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Bill Gardner followed by Jim and Rhonda Westwood on the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 29 2010

**Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting November 27 2010
at the Sports Club at Camden**

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 November 20 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
September		
15 - 19	Five Day Drive on Liverpool Plains Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
18-19	Concours d'Elegance / Pleasure Drive at Pokolbin Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
18 - 19	Picnic Drive /Camping at Willawarrin North Coast Club	Karen Anderson 0418 642 247
25	Social Night Dinner at Rooty Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
25 - 26	Fair Day at Windeyer	Vicki Pilley 026372 9238
October		
2 - 3	Level 3 CDE at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Tracey Greenacre 0402 854 696
2 - 4	Weekend with Wazza and Centenary Railways Street Parade at Dunedoo Gulgong Club	Warwick Leeson 04 2775 1245
2 - 4	Festival of Yesteryear at Mudgee Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 02 6374 1818
9 -10	CDE Training Weekend at Temora Reedy Creek Club	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
10	Safety and New Horse Day at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
18	Social and Trivia Night at Coffs Harbour North Coast Club	Echah Wright 0418 861 253
17	NSW Show Driving Championships at Tamworth Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
30 31	CDE Training Weekend at Laggan Reedy Creek Club members	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
November		
6 - 7	Social Drive and Campover at Walcha Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
13	Trivia Night at Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
13	Harness classes at Dungog Show	Charles Skelton 04 8823 8884
20	NSW Show Judges & Drivers School Murrurundi NSW Show Driving Panel	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
20 - 21	NSW CDE Championships at Witwood Braidwood Bungendore & Reedy Creek Clubs	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
20-21	Driving Weekend at Murrurundi Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
20 - 21	Picnic Drive at Glenreagh, Mark Burton Visit North Coast Club	Mary Grant 02 6656 9289
20 - 21	Christmas Party at the Crusher at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 04 2885 4131
December		
5	Christmas Get Together venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
5	Hunter Club Christmas Party at Mt White	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
11	Hills Club Christmas Party at Box Hill	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
11 - 12	Obsthon, Dressage and Christmas Party Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
18 -19	Christmas Picnic Drive at Glenreagh TBC North Coast Club	Rowena Walker 02 6657 1433
2011		
April		
2-3	Joe Hawkins CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Mal Welsh 02 6922 6308
9-17	Fifield Enduro at Fifield Central West Club	Gaye Lees 02 6864 5129
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
November		
20	Australian Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

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about setting up a CDE by working with such an experienced club.

Neil Murray with judge Rob Allport at the Hills
Gymkhana at Rossmore

CLUB NEWS

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Central West Secretary Gaye Lees is very pleased to be able to write that the area has had too much rain to be able to work horses. The countryside is looking the best it has for at least eight years and many desperately poor farmers are hoping that they will actually get a crop this year.

Well known Central West member Norma Garment has revealed she wears more than one hat. Norma is the Street Parade Coordinator for the 2011 Elvis Festival at Parkes, the Elvis Capital of Australia. The parade is on January 8 2011 and commences at 9.30 am with Rock and Rollers dancing down the street trying to create records. They will be followed by all types of parade entries including walkers, cars, floats and bikes.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

The Club's major event for the year was the Endurance Drive at Marrar in July. There were sections for horses, ponies and small ponies, and full and half distance options were offered. Five horse drivers and one pony driver competed in the full distance event, whilst the half distance event attracted a number of entries in each group. There were some lovely sunny days, but on a few days proceedings were held up waiting for the fog to lift. The damper bake off was a lot of fun, with some very talented and creative cooks discovered. Club efforts are currently being put into co hosting the NSW CDE Championships with the Bungendore Club in October. Members are looking forward to the opportunity to learn more

Reedy Creek has three weekend activities on the calendar between October and Christmas. The first is a low key CDE training weekend at Cedar Farm at Temora. The dressage arena will be set up, and a cones course and three marathon obstacles will also be available all weekend. Driving may be done in the paddocks as well as along the quiet roads. The cement based water obstacle is always a good place to introduce new horses and ponies to water. All ACDS members will be welcome whether just for a day or over the weekend. The last weekend in October has been set aside at Laggan just for Reedy Creek Club members to brush up on their CDE skills. However the last event of the year on December 11 and 12 - the Indoor Obsthathon, Driven Dressage and Christmas Party Weekend at Rosemont is open to all ACDS members and overnight camping is available.

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Murrumbidgee's AGM in August resulted in the following office bearers for 2010 / 2011:
President: Trevor Brand, Vice President Robyn Schmetzer, Secretary Bruce Hammond, Treasurer Linda Newman and Publicity Officer Chris Burns. Five Murrumbidgee members attended the ACDS AGM and Conference at Albury in July. All indicated that they enjoyed the occasion and would be attending in 2011.
Allison Graves from Victoria was invited to hold a dressage clinic on July 31. This was followed on the Sunday by the Club's second One Hour CDE

for the year. Despite the cold and blustery weather, the eight entries were very positive about the day. It was the first competition for newest members Gail Haberman and Melinda Kelly. Visiting drivers included Di Murray and Lisa Waters, who drove David and Judy Royle's horse Corelli. Carriage Carnival Capers will be held on September 12 at the Murrumbidgee Sports and Recreation Grounds, commencing at 10 am. This is a fundraising event and all proceeds will go to the Griffith Riding for the Disabled Association. All attending are asked to dress as Cowboys or Native Americans for a little bit of fun! Plans are well underway for the Club to conduct an obstathon at the Heavy Horse Expo at Barellan on September 25 and 26. The Leeton Show will be on October 9 with an excellent program for harness enthusiasts. Murrumbidgee Club members are always great supporters of this show.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

Canberra Club's AGM was held at the home of Ken and Shirley Houlahan in early July. It was a cold wet day and staying inside and eating the wonderful luncheon dishes including soups provided by Shirley and other goodies brought by members, a very good option. Everyone was in such an 'expansive mood' by the time the meeting was held, there was no trouble filling all positions. Anne Synnot brought along old carriage driving videos and the rest of the afternoon was spent enjoying more of the great food whilst watching Prince Phillip and friends driving at Windsor. Penny Jacobs writes that she went to the Marrar Enduro in July but only lasted for two days as her toes froze and a rubber tyre came off a buggy wheel. However, despite these minor setbacks - the fog was so thick you couldn't see your horse - it was a wonderful, friendly well organized event as always.

At the time Penny wrote, Garry Harris was about to help Michael Jones drive eight Clydesdales from Ganmain to Wagga Wagga.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Camden had a good roll up for the annual Inter Club Challenge Day at Rossmore in early August. Lou Lyons, Carol Fitzpatrick, Marg Moore, Martyn Minns, Pam Fisher, Nicky Price, John Sharman and new junior driver Catherine Kerr represented Camden as competitors, whilst Betty Lyons' offer to take on some stewarding duties was much appreciated by the Hills organisers. A fine effort was put in by drivers and horses to win the Interclub Trophy. Lou and Carol were on equal points with their horses Gumpy and Spook to share the Spokesman High Point Trophy, whilst Catherine won the Junior trophy driving her pony Thomas.

The following week the club put on a demonstration of carriage driving at the The Oaks Pony Club Camp at Bicentennial Equestrian Park., Camden. After hearing a short talk about carriage driving, a number of pony club riders were able to take turns in with Lou Lyons and Marg Moore doing a bucket and ball race, a marathon obstacle and a cones course and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Junior driver Catherine Kerr and her mother at the Interclub Challenge Day

Several Camden members attended the annual Inter Club Orienteering Day run by the Southern Highlands Club at the end of August. This year it was held for the first time in the Penrose Forest. Carol Fitzpatrick writes:

It was a crisp, glowing morning on Sunday. I had my standardbred boys Louie and Ned with newcomer offsiders Rosemary Richardson, who has been involved with horses all her life, and her friend Phil Sandland, a newcomer to horses altogether.

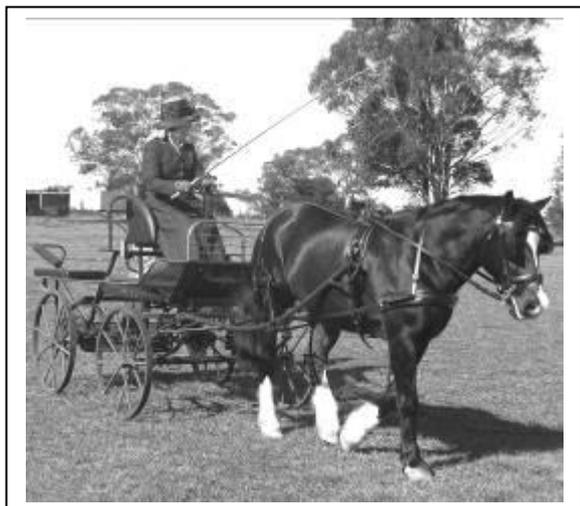


John Sharman driving Flash at the Challenge Day

I took them via the scenic route to the start at Penrose and introduced them to fellow Camden member Nicki Price and the Highland Club members in attendance. The drive area was an

ideal alternative to the grounds at Belanglo Forest. Working as a team in this sort of event is going to take a few trips to fine tune, but the three of us had a ball. We brought up the rear of the field, but did collect some other competitors on the way. At the end of the drive we had our usual communal picnic lunch with very enjoyable company and meal.

Camden didn't have enough drivers to be competitive for the Perpetual Trophy, so congratulations to Southern Highlands for wresting it away from us this time.



Lou Lyons and Gumpy at the Challenge Day

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Southern Highlands was represented at the annual Interclub Challenge Day at Rossmore in August by Warren Ricketts driving his new pony and Kay Rose with Bertie. Both were very pleased with the way their ponies went. It was the very first outing for Warren's pony and a different experience for relatively new Bertie.



Kay Rose driving Bertie at the Interclub Challenge Day

The recent club AGM resulted in the executive for 2010-2011 being as follows:
President Yvonne Wood, Vice President Ron Cunnew, Secretary Sue Plath and Treasurer Lesley Little. Programs for the Level 3 CDE on October

2/3 are out and about. It will serve as somewhat of a dress rehearsal for the Australian CDE Championships in April next year during the 40th Anniversary Festival. The Organising Committee continues to work hard, with everything well in hand for the ten day Festival of Carriage Driving from April 16 – 25 2011.

ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Winter has been used as an opportunity by some Ellmore members to travel to the northern hemisphere and take in some big carriage driving events. Brendan Dwyer emailed at the end of August to say that he was about attend the Irish National Carriage Driving Championships, whilst Tim was groom for Elizabeth Lawrence at the World Singles Championships in Italy. Back in Ellmore territory, the AGM has been held with Michael Finn returned as President, Zita Farrell as Secretary and Linda Willding as Treasurer. Their ongoing commitment to the club is much appreciated by its members.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mal Welsh sent in news of the Riverina Club early before he and his wife Valerie left for a six week trip to the UK. They will mainly be in Scotland to meet up with family, but will also attend the British CDE Championships at Windsor on September 10 – 13. Alan Bowyer is another traveler with a trip to Hawaii for a conference, before going to Germany with the choir he sings with. Whilst in Germany he is going on a week long four-in-hand drive in Bavaria.

Of Riverina Club activities, Mal wrote: Driving in the Riverina has been fairly slow during the winter. In contrast to the past few years, it has been a very cold wet winter. The Murrumbidgee Club ran a One Hour CDE on August 1, the horses' birthday. David Royle kindly offered his pony Corelli to Lisa Waters, daughter of Federal Secretary Sue Waters, to drive at this event. Lisa is a student at CSU at Wagga Wagga, doing radiography. Lisa only has a small car so I offered to drive her to Murrumbidgee, using David's extended float. I was going anyway, to groom for Penny Jacobs who was to drive her pair of horses. Unfortunately for Penny, she had to cancel. Not to worry. Lisa and I still went, and had a great day in spite of the rain and freezing wind. Lisa's groom was Brendan Dwyer, the State President. He was home from Ireland for a fortnight whilst his brother Tim was in Italy grooming for Elizabeth Lawrence at the World Singles Championships. What a great concept the One Hour CDE is. We at Riverina must look into doing the same thing at Marrar. We can set up a dressage arena, a cones course and two obstacles which can be driven twice, and it would be a great training day for new horses and drivers alike.

The Riverina Club held its AGM in August which resulted in a few changes on the Committee. Alan Bowyer has stepped down as President, however will be the Event Director at the Joe Hawkins Cup in 2011. I am now the President. Michael Jones remains as Secretary and new member Sue Fraser is the Treasurer. David Royle remains Vice President.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Dot Willcoxson has had two trips to Europe in the last few months. The first was to Pau in France to judge at a CDE and the second to be the Chef d'Equipe for the two Australian competitors in the World Singles Championships in Italy. Dot's report on her trip to France is in this Whip Around. Bungendore's Executive for the coming year is President Dot Willcoxson, Vice President Cathie Macarthur, Treasurer Gordon Burton, Secretary Tamara Abed.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

Lois O'Neill writes

The Re union Dinner was a great success. It was good to see so many turn up and it was even better that we didn't have to pay for our tasty meal, thanks to our wonderful club. It was great to see Christine Pickard(Cookie) up and about after her very painful break. Rob Allport handed out some very well deserved distance driving trophies. Congratulations to all the recipients. I think Damon Allport will need his own trophy room – great work Damon !

The AGM resulted in the following members taking office for the coming year:

President Chris Hills, Vice Presidents Red Buchanan and Ted Curby, Treasurer Jim Gilbey and Secretary Lois O'Neill. It was strange not to see John Hetherington's name on the Executive committee panel for the coming year. He has stepped down after serving his term but will be the club's coordinator and organiser for the Henry Lawson Drive. Red Buchanan is the new Publicity Officer.



The Hetherington turnout on the Henry Lawson Drive **HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY** Hunter Club's June activity was a weekend hosted by Cathy and Bob Browning at Wollombi. On Saturday there was a drive along the roads with a break for a picnic lunch. Saturday night saw a very happy group enjoying a BBQ and much chitchat into the night. Most people stayed overnight in the very comfortable barnstay accommodation.



Helen and John Bryce at the Wollombi Drive A heavy fog greeted everyone on Sunday and it took a while for things to get started. Meanwhile more people arrived and soon drivers were having fun doing obstacles and a cones course set up by Cathy and Bob together with visitor Christine Lodge.



Ryan and Tamara Ward with their pair at the Lostock Dam driving weekend In attendance on the Saturday were Cathy and Bob Browning, Keri Izzard (from the Southern Highlands Club), Rosemary Laing, Gay and Ron Bostock, Jill Buisman, Julia and Brian Leaver, Christine Lodge, Laurie Smith and Helen and John Boyce. Extras on the Saturday night and Sunday were Helen Huckerby, Margie and Graham

Randall, Jo and Steven Petersen and Jenny and Kevin Fayth.

Another very enjoyable camping/driving weekend was held in August near Lostock Dam, hosted by Denese and Paul Ward. On the Saturday drive were Ryan and Tamara Ward, Paul and Denese Ward, Laurie and Barbara Smith and Cathy and Bob Browning. It was windy weather but the drive along the Paterson River was nevertheless very enjoyable. Saturday night saw the departure of Cathy and Bob but the arrival of John, Helen and Emily Bryce, and Hills Club members David, Julia and Matthew Cranwell with their horses and vehicles. From all reports the evening was a very entertaining one, with everyone enjoying a meal together and staying in the Scout Assoc accommodation. Next morning saw all off on another drive and they were joined later in the morning by Julia and Brian Leaver with their turnout.



Cathy and Bob Browning with Star Angel on the Lostock Dam drive

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

The club held its AGM recently and the office bearers for the coming year are President Robbie Baxter, Vice President Allen Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Judy Emerton, Safety Officer Trevor Mills, First Aid officer Robbie Baxter and State Delegate / Public Officer / Publicity Officer Robert Allport.

Club members have been busy during the year participating in the Fifield and Marrar Enduros, the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive and several club pleasure drives. Robbie Baxter and Judy Emerton were presented with the 1500km medal for their standardbred gelding Beau. This distance was recorded over the past two years 2008 2009. Beau

is getting on in years and has now been retired from events.

Both Robbie Baxter and Robert Allport have new standardbred geldings to come into work, soon to be trained and educated for pleasure driving and enduro competition.

Robbie Baxter, Allen Robertson, and Robert and Damon Allport are meeting up with several drivers from Gulgong Club and friends from western NSW for a week of pleasure driving in the Albert / Nevertire / Warren area at the end of August.

The Club calendar is set for the next five months starting with a five day pleasure drive in October at Bevandale, camping adjacent to the Lachlan River. A weekend drive is planned for Binda in November, a Christmas BBQ and family get together at Allen Smith's in December and a pleasure drive at Taralga in January 2011.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

The Hills Club held another successful annual Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore at the end of June with Robert Allport from the Goulburn Club as judge.

The next club activity was a driving and riding weekend hosted by June Malmberg at her property at Putty. Ross and Ailsa Adams, Laurie Smith and Neil Murray made the trip up the Singleton Road and into the Putty Valley to either set up camp or take advantage of June's offer of spare beds in her house. The Saturday drive went for about 20km further up the valley and at one stage (as anticipated) necessitated unharnessing to get horses and vehicles across a rather tricky bridge, and then doing the same on the return journey. Ross and Ailsa then had to say goodbye but numbers were swelled again by the addition of several Putty Valley friends who came over for dinner at June's. On Sunday harness was swapped for saddles and June and Neil Murray rode their horses up the mountain behind the property, whilst Laurie gave his pony Nessie some ground training in the home paddock.



Belinda Sims driving Mac at the Challenge Day

August saw the annual Inter Club Challenge Day being hosted by the Hills Club at Rossmore. Eighteen competitors took part from the Hills, Camden and Southern Highlands Clubs. Events included some show classes, a cones course, a walking race, a double bending race, 'stand up the cones', a precision driving course and a marathon obstacle. Competing for Hills were Belinda Sims, Andrea Casper, Dennis Casper, Gay Bostock, Lynne Buckingham, Christine McGregor, Laurie Smith and Karen Silvester. Hills members stewarding were Eddie Dobbin, Rosalyn Faddy, Joy Harris, Ron Bostock and Janet Muspratt, together with several interested friends and relatives. Everyone had a great day in beautiful sunshine and when all the points were added up Camden Club turned out to be the narrow winner of the Inter Club Trophy.



Lynne Buckingham with George at the Challenge Day

Club members gathered for the AGM and Anniversary Lunch at the RDA at Box Hill at the end of July. A highlight of the lunch was the cutting of the magnificent carrot cake made by Kath Smith to mark the celebration of the Horses' Birthday. Everyone missed the presence of Kath and Max who unfortunately could not be there. Max has been battling with first a hip injury, then a knee reconstruction and most recently a fracture, and is taking a while to get mobile again. It has been a difficult and frustrating time over the last six months for Max and Kath whom we know as usually very active and involved ACDS members. All the best and get well soon Max from your many ACDS friends.



Gay Bostock with Rusty at the Challenge Day

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Brian Duck has sent the following report:

Ten enthusiastic members started off June by participating in the Grenfell to Gulgong Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive. This was the most incredible fortnight, spent driving through the NSW central west and visiting many little towns on the way. The scenery was magnificent, the food fantastic and the socializing both entertaining and enjoyable. A great big thank you is extended to the Gulgong Heritage Harness Club for the wonderful organization and large amounts of time and effort that went into this truly memorable drive.



Liverpool Range members on the Henry Lawson Drive

Liverpool Range members involved were Bill and Trish Greer, Brian and Robbie Duck, Peter and Trish Honeyman, Col and Robyn Douglas, Cherry Steel and Dee Hillard. Bill Greer also received a medal to signify 500km of pleasure and endurance driving in 2009. This was presented by Robert Allport.

Just a week after Gulgong we were back home getting ready for our club drive at Charlie Phillips' property. The sight of 15 sulkies travelling across the Piallaway countryside proved that this weekend is very popular and highly enjoyable. Saturday afternoon's drive around Charlie's property was a short 15km. Sunday's drive was over 27km where we travelled around Round Hill passing through two of the neighbouring properties and experiencing wonderful views of the Piallaway area.

Those involved were Col and Robyn Douglas, Doug and Sally Jones, John and Carol Scanlon, Bill and Trish Greer, Brian and Robbie Duck, Don and Lyn Thomas, Cherry Steel, Charlie Phillips and Darcy and Alison Richards. We were joined by Neil Munn and Sam and Rody Williams from the Gulgong Club and Tamworth members Liz O'Brien, Margaret Neely, Karl and Lyn Olsen and Beau and Carol Law. Thanks to Charlie, Alison

and Darcy for hosting a wonderful weekend, and great soup Alison !

The July weekend drive was hosted by Don and Lyn Thomas. Camping was in their paddock on the outskirts of Werris Creek. On Saturday afternoon we drove over Werris Creek Station to the northwest and looked back over the town. On Sunday we drove out the other side of town along the Purlewah road to get to Jim Lomax's property. We then drove up the hill and found incredible views over Quipolly Dam. Many thanks to Don and Lyn for a great weekend.

The drive for August is at Wallabadah on August 21/22, to be hosted by Brian and Robbie Duck. In September we will be holding our Liverpool Plains Drive from Tuesday Sept 14 to Sunday Sept 19. We are inviting all ACDS members to participate. Come for the 5 days or for 1 or 2 days and enjoy the tremendous scenery and great hospitality. For further information on these drives ring Bill Greer on 02 6747 1773

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Members have been very busy over the past few weeks with several driving at the Grenfell to Gulgong Henry Lawson Drive and then backing up at Marrar for the endurance drive only a couple of weeks later. Other members have been kept busy with drives organized by the Liverpool Range Club as well as Tamworth's own club days. These have included a fun day at Tamworth showground in conjunction with the end of season celebrations for the junior mini trotting drivers. A great time was also had on the social drive arranged by club member Ron Kennedy through the very picturesque and scenic areas of Piallaway.

With all the wonderful rain lately, the August club day was washed out. Although it was a little disappointing, the rain was certainly needed. The next club driving day will be on Sunday September 5 at Attunga in the form of a show driving school. The day will not only include expert tuition in show driving but also have a variety of activities to ensure a very helpful and fun day for all members.

The ACDS NSW Show Driving Championships set down for October 17 at Tamworth Pony Club Grounds are fast approaching. There will also be the APSB Annual Harness Show at the Manilla Showground on October 16, so members are being encouraged to make a weekend of it and enjoy both shows either as a competitor or spectator. Camping is available and programs for both shows may be obtained from club secretary Liz O'Brien (04 2776 6726)

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

The newest ACDS club in NSW !

Club members live across a large area - from Lismore in the north to Kempsey in the south, and Dorrigo in the west. Coffs Harbour is more or less a central location for the club. Members support picnic drives, showing and other fun activities in harness with regular club days. The club's debut drive attracted 16 people with the youngest being just 2 years old. There is a full calendar for the next 12 months with something offered for everyone. The next outing is a picnic drive on September 18/19 at Willawarrin. Contact Karen Anderson on 0418 642 247 for details.



North Coast Club members Garry Rollans, Echah Wright and April Klien Nulend

BEGA VALLEY HARNESS SOCIETY

Tasmanian ACDS members Yvonne and Danny Marsden recently called in to Bega whilst on their holidays to see some special horse drawn vehicles. Michael McDonald, the Federal ACDS Historical Convenor, and also from Tasmania, asked Nola Robertson to meet Yvonne and Danny and take them to view four vehicles which were brought from Tasmania to the district many years ago. One was built in Launceston. The Tasmanian government apparently is willing to pay for their return to Tasmania for its carriage collection. Also regarding things historical, a big clearing sale was recently held in the Bega district, attended by more than 2000 people. It was the auction of a collection of vintage items from 'Ayrdale' a property first taken up in 1862. Items included horse and bullock wagons, drays, buggies, vintage cars and cheese and butter making equipment. The top price was \$17000 paid by the Bega Cheese Factory for a wagon built in 1901. It will go on display in the factory's museum.

FROM THE REINSMAN.....

Welcome to the world of the Reinsman. First a quote from one of my male friends "...and when the last great scorer comes to write beside your name, He won't ask if you've won or lost, but if you've played the game"

Now then, once again (for only the third time) one of our readers, a Hunter Club member, has responded to the Editor regarding the special place for a second whip in CDE vehicles, behind the driver, and for use by the driver if the original whip is lost or broken. He also solved the query regarding which side drivers sit in Europe and America. It may come as a surprise to many to find that they sit on the same side as we do – ie the left hand side, following a long held tradition.

Another member contacted the Editor to thank us for showing the difference between lanterns and lamps. Many thanks to these members for their interest.

On to tall tales and true. Your Reinsman was discussing with a horse dentist friend the subject of gags. The good dentist said he had a gag which he sometimes used during a long and tiring (for the patient) procedure. He said he didn't like using it because it reduced his access (except for certain big mouths). He then related a story he claimed to be true about an unruly stallion which shook his head so violently that he dislodged the gag. It then flew through the air and hit the horse's owner. As Ripley would say 'Believe it or not'.

Until next time - Keep up the good times
The Reinsman.

HENRY LAWSON PILGRIMAGE DRIVE

by Bill Ryan (Gulgong Club)

As I have a detailed article in the Journal this month I will only give you a brief description of this year's drive. Wonderful ! Or that's what everyone tells me. Unfortunately I didn't complete the whole drive, instead picking it up at various camps along the way. For a start I should say that the main organization of the drive was handled by John Hetherington, Chris Hills and Jim Gilbey with help from many other people.



The Gavin family turnout on the Henry Lawson Drive

It was also good to see so many members from other NSW clubs participating in the drive. They came in force from six different clubs and said

they were very impressed with how things were run. There were some newcomers together with many who had done several prior trips. I'm sure they will all be back next year. All up we had four covered wagons with pairs, twenty seven sulkies and Belinda Gavin and 13 year old daughter Georgie who shared day about riding. Our new cook Christine Pickard excelled with her many talents and at the end of the drive was presented with a special award inscribed 'To Christine – La Chef Extraordinaire'. She did a marvelous job. Back to the start of the drive. At Grenfell the start day looked a bit doubtful because of the unsettled weather – off and on showers and cold winds. Despite the weather, by 10.30 am on the Sunday, with gummies, drizabones and hats, they were on their way, whilst I headed for home in a nice warm car (so I'm a wimp).

I next caught up with them on day 5 at the Gumble Hall camp. It seems things had been going pretty smoothly except for poor Sam Williams who lost the rubber off a front wheel of his vehicle. Mates rallied around as they do. Both front wheels were rushed off to Peter McIntyre at Parkes to be rerubbered and they were back on the road the same day. The good people of Gumble had a huge fire built up for us as usual near the hall, and inside they provided us with a wonderful meal. The entertainment inside was hilarious and everyone had a great time.



Sam Williams' vehicle minus its front wheels which were away being re rubbered by Peter McIntyre

Next day, day 6, was a short jog to Cumnock Showground and the half way mark. There was a lay day on the Saturday. Everyone was pleased to have a free day to just kick back and relax and a nice sunny day made strolling down to the watering hole, also known as the local pub, a pleasant option.

That night we all had dinner at the Bowling Club and for Christine a well deserved night off.

Another great time was had by all. Next day it was time to harness up and be off to the Euchareena

night camp, whilst I again decamped in my nice warm car to go home.

On Day 13 I met them at the lunch stop with only 16 km to go to Gulgong. It was another lovely sunny day and everyone was very happy with how things were going. The horses were also looking very good. I left them after lunch and went to wait for them at the Gulgong Showground. Around 3.30 pm they started arriving with big joyous smiles on their faces. They were home !

Saturday was a cool but sunny day for the parade. By 1.00 pm they were at the start point. Off they went at the front of the parade. As they went up the main street they were greeted by thousands of cheering people. For the first timers, it must have been a great thrill and for the old timers just as exhilarating. Having done the parade myself, I know the feeling.

After the parade it was back to the Showground and another Pilgrimage Drive was over. I noticed a lot of happy faces, but sensed a bit of 'What a shame it's over. Oh well, let's start planning for next year!' Good on you guys.

ORIENTEERING TROPHY DAY AT PENROSE FOREST

by Tracey Greenacre (Southern Highlands Club)
Orienteering came to a close last Sunday with the Inter Club Trophy up for grabs between Southern Highlands and Camden. We had six drivers attend and the weather gods were with us for another beautiful sunny day in Penrose Forest. It was probably a good place to be, after the discovery of more human bones in Belanglo Forest, which has been our usual orienteering venue until this year. Southern Highlands was represented by Kay Rose, Warren Ricketts, Carol and Ray Roach and Sue Hellyer. Carol Fitzpatrick and Nicky Price held the flag for Camden, and Bronwyn Pratt from Bungendore joined us for the day.



Ray and Carol Roach at the Orienteering Day
The trophy is awarded to the club with the best three times. Unfortunately with only two drivers, Camden was a bit behind the eight ball and had to

concede defeat for this year. The actual trophy didn't make it from Camden down to Penrose on the day, and Carol Fitz reckons they should just take a photo of it and send it to Southern Highlands, because Camden will just win it back again next year. But we won't let that happen will we !

A FRENCH JUDGING EXPERIENCE

by Dot Willcoxson (Bungendore Club)
Surprises come in many forms – an invitation to judge at a CAI –A (an international CDE) in May at Pau, a city in south western France, was on my email early one morning. I was of course delighted to receive the invitation. I accepted and the planning began.

The invitation was a direct result of Mark Wentein's visit to Australia in January at the invitation of the EA Southern Carriage Driving Club. Mark is an 'O' FEI driving judge from Belgium and he conducted an FEI clinic for judges during his visit. Mark together with Marsoe LaRose (Canada) were the international judges at the CAN held at Witwood .The event included a qualifying class for Australian drivers who were interested in competing at the 2010 World Singles Chasmpionships at Pratori del Vivaro, Italy. The first two days in Pau were taken up with sightseeing and walking around the beautiful city. I then ventured to the spectacular venue. The event was held on the same site as the CCI**** events (the only international 4 star ridden three day event course in France) and the second largest horse racing establishment in France.

Members of the organizing committee, Pierre Iato and Frederick Bousquet and officials – Franciose Lienart from Belgium(TD), Manuel Ubeda from Spain (President of the Jury), Els Kertstens (Netherlands), Claudine Hodencq (France) and Madalena Abecassis (Portugal), my fellow judges, made me very welcome. Everyone was busy setting up so I took the opportunity to check the stables and camping areas. Transporting horses and two carriages is a logistical nightmare in most of Australia. However the lorries and trailers at this event were mindblowing. Competitors were interested that a judge had travelled such a long way for their competition and that this judge was interested in the fact that setting up camp at a competition is the same everywhere – horses, dogs, children, tables, chairs, food and so on. The contribution the racing company and the city of Pau made to the infrastructure of the event was interesting. The new dressage arena surface was laid two days before the competition commenced ! Tractors, sprinklers and rollers were worked very hard to ensure the arena would be ready – and it was. What an achievement for those involved. To test the surface, Manuel Ubeda rode a bicycle over it.

The standard of dressage at the event was mixed as it is anywhere in the world. It was interesting to see some breeds that we don't have in Australian driving. Gelderlanders, Merens ponies and Lusitano were among them. There were also many Welsh ponies and mixed breed horses. The carriages used for the dressage were in the main quite beautiful and most of the harness was leather. The Ground Jury had four different tests to judge over the two days of dressage – FEI 8A, 8B, 9 and 10. We judged from different positions around the arena and the huts were moved accordingly. The FEI 8A Test (shoulder-in for horse teams) requires of the judges to be positioned on the short side of the arena – at C and at each quarter line (10m from the corner) – so there was much activity moving the huts during the lunch break.



Dot Willcoxson with Manuel Ubeda at Pau

The first two sections of the marathon were on the outskirts of the racecourse and the exciting Section E was held around the beautiful cross country course. Some of the jumps were utilized as obstacles, including the two water obstacles and one of the jumps on top of a steep mound. Great driving ! Knockdowns are used frequently in Europe and they were on all the obstacles except one.

The obstacle driving phase attracted many spectators and there was some excellent driving. However the highlight for the spectators was the round driven by a 16 year old boy with a team of ponies. He absolutely flew around the course to the cheering and clapping of the crowd.

Judging in France was a wonderful experience. It was also an opportunity to maintain my international judging accreditation and to learn what the dressage standards are at European events.

MARRAR ENDURANCE DRIVE DIARY 2010 by Rosemary Laing (Hunter Club)

In hindsight it was probably a bit foolhardy to set off to Marrar (Between Junee and Coolamon) all on my own, but anyway, I did. All went well as far as Goulburn, where I enjoyed the hospitality of Bill and Chris Gardner. We were joined for dinner by Peter and Fran Kilmister and a very pleasant evening was had by all.

Next morning, I resumed my journey and this was where things started to go wrong with the ute. Going uphill it was going in fits and starts and only just made it to the top each time, but somehow it kept going and I was very relieved to arrive at the Marrar Sportsground. I set up camp, Tinker had her vet check, I joined the welcome BBQ in the rain and it was off to bed.

Day 1 Rain stopped, but the fog had arrived. Sharon Beattie kindly took time off from her stewarding duties to groom for me and we had a pleasant 15km drive.

Day 2 Foggy, again. Sharon's great niece Jessica groomed for me and as we went along it got colder and colder. The fog was freezing on my gloves and Jessica had ice crystals on her eyelashes ! When we got to the water stop my fingers were completely dead. John Moyes took pity on me and lent me his ski gloves which were wonderful. In a few minutes my hands had thawed out. 28km today.

Day 3 I was not surprised when Jessica did not return to repeat yesterday's experience. However brother Nicholas bravely fronted up as groom and was blessed with sunshine. Some tough hills today but it was nice to be able to see where we were going ! Ponies went out in the afternoon to avoid the fog but it didn't happen.



Drivers at Marrar in 2009 in better weather

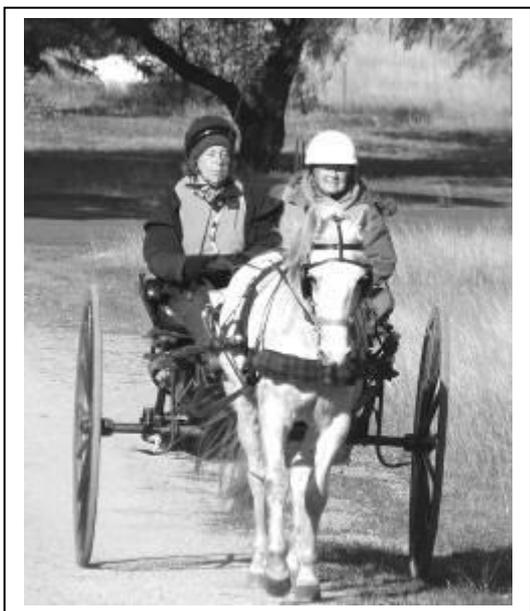
Day 4 Rest day. After joining the Ellmore camp for a delicious breakfast cooked by Ron Guihot it was off to Coolamon with the Munns. Left my ute with a mechanic, had a look around the Up-to-Date Store (well worth a visit if you are ever down that way), then a huge lunch at the pub (only \$9.50) and back for the damper cooking competition. I'm afraid I was too lazy to make a damper so I just gave my encouragement to the others. There were many interesting variations, both sweet and

savoury, including rum'n raisin which strangely enough seemed to appeal to the judge.

Day 5 Good news. The mechanic fixed my ute and it did not cost an arm and a leg. A lovely lady by the name of Joy Belles arrived yesterday and agreed to be my groom for the rest of the week.

We hit it off straight away and she was very good company (and light too!). Fog back again and we got lost – not because of my groom or the fog, but because the local Council had changed the names of some of the roads, just to confuse us. We were not the only ones. All the people who followed us were lost too! We ended up doing an extra few kilometres but were soon back on track again.

Day 6 Last day of competition. Sunny again and we didn't get lost. Tinker did the distance faster than the horses with enough energy to shy coming up the last km to the finish. I think she knew it was the last day.



Rosemary Laing and Jill Buisman on the Henry Lawson Drive with Tinker

It was a very good week in spite of the weather. Thank you to the organizers and to the Goulburn/Gulgong crew for welcoming me into their camp. I was able to earn my keep while they were out driving by doing the washing up, keeping the fire and hot water going and walking the dog. My shiny new billy needs a few more trips before it loses its shine but it did a great job boiling the water for my hot water bottle each night. The new amenities block on the sports ground, complete with hot showers, was much appreciated. It was also good to catch up with Robbie and Brian Duck from the Liverpool Range Club whom Jill Buisman and I met on the Henry Lawson Drive. Congratulations to Neil and Rosemary Munn for their win in the Horse section and to my Tinker for her win in the Pony section. (I don't think I really had much to do with it.).

The ute gave me no worries on the way home and I had a relaxing stay with Jan Muspratt en route.

Tinker is now enjoying a well earned rest for a few weeks.

ACDS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CARRIAGE DRIVING FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Sat April 16 ACDS 40th Anniversary Show

Sun April 17 NSW Driven Dressage

Championships & Southern Highlands Freestyle to Music Classic

Mon April 18 Horses at War Tour, Australian War Memorial Canberra

Tues April 19 Bundanoon Enduro starts

Equestrian Display

Bundanoon Pleasure Drive

Wed April 20 Bundanoon Enduro finishes

Dressage Clinic

Thurs April 21 Southern Highlands Cone Driving Classic (three separate competitions)

ACDS 40th Anniversary Reunion

Dinner

Good Friday April 22 Free day

Sat April 23 Australian CDE Championships, Dressage

Easter Sunday April 24 Australian CDE Championships, Marathon

Easter Mon April 25 Australian CDE

Championships, Cone Obstacles

Anzac Day Commemorations and Prize Giving

More information: John White (02 4883 6203) or Yvonne Wood (02 4883 4778)

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WAGGA WAGGA ON AUGUST 28 2010

Attendance: 21

Clubs represented were: Murrumbidgee, Canberra, Riverina, Bungendore, Camden, Reedy Creek, Southern Highlands,

Panel Reports

P & E

- Marrar endurance drive continues to be popular
- Pleasure driving activities are continuing eg orienteering and interclub challenge day
- Reminder to complete Distance Log Sheets (on NSW Website) to record distances done in pleasure and endurance driving
- Rehearsal for 2011 Anniversary events being run in Penrose Forest on Sept 11/12 – Endurance and Pleasure drives.
- TPR School held at Goulburn in June – three reaccreditations and three new accreditations successful.
- Request for sub account in NSW Branch for P and E
- Attention drawn to urgent need for horse industry commitment to signing of EADRA by December 1.

CDE

- Hinemoa CDE cancelled due to very wet conditions
- CDE at Bundanoon on Oct long weekend will be a trial run for National CDE at Easter 2011
- Trial CDE Officials Update done in conjunction with One Hour CDE run by Murrumbidgee Club. It is hoped that this format may be repeated at other locations to allow for the development of new officials and reaccreditation of existing officials.
- Scorers School may be held before Christmas this year.

Dressage

- Concerns continue re dressage matrix and labelling of tests. More contact with CDE Panel being sought.
- Good to see graded dressage days scheduled by Southern Highlands Club. All clubs encouraged to organize these types of events.
- Junior driving seen in France – all activity took place in an arena – simple dressage test followed by cones course which included three portable obstacles.

Show Driving

- Sydney Royal brought forward to start on April 14
- 40th Anniversary Show on April 16 now will be during Sydney Royal – strong support needed from members not at the Royal to make Anniversary Show successful
- Show classes have been held at Hills Gymkhana and Interclub Challenge Day

- Show Judging leaflet proving popular
- Concours d'Elegance at Pokolbin on Sept 18 – well worth attending
- NSW Show Champs at Tamworth on October 17 – programs are out. Very good support from 25 sponsors including six ACDS clubs.
- Show Judges and Drivers School and Exam to be held at Murrurundi on November 20.

Other Business

- Insurance – main points are on ACDS website and have been supplied to club secretaries. Any further queries can be directed to the Federal Secretary who will get written answers from the broker for the insurance company.
- ACDS National Coaching Scheme and Federal Young Driver Scheme – Federal Council working on both these matters
- ACDS-NZ Exchange – NZ looking to host Australia in January 2011 with return possible in October 2011. Anyone interested contact Tony James.
- North Coast Carriage Club accepted as a NSW ACDS Club
- ACDS merchandise – caps, cloth badges, stickers and stubby holders now available.
- State merchandise – Tony James to present a design for a NSW T shirt and rugby top next meeting

Next General Meeting November 27 2010 at Camden



Drivers setting out on the Hunter Club Drive at Wollombi

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NSW ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday October 17 2010

at the Pony Club Grounds Tamworth

Wide range of classes to suit all drivers – turnouts, hackney and non hackney classes; pleasure and driver classes and a cones competition.

Very good sponsorship with many prizes.

Camping available

Program is on NSW website www.carriagedrivingsnw.org.au or contact Liz O'Brien on 04 2776 6726

Entries close on October 8 2010

Make a weekend of show driving by also attending the APSB Harness Show the day before - Saturday October 16 at Manilla. Enquiries to Anne Stephenson 02 6785 2114