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Cathie and Bob Browning in the Concours d'Elegance at Murrurundi

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' February 21 2015**

**Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting February 21 2015 at Temora**

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify the Secretary Chuckie Radnedge of intention to attend by Feb16 2014

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## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***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>	<b>2014</b>	
6	Christmas Party & Auction at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
6	Obsthon at Laggan Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
7	Christmas Lunch at Bendemeer Hotel Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14	Christmas Party at Pokolbin Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
<b>Jan</b>	<b>2015</b>	
17-18	Come and Try Weekend at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
24-26	Mini Enduro at Yalbraith via Taralga Goulburn Club	Robert Allport 0427 916 524
31	Evening BBQ at Marayong Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
<b>Feb</b>		
1	Twilight Rally at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8	Cones Demonstration at Crookwell Show Southern Highlands, Reedy Creek, Goulburn Clubs	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
14-15	TPR School / Beginners CDE Training Day at Temora Temora Club	Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1924
15	Pleasure Drive at Mt Tomah Hills Club	Karen Silvester 02 4567 2083
21	NSW ACDS Branch Meeting at Temora	Chuckie Radnedge 0413953 414
21-22	Driving Weekend at Ebor Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
28-M1	Graded Dressage & Munro Cup at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
<b>Mar</b>		
1	One Day Combined Driving Experience at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
7-8	Driving Lessons, Graded Dressage & Cones at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0438 880 458
8	Sporting Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
21-22	Joe Hawkins Cup Level 3 CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
26-Apr8	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
<b>Apr</b>		
11-12	Horse Power Weekend at Aria Park	Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1924
12	Training Day at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
18-19	Level 3 CDE at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
25-26	CDE Level tbc at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
26	Pleasure Drive at Oakville Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>May</b>		
2-3	King of the Ranges Weekend at Murrurundi Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
3	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
30-Ju8	Gulgong Heritage Drive Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
30-31	Cones and Dressage Day at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
31	Tackbox Talk and Activity Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>June</b>		
14	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
14	One Day Combined Driving Experience at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
28	President's Lunch venue tbc Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
<b>July</b>		
5	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
12	Pleasure Drive at Oakville Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Aug</b>		
2	Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
9	Obstacle Driving Clinic & Obsthon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
30	Course Building Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Sept</b>		
6	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
13	Dressage Training & Cones at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
25	Social BBQ venue tbc Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
<b>Oct</b>		

3-4	Social Driving Weekend at Goolhi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
3-5	NSW CDE Champs, National Dressage Champs and Cones Classic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
25	Dressage, Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Nov</b>		
1	Rally Day venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
29	NSW ACDS Show Driving Champs at Gunning Bungendore Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
<b>Dec</b>		
6	Christmas Lunch venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726

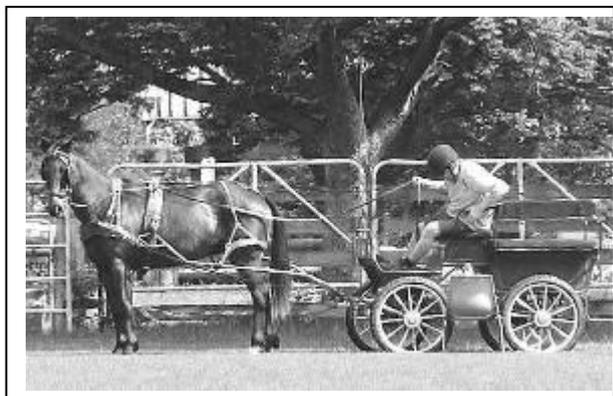


Amanda Proctor driving Gordon Ball's Welsh pony stallion Alcheringa Paris at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon (J Muspratt)

## CLUB NEWS

### NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

Heidi Naylor: If our club is to truly draw members from the North Coast region, we must be prepared to forgo the comfortable idea of a 'one place fits all' home ground. So, our club rotates through venues up and down the North Coast. We are indeed fortunate to have excellent grounds to choose from. The October venue was the Nana Glen Sport and Recreation grounds. Christine O'Rourke came up with an interesting, but thankfully not too challenging 'Mock-Trec' course. Now, when I say 'not too challenging', I think one little fat pony would beg to differ. We weren't the ones drawing the vehicles up that long hill.



Steve Graham and Poncho dealing with a 'challenge' in the Mock Trec at Nana Glen (H Graham)

Our club is composed of experienced horse people, but some are newer to harness so, whilst our challenges may not be very intimidating to

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experienced drivers, my word, they can instill fear in us and our steeds! For instance...who knew that 'shifting the sweep' took such dexterity, or moving a bucket from one hook to another required the contortionist skills of a Kundalini Yoga instructor? It is also a little known fact (but widely known to equines) that underneath any flat tarp lies a morass of monsters, waiting to ensnare unsuspecting carriage horses! However, posting the letter at the end rewarded us with a sense of satisfaction at surviving our very first Mock-Trec day.

The North Coast Carriage Club is a wonderful mix of horses and people. Horse numbers were down from last month's drive at Macksville, with only five heavy horses and six ponies, but it was great to see the horseless members present and supporting our club as gate openers, timers, gophers and grooms. The best reason for being horseless was given by Christine O'Rourke, with the old 'the calves ate all the electrics out of the float' excuse. Our youngest driver on the day Finnlay Naylor, aged 11, did very well, although her mother's hair goes a little greyer each month. Several of the horses and ponies practiced using the slide and traversing the log snig course. This is an excellent experience for side passing, becoming accustomed to traces (or chains) against back legs, and emphasizes the connection between horse and driver. A log snig course is one of those instances where the geometry learnt in school really is useful! It's all about the angle, and what our instructors are always telling us, to 'use the corners'.

We welcomed Lindsay and Martin Lucas to our Club, with their Dartmoors Mr D, a young gelding, and Hope, an older mare. Also welcomed were Ireentje and David Woods with Ruby, a young Clydesdale. Ruby was a reluctant loader when we last saw her at Nana Glen, but this time she loaded beautifully, having realized that far less work was required of her at home than at a club day. Echah Wright and Rowena Walker ran a smooth Club meeting over lunch and the 2015 calendar was penciled in, with a few confirmations required. We hope members support the upcoming Dorrigo Show harness events, and we are looking forward to a relaxed and festive Christmas Party in December at the Grahams' farm, with or without horses.

**RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Janice Reynolds: After driving my beautiful little Welsh pony Dalgangle Griffindor at the last two Liverpool Plains Charity Drives, the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE, plus other fun events and having the best of times, I have purchased a new horse. He is Rocky Creek Red Chief and is broken to saddle as well as harness, making him an ideal addition to our family. Red and I travelled to Grenfell for the Ellmore Club Introduction to Harness Day. The day started with club members checking and adjusting the fitting of my harness. Chuckie Radnedge then gave Red and me a very much appreciated driving lesson, which gave both Red and me an increase in confidence.

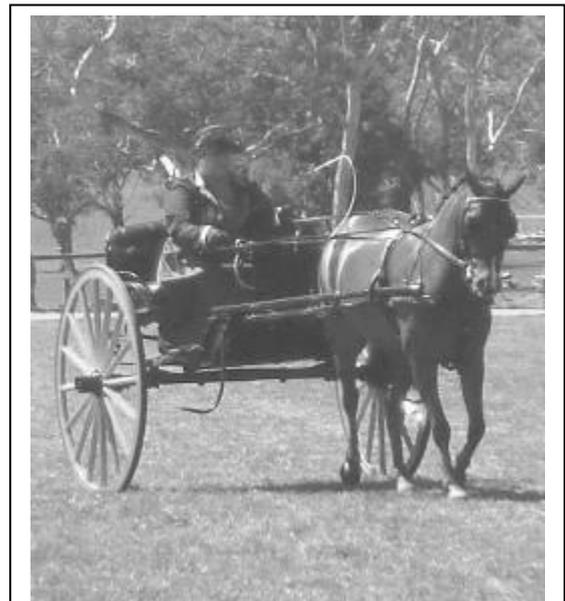


Janice Reynolds with Rocky Creek Red Chief

**CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB**

Carolyn Kinleyside is Camden Club's new publicity officer and she reports that the club had a lovely drive with five carriages and horses and ponies at Rossmore Grange in October. A nice picnic lunch was enjoyed after the drive. It was all very good except for a couple of snakes, which luckily moved away quickly. The drivers were Carolyn and Jeanna Kinleyside with Chocolate and Buzz, Carol Fitzpatrick with her two standardbreds Ned and Louie, Maxine Saliba with Katut and Lynne Buckingham with George. Also there for the day were Annette Campbell, Josh Shiels, Mel Bridges and Danuta and Molly Paxton. (Photo)

Camden members Martin Minns and Sue Wright competed at the NSW Show Driving Championships on October 12 at Bundanoon. Martin drove his Friesian stallion Gerbe van't Wilbroek to be awarded Champion Non Hackney Horse, whilst Sue, driving Welsh pony Bamborough Yvette, achieved several placings. Sue writes that she "had a lovely day, and it was an absolutely great ground to drive on. Polly (Bamborough Yvette) went well and behaved herself, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the three classes we went in. Sadly Bill (husband) couldn't come so I ventured down on my own and Catriona (eventing rider) came and helped me. Really enjoyed the day."



Sue Wright driving Polly (Bamborough Yvette) at the NSW Show Driving Championships (J Muspratt)

**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB**

Many thanks to Jane Knight for all the effort she put into the planning and conducting of the NSW Show Driving Championships on October 12 2014. This included the procurement of beautiful weather for the day. A big thanks also to the other Club members who helped run the event. All the competitors enjoyed the competition, especially those who were the recipients of several excellent donated prizes. These came from Rosemary Griffiths from Queensland, Alana Quirk from Canberra and Neil Wilson from Bargo. Southern Highlands member John White had a busy but rewarding day, capped off with being sashed Champion Driver whilst fellow member Gordon Ball also had a successful show with his pony stallion driven on the day by Amanda Proctor. Prior to the show there was a working bee of members to refurbish the outdoor furniture donated by Steve Simpson. The furniture has now been installed around the grounds and was much appreciated by spectators at the Show Championships.

Three Southern Highlands members, Alex McGuire, Jane Knight and Yvonne Wood made the trip to Witwood to compete in the NSW CDE Championships, as well as join in the celebrations of 20 years of driving at Witwood. Alex and Erinskay Corelli did the best of the three, coming second in the Novice Large Pony class.

A pleasure drive is set down for November 23 in the Wingello Forest, replacing the planned drive earlier in the year which had to be postponed due to extremely bad weather.



John White driving Tokanui Maestro at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon (J Muspratt)

Also on the Club calendar is a bus trip to Canberra to view an exhibition at the National Museum called 'Spirited' Australia's Horse Story. This exhibition explores the story of how horses have enriched our lives, built our society and shaped our environment. Film, sound and sculptural elements bring the majesty and character of horses into the exhibition space, with specially produced digital features which cover all aspects of the horse's involvement in the lives of Australians. For more information contact Yvonne Wood on 02 4883 6859

Congratulations to Lyn Cunnew and Murray Callaghan who recently married in a ceremony at Young, on top of a hill overlooking the blossoming cherry orchards.

It will be full steam ahead in 2015 for the running of the Festival of Driving in October 2015. A great deal of planning has already been done towards this event, but the club has not been neglectful of its duty towards its members. Clinics and competitions for Cones and Obstacle Driving as well as Dressage have been put on the calendar for the months leading up to October.

Everyone should mark the date of the October Long Weekend 2015 in their calendar of driving activities next year, as this will be a great few days of competition and fun for ACDS members. Make plans for training, and get organized to be at the Festival of Driving in Bundanoon in October 2015.

## GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

The pleasure drive on October 18/19 at Nungarin and adjoining properties went very well, with eight horse drawn vehicles on the Saturday and nine on the Sunday. Saturday's drive covered approximately 25km and on Sunday it was about 12km. the scenery was fantastic on both days, as were the tracks and roads that were used.

On Saturday the unshod Shetlands were floated up past the rough road to the first paddock, where their drivers harnessed up and waited for the horses to arrive. Meanwhile the ute with the eskies on it was taken up to the lunch stop. Chris Hannaford had organized that in each paddock crossed, there was an extended trip available around the paddock for those who wanted a longer drive. Lunch was at a dam, with plenty of water for the horses.

Those who attended the drive were Chris and Pauline Hannaford, Jim Gilbey, Leroy and Jo Trengove, Sam and Rody Williams, Sarah and Dennis McCarthy, Sam and Lea Loveday and Carol and Chris Hills.

On the Sunday after lunch, a 'guess the weight of your horse' competition was run, with a \$5 entry fee. Everyone had a go and all the horses got weighed. The money raised was donated to the Hayley Fagerstrom fundraiser. Carol Hills guessed her pony's weight to within one kg. Weights varied between 133kg for Pauline's pony Ebony and 797kg for Chris Hills' Sterling.

A big thank you to Chris and Pauline Hannaford for hosting the drive and to Daryl Honeysett and Kerry Burke for allowing the club to drive on their properties. Kerry also slashed some of the tracks to make things easier for the horses.



On the pleasure drive at Nungarin (C Hills) The drive and fundraiser at Dunedoo in mid November were a great success, despite the very hot weather. Saturday's drive was shortened to about 10km around a circuit near town. The local swimming pool proved very popular after the drive. The Auction at the Bowling Club raised about \$10,000 whilst there was more fundraising

on the Sunday with the family day activities. Hopefully this money will go a long way towards paying for Hayley's house alterations. Hayley still has to buy a car and get it fitted with hand controls.

On Sunday most carriage drivers did a bit of socializing before packing up to go home, but Carol Hills, Jim Gilbey, Chris Hannaford and Chris Morley went for a short drive around town, and Chris Hills put the Clydesdales into the sled at the showground and showed interested visitors how well they worked.

A big contingent of drivers came from the Liverpool Range Club for the weekend - Peter and Trish Honeyman, Col and Robyn Douglas, Malcolm and Donna Grace, Jeff Skewes, Colleen and Ron Miller and Chris Morley, whilst Gulgong Club was represented by Chris and Carol Hills, Chris and Pauline Hannaford, Jim Gilbey, Sam and Roddy Williams, Ailsa and Rosco Adams, Luke Milsom and Warwick Leeson.

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

The Hunter Club has recently welcomed two former members back to the fold – Frank Lovett and Donna Huckerby, whilst Sally Jones from the Central Coast has been welcomed as a new member. Frank and Sally with horses Blossom and Nitro were on the Putty midweek drive organized by June Malmberg earlier this year. Also at Putty were Rosemary Laing with Tinker, Helen Huckerby and Ruby, and Bob and Karinne Goodchild with Lucky. June drove her two horses Lochie and Sam on different days. Arnie was there too. Arnie is the dog which Bob and Karinne acquired as a pup at Premer, on the Liverpool Range Charity Drive in 2011. He goes everywhere with them, and has his own travelling kennel accommodation.

At the end of October the Club held its annual Concours d'Elegance and driving weekend at Murrurundi. Ashleigh and Robin Allison Woods were the organizers. The 'Ashwood' NRMA Concours d'Elegance was held on the Saturday and was judged at the standstill by Don Willis and Clint Woods out on the drive. The first part was judged in the grounds of the old convent and school, in conjunction with the Murrurundi Festival of Flowers. The associated drive was out to Paradise Park. The judging of the two classes resulted in the following: Traditional Turnout 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Smallmon 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley Brodie 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathie Browning; Period Turnout: 1<sup>st</sup> Rachael Bryce 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Huckerby 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosemary Laing. Best Dressed Lady: Rachael Bryce. Best Dressed Gentleman: Bob Browning. Many thanks to the judges and to Robin and Ashleigh Allison-Woods of 'Ashwood' and the NRMA Murrurundi for sponsoring the event.

Another function was happening in town on the same day – the opening of the refurbished

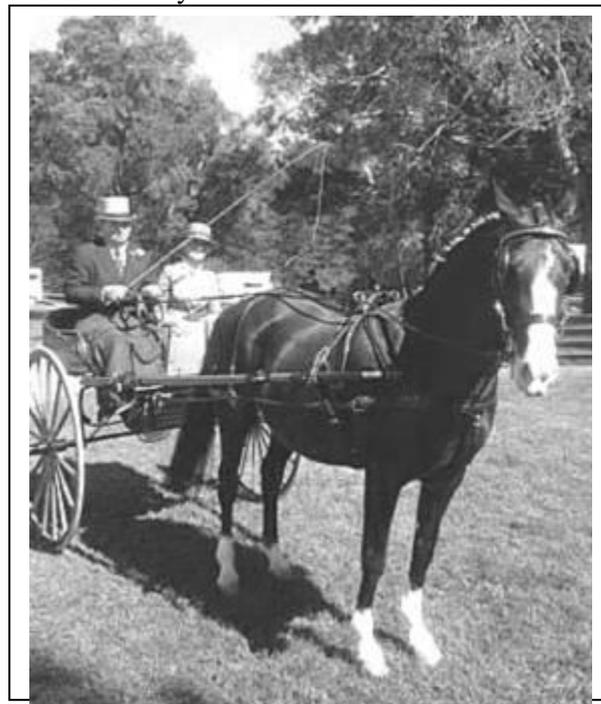
pedestrian footbridge across the Pages River. It is a vital link for townfolk when the river is in flood. Drivers were invited by former Hunter Club member and local resident Ray Hynes to be present with their horses and turnouts after the Concours had finished. Helen Huckerby and Cathie and Bob Browning took up the offer, and added some historical flavour to the opening ceremony.

On Saturday night everyone gathered for a BBQ at Robin and Ashleigh's, and a look at their collection of vehicles. Next morning Ashleigh led the group on a drive along the stock route to Blandford. The stock route runs quite close to the railway line and a big coal train just happened to come along beside them whilst they were there. Luckily the horses 'just looked and carried on'. It was very hot so the drive did not go on for too long before the return to camp at Murrurundi.

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

Tess Smith reports: Several Ellmore Club members have had a busy few months going to various places for CDEs and other activities. Kookie Engelsman and Chuckie Radnedge headed down to Koonoomoo in Victoria during October for a Charity Level 4 CDE, raising money for the Starlight Foundation. They had a great time dressing up as fairies and putting smiles on people's faces.

Judy and Brendan Dwyer went to Bundanoon for the NSW Show Driving Championships on October 12, where they teamed up with Heidi Stevens to drive their beautiful homebred hackney mare Ellmore Black Velvet. They did very well and came away with a number of blue ribbons.



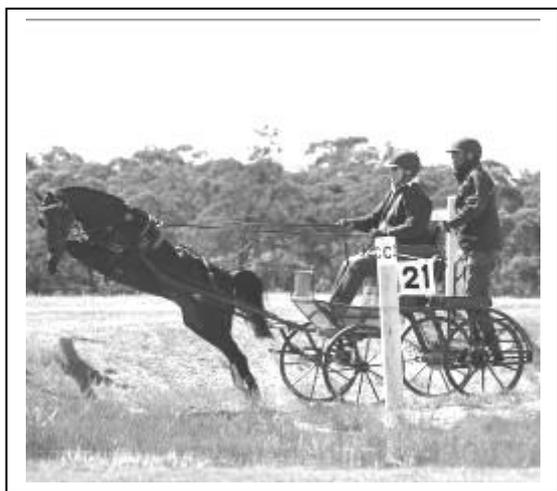
Brendan and Judy Dwyer with Ellmore Black Velvet at the NSW Show Championships (H Stevens)  
A Club Navigation Drive at Grenfell was also held in October. It was well attended and once again

Peter Lothington's cryptic clues led some astray. However everyone felt a sense of adventure, and all had a giggle and a laugh at their various interpretations of which way to go.

The Club's Level 3 CDE held at Hinemoa on October 18/19 had a good gathering of competitors from all around to the impeccably presented venue. Horse and ponies were turned out beautifully for the dressage, and scores were close. The cones course proved to be quite challenging, with a number of drivers incurring penalties. The marathon on the following day was an enjoyable experience, with lovely scenery and gently undulating paddocks to drive through, full of ripening wheat and canola. On the other hand, the obstacles proved to be testing, although most competitors got through them unscathed.

Winner of the Novice Small Pony class was Auburn Carr from Ellmore Club with her little black pony JB Jetstar. Peter McIntyre from Canberra Club won the Novice Large Pony class and Garry Harris, also from Canberra Club, won the Novice Horse class with his Saddlebred. Kookie Engelsman won the Open Pony class with her hackney pony Ashwoods Black Magic, and also won the overall competition.

The NSW CDE Championships at Witwood, Braidwood was the next stop for the keen CDE drivers. Beautiful grounds greeted the four intrepid travelers for what proved to be a challenging weekend, including all kinds of extreme weather. Drivers and their charges alike were confounded by tricky obstacles, and the often feared phenomenon – water!



Kookie Engelsman's Ashwoods Black Magic jumping the water in an MO at Witwood (T Abed)

Most of the Ellmore drivers got through, with Auburn Carr and JB Jetstar coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Novice Small Pony class, and being awarded a number of trophies, Tess Smith with Minty gaining 4<sup>th</sup> in the Novice Large Pony class at their first CDE Championships, and Kookie Engelsman coming 3<sup>rd</sup> with Ashwoods Black Magic in the Open Large Pony class. The Club received 2<sup>nd</sup> placing in the Club Competition.

Further activities planned over the coming months are the Christmas party which is scheduled for December 7, and some instructional days.

#### **HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB**

Several Hills Club members competed at the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon in October. Sue Boyd, Dionne Wilson, Sandra Shaw, Thelma Nichols, Kim McGregor and Belinda and Jessica Casper did the club proud.

The annual Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore on October 26, attracted thirteen competitors this year. Some chose to do just some of the sections, whilst most attempted all three. There was a competitors' and stewards' briefing at 9am, with time after this for them to familiarize themselves with the MOs and cones course before dressage started at 10am.



Junior driver Michaela Beardsell driving Ricky at the Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day (J Muspratt)

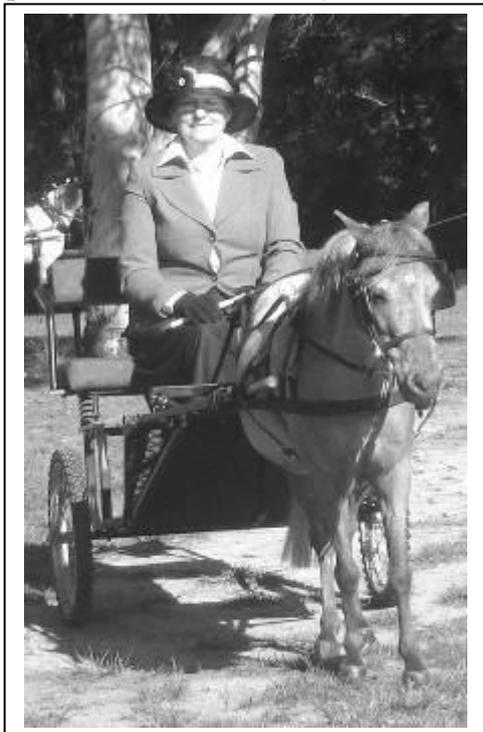
Set up around the grounds were five separate activities – dressage, two MOs, a mini marathon of 2km and the cones course. Drivers were asked to do the latter three activities when it was convenient, either before or after their dressage, and everyone was finished by soon after 12.00 as planned. This was good, as the day rapidly warmed up.

The drivers were divided into two classes –under 11hh and 11hh and over. In the smaller height class were Thelma Nichols, Sue Boyd, Andrea Casper, Dennis Casper, Christine Dunn, Dionne Wilson and Lynne Buckingham, whilst the taller class had Michaela Beardsell, Linda Ongley, Belinda Casper, Pat Mannix, John Moore and Joyce Beardsell. The competition was very close in both groups.

Judging and stewarding on the activities were Dressage: judge Kim McGregor and penciller Anneriek Favelle, Cones: Eddie Dobbin and June Malmberg, MO1: Rob Nichols, Danuta Paxton and Molly Paxton, MO2: Debbie Lyshak and Tiffany Cornall and Mini Marathon Janet Muspratt, Alan Ongley and Joy Harris. Marg Moore and Lilian Mannix were there too, helping when needed.

A sausage sizzle lunch prepared by Alan and Joy was enjoyed by all after the driving was over, followed by the presentation of awards. The overall class winners were Christine Dunn and Belinda Casper.

When the call went out for volunteers to collect the equipment, it was wonderful to see people scattering across the grounds picking up cones, dressage letters, directional markers, and MO letters in what seemed like an instant – a great sight for those who had brought and set up the equipment at the start of the day.



Sue Boyd with Spellbound Mystic Indulgence at the NSW Show Championships (J Muspratt)

The Club's annual Trivia Night was held a couple of weeks later at the RDA at Box Hill, organized by the quiz master, Eddie Dobbin. About thirty people, making up five tables, enjoyed the night tackling Eddie's questions and the other games.

#### **LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB**

Donna Grace: The success of our Charity Drive held in September was largely due to the wonderful people who participated in the weeklong drive across the Liverpool plains. Thank you for your support in raising \$16,200 which will go to the Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme. Also benefitting along the way were the Curlewis pre school, the Premer Lions and the Premer Pre School. It is wonderful to have aided these small communities in raising funds.

With the drive behind them, club members Bruce and Vicki Donnelly, Peter and Trish Honeyman, Judy and John Tonkiss, Chris Morley and Donna Grace supported the Mini Enduro held in conjunction with the Hunter Club at Spring Ridge in early October. Special mention should be made of Bruce Donnelly who backed up again in organizing the drive route for the Enduro. A lot of

effort was made for a superbly organized weekend, and it was a shame it was not supported by more drivers. Those of us who had little experience with Enduros found it to be a fun event and may be inspired to enter as competitors rather than observers, next time. For Vicki Donnelly it was her first experience and she achieved wonderful success.



On a black soil track on the Liverpool Range Charity Drive (D Grace)

Club members Col and Robyn Douglas, Malcolm and Donna Grace, Peter and Trish Honeyman, Colleen and Ron Miller, Chris Morley and Jeff Skewes attended the fundraiser weekend held for Hayley and Riley Fagerstrom at Dunedoo on November 15/16. A drive was organized for the Saturday morning by Gulgong Club member Warwick Leeson and twelve sulkies set off in what turned into a scorcher of a day, hitting 39°C by mid morning. The drive was soon followed by a dip at the local pool, before everyone headed to the Bowling Club for dinner and the auctions/raffles organized by the people of Dunedoo to help Hayley. It was an inspiring night to see so many step up to show support for her. We wish Hayley and son Riley all the best for the coming months ahead. Congratulations to the Gulgong Club members who worked hard to make the fundraiser weekend a success.

With club activities winding down for the summer, we are all looking forward to our end of year celebration hosted by Sally and Doug Jones on November 29.

Our first drive for 2015 will be at Ebor in late February. It is open to all ACDS members, and is a wonderful adventure in the cool New England Ranges. On the Ebor drive at the start of this year, many chose to include a few days of fishing and

exploring. It was a welcome break from the relentless summer heat of the plains. The drive helps raise funds for the recreation grounds at Ebor. Contact Christine O'Rourke on [corourke17@bigpond.com](mailto:corourke17@bigpond.com) for more details.

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

Karl and Lyn Olsson made the trip to Bundanoon for the NSW Show Driving Championships on October 12 with their Standardbred Kraut Hammer. They had a very successful trip, bringing home a fabulous driving whip for winning the two or four wheeled turnout, plus being awarded Reserve Champion Non Hackney Horse and Champion Pleasure Horse or Pony.

On the same weekend Club members Rachael Bryce, Margaret O'Brien and Amanda See were fortunate to have tuition and advice from world champion four in hand driver Boyd Exell, when he spent a few days at the EA carriage driving event and clinics at Tamworth.

Congratulations to all the competitors at the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood especially Tamworth Club drivers Lin Monger, Liz O'Brien, Amanda See and Rachael Bryce. They all had a great weekend competing in their various classes, but in the overall results Amanda did the best of the four, coming second by an extremely narrow margin in her Open Large Pony class. The others have more work to do but still left a strong impression with their talent.

Back at home on the same weekend, the club ran a successful Rally Day at Attunga under the leadership of Margaret Neely, with a good number of participants enjoying the events set up.



Marilyn Taylor at the Rally Day at Attunga

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

Robert Allport and groom Colin Simons driving Charlie, Kimberly Allport with her father Damon as co driver and groom driving her pony Lulu, and Robert Baxter and Shane Goulthrop driving a standardbred enjoyed a 22km pleasure drive along roads in the Cockatoo, Golspie, Yalbraith area on Saturday October 11. After the lunch break plans

were firmed up for the Mini Enduro on January 24-26 2015. Later in the afternoon Ian and Jan Denney arrived at camp to carry out a TPR evaluation for seven members of the club and three members from the Reedy Creek Club. Sausages and salad followed for dinner.

Robert Allport and Colin Simons attended the three day Enduro at Spring Ridge on the long weekend in October. Colin assisted by driving the escort vehicle and Robert carried out the TPR duties at camp, assisted by Peter Honeyman at the rest break for the horses.

On Sunday November 9 at the Crookwell Pony Club Rally, Robert, Damon and Kimberly Allport did a demonstration of how to harness a horse to a sulky and then a pony to a jogger for pleasure driving. They also showed how to gear up a standardbred with harness, hobbles and boots to a trotting gig, and gave driving demonstrations of all three types of horse drawn vehicles. During the demonstrations Robert explained the very important safety rules associated with harnessing a horse to a vehicle. The parents and children of the pony club were very interested and asked many questions.

The Club's next pleasure drive is planned for Saturday December 6 at Yalbraith again, with the Christmas Party to follow in the evening at the campsite on the banks of Yalbraith Creek.

### **REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Kath Cole: With so many events happening from September on, we thought we would get ourselves into shape by organising a 'Getting Started' day in August. It was also to be an opportunity to introduce our two newest members, Claire and Marilyn Mooney to a cones course and how a CDE obstacle is set up. The morning dawned with cold wintery rain pouring down, and ground that was muddy and slippery, so 'Getting Started' was cancelled, and we seem to have been struggling to get started ever since.

A number of members took part in the Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive in mid September. Ray Roach took his pair, but this year drove one and Robert Harmon both drove and rode the other. Marty Boyce took his new standardbred to introduce him to the world after racing, and Kath and John Moyes took Avanti, who is now an old hand at this sort of thing. The event was once again an amazing experience that we enjoyed very much. Thank you to all those hard working members of the Liverpool Range Club who made it happen.

A week after the Charity Drive Marty took his horse back to compete in the Introductory Endurance Event run by the Hunter Club at Spring Ridge. Marty was pleased to come home with a second place. Back at Laggan, we put together three days of driving, hoping to encourage future Endurance competitors. In the end it was only Cath

and Peter Felber with Donnie and Kath and John Moyes with Avanti who participated. The weather was kind to us, and we thoroughly enjoyed the three days we had put aside for driving.



Peter Felber and John Moyes sharing a shady tree with a couple of bulls on the Lagan Binda Drive (K Cole)

We also organized a pleasure driving weekend at Dalgety, located on the Snowy River. We were able to camp on part of the Snowy River Holiday Park grounds and use its facilities. The new owners were very welcoming, though a little disappointed that, unlike the Team Penning group who had been there previously, we did not take our horses swimming in the Snowy River. It is a truly beautiful venue. The drives took us through parts of the High Country Plains, with views that go on forever, and distant mountains still topped with snow. John and I took the ever willing Avanti. Lloyd Warren who normally drives our Nicholas had his first experience driving Reggie (Nicholas' pair) and managed her very well. His mother Bronwyn and younger brother Bryce drove Nicholas. We are hoping to be able to repeat the experience in autumn. (photo)

### **BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**



Carolyn Blakeley at the NSW Show Driving Championships with Peg (J Muspratt)

The NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon on October 12 was a very successful one for Bungendore members Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley and Richard and Melisa

Bensley. The Bensleys together with Melisa's father Rick Jones had three horses there and won Champion Turnout, Champion Delivery Horse and Champion Hackney Horse, whilst the Blakeleys came away with Champion Pony ne 10.2, and three Reserve Champions. To top off the day, Carolyn driving percheron mare Peg was awarded the Concours d'Elegance perpetual trophy.

Tamara Abed: The Bungendore Carriage Driving Society recently held the NSW CDE Championships and celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> year of holding events at Witwood. To prepare for such a special occasion, there were several working bees beforehand, with members painting, mowing, adding extra posts and rails and doing a general revamp to all the obstacles. It was also great to have the bridge obstacle up and running again. Prior to the Championships, Phillip Bateman from the UK ran a two day clinic. It was well attended and helped towards accreditation or re-accreditation for participants.

Many Bungendore club members were competitors at the Championships including Sarah Keevers, Max Pearce, Amanda Blakeley, Carolyn Blakeley, Lynne Dominish, Lisa Harrington and Tamara Abed. Dressage, cones and, for a bit of fun, freestyle to music dressage, were held on the Saturday. The cones course was tough, with several horses refusing the water and needing assistance from the grooms, plus the wind kept blowing the balls off and keeping the poor stewards busy.

The event dinner on the Saturday night was also the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party. There were party hats, whistles, birthday cake and a fun auction run by Col Ffrost. Sunday dawned a clear, brisk day, perfect for the marathon. Competitors faced 15km and eight challenging obstacles, including a water obstacle and a bridge obstacle. The water obstacle was again quite challenging for some horses and Kookie Engelsman's pony decided to try and jump it.

Despite the mixed results for club members, it was great to see Bungendore come third in the club competition. Overall it was an excellent weekend and event, with competitors enjoying the challenge, fun and usual high standard.

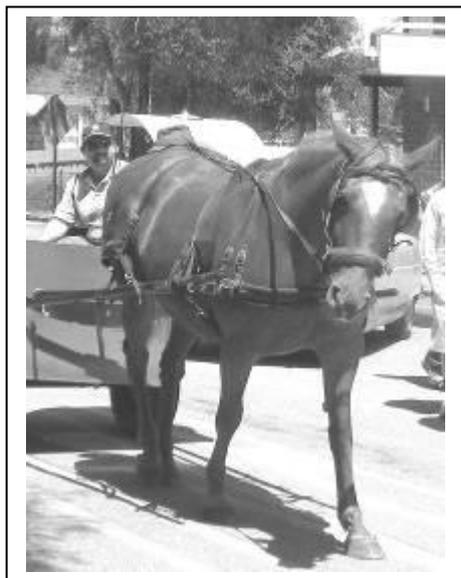
### **TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Sharon Beattie, Harry Hol and Allen Partridge went to Aria Park to give carriage rides at the Mary Gilmore Festival. This year it was decided to just use the red governess cart, but change horses half way through. Sharon arrived first with Zoe followed by Allen with the vehicle. They harnessed up and very soon Sharon was giving rides down the main street, which had been blocked off.

There were as many adults going for a ride as children. One lady drove up and parked her moped near the footpath beside the back of the

carriage and got in, saying 'I'm not going to miss this, when it is so easy to get in'.

By mid morning towels were put on the seats because they were getting so hot. At times there was a bit of a crowd on the street chatting. Two ladies were having a ride, when Sharon had to manoeuvre through a few people. One lady commented 'Wow, the horse knows where to go' and the other lady replied 'No dear, she was steered through the people with those reins'. At lunchtime Harry harnessed Foggy up and swapped with Sharon and Zoe. There were fewer people by that time, and at 2pm with most people gone, the group packed up and headed for home.



Zoe with driver Harry Hol at the Mary Gilmore Festival at Aria Park (S Beattie)

Temora Club members are planning to drive in the Young Cherry Festival on December 6 and give rides at the evening Temora Street Party on December 12. A Christmas Party is also planned before the end of the year.

Next year a TPR School and fitness training school are planned for Saturday February 14, with a Beginners CDE training day on the following day with Garry Harris. It will follow a similar format to the February 2014 training day. There will be a BBQ on the Saturday night and the opportunity to have some carriage painting practice.

The February NSW ACDS Branch Meeting will be held at the Temora Ex Services Club in the air conditioned Narraburra Room. The catering will be looked after by Temora Club members with wholesome home cooked food.

April 11/12 is the Horse Power Weekend at Aria Park, with a 20km pleasure drive on the Saturday and the fun 'mail run', barrel racing and a heavy horse snigging competition running from 9am at the showground on the Sunday.

### **CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Gail Bain: The Club had a disappointing start to the season with the cancellation of its planned CDE at Jugiong due to insufficient entries.

Looking on the bright side, at least all the equipment is washed, polished, painted and carefully loaded in the new purpose-built trailer ready for the next event.

This next event will be held at the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground on March 7/8, with a Training Day on the Saturday followed by a Dressage and Cones Competition on the Sunday. Lessons will be available on a pre booked basis and students can look forward to exhibiting their newfound knowledge and prowess the next day. The cones course promises to be a very smart affair with all that sparkling clean equipment just waiting to have an airing!

Only one member managed the long drive to Tamworth for the EA CA1 – Gail Bain with her horse Michael. Michael did his usual lovely dressage test for a winning score, but after a fearful cones round with matching cricket score, dropped to second place in the short format competition. They also attended the Boyd Exell clinic – a worthwhile experience.

Peter McIntyre, Penny Jacobs and Gail Bain represented the club at the Ellmore Club CDE at Grenfell, fondly known as the Chocolate Frog Challenge. Peter driving Danny, carried the day with a win in their class, assisted by back stepper Elsa Guyader, our newest member. As groom and back stepper for both Peter and Penny, Elsa was in for a busy weekend. Her clear and concise directions in the obstacles were a pleasure to watch and hear. Unfortunately Penny struck trouble in the cones by driving one element backwards whilst Gail and Michael had a good dressage score, were clear and under time in the cones, but did what they have become famous for and missed a gate in the marathon.



Peter McIntyre with his horse Danny, and Penny Jacobs and Elsa Guyader at the Ellmore Club CDE

Penny, Elsa and horse Rocky were our only representatives at the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood, after the last minute withdrawal of Michael. Elsa's prowess as back stepper had obviously attracted a lot of attention, as she found herself helping not one but three competitors. In the end, she and Penny went on to win the Novice Horse Championship. Congratulations! Michael's

mishap was luckily temporary and he is now back in work.

The Unbridled Festival in Canberra drew exhibitors from many different disciplines including carriage driving. The Gorman, White and Houlahan families did sterling work exhibiting two competition vehicles, with a past and present theme. On display were Lady Ann Synnot's original traditional vehicle which she used in both show and CDE competitions, alongside Shirley and Ken Houlahan's modern CDE vehicle. A photographic display of CDEs past and present was also on view.

The Canberra Club Christmas Party on December 6 will take the form of a short drive from the Wallendbeen Oval, finishing with lunch at the Wallendbeen Pub. Members from the Ellmore Club may also be joining in.



Penny Jacobs and Elsa Guyader at the NSW CDE Championships at Witwood

## THE REINSMAN

Hello to all from The Reinsman.

This issue I have a story that makes you wonder about the thinking that goes on in the mind of a horse.

A teenage young lady I know (I shall call her Pony Girl) had a young mare whom she idolized. They played together, worked together and showed together. The mare returned the attention and seemed to make Pony Girl her own.

One afternoon when Pony Girl was away from home, the young mare wandered into a muddy dam and was in serious danger of drowning. Fortunately Pony Girl's father came upon the scene, and after about three quarters of an hour's effort, managed to rescue the mare. He then washed and fed her, followed by a couple of hours reassuring her.

That afternoon's work caused a complete turnaround in the mare's thinking and loyalty. From that day, which was about a year ago, the mare bonded with the father as though they were soul mates, and she turned her back on Pony Girl. What turned this mare around and changed her

thinking? Come to your own conclusions. True story. God bless us all

The Reinsman.

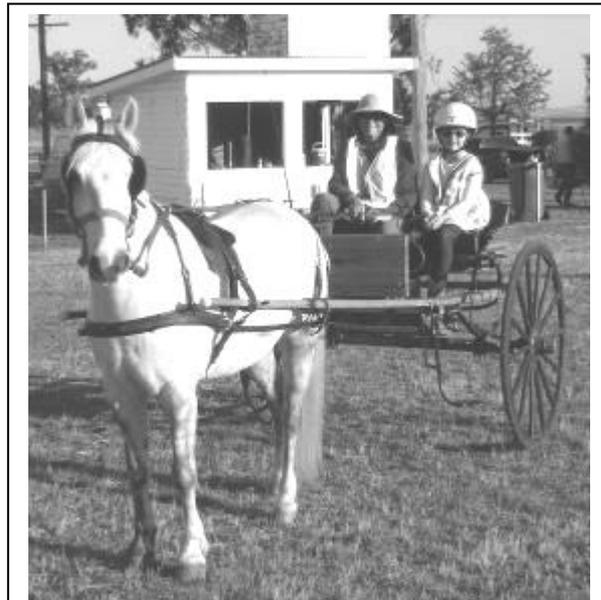
## THREE DAY ENDURO AT SPRING RIDGE

by Vicki Donnelly (Liverpool Range Club)

A three day Enduro was held at Spring Ridge over the long weekend in October.

I entered the Enduro for my first attempt, with not much idea of what was involved, having only taken part in pleasure drives with the Liverpool Range Club. I was ably assisted by my groom, seven year old Amity Cork from Tamworth. Amity proved to be a very competitive and enthusiastic participant, with many cries of 'go faster' and 'do you want me to hold the whip?'

We took part in the 14.2hh and under class, with my five year old grey Welsh pony Tom. Tom and Amity and I made a leisurely trip around the course on the first day, learning the ropes, discussing current movies and singing songs. We almost crossed the finish line with Helen Huckerby, who was way in front on time, until Tom spied the large blue beach umbrella at the finish line and had another idea, which didn't involve crossing the line. So Day 1 finished with our team holding 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The vet check was passed in eleven minutes.



Vicki Donnelly and Amity Cork with Tom at the Enduro at Spring Ridge (P Honeyman)

On Day 2 we smartened ourselves up and were more dedicated to the concept of time. We were first out the gate for our group and stayed in front until Rosemary Laing and Tinker caught up to us at the half way break. A short nap in the sulky for Amity coming up to the rest break restored her competitive edge to continue the battle. Despite all of Amity's encouragement to stay in front of Rosemary and Tinker, they sailed past, with Tom quite happy to follow along. We are told the two greys made a great picture coming across the plain together, and almost crossing the line side by side.

We were very proud to have crept up into 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the day, and were soon plotting our strategy for Day 3. The vet check was cleared at 15 minutes. Day 3 had Rosemary and Tinker drawn to start first, which made the strategy easy to plan. We just needed to catch up, and if nothing else, just drag along to keep two minutes ahead in time. Tinker and Tom came into the rest break head to tail and continued in that fashion until close to a couple of kilometres from the finish line, when Amity coached the team to speed up and make a break for it. Excitingly 'Team Tom' finished three minutes ahead for the day, giving us 1<sup>st</sup> place for that day's competition. Tom cleared the vet check in 17 minutes.

We proudly took out overall 2<sup>nd</sup> in the three day Enduro, whilst Amity also took home a blue ribbon for her efforts as groom.

I enjoyed the strategy and planning involved in the competition, and the skills required to work with your horse to gain the best result possible on the day, for your team. The rivalry was friendly and all competitors were helpful and willing to pass on hints. I hope to compete in another enduro in the future. We were interested to calculate that Tom averaged a speed of 19.4km per hour over the three days, for a total of 90km. This is surprising for a pony who likes to be first at the start but then works his way to the back of the pack on most trips.

Thanks to the Hunter and Liverpool Range Club members for staging the enduro over the fantastic driving conditions of the Liverpool Plains.

## **CONES COMPETITION AT GLENREAGH**

by Hilary Graham (North Coast Club)

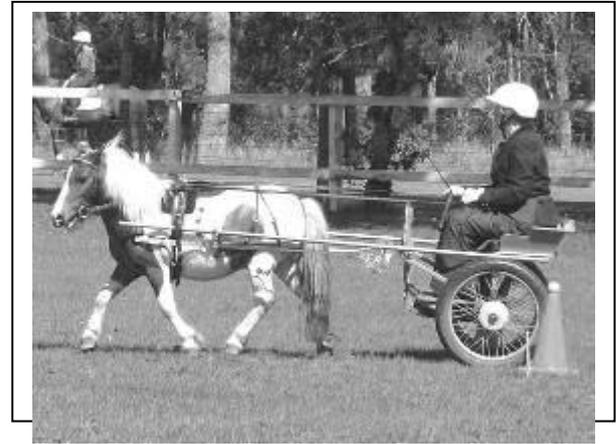
On November 8/9 the North Coast Carriage Club held its inaugural cones competition. The event was facilitated by Tamworth Club secretary Elizabeth O'Brien, who travelled several hundred kilometres in order to provide the club with her expert guidance throughout the events of the weekend.

On Saturday, members were given instruction in all aspects of cones competition driving, including course walking, competition rules, dress requirements, wheel width requirements and types of courses. Fully versed in all aspects of the competition, members retired to digest the wealth of knowledge imparted by Liz, and to prepare for the challenges of the following day.

Sunday dawned clear and warm, and the participants gathered to walk the course, looking extremely dapper in their assorted collection of fine millinery. The competition was soon in full swing, under the watchful eye of judge Elizabeth O'Brien, ably assisted by the ever attentive course steward, an unsung hero, who was also responsible for walking the entire course between each

competitor in order to reset the cone widths for the various vehicles.

Competition was keen, and all participants scored well. Due to the light breeze, hats were pulled firmly down, causing visibility challenges for some! Others faced directional challenges, due to an inability to remember right from left, and some just needed a push start to get going. One driver showed a very sporting turn of speed, some tight cornering, and a fantastic gymnastic carriage dismount to boot!



Echah Wright with Buddy in the Cones Competition at Glenreagh (H Graham)

A great weekend was had by all, with lots of laughter and a vast improvement of skills shown by both horses and drivers. The club looks forward to similar events in the future, and we would like to extend our thanks once again to Elizabeth O'Brien, and to all the event organizers for a fantastic weekend.

## **BERYL AND TINKER'S McHAPPY DAY**

by Rosemary Laing (Hunter Club)

When Owen Maytom was asked if he could supply a carriage and pair to be part of McHappy Day in October at Greenhills McDonalds in East Maitland, he told them that at present he had only one half of a pair, but he might be able to borrow the other half.

The only problem would be that his horse was bay and the other one grey. The response was "We don't care what colour they are!", so my pony Tinker (the grey) was duly called on to pair up with Beryl the bay for the day.

The aim was to raise money for Ronald McDonald House in Newcastle, and the theme was the kids' movie "Frozen". The carriage was to deliver some of the movie characters to the door of the restaurant to be part of the festivities.

We put the ponies together in the CDE four wheeler on the previous Sunday and all went smoothly after a slight hiccup with the reins at the start. Tinker thought she had to do all the pulling on her own, and Beryl was quite happy to let her. They had three more practices and they worked together better every time. Owen had inspected the area we would be in, and set up replicas of what

we would have to encounter and they had loud band music to listen to, so as little as possible was left to chance. We had a last minute panic over the age of the passengers, but all were over 18 so no helmets were required. They would have spoiled the effect somewhat.



Owen Maytom and Rosemary Laing in a training run with Beryl and Tinker (J Maytom)

After a few showers the night before, the weather on the day looked fine. We unloaded at the back of the restaurant in a fairly big grassy area. Michael Huckerby arrived to assist with the final polishing, whilst wife Helen called in on her way to work to wish us luck. Our passengers had a trial run getting in and out of the Victoria and soon it was time for our big moment.

With Judy Maytom and me as grooms, and Michael in charge of crowd control, Owen and four "Frozen" characters on board and two more (a snowman and a reindeer) following on foot, we made our way up the street to the entrance of McDonalds, where a huge crowd awaited us. It was all over in a few minutes, and everyone breathed a huge sigh of relief that all had gone well.

Thank you to Owen for asking me to be part of this. It was a great experience and I learned a lot. What will Tinker do *next* ?

### **NSW ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

by Janet Muspratt  
This year the State Show was run by the Southern Highlands Club at Bundanoon. Competitors came from the Ellmore, Tamworth, Hills, Central West, Bungendore, Camden and Southern Highlands Clubs in NSW, as well as Victorian competitor Federal ACDS Secretary Sue Waters. There were also several drivers who were One Activity Members for the day. It was interesting to see the range of different breeds of horses and ponies being driven successfully in harness. Breeds represented were Hackney Horse, Hackney Pony, Friesian, Standardbred, Welsh Cob, Percheron, Australian Pony, Welsh Pony, Welsh Mountain

Pony, Shetland, Miniature Horse and Miniature Pony. Also on show were many fine vehicles including some very attractive traditional sulkies, a spring cart and a baker's cart.

The top award of the day, the Supreme Champion Horse or Pony, went to the Barlow Family's grey non hackney pony Riverlodge Vanity's Star, driven by Kerrie Barlow. This award carries with it the perpetual President's Cup. Another perpetual trophy for this show is the Concours d'Elegance Tray and it was won by Carolyn Blakeley driving Peg in a very impressive Spring Cart turnout. The third perpetual state show trophy is for the winner of the Junior Driver class and Thomas Withers driving Welsh Cob Anakie Decoder was the worthy winner.



The Champion turnout - Melisa Bensley driving Cherry Farm Alarick (J Muspratt)

Many thanks to the Southern Highlands Club, especially Jane Knight, for hosting this very successful show, and thanks also to all the competitors who supported the show and gave the spectators a very worthwhile day watching beautifully turned out horses, vehicles and drivers. *A further report plus photos will be submitted for inclusion in the March 2015 Carriage Driving Journal.*

### **RESULTS 2014 NSW SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Bundanoon October 12 2014

Judge: Mrs Nola Robertson (Bega)

#### **Turnouts**

*1. Pony turnout ne 10.2hh*

1<sup>st</sup> T Nichols Tianjarra The Magician

2<sup>nd</sup> A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon

*2. Viceroy turnout*

1<sup>st</sup> R&K Jones & R&M Bensley Cherry Farm Alarick

2<sup>nd</sup> J Dorman Ashwoods Captivation

3<sup>rd</sup> G Ball Alcheringa Paris

4<sup>th</sup> eq J & J White Tokanui Maestro

J Dwyer & H Stevens Ellmore Black Velvet

*3. Two or four wheeled hard tyred turnout*

1<sup>st</sup> K Olsson Kraut Hammer

2<sup>nd</sup> J Dwyer & H Stevens Ellmore Black Velvet

3<sup>rd</sup> M Minns Gerbe van't Wilbroek

4<sup>th</sup> S Wright Bamborough Yvette  
 4. *Pneumatic tyred turnout (not viceroy)*  
 1<sup>st</sup> S Boyd Spellbound Mystic Indulgence  
 5. *Trades / Delivery turnout*  
 1<sup>st</sup> C Blakeley Peg  
 2<sup>nd</sup> R&K Jones & R&M Bensley Anakie Decoder  
 6. *CDE Turnout*  
 1<sup>st</sup> J Dwyer & H Stevens Ellmore Black Velvet  
 2<sup>nd</sup> J & J White Tokanui Maestro  
 3<sup>rd</sup> S Waters Penbayr Ripple  
 4<sup>th</sup> B Casper Seawynd Moonshadow  
 5<sup>th</sup> M & J Minns Huntington Serendipity  
 7. *Period turnout*  
 1<sup>st</sup> J Dwyer & H Stevens Ellmore Black Velvet  
 2<sup>nd</sup> K Olsson Kraut Hammer  
**CHAMPION TURNOUT**  
 R&K Jones & R&M Bensley Cherry Farm Alarick  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 C Blakeley Peg

**Ponies ne 14hh**

8. *Novice pony*  
 1<sup>st</sup> S Waters Penbrayr Ripple  
 2<sup>nd</sup> M & J Minns Huntington Serendipity  
 3<sup>rd</sup> K McGregor Eagle Park Rhianna  
 4<sup>th</sup> S Wright Bamborough Yvette  
 9. *Non hackney pony ne 8.2hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> T Nichols Tianjarra The Magician  
 10. *Non hackney pony o8.2 ne 9.2hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> S Boyd Spellbound Mystic Indulgence  
 11. *Non hackney pony o9.2 ne 10.2hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> D Wilson King  
**CHAMPION NON HACKNEY PONY NE 10.2HH**  
 A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 T Nichols Tianjarra The Magician  
 12. *Non hackney pony o 10.2 ne 12.2hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> G Ball Alcheringa Paris  
 2<sup>nd</sup> S Waters Penbrayr Ripple  
 3<sup>rd</sup> K McGregor Eagle Park Rhianna  
 13. *Non hackney pony o12.2 ne 14hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Barlow Family Riverlodge Vanity's Star  
 2<sup>nd</sup> J & J White Tokanui Maestro  
 3<sup>rd</sup> B&J & G&R Bensley Stillbrook Tiger Lily  
 4<sup>th</sup> S Wright Bamborough Yvette  
**CHAMPION NON HACKNEY PONY O 10.2HH**  
 Barlow Family Riverlodge Vanity's Star  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 G Ball Alcheringa Paris  
 14. *Hackney pony ne 12.2hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> H Stevens Kardi Chit Chat  
 15. *Hackney pony o 12.2hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Barlow Family Dunolly Nicoli  
**CHAMPION HACKNEY PONY**  
 Barlow Family Dunolly Nicoli  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 H Stevens Kardi Chit Chat

**Horses over 14hh**

16. *Novice horse*  
 1<sup>st</sup> not awarded

2<sup>nd</sup> B Casper Seawynd Moonshadow  
 17. *Non hackney horse ne15hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> not awarded  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B Casper Seawynd Moonshadow  
 18. *Non hackney horse o15hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> M Minns Gerbe van't Wilbroek  
 2<sup>nd</sup> K Olsson Kraut Hammer  
**CHAMPION NON HACKNEY HORSE**  
 M Minns Gerbe van't Wilbroek  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 K Olsson Kraut Hammer  
 19. *Hackney horse ne15hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> J Dwyer & H Stevens Ellmore Black Velvet  
 2<sup>nd</sup> R&K Jones & B&M Bensley Cherry Farm Alarick  
 20. *Hackney horse o15hh*  
 1<sup>st</sup> R&K Jones & B&M Bensley Cherry Farm Sir Thomas  
 2<sup>nd</sup> J Dorman Ashwoods Captivation  
**CHAMPION HACKNEY HORSE**  
 R&K Jones & B&M Bensley Cherry Farm Sir Thomas  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 J Dwyer & H Stevens Ellmore Black Velvet  
 21. *Light delivery horse*  
 1<sup>st</sup> R&K Jones & B&M Bensley Anakie Decoder  
 22. *Medium and heavy delivery horse*  
 1<sup>st</sup> C Blakeley Peg  
**CHAMPION DELIVERY HORSE**  
 R&K Jones & R&M Bensley Anakie Decoder  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 C Blakeley Peg  
**SUPREME CHAMPION HORSE OR PONY**  
 Barlow Family Riverlodge Vanity's Star  
**CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE WINNER**  
 Carolyn Blakeley Peg

**Pleasure & Miscellaneous Classes**

23. *Multiple of horses or ponies*  
 No entries  
 24. *Pleasure turnout*  
 1<sup>st</sup> J & J White Tokanui Maestro  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B Casper Seawynd Moonshadow  
 3<sup>rd</sup> K Olsson Kraut Hammer  
 4<sup>th</sup> C Blakeley Peg  
 25. *Pleasure pony*  
 1<sup>st</sup> A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> S Boyd Spellbound Mystic Indulgence  
 3<sup>rd</sup> D Wilson King  
 4<sup>th</sup> J & J White Tokanui Maestro  
 26. *Pleasure horse*  
 1<sup>st</sup> K Olsson Kraut Hammer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> C Blakeley Peg  
 3<sup>rd</sup> B Casper Seawynd Moonshadow  
**CHAMPION PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY**  
 K Olsson Kraut Hammer  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
 A Blakeley Kevelle Lee Fallon  
**Driver Classes**  
 27. *Junior driver under 18yrs*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Withers

2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Casper  
28. *Lady Driver 18 yrs and over*  
1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Blakeley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Blakeley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Boyd  
4<sup>th</sup> Dionne Wilson  
29. *Gentleman driver 18yrs and over*  
1<sup>st</sup> John White  
2<sup>nd</sup> Karl Olsson  
**CHAMPION DRIVER**  
John White  
**RESERVE CHAMPION**  
Carolyn Blakeley

## COMING EVENTS

### ONLINE HARNESS SHOW

The Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club is running its Online Harness Show again in 2015. Just pick out the best photos of your horse, pony or donkey and send them in to be judged by three highly accredited harness judges from around Australia. The photos don't have to be recent but the horse/s must be yours. Please send in high resolution photos which are ready for inclusion, as photos won't be cropped or edited by TRHDC. If the photos were taken by a professional photographer please include their name for credit. All entries will be placed on the TRHDC website with winners to be used for publicity purposes. So get clicking or search through those photo albums for the best harness photos you have. Full details and entry form will be available early 2015 on the club website and facebook page – [www.trhdc.webs.com](http://www.trhdc.webs.com)

### THREE DAY ENDURO AT YALBRAITH

**When:** January 24-26 2015

**Where:** Yalbraith via Taralga

Plenty of shade and water for the horses.

The weather will determine daily start times.

**Contact** Robert Allport on 0427 916 524 or 02 4832 1860 for Information Pack and Entry Form

**Entries close:** December 18 2014

## NOTES FROM NSW BRANCH

### MEETING November 22 2014 at Crookwell

**Clubs represented:** Ellmore, Camden, Canberra, Bungendore, Riverina, Goulburn, Gulgong, Hills, Hunter, Temora, Southern Highlands

24 attendees

#### Panel reports:

##### Show Driving

\*NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon very successful. Thanks to Southern Highlands Club.

\*2015 Show Driving Championships will be on Nov 29 at Gunning, hosted by Bungendore Club.

\*2015 NSW Show Judges & Drivers School & Judges Exam. Hills will host. Date TBC

\*2015 Sydney Royal light harness judges both on ACDS list - Dianne Aulsebrook and Elsa Avery  
\*NSW Branch & Hills Club continue to sponsor a light harness class each at Sydney Royal.

\*Good to see harness classes at breed and Ag shows having an increase in support from drivers.

\*Congratulations to Trevor Brand being placed on Welsh Pony & Cob Soc international judges list.

\*Highlands/Hawkesbury Equestrian News Magazine Nov 2015 – excellent coverage and photos of NSW Show Championships

#### Historical

\*more vehicles have been photographed and documented

#### CDE

\*CDE Forum / Refresher Clinic on Aug 31 very successful with 20 participants

\*Three new officials following success in exams: Di Murray (Cones Judge) Pam Salter (Cones Judge), David Royle (Novice TD, Course Designer, Cones Judge)

\*Trevor Brand now Advanced TD

\*Scorers School and another Clinic proposed for 2015

\*CDE discussion paper distributed to all state CDE panels has been considered by the NSW Panel and a response submitted.

#### P & E

\*Peter Honeyman has joined P & E Panel

\*Three day Enduro at Spring Ridge a great success, including having four juniors grooming for first time in an enduro. Thank you to the four drivers for taking the juniors and training them.

\*Gulgong and Hills Club continue to have regular activities for their members

\*Goulburn Club had a TPR Steward evaluation by I Denney in Oct for 10 participants

\*Three day enduro at Yalbraith on January 24-26 2015. Details from R Allport.

#### Dressage

\*Clubs encouraged to hold Graded Dressage days – Panel members available to assist.

\*NSW Dressage Championships very successful including freestyle to music class.

\*Freestyle to music competition held in conjunction with NSW CDE Champs also popular, with six drivers and many spectators.

\*Anyone wanting become a dressage judge, contact Dot Willcoxson

#### Other Business:

**\*Important that clubs submit proposed calendar dates to Calendar Coordinator Garry Harris for checking, to try to avoid clashes with other events particularly in same area or near interstate**

\*Clubs may apply to Secretary to have full financial statements sent to them

\*ACDS Federal website forum to continue

\*Officials accreditation flowchart has been done

\*All club executive / officials must be current financial members  
 \*Club AGMs should be held before Aug 31 each year  
 \*ACDS promotional video will be available soon  
 \*Recommended that a Risk Warning is posted at events particularly if One Activity Membership is available  
 \*All information and photographs for Journal to go through State Publicity Officer, Janet Muspratt  
 \*'Spirited' Australia's Horse Story Exhibition at National Museum Canberra – highly recommended – open until March 2015  
 \*P & E Panel is designing draft Risk Management Guidelines list for use at pre event participants' meetings.  
 \*Festival of Driving at Bundanoon October Long Weekend 2015 – should be great driving weekend

**\*THE ANZAC GUN PROJECT** – Mike Fitzgerald from the Federation Troup spoke about this project in which standardbreds including several owned by ACDS members are being trained to be part of two 4 - 6 horse teams with postillion riders, to pull gun carriages in the 2015 Anzac Day Parade in Canberra 2015, and at other events eg 2015 Camden and Luddenham Shows. Contact Carol Fitzpatrick for more information (02 9606 6306)

**Next Meeting at Temora February 21 2015.**



Competitors in the Non Hackney Pony o12.2 ne 14hh class at the NSW Show Driving Championships

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 Split loading ramp.  
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CONTACT Pauline Hannaford 02 6375 9655

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