Martin; Intermediate Pony 121-149cm: Tamara Abed; Intermediate Horse over 149cm: Michelle Jones; Open Pony 91-121cm: Sarah Keevers; Open Pony 121-149cm: Amanda See; Open Horse over 149cm: Lorraine Cairns; Pony Pair 91-149cm: Phil Marshall; Horse Pair over 149cm: Byron McIntyre; Pony Tandem 91-149cm: Karen Rogers.

A very successful Level 4 CDE was run in conjunction with the Championships with strong fields in the three classes. It was good to see several of the newer CDE competitors successfully completing the testing marathon course.

Congratulations to the winners: Single Pony: Tess Smith; Single Horse: Glenda Marshall; Introductory Multiples: Tor van der Burge.

A number of our club members then made the trip down to Victoria for the CDE at Longwood. There were mixed results. Tamara Abed, Sarah Keevers and Byron McIntyre won their classes, whilst Lynne Dominish retired on the marathon and Kim Groothoff was eliminated. Nevertheless, it was a great weekend of good fellowship and good driving.

## LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Donna Grace: The Liverpool Range and Gulgong Clubs combined to hold a drive at Thornthwaite, north east of Scone over the weekend of October 13/14/15 2017. Bill Greer and Sam Williams put together a great few days of driving, travelling some new tracks and revisiting some old. Camping was at the historic woolshed on Thornthwaite. The shed no longer resounds to bleat of sheep however, as cattle now dominate the 12,000 acres owned by Paspaley Pearl Group Pty Ltd.

The buildings and grounds are used by the Scone Horse and Hounds Club. Perched high on a hill, looking out to rolling valleys and escarpments, it is not hard to picture the galloping horses and hounds in pursuit of the evasive fox, and hear the sound of the horn. There is so much history in this area, as could be seen on our Friday afternoon drive. We wound our way along a valley floor passing the station church, old cottages, weathered timber fencing and yards, and remnants of chimneys and garden orchards. Fleeting pictures of a past time came to mind as we trotted along, reminding us of when rural communities were strong. The late afternoon drive of 18km was very pleasant after what had been a very hot day, and was followed by a few light refreshments in the shade of the woolshed, and dinner sitting around the campfire. Saturday's drive was a big one of 32km, taking us along Brawboy Rd up over a steep incline to yet another lovely valley which opened before us. A lunch stop at Inverary cattle yards was enjoyed, before we returned to our camp.



Joy Hawkin's Grayson on the Thornthwaite Drive  
(D Fitzgerald)

Sunday's drive was also long, a 42km return trip. We headed south following the river country towards Aberdeen. We passed lots of horse studs, with foaling season in full swing. The irrigated river country was a green oasis, compared to the grazing country which was suffering an extremely dry time. Lunch was again held by some stockyards, before we returned to pack up and go home.

Those in attendance over the weekend were Mark Murphy, Bill and Trish Greer, Malcolm and Donna Grace, Peter and Trish Honeyman, and Geoff Skewes from the Liverpool Range Club, Chris Ward from the Tamworth Club, Sam and Rhody Williams and Leroy and Jo Trengove from the Gulgong Club, and Allan and Joy Hawkins from the Hunter Club.

On Saturday October 28 the Murrurundi Light Horse Regiment held a Commemoration Service and Parade for the Charge of Beersheba, Palestine 1917. Bill Greer, Donna Grace and Sam Williams participated in this event. It was with overwhelming sadness that we remembered those gallant horsemen and their beloved mounts. They showed such bravery to charge the wells of Beersheba, and were of course successful, despite losses of men and horses. There are wonderful stories of man and horse as partners and companions during the 'war to end all wars.' Over the week of Oct 30 – Nov 3 2017, a Commemoration Drive and Ride was held commencing at Tabulam and ending in Copmanhurst on the north coast. It was organized by the RSL and more than 100 horse riders, along with an entourage of sulkies travelled 100km in recognition of the Light Horse and the Charge of Beersheba. Participants included Peter and Trish Honeyman, Geoff Skewes, Don Thomas, John McKee and Sharon Wheeler, Helen Butcher, Bruce Donnelly, Trevor Donnelly and Chris Ward. They felt very privileged to be part of a wonderful journey of remembrance in honour of those gallant horsemen. Lest We Forget.



On the road at the Beersheba Remembrance Ride and Drive from Tabulam to Copmanhurst (P Honeyman)

To finalise what has been another busy year for the Liverpool Range Club, members will join together for a Christmas celebration luncheon on Saturday November 25 at the Werris Creek Bowling Club. We have chosen to support the Club, as it has been a wonderful sponsor of our Charity Drive over recent years.

The next annual Charity Drive will run from Sept 15-23 2018 and be based at Quirindi and Werris Creek. We welcome all to join us.

A total of \$10,239.51 was raised this year for the Royal Far West and a cheque is being presented to the Quirindi Branch at the end of November.

### **BORDER CARRIAGE CLUB**

Jayde Whitehead: It was with great sadness that the Club received the news of the death of Bruce McNally. Bruce was a founding member of the club and very supportive in his role. He had a wealth of knowledge and his good sense of humour brought a feeling of fun to our gatherings. His and Pat's ongoing support have been much appreciated over the years. Bruce's absence will be noted, and he will be greatly missed.

This year's Club Executive are President: Angela Gray, Secretary: Jayde Whitehead and Treasurer: Pam Salter. The club is continuing to grow. Two newcomers, Gabrielle Lieshke and Jill Rawluk, will hopefully have horses and vehicles ready to go in the coming year.

Pam Salter has been busy riding and driving her pony to get him fit for the CDE season. She competed with Dalgangle Horatio at the Canberra Club's CDE at Cootamundra. She gained a respectable win in the dressage, but an unfortunate lapse in concentration and a deviation of course resulted in an elimination in the cones.



Pam Salter with Dalgangle Horatio (C Hermes) Nevertheless the scenery and weather were magnificent and it was a very enjoyable weekend, as well as being good practice for the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood.

In November, Angela Gray and Pam Salter will be heading to Cobram for the Northern Country Carriage Driving Club's Graded Dressage Competition. Pam is also entered in the Longwood CDE. Both are looking forward to getting back into driving on a regular basis and attending more competitions.

Linda Porta attended the Wangaratta Show driving her pony Westbury Lady Mariette. It was a good opportunity to introduce the pony to lots of sideshow noise and activity which she handled really well. There were three harness ponies competing and amongst other awards, Linda and Mariette won the sulky turnout and Reserve

Champion Turnout and came first in the pleasure pony class.

The Club's Christmas Party is in the pipeline, with a pleasure drive followed by lunch at the Pickled Sisters Winery on November 19 2017.

### **CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB**

Charlotte Hyles: Camden members Carolyn and Jeanna Kinlyside, Greg and Alison McDonald and I had a great weekend attending the NSW CDE Championships and associated Level 4 CDE at Witwood on November 3-5 2017.

Carolyn and daughter Jeanna camped at Witwood to support and groom for Yvonne Wood and pony Ziggy, from the Southern Highlands Club, and I drove Ziva CN, with able assistant Lucy Weir as groom. Lucy has driven and team groomed so it was great to have her experience helping in all phases of this event. Yvonne and I competed in the Level 4 Event. Greg and Alison volunteered as officials for the weekend.

The dressage went well for Ziva and me with us coming third out of eleven in our class. All the judges gave us 8/10 for presentation. There were only two clear rounds in the cones and I was one of the last to go. We were all clear until cone no.19 and then flew through the finish. But why was the judge ringing the bell ?

There were 20 cones. Where was no.20 ? I walked the course three times without seeing it! It was a sneaky little sucker which could not be seen from no.19, as it was completely hidden behind you, and the finish was in front of you. It tricked a few drivers. Lesson learnt the hard way – 'Always take your course map and your groom with you to walk the course.'

The marathon was a huge challenge for us. I tipped Ziva over in the water when I competed there last time, and despite me riding her through every puddle I could find since, it was clear that she remembered the occasion well. We therefore cautiously took the alternative route and completed the water obstacle by going the long way around, without getting our feet wet. We tackled all seven marathon obstacles without elimination and ended up 8<sup>th</sup> in her class.



(C Kinlyside)



I'm bursting with pride for my brave little mare. I really appreciate all the encouragement that I have received from so many members. I especially need to thank Max Pearce for putting my terrified Ziva back into harness after our accident last time at the water, and his positive coaching to put my shattered nerves back into place for driving.

Thank you also to Leah Montefiore, for the loan of her beautiful marathon vehicle and the very smart top hat for my dressage outfit, to Lucy Weir for talking me through my doubts and organizing my times for me, and to Jun-Gi Min who trotted Ziva out for the Ground Jury.

Many thanks of course to Dot and Doug Willcoxson and the Bungendore Club for running another wonderfully successful event.

PS. It was freezing at night. I still hate camping, but the good company made it all worthwhile.

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

Jules Cook: As the year starts to wind up, Hunter Club members are doing anything but slow down. The past month has seen members away on charity drives, social drives and at a clinic, with lots of local events coming up in the next month or so. Helen Huckerby driving Ruby and Rosemary Laing with Tinker represented our club at the Royal Far West Charity Drive run by the Liverpool Range Club in September. They had a fantastic time away, as well as noting the marked difference in the landscape from the previous year, this year being very dry compared to last year's wet spell. Rosemary's new Jack Russell 'Molly' behaved beautifully during her first time away. However she was apparently a bit short on conversation, and could often be found sleeping in the footwell of the sulky.

In October, Joy and Alan Hawkins joined the Gulgong/Liverpool Range Clubs' drive at Thornthwaite with their horse Grayson. Joy enjoyed the openness of the country, the scarcity of traffic and the camaraderie of like minded people. The drive managed to fit a few seasons into just a few days, with a very hot drive on the Friday, followed by the Saturday drive with coats on and stashed raincoats in the vehicles. Joy had the pleasure of having a passenger for the drive, Dale Fitzgerald, who was a keen photographer and took some beautiful images of the handsome Grayson.

Hunter Club ran another Molli Mercer Clinic at the end of October. We had enjoyed the May clinic so much that we just had to have Molli back to check on our progress. There was a great turn up of members for the weekend.

We all had individual lessons on the Saturday to assess our goals, and then on Sunday morning participants drove the dressage test that is to be used in the 2018 NSW Indoor/Outdoor Series. It is driven in a 50 x 20m arena, which in itself provides a challenge, particularly for our

handsome, more generously proportioned horses like June Malmberg's Sam and Michelle Ashbridge's Duke. Actually you couldn't tell it was a challenge as both big boys moved through their tests beautifully.

In the afternoon, we had a fun hybrid cones course. Pat Thompson and Olivia May navigated the cones and obstacle well, as did Kylie dos Remedios with Banjo. He turned out to be unexpectedly speedy, and clocked up some impressive times for a heavy horse. However it was the smallest equines amongst us, Rosemary Laing's Tinker, and Cathie Browning's Star Angel who really stole the show, little hoons those two mares are!

It was a great weekend of positive coaching and learning. Thank you to Molli for her time and hard work, and we look forward to welcoming her back for a clinic in 2018.



Cathie Browning and Star Angel at the Molli Mercer Clinic (J Cook)

#### **TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Spring has been a busy season for events, with everyone trying to run their events as the weather warms up, but wanting to have them done before the summer heat sets in.

In news of Temora members, Harry Hol is continuing to work with his big bay mare putting her in harness, Keith Phillips has participated in a drive from the north of the state down through the central west and finishing near Canberra, and Sharon Beattie and sister Veronica Chown did TPR work and penciling respectively at the Canberra Club's CDE at Cootamundra.

Sharon also helped out doing TPR duties at CDEs at Grenfell and the State Championships at Witwood. She was pleased to note that drivers are training their horses well so that they present in fit condition at the vet checks.

The Temora Pony Club asked Sharon to run another introduction to harness session in October. She took along her ponies Bailey and Shadow. Six pony clubbers were shown how to put the harness on and take it off, before having a go themselves. Each had a drive around the yard with Sharon before they did the unharnessing. After this, TPR was explained to them and they were shown how to find the pulse and count the heart beats. They

then tried this out on their own ponies, and recorded their standing heart rates. This was followed by a 30 minute ride around the Temora Showground, accompanied by Sharon driving Shadow. Heart rates were taken again after the ride. Not surprisingly, they had hardly risen at all. All in all, it was a very worthwhile morning's session.



Harnessing Shadow at the Temora Pony Club  
(S Beattie)

### **GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION**

The Thornthwaite driving weekend at Scone in October, hosted by the Gulgong and Liverpool Range Clubs, attracted nine sulkies from the Hunter, Liverpool Range, Gulgong and Tamworth Clubs. It was three days of pleasure driving on large properties in the picturesque hills northwest of Scone. The Williams and Trengove families represented the Gulgong Club, both driving new horses. A total of 92km was driven over the three days.



On the Thornthwaite Drive (J Trengove)

On the Gulgong Club calendar for 2018 are various Sunday Funday's, the first to be on January 21 2018. The Henry Lawson Heritage Drive will be held from June 2-9, starting at Tooraweenah and finishing at Gulgong. A new drive on the calendar will be from August 11-18, when the Goulburn and Gulgong Clubs will host a pleasure drive from Lake Cargelligo.

### **MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Ben Rosetta and partner Maaike Van Dam entered Canberra Club's CDE at Cootamundra in October. Ben drove Rosymoon Nottingham and Maaike drove Rosymoon Anthony. They competed against each other in the same class. Maaike had only arrived from the Netherlands a few weeks before and it was the first competition she had driven in. She and Ben and their horses had a successful event, and hope to be competing regularly over the coming year.

### **CENTRAL COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Barbara Smith enjoyed being out driving Dreams again at the Hills Club's Indoor/Outdoor training weekend at Lemon Tree in November. Mary Grant was there too, absorbing how this type of event is run and assisting as a groom and with the scoring at the end of the mock competition on the Sunday. The following Sunday the Central Coast held its first fun competition with a Scurry Cones course at Cooranbong. Six drivers took part: Mary Grant with Oakey and Barbara Smith with Dreams from Central Coast, Rosemary Laing with Tinker and Jules Cook with Albert from the Hunter Club, and Liz O'Brien (Prince Rebel) and Margaret Neely (Fairlea Larry) from the Tamworth Club. All the drivers were very competitive and accurate, and there were lots of clear rounds. Mary had to pull out all stops with Oakey to keep the trophy in the host club's hands. She was closely followed by Rosemary in second place and Barbara in third place.



Drivers at the Scurry Cones Day at Cooranbong  
(M Grant)

The weather turned out to be fine on the day, after ominous signs over the previous days. A couple of new members joined the club after coming as spectators, so they must have been impressed by the show that the drivers put on.

The club now has its own Central Coast Carriage Driving Club facebook page and members are advised that it is the place to look for information and updates on coming events.

### **REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Plans for coming events have been finalized including a Pleasure Drive at Tracey and Steve Kearns' property at Jerrawa on the weekend of December 2/3 2017. It is an excellent, safe venue.



Whilst driving can be done on endless quiet dirt roads, there is also an on-farm course with several obstacles and the use of a newly completed dressage arena. Camping is in a safe paddock adjacent to the dining hut, kitchen, showers and toilets. Drivers need to bring their own yards. Enquiries to Carolyn Blakeley on 0438 458 298. On December 9/10 there is a Saturday Indoor Obstathon and BBQ at Rosemount, off Boxers Ck Rd Goulburn, followed by a Pleasure Drive on the Sunday. Camping is available. More information from Kath Cole on 0439 847 657 or see the Reedy Creek Facebook page. Everyone is welcome on both the weekends.

Steve and Tracey Kearns have been busy getting things set for the December pleasure drive, whilst also driving their mare Nellie and Shire gelding Harry.

A change of venue is being considered for Reedy Creek's Endurance event next year, with Temora Showground perhaps being the base.

Amanda and Carolyn Blakeley attended the Bram Chardon School in October and learnt a lot from Bram about driving their new team of horses. John Moyes and Kath Cole also had lessons with Bram with their pony pair and benefitted greatly from his insight and expertise.

The Blakeleys travelled to Bairnsdale in Victoria recently to judge youngstock and harness classes. There were good numbers in all classes and it is a great showground.

Carol and Ray Roach have also been busy, with Carol setting up a club Facebook page, and Ray gathering sponsorship for the Christmas Obstathon. He has also organized a coffee and snack van to be in attendance.



Prizewinners at the Reedy Creek Enduro at Marrar  
(A Ongley)

### **CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

The Level 3 CDE run by the Canberra Club on October 21/22 at Cootamundra was a great success. Twenty six entries came from many clubs across NSW and Victoria for the event. There were big numbers in both the Novice Pony classes, and it was good to see three multiples competing – a tandem, a pair and a team.

The Event was hosted by Garry and Judy Harris on their property Corramandel. Garry was the Course Designer and Builder, and Judy was the Event

Secretary. Officials over the weekend included Trevor Brand, Sue Plath, Judy Dwyer, and David Royle. Garry and Judy Harris also managed to secure enough stewards for the marathon so that self stewarding was unnecessary.

Canberra Club members catered for the very enjoyable two course Event Dinner on the Saturday night for about 50 people.



Ben Rosetta in the dressage at the Canberra Club CDE  
(M Steinhardt)

The sixteen km marathon course with five challenging MOs, was set within the property and on a few adjacent tracks. It was well marked and presented, with slashed tracks where needed.

A number of sponsors came on board for the Event including Scribblegum Design and Print, Cootamundra Stock Feeds and Hunting Supplies, Tumut Hydraulics, Grenfell Commodities, Lance's Produce Grenfell and Mark Hewitt Racing.

Winning drivers over the various classes were: Tracey Tuohy, Tracey Ellis, Belinda Casper, Kookie Engelsman, Sarah Keevers, Lyn Callaghan, Chuckie Radnedge, Karen Rogers, and Mandy Lawrence. The best overall score was achieved by Tracey Ellis.

Many thanks to the Canberra Club and especially Garry and Judy Harris, for running this excellent event.

Canberra members Tony James and Peter Dunn competed in the Novice Horse class at the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood in early November, and Tess Smith, Nikki Flynn and Debbie Dunn competed in the Level 4 CDE held at the same time.

### **BEERSHEBA CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE DRIVE & RIDE**

**Tabulam to Copmanhurst Oct 31 – Nov 4 2017  
run by Grafton RSL Sub Branch in honour of  
General Harry Chauvel**

by Peter Honeyman

On Monday Oct 30, Chris Ward (Tamworth Club), and Geoff Skewes, Don Thomas and Trish and Peter Honeyman (Liverpool Range Club) travelled in convoy up through the New England via



Moonbi, Guyra, Glen Innes and Tenterfield to arrive at Tabulam at 3pm.

We went to the town information centre (the pub), where we met Grahame, a local farmer who said we could leave our horses in his cattle yards next to the racecourse, and the publican let us camp out the back next to the police station. Good food, beer and night.



Sulkies and packhorses on the Remembrance Drive (P Honeyman)

On Tuesday morning we moved to the racecourse, picked up the horses and set up camp. During the day we were joined by John McKee, Jim McKenna, Helen Butcher, Trevor Hunt and Bruce Donnelly, all Liverpool Range Club members. It was good to go to the coast and support our members from there – John (Casino), Helen (Tabulam), Trevor (Macksville) and Jim (Algoona Creek).

We now had five sulkies and one four wheel competition carriage to take part in the drive. Jim McKenna drove his truck and float as our back up man, carrying water and three big eskies full of ice from the fish co-op. This was enough to supply the camp for the week – that's 150 riders, six horse drawn vehicles and support crews until Saturday. We all headed into the town oval and war memorial at 5pm for the ceremony. Dr Chauvel was the guest speaker. He is the grandson of General Harry Chauvel, who was born and grew up at Tabulam, raised the Upper Clarence Light Horse there, and eventually led the Charge at Beersheba. At 6pm we watched about 20 Light Horsemen do a mock charge across the oval. It was very well done and very moving. We then adjourned for a catered meal, together with a few ales.

On Wednesday morning at 7am we moved the trucks and floats ahead to the night camp at Yugilbar Station, and were transported back by bus to the racecourse where all the horses and sulkies were left. At 9.30am about 150 riders and packhorses, followed by the sulkies, headed back

into town to go over the big single lane bridge. This was because the river was up making the intended river crossing unsuitable. We then proceeded across paddocks and the sulkies moved to the front so we could go at our faster pace. Our own escort vehicles and back up came with us. Frasers Cutting was not too steep and we walked down it with no problems. The lunch stop was at Cleveland Crossing, a beautiful big free camp on the river, where we washed and watered the horses and had a lovely catered BBQ lunch. There were also portable toilets provided.



The wide open spaces on the drive (P Honeyman) By the time the riders arrived, we were harnessed up and headed off to Yugilbar. This is a magnificent bull farm (Santa Gertrudis and Sanangus) on the Broadwater, owned by the Myer family (Coles Myer). Mr Myer senior, aged 98, welcomed us and gave a \$5000 cheque to the Grafton RSL Sub Branch to help with costs. These included the semi trailer toilet and shower block. The Myers also provided us all with a meal free of cost. We had a lovely night overlooking the Broadwater, in the new bull sale building. The distance covered for the day was 43km. Next morning we moved the floats to Hassans Creek, Fine Flower campdraft grounds, and were bussed back for our 9.30am start. As it was hot and humid, with a lot of rolling hills every day, Jim McKenna did a great job supplying us with water for the horses every quarter of the way. A free BBQ lunch was supplied at some cattle yards for the halfway stop. After reaching the night camp (39km) we had a shower in the semi trailer and then partied again with another catered meal and cheap drinks at the bar. Jim supplied the boom box.

On Friday morning, the gear was moved ahead to Copmanhurst, we were bussed back, and by 9.30am we were away again amongst the scenic hills and beautiful surrounds. Lunch was another BBQ and then we set off again to arrive at Copmanhurst by about 2pm, a distance of 26km. We did a total of about 108km in the three days. The riders arrived about 3.30pm and did a parade up the town. About 5pm we all went to the pub

and had another lovely meal and finished the night. On Saturday morning Trish and I headed home via Ebor and Armidale as we had to be back for our niece's birthday at Bendemeer, but the rest of the guys attended the service at 9.30am with the horses lining the road around the Memorial.

This drive was an experience not to be missed. It was one of the best drives I have done in my 33 years in the ACDS and it was run by the RSL. A big thank you must go to our club member Jim McKenna who liaised with the RSL, went to meetings, and checked out the route to make sure all was good and safe, as well as supplying us with water, ice, music and great camaraderie. He also had the fluctuating numbers of participants to think about, regarding catering. At one stage it looked like the driving section could have twenty three sulkies and thirty people but this dwindled down to only six sulkies and their crews. The riding section also had to deal with this problem, a difficulty always faced by organizers of big events. Jim handled it all very well and did a great job! The Drive and Ride was a huge success as a tribute to Harry Chauvel and the brave men and horses at Beersheba. Well done to the Grafton RSL.

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

30 members present from Hills, Ellmore, Camden, Bungendore, Southern Highlands, Temora, Canberra, Gulgong, Reedy Creek, Riverina, Liverpool Range and Goulburn Clubs

#### **Panel Reports**

##### **Show Driving**

- \*NSW SD Champs Bundanoon May 6 2018
- \*National Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground in November 2018
- \*Show judges school planned for mid 2018
- \*Heavy harness school also to be held in 2018
- \*Canberra Royal has expanded the harness program for 2018
- \*Sydney Royal has reduced harness classes for 2018

##### **Historical**

- \*27 vehicles now on the Historical Vehicles Database including Sydney brass sulkies, buggies, trade vehicles with photos and measurements
- \*'The Coachbuilders Book of Design' – very useful book with profiles and dimensions of 492 vehicles found in Australia
- \*Great Dorset Steam Fair in the UK – highly recommended for a visit
- \*Members are requested to contact Convenor Alan Ongley with information on their vehicles, for cataloguing in the Database.

##### **Dressage**

- \*Second Dressage Clinic for 2017 was held in July at Bundanoon giving judges more opportunity to keep requirements current

\*New Novice Dressage Judge now qualified – Lynne Dominish

\*Dressage Protocol days recommended for clubs to run. Contact Convenor Sue Plath [splath4@bigpond.com](mailto:splath4@bigpond.com) or 02 48410636

##### **CDE**

\*Very good spring series of CDEs

\*National CDE Champs at Witwood Easter 2018-give as much support as possible – drive, steward, be an official

\*Indoor/Outdoor Series – feedback from trial events has been very positive. Qualifiers and Series Final will be run in 2018. Drivers need to complete two qualifiers for eligibility in final. Clubs must consult CDE Convenor for approval of proposed dates

\***Grading Lists need updating urgently.** Many horses on it which are no longer competing. **Members urged to check the Lists on Federal website (under Publications) and let Grading Officer Margie Morgan know of any changes,** on [margiemorgan6@gmail.com](mailto:margiemorgan6@gmail.com). Contact Tracey Ellis on 0402 854 696 if no internet access or for further assistance.

\*CDE Survey has closed. Results being reviewed. Members to be advised of outcome asap.

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

\*Two endurance events have been held already this year, at Round Hill and Marrar – both professionally organized and conducted

\*Next Enduro is at Yalbraith on January 27-29 2018. Enquiries to Robert Allport 0427 916 524

\*Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive in September had more than thirty vehicles take part.

\*Club Challenge Shield: all members are invited to fill in distance sheets for their pleasure and endurance driving including club drives. The Shield is for the most kms done by a club from January to December. Sheets are available on the NSW website. Need to be submitted to Robert Allport by the end of January 2018, for the 2017 year.

##### **Junior Drivers**

\*Three junior drivers and one junior groom at the Round Hill Endurance event – all should be commended for the way they cared for their horses.

\*One junior driver at Marrar – Kimberly Allport, who won the half enduro for horses, and the junior driver award.

\*Three junior drivers took part in the Junior Challenge and Sports Day at Rossmore

\*Junior Jeanna Kinlyside was the groom for a competitor at the NSW CDE Championships & level 4 CDE at Witwood

\*Clubs are requested to send news of their junior drivers and grooms to the Convenor Robert Allport

**Other**

- \*Teleconference unable to be done at Bathurst
- \*Sydney Royal class sponsorship to continue
- \*Reminder of Mayfield Gardens Park Drive in April 2018
- \*Review of Branch Meeting location at AGM
- \*Peter Honeyman (Liverpool Range Club) is the new Federal P & E Convenor
- \*Expressions of Interest for 2018 NSW CDE Champs – clubs to consider for Feb Meeting
- \*CDE Leaderboard – 1.T Ellis 2.A See 3.T Abed 4.C Radnedge 5.G Dowling
- \*Federal AGM and Conference Hahndorf SA July 14/15 2018
- \*New members should be receiving ‘**New Member Kits**’ – club secretaries check & contact Fed Sec if not receiving them.
- \*Help would be most welcome from ACDS members to assist on the Gulgong Club stand at the **Mudgee Small Farms Field Days** in 2018. Contact Carol Hardaker 0427 094 481

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