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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 18 2015

Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting at Camden on November 21 2015

Registration from 9.30 am.

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by November 14 2015

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NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IMPORTANT ! Club Secretaries – Always submit proposed calendar dates to the Calendar Coordinator Garry Harris (gjharris@live.com.au or ph 02 6942 6762) for checking, to avoid clashes with other events, particularly similar nearby or close interstate events.

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
Sept	2015	
12	Pleasure Drive at Macksville Showground North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
12-20	Charity Drive at Spring Ridge Liverpool Range Club	Peter Honeyman 02 6767 1555
12	Barnardo's Fundraiser at Mudgee Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
13	Dressage Training & Cones at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
19-20	Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa Grenfell Ellmore Club	Chuckie Radnedge 0413953414
26	Dinner at Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
26-Oct2	Endurance Drive at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
Oct		
1-5	NSW CDE Champs, National Dressage Champs and Cones Classic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
3-4	Graded Dressage & Lessons at Koonoomoo Vic	0431 598 538
9-10	Harness classes and Jump and Drive at 100 th Leeton Show	Bruce Hammond 0439 202 078
10	Pleasure Drive at Glenreagh Sport & Rec North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
10-11	Pleasure Drive at Robbie's Nest Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
18	Dressage Tri-Series at Laggan Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
25	Dressage, Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
25	Graded Dressage Day venue TBC Border Club (Albury)	Pam Salter 0427 126 959
31-No 1	NSW Driven Dressage Champs & Obstathon at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
Nov		
1	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
7-8	Pleasure Drive Frog Rock area Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
14-15	Pleasure Weekend at Nana Glen North Coast Club	Echah Wright 02 6654 2557
15	Dressage Tri-Series at Laggan Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
21	NSW Branch Meeting at Camden	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
21	Harness classes at WP & C Classic Show Moss Vale Showground	Ian Denney 02 4836 7312
22	Christmas Lunch venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
25-Dec2	Bram Chardon Clinic (ex 29/11) at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
29	NSW ACDS Show Driving Champs at Gunning Bungendore Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
Dec		
5-6	Level 3 CDE at Jugiong Canberra Club	Judy Harris 0438880 458
5	Christmas Party venue TBC Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
5	Christmas Lunch and Auction at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
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Jan		
16-17	Come and Try Day at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
24-26	Three Day Enduro at Galbraith Goulburn Club	Robert Allport 0427 916 524
30	BBQ venue TBC Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
Feb		
7	Club Day venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
13-14	Level 4 CDE at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
28	Sports Day and Junior Challenge at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
Mar		
5-6	Ann Synnot Cup at Murrumbateman Canberra Club	Hannah Becchio 0438 880 458
5-6	Wybong Pleasure Drive TBC Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 0428 292 777
6	Club Day venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
12-13	Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 02 6920 2330
17-30	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
TBA	Bram Chardon Clinic at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859

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North Coast member Kirstie Oughtred driving Mossie at the club's activity day at Glenreagh (R Walker)

CLUB NEWS

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

Unfortunately the planned July Pleasure Drive in the Maraylya area had to be cancelled due to wet weather, but the Anniversary Lunch, in conjunction with the AGM, went ahead at the RDA at Box Hill on July 19. A good sized crowd attended for first the AGM, then a general meeting, before relaxing and chatting whilst enjoying the delicious dishes everyone had brought along. It was a big effort for two of our members, Paul and Marilyn Austin who live near Bathurst, to get there. Not only is it a long drive for them, they had had a big snowfall only a couple of days before, and roads were still slippery and hazardous at their end of the journey. It was also good to see Ron and Gay Bostock down from Congewai near Cessnock, also a long trip.

On August 23 members attended the annual Interclub Challenge Day between the Camden, Southern Highlands and Hills Clubs. It was hosted this year by Camden Club and held at Bicentennial Equestrian Park on the outskirts of Camden. This Challenge Day has a long history, having been started in 1978 between the Hills and Illawarra (which later became Camden) Clubs. Its perpetual trophies, which bear the names of many well known past and present driving identities, are still being competed for to this day.

Hills was represented this year by Karen Silvester with Wilbur, Dennis Casper with Cassie, Andrea Casper with Caesar, Lynne Buckingham with George, Belinda Casper with Indi and Christine Dunn with Patches. Also there helping on the day were Janet Muspratt, Danuta and Molly Paxton and Nigel Dunn, whilst John and Margaret Moore called in for a short time. The rainy night and forecast very wet weather unfortunately discouraged some other Hills members from attending. As it turned out, the weather was perfect over the day, and the rain held off until after everyone had gone home.

Sixteen drivers enjoyed a variety of show, sporting and novelty events set out across the large flat Pony Club area. By about midday everyone had been through each event and it was time to gather together for lunch, before the results were announced and ribbons and trophies presented. It was again a very pleasant day of friendly competition, as it always is.



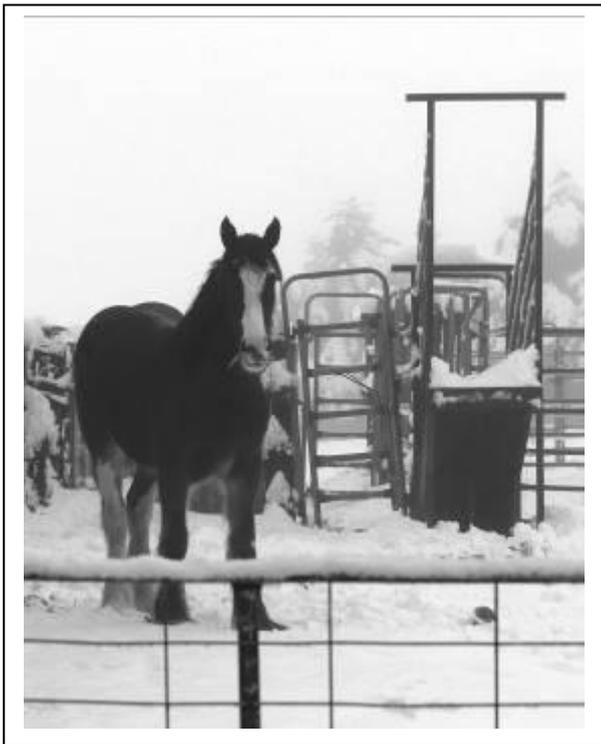
Karen Silvester driving her Haflinger Wilbur at the Challenge Day (J Muspratt)

Whilst Hills was beaten to the mark by a very strong Camden team for the Interclub Trophy, Christine Dunn driving Patches secured equal highest points for the day, to be awarded the prestigious Spokesman Trophy, together with John White, driving Maestro, from the Southern Highlands Club. Christine also won the Hills Club Shield. It is the Hills Club's turn to run the Challenge Day next year.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Reedy Creek members have experienced some very cold conditions from time to time over this winter so local driving has been fairly minimal. However John Moyes and Kath Cole took Avanti to the Three Day Enduro at Spring Ridge in early July and won the Half Enduro horse class.

Heavy snow fell in the Laggan and Crookwell districts a few times making for a picturesque countryside and some beautiful photos. Coming up at the end of September is the Club's Enduro at Marrar, when it is hoped the weather will be fine and relatively warm compared to previous Enduros at Marrar which were held in July. The Marrar Enduro is always thoroughly enjoyed by the participants, and it is a great opportunity for people new to endurance driving to try it out, amongst very friendly and encouraging organizers and fellow drivers. For more information contact John Moyes on 02 4837 3023



One of Bob Pierce's Clydesdales in the snow at Crookwell (R Pierce)

ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Tess Smith: Ellmore Carriage Driving Club held its Combined Driving Training Day and Graded Dressage Event over the weekend of August 1/2. It was a great success with a good turnout of drivers, fantastic grounds, great competition and, thankfully, fair weather.

The event attracted many novice entries and new drivers. For some it was their first time competing, but all were keen to try, despite the doubtful weather. Some had travelled quite a distance to get there, bringing with them their wonderful carriages, horses and ponies.

The Saturday Driven Dressage Competition saw everyone doing their best to remember patterns, and encourage their charges to work nicely in hand. In a close competition, the Preliminary class was won by Heidi Stevens driving Noddy Chit Chat, whilst the Novice class was won by Sue Waters, all the way from Victoria, driving Penbyr Ripple.

Sunday provided another opportunity to challenge individuals in dressage as well as cones and a marathon. Sue Waters came away with the best dressage score of the day. In the cones competition, Debbie Dunn flew through the course with the pocket rocket Cherry Bomb, to win easily, whilst Belinda Casper took out top honours for the fastest marathon round driving Seawind Moonshadow.

The overall winners of Sunday's Three Phase Competition were: Single Pony: Sue Waters, Single Horse: Belinda Casper, Multiples: Penny Jacobs driving her pair. Warren Harris won the Beginner Driver class driving Koriana Absolute Star. Both were competing in their first CDE type event and both seemed to enjoy it immensely. The prestigious 'Hinemoa Frog' trophy, which is bestowed annually by the Ellmore Club for the Best Performance by a Less Experienced Driver was awarded to Warren Harris – a well deserved win!



Warren Harris and Koriana Absolute Star doing their dressage at Hinemoa (T Smith)

This great weekend could not have gone ahead without all the hard working people behind the scenes. Many thanks go to the Engelsman family for hosting the event and presenting the grounds picture perfect. Thanks also to the judges, officials and grounds people who helped make this competition such a smooth running and enjoyable experience for all.

Upcoming events for the Ellmore Club include a Jump and Drive Competition during the Grenfell Show on Saturday September 5, then a Working Bee on the weekend of September 12/13. This will be in preparation for our Level 3 CDE at Hinemoa on the weekend of September 19/20. A Navigation Drive through Grenfell on Saturday October 17 will be the next event after that.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB

Heidi Naylor: Good grief... we're in August already...how did that happen? I would like to

think that the North Coast Club has been productive over the year, but it feels like I'm driving a pair of scurry ponies and we are dashing for the finish line, and I'm yelling 'Whoa – we're not finished yet!'

So, since the last Whip Around, the North Coast Club has continued to run monthly activities, along, what I fondly term 'the three ring circus' template, being a ring for cones, a ring for dressage and a ring for scary obstacles. The Club has a diverse range of drivers and equines, displaying a rainbow of driving experience (ie from green onwards...). It is a challenge to ensure all members and horses are actively and safely involved, but I think we are succeeding.



Ireentje Wood long reining Ruby through the serpentine of roadmarkers at Glenreagh (R Walker)

Our last meeting was at Glenreagh Recreation Reserve. Echah Wright set up a smoothly flowing cones course to try out. The instruction that Echah received via the Tamworth Club's recent clinic is already paying dividends for our club. Although Warren and Sharon Oughtred and their grandson Bradley have been members for a while, the Club welcomed their daughter Kirstie as our newest member. Bradley is a junior driver and it was great to see him drive his little gelding Mossie through the cones, with Warren holding the second set of reins. Sharon Clarke's Clydie x Percheron Macleay Park Rosie Bubbles shows great promise and drove the cones well, with expressive movement and ground covering strides. The Naylor's brought their usual horses – a mini, a pony and two Clydesdales, plus children. Watching them unload the nine ton truck is reminiscent of a clown car. Lauren Booth with Dublin, Ireentje Wood with Ruby, and Heidi Naylor with Angus and William had a 'beach party'. The sand arena was set up for long reining with the scary obstacles: clothesline, tight serpentine of road markers, a timber bridge, a checkered lino mat, a challenging log maze, a ball pit, and four noisy boys in the grandstand (all junior members). Thank you to Scott Naylor, Murray Wood and the various kids for doing the

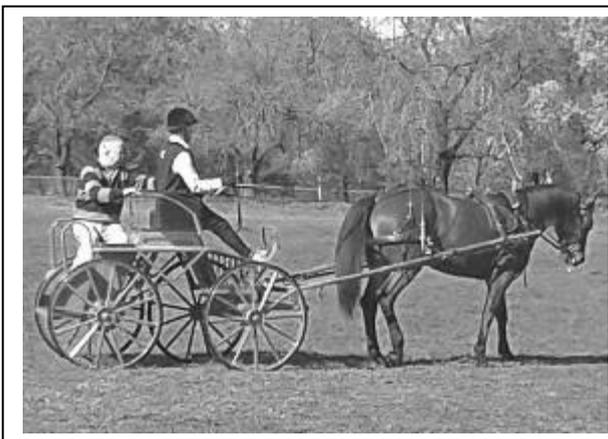
setting up. Alas trudging behind the horses in the sand was no party, and pretty hard going. At the end of the day, Heidi hitched Angus up to a restored 'Tommy Tumbler' (horse drawn scoop). Heidi and Angus were learning to use the scoop, which involved dragging it to half load it up with sand, driving it to the other end of the arena, flipping it over (mind the bang until Angus gets used to it!), dumping the sand, then driving him on with the scoop upside down. At this point having octopus DNA would have been 'handy' as it is quite a challenge to hold the reins, drive the horse, hold the scoop handles level, flip them up to 'tumble' the sand out, and keep driving the horse.... without stopping!

Oh, and lunch... there was a sumptuous lunch. I'm not sure if any of us will ever bring along chicken again. Evidently no one knew of the 'other white meat'. Thank you to all who provided a plate to chare. It proved that the food was a nefarious trap masterminded by the Executive. No one could get up and leave the table after eating so much, and as a result we had not one, but two meetings (the AGM and the ordinary meeting), both necessary evils. It was a bit like slowly ripping a band aid off for an hour and a half... but we got it done! We wish Echah bon voyage as she trips off to Europe, and hope that she has time to visit at least one driving event in her travels. Heidi's parting advice "Buy new harness and bring back as carry on luggage!"

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Sue Fraser: Janice Reynolds driving Griffin went on the Gulgong Club's Heritage Drive and then did the Three Day Enduro at Spring Ridge. The nights were very cold and the days beautiful and sunny. Griffin who is a Welsh pony, was 'fantastic and a real wonder pony'. The company and friendship on these drives is wonderful and Janice is looking forward eagerly to the Liverpool Range Charity Drive, followed by the Enduro at Marrar. This duo is certainly clocking up the miles. Debbie Dunn and Cherry Bomb travelled to the Engelsmans' place at Grenfell for the Ellmore Club's Chock Frog Mini CDE. Deb enjoys these weekends with the Ellmore Club. Everyone is very helpful and super friendly, and Deb recommends that the event is excellent for anyone wanting to try a CDE. Cherry Bomb was the fastest in the cones – what a super pocket rocket! The Riverina Club membership is looking very healthy with twelve Single, four Family, one Associate and two Social members. The AGM was well attended. The social dinner afterwards, as always, was a friendly get together, with members excited about upcoming harness events. These include hosting the NSW Driven Dressage Championships on Saturday October 31, with an Obsthathon on Sunday November 1, at Marrar. The

program is on the NSW ACDS website or available by email from Sue Fraser at [sue@frahavenstud.com.au/](mailto:sue@frahavenstud.com.au) Sue Fraser driving Archie, Debbie Dunn driving Cherry Bomb and Mal Welsh driving Ruby travelled to Benalla Club's Mike Thill school at the Oxley Grounds, in Victoria. I can highly recommend these schools with Mike. He has a wealth of knowledge and knows how to get the best out of you in a forty minute lesson. The Benalla Club members are very friendly and welcoming, and I have my name down for the next school.



Mal Welsh driving Ruby with Mike Thill instructing from the back at the school at Oxley (S Fraser)

In other news, Michael Jones will be competing with his heavy horses at the upcoming annual Ganmain Show. He also will be driving his heavy horses, accompanied by Sue Fraser in 1915 style costume, in part of the Centenary Kangaroo March that will be traveling from Wagga Wagga to Campbelltown. It starts on September 3 and ends on October 10 2015. It is a re enactment of the Roo March, encouraging men to join the army in 1915. Information about the March may be obtained from <http://kangaroomarch.org.au>

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

It is sad to report that Pam Fisher's lovely white pony Owendale Max recently died suddenly. He must have been one of the longest serving, active ponies in the Camden Club (and probably anywhere). Max was into his thirties and had competed at the Hills Club Gymkhana only a few weeks before he died. A story on Max will appear in the next Journal.

The Camden Club hosted the annual Interclub Challenge Day between Hills, Southern Highlands and Camden Clubs on August 23 at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park. Leading up to the day, there were concerns about what the weather would do, with 20-40mm of rain predicted. Plans were put in place in case of rain, so that people who were coming could be told early whether it was going ahead or not. Despite some overnight rain, the decision was made to go ahead, and the day turned out to be fine and just right for driving.

Camden had a very good roll up of members to represent it: Lou Lyons with Gumpy, Pam Fisher with Fozzy Bear, Martyn Minns with Gerbe, Sally Crowell with Pepsi, Charlotte Hyles with Ziva, Maxine Saliba with Kutut, Jeanna Kinleyside with Chocolate, Carol Fitzpatrick with her pair Louie and Ned, and new member Damien Gallagher driving Lisa Vale's new pony Cisco.



Maxine Saliba and grandson Callum with Kutut at the Challenge Day (J Muspratt)

Other members there helping organize and run the event or supporting the club drivers included Sylvia Biffin, Greg and Alison McDonald, Peter Fitzpatrick, Lew McDonnell, Mike Fitzgerald, Jan Downes, John Sharman, Michael Lyons, Betty and John Lyons, Noel Fisher, Jo Minns, Carolyn Kinleyside and Callum Mead.

The extensive grounds of the Cobbitty Pony Club, located in a portion of Bicentennial Park, allowed plenty of room for many activities to be set up at once. These included a show ring, flag and bending races, egg and spoon, cones cross, cones equitation and a barrel race. The four show classes started the day and then the sixteen competitors – nine from Camden, six from Hills and one from Southern Highlands, moved around to the various other events to do their runs. It was a busy looking scene. Scoring was looked after by Greg and Alison McDonald in the pony club building. The cones equitation event was similar to the usual cones course, but with an emphasis on accurate driving of different paces and tasks at various points around the course, rather than speed. No times were recorded. Instead the judge marked the competitors according to how well they executed the course requirements. Another event which tended to slow up the speedsters was the egg and spoon race. It is not easy to keep the egg in the spoon if going too fast, especially for those without grooms.

When the events had been completed, horses were unharnessed and attended to, and everyone adjourned to have lunch together at the clubhouse. Results and presentations of ribbons were made to the drivers in their various classes before it was

time for the much anticipated announcement of the winners of the perpetual trophies. The Best Average Club Score Trophy went to Southern Highlands, the Spokesman Trophy for High Point Horse or Pony was shared by Hills member Christine Dunn and Southern Highlands rep John White. Christine also won the Hills Shield. Then it was 'Well Done' to Camden member Jeanna Kinleyside on winning the Junior Driver Trophy and Carol Fitzpatrick for winning the Camden Club High Point Shield, before all the members cheered when Camden was announced the winner of the Interclub Trophy!



Jeanna Kinleyside, winner of the Challenge Day Junior Driver Trophy, with her mother Carolyn (J Muspratt)

It was another well organized and happy day of friendly competition - something the Challenge Days have always been for the last 37 years. Well done everyone for keeping up the tradition.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

John and Jennifer White driving their pony Maestro represented the club at the Interclub Challenge Day between Camden, Hills and Southern Highlands at Camden on August 23. They had a very successful day with wins in a number of events, and were the co winners of the Spokesman Trophy for High Point Horse or Pony. They also brought home the trophy for the club with the Best Average Pointscore. Sixteen drivers participated in the day, which consisted of show classes, sporting and novelty events. Members have been extremely busy with preparations for the October Festival of Driving, which is promising to be a great gathering of carriage drivers from near and far. Some very good prizes will be on offer, together with several 'secret' awards for some unsuspecting drivers.

The Club's Bram Chardon Clinic in November has virtually been already filled by people who either participated in his previous clinics or were fence sitters and saw the value of Bram's coaching. The canteen will be open each day and evening meals will be available, together with camping facilities. The Clinic commences on Wednesday November 25 and runs for seven days, except Sunday November 29. For fence sitters, the cost is \$10 per person per day. An amazing amount of information can be gleaned from a day of watching and listening in this way. If you would like to attend contact Yvonne Wood on 02 4883 6859 or woodsies2@bigpond.com.



John and Jennifer White with Maestro at the Challenge Day at Camden (J Muspratt)

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

The Draught Horse Association and the Gulgong Club combined to attend the Mudgee Small Farms Field Days on July 10/11 2015. Carol Hills did a great job organizing free tickets, a tent and food, as well being committed to introducing everyone attending to the joys and excitement of both draught Horses and harness in general.

The sled pulling demonstrations by Chris Hills with his Clydesdale Stirling and Jim Gilby with his Shetland MacGregor were well attended, and were delivered in an interesting, informative and friendly manner. Carol Hills' displays in and around the tent proved to be an added attraction, which promoted the club's principles and showed photos of past Heritage Drives. Others who attended included Chris Hannaford, Jenny Farley and her partner Michael, Donny Hobbs, and Malakye and Morgan Hannaford. It was just as well they had the tent as there was freezing rain on the Friday and Saturday was also very cold. A Come and Try Weekend was held at Chris and Carol Hills' property at Gulgong on July 18/19. It was designed to help new driver members and their 'green' horses, as well as being a follow up for members of the public who showed interest at

the Mudgee Small Farms Field Days. The weather was lovely, compared to that of the previous weekend. Members who attended were Chris and Carol Hills, Jim Gilbey and the Hannafords plus grandchildren Morgan and Piper, and their horses. A number of visitors interested in all forms of carriage driving came over the weekend. Morgan, who is one of the younger members of the club, had two days of in-depth hands on teaching and practical experience with both draught horses and Shetlands. Members took their 'green' horses in hand and demonstrated their training skills, and everyone benefitted. Socially it was a great event, and it was a really good way of introducing new people to harness.



The Draught Horse Assoc and Gulgong Club tent at the Mudgee Small Farms Field Days (C Hills)

The next event is Jim Gilbey's winery tour on September 5/6. It includes calling in for lunch at the De Lusso's winery restaurant, which specializes in pizza and Italian food. September 12 will see a fund raising event for Barnardo's at Thistle Hill winery, where the club has been asked to help by giving short carriage rides for a gold coin donation. The October activity is a driving weekend organized by Robbie Bennett at "Robbie's Nest" on October 10/11, whilst November 7/8 will see the club driving in the Frog Rock area.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

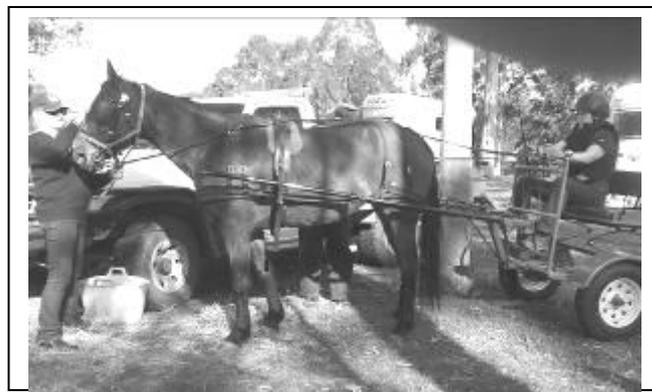
The Hunter Club lost one of its most loved members on August 7 when Jill Buisman passed away. She had been ill for some time. In Rosemary Laing's words "I think when we remember Jill it will always be with a smile, and I hope she will be an inspiration to all of us to get on with life and enjoy every moment." The Club presented Jill with Life Membership at its Christmas Party at Pokolbin last December. She will be missed by Hunter members as well as many ACDS members who came to know her bright and cheery self at many events.

Rosemary Laing: Our annual Come and Try Day was held at Tocal College and all those people who had made enquiries about the club during the past twelve months were invited. Recently joined-

up members were also encouraged to attend. The aim is to make sure people who want to get started in carriage driving are made aware of the correct and safe way to go about it.

Club members present were Helen Huckerby with Ruby, Cathy and Bob Browning with Angel, Rosemary Laing with Tinker, new member Pat Thomson with Olivia and Jules Cook with her new pony Cookie. Jules is actually a member of the Tamworth Club but we still think of her as one of us. Cookie is a good match for Ruby, so they are now known as Ken and Barbie. Also present, but without horses, were Kevin Fayth and Joy Hawkins, and of course Michael Huckerby, our resident chef. Our visitors were Adele, David and Col.

After a welcome morning tea, Kevin gave a demonstration of harnessing up with Ruby, with emphasis on safety and correct fitting. There were plenty of questions together with much discussion. Then everyone else harnessed up and our visitors were taken for a drive. In the meantime, Kevin helped Pat to fit her harness correctly on Olivia. After a sausage sizzle lunch and a raffle with numerous prizes, it was decided to give Pat a chance to drive without the distraction of the other horses. Pat has an Amish vehicle called a Fore Cart, which apparently is used by the Amish to pull implements such as ploughs, behind it. Olivia was very calm about it all.



Helen Huckerby with Pat Thompson and her horse Olivia at the Come and Try Day (R Laing)

Pat then took Kevin for a drive and no doubt learnt some good driving tips along the way. We were also able to give Pat some ideas on how to load and unload her vehicle on her ute single handedly. Altogether it was a very good day. The weather was glorious and everyone enjoyed themselves.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Donna Grace: With only a few weeks until the Club's Charity Drive, 'Crossing the Plains' in support of the Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme, members were keen for a driving weekend beforehand, to work their horses and also get together to finalise plans. With this in mind, Peter Honeyman organized an impromptu meet at Werris Creek Horse and Rider Grounds for August

22/23 2015 and Geoff Skewes and Donny Thomas, who live at Werris Creek, quickly came up with two driving routes that would give the horses a good run.

Club members who attended were Peter and Trish Honeyman, Doug and Sally Jones, Bruce and Vicki Donnelly, Malcolm and Donna Grace, Darcy Richards, Brett Chittick, Don Thomas and Geoff Skewes. Eight sulkies covered 25km on the Saturday, passing through the property Glen Alpine, which is an historic station set in a picture postcard valley. For most, it was the first drive together since June, so it was good to put some miles behind us before returning to camp to catch up with one another. It had been an exceptionally warm day for August and rain was forecast. However a clear night sky allowed for a great campfire that evening.

The morning, however, brought dark skies so we organized an early start for Sunday's drive. This was a good training run of 24km along an easy travelling road, returning just in time to load up, before the skies opened!

The travel bug has kept a number of club members from pleasure driving this year, so it was good to have a drive together again. Peter and Trish along with Doug and Sally have only just returned from winter travels, fishing and fossicking along some Queensland river systems. One tourist spot they thoroughly enjoyed was the Cobb & Co Coach Museum at Surat. Bill and Trish Greer are still away, exploring Oz and chasing the sunshine, whilst the rest of us have shivered through a cold winter. Hopefully they will return to pleasure driving soon.



Doug and Sally Jones at the Cobb & Co Museum at Surat in Queensland (P Honeyman)

It will also be good to see Robyn and Col Douglas driving with us again before long. Robyn is still recovering from her knee replacement and Col recently broke a collarbone in a work injury. All the best to them both.

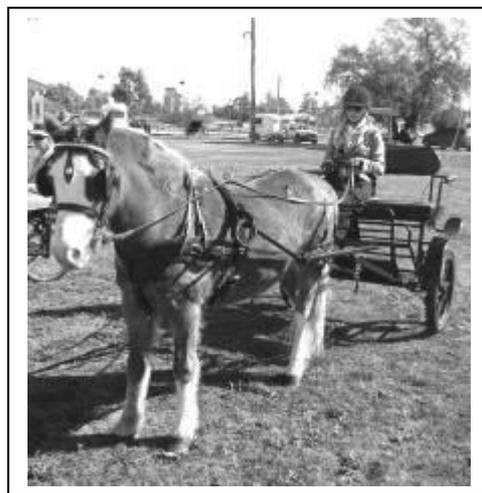
The Charity Drive committee anticipates another successful drive, after being initially fearful that the new format would discourage participants. It is pleasing that already 29 turnouts have registered to take part. With two base camps and clover leaf drives held each day, it will be easier for those attending on their own. Some very picturesque driving routes are planned in and around Spring Ridge and Curlewis, covering some new trails and promising to cater for all levels. Everyone is looking forward to seeing old friends from previous charity drives and making new ones as well.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

On July 25/26 the club ran a very successful Carriage Driving School, including a Show Judges and Drivers School. The weekend was attended by approximately 45 people, and the general consensus was that the school was incredible, and covered a lot of areas associated with and around harness. Many thanks to all who participated, all who instructed and especially to all who organized it.

August 2 saw the running of the annual Harness Gymkhana at the Attunga Sport and Rec Grounds. It was a bit chilly early but ended up a lovely sunny day. Many thanks to the judge of the day Richard Edler, and all the behind the scenes workers, for doing a great job.

The major awards at the Gymkhana were:
Champion Horse or Pony: Jules Cook driving Cooky, Reserve Champion: Debbie Eather with Streamville Park Sebastian



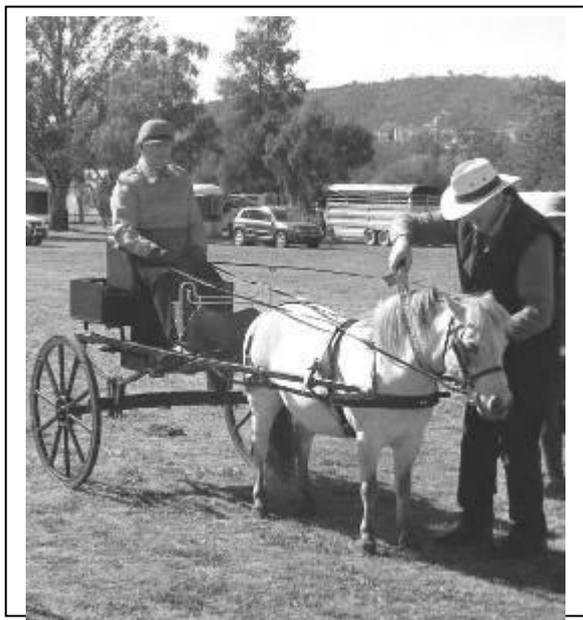
Jules Cook with her pony Cooky who was Champion Horse or Pony at the Gymkhana (E O'Brien)

Champion Turnout: Trina Redgewell with Ronan, Reserve Champion: Liz O'Brien with Prince Lonestar

Champion Pleasure Horse or Pony: Karl Olsson with Albert, Reserve Champion: Dee Hillard with Buckwheat

Champion Driver: Karl Olsson, Reserve Champion: Debbie Eather

Highest Sporting Pointscore: 12hh & under:
Debbie Eather and Streamville Park Sebastian,
Runner up: Jan Ford and Moogully Flake; Over
12hh: Lin Monger driving Nash, Runner up: Pam
d'Hudson driving Shanghai Rooster.



Dee Hillard and Buckwheat with the judge Richard Edler at the Tamworth Club Gymkhana (L O'Brien)

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

Kimberly Allport driving her standardbred mare Thelma, with her father Damon as groom, finished in second place in the recent Spring Ridge Mini Enduro. Other Goulburn members at the Mini Enduro were Robert Allport who assisted at the event by being the Safety Officer and TPR Steward, and Colin Simons who was an escort driver.

At the Club's AGM the following were elected: President: Allen Smith, Vice President: Damon Allport, Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Emerton, First Aid Officer: Robbie Baxter, Safety Officer: Trevor Mills, Publicity Officer, Public Officer and State Delegate: Robert Allport, Social Officers: Alan Robertson, Shane Gouldthorpe, Kimberly Allport, Escort Vehicle Driver: Colin Simons.

The Galbraith Three Day Enduro will be held on January 24-26 2016. For more information contact the Event Coordinator Robert Allport on 0427 916 524

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

Tony James: Canberra Club members Penny Jacobs, Elsa Guyader and Tony James enjoyed the Ellmore Club's Training Weekend of Graded Dressage and a 3 Phase Driving Event at the Engelsmans' property Hinemoa on the first weekend in August. The furthest travelling competitors came from Sydney and Melbourne and said they would be back for the Level 3 CDE on September 19/20.

Our Club held an enjoyable and well attended AGM and Monthly Meeting in early August at the Murrumbateman Inn. Deborah Gorman was re elected President, whilst Shirley Houlahan is Vice President, Sue White is Secretary and Judy Harris is Treasurer. Canberra members are very grateful to two outgoing office bearers – Secretary Hannah Becchio and Newsletter Editor Gail Bain. Both worked tirelessly to support the club and bring enjoyment to members. Tony James got caught with the newsletter!

At the monthly meeting the club's upcoming Susan Carter Clinic (Sept 5) and its Graded Dressage and Cones Day (Sept 6) at Murrumbateman were discussed, as was the club's Level 3 CDE at Jugiong on December 5/6 2015.

BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

A lot of work is being put in by Club members Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley, on behalf of the Bungendore Club, to organize the 2015 NSW Show Driving Championships. They are on November 29 2015 at the Gunning Showground. The comprehensive program has a big range of classes to suit all types of ponies, horses and vehicles. The judge will be Mrs Alison Cooper from New Zealand.

Gunning is about three hours from Sydney and about an hour from Canberra. The showground has very pleasant facilities including sound and tidy stables and non powered campsites, and is within walking distance of the service station/shop, motel and pub and takeaway food. Contact Amanda or Carolyn Blakeley on blakeley3@activ8.net.au or 0438 458 298 (Carolyn) or 0417 228 814 (Amanda). Entries close on November 6 2015.

THE REINSMAN

Greetings to all from the Reinsman.

This episode is about the wonderful instinct and the change a mare brought to a couple of city friends whom I shall call the Townies.

Some years ago our Townies bought some acres in God's country. Following a couple of years of tidying up and fencing (which many will be familiar with), our Townies decided a horse was needed, and after much deliberation a mare was acquired.

The mare settled in and made the place and the Townies her own. She had had a few foals previously so it was felt another foal would make her happy, as well as providing a big adventure for our couple. Having had her put in foal, a quest for knowledge began, including much reading of books, and many talks with neighbours and hearing tales from 'old wives', particularly regarding the actual foaling. The main advice was to be vigilant, attend the birth and make sure the bag breaks.

Well before the birth our Townies were taking turns to suffer sleepless nights. Finally the telltale signs were there and foaling started, with first a foot, then a nose and another foot and eventually the foal, inside the bag, being born. Mother Townie snuck in to break the bag, but the mare quickly caught sight of her and screwed her head around to see what she was up to. Instantly she saw the unbroken bag and snatched it in her teeth to break it herself. What a moment of horse instinct! The Townies were overjoyed to witness the whole process.

I expect we have all seen times when our horses' instincts have saved the day. What wonderful pleasure they bring into our lives. The Reinsman.

THE SPRING RIDGE ENDURO July 4-6 2016 by Rosemary Laing

This was a joint venture between the Hunter and Liverpool Range Clubs, and was the second to be run by these clubs. Due to the Marrar Enduro being moved to September/October, we took over their July spot.

There were eleven drivers, representing six clubs. Two of these drivers were non-competitive and one was a beginner to the sport. Robert Allport and Col Simons from the Goulburn Club, again came from Crookwell to act as chief vet steward and escort driver, respectively, and Liverpool Range members Brian and Robbie Duck were our timekeepers. Unfortunately Neil Munn's horse went lame just before the event, so he had to scratch, but he and Rosemary were good enough to still come along and help. Rosemary did the job of second vet steward.

Bruce Donnelly (Liverpool Range Club) again put in a lot of work to make the event a success. He mapped out good routes for us on mainly gravel roads, organised the water truck, a great fire and a hot water urn, the latter being very welcome at that cold time of the year. We had some frosty starts but the days were beautiful. A fog delayed the start on the last day – something that was very familiar at the Marrar Enduros during winter.

We enjoyed a nice dinner at the Spring Ridge Country Club on the Saturday night and a BBQ on the Sunday. Again it was great to see so many juniors being involved. Kimberly Allport, a junior driver from the Goulburn Club put in a very good effort to come close to John Hetherington (Gulgong) in the Horse section, and the big ponies were almost exclusively driven by the young Huckerbys.

Results: Horse Full Enduro: 1st J Hetherington (Gulgong) Jake 2nd K Allport (Goulburn) Thelma, Horse Half Enduro: 1st J Moyes (Reedy Creek) Avanti, NC C Morley (Liverpool Range) Dee Dee Big Ponies: 1st M Huckerby (jun) (Hunter) Tinker, 2nd V Donnelly (Liverpool Range) Tom, 3rd Haydon Huckerby (jun) (Hunter) Fly 4th T

Huckerby (jun) (Hunter) Ruby, NC C O'Rourke (Liverpool Range) Megs
Small Ponies: 1st J Reynolds (Riverina) Griffin 2nd C Ryan (Hunter) Pete

SHOW JUDGES AND DRIVERS SCHOOL AND EXAM AT MOONBI by Janet Muspratt

The Tamworth Club conducted a very well attended weekend of carriage driving instruction across all disciplines, at the Moonbi Showground at the end of July. One part of this weekend was the Show Judges and Drivers School, followed by a Prac Exam for judge candidates, held on the Saturday. About 20 people attended the school where there was lively discussion about a range of topics including turnout requirements, workouts, judge and competitor do's and don'ts and how to deal with various tricky situations that judges often encounter. It was then time for the eight judge candidates to do their Practical Exam, under the watchful eyes of the two Examiners.

Four Tamworth Club members and their turnouts volunteered to be the 'competitors' in the exam classes. They were Lyn Olsson driving her Shetland in a jogger, Karl Olsson, with Cherry Steel as groom, driving Cherry's standardbred in a sulky, Debbie Eather driving her Shetland in a viceroy, and Margaret Nealy driving her standardbred in a sulky. It was thus a good challenge for the candidate judges (and the Examiners) to do the judging and placing in each of the four classes – turnout, horse or pony, driver and pleasure horse or pony, and fairly typical of what a judge might come across at an Ag Show anywhere in Australia.



Debbie Eather with Streamville Park Sebastian was one of the 'competitors' for the Judges' Exam. Photo taken at the Tamworth Club Gymkhana (E O'Brien)

The horses were mostly in their winter coats. Cherry commented that her horse had been standing in half a metre of snow at home at Walcha, only the week before. Bob Browning, up from the Hunter Club for the weekend, acted as the ring steward to keep the classes rolling along. It was a busy hour and a half, with Examiners and candidates occupied intently on observing turnouts and workouts and jotting down notes, and the competitors each doing the different workouts for

the four classes. The horses and ponies were mostly very obliging.
Many thanks to the Tamworth Club for organizing this School and Exam and giving aspiring judges an opportunity to do the Exam. It was also wonderful to have so many people willing to put their hands up to do the test. The candidates have since had an open book Theory Exam to do, and marking of both the Prac and Theory is currently being finalized.

COMING EVENTS

NSW ACDS DRIVEN DRESSAGE

CHAMPIONSHIPS and OBSTATHON Oct 31/Nov 1 2015 at Marrar. hosted by the Riverina Club. Inquiries Sue Fraser 0429 202 330 or email sue@frahavenstud.com.au

NSW ACDS SHOW DRIVING

CHAMPIONSHIPS Nov 29 2015 at Gunning Showground, hosted by the Bungendore Club. Contact Carolyn (0438 458 298) or Amanda Blakeley on 0417 228 814 or blakeley3@activ8.net.au Pre entries close November 6 2015. If received after Nov 6 an additional fee applies.

A DATE FOR THE DIARY by Ian Denney

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society Southern Regional Promotional Group is holding its annual **Pony Classic Show** at Moss Vale Showground on Saturday November 21 2016. The harness classes include driven stallion, driven mare or gelding ne 12.2hh, driven mare or gelding o12.2 ne 13.2h, driven mare or gelding o13.2hh, driven Welsh mare or gelding, gentleman driver, lady driver, junior driver and Champion and Reserve Champion Pony or Horse. The program will also include an extensive range of led and ridden classes. For more details contact Jan or Ian Denney on 02 4836 7312.

ACDS MEMBER LINDA ONGLEY – FUNDRAISING FOR GUIDE DOGS by Janet Muspratt

Linda Ongley, who is an active driving member of the Hills Club, is taking part in the Blackmore's Sydney Running Festival on September 20 2015, to raise money for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. Linda has had four guide dogs over the past nineteen years. With the support of Guide Dogs NSW/ACT she gained her independence again, and without their help would not have the quality of life she has enjoyed since starting with her first guide dog. Linda's current dog is a big laid-back but very responsible Labrador called Hendrix. Linda is participating in the 9km section of the Fun Run and hopes to raise \$4000 to go towards supporting the raising of a puppy to become a

guide dog. (It takes \$35000 to raise a dog). She will be accompanied by her friend Kerrie. Last year she completed the City to Surf, with her daughter Sarah, and raised over \$6000 for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

Linda says participating in these events gives her the opportunity to put something back into the organization, helping repay what it has done for her, as well as assisting someone else to regain their freedom by receiving their own dog.

Can you help Linda achieve her goal ? All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts will be issued.

To donate go to

<http://bsrf2015.gofundraise.com.au/page/OngleyL> or contact Linda on 02 9626 1373 or alsong@bigpond.com.au

ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN 2014

The following Awards for Excellence during 2014 were announced at the Annual General Meeting at Orange in June. Congratulations everyone!

Showing: Thelma Nichols Hills Club members Thelma and husband Rob are very good supporters of show driving as well as being keen participants in Hills pleasure drives, activity days and social events. During 2014 Thelma achieved excellent results, including many Champions and Reserves, driving her miniature pony Tianjarra the Magician (Oscar), at the ACDS National Show at Manilla, the ACDS NSW Show at Bundanoon and the Australian Miniature Pony Show at SIEC, as well as at a number of Agricultural Shows. They were particularly successful in turnout classes.



Thelma Nichols driving Tianjarra the Magician at the 2014 NSW Show Championships at Bundanoon Oscar is not only an accomplished little show pony, however, as he was regularly driven on Hills pleasure drives, at cones and dressage days and in sporting and novelty events over the year. Thelma is not one to rest on her laurels and, always keen to improve, she took the opportunity to have lessons with Bram Chardon towards the end of the year. She, Rob and Oscar are great representatives of the Hills Club, the ACDS and for show driving.

CDE: Sarah Keever: Sarah, who is a member of the Bungendore Club, has been very successful in CDEs with her pony Henrietta. A recent result was being awarded Champion Small Pony at the Australian CDE Championships. She also won the Open Small Pony class at the 2014 Joe Hawkins Cup CDE (with the best overall score of all the competitors), and at the Southern Highlands Tri Series No.1 CDE. Sarah has developed into a kind, sympathetic and beautiful driver who is dedicated to producing great ponies.

Dressage: Gail Bain Gail is a member of the Canberra Club. Over the past twelve months Gail, driving Shepherds Hill Michael, has worked hard on her dressage which has resulted in regularly receiving high quality scores at events such as the 2014 NSW Graded Dressage Championships, the Ellmore Chocolate Frog Weekend, the Joe Hawkins Cup, the Canberra Club Graded Dressage Day, the Southern Highlands Tri Series CDE and an EA CDE at Tamworth. Lessons with Boyd Exell and Kate Wholagan during 2014 have been part of the improvement process. Gail has been very supportive of her club by being its publicity officer and newsletter editor, as well as driving at its activities and representing the club at many other events.

P & E: Sue Fraser Sue is a very enthusiastic member of the Riverina Club and the ACDS, who loves driving, but particularly pleasure driving. She is the Club Secretary and as such has been highly involved in the organization of its events especially the annual Joe Hawkins Cup CDE. She drives regularly at events run by her own and neighbouring clubs, as well as for the last few years, travelling a very long distance to take part in the Liverpool Range Charity Drive in northern NSW.



Sue Fraser enjoying some long distance pleasure driving with her Andalusian mare

Sue is always keen to improve her knowledge and attended several seminars and schools with or without a horse during 2014. Apart from these activities, she is a diligent publicity officer for her club, and can always be relied upon to supply news and photos for the Journal and Whip Around.

Junior Driver: Kimberly Allport Kimberly is 8 years old and a member of the Goulburn Club. She is a very enthusiastic supporter of carriage driving, particularly endurance events, but also took part in all Goulburn Club's pleasure drives, competed in the harness classes at the Crookwell and Gunning Shows and was one of the three generations of Allports who participated in the Cones Competition at Crookwell Show.



Kimberly Allport driving Thelma, accompanied by her father Damon at Fifield 2015 (G Sinclair)

Her achievements in Endurance Driving include gaining first place in the Half Enduro for Horses at Marrar, the junior driver award at Marrar, and second in the junior driver awards at the Fifield Enduro. At the Crookwell and Gunning Shows she won the junior driver classes. Kimberly drives her standardbred mare Thelma at most events, and is able to do all the harnessing and unharnessing, as well as doing the electronic heart rate monitoring and presenting her horse to the TPR after competition. Another interest is mini trotting, in which she has achieved several wins with her pony Lulu.

Service to Carriage Driving: John and Yvonne Wood Both John and Yvonne have played very big roles in seeing many Southern Highlands Club's activities come to fruition, such as bringing in overseas judges and coaches, including the very popular Bram Chardon, the hosting of events such as the highly acclaimed 40th Anniversary Festival in 2011 and the organization of numerous workshops on topics such as dressage, marathon driving and horse health and nutrition. Working to improve the club's grounds and amenities has also been high on their list of priorities. Both currently hold, or have held, a variety of executive positions in the Southern Highlands Club during their years as members. Apart from Club positions, Yvonne is an Advanced Dressage Judge and is on the NSW Dressage Panel, and has been a driver for twenty years.

John and Yvonne have a great enthusiasm to highlight and improve carriage driving in Australia, and this is currently evidenced by their

work on the organizing committee for the Festival of Driving at Bundanoon in October.

CDE Leaderboard: Penny Jacobs Penny is a member of the Canberra Club. This award is the result of her accumulation of points from successfully competing in CDEs in NSW during 2014.



Penny Jacobs in a CDE marathon at Witwood

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Clubs interested in hosting one or more of the following 2016 NSW ACDS Championships are requested to submit Expressions of Interest (with proposed date, venue and brief outline of event plans) to the Branch Secretary as soon as possible.

- *2016 NSW Show Driving Championships
- *2016 NSW Driven Dressage Championships
- *2016 NSW CDE Championships

NOTES from NSW BRANCH AGM and BRANCH MEETING at ORANGE June 20 2015

38 attendees from Ellmore, Hunter, Southern Highlands, Hills, Temora, Bungendore, Canberra, Tamworth, Riverina, Goulburn, Reedy Creek, Gulgong Clubs

Office Bearers for 2015/16: President: Keith Engelsman Vice Presidents: Col Ffrost & John Wood Secretary: Amanda Blakeley Treasurer: Lesley Little

CDE Panel: Amanda See, Tracey Ellis, Tim Dwyer, Chuckie Radnedge, Sharon Beattie Dressage Panel: Dot Willcoxson, Anne Robertson, Kookie Engelsman, Sue Plath, Yvonne Wood P & E Panel: Robert Baxter, Robert Allport, Rosemary Laing, Damon Allport, Peter Honeyman Show Panel: Janet Muspratt, Carol Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Blakeley, Kim McGregor, Jennifer White Historical Panel: Dennis Casper, Paul Austin (3 positions vacant)

Appointments: Federal Delegate: Keith Engelsman, Newsletter Editor: Janet Muspratt

Webmaster: Liz O'Brien Young Driver

Coordinator: Sharon Beattie Public Officer:

Amanda Blakeley

Branch fees for 2015/16; family \$37, Single: \$35, Associate \$28, Junior \$22

Annual Awards:

CDE Driver: Sarah Keevers Dressage Driver: Gail Bain Show Driver: Thelma Nichols PEH Driver: Susan Fraser, Junior Driver: Kimberly Allport Services to Carriage Driving: John and Yvonne Wood, Service Certificates: Robert Allport, Harry Hol, Kimberlee McGregor, John Moyes and Kath Cole

Next AGM: June 18 2016 venue TBA

Other: * Branch to pay Treasurer Lesley Little's membership

*Bega Valley Club is no longer affiliated

*NSW CDE Champs to be on first weekend in November each year

*ACDS Promotional video is available

*Clubs asked to prepare calendars for 2016 and forward to Calendar Coordinator by Aug 3

*State zones proposed – to be discussed at club level prior to next Branch Meeting

*Annual Awards organization to become responsibility of the vice presidents.

*Suggestion that Branch Meetings have guest speakers.

*Clubs needed to run 2016 Show Championships and Show Drivers and Judges School.

*Next Meeting at Queanbeyan on Aug 22, hosted by Bungendore Club

NOTES from NSW BRANCH MEETING at QUEANBEYAN August 22 2015

Attendees from Ellmore, Hills, Goulburn, Reedy Creek, Bungendore, Camden, Hunter, Southern Highlands, Riverina Clubs

Panel reports

Show

*Successful Show Judges and Drivers School and Prac Exam held by Tamworth Club in July – 8 judge candidates

*Gymkhanas run by Hills and Tamworth always popular with members – other clubs encouraged to run them too.

*NSW Show Driving Championships at Gunning on Nov 29: plenty of sponsorship, new prize for best dressed handler, schedules out end of August

*Nominations of judges for 2016 Sydney Royal Light Harness ring have been submitted

*Still need clubs to run 2016 Show and Show Judges and Drivers School.

Dressage

*Liz Pugh now an Advanced Dressage Judge

*Reedy Creek Club's Graded Dressage Tri Series is proving popular

*Changes in assessment procedures for judges and assessors in pipeline

*A standard presentation will be used at all judges workshops and assessment days, ensuring everyone has access to the same information.

CDE

*New CDE Rule Book has been released and is on Federal ACDS website.

*Updated CDE proposal forms have been sent to club secretaries. Required to be used for all levels of CDEs.

*CDE Officials Clinic – proposed for late January/early February 2016. Club secretaries will be notified of details, and information will also put on websites.

*Technical delegates, course designers and cones judges are required to attend a clinic within three years of last attaining qualification. CDE Convenor will contact those needing refreshing in the coming year. Anyone uncertain about their status should contact the Convenor (Tracey Ellis).

*NSW CDE Championships 2016 – expressions of interest required.

P & E

*Mini Enduro at Spring Ridge well attended and successful, some new drivers, four junior drivers.

*Liverpool Range Charity Drive Sept 12-19 2016 Vicki Donnelly 0458 473 771

*Reedy Creek Club's Marrar Enduro Sept 26-Oct 2 2016. John Moyes 02 4837 3023

*Goulburn Club's Mini Enduro at Galbraith Jan 24-26 2016. Robert Allport 0427 916 524

Historical – no report

Other

*New Drivers Handbook – a useful guidebook but not a rulebook.

*President will follow up on provision of a financial statement for Federal Special Purpose Account by Fed Treasurer.

*Receipts should be given by clubs to members following fee payments.

*Submission has been made to hold 2016 Federal Conference at Hurlstone Agric High School – awaiting decision. A committee has been formed to organize it, in anticipation: T James, J Muspratt, T Ellis, C Fitzpatrick

*2016 NSW Branch AGM will be held at East Maitland on June 18

*Branch Meetings: November 21 hosted by Camden, February 20 hosted by North Coast

*Important that risk management checklists and plans are completed on paper for all activities, including non horse ones.

*Wearing of high visibility clothing (ie fluoro top) strongly recommended at all times when on roads.

*Junior Whip class sponsorship to be continued at Sydney Royal. Minimum amount is now \$150.

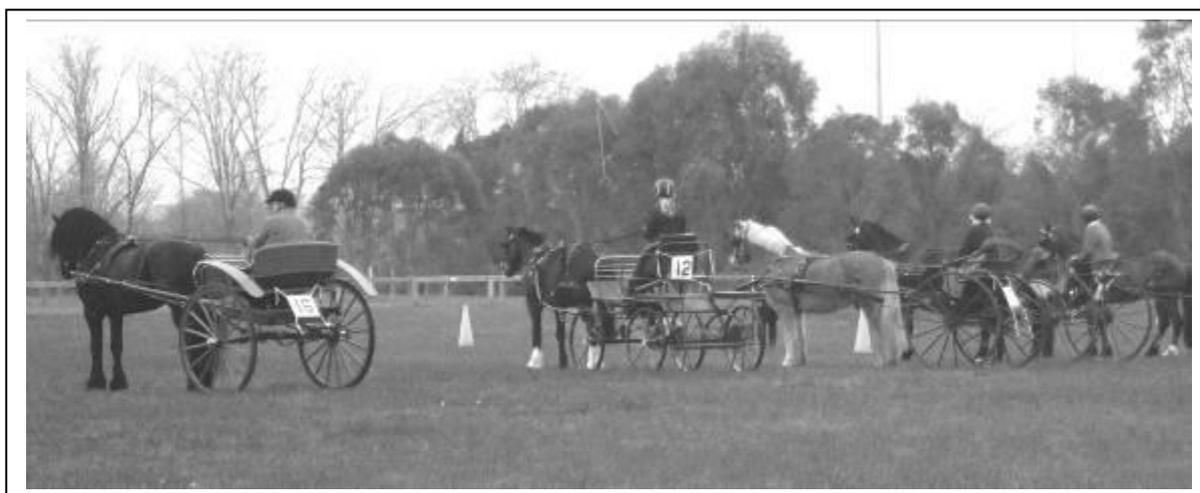
*NSW ACDS logo – suggestions needed to make it more prominent

*new Endurance Guideline: grooms will be optional in the Big Pony and Horse sections, but not applicable with junior drivers or multiples – trial for 12 months.

*Kangaroo March Sept 4- mid October Wagga Wagga to Campbelltown. Some drivers joining it in parts.

*Bram Chardon Clinic Nov 25-Dec 2 at Bundanoon

Next Meeting November 21 2016 at Camden



Horse class at the Interclub Challenge Day at Camden in August (J Muspratt)