



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

OZ TREC – SATURDAY 4 MAY 2024

Oz Trec – What’s it all about?

Basically, it is a fun day out with your pony or horse - something we’ve all been missing!

Oz Trec was introduced in Australia by the Geelong & District Carriage Drivers Club. It started in the 1970s in France as a ridden activity and some years later the British Driving Society incorporated the principle of ridden Trec into a driven activity and Driven Trek began. It is now enjoyed in many countries around the world including the UK, Canada and the USA.

Oz Trec tests horse-and-driver combinations through a range of challenges, rather than focusing on one style or discipline. Safety is a huge priority. It is suitable for all breeds and sizes of horses/ponies along with all types of carriages and all levels of drivers.

Just think a bit of pleasure driving, showing, CDE, dressage and handy mount all thrown into one. Points are gained or lost depending on the phase of the competition with the highest total score determining the winner of each section.

There is no cantering on any part of the course and the activities section are untimed. If you want to skip something that’s totally fine.

And most importantly – you can’t be eliminated!

You can find more details at <https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/What-the-heck-is-OZ-TREC-for-the-ACDS-2021-AGM-by-N.-Linic-s.pdf>

TRECKing must haves

All participants must have the following;

- Helmet that meets ACDS requirements
- High visibility top – extra points for extra High Vis

A Special Thank you to our Volunteers & Sponsors

Carriage driving is a very volunteer intensive sport. We appreciate all of the people who have generously donated their time to volunteer at our TREC. As you see them about, please add your “thanks!” to ours.

<u>Tentative Schedule</u>	
9.00am	Collect maps and explore skills activities by foot
10.20am	Equipment checks commence
10.30am	Cross country drive starts followed by skills course (specific times will be allocated)
1.30pm	Awards Presentation (approx. time)

TREC How-To

<u>Equipment check</u>	Each turnout will have their equipment inspected prior to starting on courses. Plan for a cross-country drive. What would you take if you were to be out all day, prepared for anything? Something for the weather? Something for safety? Something for comfort and welfare? For you or your horse? Both? Some extra fluoro gear? ☐
<u>Cross-country drive</u>	Cross-country drive and control of paces will take place over a prescribed course of approximately 4 kilometres, journeying across fields and roads. You will be expected to follow the route and cover the distance at a predetermined speed, coming in as close to target time as possible. There will be a mandatory walk section and an “any pace” section that is timed for a working trot. You’ll lose points for incorrect pace or for time over or under the optimum time allowed. Paces will be different for different sized horses.

Skills Course	This will introduce elements you may find along any trail drive, with some added twists. We will not time this section, but it is aimed for walk or trot. No cantering – just keep moving along the course at a comfortable pace. Abilities can vary greatly in this section. There is something for everybody here. Can't do one of them? Just pass it by.....a few points lost, but no eliminations . Things you might find could include hills, bridges, reinback, serpentines, circles, standing quietly, driving straight, driving over stuff. Nothing is meant to startle or scare horses or drivers.
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TREC Scoring

Equipment check	Points are awarded for well-fitting and appropriate harness, carriage, and driver equipment. Think safety and comfort. Imagine what you would need to go on a cross-country driving adventure. A spares kit is highly recommended. Points are also awarded for relevant extra equipment carried.
Cross-country drive	Points are deducted for breaks of pace on course or for being over or under time. The idea is to pace yourself over the whole drive, not just make up the difference at the end. There is no “window” of allowed time, and rare is the person who comes in exactly on the dot. Points will also be deducted for break of pace, circling or stopping.
Skills Course	Each skill test is scored separately. Points are deducted for dislodging an element, incorrectly manoeuvring an element, or skipping an element – but no Elimination . The Skills drive will not be timed.

Disclaimer: The Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc (ACDS), ACDS NSW Branch, SHCC Inc, and the Wingecarribee Shire Council accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to horses, equipment, drivers, grooms, spectators or other persons or property in connection with this event.

ENTRY FORM

Name:		D.O.B if Junior Driver:	
Address:			
Phone No:		Email Address:	
ACDS Affiliated Club:		Membership No:	

Combination – Please indicate as appropriate (classes will be joined/divided, based on entries received). **Entries accepted for ONE class only**

→ Single → Pair → Tandem → Team

Horse/Pony Name	Height	Age

Entry Fees

\$20 for SHCC members	\$10 for ACDS Junior/Young Driver members
\$25 for ACDS members of other ACDS Clubs	\$60 for non ACDS members (includes 1 activity membership fee)

Entry Fee	\$
Camping Fee \$6 per night for powered site	\$
Camping Fee \$3 per night for unpowered site	\$
TOTAL Please pay by direct credit to SHCC: BSB 012547 Account 482071097	\$

Please read the following carefully before signing entry form

Any person causing a claim to be made against the ACDS Insurance Policy is personally liable for the excess amount in full as determined by the insurance policy at the time of the incident. I agree to abide by, and adhere to, the rules and by-laws of the Australian Carriage Driving Society, the Rules for Driving with ACDS variations and all conditions of entry as stated in the event schedule.

Signature	Date
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Please complete this section if junior driver:

Parent/guardian signature		Groom's Name	
Groom's Club		Groom's ACDS membership number	

Email: shcarriageclub@gmail.com

Post: SHCC, PO Box 862, Bowral, NSW 2576