

# 2026 NSW COMBINED DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

3 - 6 April, 2026

BOOROWA SHOWGROUND, BOOROWA, NSW

Conducted on behalf of the NSW Branch of the Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc. and Ellmore Club



## EVENT OFFICIALS

<i>Event Director:</i>	John Tonkiss	<i>Event Secretary:</i>	Tracey Ellis
<i>Technical Delegate:</i>	Elizabeth O'Brien	<i>Assistant Event Secretary:</i>	Belinda Casper
<i>Course Designer:</i>	Brendan Dwyer	<i>Event Scorer:</i>	Jane Keevers
<i>Dressage Judges:</i>	Cheryl Dowling - POJ David Rozynski Sarah Keevers	<i>Official Veterinary Surgeon:</i>	South West Slopes Veterinary
<i>Cones Judge:</i>	Ground Jury	<i>TPR Steward:</i>	Sharon Beattie
<i>Appeals Committee:</i>	Belinda Casper Ruth Rozynski TBA	<i>TPR Steward:</i>	TBA

[Click here for the Championship Online Entry Form](#)

[Click here to join the competitors' WhatsApp group](#)

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM (all times subject to change)

### Friday 3rd April 2026

3.00 pm First Horse Inspection commences  
7.00 pm Competitor briefing and welcome meal

### Saturday 4th April 2026

8.30 am Dressage commences  
6.30 pm Presentation of Dressage awards and Competitor briefing



### Sunday 5th April 2026

8.30 am Marathon commences  
6.30 pm **Complimentary nibbles and drinks** will be supplied for the  
Presentation of Marathon awards

### Monday 6th April 2026

8.30 am Final Horse Inspection in harness 30 minutes before your class  
Cones commences  
3.00 pm (est) Presentation of Cones and Overall Awards

## 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 (\*91cm & ne 124cm)
11. Horse Pair over 149cm
12. Pony Tandem 91cm ne 149cm (\*91cm & ne 124cm)
13. Horse Tandem over 149cm
14. Pony Team 91cm ne 149cm (\*91cm & ne 124cm)
15. Horse Team over 149cm
16. VSE under 91cm (Novice dressage test. Marathon Section B only)

\* Time allowances apply

## DRESSAGE TESTS – 100 x 40 m arena

Novice	<a href="#">ACDS Novice Test B 2024</a>
Intermediate	<a href="#">ACDS Intermediate No 2 Test</a>
Open Singles	<a href="#">FEI 3*B HP1 V2.0</a>
Multiples	<a href="#">FEI 3*A HP4 V2.0</a>

## PRIZES

- Perpetual Trophies as per NSW ACDS records
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Individual Competitions
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Overall
- Concours d'Elegance for Singles & Multiples
- Best Dressage score, Best Marathon score, Best Cones score

## ENTRY FEES (see entry form)

Entry Fee: **\$220**  
(includes use of yards, available power and camping during the event & Friday welcome meal)

Entries Close: **Friday 27th March 2026 or earlier if the limit is reached before the closing date.**

Enquiries: **Event Secretary – Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696 [scribblegum64@gmail.com](mailto:scribblegum64@gmail.com)**

### Entry Requirements

- Online entry & payment required.
- Assisted entry available on request to the Event Secretary - Tracey Ellis (details above)

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### Your e-signature on the event entry form indicates your acceptance of these conditions

The event will be judged under the current applicable ACDS Rules for Combined Driving Events, plus any additional requirements in this schedule, including:

- Drivers must be full financial members of the ACDS.
- The Organising Committee reserve the right to:
  - Alter the advertised times;
  - Refuse entry, with/without stating reason/s;
  - Measure any horse or pony;
  - Reallocate a competitor to the appropriate class.
- Grading will be taken as of the close of entries.
- All horses competing must be ACDS registered.
- Minimum wheel widths apply – wheels will be measured.
- **Due to the high travel and accommodation costs for officials, refunds will be limited.** Entry fees are non-refundable after the closing date, except when a horse or driver cannot attend due to sickness or accident; in such cases, an application for a refund may be considered by the Organising Committee upon submission of a relevant medical or veterinary certificate. Refund requests will not be considered after the commencement of the event.
- Appeals must be lodged with \$50 with the event secretary within 30 minutes of the scores of each phase being posted. Money will be refunded unless, in the opinion of the Appeals Committee, the appeal is found to be frivolous.
- Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS) Inc, NSW Branch of the ACDS, Hilltops Council, User Groups, Private Landholders, the Organising Committee / Officials, or their appointed representatives accept any liability for any accident, theft, damage or illness to horses, drivers, grooms or any person or property whatsoever, in connection with this event.

### From ACDS CDE Rules: 901.7.3 Qualification for Championships

*To qualify for a National or State Championship, an Athlete must complete without elimination one Level 3 or higher event within the previous three years with a single, if entering as a single, with a pair if entering as a pair, or with a team/tandem, if entering a team/tandem. Before the closing date of entries as listed on the program and entry form for the event, if an Athlete has to withdraw a horse/pony from their multiple combination due to lameness, ill health or injury, the Athlete may choose to compete in another class with the approval of the OC. If this occurs after the closing date of entries as listed on the program and entry form for the event and before the start of the event, a vet certificate must be provided to the Event Secretary. If vetted out at the First Examination and Inspection, an Athlete with a multiple may choose to compete in another class with the approval of the OC. - **The Organising Committee will offer a Level 3 CDE, run in conjunction with the Championships, for those who may not meet the qualification requirements.***

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Please keep this information handy for reference during the event

<b>Arrival</b>	Please advise the Event Secretary if you will be arriving at the Boorowa Showground before Thursday.
<b>Other Events</b>	A Level 3 CDE will run concurrently with the CDE Championships. A Junior Camp, Gathering, and Enduro events will all follow on from the State CDE Championships
<b>CDE Competitor Kits</b>	Will be available from the Event Office from 1.00 pm on Friday.
<b>WhatsApp</b>	We plan to use WhatsApp to keep competitors informed. We will have the same group for both the L3 and the L1 events. You can <a href="#">click here</a> to join now or use the QR code at the Secretary's office during the event.
<b>CDE Horse Inspection / TPR Checks</b>	All horses/ponies are to be presented in an open-bitted bridle (except for inspection in harness) with the ACDS Horse Rego number attached to the bridle. Competitors/handlers must dress appropriately (neat attire and closed-toe footwear). Competitors/handlers must carry/wear their competitor number to the horse inspection.
<b>State &amp; Club Teams</b>	Refer to ACDS article 905.2 - To be nominated before or at the event. Please submit your nomination to the Secretary's office by 8 am Saturday, 4th April 2026 or via email – <a href="mailto:scribblegum64@gmail.com">scribblegum64@gmail.com</a>
<b>Dressage</b>	Dressage arena/s will be officially open to walk from 8 am on Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>Marathon</b>	The course will consist of three sections across paddocks and unsealed roads, with a maximum distance of 18 km, and will feature seven obstacles. There will be a water obstacle, and the countryside is flat. Section B of the course will be officially open for inspection from 3 pm on Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April. <b>Access Limitations:</b> (subject to change due to weather conditions) All obstacles can be readily reached from the Camping area. Section B is not to be inspected after 9 pm. Only Competitors and officials are allowed on the course once the first competitor starts Section B.
<b>Cones</b>	The Cones will be judged as a fault competition. The Cones course will be officially open for inspection 1.5 hours before the start of the Cones competition.
<b>Junior Person on Carriages</b>	Any person on a carriage under 18 must wear protective headgear under the ACDS bylaws.
<b>Helmets</b>	Helmets must be worn on all sections of the Marathon and must comply with the ACDS bylaw on helmets. If helmets are worn in other parts of the competition, they must comply with the ACDS bylaw on helmets.
<b>Event Medical</b>	If you have a medical condition that may require emergency treatment, you are strongly encouraged to advise the Event Secretary in advance. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence, but prior knowledge allows us to plan for a potential adverse health issue adequately.
<b>Bicycles, Powered Mobility aids, etc</b>	Bicycles, both push and electric, may be used on the grounds; however, helmet requirements may apply in some areas (as per regulations for public spaces). Powered mobility aids may be used on the course per CDE Rules provisions. All users of bicycles and powered mobility aids must be mindful of their potential impact on horses and operate these items safely and with respect for others. <b>For the safety of all concerned, these items are not permitted in or immediately adjacent to the Horse Inspection area during inspections or on the Marathon course once the Marathon commences.</b> Please respect and comply with any reasonable request from Officials in this regard.
<b>Awards</b>	Perpetual trophies and ribbons/rosettes will be awarded. The organisers take no responsibility for the loss of awards or prizes if recipients do not remain for the award ceremony after the event. Place-getters are expected to be appropriately dressed for awards ceremonies. If you need to leave early, please ensure that a representative attends the awards presentation on your behalf.
<b>Event Photography</b>	Linda Mace will be in attendance at the event. If you have any specific photo requests, please contact Linda directly before the event to discuss: <a href="mailto:lindzyne@bigpond.net.au">lindzyne@bigpond.net.au</a>
<b>Catering</b>	<b>Please be advised that there will be no event dinner.</b> Welcome meet and greet on Friday evening (includes non-meat options) – Please indicate numbers on the entry form. Angie's Coffee & Food Van will be on the grounds from Friday the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of April to Monday the 6 <sup>th</sup> of April - lots of coffee and food will be available. Boorowa has local shopping options including IGA Supermarket, Cafes, Pubs, Clubs, Hardware, Petrol and fast-food outlets, all close to the event grounds.

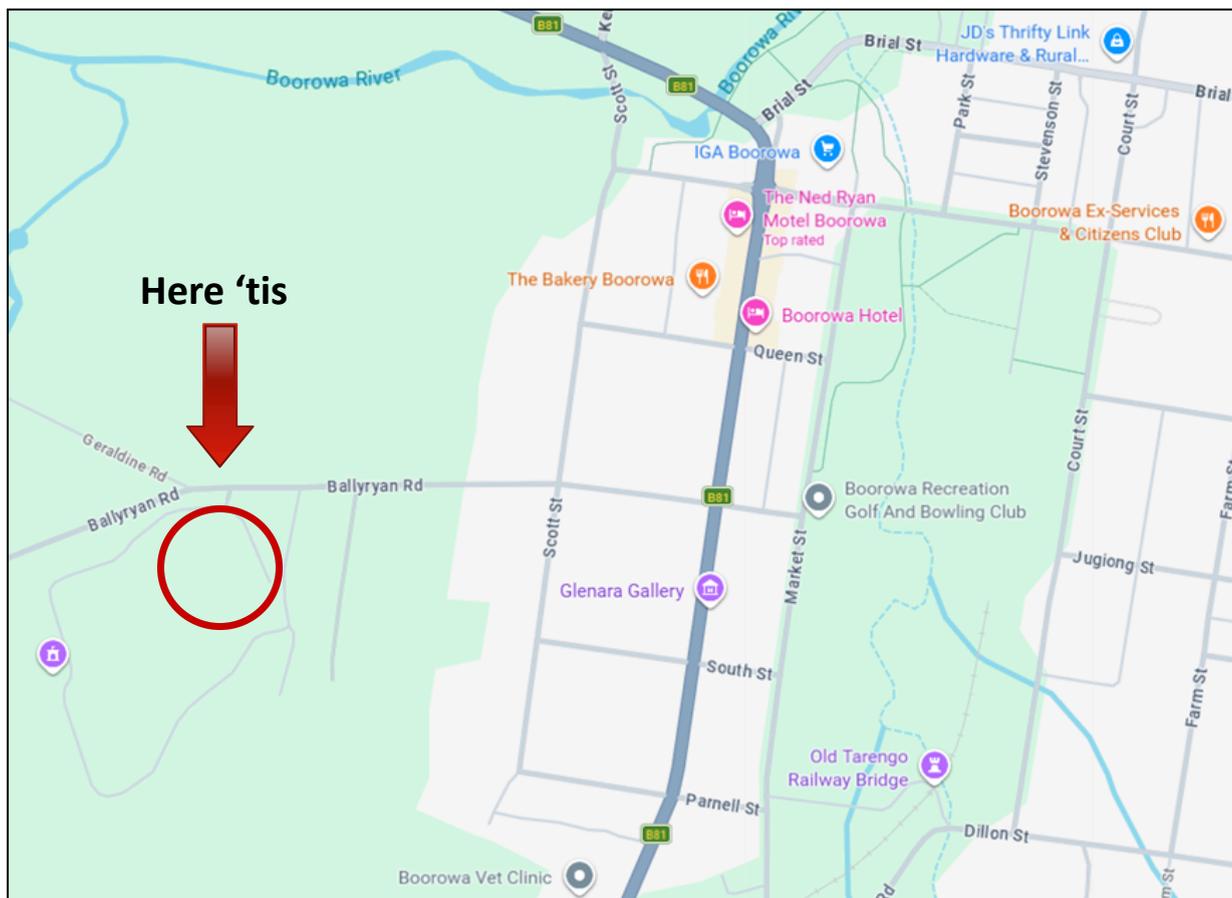
<b>Camping</b>	Please advise the Event Secretary (Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696), if you will be arriving on the Boorowa Showgrounds prior to Thursday, the 2nd of April. Generators, if used, must be switched off by 10 pm.
<b>Showers &amp; Toilets</b>	Showers and toilets, including accessible facilities, are available at the Showground.
<b>Accommodation</b>	For those not intending to camp, there are Air BnB options, motels and a caravan park in Boorowa.
<b>Dogs</b>	Dogs are allowed but <b>must be kept on a leash at all times</b> . You are expected to clean up after your dogs. The Showgrounds is a Council-controlled space; penalties may apply if dogs are unrestrained.
<b>Horse Yards</b>	Electric fence yards are permitted. Manure is to be picked up and placed in designated locations. Yards <b>MUST</b> be cleaned before departure. There are fixed solid metal fenced yards with either a dirt or concrete base available, the surface type can not be guaranteed and it will be on a first in, best dressed basis.
<b>Produce supplies</b>	Shavings will be available on the Showground throughout the event. Stock feeds are available from Thompsons Rural Supplies (02 6385 3624) on Pudman Street and Nutrien Ag Solutions (Cork Hills Ag Services) on Marsden Street and Thrifty Link/Boorowa Hardware on Brial Street (02 6385 1603) - Be aware of limited trading hours over the Easter weekend.

[Click here for the Championship Online Entry Form](#)

Entry enquiries to: **Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696** [scribblegum64@gmail.com](mailto:scribblegum64@gmail.com)

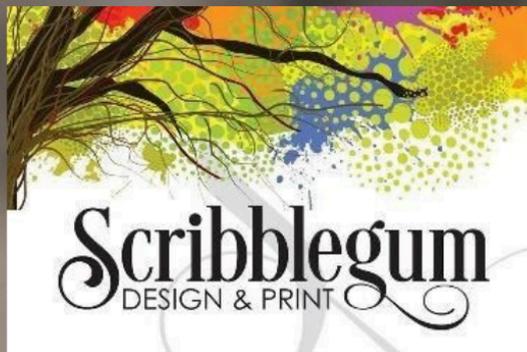
Entries close Friday, 27th March, 2026  
or earlier if capacity is reached  
– No late entries, thank you –

Boorowa Maps – Showground entry on Ballyryan Road



Thank You  
for your  
support

ELLMORE



Angie's Food Van



WICKED PAINT CO

