



*Border Carriage Club*

**BATTLE OF THE BORDER**

**Level 2 CDE**

at

Lumeah,

13813 Hume Highway

Mullengandra, NSW, 2644

**December 5, 6 & 7, 2025**

By kind permission of Ross Carbery and Miriam Bentley

**Event Co-ordinator / Secretary:** Miriam Bentley

**Technical Delegate:** Dot Willcoxson

**CDE Manager:** Lorraine Cairns

**Technical Delegate Assistant:** Sandra Elliot

**Scorer:** Greg McDonald/Event Secretary

**Course Designer:** Phil Marshall

**Dressage Judges**

Deb Fuller

Sarah Keevers

Judy Harris

**Cones Judge**

Bruce Hammond

**TPR Steward:** Sharon Beattie

**Ground Jury**

Deb Fuller (POJ)

Sarah Keevers

Judy Harris

**Appeals Committee:** TBC



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## Classes

1. Novice Pony 91cm & ne 124cm
2. Novice Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
3. Novice Horse over 149cm
4. Intermediate Pony 91cm ne 124cm
5. Intermediate Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
6. Intermediate Horse over 149cm
7. Open Pony 91cm & ne 124cm
8. Open Pony over 124cm & ne 149cm
9. Open Horse over 149cm
10. Pony Pair 91cm & ne 149cm\*
11. Horse Pair over 149cm
12. Pony Tandem 91cm & ne 149cm\*
13. Horse Tandem over 149cm
14. Pony Team 91cm & ne 149cm\*
15. Horse Team over 149cm
16. Introductory Multiple\*
17. VSE u 91 cm class (Marathon Section B only)

\* Time Allowances apply

## Dressage Tests

Novice and VSE – ACDS Novice Test B 2024

Intermediate and Introductory Multiples – ACDS Intermediate Test 2

Open Singles – FEI 3\*B HP1 V2.0 Reformatted August 23

Multiples– FEI 3\*A HP4 V2.0 Reformatted August 23

Arena Size – 100m x 40m

Cones Course may include a bridge.

Competitors, please note that as far as possible Novice and VSE Dressage will be held on Friday December 5th and Open, Intermediate and Multiples Dressage will be held on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to various wheel widths necessitating changes to the Cones Course some competitors will not do their Cones immediately after the dressage, but will need to present at a later time to be advised.

## Entries

Entry Fee \$220.00 Includes yard (if available) and camping, no power available. Please read Refund Policy.

Entries must be completed using [Event Secretary](#).

Entries will open at midnight on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday night going into Tuesday morning) and close on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 or earlier if limit reached prior to closing date. Entry numbers will be limited. First received, first accepted. Due to the high travel and accommodation costs for officials there will be limited refund. Please read the Refund Policy.

Enquiries: Miriam Bentley Phone: 0427204205 [borderhorseandcarriage@gmail.com](mailto:borderhorseandcarriage@gmail.com)

Or Event Secretary [office@eventsecretary.com.au](mailto:office@eventsecretary.com.au)

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## TIMETABLE (Provisional)

### Thursday December 4th, 2025

5.00 pm Dressage Arena open for walking

5.00 pm Cones and Marathon (Section B) unofficially open for walking

### Friday December 5th, 2025

7.00am Cones officially open for walking. Cones course closed after competition has started.

8.30am **Novice** Dressage commences (Cones driven after Dressage (or at a time to be advised). Please notify OC if you need to change harness, etc between Dressage & Cones)

7.00pm Marathon Obstacles officially open for inspection

7.30pm Carbery Carriages CHRISTMAS BARN PARTY, complimentary Christmas Drinks will be supplied by Carbery Carriages & Harness.

Nibbles hopefully will be supplied by other clubs and groups of friends.

Dress code: FESTIVE

Please contact Miriam to register your interest in participating in the street party.

### Saturday December 6th, 2025

7.00am Cones officially open for walking. Cones Course closed after competition has started.

8.30am Dressage Commences (Cones driven after Dressage, or at a later time to be advised). Please notify OC if you need to change harness, etc between Dressage & Cones)

7.00pm Dressage and Cones Awards and Marathon Briefing

7.15pm Event Dinner – Held in the large marquee. Mad Hatter Theme. Dress to Impress

### Sunday December 7th, 2025

7.30am Stewards Briefing

8.30am Marathon Commences

4.00pm Presentation of Marathon and overall awards

This is a provisional timetable. Depending on the number of entries and weather conditions, the Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes to the above times. Competitors will be notified accordingly.

### SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Please ensure any special requests (such as sharing carriage or grooms, needing to park with a friend, etc) are entered on the entry form. The Organising Committee will endeavour to accommodate your request but it may not be possible due to numbers, available space, etc. **NO CHANGES** will be accepted after December 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.00pm.

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## Competitor Information

### Arrival and Departure Dates

No arrivals before **Wednesday December 3rd** without prior consent of Organising Committee.

**Please note: There is NO First Horse Inspection (Trot up) prior to Dressage.**

### Camping & Venue Facilities

Entry includes camping. Toilets and Showers are available but no powered sites. Generators are allowed but you must adhere to fire prevention measures. Generators off by 9.30pm each night and not on before 7am each morning. Consideration of nearby campers needs to be respected. Mobile Phone charging ports are available outside Secretary's Office. There is good phone coverage at the venue.

### Drinking Water

There are two fresh drinking water taps. One is located near the toilets, near office.

The other is located near the showers at the rear of the office for people camping in the large horse yards.

All drinking water is to come from these two taps only. Please check for Drinking Water signage.

### Yards

Limited yards are available but **must** be requested on Entry Form and will be allocated on a first booked first served basis. Competitors choosing to erect their own yards must do so in the designated areas. Please ensure yards are left clean at the end of your stay. There will be designated manure heaps.

### Horse Wash

There are two Horse Wash bays. Most yards have taps. You may bring a hose for washing down at your yard.

### Catering

Mobile food vendors will be in attendance throughout the weekend. We hope you will support these businesses who are supporting this event. Nearest towns for provisions are Holbrook (22km north) and Albury (35km south).

### Sponsors

Battle of the Border event has worked very hard to secure sponsorship. Complete lists of these sponsors will be posted publicly and are regularly updated on the Battle of the Border Facebook pages. Please do support these businesses in any way you can, purchase their goods, respond favourably on Social Media pages, send them a thank you email or simply thank them in person.

### Marketplace

The Battle of the Border marketplace will be located near the Food vans, on the southern side of the dressage arena. New and past vendors will have stalls set up with a wide range of goods that we hope will appeal to all. Again, please support these businesses in any way you can. The list of Vendors will be constantly updated on the Battle of the Border Facebook page.

### Communication

As in past years we will be using Whats App as an addition to communication whilst at the event. Notices will still be posted at Secretary's Office but also on Whats App.

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### **Christmas Party & Drinks Reception** – Friday evening at 7.30pm

Carbery Carriage Complimentary Christmas Party & Drinks Reception will be held in the Barn. Dress Code: Festive. Following previous years' success, we hope to grow this party by getting more clubs and people to participate by having more taste testing tables.

Please contact Miriam 0427204205 to discuss how you, your club or your friends can get involved in the Christmas party and to register your interest.

**Event Dinner** – Saturday evening at 7.15pm Mad Hatter's Theme. We ask that people get dressed up for the occasion. Cost \$35 @ Main \$14 @ Sweets

### **Dogs**

Ross & Miriam respect your wishes to bring your dogs and they are permitted. **BUT**, please respect Ross and Miriam by keeping your dogs on a lead and under control at all times. Dogs found loose will be impounded in the kennels on the property for the remainder of the competition. You are required to clean up after your dogs.

### **Electric Bikes/Scooters**

Although the event is being held on private property, any electric powered vehicles (bikes/scooters etc) being used at the event need to conform to current NSW traffic regulations. Safety helmets must be worn by children under 16 when riding normal bicycles or any of type of electric vehicle.

### **Dam**

**There is a large farm dam in the stallion yards area. Absolutely NO entering or swimming in the dam. Please be mindful that young children will need to be supervised in this area.**

**Marathon Course** The marathon course consists of three sections, six MOs and will be a maximum of 18kms. Terrain is flat to undulating. **NO VEHICULAR ACCESS TO ANY PART OF THE MARATHON COURSE.** You may walk the Transfer Section and Section B. No access to Section A prior to Marathon. The obstacles are in easy walking distance from the camping areas.

### **Dressage and Cones**

**Provisional** Dressage times will be emailed by Wednesday December 3rd by 5.00pm.

There will be a dressage practice arena just south of the Cones arena. Cones warm up will also be in this area. Entry is via the gate at the Hume Hwy end of the Long Walk. General horse exercise is available in this area.

### **Fire Prevention/Response**

No fires are permitted as local fire restrictions will be in place at this time. A Fire Evacuation plan will be posted at the Secretary's Office. Please make sure you are aware of your responsibilities in case of fire.

### **Awards**

Rosettes to third place overall in each class.

**Concours d'Elegance** - Prizes and rosettes for male and female winners of this award.

**Carbery and Dominiak Carriages Top Score Trophy** - open to competitors who have either purchased a new Dominiak Carriage from Carbery Carriages or for anyone who has purchased a second hand Dominiak carriage that was originally supplied by Carbery Carriages. Trophy will be awarded to the Top Score of this class.

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**Prince Philip Memorial Perpetual Trophy** - this prestigious trophy will once again be awarded to the competitor in the Open Single or Multiple classes with the overall lowest penalties. The main trophy will remain with BCC and a replica will be presented to the winning competitor to keep.

**Top Team Trophy** –Teams will consist of two Novice class competitors and one Open/Intermediate Single or Multiple class competitor. For the sake of clarity Intro Multiples will be considered Novice class competitors. Form a team, name your team and submit your nominations to the Secretary's Office before the start of the Dressage competition. We are thrilled to have the sponsorship of this trophy thanks to Di Norris and Kim Branch.

## Conditions of Entry

This event will be judged under the Rules for Australian Carriage Driving Society Combined Driving Events effective 15th October 2020, and additional regulations as specified in this schedule and published by the ACDS.

Grading of horses is taken at the closing date of entries.

Drivers must be full members of the ACDS. All horses and ponies competing must be registered with the ACDS.

The organisers reserve the right to: Alter the advertised times; refuse any entry, with or without stating a reason; measure any horse or pony upon discretion; reallocate a competitor to the appropriate class.

Any person on a carriage who is under 18 years of age must wear protective headgear in accordance with ACDS by-laws. All Junior Drivers U16 must be accompanied by an able and responsible groom who is a member of the ACDS.

## **Refund Policy**

- If the Border Carriage Club event secretary is emailed a refund request **prior** to the close of competitor entries an 85% refund will be provided, within 4 weeks from the conclusion of the event. (15% of the fee is retained as an administrative fee).
- If the Border Carriage Club event secretary is emailed a refund request 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event a 50% refund will be provided. Your request to withdraw from the event must be in writing and supported by a medical or veterinary certificate to be eligible for a refund. The refund will be provided within 4 weeks from the conclusion of the event. (50% of the fee is retained as an administrative fee).
- If refund request email is received later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event, no refund will be given. The competitor has the right to forward a refund review request to the Border Carriage Club Committee outlining their 'exceptional' circumstances. This request is to be lodged within 24 hrs of the event commencement and will be reviewed and a determination made at the next Border Carriage Club Committee Meeting. A refund of not more than 50% may be determined.
- Saturday Evening Meal – Caterers are advised and paid for the total number of meals 14 days prior to the event. Therefore, no refund will be given for meal or dessert if a competitor cancels within 14 days of the event.
- If the event is cancelled, refunds will be made after expenditure commitments have been paid.