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Pat Richardson at the Koonoomoo (Vic) CDE (photo ACDS-VB Facebook)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' May 23 2011

NSW ACDS AGM and General Meeting on May 21 2011 at Cootamundra (venue TBC)

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify Judy Harris on (02) 6942 6762 of intention to attend by May 14 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
March		
19-20	Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa Grenfell Ellmore Club	Zita Farrell 02 6382 4972
19-20	Driving Weekend at Windy Station Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6741 1773
26-27	Scorers School at Wagga Wagga NSW CDE Panel	Bruce Hammond 02 6955 1205
26-27	Weekend of Driving at Caloola Gulgong Club	Melinda Gavin 02 6368 8668
April		
2-3	Joe Hawkins CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Mal Welsh 02 6922 6308
3	Driving Challenge at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8-9	125 th Camden Show at Camden Showground	Show Office 4655 8338
9-17	Fifield Enduro at Fifield Central West Club	Gaye Lees 02 6864 5129
10	Driver/Horse Challenge Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
14-27	SYDNEY ROYAL	
16 - 25	ACDS 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL (see below)	
16	ACDS 40 th Anniversary Show at Bundanoon	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
17	NSW ACDS Driven Dressage Championships and Southern Highlands Freestyle Dressage to Music at Bundanoon	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4778
18	Horses at War Tour Australian War Memorial Canberra	John White 02 4883 6203
19-20	Enduro at Bundanoon	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
19	Festival Equestrian Display at Bundanoon	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4778
19	Festival Pleasure Drive at Bundanoon	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
20	Dressage Clinic at Bundanoon	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4778
21	Southern Highlands Cone Driving Classic at Bundanoon	John White 02 4883 6203
21	40 th Anniversary Reunion Dinner	John White 02 4883 6203
23-25	Australian CDE Championships at Bundanoon	John White 02 4883 6203
23-24	Weekend with Wazza Coolah to Dunedoo Gulgong Club	Warwaick Leeson 04 27751245
May		
1	Social Drive at Piallaway Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14-15	Weekend Drive around Wollar Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
14-15	Reedy Creek 10 th Anniversary at Laggan Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 04 0031 3803
15	Pleasure Drive at Wallacia Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
21	NSW ACDS AGM & General Meeting at Cootamundra	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
28	DVD Night at Leppington Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
28- June 11	Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive Gulgong Club	John Hetherington 02 63741410
June		
5	Mini Gymkhana / Show Instruction at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
26	Winter Harness Gymkhana at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
July		
2-8	Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
3	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
15-16	Mudgee Field Days Display Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
16-17	Federal ACDS Conference and AGM at Albury	Brendan Dwyer 04 0783 8700
23	Course Designer Workshop at Witwood	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
24	Hills AGM & Anniversary Lunch at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
30	Reunion Dinner venue TBC Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
31	Concours d'Elegance at Tocal Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
August		
6-7	Come and Try Day and Campover at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 02 6374 1818
6-9	Putty Valley Drive at Putty Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
13-14	Driver Development School venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
September		
10-11	Winery Weekend at Mudgee Gulgong Club	Jim Gilbey 02 6372 1996
10-11	Graded Dressage & One Hr CDE at Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331

11	Dressage & Cones Day at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
17-25	Liverpool Plains Drive at Quirindi Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6741 1773
24	Social Night venue TBC Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
October		
8-9	Gulgong to the Crusher at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
8	NSW Show Driving Championships at Jugiong Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9	Dressage and Cones at Jugiong Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9	Safety & New Horse/New Driver Day at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
November		
12	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Eddie Dobbin 02 9606 4212
20	Australian Show Driving Champs at Hawkesbury Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26-27	Christmas Party venue TBC Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750

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Tony and Cathy McGrath at Taylors Arm, Australia Day

CLUB NEWS

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB.

Marty Boyce:

The Reedy Creek Club has had a busy time over the last few months with members competing in the NSW CDE Championships and the Witwood Challenge Level 4 CDE. Excellent results were achieved, in particular Jess Parramore who completed his first full CDE in the Level 4, with a terrific drive with Mikey whilst John Moyes drove a solid event with Nicholas. Both members took home the winners' rosettes for their respective classes.

December saw the club's Christmas Obsthon at the Rosemount Horse Complex indoor arena. Unfortunately due to the heavy rain which flooded parts of Goulburn in the days leading up to the event, only two thirds of the arena were suitable for driving. However, John Moyes did a great job ensuring that the remaining areas were groomed and ready to go. Competitors from Southern Highlands and Bungendore Clubs joined the

Reedy Creek members in what was another good fun session at Rosemount.

Marty Boyce is currently getting his mare Sutton Park Efficiency (Effie) ready for a tilt at completing the Fifield Enduro in April, whilst John Moyes and Cath Cole have been working their new palomino mare Rosemount Regina (Reggie) with very good results so far. Other new ponies in the Sutton Park stable are Kylie Boyce's new mare Sutton Park Matilda (Tilly) and Jess's new gelding Sutton Park Super Sonic.

The Club will be celebrating its tenth anniversary over the weekend of May 14/15 at the traditional heartland of the club at Sutton Park Cottage at Laggan. A busy line up of activities and events including an interclub challenge is scheduled. Gamblers' Choice Cones, a Barrel Race and a Waiter's Race are on the program. On the Saturday night there will be live music provided by Wayne Rogers and an Opp Shop Ball. Sunday has graded dressage for those who want to improve their tests or a pleasure drive of approximately 20 – 25km. Full details will be on the Federal and NSW websites or contact Kylie Boyce on 0400 313 803 or email reedycreekequestrianclub@gmail.com

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Liz Hammond:

The Murrumbidgee Club held a successful Training Day at its grounds in February. Members had previously requested a training day prior to the start of the CDE season that wasn't a 'real' competition, but involved some form of organized training – a tall order for a small club.

The end result was something that other clubs might like to incorporate into their calendars. The day started early to avoid the heat, with a members' conference where the day's procedures were explained and start times allocated. Each member was given a competitor's card with marathon times and the necessary course maps. A large digital clock was placed at the start and members were asked to record their start and finish times and their times in the obstacles. Once this was finished, they proceeded to the cones course which was the Southern Cross Cones competition course, and run under the Southern Cross rules. Once the cones were completed, cards were collected and scores calculated. All members agreed it was a great day as it resembled a CDE but was able to be run with minimal officials. It gave members practice using competitor cards, calculating times, using stop watches, negotiating obstacles, completing cones courses and working with a groom in a non competitive atmosphere. Members were also able to try out the new water obstacle built by Ian Schmetzer. Some of the horses hesitated before completing this obstacle, but that didn't matter – it was a training day after all.



Bruce Hammond and crew going through the water at the Training Day at Murrumbidgee

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

Garry and Judy Harris thoroughly enjoyed their two week stay in New Zealand late last year, on the cultural exchange. They stayed with Jo Austin

and Noelle Bryant who live near Hamilton in the North Island and drove their horse Angel in a CDE towards the end of their visit.

Members will be attending a number of events in the next few months including the Munro Cup at Witwood, the Joe Hawkins Cup and the 40th Anniversary Festival. With these events in mind Penny Jacobs attended the recent Boyd Exell clinic at Goulburn with her pair Rocky and Bailey to further develop their training.

Canberra will be hosting a big weekend on October 8/9 at Jugiong with the State Show Driving Championships on the Saturday and a Dressage and Cones day on the Sunday.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Camden Club lost one of its most highly respected members just before Christmas with the death of Mervyn Biffin. Merv and wife Sylvia were very enthusiastic and capable carriage drivers right from the start, competing in CDEs, the Camden show and many Inter Club Challenge Days as well as enjoying pleasure driving, over the years. They also hosted the first Inter Club Challenge Days between the Hills and Illawarra Clubs (and later the Camden Club) in the mid 1970s, on their property in an area known as Cawdor Paddock. Merv took a keen interest in carriage driving activities even after a stroke made life difficult, and attended the Camden Club drive at Brownlow Hill and the Camden Christmas Party only a few days before he passed away. Our sympathy goes to Sylvia and all the Biffin family on their loss. (An extended obituary appears in the March 2011 Journal)

Carol Fitzpatrick returned to northern Tasmania in early February to co-conduct a Show Driving School with Janet Muspratt, at Westbury, a little town west of Launceston. Carol judged at the Burnie (Tas) Show in October last year and made such a good impression she was invited back by the Northern Tasmanian Harness Club for the school.

Lou Lyons with Betty Lyons as groom will be going on the 40th Anniversary Pleasure Drive at Bundanoon, driving Gumpy. Martyn Minns and Pam Fisher also plan to participate in some events at the Festival, whilst Carol Fitzpatrick will be a TPR steward for the CDE Marathon.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Yvonne Wood:

Approximately fifty five people attended a Thank You BBQ on January 19 which the Southern Highlands Club hosted to express thanks to all the landowners, stewards and helpers who are always so generous in allowing us to use their properties and who give their valuable time and expertise, thus enabling us to hold events. This is especially

true for the upcoming 40th Anniversary celebrations and competitions in April. This event will require a huge number of volunteers to run smoothly and successfully.

Many club members helped with the catering, whilst others assisted by taking the guests for carriage rides. These were enjoyed by many of the guests, especially by some who wanted the horses to 'go a bit faster', and not minding a few bumps and thumps, together with some mud splashed around their feet. A great day was enjoyed by all, with some promises of even more help in the future.

The President's Cup on February 20, postponed from its usual November date, was another good day with approximately twenty dressage tests being driven, and a fair number of cones courses as well. Several new members attended for their first outing, whilst others either had new horses or tried the dressage or cones for the first time.

Sue Plath and Tracey Greenacre kindly gave their time to come and judge which was much appreciated by all. Other members assisted by setting up the arena and cones course. Thank you everyone.

The President's Cup was won by Kim Leibowitz, whilst the Driver with Style trophy went to Mima Ware. The best Club Supporter trophy was shared by Carol Roach and Warren Ricketts. Another trophy for Most Improved in Dressage was taken out by Carol Roach. Well done to all these members !



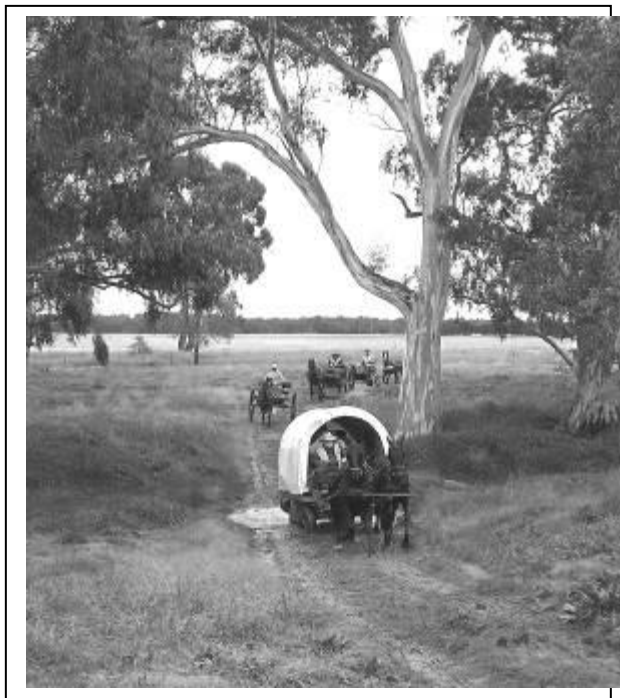
Bill Gardiner (Goulburn Club) and Warren Ricketts (Southern Highlands) driving in Penrose Forest

The Southern Highlands Club is now looking forward to welcoming all the competitors and visitors to the 40th Anniversary Festival in April and trusts that everyone will travel safely to be with us for this auspicious occasion.

ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Ellmore will be holding a pleasure drive, a round of the Interstate Cones plus a mini CDE at Kookie and Keith Engelsman's property 'Hinemoa,' near Grenfell on the weekend of March 19/20. The pleasure drive on Saturday morning will be 10 –

14km on country lanes, paddocks and forest trails. The Interstate Cones Challenge will be on Saturday afternoon. Sunday will commence with Novice CC dressage, followed by a marathon and cones course (3-4km) All are welcome and it will be a great 'starter' for the upcoming season. Contact Judy Dwyer on 02 6382 2290 or email ellmore@bordnet.com.au for more details.



Some of the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive participants crossing the creek at Hinemoa in 2010

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mal Welsh:

Riverina Club members have been busy attending various schools, shows and trainings CDEs. This season has been so different to the past several in that we actually have had green grass in the paddocks all summer. Unfortunately the excessive amount of rain has caused the postponement of a weekend pleasure drive at Lockhart that was being organized by Bruce McNally from the Murrumbidgee Club together with Riverina member Di Murray. All being well, the drive is now going to be held on May 14/15 2011.

David and Judy Royle attended the Dressage and School weekend with Mike Thill at Koonoomoo in Victoria early in February. They also went to the One Hour CDE weekend staged by Murrumbidgee Club at Murrumbidgee.

Di Murray, Bruce McNally, Penny Jacobs and Garry and Judy Harris have been meeting as a small learning group and assisting one another in their driving.

Cheryl Drummond is still in the process of training her young pony Monty. She has also been judging at several shows, including harness at Gunning and ridden classes at Tumbarumba. Cheryl has purchased a new hackney pony to replace her other

pony Matisse which died last year. This one is still quite young so it will be some time before the ponies are driven as a pair.

On Wednesday February 23 I was fortunate in being asked by Penny Jacobs to assist her with her pair Rocky and Bailey at a clinic with Boyd Exell held at Goulburn. What a wealth of knowledge this young man has on carriage driving. I guess you don't get to be World Champion without learning something, but the real win is his ability to see the problem and pass on his knowledge to fix it.

Michael Jones attended the Heavy Horses Heritage Festival at Werribee on February 26/27. He said that next year he will take horses. This year he was only a spectator. He met people from Tasmania who are intending to be at Bundanoon for the 40th Anniversary celebration.

Preparation for the Riverina Club annual CDE, the Joe Hawkins Cup, is coming along with only five weeks to go as I write this report. The program and entry form are available on the NSW website.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY



Bungendore Club member Tamara Abed at the Bungendore Show

Club members Carolyn Blakeley, Elizabeth McIntosh and Tamara Abed competed successfully in harness at the Bungendore Show earlier this year. Dot Willcoxson was the steward for the harness judge Carol Fitzpatrick, from the Camden Club.

March 5/6 will see a Graded Dressage day followed by the Munro Cup held at Witwood.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

The Gulgong Club again has many activities mapped out for the year. The March activity is a camp over at the Gavin property set down for March 26/27, which includes a 28km drive to the Rocklea hotel. The April 3 General Meeting at the Gulgong showground is a very important date for people who want to participate in the Henry

Lawson Drive. Numbers and payments for the Drive will be finalized during the Meeting. The Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive will be from Gulgong to Grenfell this year, starting on May 28 and finishing on June 11.

April 23/24 is set down for a driving weekend based at the Dunedoo Showground, with a 45km drive to Coolah on the agenda, whilst another driving weekend is planned for May 14/15 at Wollar. These drives will be good conditioning for horses and people going on the Henry Lawson drive.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Hunter Club hosted the NSW ACDS Branch Meeting on February 26 at the Glendarra Conference Room Tocal College, doing the catering and also bringing along horses for the measuring session after the meeting. Those there included Rosemary Laing, Kevin Fayth, Denese Ward, Owen and Judy Maytom, Charles Skelton, Michael Huckerby, Cathie Browning, Grahame and Margie Randall and Joy Hawkins.



Hunter members with horses at the measuring session

The horses ranged from three big Clydesdales in the 17hh region down to one of the Huckerby clan standing at less than 9hh.

A Static Display will be held by the Club at the annual Tocal Field Days on April 29-30 and May 1, together with 20 minute driving demonstrations each day. This is a great chance to put carriage driving in front of Mr and Mrs General Public, and show that it isn't just driving around tracks like the trotters.

This year the annual Concours d'Elegance will be held in conjunction with 'A Peek into the Past' at Tocal College, on an earlier than usual date – July 31. All members, including those from other clubs, invited to attend. Further details may be obtained from Rosemary Laing on 02 4994 5547

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

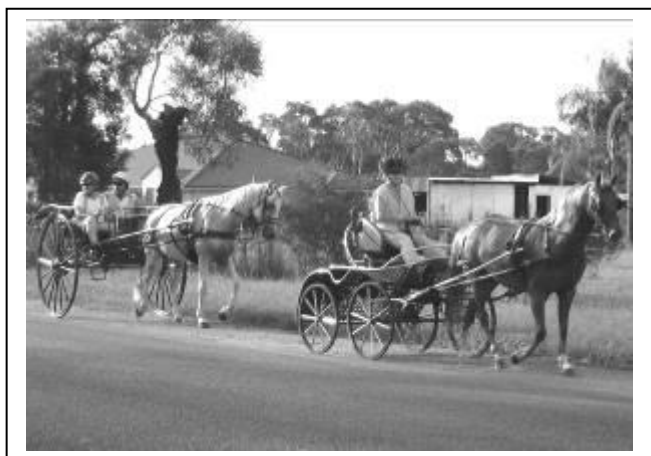
Robert Allport:

January 15/16 was the weekend of the first drive for Goulburn Club members this year. The drive in the Bannaby area was organized by Allan Robertson and Robbie Baxter. Approximately 40km was covered in the two days, being cross country on private property and on the local roads. The overnight camp was at the old Bannaby Dance Hall on the Adavale Road. Those there were Damon Allport, Trevor Mills, Robbie Baxter, Judy Emerton, Allan Robertson and Allan Smith and his two grandsons Sam and Jade.

On the weekend of February 19/20 members met at Taralga on the Saturday morning and travelled to Kim and Tanya Croke's property on Tyrl Tyrl Rd to set up camp. They then drove along the Carrabungle Mt Rae and the Taralga Road loop for a 40km day. They were then joined by their hosts for an evening BBQ and social drinks. On Sunday morning they travelled to Monkey Hill quarry and return for a 21km trip, with lunch served by their hosts. This weekend was enjoyed by Robbie Baxter, Judy Emerton, Trevor Mills and grandson Cooper, Allan Smith and grandson Jade, Bill Gardiner, Peter Kilmeister and Allan Robertson. The next drive will be held at Laggan on March 19/20. This will be a solid workout for the horses that will be competing in the Fifield Enduro in early April.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills Club started the year with a dinner at The Little Olive Italian Restaurant at Box Hill. Sixteen members and friends enjoyed catching up during the meal. The traditional Twilight Drive was held in mid February from June Malmberg's property at Londonderry.



Ailsa and Ross Adams and Keri Izzard on the Twilight Drive at Londonderry

Six turnouts took to the road – Ailsa and Ross Adams with their grey standardbred Larry, Karen Silvester and her mother with Haflinger Wilbur, Keri Izzard with her Welsh/Riding Pony Ginger Megs, Belinda Sims with her miniature horse Mac,

Dennis Casper with Mini pony Cassie and Andrea Casper with Shetland Nugget. They drove about 8km on the roads in a circuit around near June's property before returning for tea together at about 6.30 pm. Willy and Chris Reinhardt, Janet Muspratt, June Malmberg and Todd Sims were there too.



Andrea and Dennis Casper on the Twilight Drive

A new event on the Hills calendar this year will be a Drive and Camp Over from August 6 – 9, in the Putty Valley, based at the Putty Community Hall. Putty is a small community tucked in the mountains about halfway between Windsor and Singleton, and accessed via the Putty Road. It has beautiful scenery and quiet roads traversing the valley floor. The plan is for participants to arrive on the afternoon of Saturday August 6, with drives on Sunday and Monday, and finishing with a Tuesday morning drive. For further details contact June Malmberg on 0418 417 147 or 02 6579 7003

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

The planned Club Christmas Party at the Scanlons' property in December had to be cancelled due to floods which cut roads. The first drive for 2011 is on March 12/13 and will be at historic Windy Station, a property covering 38000 acres, SW of Quirindi. It will be a bush camp, BYO yards and water from a windmill bore.

Peter and Trish Honeyman and Brian and Robbie Duck will be competing in the Fifield Enduro in early April this year, whilst a big contingent of Liverpool Range members are off to the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive at the end of May – Peter and Trish, Brian and Robbie, Colin and Robin Douglas, Bill and Trish Greer, Cherry Steel, Dee Hillard and Malcolm and Donna Grace. In between these dates will be the King of the Ranges drive and campout at Murrurundi from April 28 to May 1, whilst there won't be much time to pause after the Henry Lawson Drive, with the annual drive at Charlie Phillips' property at Piallaway on June 18/19

Later in the year will be drives at Weblands and Mt Parry before the 2nd Annual Liverpool Range

Harness Club Far West Charity Drive around the Liverpool Plains from September 17 to 24. It will run from Saturday to Saturday this year and promises to be a drive not to be missed.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Liz O'Brien:

2011 got off to a great start with a strong attendance for our first general meeting and twilight rally day for the year, held at Attunga. Our club calendar was set for the remainder of the year and some exciting activities are being planned. After a nice afternoon tea a wonderful time was had by all doing driven troop drill under the instruction of Liz O'Brien. This allowed new and less experienced drivers and horses to follow along without any pressure. When they settled in and had gained confidence, they had the opportunity to lead and choreograph their own displays, much to the delight of the spectators on the grounds.



Dee Hillard, Cherry Steel, Genevieve Kennedy and Lynn Ollson at the Christmas Get Together

Club members Amanda See and Glen Murray went to Catani in Victoria in early February for its CDE. Catani is about an hour south west of Melbourne. They didn't get to drive as Catani had 6 inches of rain on the Friday before the event and they had to leave on the Saturday morning because the area was starting to flood. Amanda heard on the radio later that the towns nearby were evacuated. Despite this setback, they met a lot of new people and had a great time sitting around in the rain, socializing. They are looking forward to their next CDE at Geelong in March, with some show driving in between.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

January 26 saw members meet at Taylors Arm to join in the Australia Day celebrations at the famous Pub with No Beer. The weather was quite warm, but the group was lucky to have the oval across the road with its lovely shade trees. Those there were Tony and Cathy McGrath, Echah Wright, Don and Madelaine Purcell, Jim McKenna and Toby, Gary Rollans, Lorraine Nicholas and

sister Karen and Karen Anderson, all enjoying the festivities with friends and visitors.



Echah Wright at the Australia Day celebrations. In the morning, those who practiced the long reining and distractions course were very pleased with the way their horses ignored the scary man and Mary (Grant) Poppins with the umbrella. As well, Gary Rollans set up a beginners' cones course and all drivers who attempted it, did well. Even Lorraine and her pair of Clydesdales pulling the gypsy waggon were able to complete the course in style.

After a typical Aussie BBQ lunch of sausages and damper, drivers changed into period dress for the drive past the Pub with No Beer. Echah kindly brought a couple of extra outfits to share. Karen was thankful her horse Chelsea did not take fright seeing her owner in a dress and hat.

The patrons at the Pub with No Beer delighted in seeing the carriages parade along the main street, with many coming out to take photos of a sight from bygone days. After the street parade drivers returned to the oval and unharnessed before spending the rest of the afternoon relaxing together.

The club made the front page of the local newspaper and the reporter has asked to be kept informed of any future club days in the area.

BEGA VALLEY HARNESS SOCIETY

Members have been supporting the local shows in the last few months and several are preparing to bring horses to the 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon to compete in a variety of the events.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Central West Club's big event for the year is the annual Fifield Enduro. Fifield is a village north of Parkes. The Enduro is usually held after Easter but this year will be held before Easter from April 9 – 17. Over the event, ponies will travel up to 260km, whilst horses will do up to 360km. On each driving day, horses will do two sections, each up to 35km, whilst ponies will do one section of up to 45km. All horses and ponies will be measured and ponies must not exceed 14hh.

This is a very friendly competition which people from many different clubs keep returning to. For more details contact Gaye Lees on 02 6864 5129

FROM THE REINSMAN.....

Greetings All ! Many issues and many moons ago I told of my mate the Cattleman, when we went up north together to pick up some cattle. Well, recently he stuck his proboscis into my life again and proceeded to regale me with tales of his daughter and grand daughter. Men can be worse than the ladies when it comes to boasting about their progeny, especially if they have too much time on their hands.

It seems that his little pony Blaze, together with his daughter and grand daughter are capable of feats over and above the levels of other mere mortals. About a month ago I saw their 'ride and drive' feat and thought I would share it with you. The pictures show you his daughter and grand daughter driving to and from Pony Club – a distance of about 2km. Once there, the pony is unharnessed, saddled fitted and the young one proceeds to charm and outdo all others.



Driving Blaze to Pony Club



Riding Blaze

Seriously though, the performance is marvellous – even brings a tear to the eye of your Reinsman. It

does the old Reinsman's heart good to see grand dad, daughter and grand daughter having such a grand time together enjoying their own horse which they bred and trained. It is a wonderful piece of old fashioned family togetherness.

Hope you have enjoyed this as much as I have bringing it to you.

Equine blessings all round.

The Reinsman.

LOOKING BACK AT CONES COURSES

By Peter McIntyre

In the late seventies when I commenced CD events the cones courses were a challenge. The course builders in those days had a mind opposite to a horse's. Therefore anything in a course was allowed.

Some of the interesting ones I remember were at Ellmore, Swan Hill, Tocal College, Patterson, Parkes, Wyong, Kangaroo Valley, Bega and Wagga Wagga.

Our horses had to be trained to take on all sorts of frightening obstacles in the course. We were not told in the program what to expect. Cones were placed so that a step sideways cost you 5 points. Refusals were common, with horses spinning on their hind legs.

Here are a few of the obstacles we encountered: clothes lines with washing, two sleepers with a six inch gap between, yards with goats, lots of different water obstacles, plastic sheets, unseen cones over steep banks, right angle bends with an eight foot drop on one side, smoky fires, step logs and fire logs. How times have changed in the last thirty years.

JACANA'S FIRST OUTINGS

By Pat Richardson

I have now been in my first two CDEs with Jacana the Wonder Horse. The first CDE was at Bundanoon where the skies opened and the temperature went below cold. We followed Judy and Garry Harris to Bundanoon, the first long horse float trip for the Wonder Horse. He behaved beautifully.

We set up camp, put Jacana in his yard and fed him before collapsing, because it was my first long haul driving the float as well. The skies opened up and it poured down. My float leaked like a shower and I ended up sleeping standing up. Then I needed to find a groom. I found a lovely lady and we were sorted, ready to go. We were all virgin CDE participants – groom, driver and horse.

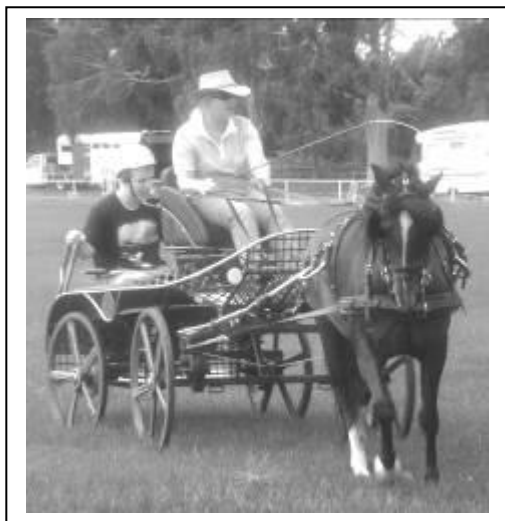
We did OK in the Dressage, but boy, there were a lot of scary things such as corners, blue lines and all those other horse eating scaries. Next came the cones course and we did all right there too. Then came the marathon and it was still pouring. We walked the course at about 5.30 am and we were calm except for shaking from the cold. There were

bridges, cows, and water that was going to swallow the Wonder Horse. We made it through but we were eliminated as we missed an obstacle. Still, we got through and that was the main thing. Our next CDE was at Koonoomoo in Victoria. Guess what ? It was pouring again ! Jacana said 'Well, here we go again'. I found the most wonderful groom Lucy (the Wonder Groom). I mucked up the dressage but we did really, really well in the cones. Then came the dreaded endurance (marathon). Lucy and I walked it and walked it and walked it so we knew the way, and Judy Harris helped us work out our times. The morning arrived and guess what ? It was raining. We started out and Lucy was excellent telling me how fast or slow to go. Then Jacana saw a big puddle and did a 90 degree turn. I am hanging on and screaming at Lucy to hold on and Lucy said 'Get up and drive the horse !' What a groom !!! Unfortunately, again we were eliminated, but what great fun we had ! So I have booked Lucy the Wonder Groom and Jacana the Wonder Horse for next time at Koonoomoo. I just have to learn to drive the horse well enough and not be eliminated.

Jacana and I had a wonderful time and really look forward to kicking some butt in the future.

DRIVING SCHOOL AT

STOCKINBINGAL by Sharon Beattie
Reedy Creek Equestrian Club hosted a driving school at Stockinbingal on February 20/21 with Kate Wholagan from Victoria.



Robyn Schmetzer at Stockinbingal

ACDS members from across NSW attended and were pleased with Kate's teaching skills. Kate asked each person about their driving experience, had a look at what they could do and then started working with different movements, such as circles of different sizes, transitions, straight lines, use of the whip and how to do a one handed circle. She drove each horse so that she could better understand what each driver was working with.

Every lesson was based on the needs of the driver and the horse.

For the lessons, we drove in a dressage arena and Kate used cones as markers to help judge distances. The school was aimed at improving all aspects of driving which could be applied to all disciplines. Everyone was impressed with her skills and was keen to have more lessons. An added attraction of the venue was the opportunity to drive out along the tracks near the grounds, including water crossings, to warm up before lessons.

The atmosphere over the weekend was friendly and relaxing. There were a few light showers, but activities only had to stop once when rain got too heavy. Morning and afternoon tea was provided and on Saturday night we had a wonderful meal at the Stockinbingal Bowling Club, with a great choice of salad or vegetables and lovely desserts.

NEW ZEALAND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

by Garry Harris

If there are nicer people that Jo Austin and Noelle Bryant I am yet to meet them.

These two charming, capable and witty ladies were our hosts on our recent cultural exchange trip to New Zealand. They are recently retired nurses who have worked in various overseas countries and were relishing their retirement.

Judy and I were met at Auckland airport by these enthusiastic charmers, and it probably took no more than three minutes to feel we had known them for most of our lives. Then it was off to where we were to spend the next two weeks in a beautiful rural area near Hamilton on the North Island. We settled in and were introduced to 'Angel', a wonderful horse which I was to spend the next 10 days getting to know and drive, preparing for the Open Horse class at an upcoming CDE. I think it is fair to say that we did click, which was helped enormously by Noelle and the locals, one of whom had slashed an arena in one of his paddocks for our use. We also visited the nearby town of Khi Khi which had a beautiful equestrian area for free use by ratepayers.

Angel is much loved by her owners, has wonderful manners and was a delight to handle, travel and engage with. We did a lot of roadwork to get her match fit, as well as doing arena and dressage training.

Our non horse parts of the day were spent at local attractions which included visiting the Van Der Sans driving/riding school and café. They, until recently, drove the Dominion Brewery Team, which unfortunately has ceased operating, similar to the Carlton Clydesdale Team. Every outing included a coffee stop for Jo to recharge the batteries. It all sounds very social, and it was. Neighbours and friends have happy hour on a

constant basis which seems to run into dinner etc as well.

The big event was looming and duly arrived. It was a six hour drive away. Our hosts insisted that they take the truck with Angel, and we take the car and do some sightseeing on the way. We did as we were told and visited the lovely towns of Cambridge and Lake Taupo.



Garry Harris driving Angel in New Zealand Carriage driving standards in NZ certainly rival those in Oz, and competitor numbers are a little higher, on a per capita basis. The event was run on a large private property owned by the McKelvey family, who are polo people. Dressage and Cones day was held in driving rain but we managed a score of 49 and were happy with this, winning the class. Cones were difficult to score as the balls had to be removed due to the weather conditions. Marathon day was much better as the wind had abated. It was a tough course, particularly the walk times over undulating and steep sand dunes, but was a great challenge to drive. A big plus was the vehicle - it was the most comfortable one I have ever driven in. We finished up second in the class, which was a testament to a champion horse and owner.

We were introduced to more wonderful people at the event, some of whom have visited Oz in the Exchange program. Jacquie, Noelle's sister, together with Coco her pony, was another one we met. She is the queen of driving in New Zealand and a delight to get to know.

In conclusion one can only say thank you to two great people for allowing me the pleasure and experience of driving Angel, a horse that has the ability to be on the world stage.

To other carriage drivers – take the opportunity to avail yourselves of what will be a most enjoyable experience amongst like minded people who really seem to know how to give. I am sure that Noelle and Jo will be life long friends – something that Judy and I are thrilled about. Many thanks to all concerned in the Australia/New Zealand Exchange program.

CDE SCORERS' WORKSHOP at Wagga Wagga on Saturday March 26 2011

This Scorers Workshop with David Armstrong (creator of the CDE computer scoring system) is being run by the NSW CDE Panel.

Venue: Catholic Education Office, Tarcutta St Wagga Wagga

Start: 9.30 am *Finish:* approximately 6.30 pm

Fee: \$25 (includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch)

Junior (under 18) participants will be eligible for a discounted course fee, and a travel subsidy (contact Bruce Hammond 02 6955 1205 for details)

The workshop will benefit competitors, CDE officials, dressage judges, ground jury members and non driving members who are interested in learning more about the CDE scoring process. It is designed to introduce participants to the computer scoring system and to provide a basic understanding of the scoring process. The workshop will be hands on and participants are invited to bring their own computers or to download the scoring system (to be found at <http://bodcom.customer.netpace.net.au> version 2.03a) prior to attending the workshop.

Closing date for registration: Monday March 21 2011.

Participant details (name, age if under 18, and phone/email contact) together with course fee should be sent to NSW CDE Panel c/- 839 Carver Rd STANBRIDGE NSW 2705. Cheques to be made payable to NSW ACDS.

For further information contact Bruce Hammond on 02 6955 1205

NOMINATIONS FOR 2011-2012 NSW ACDS OFFICE BEARERS

A Nomination Form is attached to this Whip Around. Correctly completed and **signed** nominations for Executive and Panel positions need to be mailed to the State Secretary by **April 18 2011**.

Please note: Faxed and emailed copies will not be accepted.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2010 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

A Nomination Form is attached to this Whip Around and members are invited to nominate candidates from within their own clubs as well as from other clubs. Categories are: CDE, Show Driving, Dressage, Pleasure and Endurance, Junior, and Service to Carriage Driving. Every club has people worthy of nomination for these awards – think of someone, get activated and complete the paperwork as soon as possible. Nominations are due in by **April 29 2011**.

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS GENERAL MEETING HELD AT TOCAL ON FEBRUARY 26 2011

Attendance: 26

Clubs represented were: Murrumbidgee, Camden, Hills, Southern Highlands, Canberra, Bungendore, Hunter, Reedy Creek, Ellmore, Tamworth

Panel Reports

Show Driving.

* Many show driving opportunities on calendar this year including shows, gymkhanas and concours d' elegance event

* All clubs encouraged to cater for the show driving interests amongst their members

* NSW Show Driving Championships will be hosted by Canberra Club at Jugiong Oct 8

* Southern Highlands: offer to host the annual Show Judges/Drivers School – date tbc

* Members ratified as Light Harness Show Driving Judges - Elizabeth O'Brien, April Klein Nulend & Denese Ward.

P & E

* Event coordinators of last year's Endurance drives and Historic pleasure drives have submitted driver and horse records to Robert Allport for Distance Log records and tallies for awards to be made in May. Important that other submissions are made asap. Distance Driving Logs can be downloaded from the NSW website under Forms and Downloads.

* TPR School at Gulgong in January had to be cancelled. Plan is to have a TPR School in the Riverina mid year especially for those who need reaccreditation. Check March Journal re need for reaccreditation.

* Photos needed for P and E section on Federal Website. Members requested to send suitable photos to Sharon Beattie sbeattie3@bigpond.com or Parklea Beaconsfield Rd Moss Vale NSW 2577

CDE

* Hors concourse - HC(driving at an event but not included in the competition) – rules being finalized.

* Scorer Accreditation Scheme being developed.

* CDE Beginners class – rules being finalized.

* Measuring of horse heights. Members with horses/ponies on borderline encouraged to obtain a measurement certificate from established organization such as EA, Show Horse Council or RAS.

Dressage.

* Boyd Exell/Brett Parbery School at Witwood very successful / recognized as an ACDS judges' refresher.

* Ten ACDS judges completed their refresher for the next two years: L Pugh, S Houlahan, C Drummond, S Plath, D Willcoxson, S Leibowitz, Y Wood, A and R Robertson, H. O'Brien

* Another refresher scheduled for April 4 2011 at Witwood. Judges not already 'refreshed' and who do not attend this refresher, will be deemed not current accredited judges.

* State Dressage Convenors will meet at Bundanoon in April. Anne Robertson will represent the NSW Sub committee. Outcomes of this meeting will be put forward for discussion at the dressage forum at the annual conference.

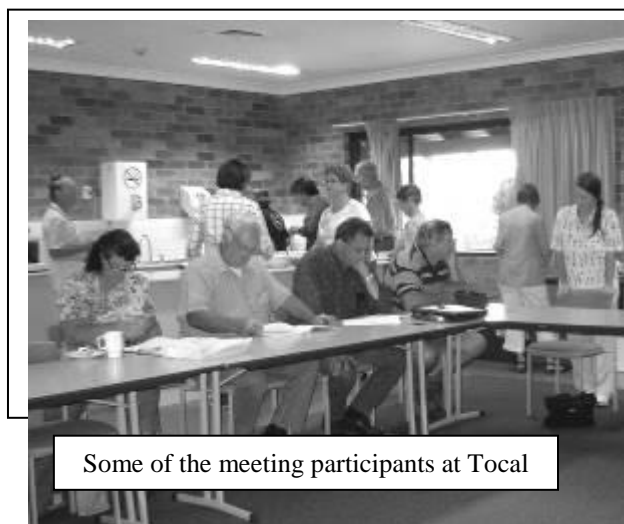
Other Business

- Clubs reminded to complete ACDS NSW survey
- State jersey approved as official merchandise – to sell at \$50 each
- Equitana will be held in Sydney on November 10-14 2011 Sub Committee to be formed to liaise with Equitana. Expressions of interest to be requested in Whip Around.
- Grants – State Development Fund run by Federal Council requires completion of an application form and after event evaluation. NSW Branch grant requires letter detailing event /school / clinic and costings.
- No expression of interest to host 2011 NSW CDE Championships received as yet. Possibly may be run by several clubs jointly..
- New Club – Temora Carriage Club has been accepted as a NSW ACDS Club

Next Meeting: AGM and General Meeting on May 21 2011 at Cootamundra



Ron Bostock measuring Tinker at Tocai



Some of the meeting participants at Tocai

ADVERTISEMENTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - EQUITANA

Expressions of interest are invited from members to be part of the sub committee to liaise with Equitana organisers regarding carriage driving at Equitana in Sydney on November 10-14 2011. Apply to the State Secretary Judy Harris on 02 6942 6762 or gjharris@live.com.au by **March 31 2011**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – TAMWORTH CLUB DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club is looking for expressions of interest from people willing to instruct, help out or attend as drivers at a planned Senior and Junior Driver and Development weekend, pencilled in for **August 13/14 2011**. Intentions are to include the RDANSW Centre at Tamworth as well as local pony club members. It is planned to hold instruction on the Saturday with several ring events, and a driver challenge course on the Sunday, so attendees can put into practice what they have learnt the day before. The intention is to include instruction for grooms, stewards and helpers as well as for drivers.

If you would like to attend or need further information

please contact Elizabeth O'Brien on 04 2776 6726 or myeyor@yahoo.com.au before **April 30 2011**

FOR SALE

Sulky Suit 13-13.3hh pony. Steel, rubber tyres wheels, brakes, leather upholstery, chromed metal parts, good paint, 1500mm wide \$2600

Sulky Suit large pony 14.2hh 50 inch wooden wheels, white rubber tyres, phaeton type, double bent shafts, chromed, leather upholstery, duck tail wing boards, show condition \$3600

Rare Sulky Suit 15hh horse, 52 inch wooden wheels, black rubber tyres, chromed, leather upholstery, excellent condition. \$3500

Contact Peter McIntyre 02 6862 4495 after 8.30 pm

FOR SALE

Standardbred Trotter 5 year old mare, 14.2hh, quiet, broken to harness, to good home only. \$500

Contact Jeannie Gough 02 4628 8438 or 04 3405 3101 (Menangle)

FOR SALE

Harness 'heritage leather harness' virtually brand new, suitable for a mini 84cm + and **Jogger** \$500 for both
Horse Float pulls really well and smooth, open top with four brand new wheels \$1800

Contact Donna Goslett 02 4362 9119 (Central Coast)



Lizzie McIntosh at Bungendore Show



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Buggies in a museum in Tasmania
(photo S Beattie)