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Penny Jacobs and friends driving past the Blackburn Homestead
on Australia Day 2012

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' June 25 2012

Next NSW ACDS AGM & Branch Meeting June 23 2012 at Bundanoon

Registration from 9.30 am. AGM 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 June 16 2012

NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
Mar		
17-18	Driving Weekend at Hargreaves Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 0428 854 131
31	Pleasure Drive at Laggan to Binda Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
31- Apr 1	Joe Hawkins Cup Level 3 CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
April		
1	Dressage Training Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
5 - 18	SYDNEY ROYAL	
7-8	Cones & Picnic Drive at Nana Glen North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
14-22	Fifield Enduro Central West Club	Gaye Lees 02 6864 5129
28	Pleasure Drive Laggan to Woodhouselee Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
28-29	Heritage Drive to Mt Oriel Homestead Greenethorpe Ellmore Club	Keith Engelsman 02 6343 3292
28-29	Mendooran to Dunedoo Drive Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 0428 854 131
May		
5-6	King of the Ranges Driving Weekend at Murrurundi Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
4-6	Tocal Field Days at Tocal Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
6	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
5-6	Level 4 CDE at Hinemoa Grenfell Ellmore Club	Keith Engelsman 02 6343 3292
6	Pleasure Drive at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
13	One Hour CDE at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331
20	Carriage Construction, Restoration & Maintenance at Richmond TAFE Hawkesbury Campus Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26-27	CDE at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
26	Protocol Dressage Day at Sutton Park Laggan Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
26 - June 9	Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive Grenfell to Gulgong Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 0428 854 131
June		
2	DVD Night at Leppington Hills Club	Eddie Dobbin 02 96064212
3	Social Drive at Mullaley Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
16	Drive and Cones at Crookwell tbc Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
17	Activities Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
23	NSW Branch AGM & General Meeting at Bundanoon	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
23-24	Wollombi Weekend Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
24	Heavy Horse Day at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331
July		
1	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
8	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
21	Introduction to Carriage Driving at Griffith Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331
22	AGM & Anniversary Lunch at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
29	Concours d'Elegance at Tocal Homestead Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 4994 5547
Aug		
5	Dressage & Cones Training at Glenreagh North Coast Club	April Klein Nulend 0431 618 825
5	Social Drive at Piallaway Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
6 - 8	Pleasure Drive in Putty Valley Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
18-19	Max Pearce School at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331

Sept		
1-2	Interclub Challenge at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
9	Dressage and Cones Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
15- 22	Royal Far West Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
22	Social Night venue TBC Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
Oct		
7	Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
7-8	Driving weekend at Curlewis Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
14	Safety /New Horse/New Driver Day Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

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Hills Club members enjoying their BBQ evening at Marayong in February (photo Linda Ongley)

CLUB NEWS

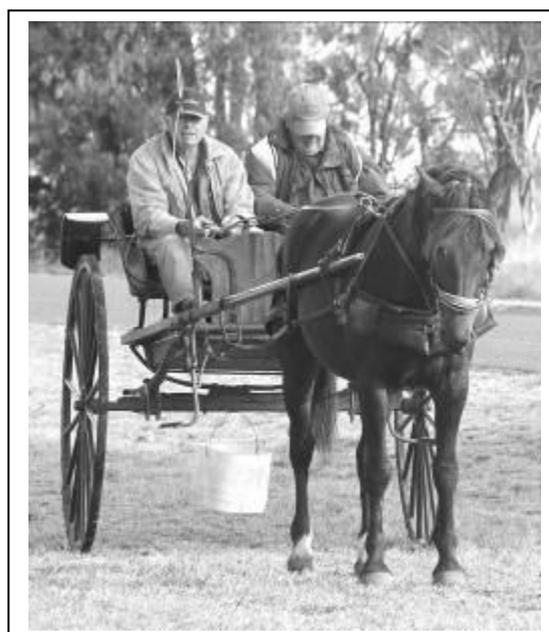
CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Amanda Blakeley competed in harness classes at the Gunning Show with her Shetland and came away with some good results. She and her mother Carolyn also competed at the Canberra Royal at the end of February, this time with their Clydesdale gelding in the Led and Long Reining classes. Both are very good supporters of show driving and will be again competing at the Sydney Royal in April.

The Central West Club is preparing for its annual Fifield Enduro to be held from April 14 to 22 2012. The Event Committee is Wayne Teale, Gaye and Colin Lees, David Walker and Shiralee Unger. The Enduro involves up to 360 km of travel for equines over 14hh, and up to 240km for those 14hh and under. It is mainly on unsealed roads. The horses will have two sections each of up to 30km per day, whilst the ponies will compete over one section a day of up to 40km. Wednesday will be a rest day.

Those unable to contest the whole Enduro, may compete over one or more of the individual daily courses.

Enquiries re entry to Gaye Lees (02 6864 5129) asap. Entries close (including completed entry form and fee payment) on March 24 2012



Wayne Teale and co driver at the 2011 Fifield Enduro

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Mal Welsh: Riverina members have been holding working bees in preparation for our annual event the Joe Hawkins Cup to be held at the Marrar Sports Ground on March 31-April 1 2012. At the completion of the NSW CDE Championships in November 2011, all our equipment was bundled into the storage container, so it was all mixed up. We have now emptied the container, sorted it all out and repacked it. What a good feeling to see it all restacked and in order.

We have held a couple of rally days in conjunction with our working bees, so people could drive their horses and ponies. At the first of these, Michael Jones drove his new heavy horse Dawn, recently put to a cart, Cheryl Drummond drove her Hackney pony Monty and Mal Welsh drove Sue Fraser's mare Banda, with Sue's great niece Krystal grooming for him. Krystal was spending some of the school holidays with Sue, visiting from South West Rocks. She loves handling the young horses and helped Sue with some of her youngstock in preparation for the Victorian Andalusian State Championships at Tatura near Shepparton. Unfortunately due to the wet weather we are all experiencing, Sue was unable attend Tatura.

On another rally day, David and Judy Royle brought their new ponies for a try out, and as David was feeling a little unwell, Michael Jones drove them for him. Sue Fraser brought Banda, plus her recent acquisition, a sulky she purchased from friends at Murwillumbah. After a few adjustments, Banda, who had previously only been driven in a jogger, accepted it well.

Michael Jones has a busy month in March, apart from being the Event Director for the Joes Hawkins Cup. He is involved in the Rhythm and Rail Festival at Junee, with a shoeing display and spring cart rides for the public on March 3. On March 17, he is doing a horse drawn wedding at Collingullie, a small village west of Wagga Wagga, using David Royle's buggy, drawn by one of his Clydesdales. On March 23 Michael has his school fete. He is the principal of the Henscke Primary School, and he gives carriage and hay rides to the children. Next day, he has the Ganmain Historical Open Day with a horse works display cutting chaff and a demonstration of loading wheat bags using a horse drawn bag kicker.

Michael's busy time continues with the Joe Hawkins Cup on March 31-April 1, followed by a heavy horse working weekend at Joe Brosso's farm on the outskirts of Wagga Wagga near Charles Sturt University. Michael takes every opportunity to promote the activities of the Riverina Club wherever he goes with his heavy horses. Thank you Michael!

Another one of our members, Mark Peel, will be driving his team of four horses at his local Jingellic

Show upstream from Albury on the Murray River, on March 3. He will be setting up an Obsthon with cones and some portable obstacles that he has constructed.

Well done to these drivers on the promotion of carriage driving to the general public.

Postscript: Fortunately the Marrar Grounds have not been affected by the recent floods so the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE is definitely ON.

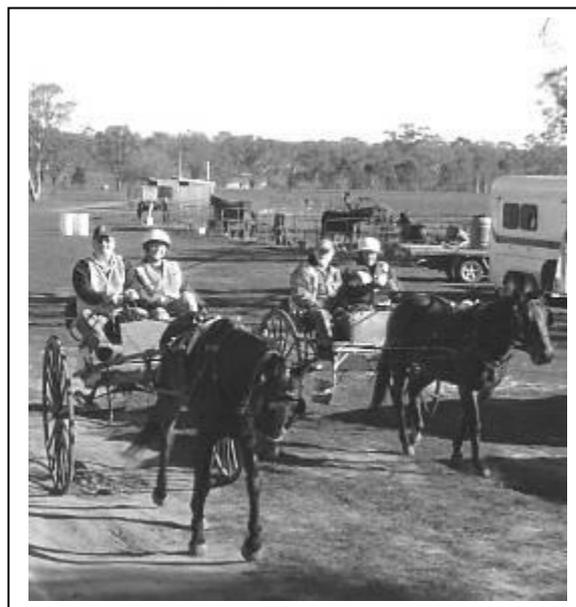
REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Marty Boyce: The Reedy Creek Club had its first meeting of the year in February and mapped out a calendar of a variety of events through to July to suit members and visiting drivers.

The weather in the Upper Lachlan has not been kind to us, with plenty of rain. However members have still been able to take advantage of the rare clear days to continue with the training of horses and ponies. Members were eagerly awaiting the Bowral Graded Dressage and Cones Day but it was postponed due to the weather. We are looking forward to the rescheduled event. A good turnout of members is expected at the coming Interclub Challenge with the Canberra Club at Murrumbateman..

Planning is well underway for the annual Marrar Endurance drive to be held in July. Further to endurance driving, John Moyes and Marty Boyce are busy working their horses for a tilt at the Central West Enduro at Fifield in April.

Jess Parramore spent the week at Beauwood Stud during the Boyd Exell sessions and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Jess is continuing to drive Kath Cole's pony Wee Jordie, and has also started driving our Standardbred mare Effie, to reacquaint himself with the larger horses.



Drivers at the Marrar Enduro in 2009 (photo T James)

A pleasure drive is planned for March 31 from Laggan to Binda. It will be a pleasant 21km drive along the back roads to Binda. After a stop for

lunch, the drive will return to Laggan. It is a hilly route and will be excellent preparation for the upcoming endurance drives. Ponies may be floated back to Laggan instead of doing the return trip if required.

On April 28 another pleasure drive will be held, this time from Laggan to Woodhouselee. This drive has a more gentle route than the Binda drive, with no big hills.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The Murrumbidgee Club has a big program of activities on the calendar for the coming year. Many of these are working bees and practice days at the Club's Murrami grounds, in preparation for other more formal events. A working bee in February was held to repaint the obstacles. The 'Yenda Producers' obstacle received a new coat of paint with the trim work still to be completed. The obstacle called 'Billy's World of Tyres' will be painted at the next working bee. Another permanent obstacle is under construction, which will add more variety to the Murrami events. The club is hoping for a favourable response from the local council for funding towards more improvements to the grounds.

As at March 5 club members were fighting off floodwaters around their properties.

There will be a One Hour CDE on May 13, whilst June 24 is set down for a Heavy Horse Day, both at Murrami. On July 21 an Introduction to Carriage Driving Day is planned at Griffith, whilst on August 18-19 there will be a Max Pearce School at Murrami. For more details contact Robyn Schmetzer on 02 6955 2331

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

Australia Day found several Canberra members at James Harker-Mortlock's 1895 homestead 'Blackburn' just outside Yass. John and Deborah Gorman took Twinhill Ronaldo and their new blue vehicle, whilst others there were Lyn Anstee, Tony James, Merv Woods, Carolyn Blakeley and Penny Jacobs. The club was invited to give a display on the day with several other groups such as the Yass Antique Motor Club, the Murrumbateman Car Club and the antique military vehicles group. After the drive past, up and down in front of the homestead, harness people proceeded to a flat overlooked by the house where a cones course had been set up as a demonstration display for the crowd. Deborah Gorman gave a commentary whilst the drivers did the cones.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Camden Club had its first meeting of the year on Tuesday February 14. In conjunction with the meeting, representatives David Stollery and Carolyn from Zilco International Pty Ltd were there to give a talk on their latest harness products and answer questions from members. Those there were Camden members Sylvia Biffin, John and

Betty Lyons, Jan Downes, Lou Lyons, John Sharman, Greg McDonald and Carol Fitzpatrick, Southern Highlands members Warren Ricketts and Tracey Greenacre, Temora member Kay Rose and Hills members Karri Nadazdy, Dennis and Andrea Casper and Janet Muspratt. It was a most informative night and particularly interesting to see all the new products first hand. Many thanks to David and Carolyn for their presentation.



Camden president Greg McDonald giving David Stollery a momento of Zilco's assistance to carriage driving at Equitana (C Fitzpatrick)

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Yvonne Wood: The Southern Highlands Club began 2012 with a Working Bee to make further improvements to the grounds, followed by a Seminar presented by John Kohnke on 'Feeding the Performance Horse for Competition'. This was of great interest to members as well as representatives from other invited horse bodies in the area. John's expert knowledge is widely sought. He travels far and wide across the globe to present lectures and papers on all manner of topics.



Elva Macpherson and John Kohnke at Bundanoon (photo R. Cunnew)

A Pleasure Drive in the Penrose Forest has also been held.

A Dressage Workshop is to be conducted on March 4. A bus trip to Sydney to view Grahame Ware's wonderful carriage collection is planned for March 25. A Garage Sale also in March, will raise funds for some new specialized equipment. Several members are planning to attend the Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar, and the National CDE Championships at Longwood (Vic) in the coming months. We wish everyone a safe journey and competition wherever they go.

Our Anzac weekend activity is still in the planning stages, but promises to be something new and exciting, of benefit and interest to many drivers and their grooms.

Warren Ricketts has worked hard over the summer preparing to become an RDA NSW Whip. He has been working with Jan Muspratt at Rossmore and has also put forward his pony Max to be assessed for RDA carriage driving.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The Australia Day drive did not go ahead due to the extremely wet weather, but the North Coast Club did hold its February 12 activity. It was at Glenreagh where members heard a talk by April Klein Nulend on Concours d'Elegance or, in April's words, 'a drive in the park'. Echah Wright brought along some harness and antique clothing and hats she had made to assist April in her presentation. Later Gary Rollans gave instruction to a young lass interested in joining the club, and to Echah with her horse Bokkie and to Don Purcell who was training a new pony to harness. It was a leisurely day with cake and coffee and lunch.

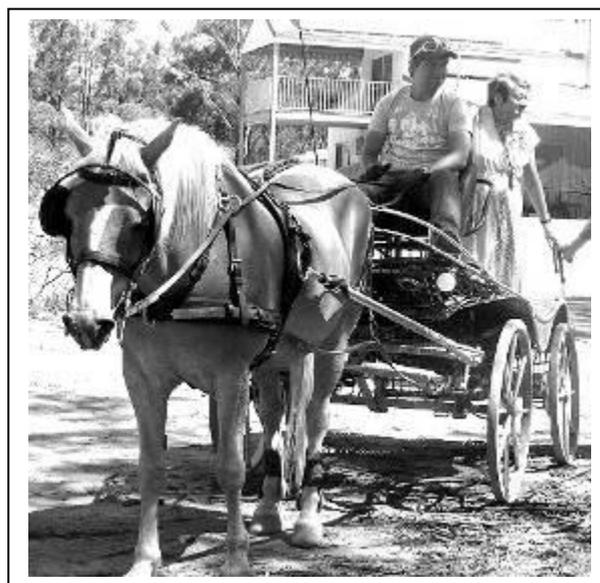
TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

Kerrie Rosetta: Temora Carriage Club had an Open Day at Cedar Farm Temora, recently. The Hol family arrived with a very nice chestnut mare they have had for a short time, and drove her on the morning pleasure drive along with Wayne and Anne Townsend, Sharon Beattie, Phil Rosetta, Ben Rosetta and Cameron Roberts. Wayne and Anne looked very comfortable in their sulky with its newly upholstered red seat. Red goes faster, we were told!

In the afternoon, a group from the local Aged Care Lodge arrived. Normally on the Lodge's outings, the bus is only half full. Not this time – there was not an empty seat to be found. The bus arrived full of eager ladies and gentlemen. Seats were arranged under a shady tree and they all sat and had afternoon tea whilst admiring the scenery. The average age at the Lodge is 85 and all the people could remember the horse and cart days. Most had a story to tell about their experiences going to school or church in a sulky or dray. Some stories were funny whilst others were downright scary. One gentleman, grey haired and 90 years old,

explained how in his youth he drove a team of 10 Clydesdales and had photos to prove it. Some doubted the photos, as the driver had a lock of black hair.

Most visitors had a ride on the back of the carriage driven by Ben Rosetta. Nurses Mark Passlow and Kerrie Rosetta helped the visitors onto the carriage before they were taken for a drive around at a steady trot. The looks on their faces and the chatter amongst the visitors were heartwarming to see and hear. Shetland pony Rosymoon Keribee, driven by Cameron Roberts, was there for a pat and cuddle, for those who chose not to have a carriage ride. Photos were taken by the Lodge's activities officer and they are currently being displayed in the entrance foyer at the Lodge.



Ben Rosetta giving rides to Temora senior citizens
(photo K Rosetta)

ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Brendan Dwyer: The Ellmore Club is planning a heritage drive to Mt Oriel Homestead, also known as Iandra Castle, on the weekend of April 28-29. Located near Greenethorpe, Iandra was established in the late 19th century by George Henry Greene, an agricultural innovator who pioneered the concept of sharefarming in Australia, and did much to advance the science of wheat growing in the region.

Built circa 1908-1910, Iandra Castle replaced an earlier homestead and is a unique example of federation-Romanesque architecture of the time. The two storey building and associated outbuildings including stallion stables, will provide a sensational backdrop for the halfway mark of our drive, which will set out from and return to nearby Wirrimah.

On May 5-6, the club will again run a Level 4 CDE hosted by the Engelsman family at Hinemoa, near Grenfell. The venue and course are perfect for Beginner drivers and for those bringing out new horses and ponies.

For more information on both activities, contact Keith Engelsman on 02 6343 3292 or Faye Cairncross on fayec@dodo.com.au

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

New Bungendore member Niki van Buuren is busy working with Max Pearce, honing her driving skills in preparation for representing Australia at the World Para Driving Championships in August 2012 in the Netherlands.



Several members including Lizzie McIntosh, Tamara Abed and Niki competed with success at the Bungendore Show in January. Lizzy was thrilled with her Champion Pleasure Horse /Pony Award.

Another highly successful Boyd Exell Clinic was conducted at Beauwood Stud from January 24-26, hosted by Bungendore members Max Pearce and Cathy McCoy. It attracted attendees from South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and NSW and even Gavin Robson from the USA. A number of other Bungendore members were also there. Unfortunately the continuing wet weather has forced the cancellation/postponement of the Graded Dressage and Munro Cup which were to be held on March 17-18.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

A Come and Try Weekend was held at Carol and Chris Hills' place on January 21-22 2012. Chris is a member of the Australian Draught Horse Stud Book Society and the event was open to its members as well. Weekends like this are aimed at people wanting to have a try at carriage driving or in particular, heavy horse driving, as well as drivers wanting to bring out a new or young horse for some experience in a different environment, with distractions they may not be used to. As usual there were a few obstacles in the paddock to try out precision driving, but Carol specializes in having a couple of 'scaries' that challenge the

trust between horse and driver, and they were well in evidence this year. This event's 'scaries' were Dangling Noodles, an Orange Plastic Sheet and a Pile of Balls. The first rule for these was that if you couldn't lead your horse through them, then you couldn't drive them through in harness. On the Saturday morning, Carol introduced some of the newer people to developing trust, using Hayley Fagenstrom's young Clydie Barry, and then moved on to using her own ponies. She then helped some members do trust work with their own horses and explained about the different 'horse-onalities' they had eg Lois O'Neill's Charlie was pushy and not worried about a little discomfort, whilst another participant's mare was very soft to move and needed more reassurance from her owner. She also gave Lois a few tips to stop Charlie running over her on the ground. Chris Hills took over Barry's education and demonstrated exercises to educate youngsters. He moved on to hitching up the sled.



Jenny Farley and Chris Hills hitching Barry to the sled

Jim Gilbey showed newcomers how to harness up, using his ponies and giving a few driving tips. During all this, questions were being asked and answered, and discussions were taking place about harness types and uses.

After lunch some members harnessed up and had a drive of the 'normal' obstacles, before going out for a drive around the vineyard next door. Next day, more trust games and general driving were held.

Nineteen people attended the weekend. Apart from Chris and Carol Hills, they included members Jenny Farley, Sean Doherty, Hayley Fagenstrom, Sam and Lee Loveday, Jim Gilbey, Rosemary and Neil Munn, Ted and Analise Kirby, Janet and John Hetherington, Lois O'Neill, and visitors coming for a 'try' – Sue Smith, Jo Teuma, Katie Cross, Linda Knobbs, Denise Pickering and Richard Watling.

There was some interest in a forming regular training group so plans were put in place to meet fortnightly on Fridays. Contact Carol Hills on 0427 094 481 or 02 6374 1818 for more information.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

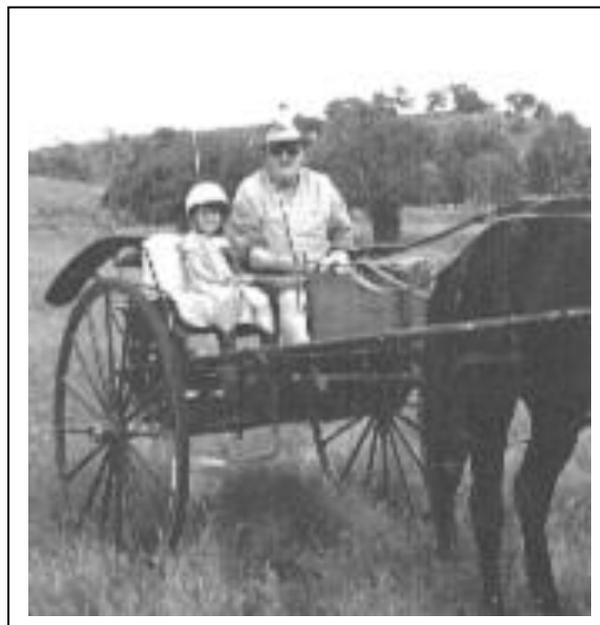
On Tuesday February 21 Rosemary Laing's champion endurance pony Tinker added another feather to her cap by being successfully accredited as an RDA carriage driving pony. Janet Muspratt came up from Sydney, accompanied by fellow Hills Club member Max Smith, to do the accreditation at the Stroud Showground. Hunter members Rosemary, Laing and Helen Huckerby together with a number of other volunteers including Jill Buisman, were there to assist in putting Tinker through the necessary tests, and she passed with flying colours, despite the persistent rain and large pools of water lying about the grounds. Now that Tinker has been accredited the plan is for Rosemary and her crew to resume fortnightly RDA carriage driving sessions at the Stroud Showground. Lessons had ceased for a while after the retirement of Busy Lady last year. The Hunter Club's calendar has many events set down for the year including a drive at the Tocal Homestead Open Day in early March, a display at the Tocal Field Days in May, the annual weekend at Wollombi hosted by Cathy and Bob Browning in June, and the Concours d'Elegance event at the Tocal Peek into the Past Day in July. Later in the year there is a Come and Try Day, an Interclub Challenge with Tamworth Club, a weekend of driving at Curlewis and a midweek outing at 'Possums' Pokolbin. The Club may also host the NSW Show Driving Championships, later in 2012.

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

Robert Allport: Our first club pleasure drive was held on January 14 from the property of Bill and Chris Gardiner on the Wendellama Road east of Goulburn. A 52km return trip to Tarago Hotel for a lunch break, was enjoyed by Bill and Chris Gardiner, Robert Allport, Robbie Baxter, Judy Emerton, Trevor Mills, Allen Smith and Bill Fife. We were also joined by Peter Kilmeister and his wife Fran, and Damon Allport and daughter Kimberly for lunch. Robbie was very pleased with his new standardbred gelding Dover Park Jack Smith on his first outing. The Sunday morning drive was cancelled due to the miserable wet and foggy weather.

Due to club members' commitments the February drive was cancelled. We hope to have two drives in March in readiness for the members going to the Fifield Enduro.

Damon Allport, assisted by Kimberly Allport, competed in the Crookwell and Gunning Shows, with some success with standardbred filly Hickory Park Thelma and Kimberly's pony Lulu.



Kimberly Allport out driving with her grandfather Robert Allport

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills Club's first get together for the year was a BBQ at Allan and Linda Ongley's at Marayong. Somehow the evening turned out to be fine with starry skies, amidst a week of storms, and more than 20 members enjoyed sitting on the Ongleys' back lawn catching up on the news.

The annual Twilight Drive at Maraylya a week later was not so fortunate with the weather and was cancelled due to the storm threats. However, several members got together at Jan Muspratt's at Rossmore in late February to drive around the mown tracks in the paddocks and do a few cones. Dennis and Andrea Casper driving Cassie and Feather, and Lynne Buckingham driving George joined Jan driving Nicholas, with Rhonda Dobbin as passenger for the drive. Afterwards they enjoyed a picnic lunch, and Eddie Dobbin called in for a chat on his way home from work.



Lynne Buckingham and Janet Muspratt on the weekday drive at Rossmore

vehicles belonging to club members, as part of the Hills Club contribution to the recording of horse drawn vehicles in NSW. Dennis is now the NSW Historical Panel Convenor, and Andrea one of the Panel members. They have visited several members for photo sessions, and more members have invited them to visit in the near future.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Brian Duck: The end of 2011 was basically washed out due to the large amount of rain and flooding. We can't knock the rain, however. What an incredible season we are having !

Determined not to be outdone by the rain stopping our Christmas party, it was postponed until New Year's Eve, and we had a fantastic night hosted by John and Carol Scanlon at their property near Bundella.



Liverpool Range drivers on an outing in August 2009

Quite a few of our members are away over the next few months so our first drive of the year will be the 'King of the Ranges' weekend at Murrurundi on the first weekend in May.

Don't forget to mark down on your calendar the Liverpool Range Club's Royal Far West Charity Drive, to be held from September 15 – 23. It is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. As a result of last year's very successful drive and associated fundraising Bill and Trish Greer went to Sydney in December to hand over a cheque for \$13000, to the Royal Far West Charity at a formal dinner.

For further information on the King of the Ranges weekend and the Royal Far West Charity Drive, contact Bill Greer on 02 6747 1773

BEGA VALLEY HARNESS SOCIETY

The Nimmitabel Show featured a harness display at lunchtime with a horse and sulky, and occupants in period costume. Nola Robertson did the commentary. Next year the show will have a full program of harness classes. Nola and fellow ACDS member Suzi Frost were at the show, to judge various ridden and led classes.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Liz O'Brien: What a great day we all had on Sunday February 5 at Attunga. With several other events on at the same time, numbers were down slightly. However we still had 14 people attending, including Angela from Gulgong, and Jack Campbell from Inverell. Our Combined Driving Event is fast approaching, so we had some dressage training designed especially for our newcomers to CDEs. Thanks to help from Angela and Sue Hynes, everyone managed to complete their dressage tests reasonably well, considering some hadn't done either a driven or ridden dressage tests before. After a lovely BBQ lunch cooked expertly by John Wasson, we had a short general meeting to keep members up to date on the progress of our upcoming CDE. Many thanks to John Tonkiss, our Event Director, for all his hard work so far.

Margaret Neely recently attended the Manilla Equine Sporting Association Show and her miniature horse gelding Fairlea Larry took out the Supreme Champion against other quality horses, whilst Cathy Noakes and Amanda See have also had success with their ponies in led classes at other shows.

The club raffle prizes this year are to be donated items starting with particular letters. Items starting with T were brought along for the February 5 raffle. We had some interesting and inventive items, including a Tape measure, a Tray, a Tomato salad, a Take-away bottle of shower gel, and Tool (spirit level). My favourite item consisted of the two boxes of Toblerone chocolates (one of which I won!). There was not one box of (the expected) tissues or roll of toilet paper. Next raffle will be items starting with R.

THE REINSMAN

This tale is of a friendly Italian neighbour of mine, I shall call Teamster. Next issue I shall write about his Clydesdales, but for this Whip Around, Teamster, together with his old wooden sulky and his stallion called Cowboy, is the subject. Driving home one day, I saw Teamster on the nature strip with Cowboy, a pair of rope reins and the short remains of his shafts. Next came a quick Hello and a rub of Cowboy's nose. Teamster didn't bother explaining what had happened. He just looked over his shoulder and pointed with his big blonde head, muttering in half English and half Italian.

The problem hardly needed explanation. It seems Cowboy got stuck in reverse, resulting in a gap in the fence, a hole in the wall of the mushroom shed, two deep wheel ruts, lots of splintered firewood and a very irate Chinese market gardener, yelling and pointing. So much noise from such a small fellow! Needless to say, your Reinsman

understood his words about as much as Cowboy – although the message was quite clear. Fortunately another neighbour, who reminded me of an old style hospital matron, arrived on the scene. She knew all at the gathering. She became our local Kissinger and waded through the conflict, with much nodding as though understanding, much smiling and hugging (crushing) and the odd word in Chinese and Italian. She very soon was able to settle the situation with words of peace and rebuilding.

It was agreed that Teamster would return with his dray to pick up the pieces, and all would be well with the world. Tranquility returned, God was still on his throne, promises were made all round and I looked forward to witnessing the cleanup. It's a great world!

Happy days

The Reinsman.

VALE: GREG PIKE (11/9/49 – 23/2/12)

by Janet Muspratt

It is sad to report that former Hills Club and ACDS member Greg Pike passed away on February 23. Greg had Cerebral Palsy but this did not deter him from achieving many goals in life including driving his own car and working full time. Greg was one of the first RDA Carriage Drivers in Australia and drove with the Tall Timbers Centre at Kellyville and later at Rossmore. His driving Whips (Coaches) were Grahame Randall, Ken Thomas and Janet Muspratt.

Greg drove at the Sydney Royal and several CDEs including the NSW Championships at Gundagai, but his greatest achievement in driving was to represent Australia at the World Championships for Drivers with a Disability at Wolfsburg in Germany in July 1998. Greg's Whip for the World Championships was Ken Thomas. Their back up crew included John and Diana Morton (Vic), Joan Frost (WA) and June Kerr (Vic) and what a wonderful time they all had !

Greg was lent a Norwegian Fjord Pony called Vitos, as well as harness and a four wheeled Kuhnle carriage, and after only a few hours working with Vitos, and his 'honorary Aussie' owners, commenced the competition. Greg and Ken looked very smart dressed in cream moleskins, green blazers with the Australian coat of arms, gold aprons and Akubra hats, and gained equal first place in the Presentation. They had more than one 'exciting' moment in all three phases that followed but finished unscathed, with a creditable placing out of the twenty three entries from all over the world. Greg was one of only two drivers using borrowed horses. At the Closing Ceremony Greg was awarded Special Prizes for the competitor who had travelled the furthest distance, and also the competitor voted the most popular.

Greg leaves behind his wife Jan, who is well known for representing Australia in the Paralympics as a rider. Our thoughts go out to Jan and to the rest of Greg's family at this sad time. Greg's great sense of humour and enjoyment of life will be greatly missed.

HISTORICAL PANEL NEWS

by Dennis Casper (Convenor)

The Historical Panel is embarking on an exciting year. Historic and unusual vehicles are being sought from amongst our members as the subjects for articles in Whip Around and the Journal. The Panel will also help members identify equipment and vehicles. Members are asked to send photos and descriptions to Faye Cairncross (fayec@dodo.com.au) 0412299613 or to Dennis Casper (dc520742@bigpond.net.au), 02 94502748, 307 Coonawarra Rd Terrey Hills 2084.

On May 20 2012 the Hills Club will be hosting a **Carriage Construction, Restoration and Maintenance Day** in conjunction with the Richmond TAFE, at the Hawkesbury Campus. Armando Djuric together with Glenn Denholme from Richmond TAFE will be the presenters. This is a day not to be missed and all ACDS members are invited to attend. See ad below.

COMING EVENTS

LEVEL 3 CDE at MARRAR

Where: Marrar Sportsground

When: March 31- April 1 2012

Hosted by: Riverina Carriage Driving Society

Three section marathon approx 15km, all on private land or within sports ground, 5 MOs
Camping on site (no power), toilets/showers (no power – bring light), town water

31 open yards (no gates) or bring own yards, electric fence yards permitted

Canteen on site Sat & Sun breakfast, lunch & light refreshments

Entries close: Friday March 16 2012

Contact: Event Secretary Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330

LEVEL 3 CDE and Level 4 Beginner Class CDE at MOONBI

Where: Moonbi Pony Club Grounds, Moonbi via Tamworth

When: 21-22 April 2012

Hosted by the Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club

Major Sponsor: Bluedog Fences Australia

Level 3 marathon:(14km) Level 4 marathon (13km) is over undulating countryside on country roads and private property, some creek crossings, 5 MOs.

Camping: numerous powered sites, hot showers, toilets

Stables: plenty of stables. No electric fences or own yards allowed.

Canteen: lunches and light refreshments on site. (Moonbi General Store nearby)

Entries Close: Friday April 13 2012. Late entries will *not* be accepted.

Contact: Event Secretary Sally Jones 02 6761 8247

Competitors heading home from the Australian CDE Champs at Longwood (Vic) are especially welcome to camp on the grounds at Moonbi and compete at this event. Camping and stabling costs apply. Contact the Event Secretary to make arrangements.

CARRIAGE CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE DAY

Hosted by the Hills District Harness Club

Where: Richmond TAFE, Hawkesbury Campus

When: May 20 2012 10am – 4pm

Fee: \$15pp (includes sausage sizzle lunch, morning and afternoon tea) payable on day

BYO: cold drinks and chair

Well known and respected TAFE teachers Armando Djuric and Glen Denholme will jointly present information and give practical demonstrations on the following topics:

*** Vehicle construction * vehicle maintenance * what to look for when purchasing / repairing a vehicle * spare parts and where to obtain them * safe harnessing of the horse to the vehicle.**

This day has specially been arranged with the TAFE and all ACDS members are invited to attend.

For more details and to **register attendance** contact Hills secretary Janet Muspratt (02 9606 6085 or jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au) by **May 4 2012**

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CROOKWELL ON FEBRUARY 25 2012

Clubs represented were: Ellmore, Canberra, Bungendore, Goulburn, Hills, Reedy Creek, Riverina, Southern Highlands, Camden, Gulgong, Temora, Central West.

45 attendees.

Panel Reports

CDE

*Joint Dressage and CDE Workshops at Witwood in December 2011 very successful. It is hoped that this type of joint activity may be repeated in 2012.

*Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar March 31/Apr 1 entry forms available. It is the weekend before the Australian CDE Championships at Longwood.

*Rules for Obsthathons and Mini CDEs are being discussed

*Dot Willcoxson ratified as Cones judge, Christene Turnbull ratified as candidate Cones Judge

P & E no report presented

Dressage

* The introduction of an Elementary level test in Graded Dressage is being considered by state panels

* Grant from Dressage account (\$400) to the Tamworth Club to assist with travel expenses for dressage judge for its CDE in April. Reason: no dressage judges in club area and first CDE there for some time. To be a 'one off'

* Possible assistance for clubs running Driven Dressage Championships

* Clubs encouraged to hold Graded Dressage events. There could be funding available to provide assistance in running these events.

*When asked to judge, dressage judges are encouraged to quote a realistic amount to cover expenses prior to event

Show Driving

* Show Judges six monthly Circular continues to be a success

* Show Judges List also a worthwhile document – many show societies in NSW and interstate regularly request copies

* Clubs such as Hills, Central West and Camden support local show societies' harness classes. Other Clubs encouraged to do the same. Central West donates an ACDS membership to Supreme Champion Exhibit at Parkes Show.

* Clubs are encouraged to hold gymkhanas including show classes to help cater for the range of interests within their membership.

* 2012 NSW Show Driving Championships – the Hunter Club has expressed an interest in running this show in the lower Hunter Valley.

* Club needed to host the 2012 Show Judges and Drivers School. Anyone who would like to become a Show Driving Judge is asked to contact Janet Muspratt (Convenor) as soon as possible.

Historical (from new Convenor Dennis Casper)

* Draft Charter for Historical Panel has been developed – contribute to establishment and ongoing development of an archival record of horse drawn vehicles in Australia, encourage clubs to gather and supply panel with historical information from its members, organize to see 'collections' of carriages and related materials, provide articles for Journal and Whip Around, help members with identification of vehicles and equipment, provide a facility for members to pass on historic publications for preservation, periodically run schools on topics such as restoration, painting, lining, costumes etc

* Forms to assist in gathering information on historic vehicles have been drafted

* Hills Club is hosting a day at Richmond TAFE (Hawkesbury Campus) on May 20 on a number of

aspects of carriage restoration, presented by expert TAFE teachers. All members invited to attend.

* Clubs and their members are encouraged to start documenting their vehicles and pass on the information to the panel.

Other Business

* ACDS-EA position has changed. EA is taking a different direction with driving and will be concentrating on international competition.

* Horse measuring policy: draft measuring policy to be adopted for NSW events but 2cm fitness allowance will be deleted. Amended policy to be taken to Federal Council for possible acceptance nationally.

* State grants – organizers of events need to look at entry fees to ensure they cover costs; all applications for Championships grants need to be via the Financial Assistance Grant Scheme

* NSW Young Driver Coordinator needed – to become an appointment at the NSW AGM. (Young Drivers are up to age 25yrs) Coordinator to promote Young Drivers in Journal, assist clubs in encouragement of Young Drivers.

* 2012 NSW Dressage Championships awarded to Southern Highlands Club – October Long Weekend

* National and State Championships must carry Federal Council Branding requirement (eg

....Club presentsChampionships on behalf of the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc)

* Recommended to clubs that a First Aid Kit be available at all events

* One Activity Memberships – take to Federal Council recommendation that OAMs may be offered at National and State Show Driving Championships at the discretion of the host state.

* PE Panel to review Guide for Pleasure Endurance and Historical Activities

* Vets and Endurance Events: Trial to be conducted in 2012 for endurance events going for more than three days and under 70km per day, with a Ground Jury of Event Director and two independent people being available throughout the event in lieu of a vet on the first day

* Reaccreditation of TPR stewards to remain as is: every three years

* Insurance policy has an upper age limit of 80 years. State delegate to take this issue to Federal Council meeting

* Beginner drivers – a mentor to assist with rule interpretation for Beginner drivers at their first events is recommended

* Reminder to members: NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE and AWARDS due soon

Next Meeting Annual General Meeting and General Meeting to be held on June 23, 2012 at Bundanoon.

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