



# Whip Around



September 2018

A Publication of the NSW Branch of the ACDS Inc

[www.carriagedrivingnsw.org.au](http://www.carriagedrivingnsw.org.au)

## OFFICE BEARERS

**2018/2019**

### President

Col Ffrost  
1 Mawson St  
COOMA NSW 2630  
Ph 0429 369 095  
[colfrost72@gmail.com](mailto:colfrost72@gmail.com)

### Vice Presidents

John Wood  
22 Bamburg Pl  
BUNDANOON NSW 2578  
Ph 02 4883 6859  
[woodsies2@bigpond.com](mailto:woodsies2@bigpond.com)

Peter Dunn  
PO Box 189  
TUMUT NSW 2720  
Ph: 0427 472 361  
[peterdunn99@bigpond.com](mailto:peterdunn99@bigpond.com)

### Secretary

Amanda Blakeley  
PO Box 175  
YASS NSW 2582  
Ph 0417 228 814  
[carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au](mailto:carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au)

### Treasurer

Lesley Little  
PO Box 263  
MITTAGONG NSW 2575  
Ph 02 4889 4097  
[llittle@tpg.com.au](mailto:llittle@tpg.com.au)

### Newsletter Editor

Janet Muspratt  
495 Bringelly Rd  
ROSSMORE NSW 2557  
Ph/fax 02 9606 6085  
[jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au)



Junior driver Bailey Hass, with her mother Leonie as groom, driving Mia at a Bungendore Club Graded Dressage Day (L Mace)

## CONTENTS

**Calendar of Events**  
**Club News**  
**Coming Events**  
**Notes from the Branch AGM & General Meeting June 2018**  
**Award Winners for 2017**  
**Advertisements**

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 19 2018**

**Next Branch Meeting at Bathurst Panthers Club**  
**132 Piper St Bathurst**  
**on Saturday November 17 2018**  
**All members welcome**

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by November 8 2018  
Ph: 0417 228 814 or [carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au](mailto:carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au)

## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018-19

***IMPORTANT ! Club Secretaries – Always submit proposed calendar dates to the Calendar Coordinator Garry Harris ( [gjharris@live.com.au](mailto: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
<b>Sept</b>		
15-16	CDE at Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518
15-23	Charity Drive Quirindi & Werris Creek Liverpool Range Club	Judy Tonkiss 0438 669 271
22	Social Dinner at Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
22-23	Boot Camp Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
22	Graded Dressage and Cones Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
23	Mini CDE & Teams Challenge Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
23	Pleasure Drive Hunter Club	Kylie Dos Remedios 4998 6097
29-Oct	Full Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
29-Oct	Mini Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
<b>Oct</b>		
6-7	NSW Driven Dressage Championships Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292
14	Dressage Cones & Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
27-28	NSW CDE Championships at Witwood Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
28	Cones Competition Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0438 584 490
28	Aberdeen Drive Hunter Club	Mick Carey 0409 189 874
<b>Nov</b>		
11	National Show Driving Championships Hawkesbury Showground Camden and Hills Clubs	Greg McDonald 0408 611 738
17	NSW Branch Meeting at Bathurst	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
18	Pleasure Drive Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0438 584 490
25	Training Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Dec</b>		
1	Obstathon at Rosemont Complex Goulburn Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
2	Barefoot Bowls & Christmas Lunch Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 866 726
9	Christmas Lunch and Auction Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
15	Christmas Fun Fair Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Jan 2019</b>		
20	Pleasure Drive at Wollombi Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
25-28	Yalbraith Enduro Goulburn Club	Judy Emerton 02 4829 0185
<b>Feb</b>		
2	Evening BBQ Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
24	Pleasure Drive Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>Mar</b>		
10	Sports Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
22-25	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
24	Club Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>April</b>		
19-22	Easter Drive at Laggan Goulburn Club	Judy Emerton 02 4829 0185
27-28	ANZAC Level 3 CDE Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
<b>May</b>		
19	Indoor/Outdoor Training Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>June</b>		
30	Club Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Aug</b>		
18	Club Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Sept</b>		
29	Pleasure Drive Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Oct</b>		
27	Cones Competition Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Dec</b>		
15	Christmas Drive and Party Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490

## NSW PANEL CONVENORS 2018-19

**P & E:** John Tonkiss  
0409 669 271  
tonkissjohn@gmail.com

**Dressage:** Sue Plath  
02 4841 0566  
splath4@bigpond.com

**Show Driving:** Carolyn Blakeley  
0438 458 298  
blakeley3@activ8.net.au

**Historical:** Alan Ongley  
02 9626 1373  
alan.ongley@gmail.com

**CDE:** Tracey Ellis  
0402 854 696  
scribblegum64@gmail.com

**Young Drivers:** Peter Honeyman  
0438 741 140  
the.honeyman@bigpond.com



Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor with May at a rest stop on the Hunter Club Enduro at Round Hill (H Murrell)

## WHIP AROUND GOING DIGITAL

Due to the high cost of postage, it was decided at the June Branch General Meeting to encourage members to receive Whip Around by email, rather than by post. The 2018-19 Membership Form has a box to tick if you want to continue receiving Whip Around in the mail. If the box is not ticked and you have an email address, Whip Around will be emailed to you, starting with the December 2018 edition. The emailed edition will be *in colour*.

.....

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS CLUB**

Carol Hardaker: This year's Mudgee Small Farms Field Days were blessed with exceptionally fine weather. Being the middle weekend of the school holidays meant this all added up to one of the best attendances in a long time.

Our display attracted a lot of attention and we fielded many enquiries about carriage driving and horse care. There was a lot of interest in the old issues of the ACDS magazines we handed out and in the photos of ACDS activities on the display boards.

I would especially like to thank Cathy and Bob Browning who came over from the Hunter Club to help man the display, as well as providing some new photos to freshen up the display. Jim Gilbey brought out his two youngest ponies for the experience, and they attracted a lot of interest. My three ponies were their usual stoic selves, calmly putting up with many cuddles as well as being demonstration models.

As usual we shared the site with the Shetland Pony Promotional Group so Chris and Pauline Hannaford were also manning the site. The Australian Draught Horse people had a few more

helpers this year and Chris Hills was there with them.

The Club's AGM was held in early August and after a lot of discussion about the Henry Lawson Drive it was decided that it will no longer be held. A drive of a similar length and using a base camp, possibly could be held in May, but is still under discussion.



The Gulgong Club tent and display at the Mudgee Small Farms Field Days in July (C Hardaker)

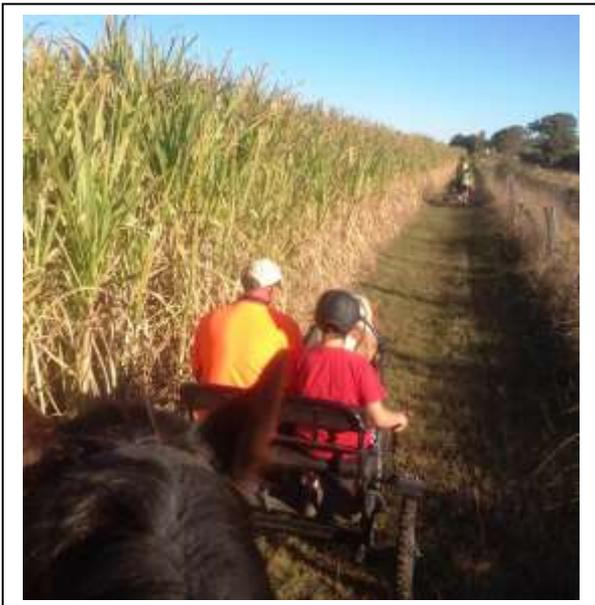
### **NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB**

Heidi Naylor: The North Coast Carriage Club held a Christmas in July Club Day on Saturday July 14 at Heidi and Scott Naylor's farm north of Grafton. It was a casual day, with the paddocks set up with different events, scary obstacles, an indoor sized dressage arena, cones course, MO course, and a wetland to drive in and out of, although no one attempted the latter. The scary obstacles included driving over logs between a flagging tape corridor, the obligatory tarp on the ground and a clothes line with hanging vinyl strips. Members were long reining, riding and driving the courses, depending where they were up to. When everyone was done

with the activities, a very filling lunch was enjoyed on the verandah where the group was joined by several horse-free members.

After lunch, three horse drawn vehicles and two riders set off on a pleasure drive down the Crown Road and through the adjoining cane farms. There was some very rough ground where the mud had dried into axle deep ruts, which made Steven Graham's day, always wanting to drive the path less travelled! He had his precious dog Chloe in the carriage and he kept asking his passenger, Rowena Walker, if Chloe was ok, to which she finally snapped laughingly, "Forget the dog, it's me that nearly fell out!"

The bone jarring ruts were soon behind them, and they made their way along the smooth grassed cane lanes, perfect for a gentle canter for everyone except for 9hh Honey, who was galloping to keep up. Heidi had made sure that it was ok by the cane farmers who owned the properties, and that no buggies were harvesting or fires being lit. She said 'You've got to draw the line somewhere at scary obstacles'.



Driving through the cane fields (H Graham)

Hot off the press is the news that Tully Naylor (aged 11) and his mum Heidi have just returned from competing in near freezing conditions at times at the Northern NSW Indoor/Outdoor Finals at Moonbi. They qualified back in June, Heidi as a First Season Competitor, and Tully as a Junior. They had a very successful Final! Heidi came away with a first and a third driving Bella and Rosey as singles, and Tully came first in the Juniors, driving Honey. Heidi again won first with Bella and Rosey as a pair. Heidi admits that when you're literally in a class of your own (ie the pair in the multiple class), you just need to focus on not being eliminated to win!

Heidi drove 4 dressage tests, 4 cones courses, 16 hazards and groomed for Tully's events all in the

space of 4 hours, and was left exhausted but exhilarated. The North Coast Carriage Club would like to sincerely thank the Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club for hosting the Qualifiers and the Series Final and for the enormous amount of work and organization the Club undertook to make all the events run smoothly.



Junior driver Tully Naylor with his mother Heidi, competing in the Indoor/Outdoor Final at Moonbi (K O'Brien)

Lauren Wood again did carriage drives at the Glenreagh Timber Festival, and did a wonderful job promoting carriage driving to all her passengers. Lauren has put 1000's of hours into her horse pair, Dublin and Texas, and that she can work them with complete confidence in the hubbub of the Timber Festival is a testament to so much foundational work. Lauren doesn't push the limits though when it comes to safety, and wisely decided to take a break and unharness Dub and Tex when the scheduled skydivers trailing fluorescent flares, landed on her designated pick up point!



Lauren Wood with Dublin and Tex at the Glenreagh Timber Festival (H Graham)

At this time, club members are gearing up for the AGM, and again will be using free teleconferencing to allow those members who cannot attend physically to 'virtually' attend, and have their votes recorded.

Given the tyranny of distance plus economic, family and work commitments that potentially impact many delegates attending NSW Branch

Meetings, teleconferencing is something that the North Coast Carriage Club hopes will one day be used for meetings so that its delegates, and indeed all club delegates, can play a greater role in the decision making and strategic planning necessary for running such a large organization. May everyone continue to walk on, remembering that the most direct way through an obstacle may not necessarily be the quickest. Driving is a partnership between the horse and driver, knowing their strengths and one's own is the only way to negotiate the way forward safely, together.

### **CENTRAL COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

New members Linda Bagnall and Margaret Kelly are having a great time with their new carriage and pony Tuff. They are enjoying trips to the local shops and giving locals a little step back down memory lane as they drive by.



Linda Bagnall driving Tuff (M Kelly)

Mary Grant attended the Northern Indoor/Outdoor Series Final at Moonbi on August 19 2018. Although the Open classes were won by people from other clubs, the Central Coast Club won the Club Class. It is a non competition class with no prizes, but a win is a win and Central Coast has the 'bragging rights' on it until next year. Well done to all who competed, especially Heidi Naylor from the North Coast Club for winning nearly everything with her little pocket rockets! Coming up on October 28 this year is Central Coast Club's second annual Cones Competition, a day well worth attending to enjoy pitting horse and driver against a challenging cones course. The club has already worked out its calendar for 2019, with a variety of pleasure driving and competition days across the year.

### **HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Rosemary Laing: The Hunter Club held its annual Three Day Enduro from July 14-16 2018, based once again at Alison and Darcy Richards' property Round Hill, Piallaway. In spite of extreme drought conditions, we were extended the usual warm welcome by Alison and Darcy. Entries were down this year due to some last minute cancellations, and of course the Allport family was sadly missed due to the passing away of Robert the week before. Robert had always provided valuable support and

advice to me in the running of this event, and he must have taught me well, as it all ran smoothly, due also to the great contribution of several volunteers.

Rosemary Munn from the Gulgong Club took on the vet stewarding and June Malmberg (Hunter) was the start/finish timekeeper. Kate Wilson (Liverpool Range) showed Hunter member Helen Murrell the ropes as rest stop time keeper and middle escort on the first day, after which Helen handled the job solo like an old hand. Neil Munn and I were the front and rear escorts. Kate also gave assistance in the kitchen to Alison, who was recovering from a leg injury, and provided some delicious food to add to the feasts prepared by Alison. Darcy's assistant Kyle was also a great help, and it was good that he was the winner of the raffle.

The nights were chilly and there were some frosty starts, but Darcy kept us warm with his signature monster fires. The days were beautiful, although I think everyone would have gladly traded them for some rain.



David and Craig Cockcroft with Fast Eddie passing escort driver Rosemary Laing (H Murrell)

This event has finally hit the big time with our first interstate competitor, David Cockcroft from Victoria, who was joined by his cousin Craig from Kempsey as offsider. Craig nearly earned himself the title of 'Sir Lostalot', as he had some difficulty finding his way to Round Hill – not the first and probably not the last, but as David said 'He's a distant cousin and getting more distant all the time!'

Results: *Full Enduro*: 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Ingersole & Helen Tudor (Hills) with May 2<sup>nd</sup> David & Craig Cockcroft with Fast Eddy (Longwood)  
*Half Enduro Horse*: 1<sup>st</sup> Kath Cole (Reedy Creek) Rosemont Anja  
*Half Enduro Large Pony*: 1<sup>st</sup> John Moyes (Reedy Creek) Avanti *Half Enduro Small Pony*: 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Fraser (Riverina) Archie 2<sup>nd</sup> Darcy Richards (Liverpool Range) Miss Piggy

## **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB**

Faye Cairncross: The Club is gearing up for the start of the spring season with two working bees to prepare the grounds for another training clinic by Phil Marshall on August 24-27 and our Graded Dressage / Mini CDE on September 22-23 2018. Schedules have just been posted so mark your calendars.

Unfortunately dates just didn't work out for Bram Chardon to visit Australia as planned, so we are now hoping for his clinic to run in February 2019. Our AGM was on July 11. The committee is basically the same, but John White has stood as vice president and Yvonne Wood is the secretary/treasurer.

On July 29 we held our annual President's Luncheon (to commemorate anything significant happening within the club membership). This year it turned out to be Elva Macpherson's 80th birthday, so a surprise party was organized. Her face when she came in was priceless! Elva was a founding member of the Club when it began 39 years back, and 65 friends and connections gathered for a wonderful happy, funny celebration of Elva's life in the club. Old photos and histories were displayed and stories recounted, much to her embarrassment! Even one of her bridesmaids came along. Elva is also a talented artist so people with her paintings brought them along, and they were on show around the room!

Tracey Ellis and I represented the Club at the Inter Club Challenge Day at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park on August 12, and came away with the Highest Average Score trophy for Southern Highlands on what was a blustery cold day.



Faye Cairncross driving Buckeroo at the Inter Club Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

Camden Club was the host this year. It was a fun contest with a variety of games to try, including barrels, bending, a MO, showing, a maze and long reining. On the following weekend Tracey judged at the Indoor/Outdoor Series Southern Final at Cootamundra, run by the Canberra Club.

Drivers have been out enjoying the Wingello State Forest mid week, and I have taken my ponies to Bicentennial Park to join Hills and Camden and Hills members stretch out a bit. Join us if you wish.

## **HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB**

Club members Dennis and Andrea Casper, Janet Muspratt, and Bruce and Elizabeth Hammond, together with Carol Fitzpatrick and Greg and Alison McDonald from the Camden Club attended the Federal ACDS AGM and Conference at Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills. It was held at an excellent holiday park venue with many modern cottages and caravan sites accommodating the attendees, amid rolling green hills.

Having the opportunity to meet up with old friends in carriage driving from across Australia and making new ones, is always a good reason to go to the conference, and once again it did not disappoint. Apart from the different discipline forums and federal ACDS discussions, which always have plenty to offer, there were some very interesting other sessions. These included one presented by a South Australian vet on dealing with horses affected by bushfires, and a visit to artist Hans Heysen's house and studio, which was fascinating.



Wayne Webster with Sunny at the Inter Club Challenge Day at Camden (P Fitzpatrick)

The Club held its AGM and General Meeting followed by the Anniversary Lunch in late July at the RDA at Box Hill. Members took advantage of the warm sunny conditions and had the meetings in a sheltered spot outside, using the outdoor tables and chairs. A delicious lunch was enjoyed afterwards.

On August 12 the annual *Inter Club Challenge Day* between Hills, Camden and Southern Highlands was held, hosted by the Camden Club at Bicentennial Park Camden. The Challenge Day

has been on the calendar for 40 years and the perpetual trophies have many well known drivers' and horses' names inscribed on them.

The weather for the Challenge Day was cold and windy but this did not deter a total of twenty-three drivers taking part to represent their various clubs. The drivers and their horses were divided into three fairly equal sized groups, based on horse heights, and started the day with a show class for each group. Then they moved on to the other activities – a square cones course, a cones cross, a barrel race, a marathon obstacle and a long reining obstacle course.



Emily Thompson driving Buzz, the High Point Award winners at the Inter Club Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

Hills had thirteen competitors - Andrea Casper, Jenny Conquest, Alan Robertson, Angela Eberle, Emily Thompson, Margaret Moore, Karen Silvester, Vicki Connelly, Max Ridge, Belinda Casper, Kirstin Feddersen, Wayne Webster and Dee Webb. Also there, supporting the drivers, were other Hills members Janet Muspratt, Lynne Buckingham, Dennis Casper, John Moore, Helen Robertson, Mark and Karen Thompson and new member Leanne Perceval.

Congratulations to Emily Thompson and her pony Buzz who had an outstanding day and won the overall High Point trophy and the Hills Shield. Congratulations also to the other Hills representatives for helping amass enough points to win the Club Trophy from the very competitive Camden and Southern Highlands drivers! It was a great club effort.

Many thanks to the Camden Club for running another very successful Interclub Challenge Day. It continues to be a very popular event on the calendar, and Hills is looking forward to its turn to host it in August next year.

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

Liz O'Brien: I have sent out our 100th club Newsletter, where has the time gone.... I can remember writing the very first one. From those humble beginnings we can be very proud of our

achievements over the years. Lizzette Ferguson and Lyn Olsson have also spent hours typing away on the monthly newsletter and I am sure when Yvette Furner takes over next month you will find another look to our newsletter making it even more interesting.

September 2019 will be our 10th anniversary and we are looking to celebrate it in style, so stay tuned.

#### *Annual Harness Gymkhana*

With the drought being the worst in a century we were down in entries as many of our members are very busy feeding and watering their stock just to keep them alive in these very trying times. We hope they receive lots of rain soon and get some respite from these severe conditions. Despite the lower numbers, everyone had a good time, showing off to our judge Margaret Broadbent how well their equines can strut their stuff.

Champion Pony/Horse - Dee Hillard driving Winsome

Reserve Champion - Judy Tonkiss driving Playboy  
Champion Turnout - Liz O'Brien driving Prince Lonestar

Reserve Champion - Yvette Furner driving Ember  
Champion Pleasure Horse/Pony- Richard Edler driving Caddie

Reserve Champion- Liz O'Brien driving Prince Lonestar

Champion Driver - Judy Tonkiss driving Playboy  
Reserve Champion Driver - Richard Edler driving Caddie

The full results are on the club website.



Dee Hillard and Winsome with judge Margaret Broadbent at the Gymkhana (I Furner)

Thank you everyone for coming along and making this a great harness show.

We were honoured to host the inaugural Northern NSW Indoor/Outdoor Series Final in August, with 16 entries, and it was a very successful event. The

weather was sunny and the worst of the wind held off until we had nearly finished. Many thanks to the competitors for coming and to the volunteers for your work. Without you this event would never have happened.

Northern NSW Indoor/Outdoor Champions for 2018

Class 1A - Single Pony - Liz O'Brien - Tamworth Club

Class 1D - Multiples - Heidi Naylor - North Coast Club

Class 1E - First Season Competitor - Heidi Naylor - North Coast Club

Class 1H - Junior Driver - Tully Naylor - North Coast Club

Class 1G - Club Class - Mary Grant - Central Coast Club



Junior driver Keira O'Brien driving BundyBear, with groom Liz O'Brien at the Indoor/Outdoor Final (K O'Brien)

### ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Chuckie Radnedge: It has been a quiet time lately, but things are about to become very busy for our little club. Kookie Engelsman and I headed to Bungendore in early August to compete in the Graded Dressage and Munro Cup weekend, and had great success. All four horses did lovely tests with loads of things for us to work on. Kookie had a great run around the marathon and cones on the Sunday with Hudson Sideshow still learning what this CDE business is all about. I drove Hudson Vamoose around first achieving all the goals I set for him, ie smooth steady and through the water. Then Hudson Gucci went around and just made me remember why I love driving so much. He is the most wonderful horse to drive and I was very lucky to gallop away with the Munro Cup. It was a great honour to win a trophy that now commemorates a wonderful couple in John and Julie Munro, who did so much for our sport. It was very good to hear that Auburn Carr has Jetstar back in work (when baby Henry allows it),

and we are looking forward to having her back at events soon.

Now we get busy!! Next weekend we have the annual Grenfell Show with the Ride and Drive becoming one of the most popular events at the show. The club then gears up again the following weekend to host our "Frog" weekend where beginner drivers come and enjoy a weekend of fun and training through our obstacles, cones courses and dressage arena.

Finally, we are hoping that everyone will be heading to Grenfell for the 'Scribblegum NSW Driven Dressage Championships', being held on the first weekend in October. Even if you are not a dressage driver, we will have loads of other things to keep all types of drivers happy, with pleasure drives available, games and a "Magical Mystery Treasure hunt" on the Sunday.

Looking forward to seeing you at Hinemoa over the next few months, Happy and safe driving.



Chuckie Radnedge driving Hudson Gucci, winners of the Munro Cup at Bungendore (L Mace)

### RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Sue Fraser: In July my wonder pony Archie and I headed up to Round Hill, Piallaway, for the Three Day Enduro hosted by the Hunter Club. What a lot of fun Enduros are! The competitors, workers and spectators are wonderful people, super friendly and encouraging. The roads were perfect for carriage driving and the facilities were A1. The camp fires were warming and so big they probably could have been seen from outer space. Archie won his Pony under 12hh class doing 92.6km in 6hrs 27min. Archie and I went up to Frampton in August for a Pleasure Drive with the Canberra Club. We covered approximately 25km travelling to Bethungra for lunch at the Old School Tea House. It was a fun drive, even though a little brisk. However, we all had layers of clothes and, with the winter sun, were all comfortable.



Sue Fraser and Archie at the Frampton pleasure drive  
(S Fraser)

**BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Jen Brennan: Doug and Dot Willcoxson represented our Club at the Federal AGM at Hahndorf . By all accounts it was a successful weekend with interesting speakers. Bungendore Club hosted a Training Weekend with Brendan Dwyer at the end of July. Thankfully the weather was relatively kind to us, although we had horrendous winds and some (gratefully received) rain on Friday evening. Brendan gave us some instruction inside first, and then individual attention in the afternoon. We were all grateful for his depth of knowledge and ability to explain and teach on the ground. We had a couple of lovely nights of shared meals and conversation in the evening. It was a relaxed, fun and non competitive weekend. Our rescheduled Munro Cup and Graded Dressage was held on August 4-5 2018. This year we paid tribute to the late John Munro, the instigator of the Munro Cup. The entries were down a little but we all enjoyed a fun couple of days. We had two Junior drivers for the Graded Dressage and they did a fantastic job. Well done Zoe Collier and Bailey Hass. Congratulations to Chuckie Radnedge for winning the prestigious Munro Cup.



Junior driver Zoe Collier driving Paris, with her mother Jenny as groom, at the Graded Dressage Day (L Mace)

Thanks to Graeme Dowling for designing an interesting course, to our dressage judges Lynn

Callaghan and Dot Willcoxson and photographer Linda Mace. Although we had shared stewarding we were grateful to all our volunteers who contribute enormously to the success of events. Our next event is the NSW Combined Driving Championships to be held at Witwood on October 27-28 2018.

**LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB**

Christine O'Rourke: Sadly, we must acknowledge the death of one of our members, Ian Small from Armidale. Ian joined our club three years ago and attended several club drives and two Charity Drives. He was an easy going, friendly man who quietly and with dignity battled cancer for the last few years. He will be missed.

We must also acknowledge the passing of Robert Allport, one of life's great characters. The loss of a man with so much carriage driving experience and knowledge will be felt by all who knew him for a very long time.

It is that time of the year again when we are asked to step up and help to run our club. Sixteen members answered the call and attended the AGM which was once again held at the Werris Creek Bowling Club. All office bearers were re-elected to their previous positions with the exception of Publicity Officer, Donna Grace who declined re-election due to drought and lack of time. President Peter Honeyman thanked her for wonderful service over the past few years, a sentiment agreed upon by all present. Donna has been a wonderful spokes person for our club and has left big shoes to fill. Vice Presidents are Geoff Skewes and Vicki Donnelly, Secretary /Treasurer Judy Tonkiss, Publicity Officer Christine O'Rourke, Public Officer Peter Honeyman, Safety Officer John Tonkiss, and Club Delegates Peter Honeyman and John Tonkiss.



Judy Tonkiss and Playboy, with judge Margaret Broadbent at Tamworth Club's Gymkhana(I Furner)

In July, Peter and Trish Honeyman, together with John and Judy Tonkiss attended the Federal AGM in Hahndorf South Australia, representing our club and furthering the cause of pleasure drivers, as Peter is the Federal Pleasure and Endurance Convenor.

Before our AGM was held, a cheque for \$4421.55 was presented to representatives of the Quirindi Branch of the Royal Far West Children's Charity. This money was raised at a Charity Bowls Day hosted by the Liverpool Range Harness Club at Kootingal Bowling Club. It will be added to the money we will raise from this year's Charity Drive, and will be used to benefit country children in our region.

The 2018 Charity Drive is from September 14 - 23. It will be held in the Werris Creek and Quirindi areas. While the drought is biting into our numbers, we are still as enthusiastic as ever and it promises to be a great week with plenty of good driving and company to be had. Entries close on September 3, but for further information contact club secretary, Judy Tonkiss on [jtonkiss@bigpond.com](mailto:jtonkiss@bigpond.com) or 0438 669 271.

Due to the Hunter Club's Enduro being held at Round Hill, there wasn't a Liverpool Range Club drive for July. Once again we must acknowledge the generosity of Darcy and Allison Richards for hosting and helping with the running of this Enduro. At a time when the drought is crippling the lives of everyone on the land, particularly in this hard hit area, they have stepped up and once again have accommodated carriage driving folk. They are truly appreciated for their efforts.



Drivers at the Enduro at Round Hill (A Richards)

On August 17-19 the club held a drive at Spring Ridge, which was hosted by Bruce and Vicki Donnelly. Seven sulki's attended, with daily drives of around 25km held on the black soil plains. As usual, the weekend was enjoyed by all. It provided a great taste of what is to come in September on the Charity Drive.

Like so many others in NSW and QLD, a lot of our club members and their families are feeling the effects of drought. Many members have had to reduce their herd or turn out their horses so they

can concentrate on keeping all their stock watered, fed, and in some cases just keeping on going.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to be able to still be driving are keeping the dream alive, until every one of our members is back driving with us again.

### **CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB**

Camden Club members have had a lot of midweek drives at Bicentennial Park Camden during the last few months. Members who have been driving include Greg McDonald, Lou Lyons, Maxine Saliba, Charlotte Hyles, Sue Wright, Sally Crowell and Southern Highlands member Faye Cairncross. Meanwhile Maxine Saliba and Danni Katon have had several Friday drives enjoying the wide open spaces at Rossmore Reserve. Another drive for Camden members was at Belanglo Forest on July 22, when Lou and Mike Lyons, Greg McDonald, Carol and Peter Fitzpatrick with Charlotte Hyles as groom, and Martyn Minns spent the beautiful morning driving along the forest roads. Jo Minns was there too, looking after the camp. Everyone enjoyed lunch together after the drive.

It was Camden's turn to run the Interclub Challenge Day this year and members including Carol and Peter Fitzpatrick, Sally Crowell, Charlotte Hyles, Sylvia Biffin, Greg and Allison McDonald all put in a big effort to set up the activities and run the day. Secretary Lou Lyons missed the Challenge Day for the first time in many years due to a family commitment, but played her part by doing pre event organization and preparing the paperwork.



Danni Katon driving King in the barrel race at the Inter Club Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

The weather on the day was very 'challenging' with strong cold gusty winds persisting for much of the time. However this did not deter anyone from doing the activities, and the horses were very well behaved.

Camden was represented by Jeanna Kinleyside and Chocolate, Carolyn Kinleyside and Charlie, Danni Katon and King, Carol Fitzpatrick with pair Louie

and Ned, Greg McDonald and Fingal, Sue Wright and Patrick, Martyn Minns and Hilwert and Maxine Saliba with Katut. Everyone did well for the club but Maxine was the most successful Camden member and won the Camden Shield. Jeanna won the Junior trophy again, with some good results in a very strong class. Congratulations to Carol Fitzpatrick who has taken on the task of ACDS Federal Convenor for Young Drivers.



Maxine and Fred Saliba with Katut at the Inter Club Challenge Day (P Fitzpatrick)

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

The Goulburn Club is still getting over the loss of its larger-than-life member Robert Allport, who put so much into the promotion of pleasure and endurance driving, and was a regular participant in endurance and long distance driving events over many years. He will be greatly missed by the many ACDS members who knew him.



Robert Allport with New Penny on the 2017 Liverpool Range Charity Drive (S Jones)

The Club is, however, getting on with its activities, with its popular Yalbraith Endurance Event on the

calendar at the end of January, and an Easter Drive at Laggan in April.

### **MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Several members travelled to Cootamundra on August 18-19 for the final of the Indoor/Outdoor Series that was held on Judy & Garry Harris's beautiful property. The dressage arena, cones course and obstacles were set up perfectly with a flowing cones course and great obstacles. This competition is a good way to start getting ponies fit for the new season. From the Murrumbidgee Club were Phil and Kerrie Rosetta, with Phil driving Bee, and Robyn and Ian Schmetzer with pony pair Caerleon Rikki and Yarrandale Storrie.

The club has secured sponsorship for its Level 3 CDE in September 2018 from Casella Wines, Rawlinson & Brown MLT Horse Transport Wagga, Horseland Wagga, and Yenda Producers and Murrumbidgee Lucerne who have donated a bag of chaff for the winner of each class.

This CDE, on September 15-16 2018, will be first CDE of the spring. All classes are catered for.

There is a change in the sponsorship this year, with all competitors who complete the CDE going into a draw to win a week's accommodation and boat hire at the beautiful Amaroo Resort at Sussex Inlet worth \$2,000.00. For further information contact Kerrie Rosetta on 0428 414 518 or email [rosymoon@bigpond.com](mailto:rosymoon@bigpond.com)

### **REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Kath Cole: The newly introduced Indoor/Outdoor Winter Competition has had an impact on our club activities. John Moyes and Kath Cole took a pony each to the Bundanoon two day qualifier event. The hospitality quite made up for the frosty morning start, and the impeccable organization meant that as winter sunshine took over from the frost, we thoroughly enjoyed participating, and at the same time learnt a lot about how this event is meant to be run. John qualified for the Final and is planning to participate in it.

Reedy Creek had plans for a Dressage Day and an Obsthon at the Wallgrove Indoor Arena at Yass during winter. Carolyn Blakeley has given a lot of assistance to the new owners and in return was given the use of the arena, so thank you Carolyn. The planned event eventually evolved into a practice Indoor/Outdoor Competition. We quite outdid Southern Highlands in the 'winter' aspect of this event, with gale force winds, sleety rain and freezing temperatures all day. The indoor arena was much appreciated for the dressage and cones, whilst the obstacles tested our fortitude in the great outdoors.

Max Pearce and Kookie Engelsman took advantage of the event to give young horses an outing and considering the conditions, they

excelled themselves. Debbie Dunn is giving her small pony a break, so took part with her husband Peter's standardbred Trinity, and achieved the highest score in the dressage ! Well done Debbie! John and Kath also travelled to the Hunter Club's Three day Enduro held at Alison and Darcy Richard's place, Round Hill in mid July. Once again the magic of the location and the hospitality offered by Alison and Darcy, despite experiencing crippling drought conditions, made it a very special experience. A big thank you to the organizers and officials who made it all happen!



Kath Cole driving Rosemont Anja at the Enduro at Round Hill (H Murrell)

#### **CANBERRA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Tess Smith: Canberra Club would like to welcome new member Jean Chapman, and to congratulate Peter Dunn on his appointment as Vice President of the ACDS NSW Branch as well as to the Pleasure and Endurance Panel, and Debbie Dunn on her appointment to the CDE Panel. I am sure you will do us proud.

In June the club held a drive from Nth Jerildree to Wallendbeen. The tracks were easy and quiet with lovely views of the rolling countryside. A stop at the Wallendbeen Pub was the halfway point, with a delicious lunch being served. A beverage and a natter by the cosy fire followed, to warm up before a leisurely trek home.

Also in June, some members headed to Bundanoon for the Indoor/Outdoor qualifier weekend. Our club members did extremely well over this competition with Nikki Flynn coming 2<sup>nd</sup> on Saturday and a very exciting 1<sup>st</sup> on Sunday as a First Season Competitor driving Pocket Rocket! Peter Dunn was 3<sup>rd</sup> on Saturday and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Large Pony Class on Sunday driving Nanardine Danny Boy, whilst Tess Smith came in 2<sup>nd</sup> on Saturday and 3<sup>rd</sup> on Sunday in the Small Pony Class driving Koriana Absolute Star. Garry Harris, Debbie Dunn and Warren Harris were a great help assisting with grooming during the course of the weekend and everyone really enjoyed this new carriage driving venture.

Nikki, Peter and Debbie attended Reedy Creek Club's training weekend at Wallgrove Ranch near

Yass, during June, and had an enjoyable time despite the chill.

In August Peter and Debbie Dunn and Tess Smith, together with Warren Harris grooming for Peter, went to Bungendore for the rescheduled Munro Cup and were not disappointed. Rugged up, they enjoyed a relaxing and fun weekend. Peter was an outstanding winner of the Novice Pony Class driving Nanardine Danny Boy, whilst Tess came 3<sup>rd</sup> driving Koriana Absolute Star and Debbie a close 4<sup>th</sup> driving Renni Park Hearts Ablaze. Canberra Club hosted another pleasure drive in August, from Frampton to Bethungra. Some very dedicated souls braved the brisk conditions and despite the bitter weather, a good time was had by all those who attended.

The club had a busy couple of months preparing to host the first ever Southern NSW Indoor/Outdoor Finals, and they went off very well. The results were: *Single pony 91- u121cm* 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Keevers Wooddeen Miss Henrietta; *Single pony 121- u149cm* 1<sup>st</sup> Tamara Abed Keyi Corroboree; *Multiples any height:* 1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Schmetzer Yarrandale Storm and Carreleon Rikki; *Newcomers* 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Keevers Drumeden Paddy

#### **NSW INDOOR/OUTDOOR SERIES**

**FINALS** by Tracey Ellis CDE Convenor

The NSW Indoor/Outdoor Series has finished for 2018. I would like to thank all those clubs who took on the task of running qualifiers, and a big thank you to Tamworth Club for running the Northern Final and Canberra Club for running the Southern Final.

It has been a big learning curve for all of us, but the whole series has proved to be very popular and well received amongst drivers and organizers. We will continue with the theme of a Northern and Southern Final for 2019. However, they will be held on separate weekends, as there are some drivers who want to compete in both. For any clubs wishing to run a qualifier in 2019, please be reminded that dates need to be approved by the NSW CDE Convenor to avoid any clashes.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

##### **2018 ACDS NSW DRIVEN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**When:** Saturday October 6 2018

**Where:** Hinemoa, 1840 Goolagong Rd Grenfell

**Host Club:** Ellmore Driving Society

**Camping** available at Hinemoa, portaloos and composting toilets, no showers.

**Yards:** BYO yards, electric fences are permitted.

**Catering:** sandwiches & drinks for sale on Saturday.

**BBQ** Saturday night \$15 pp, BYO drinks

**Schedule and entry form** available from [ellmoredrivingclub@gmail.com](mailto:ellmoredrivingclub@gmail.com)

**Entries close:** Friday September 28 2018  
To complete the weekend, a **Navigation Drive** will be held on **Sunday Oct 7** through the farmland and on the dirt roads of the Warraderry valley.

### **2018 NATIONAL ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS and Static Vehicle and Harness Show**

**When:** Sunday November 11 2018  
**Where:** Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon near Richmond  
**Host Clubs:** Camden and Hills District Harness Clubs  
**Stables & Camping facilities** including powered sites, showers, toilets  
**Schedule and Entry Form** available now  
**Enquiries:** Contact Greg McDonald 0408611 738 or [glencoe@pnc.com.au](mailto:glencoe@pnc.com.au)

### **NOTES from the AGM and Branch Meeting Bathurst June 16 2018**

49 members attended from Bungendore, Ellmore, Southern Highlands, Hills, Canberra, Riverina, Gulgong, Reedy Creek, Liverpool Range, Camden, Murrumbidgee and Tamworth Clubs

#### *Office Bearers for 2018/19*

Pres: Col Ffrost Vice Presidents: John Wood, Peter Dunn Secretary: Amanda Blakeley Treasurer: Lesley Little

#### *Panels for 2018/19*

CDE: Tracey Ellis, Debbie Dunn, Amanda See, Dot Willcoxson, Chuckie Radnedge

Dressage: Sue Plath, Warren Ricketts, Yvonne Wood, Lyn Dominish, Dot Willcoxson

Historical: Alan Ongley, Carol Fitzpatrick, Sue Fraser (2 vacant positions – contact A Ongley if interested)

Pleasure & Endurance: John Tonkiss, John Moyes, Carolyn Blakeley, Peter Dunn (1 vacancy – contact John Tonkiss if interested)

Show Driving: Carolyn Blakeley, Janet Muspratt, Carol Fitzpatrick, Linda Ongley, Paul Austin

*Appointments for 2018/19:* Federal Delegate: Col Ffrost; Newsletter Editor: Janet Muspratt;

Webmaster: Sue Fraser; Young Driver Coordinator: Peter Honeyman; Public Officer: Amanda Blakeley

*Branch Fees for 2018/19:* Family \$57 Single \$45 Associate \$30 Junior \$25

#### *Awards for 2017:*

CDE Driver: Tracey Ellis Dressage Driver:

Belinda Casper PEH Driver: Geoff Skewes

Show Driver: Charlotte Hyles Junior Driver:

Jeanna Kinleyside Service to Carriage Driving:

Peter and Patricia Honeyman CDE Leaderboard:

Tracey Ellis

*Dressage Certificates: Highly Commended:* Tess Smith, Tamara Abed and Tracey Ellis *High*

*Achievement:* Gail Bain

*Other Business:*

\*CDE Officials Clinics – postponed to January 2019

\*NSW CDE Champs to be on Oct 27/28 2018 at Witwood

\*Whip Around – Due to rising costs, September edition to be the last large volume mail out.

Members to be asked on new Membership Form to elect to be sent W/A by post or email.

\*Location of Branch Meetings: voted that all meetings to be held at Bathurst

\*Webmaster requested event organizers check that entry forms and flyers have correct titles and year on them, and results should be sent asap to webmaster for loading onto website

**Next Branch Meeting** Saturday Nov 17 2018 at Bathurst Panthers Club 10.30am TBC

### **AWARD WINNERS for 2017**

The discipline awards, as well as the Junior Driver award, take into account performance as well as service on club level and/or to the ACDS. All of these recipients have demonstrated great commitment in both categories. The Service to Carriage Driving Award speaks for itself.

#### **CDE Driver: Tracey Ellis (Southern Highlands)**

Tracey competed very successfully in 2017 with her Welsh pony of cob type Louie in the Large Novice Pony class at CDEs in NSW, Victoria and SA. Her successes included wins at the Level 1 NSW CDE Championships, the Level 3 Joe Hawkins Cup and the Canberra Club CDE. She also competed at the National CDE

Championships in South Australia. Closer to home, she represented Southern Highlands at the Interclub Challenge Day and had lessons with Bram Chardon.



Tracey Ellis driving Louie at Bundanoon  
(Rodneys Photography)

Apart from this, Tracey has been a very active NSW CDE Convenor. She organized two CDE Officials workshops, a Phil Marshall presentation on Indoor/Outdoor Series events, and oversaw the calendar for Indoor/Outdoor events into 2018.

**Dressage Driver: Belinda Casper (Hills)**

Belinda, with her Welsh cob Indi, won the Novice Horse dressage phase in four CDEs during 2017 including the NSW CDE Championships. She also won her class overall at most of these. Apart from competing successfully across the state, Belinda was a very active club member, driving at as many club days as possible, being a committee member, and also the editor of the club's bi monthly newsletter.

As well, she showed much initiative in organizing and running a very successful trial Indoor/Outdoor event last October. On a broader perspective, Belinda was a member of the CDE Panel and regularly attended Branch meetings.



Belinda Casper with groom Angela Eberle, driving Indi at Rossmore (F Cairncross )

**PEH Driver: Geoff Skewes (Liverpool Range)**

Geoff is a valuable club member and a true pleasure driver who really enjoys participating in weekend driving and camping, as well as extended driving events.



Geoff Skewes on the 2017 Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive (S Jones)

In 2017 he drove at five weekend drives, as well as the weeklong Liverpool Range Charity Drive and the Beersheba Centenary Remembrance Drive and Ride from Tabulam to Copmanhurst. He co hosted and organized the Werris Creek weekend drive and helped with the running of the Round Hill Endurance Drive, as well as organizing meat raffles and obtaining donations to raise money for the Charity Drive's ultimate donation of \$10,000+ to the Royal Far West Children's Charity.

**Show Driver: Charlotte Hyles (Camden)**

Charlotte is a very enthusiastic member of the Camden Club and of the ACDS in general. She has worked hard to bring herself and her horse Ziva back to confident driving after a bad incident in 2016, and attended many ACDS events as well as supporting harness classes at agricultural shows during 2017, with increasing success. Charlotte drove at numerous Hills and Camden Club days, and often arrived early to help set up equipment. She also was a regular contributor of club news and photographs for Whip Around and the Journal, and attended Branch Meetings as a Camden delegate.



Charlotte Hyles driving Ziva at the Camden Show (C Fitzpatrick)

**Junior Driver: Jeanna Kinleyside (Camden)**

Jeanna is a very enthusiastic and competent young driver who participated at many club activity days run by the Hills and Camden Clubs during 2017, driving her 10.3 pony Chocolate. She was awarded Champion Driver at the Junior Challenge Day, which is a combination of dressage and sporting events, as well as being the most successful Camden driver at the Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon. She attended a training weekend at Witwood and had lessons with Bram Chardon, in addition to being a groom at a Level 3 CDE, all of which she found very beneficial. Apart from all this, Jeanna is a successful mini trots competitor, driving regularly with several of her ponies at Menangle Park. Jeanna is always polite, friendly and helpful, and willing to pass on her considerable knowledge to new members.



Jeanna Kinleyside driving Chocolate with her mother Carolyn as groom, at the Junior Challenge Day in 2017 (P Fitzpatrick )

**Service to Carriage Driving: Peter and Patricia Honeyman (Liverpool Range)** Peter is the Liverpool Range Club president, as well as being the Federal P & E Convenor. Both he and Trish have enjoyed carriage driving for many years.

They attended and helped organize a number of their club's pleasure driving events during 2017, and also took part in several drives run by other clubs.

Peter and Trish put in a huge effort behind the scenes for the Liverpool Range Club's Charity Drive, working with a few other LR members for many months to arrange camping sites, mapping out drives, and liaising with councils, local authorities and landowners regarding the drives. Time was also found to run games and raffles at local service clubs to go towards the final \$10,000 plus, that the Liverpool Range Club presented to the Royal Far West Children's Charity in 2017. A memorable event they also participated in was the Beersheba Centenary Remembrance Drive and Ride from Tabulam to Copmanhurst, again giving great support to the organisers.

Another task Peter undertook was to supply reports and photographs for the Whip Around and Journal.



Peter Honeyman enjoying a Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive (P Fitzpatrick)



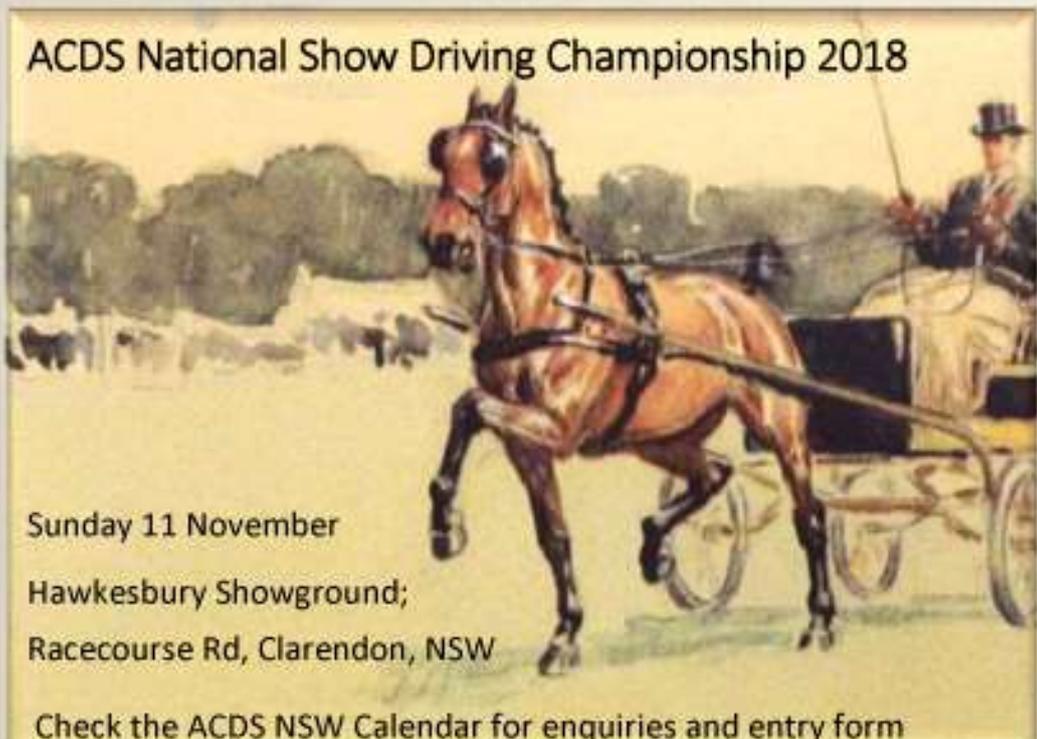
Trish Honeyman on the road on a Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive (P Fitzpatrick)



The Small Pony group at the Inter Club Challenge Day at Camden (D Casper)

## ADVERTISEMENTS

ACDS National Show Driving Championship 2018



Sunday 11 November  
Hawkesbury Showground;  
Racecourse Rd, Clarendon, NSW

Check the ACDS NSW Calendar for enquiries and entry form

### GERMAN BUILT CARRIAGES FOR SALE

**Single Marathon Carriage** (black and yellow)  
for horse or large pony (*below*)



**Presentation Carriage** (green) for pair of  
horses or large ponies (*below*)



**Marathon Carriage** (black and red)  
for horse or large pony pair or single horse  
(*right*)

\*All weights and measurements are under FEI rules

**Plus** all my equipment, harness,  
lines new Achenbach, and my whips

**ALL FOR SALE** complete \$20,000

**CONTACT** Charles Skelton 0488 238 884  
(if no answer sms)

