

Oaklands Horse & Carriage Driving Club on behalf of ACDS Victorian Branch proudly presents the



2026 VICTORIAN COMBINED DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 21 & 22 MARCH 2026

ACDS Level 1 CDE

Greenvale Equestrian Centre

115 Section Road, Greenvale, 3059, Victoria

Please note this is a self-stewarding event. Refer to page 6.

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21 & 22 MARCH 2026

SCHEDULE

Friday 20 March 2026

4:00 pm First horse inspection –

Horses must be in open bitted bridles

Times may be allocated

6:00 pm Competitor briefing & Welcome BBQ

Note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to commence dressage on Friday afternoon depending on the number of entries. Competitors will be advised in advance.

Saturday 21 March 2026

7:00 am First horse inspection in front of the Ground Jury (by prior arrangement)

8:00 am State and Club Teams to be lodged with the Event Secretary

9:00 am Dressage commences

9.30 am Cones commences

6:00 pm Dressage and Cones awards followed by Marathon briefing

Sunday 22 March 2026

9:00 am Marathon commences

3.30 pm Overall & Marathon Awards

Note:

This is a provisional timetable and the Organising Committee reserves

the right to make changes.



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OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

Event Director	Peter Lee
Event Secretary	Rhonda Thomas
Organising Committee	Peter Harkness, Peter Lee, Debra Fuller, Michelle Jones
Technical Delegate	Bruce Hammond
Course Designer	Peter Harkness
Dressage Judges	Lyn Callaghan (NSW) Dawn Walter (VIC) Liz Hammond (NSW)
Cones Judge	Debra Fuller (VIC)
Ground Jury	Debra Fuller (POJ), Lyn Callaghan, Dawn Walter, Liz Hammond
Appeals Committee	Peter Lee Tracey Tuohy TBC
Official Veterinary Steward	Dr Natasha Colla
Scorer	Event Secretary & Oaklands



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CLASSES

- 1 VSE
- 2 Novice Pony 91cm and ne 124cm
- 3 Novice Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
- 4 Novice Horse over 149cm
- 5 Intermediate Pony 91cm and ne 124cm
- 6 Intermediate Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
- 7 Intermediate Horse over 149cm
- 8 Open Pony 91cm and ne 124cm
- 9 Open Pony over 124cm ne 149cm
- 10 Open Horse over 149cm
- 11 Pony Pairs 91cm ne 149cm*
- 12 Pony Tandem 91cm ne 149cm*
- 13 Horse Pairs over 149cm
- 14 Horse Tandem over 149cm
- 15 Pony Teams 91cm ne 149cm*
- 16 Horse teams over 149cm

*Time allowances apply

PRESENTATION

On the move, for all classes

DRESSAGE TESTS

Novice & VSE	ACDS Novice Test B 2024
Intermediate	ACDS Intermediate Test 2
Open Single	FEI 3*B HP1 V2.0 (reformatted August 2023)
Multiples	FEI 3*A HP4 V2.0 (reformatted August 2023)
Arena size	100 x 40 (light sand or grass arena) <i>Practice arena – light sand or grass</i>

<https://www.australiancarriagedrivingociety.org/driven-dressage-tests/>



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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Single equine classes; a competitor must have completed without elimination one Level 3 or higher event within the past 3 years with a single.

Pair equine classes; a competitor must have completed without elimination one Level 3 or higher event within the past 3 years with a pair/tandem.

Team/Tandem equine classes; a competitor must have completed without elimination one Level 3 or higher event within the past 3 years with a team.

ENTRIES

Entry Fee	\$200 includes camping
Yards	\$10 per horse - <i>for event duration</i>
Horse Fee	\$10 per horse (compulsory) - <i>for event duration</i>
Entries Close	Friday 6 March 2026

HOW TO ENTER

All entries must be made using Event Secretary on-line entry portal

www.eventsecretary.com/equestrian/

Then scroll down to find the event. Click on the event.

Note – please read instructions on the top of the page once you have clicked on the event prior to entering your information. If you have any problems entering, please contact Event Secretary.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event will be judged under the current Rules for Australian Carriage Society Combined Driving Events (effective 1 January 2026) plus any additional conditions in this schedule including:

- Drivers must be full members of the ACDS.
- Competitors must have qualified to enter the event in accordance with ACDS rules.
- The Organising Committee reserve the right to:
 - Alter the advertised time
 - Refuse entry, with/without stating reason/s
 - Measure any horse or pony
 - Reallocate a competitor to the appropriate class
- Grading will be taken as at close of entries
- All horses competing must be ACDS registered.
- Minimum wheel widths apply – wheels will be measured.
- Changes to an entry will not be accepted after the closing date without a veterinarian certificate.

Entry fees are non-refundable after the event commences. If a horse or driver is unable to attend due to sickness or accident, an application for refund may be considered by the Organising Committee on production of a medical or veterinary certificate. 30% of entry fees will be retained to cover costs.



CATERING

A coffee/food vans will be in attendance Saturday & Sunday from early morning to early afternoon to cater for your needs. Please support the van.

Saturday night – Oaklands are conscious of the cost of ACDS activities and the increasing cost of meals that are offered as part of events. For that reason, there will be no official dinner. Greenvale Shopping Centre which is 5 minutes from the grounds has multiple takeaway food stores including Fish and Chips, Pizza, BBQ Chicken, Chinese, Kebab shops. We encourage you to bring some food to the and clubrooms and enjoy the company of other competitors.

On Friday night, there will be a welcome BBQ.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arrival and Departure Date

No arrivals before Thursday 18 March 2026 without prior consent of Event Director or Secretary. All competitors must leave the event location by Monday 23 March 2026.

Safety

The reserve and neighbouring areas including the Woodlands Historic Park are home to a large kangaroo population. For that reason, MO's, the dressage arena and cones course are not to be walked before 7am and after 6.30pm at night.

Self-Stewarding

This is a Self-Stewarding Event. If you drive in the morning, you will be required to steward in the afternoon. If you drive in the afternoon, you will be required to steward in the morning.

Horse/Pony registration numbers

Horse(s)/pony(s) must display the horse/pony ACDS Registration Number at all times on the grounds (from the time of arrival to the time of departure)

Vet Checks

All horses/ponies to be presented in open bitted bridles. Competitors/handlers must be neatly dressed. Competitors/handlers must wear their competitor number to the vet check.

Dressage and Dressage Times

Dressage times will be available after 5 pm on 17 March 2026. Dressage arena will be open to walk at 5pm on Friday 19 March 2026 and also prior to the commencement of dressage.

Marathon

The course will be three sections over a maximum distance of 18 kms with up to eight obstacles, some of which may be water. The countryside is undulating with mainly un-made roads. Section B of the course will be open for inspection from **12pm (Midday) on Friday 19 March 2026. Section A and the Transfer Section are closed** to motorised vehicles but are open to walking or riding on a pushbike. Competitors will be able to drive motorised vehicles to the obstacles only on Section B subject to weather conditions. Obstacles are within close proximity to the clubrooms and camping area. Road laws for Victoria apply. It is the responsibility of the competitor to present themselves at the start of section A 10 minutes before their commencement time.

Cones

The Cones will be driven as a fault competition. The Course may contain a bridge and/or water. The Cones course will be officially open for inspection between 7.00am and 8.30am on Saturday 20 March 2026.

Junior Persons (drivers/grooms/others) on Carriages

Any person on a carriage who is under 18 years of age must wear protective headgear in accordance with ACDS by-laws.

Awards

Sashes/Rosettes awarded to overall place-getters. Ribbons awarded to place-getters in each competition. Perpetual trophies awarded. The organisers take no responsibility for the loss of awards and/or prizes if recipients do not remain for the award ceremony at the conclusion of the event.

Competitors are expected to be appropriately dressed (dressage attire) for awards ceremony.

Camping

There are no powered sites. Please make your own arrangements. Generators are to be turned off at 9.30pm and only generators with a quiet motor are allowable. Showers and toilets in separate area will be available.

Accommodation

For those not intending to camp, there are several motels within a 10-minute radius. Please make your own arrangements. It is your responsibility to ensure any horses left on the grounds if you stay off-site are properly attended too.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times. You are required to clean up after your dogs at all times.

Yards

Yards are available – cost \$10 per horse for the event. First in first served. There are approximately 80 yards available.

No Fires

No fires are allowed on the reserve at any time.

Rubbish

Rubbish bins will be available for rubbish

Local Shops

Greenvale Shopping Centre is a 5-minute drive.

Horses/ponies tied to floats/trucks

All competitors need to be mindful of horse welfare and not have horses tied to truck/floats for extended periods of time.

Helmets

Helmets must be worn on all sections of the marathon and must comply with the ACDS by-law on helmets. If helmets are worn in other parts of the competition, they must comply with the ACDS by-law on helmets

Medical Information Holders

Properly completed medical information holders are compulsory for both drivers and grooms in Victoria and are to be worn and must be clearly visible at all times when on a carriage during the event.

Bikes & Helmets

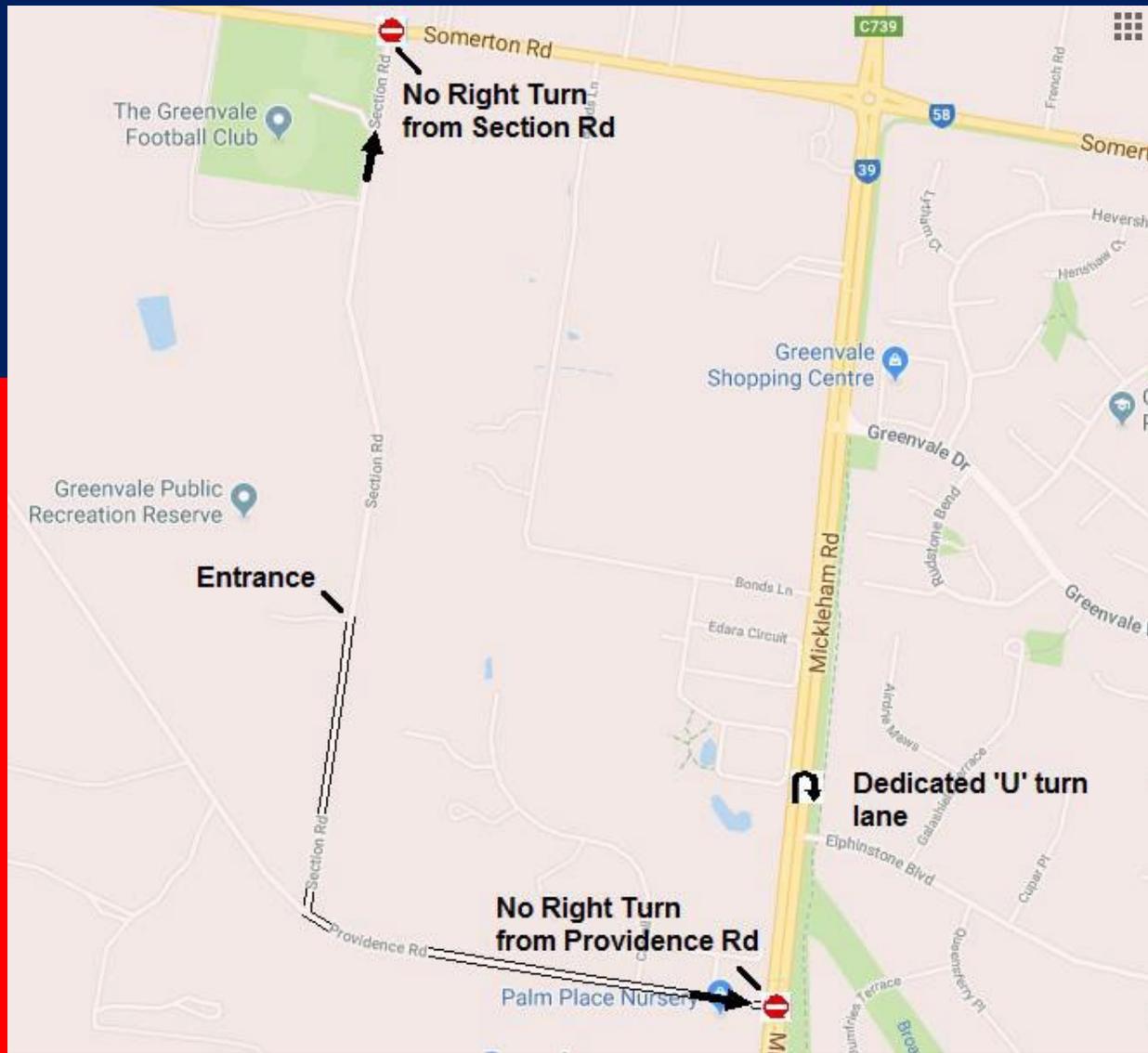
Helmets must be worn by all persons on the grounds when riding a bicycle.

Melbourne Airport

For those that wish to visit, Melbourne Tullamarine Airport is 10 minutes from Greenvale Equestrian Reserve.

Tourist Activities/Information

City of Melbourne is about a 20-minute drive. The adjacent Woodlands Historic Park is the home of Living Legends. A visit will enable you to rub shoulders with a number of Melbourne Cup winners. There is also the old homestead where afternoon tea is served. For those airplane enthusiasts, you can sit on the veranda and watch the planes take-off and land.



Greenvale Equestrian Centre

Section Road

Greenvale Victoria

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Greenvale+Equestrian+Centre,+Greenvale+VIC+3059>



Indemnity: Neither the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS); Victorian Branch of the ACDS; Oaklands Horse and Carriage Driving Club (Inc.), Hume City Council, Greenvale Public Recreation Reserve User Groups, the Officials/Organising Committee, or their appointed officials accept any liability for any accident, theft or illness to horses, drivers and grooms or any person or property whatsoever, in connection with this event.