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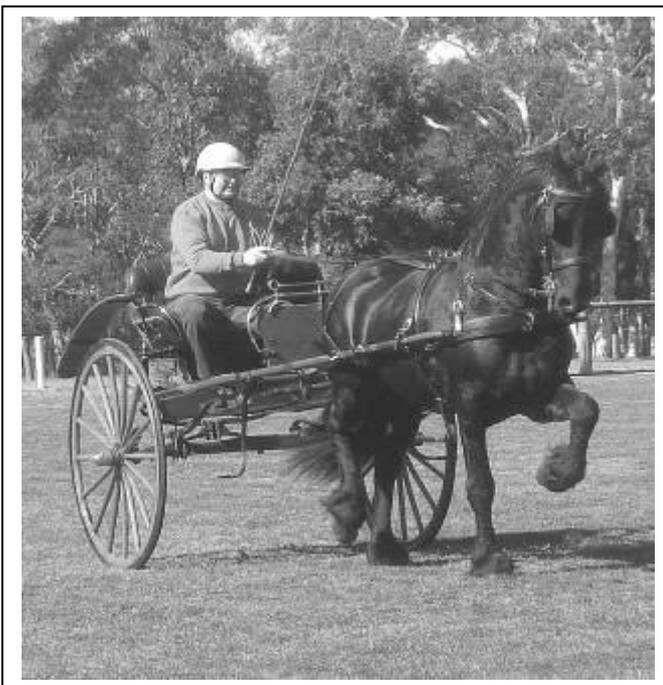
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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 22 2014**

**Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting November 22 2014 at Crookwell**

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify the Secretary Chuckie Radnedge of intention to attend by Nov 16 2014

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## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014- 2015

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
<b>Sept</b>		
13-21	Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
14	Dressage Training & Activity Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
27	Social BBQ at Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
20-21	NSW Driven Dressage Champs at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
20-21	Rally Weekend at Macksville North Coast Club	Rowena Walker 02 6657 1433
27-28	Level 3 CDE at Jugiong Canberra Club	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
28	Pleasure Drive venue tbc Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
<b>Oct</b>		
4-6	Mini Enduro at Spring Ridge Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
4-5	Social Drive & Campover at Goolhi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
12	NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
18-19	Level 3 CDE at Grenfell Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292
18-19	Oztrec at Nana Glen North Coast Club	Rowena Walker 02 6657 1433
25-26	Concours d'Elegance and Drive at Murrurundi Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
26	Dressage, Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26	Pleasure Drive tbc Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
<b>Nov</b>		
1-2	NSW CDE Championships at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
2	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
22	NSW Branch Meeting at Crookwell	Chuckie Radnedge 0413 953414
23	Pleasure Drive tbc Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
29-30	Mentoring and Training & One Hour CDE at Yass Canberra Club	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
29-30	Picnic Drive and Christmas Party venue tbc North Coast Club	Rowena Walker 02 6657 1433
<b>Dec</b>		
7	Christmas Lunch venue tbc Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
7	President's Cup at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
13	Christmas Party & Auction at RDA Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
<b>2015</b>		
<b>Jan</b>		
24-26	Mini Enduro at Yalbraith via Taralga tbc Goulburn Club	Robert Allport 0427 916 524
<b>Feb</b>		
28-Mar	Graded Dressage & Munro Cup at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
<b>Mar</b>		
21-22	Joe Hawkins Cup Level 3 CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
26 - Apr8	Sydney Royal Easter Show	
25-26	CDE Level tbc at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
<b>Oct</b>		
3-5	NSW CDE Champs, National Dressage Champs and Cones Classic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859

### LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT

Following a recent accident, fellow member Hayley Fagerstrom is in need of our assistance.

Hayley has been told by doctors that she is a paraplegic. As a consequence, Hayley has many needs to be met, in part, alteration of her house to allow wheelchair access. This is required to be done before she is allowed home from hospital.

I would like to ask all State Branches to consider how they could assist with fund raising for our fellow member in need. Perhaps clubs could be contacted and requested to "pass around the hat" and donate to the fund for Hayley. Some clubs have already donated and I sincerely thank those clubs.

I assure you that all funds raised will be placed in a special account that has been opened with the Bendigo Bank, and will be donated entirely to Hayley. Please donate to this worthy cause by direct deposit to ACDS Special Purpose Account BSB 633 000 a/c no. 152391819

Thank you, Wayne Armstrong Federal ACDS President

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Shirley Heffernan driving Sunny at Macksville (L Booth)

## CLUB NEWS

### NORTH COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Heidi Naylor writes that the North Coast Club had its AGM at the Nana Glen Equestrian Centre. For a small country town, the facilities are exceptional. The AGM was the first item for the day and lunch followed, with a pleasure drive along the quiet side of the road planned for the afternoon.

Some people decided to warm their horses up in the large main arena, allowing them to stretch their legs in such a safe place, where a chance discussion with the friendly caretaker resulted a change of plans and the drive going on the very safe and well marked cross country course that graces the grounds.

The brush jumps, oxers and logs made wonderful obstacles to go *around*, although a few horses pricked their ears up at the idea of going *over* them! The gentle but steady climb to the top of the hill was excellent to get the horses concentrating on pulling, and the equally gentle downward trip gave the greener horses the experience of the breeching doing its job.

Scott Naylor worked Angus in chains with a slide. Going up those hills really showed how a Clydesdale puts the shoulder into the collar, and the importance of a good fit. It also demonstrated the power that those back legs are renowned for. Hilary and Steven Graham did a ride and drive with their two horses.

The 'trooper of the day' award went to Christine O'Rourke, who travelled down the range from Ebor, despite suffering the after effects of flu. Sadly Rowena was without a pony, having sold little Danny to a good home. However, her next pony is coming along. It has been said he is a grey, but he is sometimes referred to as Dorrigo Dust, as he is always coated in that red rouge of Dorrigo's beautiful soils!

Echah Wright relates that the club had a campover weekend at Mackville Showground on July 12/13 with wagon train style camping to block the wind. The food, the campfire, the marshmallows, the

wine, cheese and biscuits all made it fun. Participants practiced their first cones competition under the watchful eye of Christine O'Rourke. Macksville Showground has a smooth sandy trotting track around the ring perimeter, perfect for warming up and other exercise. The next North Coast Club Rally is at Macksville on September 20/21 2014.

### RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Debbie Dunn and her pony Cherry Bomb have been out and about a lot in the last few months, going to the Tumut Show, the Heavy Horse Day at Murrumbidgee and the Ellmore CDE. The Heavy Horse Day at Murrumbidgee had quite a few horses and their events were very interesting to watch, taking spectators back in time to a bygone era. There were also long reining and cones events for ponies, in which Debbie and Cherry achieved two second places. A demonstration of Jump and Drive was held too, lots of fun and a few laughs. Altogether it was a very enjoyable day.

Debbie also went to the Ellmore Club's Level 4 CDE which was her first ever CDE. She did a great job getting top spot in the New Driver class. This was another friendly club event, well worth attending to learn the disciplines of a CDE on beautiful grounds and with helpful people.



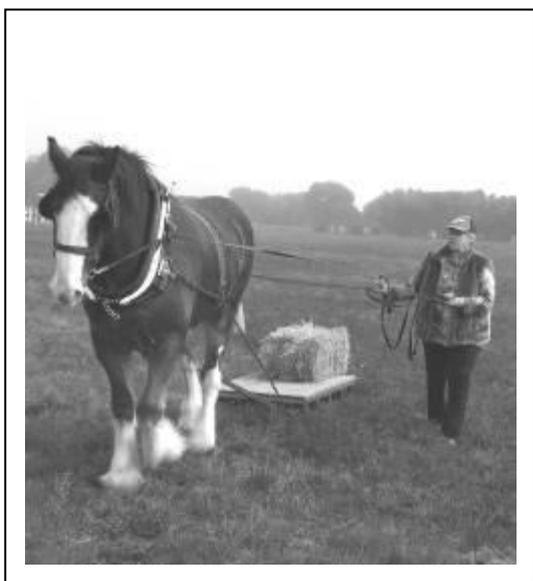
Debbie Dunn and Cherry Bomb at the Tumut Show  
Sue Fraser driving Brandy and Janice Reynolds driving Griffin will be making the long trek north again this September to take part in the Liverpool Range Charity Drive, starting at Werris Creek.

## **MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

On July 20 the club held its annual Heavy Horse Day with competitors travelling from all over the state to it. There were eight Clydesdales competing in the Log Snig, Obstacle Driving Course and Pumpkin Snatch. Rhonda Campbell with Spike won the club perpetual trophy for the Best Heavy Horse. Spike won it last year too.

After lunch there was a Poker Run Cones Course, where cones gates are given points values and drivers choose their own paths. Six heavy horses competed with Graham Ryan being the winner of this class, whilst Robyn Schmetzer won the light horse class with her pony pair.

Events planned over the next few months include a poker run pleasure drive and a camp out as well as water obstacle training and other training days.



Rhonda Campbell driving Spike at Murrumbidgee

## **CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Three Canberra Club members enjoyed driving at the Ellmore Club's Graded Dressage and Level 4 CDE on August 17/18. Once again the Engelsman family provided the dressage, cones and marathon course on their property 'Hinemoa' Grenfell. Canberra was represented by Shirley Houlahan driving Amaranda Damos, who came second overall in the 91cm and u 149cm class, Penny Jacobs driving Rex who came first in the over 149cm class and Elsa Guyader who was awarded the Hinemoa Frog Trophy for the best performance by a less experienced driver. Rain threatened the weekend, but held off until Saturday night, when the heavens opened up. However on Sunday morning the sun shone and they had a great marathon with four engaging Obstacles.

In preparation for the Canberra Club Level 3 CDE on September 27/28, a Working Bee painting obstacles was held in conjunction with the AGM in early August, at Ken and Shirley Houlahan's property at Murrumbateman. The CDE will be held at the Jugiong Recreation Area beside the

Murrumbidgee River. It is easily accessible, being only a couple of minutes off the Hume Highway. Jugiong has hotel, motel and restaurant facilities. Contact Judy Harris on 02 6942 6762 for details. On November 15 members will be at the 'Unbridled Festival of Horses, Music and Food' at Thoroughbred Park in Canberra. A launch of this event will take place soon, possibly involving Gail Bain and her horse Michael. On November 29/30, the Club is holding a Mentoring Day and Training Wheelers One Hour CDE at the property Beckford, near Yass, to cater for new and inexperienced drivers and horses, as well as more experienced drivers looking for a fun day out.



Shirley Houlahan with Amaranda Damos at the Ellmore Graded Dressage / CDE Weekend (K Houlahan)

## **CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB**

Four Camden members represented the club at the Interclub Challenge Day in early August, which was this year hosted by the Southern Highlands Club at Bundanoon. The members who drove were Sue Wright with Polly, Sandra Shaw with Maisie, Martyn Minns with Gerbe and Lou Lyons with Gumpy, and they all did well in their events. Other Camden members there to lend support were Jan Downes, Sylvia Biffin, Jo Minns, Bill Wright and Michael Lyons. Lou Lyons' Gumpy won the Camden Shield for being the High Point Camden horse on the day.



Sandra Shaw driving Maisie at the Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon

Carol Fitzpatrick, Sandra Shaw and Maxine Saliba went to the Hills Club Course Building day at Rossmore the following week and enjoyed taking part in the various sessions on setting up and driving cones courses and marathon obstacles.

### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB**

Over the last few months the Southern Highlands Club has been busy with preparations for the third in the Tri Series CDE in September, together with the NSW Show Driving Championships to be held in October.

Southern Highlands hosted the Interclub Challenge Day in early August between Hills, Camden and Southern Highlands. Southern Highlands was represented by John and Jennifer White, Alex McGuire and Jane Knight. Show classes commenced the day judged by Elva Macpherson, with six different games activities to follow. All the competitors seemed to enjoy themselves, with many coming away with trophies and awards. An Indoor Dressage Clinic is being held on August 24, where an FEI Dressage rider and Coach will explain the similarities between ridden and driven dressage. This will be a wonderful chance for people to come along and learn something that perhaps they had not thought of as applicable to them and their driving.

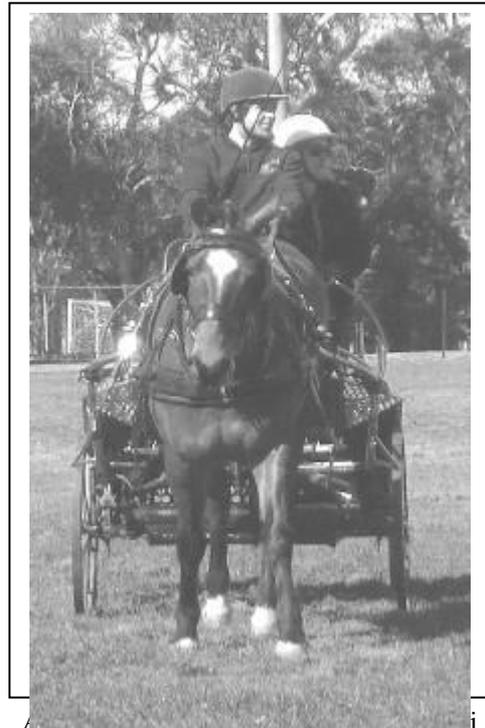
A busload of club members recently went on a fun and very informative trip to view Mark Burton's property at Bungendore. They were shown some beautiful old carriages and learnt a significant amount about how much work and expertise goes into the restoration of these vehicles. They also visited Dransfield's Mill near Braidwood, where Antony Davies showed them not only all of his carriage collection, but also the beautiful old Mill House, which he and Andrew are restoring to its former glory. Much history regarding the Gold Rush in that area was explained by Antony, giving everyone a real appreciation of the hardships endured by people of that era, and the part that carriage horses played in their everyday life. The club would like to thank Mark, Barbara and Jeanie Burton and Antony Davies and Andrew, for sharing their expertise and their treasures. Many thanks also for providing delicious morning and afternoon teas of scones, jam and cream. It made the group feel very spoilt!

A Pleasure Drive and the President's Cup event are listed for the last few months of 2014.

Then it will be full steam ahead with the ongoing preparations for the Festival of Driving to be held over four days centred on the long weekend in October 2015. This will consist of the NSW CDE Championships, the National Dressage Championships and a Cones Classic Competition under lights. It will be the Southern Highlands Carriage Club's contribution to the Bundanoon Community which is celebrating its

Sesquicentenary during 2015. It will also coincide with the re enactment of the Kangaroo March from Wagga Wagga to Sydney, reliving the history of World War I.

Bundanoon will be quite a busy place over that period, and will provide ACDS members with plenty to think about and do. The weekend is well worth putting in the diary for October 2015, and members are encouraged to make plans to compete and be part of what will be a memorable weekend of driving and history.



at the Interclub Challenge Day (J Muspratt)

### **TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Sharon Beattie: Over winter Lindsay Broomfield worked with two young Clydesdales and put them in harness. He is looking forward to our first pleasure drive along our peaceful dirt roads. The Broomfields are well on the way to planning our next Horse Power Event in April next year at Aria Park.

Harry Hol continued to drive around the roads of Temora over winter. He was looking forward to competing in the cones event at the Ganmain Show but it was changed to a demonstration cones drive so he and the family just went as spectators. He will be driving at the Grenfell Show at their Jump and Drive Demonstration.

Cameron Roberts, our junior driver, had a change of pace and took her Arab mare Melbourne to a ridden Endurance Event at Coolamon in July. She won her class, having vetted through every section and having the fastest time.

Allen Partridge, a Club member who belongs to the group looking after the Temora Museum, has enquired about having club members drive their horses in the carriages stored in the Museum, at next year's Open Day in March. We have decided

it is possible depending on the condition of the carriages.

There are plans to go to the Barellan Heavy Horse Weekend on the second weekend in October to give rides to the spectators as part of the Club's fund raising for the year, whilst the Club has been invited to the Mary Gilmore Festival a week later, also to provide rides.

Meanwhile Sharon Beattie has done the TPR work for several CDEs in southern NSW and will be the TD at the Koonoomoo CDE in October.

The Club has recently welcomed new members Vicky and Terry Lavis, and this year they will be hosting the Club Christmas Party in late November.

### **GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION**

Carol Hills: Many of you will have heard that our close friend and Gulgong Club member Haley Fagerstrom and her son Riley were involved in an accident that left them both with serious injuries and in two separate hospitals in Sydney. Riley is now back at school and Hayley is at the Ryde Rehabilitation Centre and progressing well. She is looking forward to her return home.

The Dunedoo community has had a working bee at Hayley's house to tidy up and finish the work she had planned to do herself, such as some plastering and painting. There was also work done in the garden including fixing up a pen to put her escape-artist dog in when she goes out, and general tidying up. There were six members of the Gulgong Club helping, plus a member of the Draught Horse Club that Hayley is in, and six people from Dunedoo, helping mostly on the Saturday, and then some on the Sunday.

We are still trying to source government funding for the ramps and other internal works that are needed for the house, and are awaiting news on whether this will be approved. There are plans for a fundraiser on the weekend of November 15/16 that could include a drive around the area on the Saturday, a meal and auction that night, followed by some activities on the Sunday. It is still in the planning stages, and we will be working with the Dunedoo community to organize it. We will be looking for items to auction when plans are more definite.

The Club has not held any events since the Henry Lawson Drive, but several members attended the Heavy Horse weekend at St Heliers at Muswellbrook on August 9/10.

### **HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Helen Huckerby: 2013/14 Hunter Club Person of the Year is Rosemary Laing. Rosemary's dedication to the club never stops. If she isn't showing her support by attending many drives through the year, she has pen in hand doing the secretarial bookwork and promoting the club. Then

to top that all off, in comes wonder pony 'Tinker' and between them they encourage junior drivers. The Tocal Peek into the Past Day was held on July 27. This year club members went minus horses, instead taking along a few sulkies and memorabilia for display. Cathy and Bob Browning, Rosemary Laing and Michael Huckerby did a good job representing the club.

Midweek drives are becoming popular in the club. In July a group drove from Pokolbin to Broke where they camped the night. It was very cold! Next day they drove to Bulga where hot chips and coffee were enjoyed, before returning to the camp at Broke for the night. Then it was back to Pokolbin the following day.

The next midweek drive was at Putty in early September, hosted by June Malmberg. Helen Huckerby, Rosemary Laing, Frank Lovett, Sally Jones, Carolyn Henley and Bob and Karinne Goodchild enjoyed June's hospitality, and June led them on some picturesque drives through the Putty Valley over three days.

The Hunter Club hosted the August NSW Branch Meeting at East Maitland. Members provided the attendees with delicious morning and afternoon tea slices, cakes and scones, whilst Michael Huckerby fired up the BBQ for an excellent hot lunch.

There has been a change of date for the Club's Concours d'Elegance Event and Drive to be held at Murrurundi later this year. It will now be held on the weekend of October 25/26. This is always a friendly relaxing weekend, with good camping facilities amid beautiful driving country. All are welcome.

The following weekend, which is the October long weekend, the Hunter Club is teaming up with the Liverpool Range Club to run a Mini Enduro at Spring Ridge on the Liverpool Plains. For enquiries regarding the Concours Event and the Mini Enduro contact Rosemary Laing on 0408 562 257

### **ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Tess Smith: The Ellmore Club got off to a slow start over the cooler months when its Graded Dressage and Cones Day at Hinemoa scheduled for over Easter had to be cancelled due to wet weather. Winter became a nice time to turn the horses and ponies out for a rest, whilst gathering new recruits and planning some fun activities for the season ahead. Welcome to the Van Gend family from Orange who have recently joined the club.

Peter Lotherington has been working hard alongside the Grenfell Show Society to secure us a spot on the Saturday of the show, to entertain the crowds with a rousing Cones Driving display. Hopefully this will create some interest in the sport and perhaps attract some new members.

Chuckie Radnedge also has come up with the great idea of holding regular training days at Hinemoa

with a view to teaching those less knowledgeable the fine art of driving. Our first day was held on Sunday July 27. A small number attended but found it informative and encouraging, and Kookie Engelsman's pumpkin scones went down a treat! More days are planned and all are invited to attend. The Ellmore Club's Level 4 CDE and Graded Dressage Event was on August 16/17, and was a great success. There was a good turnout, the grounds were fantastic, the competition great and thankfully there was fair weather. The weekend attracted many novice entries and new drivers. For some it was their first time competing, but all were willing to give it a go, despite the weather turning doubtful. Some had travelled quite a distance to get there, bringing their trusty steeds, ranging from the littlest mini ponies to big handsome standardbreds.



Tess Smith and Warren Harris with Minty at the Ellmore Graded Dressage / CDE

The Saturday competition saw everyone doing their best to remember patterns and encouraging their charges to work nicely in hand, with a lot of effort also going into the outfits and presentation of horses and ponies. In a close competition, Class 1(ponies) was won by Ellmore member Auburn Carr driving the little pocket rocket J.B.Jetstar and class 2 (horses) was won by Penny Jacobs from the Canberra Club driving the mighty Rex.

After a rainy evening, the weather cleared for day 2 of the competition (perhaps due to Kookie's chat with the man upstairs!). There was another dressage round and then onto a challenging cones course. Auburn Carr had the only clear round of the day whilst Debbie Dunn, from the Riverina Club, in her first ever CDE, did a great job to get top spot in the New Driver class with her little pony Cherry Bomb.

After lunch, the much anticipated Marathon with its Obstacles got underway. After a pleasant drive through rolling greenery, drivers met the demanding MOs, set up to bring the best of drivers undone. Undaunted, our novice drivers took up the challenge with not one driver being eliminated during this testing phase. Taking out top honours

once again was Auburn Carr and Jetstar, and this combination ended up winning the overall competition.

The prestigious 'Hinemoa Frog' trophy for the best performance amongst the less experienced drivers, many of whom had travelled a weary mile and battled to attain, was Elsa Guyader from the Canberra Club, driving Rocky.

Further activities over the coming months include a Navigation Drive in early October, a Graded Dressage and Cones Day at 'Maraki' near Young in late October and a Level 3 CDE at 'Hinemoa' on October 18/19.

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

The most recent events for Hills Club members have been the AGM and Anniversary Lunch at the RDA Box Hill on July 20, the Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon on August 3 and its Course Building Day at Rossmore on August 10.

The Interclub Challenge Day between Hills, Camden and Southern Highlands Clubs, a day which has been held annually since 1978, was this year run by the Southern Highlands Club at Bundanoon.



Kim McGregor driving Rhianna at the Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon (Y Wood)

Drivers representing the Hills Club were Warren Ricketts with Max, Lynne Buckingham with George, Christine Dunn with Patches, Linda Upton with Chrissie, Dionne Wilson with King, Kay Rose with Bailey, Thelma Nichols with Oscar, Anneriek Favelle and son Finn with Fortuna, and Kim McGregor with Rhianna. Janet Muspratt, Rob Nicholls and Nigel Dunn were also there as ground support. The weather was bright and sunny after a chilly start and everyone enjoyed the well run day. It started with show classes for the different height groups, judged by Elva Macpherson. These were followed by novelty and sporting events - barrels, walk and trot, bending and thread the needle and intriguing new events called goggle cones and the hazard showdown.

When points were added up at the end of the day, the Hills members were thrilled to find that they had won the Overall Club Trophy and that Kim McGregor's Rhianna was the High Point Horse or

Pony winner, as well as winner of the Hills Club High Point Shield. Many thanks to the Southern Highlands Club for running such an enjoyable day. It is the Camden Club's turn to run the Challenge Day next year.

On August 10 the Club ran a day on Course Building at the Rossmore Reserve. About twenty members of the Hills and Camden Clubs, plus some prospective new members, participated. They were divided into three groups for instruction on the planning, setting up and running / judging of cones courses and MOs. Sue Plath from Southern Highlands gave the information on cones courses, whilst Warren Ricketts and Janet Muspratt gave similar instruction to do with Marathon Obstacles. When these discussions had finished, one group planned and set up a cones course whilst the other two groups did an MO each. About eight of the participants had brought their horses and they then harnessed up and drove the cones and MOs, whilst the other participants did the stewarding, timing and judging. It was a busy morning with a late lunch, but all said they liked the concept and that it increased their understanding of cones courses and MOs. Some also suggested having time set aside on activity days for similar discussions, before harnessing up. A similar day is planned for the future.



Andrea Casper with Caesar testing an Obstacle at the Course Building Day (J Muspratt)

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

Vicki Donnelly: The club has enjoyed three drives over the winter. The first was the Charlie Phillips Memorial Drive at Round Hill on June 14/15 hosted by Darcy and Alison Richards. Sally and Doug Jones, Peter and Trish Honeyman, Col and Robyn Douglas and Bruce and Vicki Donnelly arrived at Round Hill on the Friday afternoon / evening in anticipation of a weekend enjoying Alison's and Darcy's hospitality and going for great drives. Unfortunately the rain set in during the night and most of Saturday, cancelling that day's drive. It was hoped that Sunday would be fine enough to drive.

On Saturday afternoon Robyn and Vicki set off on foot to tackle the summit of Round Hill, a very steep hill behind the house paddock, with spectacular views of the Breeza plains. Despite some doubting spectators, the ascent was successful and the descent was made on a less rocky slope before returning to camp for a coffee and a slice of Alison's fantastic and now famous fruit cake. Darcy provided a camp fire custom made to keep a bunch of pyromaniacs happy and warm on Saturday night. It was still burning on our departure on Sunday afternoon. The bunch at the camp fire struggled on until midnight in case Malcolm and Donna Grace arrived, before wandering off to bed.

Sunday dawned cold and foggy, with the rain gone. Darcy and Alison were pleased to have received 18mm. Another seven members arrived on Sunday morning – Geoff Skewes, Brett Chittick and daughter Nicola, Robbie and Brian Duck, Ronnie Miller, Colleen Dunn and the Benny. Geoff, driving a new horse, led the way for a drive of 28km through heavy fog and a cold bracing wind. Despite some of the horses being quite fresh after being yarded day and night, they settled quickly and the drivers could enjoy the wonderful trails around Round Hill, with many thoughts of Charlie.

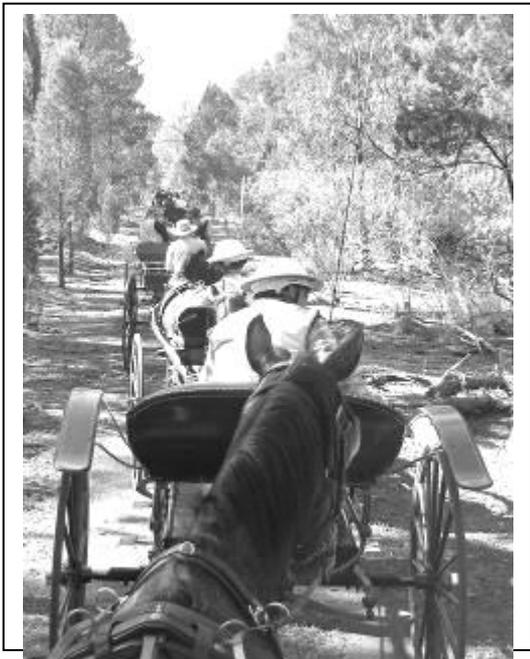
Another damp weekend welcomed drivers to our Duri camp on July 26/27, hosted by David and Ruth Campbell. The cityscape of Tamworth was only 15km away but you wouldn't have known. The roads were quiet and the scenery to the Nundle Mountains idyllic. With the skies threatening a vicious storm we chose not to drive, instead seeking cover to hold our AGM. Peter Honeyman was returned as President, Vicki Donnelly Secretary/Treasurer and the Executive to remain the same. It proved very difficult to be heard during the meeting as well as remain dry, as torrential rain fell. No one complained as it has been another awful dry spell for the North West. Send it down Huey was the cry! As we relit our campfire for the third time there were clearing skies, allowing us to cook dinner and enjoy the evening.

The morning brought a foggy start for the thirteen sulkies which headed out to drive the roads around the Gowrie district. Horses were all very fresh and soon spread out along the 33km route. Some sections were very muddy with the horses working hard. We also met, for the second year running, a group of trail riders whose horses did not like our sulkies at all! It was safe though, as we halted to allow them to pass. Why is the ridden horse so terrified of the driven vehicle? Our return saw horses and sulkies covered in mud, with lots of cleaning to do when home.

Donna Grace: On August 23/24 Bruce and Vicki Donnelly hosted another great weekend at their

home at Spring Ridge, which is a village south west of Quirindi in the middle of the vast cropping country of the Liverpool Plains. Vicki and her mother Elaine organized a scrumptious morning tea to welcome everyone, before ten sulkies (Malcolm and Donna Grace, Peter and Trish Honeyman, Ron Miller and Colleen Dunn, Geoff Skewes and Mark Murphy, Bruce and Ken Hill, Chris Morley, Col and Robyn Douglas, Trevor Hunt, Christine O'Rourke and Vicki Donnelly) headed out across the plains to Lake Goran. It is now covered in crops when not so long ago it was filled with water. The recent rain had brought a freshness to the crops, and with the canola in full flower, it felt like spring was upon us. However as we turned for home a cold wind bit us, making for a quick return to the warmth of Bruce's campfires. The smell of half a dozen camp ovens greeted us in preparation for a feast and a fun night with much laughter heard late into the evening.

On Sunday we were joined by Ben and Nicola Chittick as we headed out to travel the maze of tracks in the State Forest that backs onto Spring Ridge. Luckily Vicki and Bruce know the forest well and led the way. It would be very easy to go around in circles for a whole day before finding home. The tracks are sandy loam and though a little heavy for the horses, it was a lot of fun. With blue skies overhead, the forest was a warm cocoon before we broke out of it after some 25km, at the village outskirts.



Driving through the State Forest at Spring Ridge Trish and Peter Honeyman were driving a new pony Tilly, a brumby mare from Guy Fawkes, that belonged to Christine O'Rourke. They seemed very pleased with her. It was lovely to have Christine travel from Ebor and Trevor Hunt join us from Macksville, for the drive. Both were keen to put in some kilometres before the Charity Drive in September.

It is always good driving in the Spring Ridge area, and all of us are looking forward to the two night stopover there during the Charity Drive, when we will enjoy two clover leaf drives during our rest and restore day.

Our Charity Drive 'Across the Plains' looks to be yet another great adventure, with 35 drivers already registered to participate. Commencing at Werris Creek on Saturday September 13 and finishing at Premer on Sunday September 21, drivers will travel some 300km crisscrossing their way across the plains, stopping at the villages of Breeza, Spring Ridge, Curlewis, Mullaley, Tambar Springs and Premer. They will bring awareness and raise funds in support of the Royal Far West Health Scheme. It is a wonderful spectacle to see this entourage travelling along together, enjoying the experience and each other's company. We trust that all participants have a safe and memorable journey and thank them for their support.

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

Sue Kelly: The third and final round of the One Day Combined Driving Experience was held at the Attunga Sports Ground on August 3, with a good roll up of competitors. Ribbons and prizes were awarded for Round 3, as well as the overall winners of the three competitions.

Round 3 results were: under 12hh 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Eather 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz O'Brien 3<sup>rd</sup> = Amanda Kettlestring and Debbie Eather; 12-14hh 1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Col Douglas; over 14hh 1<sup>st</sup> Pam D'Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Rippon 3<sup>rd</sup> Robyn Douglas.

Overall winner of the under 12hh class was Debbie Eather, second was Liz O'Brien, third Margaret Neely, fourth Debbie Eather and fifth Margaret Broadbent. The 12-14hh class winner was Robyn Douglas, with Col Douglas second. The over 14hh winner was Pam D'Hudson, second Cindy Rippon, third Karl Olsson and fourth Richard Edler.

Congratulations to all winners and placegetters.



Debbie Eather at Attunga (E O'Brien)

The next event will be the Annual Gymkhana on September 7 at Attunga Sports Ground, with formal ring events in the morning and sporting

events in the afternoon. On October 4/5 there will be a Social Weekend and Drive at Goolhi at Pam D'Hudson's place. It will start on the Saturday and finish on Sunday but drivers will be welcome to stay over until Monday.



Cindy and Peter Rippon at Attunga (E. O'Brien)

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

Robert Allport: We held our AGM recently and the following were elected: President and First Aid Officer: Robbie Baxter Vice President & Pleasure Drive Coordinator: Allen Smith Secretary/ Treasurer: Judy Emerton Safety Officer & Risk Assessor: Trevor Mills Public Officer / Publicity: Robert Allport Camp Commandant 'The Cowboy', Entertainment Officers: Damon Allport & Allan Robertson

The club could possibly be holding a mini three day Enduro in the Yalbraith area near Taralga on the long weekend in January (24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>). More details to come. Contact Event Director Robert Allport on 0427 916 524 or 02 48321860 Robert and Damon Allport, and Robbie Baxter and 'Cowboy' recently enjoyed a pleasure drive with members from Liverpool Range, Gulgong, Ellmore and Central West Clubs from Alec Town west to Tottenham, along the deceiving Bogan River. On one of the days they encountered 150 cars from the Variety Club Bash and enjoyed the company of some of their troops for afternoon tea at one of the checkpoints.

Several of our members will be attending the Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive starting at Werris Creek on September 13 2014.

Congratulations to Goulburn Club members Jade Coggan and Kimberly Allport who were awarded P & E Junior Driver and Encouragement Award, respectively, by the P & E Panel for 2013. Jade also won the Endurance Driver Award for 2013.

### **BORDER CARRIAGE CLUB**

Pam Salter: With winter coming to an end, the members of the club are looking forward to getting to some competitions. Whilst driving has been on the backburner for most members, the club has

been busy raising funds, with a very successful pie drive recently, and the usual administrative work has been going on in the background.

On August 2/3 Jayde Whitehead travelled to Koonoomoo to attend the Indoor/Outdoor competition held by the Carriage Horse Driving Trials Club, with her pony Imperial Frolic. After winning the First Timers on Saturday, the combination backed up on Sunday in the Single Pony 91cm and under 121cm class to place second. They then went on to place second out of ten in the Single Horse or Pony Speed Cones event. This was a good result for a pony who had only been broken in two months prior to the event, and the weekend was the pony's first time in company. Jayde really enjoyed the weekend with her young pony, in a relaxed setting with friendly helpful people.

Di Murray and Pam Salter had an early start and successfully negotiated a number of skips to attend the CDE Officials' Clinic at Jugiong on August 31. The day was very informative and well run, with Tony James presenting and Tracey Ellis providing a wonderful morning and afternoon tea. A very good practical cones driving demonstration was given, with some purposeful mistakes in both course design and the driving, to test the participants' observation skill and knowledge of the rules. Both ladies came home tired, but enthusiastic to complete their exam papers in the next few weeks following the clinic.

A few rally days have been scheduled for the coming months, albeit fitting around show programs and competition dates. The next few months are going to be very busy for a number of our members.

### **BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

The Bungendore Club will be hosting both the 2014 NSW Driven Dressage Championships on September 20/21 and the NSW CDE Championships on November 1/2, at Witwood, Braidwood, whilst in November 2015 it will be hosting the NSW Show Driving Championships at Gunning Showground.

### **REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

There is a proposal afoot to move Reedy Creek's Enduro event at Marrar from its mid winter date to a date in the school holidays in October, starting in 2015. This is to hopefully have warmer, more pleasant weather for the organizers, officials and competitors. The last few years have seen a lot of cold, foggy, rainy weather to battle through.

### **THE REINSMAN**

Greetings all, from the Reinsman.

In this issue I will talk of an unexpected happening following the purchase of a horse. A good friend of mine, whom I shall call Cattleman was doing the rounds to acquire a harness horse. This long and

arduous adventure can lead to impatience, as happened to our Cattleman.

After many months, Cattleman felt he had reached his goal. The horse was seen in harness and driven briefly by Cattleman, partly limited by impatience. Many questions were asked and answered – all seemed fine. As they were talking, the old owner ‘fessed up “Horse can sometimes have difficulty backing up.” “Not a problem” said the overconfident Cattleman. His long experience would take care of that.

What was left unsaid was that getting the horse to back up was not a problem, getting it to cease backing up, was the problem. This detail was soon discovered by surprise at a show. Cattleman and the horse went through their workout, and were awarded the blue ribbon and a trophy. However, to exit the ring the horse had to back up, and he did and did....., backing right through the trophy table and the vacant judge’s gazebo. When the horse finally resumed normal duty, Cattleman left the arena, quickly unharnessed, stowed the trophy and returned to the ring to help restore order.

The horse is now doing well. There has been no repeat performance, but Cattleman never holsters his whip just in case. The moral of the story – keep asking questions! God bless all. The Reinsman.

**PLEASURE DRIVING IN ENGLAND** by Linda Ongley (Hills Club)

A trip to England to visit family found Alan and myself arriving in the Bristol area in May/June to lovely warm and sunny weather. This gave me the opportunity to get in several pleasure drives in the area I grew up in, with my sister in law Julie and her Exmoor pony Kizzi.



Linda Ongley driving on a country road in England in May 2014 (A Ongley)

I was able to remember the roads I used to travel, so did not have to rely on Julie telling me where I was all the time. (NB I am blind now). The only difference was that the approaches to some of the intersections had changed a little, due to motorway bridges being put in. Also the roads had got quite a bit busier, especially through the villages.

Doing this with Julie took me back to 2000 when she started to teach me to drive, and the time we went on a pleasure drive with her harness club, driving down a busy four lane main road. We stopped at a pub for lunch and refreshments for all. Then, on the way home with the pony in the float, our truck ran out of petrol. Out came the pony (Marmite) and sulky and we drove to the service station to get some petrol. What a way to end the day!

This time, I also increased my long reining skills by helping to get my brother’s pony Tuppence back into her harness training. On a couple of days, Julie and I walked her for about three miles on the road in the traffic, with me on the reins and Julie up front near her head.

Whilst we were staying there, we went to the Coombe Dingle Steam Rally in Wiltshire, as my other brother had two tractors in the show. One hundred tractors, mostly vintage, all driving around the show ring was a sight to see, and very noisy!

In one of the pavilions there was a display of miniature model horse drawn vehicles. There were about twelve vehicles, including a gypsy caravan complete with old gypsy lady. Some of them took two years to make. What dedication to a hobby.

**MARRAR ENDURO** by Rosemary Laing (Hunter Club)

After an overnight stop at Crookwell Showground, Tinker and I arrived at Marrar just ahead of Cherry Steel and Dee Hillard, and just in time to set up camp before the rain. We were very happy to see the gas heater in the meeting room, where we enjoyed a beautiful meal prepared by Kath Cole. The first day of competition was windy, cold and miserable, but we all braved it, even though there was no way we would have considered going for a drive if we’d been at home! I was lucky to have as my groom young Jed, son of the local farrier, who knew his way around the roads, so no chance of getting lost.

The weather improved as the week went on and by the last day it was positively balmy and the drive very enjoyable.

Jed groomed for one more day, then on Monday afternoon we all welcomed Tom Finn to the event, and he took over driving Tinker for the rest of the competition. He did a very good job, winning the large pony competition, with me coming second. That must be a first, for one pony to come first and second in the same enduro!

As well as driving, there were lots of other activities to keep us amused - Christmas in July complete with decorated trees, pudding, cakes, carols and pass the parcel; damper making competitions (Tom won that too!), and a trip to Coolamon. The week finished with a lovely dinner at the Coolamon pub and presentation of awards. I

was very thrilled to receive the Horsemanship Trophy.

A huge thank you goes to John Moyes and Kath Cole for all their hard work organizing this very enjoyable event, and also to Kylie Boyce for vet stewarding and timekeeping. Many thanks too, to all fellow competitors for a very friendly event, especially Cherry and Dee. It was great to have Cherry's truck to use as our dining/lounge room. I was also very grateful to Robert and Brenda Allport for having me to stay in their lovely warm house at Crookwell on my way home, on what would have been the coldest night of the whole trip.

### **CDE OFFICIALS CLINIC AT JUGIONG**

by Tracey Ellis (NSW CDE Convenor)

The NSW CDE Panel recently held a CDE Officials Clinic for new officials and for re accreditation of existing officials. Nineteen members attended and Jugiong put on a lovely sunny day for us.



Participants inspecting an MO at the CDE Officials Clinic at Jugiong (T Ellis)

Our Federal CDE Convenor, Tony James, was our presenter and he provided documents and manuals which were very informative and user friendly. Tony worked everyone hard over a long day from 8.30am to 5pm. He went through the positions of Technical Delegate, Course Designer and Cones Judge, before participants headed out into the sunshine to find a faulty dressage arena, faulty cones course and faulty obstacles. Many different scenarios were put forward provoking lots of questions and discussion. The group played around with obstacle designs and talked about the impacts simply changing a gate or two can have. I would like to thank Tony and the NSW Panel for all their assistance in making this day very successful. The State Branch is also most grateful to the Canberra Club for the generous loan of their club trailer and equipment. The Panel is looking into holding similar future clinics, including one on scoring, as well as driving schools.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**\* NSW DRIVEN DRESSAGE**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS September 21/22 2014 at Witwood, Braidwood** Hosted by the Bungendore

Club. A wide range of classes and tests from Preliminary to Advanced Levels, plus Dressage to Music classes for singles and multiples. There will also be Cones competitions for singles and multiples. **Entries close on Sept 17 2014.**

Enquiries Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164

**\* MINI THREE DAY ENDURO October 3-5 2014 at Spring Ridge**

Hosted by the Hunter and Liverpool Range Clubs. Full enduro class for horses over 14.2 covering 150km, approx 50km a day in two sections; Half enduro classes for horses, large ponies and small ponies approx 90km overall, 30km per day. All classes open to singles and multiples. This is a great opportunity for new competitors to experience a taste of what endurance driving is all about. **Entries close Sept 24 2014.** Enquiries and entry forms: Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257

**\* NSW ACDS SHOW DRIVING**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS October 12 2014 at Bundanoon**

The Southern Highlands Club is hosting the Championships this year with an excellent program. There are classes for turnouts, hackneys, non hackneys, ponies, delivery horses, drivers, pleasure horses and ponies and multiples. **Entries close Sept 26 2014.** For more information contact Jane Knight on 0409 554 129

**\* NSW ACDS CDE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**November 1/2 2014 at 'Witwood' Braidwood**

Another great CDE Championship event coming up, hosted by the Bungendore Club. For more information contact Dot Willcoxson on 02 4842 7164

### **AWARD WINNERS FOR 2013**

The following members received NSW Branch Awards for Excellence in 2013 in the various categories, announced at the AGM in June at Manilla.

Congratulations everyone!

**Show Driving: Melisa Bensley** (Bungendore Club) Melisa is a very competent show driver and trainer, who shows horses off to the best of their ability. In 2013, she drove hackney stallion Cherry Farm Alaric to a number of victories at the Sydney Royal as well as Supreme Champion Exhibit at the NSW Show Driving Championships. Melisa and her horses are always beautifully presented and her work is a credit to show driving and the ACDS.

**CDE: Robyn Schmetzer** (Murrumbidgee Club) Robyn is the secretary of the Murrumbidgee Club. She is a very keen CDE driver who competed successfully in 2013 at events such as the Australian CDE Championships at Witwood, the NSW CDE Championships at Moonbi, and the Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar with her novice single horse, and the Level 4 CDE at Hinemoa with her pony pair. Apart from being closely involved with the organization of her club's activities, she showed dedication and improvement over the year in her CDE endeavours.



Melisa Bensley driving hackney stallion Cherry Farm Alarick at Sydney Royal (J Muspratt)



Robyn Schmetzer competing with her pair of Welsh Mountain ponies

**Pleasure and Endurance: Malcolm & Donna Grace** (Liverpool Range Club) Malcolm and Donna love going on pleasure drives with fellow club members, and the wider ACDS community.



Donna and Malcolm Grace on a pleasure drive. Apart from being regular drivers at the club's monthly drives, they have played significant roles in the Liverpool Range Club's Charity Drive over the last four years, with Malcolm using his truck to transport feed and water for the weeklong drive, and Donna driving her horse. As well, they have welcomed all the drive participants, usually more than 60 people, to their property for night camps on at least two occasions. Donna was also the club's publicity officer in 2013 supplying reports and photographs for Whip Around and the Journal, without fail. They are popular Liverpool Range

Club members, always willing to help club events be successful.

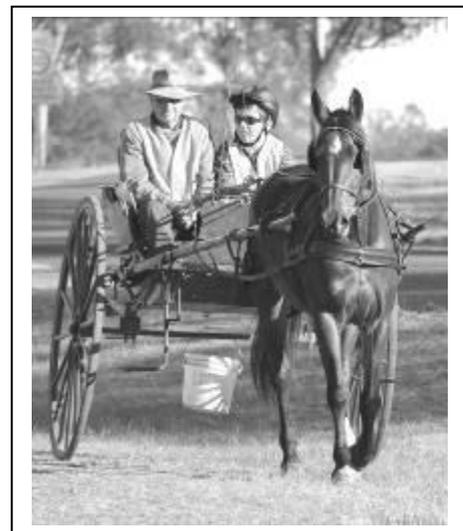
**Dressage: Amanda See** (Tamworth Club)

Amanda received this award driving her pony Cherrington Harlequin. She had consistent Graded Dressage scores over the year. She was scoring over 60% regularly. Her performances were in the Preliminary and Novice levels. The NSW Dressage Panel congratulates Amanda for her hard work to improve her dressage and the education of her pony Cherrington Harlequin.



Amanda See driving Cherrington Harlequin at the 2012 NSW Show Championships (J Muspratt)

**Junior: Jade Coggan** (Goulburn Club). Jade showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm for endurance driving during 2013. He drove his grandfather Alan Smith's horse Mini and was equal second at Fifield Enduro in April, and second at the Marrar Enduro in July in the Horse Section. Both of these efforts were against strong open company.

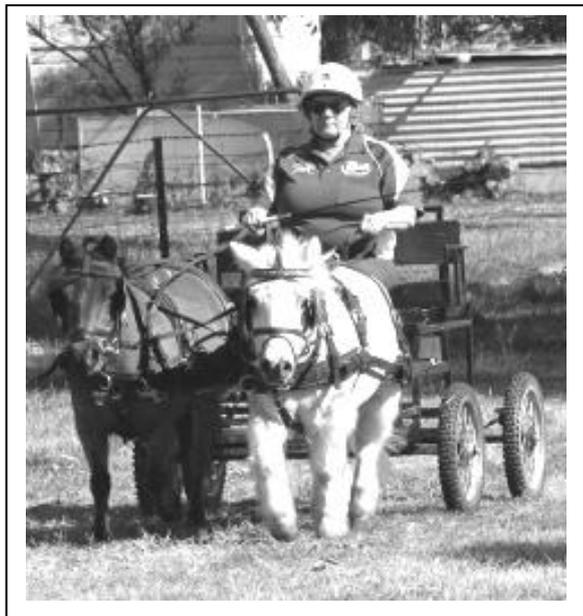


Jade Coggan driving Mini with his grandfather Alan Smith as co driver (C Fitzpatrick)

**Service to Carriage Driving: Liz O'Brien**

(Tamworth Club) Liz is a real dynamo for the Tamworth Club. As secretary, nothing is ever too much trouble, and thanks largely to Liz's enthusiasm, club members enjoyed a great variety of activities every month throughout 2013. These included hosting the NSW CDE Championships in October 2013, a first for the club, a Gymkhana, a Level 3 CDE, pleasure drives and activities days.

Liz also travelled to Marrar to compete in the Joe Hawkins Cup and to the Qld CDE Championships. She is also the Webmaster for the NSW ACDS Branch and an ACDS Show Driving Judge. Liz is a great ambassador for the ACDS and carriage driving in general.



Liz O'Brien driving her pony pair at Attunga

### **NOTES FROM NSW BRANCH AGM AND GENERAL MEETING June 28 2014 at Manilla**

**Clubs represented:** Ellmore, Tamworth, Hills, Camden, Bungendore, Canberra, Liverpool Range, Riverina, Hunter, North Coast, Gulgong, Southern Highlands.

42 attendees.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of NSW members Laurie Smith, Debbie Davis and Michael Finn who have passed away recently.

#### **AGM Elections & Appointments:**

Executive for 2014/15: President: Keith Engelsman  
Vice Presidents: Tony James, Ryan Ward  
Secretary: Chuckie Radnedge, Treasurer: Lesley Little

Appointments: Webmaster Liz O'Brien

Newsletter: Janet Muspratt Young Driver

Coordinator: Sharon Beattie

Panels: Show Driving: Janet Muspratt, Carol Fitzpatrick, Jennifer White, Amanda Blakeley, Kim McGregor

Historical: Dennis Casper, Andrea Casper, Alan Ongley, Peter McIntyre, Amanda Kettlestring

CDE: Tracey Ellis, Gary Harris, Amanda See, Tim Dwyer, Robyn Schmetzer

P & E: Robert Allport, Rosemary Laing, Neil Munn, Robert Baxter (one position vacant)

Dressage: Dot Willcoxson, Anne Robertson, Kookie Engelsman, Sue Plath, Yvonne Wood.

#### **Other Business:**

\*Rob Robertson was thanked for his years of service on the CDE Panel

\*Di Murray ratified as novice level dressage judge

\*Abridged copy of financial report to be printed in next Whip Around

\*Branch fees to remain unchanged for 2014/15  
Family \$37, Single: \$35, Junior \$22, Assoc: \$28

\*Executive to organize next AGM in central location eg Orange on June 20 2015

#### **Presentation of Awards for 2013:**

**CDE:** Robyn Schmetzer **Dressage:** Amanda See  
**Junior:** Jade Coggan **P & E :** Malcolm and Donna Grace, **Showing:** Melisa Bensley **Service to Carriage Driving:** Certificates to Rhonda Dobbin, Sue Fraser, Lindsay & Cheryl Reynolds, Chris & Carol Hills, Kath Cole & John Moyes. **Major Service Award:** Liz O'Brien **CDE Leader Board:** Sarah Keevers

#### **BRANCH GENERAL MEETING**

\*Important that ACDS *registered name* of horse be on CDE event reports sent to Grading Officer

\*Ratification of Border Carriage Club

\*Very important clubs have Risk Assessment and Risk Management plans completed before all activities.

\*Property owners should be aware of their public liability status if hosting driving activities on their properties

\*No. of Branch Meetings per year – should it be reduced ? To be discussed at Club level

**Next Branch Meeting:** August 23 2014 to be hosted by the Hunter Club

### **NOTES FROM NSW BRANCH MEETING August 23 2014 at East Maitland**

**Clubs represented:** Ellmore, Hills, Hunter, Tamworth, Camden, Southern Highlands.

19 attendees

#### **Panel reports:**

**Show Driving** \*Clubs encouraged to run harness gymkhanas

\*NSW Show Champs at Bundanoon Oct 12.

\*Ag show harness classes need support

\*2015 Show Champs at Gunning – Bungendore Club

**Historical** \*Clubs doing bus trips to view carriage collections

\*Gloria Austin (USA) driver and has carriage museum, here in January. Fed President may organize something.

**CDE** \*CDE Forum /Refresher School at Jugiong on Aug 31.

\*Proposal to run schools for drivers, scorers and another CDE school in next 12 months

\*Concern re suspension of grading points until January 1 by Fed Council

**P & E** \*Proposal to move the Marrar Enduro to October school holidays in 2015 to get warmer weather

\*Three day Mini Enduro at Spring Ridge Oct 4-6 hosted by Hunter and Liverpool Range Clubs

**Dressage** \*Schedule for NSW Dressage Champs has been distributed and is on website

\*Important the horse's correct/same name is always used in Graded Dressage events, to avoid confusion for record keeping.

\*The horse is graded, not the driver

\*Clubs are encouraged to hold Graded Dressage days. Panel assistance always available.

**Other Business:**

\*Sydney Royal Junior Whip class sponsorship to continue

\*Re removal of Federal ACDS Website General Discussion Forum: NSW Fed Rep to take a motion from NSW to rescind the decision to remove the General Discussion forum.

\*The NSW Branch has donated a sum of money to Haley Fagerstrom's fund, which is being managed by the Federal Treasurer. Clubs and individuals encouraged to assist 'in kind' via Gulgong Club or through financial support.

\*Bram Chardon Clinic Nov 29/30 at Bundanoon if there are enough participants to cover cost. Will not be subsidized by Branch.

\*Important that clubs run proposed dates for events past Calendar Coordinator Gary Harris to avoid clashes.

\*Proposal re CDE Intermediate class being worked on at Federal level. While this is happening, new grading points gained will be noted but not applied until January 1 2015.

\*The FEI has expressed no objection to a set of Australian CDE Rules being put together, based on the FEI rules. These could then remain unamended for several years, without need for constant updating to keep up with FEI rule changes.

\*Streamlining of procedures for approval of judges and officials has been adopted by Federal Council. Will mean faster endorsement of recommendations for appointment and upgrading of officials.

\*Webmaster strongly encourages clubs / members to supply her with material – club information, photos, reports of events etc to go on the NSW website. Contact Liz O'Brien on 0427 766 726 or [myeyor@yahoo.com.au](mailto:myeyor@yahoo.com.au) Need to keep the website interesting and up to date but can't sustain this without regular material from clubs and members.

**Next Meeting at Crookwell Services Club  
November 22 2014.**

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