



JOE HAWKINS CUP 2026

Level 3 Combined Driving Event
at Marrar Sportsground on **07 & 08 MAR 2026**



ENTRY FEES:

Classes 1 to 17: **\$110**

Class 18: Dressage/Cones only – **\$50**

There are no camping or yard charges at Marrar

Entries close:

COB 5PM

Friday, 27 Feb 2026

The Riverina Carriage Driving Society would like to encourage all owner/drivers of horse and pony teams to enter the Joe Hawkins Cup by the waiving of entry fees for classes 13 and 16.

Friday, 06 Mar	3:00pm	Marathon Course open for inspection
Saturday, 07 Mar	8:00am	Dressage commences, followed by Obstacle Cone Driving
	6:00pm	Competitors briefing
	6:30pm	Presentations
	7:00pm	Dinner at Marrar Café (See entry form for details)
Sunday, 08 Mar	8:00am	Marathon commences

AWARDS - FITTEST HORSE & PONY – BEST GROOM – STATE OF ORIGIN

Our State of Origin competition.

(3 combined scores of randomly selected drivers from each state).

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. This event will be judged under the Rules for ACDS Combined Driving Events effective 01 January 2026 and additional regulations included in this schedule. Particular attention is drawn to compliance with the Code of Conduct for Welfare of the Horse, which is a condition of entry to this event - refer to Article 933.
2. Competitors are aware of, and agree to pay, the applicable excess (currently \$1,500) which applies to any insurance claim against the ACDS Insurance Policy which may arise out of their participation in the event.
3. Appeals together with \$50.00 are to be lodged within 30 minutes of the scores being posted for each phase. Money will be refunded unless, in the opinion of the Appeals Committee, the appeal is found to be frivolous.
4. Entry fee **must** accompany entry form or copy of Direct Deposit receipt.
5. Competitor and groom to be available to steward as per roster.
6. It is the responsibility of competitors to present themselves for inspection, at least **15 minutes** prior to their marathon start time.
7. Dogs must be restrained and must be always on a leash. This rule will be enforced.
8. No refund of entry fee after closing date without veterinary certificate/doctor certificate.
9. **Right of admission to the Marrar Sportsground is reserved.**
10. **All yards** (own or on site) are to be left cleaned. Wheelbarrow and trailer available.
11. Prize winners who **leave early**, please organise a friend to collect on your behalf.

GENERAL INFORMATION – IMPORTANT NOTE

Competitors who compete with VSEs and ponies under 120cm require an additional groom/person to allow for self-stewarding. This is essential for the running of the event.

If the Event Secretary is asked to seek a person to assist you with the self-stewarding, then there will be an additional cost of \$15 so the person can be provided with lunch. Please indicate this on the entry form

EVENT OFFICIALS

Event Director	Michael Jones	Cones Driving Judge	Liz Hammond
Event Secretary Assist Secretary	Janice Reynolds	Ground Jury	Sue Plath, Cheryl Drummond and Liz Hammond
Technical Delegate	Dot Willcoxson	Appeals Committee	Malcolm Welsh, Dot Willcoxson and Janice Reynolds
Course Designer	Brendan Dwyer	Event Scorer	Jane Keevers
Dressage Judges	Sue Plath Cheryl Drummond	TPR Steward	Sharon Beattie

CLASSES

Class 1 Beginner class (joggers allowed) – see notes below

Class 2 Novice Pony 91cm and under 121cm

Class 3 Novice Pony 121cm not exceeding 149cm

Class 4 Novice Horse over 149cm

Class 5 Intermediate Pony 91cm and under 121cm

Class 6 Intermediate Pony 121cm not exceeding 149cm

Class 7 Intermediate Horse over 149cm

Class 8 Open Pony 91cm and under 121cm

Class 9 Open Pony 121cm not exceeding 149cm

Class 10 Open Horse over 149cm

Class 11 Pony Pair 91cm not exceeding 149cm (*time allowance 91cm under 121cm*)

Class 12 Pony Tandem 91cm not exceeding 149cm (*time allowance 91cm under 121cm*)

Class 13 Pony Four-in-hand 91cm not exceeding 149cm (*time allowance 91cm under 121cm*)

Class 14 Horse Pair over 149cm

Class 15 Horse Tandem over 149cm

Class 16 Horse Four-in-hand over 149cm

Class 17 Introductory Multiples

Class 18 Dressage and Cones only

**Event Secretary:
Janice Reynolds
MB: 0429 464 245**

DRESSAGE TESTS:

Classes 1 - 4 ACDS Novice Test A – Oct 2021 V2.1

Classes 5 to 7 ACDS Intermediate Test No. 2

Classes 8 to 10 Open FEI 3* A HP4 V2.0

Classes 11 to 16 ACDS Intermediate Test No. 2

Class 17 and 18 ACDS Novice Test A – Oct 2021 V2.1

Marathon Course

The marathon will consist of 3 sections, with a total distance of approximately 15km including 5 marathon obstacles. The entire event will be held within the sportsground.

Dressage Arena

Dressage arena/s will be 100m x 40m.

Obstacle Cone Driving

The obstacle cone driving shall be conducted as a fault competition following your dressage test.

Facilities

- Camping on site (**Not powered**). Generators MUST be turned off **No Later Than 9:00pm**.
- Toilets/showers (**Not powered**, recommend bring your own light for travel to and from your campsite).
- Town water available
- There are 31 open yards available (bring something to make a gate) or bring your own yard/s. Electric fence yards are permitted.

Catering

There will be no canteen on site during the event, however, light meals and refreshments will be available from the Marrar Café. Attendees can call the Café in advance and place meal orders, **PH: 6927 4466**. There will be a free Welcome BBQ on the Friday night. On Saturday night there will be a sit-down buffet dinner at the Marrar Café, **\$30 per person**. The café has a BYO licence. See entry form for further information and where to advise numbers attending.

State of Origin

This will be decided by 3 combined scores from each State, competitors will be chosen by a random draw at the free Welcome BBQ on Friday evening.

Beginners

Beginners class – driver not to have completed anymore than two CDE's without elimination.

WEATHER MANAGEMENT AND CONSIDERATIONS

Monitoring of weather conditions will continue to take place and while this course is relatively flat, our officials will take into consideration the weather leading up to and during the event and if needed, adjust the course accordingly.

The members of Riverina Carriage Driving Club look forward to you attending our event. If you have any queries or enquiries, please direct them to the Event Director.

Kind Regards

Michael Jones

Event Director

Joe Hawkins Cup

Riverina Carriage Driving Society

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