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ACDS activities - there's something for everyone!



Above: Les and Gail Gilroy's Monty and Shoshoni on the Crows Nest Pleasure Drive, Queensland, Below lett, Gwenda Holland driving Minty to a beautiful Governess Cart at the THDVF's Concours D'Elegance held at Entally House, Hadspen. Photo: John Caine, Launceston Camera Club.





Above right: Ross Carbery giving a harness demonstration at Come & Try Day run by Mornington Peninsula Pleasure Hamess Club in conjunction with the Australian Tradesman and Delivery Show Horse Driving Association. Below: Drivers lined up at the NSW North Coast Club's Dress Up Day. Photo: S Naylor.



Australian Carriage Driving Journal

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From the Editor

Our MARCH EDITION is something of a Show feature, with a comprehensive report from the 2018 National Showdriving Championship, along with reports from several States on their showing activities. As always, it is great to be able to print so many terrific photos, and I thank our con-

tributors, both amateur and professional, for generously allowing us to reproduce their work.

This issue also carries a variety of educational content; we continue our Hardy Zantke series, with Hardy moving onto the establishment of collection (with roundness), as he takes us through the German Training Scale.

Fancy trying the traditional Coachman's Hand when you're driving? A little research into a classic carriage driving reference book by Tom Ryder has allowed us to reproduce some photos explaining the technique.

New to this issue is an article by Andy Marcoux, on dealing with the spooky carriage horse. Andy is a very experienced driving coach and official in the USA (perhaps known to those online through his webpage www.CoachmansDelight.com) and I am delighted to welcome him as a Journal contributor.

Dr John Kohnke provides us with some important information on the risks to horses from grazing on pastures dominated by kikuyu. Whilst for many of us around Australia at present, lush green grass seems a distant memory, it is worth noting that when rain does come, kikuyu is often the first grass to sprout in many areas and can bring with it hazards for your horse.

I extend wholehearted congratulations to the new FEI Driving World CupTM Champion Bram Chardon; Bram has been travelling to Australia to give instructional clinics for a number of years, and soon after his success in Bordeaux, he visited Bundanoon once again for a busy nine days of lessons organised by the Southern Highlands Carriage Club. I was fortunate to attend on two days and all reports are that Bram's teaching style and ability to impart his knowledge continue to be very well received and highly regarded. We look forward to many more visits by Bram.

It is also exciting to feature some of the recipients of the inaugural ACDS Junior Bursaries, particularly given my involvement in the establishment of the scheme. With these, and other enthusiastic and capable young members, the future of driving in Australia is looking very positive.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the ACDS Carriage Driving Journal.

Brendan Dwyer Acting Journal Editor

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Front cover: The Western Australian State Championship Weekend 3rd and 4th November 2018 was held at Dryandra Equestrian Park. Saturday saw the WA State Show Driving Championships where Natalie Morris, driving her Welsh Section C mare London Park Fame won the Champion Large Pony. Photo: Kylie Remaani Jones.

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President's Report



TELCOME to this edition of the journal. Since the last edition, Australia has experienced the vagaries of weather, with continuing drought in many parts of Australia, bushfires in some parts of Australia, floods in other parts and extreme heat in most of Australia. Members have been affected and the comradery of our members in helping others is appreciated by all. To all those who have suffered, we send our thoughts and to those who have been able to help others, thank you.

The weather conditions have not prevented members from participating in activities in many States. It is pleasing to see so many Clubs organising activities.

At Federal level, we have been busy on two activities over the past few months in addition to managing the affairs of the ACDS.

Firstly, the organisation of the 2019 Federal AGM and Conference at Beechworth in Victoria over the weekend of 13 and 14 July 2019.

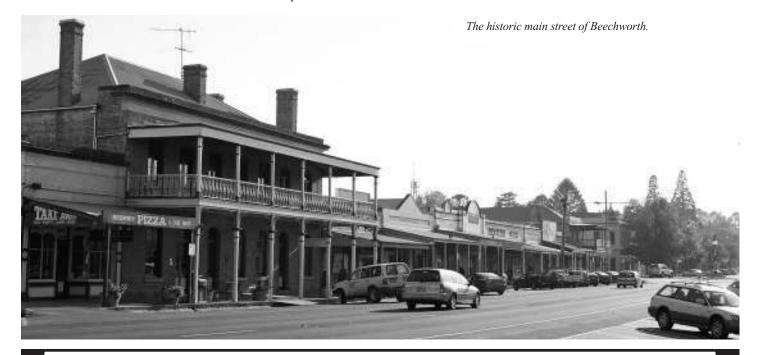
Beechworth is a pretty town and there are plenty of activities in the region to entertain visitors to the area so why not book your winter holiday and come to the AGM and Conference and also spend some time visiting other attractions in the area.

The second activity that we have been working on is the 50th anniversary of the ACDS which takes place in 2021. Our thought process is to put on a majority of championships and activities for that year around one location – similar to the 40th anniversary celebrations at Bundanoon in 2011. Our aim is to be able to announce to members the location and timing of the 50th anniversary celebrations at this year's AGM and Conference (if not earlier) so it gives members plenty of time to organise their schedule to be able to attend.

I mentioned the new website last time in my report. We are aware that some members have had problems registering and logging in. If you are one of these members who are having problems, please contact our Web coordinator, Bernadette Lewis.

Thank you to all those contributors who have provided content. As can be seen by the articles and reports in the journal, carriage driving is thriving at the moment.

> PETER LEE Federal President



ACDS Horse Registration process

- ACDS Horse registration is required for participation in CDEs, Graded Driven Dressage and Indoor Competitions the one registration number covers all activities.
- Application Form is available from the ACDS website to avoid processing delays, please ensure all relevant details are completed clearly and legibly, including the marking of both diagrams.
- Application and payment / evidence of payment may be sent directly to the ACDS Horse Registrar. (If paying by direct deposit into the ACDS bank account, please ensure you reference your name and reason for the payment). Processing will not begin without payment / evidence of payment.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they have obtained a horse registration number for their equine/s and to provide this to event organisers on their entry form – 'pending', 'tba' etc are not valid responses. Organisers may at their discretion ask for evidence of horse registration.
- Competing in the above activities without a valid horse registration is a breach of the rules and may result in elimination from that competition.

FEDERAL COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD

ACDS National Championships Program

2019 Australian Combined Driving Championships: 20 – 22 April 2019 (Easter) – Murray Districts, Dwellingup, WA

2019 Australian Show Driving Championships: 24-25 August 2019 – SCDS, Monarto, SA

2019 Australian Driven Dressage Championships: 13 October 2019 – SHCC, Bundanoon, NSW

2020 Australian Combined Driving Championships – VIC – Further details to be advised.

ACDS Officials List

The Federal Secretary has updated and revised the format of the Officials Lists and they are available on the Federal Website - extensive cross checking of the lists has been undertaken with the State Convenors and against accreditation records to ensure the list is the most up to date available, so please refer to this list only.

If your listing is incorrect/missing, or contact details incorrect, please contact the Federal Secretary: sue_waters@optusnet.com.au

Can you help?

The ACDS is always looking for people to take on roles within the organisation – would you like to contribute something back to the sport and help with the running of the Society?

Take a look at the various positions listed on the Federal AGM Notice elsewhere in this edition and if one of them appeals to you, please get in touch with the Federal President to discuss the role further.

UNRESERVED CLEARANCE SALE

Account: K G and S B Houlahan 80 Murrumbateman Rd, Murrumbateman NSW "Glenlea" (Property Sold)

Auction On Site - Sunday March 31 - starting at 9am Viewing on Saturday 30 March 2-4pm and day of auction from 8am

Farm Machinery to include: Ferguson 35 diesel tractor and implements, Howard rotary hoe, 2-disc Ferguson plough, front blade, slasher 3pl, 1 MF crane, 18' boom spray on trailer, 40' container, 360 Kawasaki quad bike and trailer, post hole digger, steel post driver and extractor, quantity steel posts Wheelhorse zero turn 36" cut mower, Victor 8/30 ride on mower, Howard 350 garden rotary hoe, cattle drenching equipment, electric fence and Solar charger, Stihl chain saw, other mowers and trimmers, garden mulcher, Kara Kar horse float, 13' Regal caravan with satellite dish, assorted garage equipment, oil drums, engine hoist, engine stands, pumps, grease guns, satellite dishes and decoders, Dexion shelving, heavy duty 44 gal drums, headlight aimer, electronic parts and cabling, 240 volt electric car hoist, Stihl vac and blower, garden tools, 2 Brother industrial sewing machines, 1949 to 1952 L model Vauxhall parts and many other pieces of equipment.

Equestrian equipment ridden and harness: Sulkies including Sydney Brass, Tasman lightweight large pony CDE buggy, Spider sulky (partly restored), American hickory sulky with nickel fittings (partly restored), Zilco harness, Dutallis harness, various winkers, bits, bridles, head collars, lunging gear, buggy lights (brass and nickel), driving whips, presentation harness, miscellaneous grooming gear, Don Stuart Comboyne dressage saddle, Cecil Bercernie stock saddle,16" Passier Dressage saddle, Don Stuart stock saddle, all are mounted.

Antique Furniture to include: Magnificent Vict. 7 leaf ext table with 10 mahogany chairs, early Vict. cedar chest, Vict. cedar bookcase, mahogany traymobile, 2 Vict. wine tables, brass fire hearth and tools, superb Vict. mahogany grandfather chair, Vict. walnut grandfather and matching grandmother chair with matching Vict. couch, pr. mahogany barley twist plant stands, lge copper jam pot, copper and brass flower containers, school form, bishop's chair, smokers chair, walking sticks, early Australian cedar desk, lge quantity Fowler preserving equip; and other pieces of household furniture, crockery, glassware, cutlery, cookware and many other pieces of household furniture and interesting items.

TUCKERBOX AUCTIONS

16.5% Buyers Premium Credit Cards and Cash only (No Cheques) Enquiries: John Glascott 0402 952 329

2019 ACDS Federal AGM and Conference



is pleased to announce that the

2019 Federal AGM & Conference

will be held on 13th and 14th July, 2019.

The venue is The George Kerferd

Oak Avenue, Mayday Hills, Beechworth, Victoria.

www.thegeorgekerferd.com.au





- General enquiries please contact the Federal Secretary: sue_waters@optusnet.com.au
- Trade Stand enquiries please contact the Federal Vice President: katewholagan@icloud.com

Beechworth is one of Victoria's best-preserved former gold mining towns, situated in the north-east of the state between Wodonga and Myrtleford. The Historic and Cultural Precinct is a major attraction, comprising of the town's old court house, telegraph station, town hall, a museum, and a dark cell which at one time housed the infamous bushranger Ned Kelly.

Activities associated with the Conference will include a visit to Billson's Cordial Factory (www.billsons.com.au) for tastings and a tour of the National Trust carriage collection; a Beechworth Asylum Ghost Tour on Saturday night for those brave enough (www.asylumghosttours.com); and opportunities to explore Beechworth's many other attractions including the Old Beechworth Gaol, the Burke Museum, and the Beechworth Sweet Company (for those with a sweet tooth!)

Beechworth offers a wide range of accommodation choices, both at the Conference venue and elsewhere in town.

Check out www.travelvictoria.com.au/beechworth for more information.

Conference accommodation and booking information, along with details of guest speakers and conference programme will be available via the ACDS Website and Facebook page in due course, and the member mail-out.



Annual General Meeting of the

Australian Carriage Driving Society

To be held at 2pm on Saturday 13th July, 2019 At The George Kerferd

Oak Avenue, Mayday Hills, Beechworth, Vic

The Notice of Annual General Meeting, Agenda and voting documentation shall be distributed to Members prior to the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the ACDS Rules and Regulations.

1. Election of Office Bearers

The following positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting:

• President • Vice President • Secretary (current Federal Secretary retiring at the 2019 Federal AGM) • Treasurer

Nominations for a position must be in writing, signed by two members of the ACDS, accompanied by the written consent of the candidate, and be received by the Federal Secretary **5.00p.m.** on **15th April**, **2019**.

If you wish to nominate for a position set out above, please contact the Federal Secretary – **sue_waters@optusnet.com.au** to obtain the lodgment criteria of the Nomination, and relevant forms as follows:

- Prescribed Nomination Form for 2019-2020.
- Code of Conduct for members of the ACDS Federal Council (to be signed upon election).
- Position Description/expectations for the abovementioned role you are nominating for.

Candidates are required to provide a resumé of no more than 300 words for publication in the **June 2019 issue** of the Journal. Resumes are to be provided in Word format to allow for printing.

As the closing date for the June 2019 Journal is **10th April, 2019,** resumés are to be attached to the nomination form and submitted to the Federal Secretary by **15th April, 2019.** Resumés received after this date will not be accepted.

2. Notices of Motion

- Notices of Motion must be signed by the Mover and Seconder and be received by the Federal Secretary by 15th April, 2019.
- Notices of Motion should be accompanied by a brief summary of the reason/s for and/or the implications of the Motion.

3. Discipline and Council Appointments

The following positions are appointments made by Federal Council and are subject to annual review:

Note: For Discipline and Council Appointments please contact the Federal President for the Nomination Forms/Position Descriptions. Peter Lee, Phone: 0418 361 096 Email: teampeterlee@gmail.com

Discipline Convenors

- CDE
- Dressage
- Pleasure & Endurance
- Historical
- Show Driving

Federal Council Appointments

- Horse Registrar/Grading Officer
- Journal Managing Editor
- Coaching Coordinator
- Website Coordinator
- Young Driver Coordinator
- · Merchandising Officer
- Publicity Officer
- Officials List Co-ordinator
- Public Officer for Incorporation (must be a resident of the ACT)
- Assistant Federal Secretary Memberships

Appointment to one of the following ACDS Subcommittees:

- ACDS-EA Subcommittee
- ACDS Training & Schools Subcommittee
- ACDS Electronic Media Subcommittee

The following are available from the Federal Secretary in relation to the above listed Federal Council Appointments:

- Position Description/Terms of Reference
- Nomination Form/Code of Conduct

Members interested in applying for any of these positions for the 2019-20 year are requested to submit a completed Federal Council Appointment Nomination Form/signed Code of Conduct to the **Federal President** by 12th June, 2019. Contact details above.

Sue Waters Federal Secretary

The German TRAINING SCALE

Part 8 - Collection including Roundness

WE HAVE COVERED the first five steps of the German Training Scale:

First - TAKT = RHYTHM and REGULARITY

then -

LOSGELASSENHEIT = FREEDOM which includes RELAXATION then -

ANLEHNUNG = CONTACT which includes ACCEPTANCE OF THE BIT and SEEKING THE CONTACT

then - SCHWUNG - IMPULSION and ENGAGEMENT then -

GERADERICHTUNG = STRAIGHTNESS which includes BENDING and now we come to -

VERSAMMLUNG - COLLECTION including Roundness

A S WE COME CLOSER TO THE FINAL STEPS of the Training.

Scale, we again realise how all of these steps are interrelated and
the earlier ones are leading to the later ones. You may notice that in this
chapter, I include not only collection, but also roundness.

Like the other steps previously covered, roundness is really another step leading towards collection. If we go back through our previous chapters we will see that we have built the foundation for roundness already all along. First with rhythm and regularity, then with freedom and relaxation, as without those none of the rest is possible. Then we worked on contact, acceptance of the bit, seeking the contact and with that developed impulsion and engagement.

Unless you still have it fresh in your mind, I suggest you re-read the previous chapters, as much of what we have covered was very important for the development of roundness. It is all about the proper dance in which we are engaged with our horses. Like a good dance partner, we are leading the horse through the reins; the horse is seeking our hand to dance with us; to be in balance and harmony with engagement and impulsion, working from behind, through his back, and staying straight through his work, including bending through his turns.

What we call roundness is apparent when the horse has all of this; his nose is on the vertical, or slightly in front of it, his neck is flexed with the poll being the highest point, his jaw stays flexible, he is working through his back, and is well engaged. We are there.

So, our roundness already comes very much out of proper contact, which led to develop proper engagement and impulsion. So, if we are able to dance with our horse in harmony along the previous steps of the Training Scale, we have covered all the requirements of a preliminary dressage test, and provided we drive the test properly, should get great marks from the judges.

Before we move on to the next level - the intermediate level which introduces collection - let us make sure that all our previous lessons are well established.

Since probably many of our readers may not plan to move beyond the preliminary level, let us take a moment to review the requirements of the two levels up to this point as stated on the dressage tests. Usually all drivers read and study the movements which they are required to drive in each particular test, but unfortunately few ever read the other details on the tests.

Our dressage tests for the training level state (From American Driving Society Dressage Manual):

"PURPOSE: To establish that the correct foundation is being laid for the training of the driving horse requiring the green horse to move freely and energetically forward in a steady rhythm in the working walk and the working trot, while accepting the bit with relaxation, through transitions and 40 metre circles. Increased engagement of the hindquarters (impulsion) cannot be expected yet. This level is also intended to encourage the inexperienced driver."

INSTRUCTIONS: Transitions are made through the walk. Longitudinal stretch and moderate lateral bend are required.

GAITS AND MOVEMENTS: Working walk, Free walk on long rein,

by Hardy Zantke



Working trot, Halt through walk, Rein back" except tests 1 and 2),40 m. circle"

For the preliminary level:

"PURPOSE: To establish that the horse has acquired a greater degree of balance and suppleness in addition to the rhythmical, free forward movement expected at the Training Level. While consistently working towards the bit the horse exhibits more activity of the haunches in his movement. To be demonstrated in: Lengthened walk and lengthened trot. The rein back should show a greater degree of submission than expected at Training Level."

INSTRUCTIONS: Horse must show correct longitudinal & lateral bend and increased activity of haunches. Transitions may be made through the walk.

GAITS AND MOVEMENTS: Working walk and trot; Lengthened walk; Lengthened trot; Halt from walk or trot; 20 m. half circle; Rein back" (for tests 1 and 3). Add for test 2: 30 m.-circle; 20 m. circle; Serpentine of 3 loops" and add for test 4: "30 m. figure eight; Shallow serpentine of 3 loops from quarter line to quarter line."

We have not talked about transitions, nor figures, nor the different gaits as they are not the direct subject of the Training Scale. They are the details required of how to drive the tests. The Training Scale's aim is to help us train a horse how to use those abilities; to help us develop the tools to execute the details, although naturally we are using transitions and different figures constantly during our training. Once we finish this series about the Training Scale, I might talk about some of those things. In the meantime, I can refer you once again to "The Manual of Driven Dressage" available from the American Driving Society, which gives great answers to those questions beyond those which are already provided.

We can see clearly from the above quoted requirements that we should be well able to handle those tests with the first five steps of the Training Scale as long as we include roundness.

On to the next goal of Collection and the next level, Intermediate:

"PURPOSE: To establish that the horse has acquired increased suppleness, impulsion, and balance so as to be light in hand and without resistance. While consistently accepting the bit, the horse exhibits greater use of the haunches throughout his movement. The rein back should show a greater degree of submission than shown at the Preliminary Level.

INSTRUCTIONS: Horse must show increased amount of suppleness, responsiveness, activity of haunches and accuracy. Transitions no longer through the walk.

GAITS AND MOVEMENTS: Collected trot, 10 m. deviation, 5 loop serpentine (4 loops in Test 3), 20 m. circle, Rein back 2 m. Halt 5 seconds."

While we see that everything really is only a little more of what we had already before, the main new item here is the collected trot.

So then, what exactly is collection? In the American Driving Society Rulebook we find it defined as:

"Article 106 - COLLECTION

- (a) The aim of the collection of the horse is:
- To further develop and improve the balance and equilibrium of the horse, which has more or less been displaced by the additional weight of the carriage.
- To develop and increase the horse's ability to lower and engage his quarters for the benefit of the lightness and mobility of his forehand.
- 3. To add to the 'ease and carriage' of the horse.
- (b) Collection is, in other words, improved and effected by engaging the hind legs, with the joints bent and supple, forward under the horse's body.

(c) The position of the head and neck of a horse at the collected pace is naturally dependent on the stage of his training and in some degree, on his conformation. It should, however, be distinguished by the neck being raised and unrestrained, forming a harmonious curve from the withers to the poll the poll being the highest point, with the head slightly in front of the vertical."

Now, when we read the above, we do see that collection really is an aim all onto itself, and is not just limited to a collected trot, but to some degree it is also present at a good working trot of a well-trained horse with good engagement. Therefore, even if you never plan to move beyond the preliminary level, working on collection after you have mastered the previous steps of the Training Scale, will benefit your horse. It is a further step from, as well as already part of, engagement and impulsion, as we will find when moving further onto the Collected Trot. So, let us see what we find there in the rulebook.

Article 100 (a) American Driving Society Rules: COLLECTED TROT:

"In the collected trot the horse is expected to move with more impulsion and engagement than in the working trot. Therefore, his haunches must be more compressed, his loins more strongly coiled and his croup lowered. As a result, the horse's neck and head will be raised higher and his centre of balance will be shifted permanently more towards the rear, thus enabling the shoulders to move with greater ease and freedom. As the horse's frame is shorter than in other trots, his steps will also be shorter but must be more elevated, and he appears lighter and more mobile throughout. Hollowing and / or stiffening the back are severe faults. Only a moderate degree of collection should be expected from a driving horse."

Art 954.5 ACDS CDE Rules and FEI Description of Gaits (2016) - COLLECTED TROT:

"The Horse remains on the bit and moves energetically forward with a greater degree of engagement, leading to an increased flexion of the hocks and fetlock joints and raising up with the forehand, thus allowing for more mobility and elevation of the strides.

The neck will be raised and more arched, with the poll the highest part. The nose should not be behind the vertical, or the neck restricted. The hind legs should take more weight and cadence should be visible."

The horse uses more of his energy to carry himself more on his hind legs, making his front-end lighter rather than to move his body forward as in the other gaits. We notice that it says above "his centre of balance will be shifted permanently more towards the rear."

Let us be careful to understand this properly. Yes, we want his centre of balance more towards the rear, so that his forehand can become light, but in order to do that, his hind quarters must take up more weight, carry the horse more, and get more underneath the horse, so his hindquarter moves more forward.

This however, is very much the case for the ridden horse, which must support the weight of the rider on his back, and in order to carry that with his hindquarters, must get his hind legs up underneath of himself. We see that the rule states, "Only a moderate degree of collection should be expected from a driving horse."

This is exactly one of the reasons, and we will see more as we move along in this chapter, the centre of gravity from a ridden horse is normally near the girths. With collection we want it shifted backwards to have the hind legs carry more of that weight and to lighten the forehand. Now look at a driving horse. He is not carrying the weight of a rider on his back; instead he is pushing the weight of the carriage with his chest or shoulders. The actual weight of the carriage is not above him, but far behind him; it needs to be pushed with his chest and shoulders which are over, and in front of, his front legs, so the effect of the carriage weight is really in front of him.

Now we want him to lighten his front end. How can he do that? By bringing his hind legs more up underneath himself as the riding horse? Or, by also having to use his hind legs to push off from behind, bringing them perhaps even behind himself?

Let's look at it this way: for a ridden horse, the ultimate collection is the Levade, the movement from Airs Above the Ground, where the horse balances himself just on his hind legs with the front legs lifted from the ground, and all that with a rider on his back! Clearly carrying both of

their entire weights on his hind legs underneath himself.

hand-truck!

lean forward as you and I would when pulling a heavy load. With that we see the main difference between a ridden and a driven horse in collection and one of the reasons why only a very moderate amount of collection can be expected from a driving horse. But we also see why the heavier the carriage is, the harder it is for the horse to show any of that at all. Never mind collection, even engagement and impulsion become harder to reach, the heavier the carriage is that needs to be pulled. Thus, for driven dressage, I strongly urge you to use the lightest vehicle. The lighter the vehicle, the less the horse has to pull, the better he can show impulsion and engagement, and ultimately, collection. The lighter the load, the easier we can dance together in harmony. Imagine having to dance with a heavy backpack, or doing ballet while pulling a heavy

This could not be done with a horse pulling a carriage. He would have to

We also see that contrary to what many think, and what we often see in driving, collection is not simply going slower! Yes, the carriage would move slower, as the steps become higher and shorter, as each foot stays also on the ground a very short amount of time longer as the hind legs coil more, and the joints of it compress more to create the extra energy required, in contrast to an extension where the amount of suspension, the time in the air is increased. But the timing of the steps and their tempo should really not be slower.

Even though that is what we often see in driving - I think the word "slower" should refer only to the movement of the carriage, as well as the horse's body over the ground, but it should be made clear that the word slower should not be connected to the tempo of the horse's steps. So much for our rulebooks, and their requirements and definitions for collection. In the next issue, we will talk more about what collection means for us and how to get there. Then later we will cover the final step, and ultimate goal, of the Training Scale:

DURCHLAESSIGKEIT = SELF CARRIAGE including Confidence. Editor's note: Article amended from original version to reflect current Rule references.



ACDS Junior Bursary Scheme

THE ACDS JUNIOR BURSARY SCHEME was established in July 2018 as a means of identifying junior drivers and providing financial support to those with a particular carriage driving goal.

An analysis of membership numbers for 2017/18 indicated almost 14% of the ACDS membership was aged under 18 years, yet the broader ACDS community often does not hear what they are up to, and it previously proved difficult to provide any assistance in an equitable manner.

The principal aim of the scheme is to provide assistance for Junior Drivers to improve their skills and to grow their passion for carriage driving. Applications were open for a set period in October/November and are considered by a panel appointed by Federal Council, with applications considered on merit and without any discipline 'bias'. Applications which identify clear objectives and demonstrate age-appropriate contribution by the Junior at Club level are viewed very favourably.

In this the first year of the Scheme, it was very pleasing to receive applications from Juniors involved in a wide variety of activities – we have keen drivers in CDE and the showring, a dedicated groom and an aspiring official all awarded a financial bursary to assist them in working towards their carriage driving goals.

Congratulations to Elise McIntyre, Harry McIntyre, Isabella Pedan, Natania Maddock, Niamh Tester and Tracey Gorick on being awarded an ACDS Junior Bursary for 2018/19. Below, some of the recipients tell us a little more about themselves, and we look forward to hearing more on their experiences during the year.

> Brendan Dwyer Junior Bursary Panel Chair

Tracey Gorick

MY NAME IS Tracey Gorick, I have been involved with the Gippsland Pleasure Harness Club since 2003. I started driving in 2012 with my mum's pony, April, and competed at a Driven Dressage Day at Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club. I competed in the Preliminary Test 2 and came =1st in my only competition also gaining me the Junior Driver Sash and the Victorian Branch Young Club Member Award in the 2012/13 financial year. I had also the chance to drive a friend's pony at the Pet and Pony Show in 2009.

Due to my schooling and riding responsibilities I had to drop driving but still continued to help at club, State and National events, Equitana and attended clinics as a fence sitter when I had the chance.

I am currently working towards my Driven Dressage Judge qualification and am hoping to get my course designing qualification soon as well. I also hope to start driving again soon.

I enjoy carriage driving as it is inclusive for all ages and abilities. People get a chance to have fun or be competitive depending on what they want and their level of competency.

Tracey stewarding at Equitana. Photo: J Gorick



Natania grooming for David Cockcroft at the Murramai CDE. Photo: Alison McDonald

Natania Maddock

IAM NATANIA MADDOCK, I'm 17 years old and study at Euroa Secondary College and am heading into year 12 this year.

I first got into carriage driving when I was about 13 when mum took me to an event at Longwood to watch. After many years stewarding I finally got the opportunity to groom for Michelle Jones. A few months later I started grooming for David Cockroft.

David then gave me the opportunity to drive his horse Eddy at an endurance drive in Marrar.

My first CDE was at a level 3 at Longwood on the 10th and 11th of November 2018. I placed fourth which I was proud of, however I picked up on a few things that I would need to change should I decide to drive again, such as having a bit more contact on the reins.

I am planning on grooming for David again at the Australian CDE Championships in Western Australia of April this year. The bursary should help make that happen.

Although I enjoyed driving at Longwood I'd much rather groom. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunities they have given me and am very much appreciative of being awarded the bursary.



Niamh Tester

FIRSTLY, I would like to sincerely thank the ACDS for their generous support in the form of the junior bursary. This sponsorship will allow me to follow my future driving goals.

I started driving when I was six years of age as my family were already carriage drivers. Soon after this I followed in and also became a carriage driver. I competed in my first event at age eight with a Shetland and Jock Whittington as my groom. At the age of 12, I competed in my first combined driving event with my black and white Shetland, Courtney. After this I went on to drive in a variety of disciplines and lessons. I also have had the amazing opportunity to have lessons and compete in the eastern states on a number of occasions. This has provided a wonderful opportunity to learn how to drive many different types of horses. In April 2017, I had the absolute honour to attend the Unicorn Trust in the Cotswolds, UK. This was such an amazing trip and I am eternally grateful that I was chosen to represent Australia.

My future goals are to compete in my second National Championships which are to be held in Western Australia this Easter. I also aspire to receive more education for myself and my horse. My ultimate goal is to compete overseas.

I love this sport for many reasons. Carriage driving creates a perfect environment for meet-



Niamh driving Trapalanda Quo Vadis, competing at the Murray Districts Level 3 CDE in March 2018 with her mother Tracey Tester grooming. Photo: Virginia James

ing new people and making new friends. It also is great fun and very enjoyable. Caring after a horse also gives great responsibility and respect to the person involved. It also lets you travel and see many great places on the way. It also creates great competitive spirit and friendly rivalry. It is a sport that the whole family can be involved in.

I am very grateful to the ACDS and the support shown to all juniors such as myself. We are the future of the sport and want to become great ambassadors for carriage driving in Australia Sincerely,

Niamh Tester

On the Box Seat

"On The Box Seat" © Tom Ryder

N THE BOX SEAT – A Manual of Driving by Tom Ryder was first published in 1969 by Horse Drawn Carriages Limited, with subsequent second and third editions published in the 1970s and a fourth edition published in 1983.

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Written at a time when much of the history and skills of carriage driving were being lost or consigned to the past, On The Box Seat has become an authority on the standards and practices which underpin carriage driving even today.

As the flyleaf states: "On The Box Seat' ranges over the whole field of light harness driving as practised in different parts of the world. The newcomer to the world of the harness horse will find described here the intricacies of various types of harness and equipment, details of turnout and appointments, together with information on the correct way of driving according to the English and other schools."

The Author was widely respected as a horseman, exhibitor, hackney judge and trainer in the UK, Europe and North America. Tom Ryder visited



Australia in 1979 to give a series of clinics, which helped further establish the sport of carriage driving in this country, and again in 1988 to Judge at the Bicentenary Event in Canberra.

Though now out of print, copies of On The Box Seat are still available second hand on the internet—"an essential reference book and collector's piece for the devotee of the 'music of the bars' and the rhythm of trotting feet".

Traditional Rein Handling according to the 'English School'

The photographs on the following two pages of various rein positions are reproduced from 'On

The Box Seat – A Manual of Driving' (second edition revised) by Tom Ryder, published in October 1972.

The series of photos demonstrate the traditional English 'Coachman's Hand' for both singles and multiples, and whilst it may not necessarily be the most effective technique for driving a marathon obstacle today, the skill, style and elegance demonstrated by a driver using a Coachman's Hand certainly befits the show ring or a park drive, or even one-handed dressage movements.

Rein handling photos overleaf.

Demonstrating the traditional English 'Coachman's Hand' for both singles and multiples.





A: Reins held in the left hand for single or pair driving. Whip held in right hand. **B**: 'Pulling up' with left hand slightly raised and right hand taking reins in front of left.

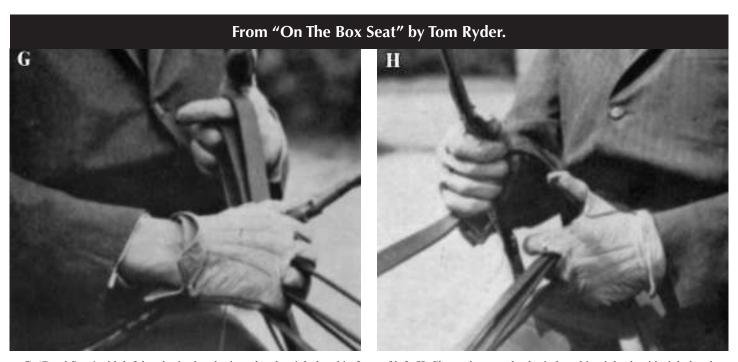




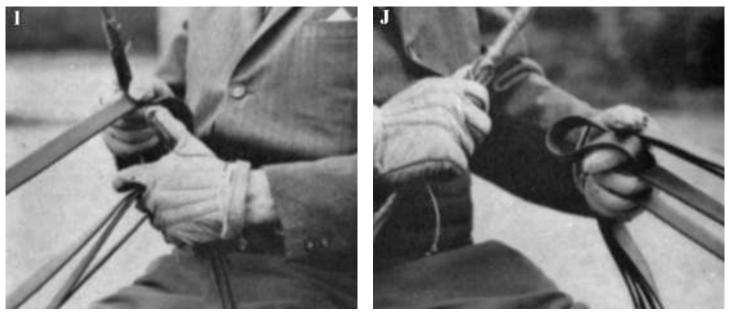
C: Inclined turn to left: left hand turned in clockwise direction and moved over to right. D: Inclined turn to right: left hand turned in anti-clockwise direction and moved towards left hip. E: Reins held in left hand for four-in-hand or tandem driving according to the English school: i.e. near lead over forefinger, off lead and near wheel between first and second fingers, off wheel between second and third fingers. F: Shortening reins by drawing them back with right hand behind left.



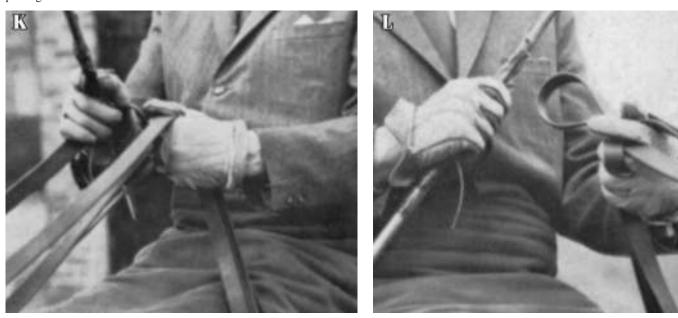




G: 'Dead Stop' with left hand raised and reins taken by right hand in front of left. H: Shortening near lead rein by taking it back with right hand.



I: Making loop to point leaders to the left by the overhand method. J: Pointing leaders to the right with loop in off lead rein held under thumb. K: Making loop in off lead rein by underhand method. L: Turn to the left with near lead looped under thumb and opposition on off wheel rein made by passing it over the thumb.

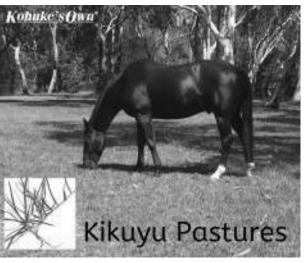


Kikuyu - the 'Triple Threat' for Horses

By Dr John Kohnke BVSc RDA

WITH THE SPREAD of the tropical grass Kikuyu (Pennisteum chandestinum) to more southern coastal areas due to climate change along the East Coast of Australia, it has now become the dominant summer grazing plant on many horse properties.

Kikuyu is classed as a C4 warm season, tropical grass, which originated from Southern Africa. The rate of leaf emergence and early growth depends on temperature and moisture levels. Kikuyu spreads rapidly from under soil root systems and can become dominant over winter, to quickly shoot and grow to produce up to four tonnes of dry matter per hectare when rapidly growing under ideal conditions.



It is important to give a high quality, specific calcium and bone mineral supplement to horses grazing on tropical, oxalate-containing grasses such as Kikuyu to help prevent bone weakness, fractures and Big Head syndrome. We recommend Kohnke's Own Cal-XTRA, a specific calcium and bone mineral supplement that can be added to the feed of horses grazing C4 pastures. Cal-XTRA provides a palatable source of calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, as well as Vitamins A and D, which support calcium absorption and utilisation. It is the only acidified calcium supplement available to assist calcium uptake from the small intestine, with a specially designed coating to reduce oxalate binding.

Although early growth can have a crude protein content of up to 23%, it is quickly reduced to less than 10% as plants spread and mature. It is also highly competitive in smothering other grasses and pasture to become the dominant grazing plant. As the plant spreads and produces more stems (tillers) from its root system, the overall forage production is reduced.

Green, succulent Kikuyu is relished by horses as often it is the first pasture grass to emerge after winter as reserves are stored in its root system and growth sprouts quickly after rain. Whilst Kikuyu is a hardy, high producing and reasonably palatable pasture grass, it also has three major downfalls

High in Potassium

YOUNG KIKUYU SHOOTS have a high potassium content, even higher than rye grasses and other common C3 grasses. In early spring, high levels of potassium can block the uptake of magnesium from the small intestine leading to a higher risk of 'Spring Fever', nervousness and flighty behaviour in horses and ponies hungry for a green pick after a dry, cold winter. As the plants produce more leaves, the concentration of potassium is reduced and becomes less of a problem. If you notice that your horses are showing excitable behaviour grazing early growth Kikuyu, it is recommended to add an organic magnesium supplement, such as Kohnke's Own Mag-E, to their diet.

High in Energy

KIKUYU IS VALUED IN DAIRY CATTLE as a high energy grass for milk production. However, in resting and grazing horses the sugars and starches can cause rapid weight gain and also fuel excitable behaviour in 'good-doer' horses and ponies. Kikuyu, being a C4 tropical grass, does not contain fructan sugars in its early growth stages, but it does contain, like other tropical grasses, water soluble sugars and higher levels of starch in its leaves compared to C3 cool weather grasses. This can also result in an increased risk of laminitis in any horse and in particular, high risk, sugar sensitive EMS horses and ponies grazing early growth Kikuyu.

High in Oxalate Chemicals

RAPIDLY GROWING YOUNG KIKUYU has a high content of oxalate chemicals which can bind calcium released during digestion in the small intestine and severely reduce calcium uptake. Calcium is then taken from bone stores to maintain essential blood calcium levels for skeletal and heart muscle function, with initially mainly non-weight bearing bones of the hoof, subchondral bone in joints, pelvis, spinal vertebrae and then the skull being weakened by calcium reabsorption. Early signs include shifting lameness and chronic signs include loss of teeth, 'Big Head' and increased incidence of bone fractures.

To find out more about oxalate toxicity in tropical grasses, Big Head Syndrome, or Cal-XTRA email us info@kohnkesown.com or message the Kohnke's Own Facebook page!

PLEASURE & ENDURANCE

Peter Honeyman Federal P & E Convenor

WELL HERE WE ARE well into 2019 with another full calendar of good driving events scheduled.

Yalbraith Enduro in New South Wales and Ruffy Enduro in Victoria are the first two endurance events to be held this year, in January and February respectively. By the time you read this they will have been run.

The popular Ladies Drive in NSW run by the Liverpool Range club will be held beginning of May at Spring Ridge and the Gulgong club will host a one week drive in May also.

The NSW branch has had a Judges and TPR Refresher School at Bathurst for accreditation and renewal. TPR (Temperature, Pulse, Respiration) has in the past been separated into CDE and Endurance because they have different heart rates.

I personally have been doing TPR on and off for 33 years for both disciplines and nothing has changed. Once you have learnt it, the only critical points to remember are that the Temperature is 39 degrees - over that and you are out in both disciplines. Heart rate CDE is 75 and 70; Endurance is 55 and 60. It's not rocket science! So to cut down on double schools and two lists we need to combine both so that a TPR is just that and can do any discipline.

It is a bit more complicated with CDE and they have to work with the Ground Jury. Endurance is simple, if you are over the rate at the end of the 30 min you are out. I will work with the Federal CDE Convenor Karen Rogers and hopefully we will sort and simplify it then submit it to Federal Council to ratify in the near future.

I would encourage pleasure drivers to attend the Federal Conference on the 13th and 14th July at Beechworth, Victoria. Support your sport and officials, without whom we would not have the ACDS and events to attend

I would also like to thank the members and clubs from all our States who are putting events on for us all to enjoy BUT remember to try and attend and support as many as you can and afford to.

Peter Honeyman

Federal Pleasure and Endurance Convenor

COMBINED DRIVING Karen Rogers Federal CDE Convenor

More CDEs? - Yes, we can!

A S YOUR FEDERAL CDE Convenor, let me be honest, I am biased in favour of CDEs

I love that CDEs give me an aim for my training; an excuse to drive regularly rather than put it off because I'm too tired, too busy, it's too hot, too wet or too cold. I love the challenge of dressage, marathon, marathon obstacles and cones.

It's terrific that we now have regular indoor/outdoor competitions and dressage competitions, and I get it that these are easier to run than a CDE. They are excellent competitions and I challenge myself by competing in them. To me, though, the thrill of the CDE cannot be matched. Months of preparation towards a well-balanced working relationship with my horse, and the test of all three competitions in the one event is still very exciting and challenging for me. It can all go very nicely, or that big 'E' may be earned – that's the E for elimination not excellence.

I want to go back, drive better, improve my knowledge of the rules and spend time with friends new and old.

So, what stops us from running more CDEs? I have heard a plethora of reasons - how hard it is to get a free weekend in our driving calendar, not enough drivers enter, finding judges is impossible, not enough people helped, it's just too hard. All very valid reasons.

Do I compete at every CDE? No. I want there to be more CDEs so I can compete more often, but I will never compete at them all, even with the ever-loving support of my husband Mark. I love the camaraderie of events and trying to improve my driving. Acting as an official allows me to see another side to being behind the reins, it lets me feel like I am contributing and also lets me learn much more about driving than I could ever do by being on the carriage all the time.

As hard as it is to accept it, things do go wrong some times when I'm driving and I could certainly do better. You know, this also applies to those who organise events. The organisers do their very best not to make mistakes, but it does sometimes happen. That's OK and doesn't mean that the event is terrible or the organisers are terrible. It just means that things can go wrong.

What matters is how we all behave when things go wrong. As organisers it is really important to keep the lines of communication open to competitors and officials. It's amazing how helpful competitors can be when they're told there is a problem. Similarly, competitors need to tell the secretary of the event or the TD if they are having problems – not just spread rumours around the camp. Issues cannot be resolved unless those who can help know about them.

There are a number of officials needed to run at CDE. At a minimum these include the Event Secretary, Event Director, Technical Delegate (TD), Course Designer, two Dressage Judges, Cones Judge, TPR Steward, Scorer, Appeals Committee and of course a host of stewards to help it all run smoothly.

The Ground Jury is usually comprised of the dressage and cones judges. The Appeals Committee (which we all hope will have nothing to do at the competition) can be simply made up of three technically-capable people who are able to be there, listen, read the rules and make decisions as required.

At level 3 and 4 events self-stewarding (or share stewarding) means that the marathon can be run with the minimal of extra volunteers. There are three bonuses for drivers at these events. Firstly they see others driving the course so can learn from observation. They also have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the rules by practical application. And best of all they get to spend time with other drivers and have the opportunity to chat

Running a CDE is made easier by having club members who are also on the CDE Officials list. Then they can be called upon to help without having the expense of putting up officials who may have to travel far to get there. Participating at a CDE Officials School is also a great way to learn more about our rules – so minimise the chance of not knowing something when you need to know it while competing.

It's great if your club members can compete at your club's CDE – but all members need to realise that for continued success everyone needs to contribute in some practical way.

We need more annually repeating CDEs in our calendar to encourage drivers to both compete and act as officials. If your club runs a CDE and all your members are just so exhausted afterwards, then it's unlikely they'll put up their hands to run next year's CDE. Choose officials you can work with, thank yourselves for the hard work you put in and don't be discouraged if things don't turn out as planned. It is hard work organising and running a CDE. It is also rewarding as well as challenging organising and running a CDE.

Consider running a level 4 event, also called a training event. This is the most flexible CDE to organise as there are not mandated classes and the organisers may choose to run any or all of the individual competitions of a traditional CDE. Build up to running a level 3 event, which will enable competitors to qualify for championships (see ACDS Level of Events Chart, Article 901.7, on page 12 of the Rules for ACDS Combined Driving Events effective August 2018).

At your next club meeting make organising a CDE part of the conversation, and don't hesitate to talk with your state CDE convenor and ask how they can help facilitate it.

Happy driving.

Karen Rogers Federal CDE Convenor fedcdeconvenor@gmail.com

What's The Penalty?

- 1. What's the penalty if the groom of a competitor in the Cones, speaks to the competitor, indicating the direction to the next cones obstacle?
 - a) 10 penalties
 - b) Elimination
 - c) No penalty
- 2. What's the penalty for a single horse class competitor who has brakes and enters the cones competition without breeching?
 - a) No penalty
 - b) 5 penalties
 - c) Elimination
- 3. What's the penalty for a groom standing momentarily to switch sides for seating on the carriage?
 - a) Elimination
 - b) 10 penalties
 - c) 5 penalties
- 4. Rather than incur more lost time at a water obstacle in the Marathon, what's the penalty for a groom dismounting and leading a horse through the water?
 - a) 5 penalties
 - b) Elimination
 - c) 25 penalties

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WHAT'S THE PENALTY? ANSWERS: 1. a) Art 945.2.1.2 & 975.2.7; 2. c) Art 937.1.1 & 940.1.14 3. c) 975.2.7 4. b) Art 945.3.

When Your Carriage Horse Spooks

By Andy Marcoux (reprinted by kind permission)

EVEN THE BEST HORSES have their spooky moments. When those moments occur under saddle, they're usually pretty easy to ride through. However, when we put the horse to a carriage, those spooks can be more intimidating.

As with many things in life, it's not about what you've been handed, it's what you do with it makes the difference. Handling a spooky horse from the carriage is no different. Here are a few simple tips that can help you manage your horse when he has that momentary lapse of reason.

Get Your Eyes Where They Belong

THE FIRST THING WE LOOK at when a horse spooks is the horse. That's natural. The horse has just done something unexpected, so he's suddenly got our full attention. But that's not the best place for our attention at that moment.

When your focused vision is on the horse, all of your body's systems focus on the horse as well. Your whole attention becomes intent upon what the horse is doing at the moment (and how to make him stop from doing that)! That takes your attention away from other important things.

Your situational awareness is the first thing to suffer. You may have it in your mind where there's a ditch, other obstacles, and which way the open areas are, but those little maps inside your head are not quite as accurate as you think. If you thought you were just three feet away from a dangerous ditch, you might fight the horse far more than necessary to avoid something that isn't really a problem. On the other hand, if you overestimated your distance to the ditch, you could find yourself in trouble quickly.

Picking up your eyes allows you to accurately assess where those obstacles and safe areas are. That, in turn, allows you to take the best action

More importantly, picking your eyes up puts your attention on what you want your horse to do next instead of what he's doing at the moment. The spook itself really isn't all that important. It's what your horse does in the moment after the spook that determines the outcome. Focusing on what you want the horse to do next allows you to communicate that to him, and get back to your drive.



Centre Your Reins

ONE OF THE FIRST CASUALTIES OF A SPOOK is the quality of your contact through the reins. In the moment of a spook, your horse's body position changes dramatically. His head may go straight up in the air or he may crane his neck around to look at the boogie monster in the bush

That leaves the driver scrambling for contact wherever they can find it. Arms go wide, hands reach for the sky or the floor, and things get pretty messy. The communications sent along each rein individually come across as an unsynchronised jumble of gibberish. Often times those communications never even reach the bit.

The big thing to remember here is that the most efficient line of communication always lies between the harness saddle and the centre of your body. Pulling the reins way off to the right as your horse shies to the left does not provide the horse with any new, useful information.

To re-establish that line of communication, you may have to lean back, and gather up both of your reins in a hurry. Centre your hands in front of your body. Once you do, you'll have the full use of the reins and bit to direct your horse toward a more acceptable path. And, since you did a good job of getting your eyes where they belong, it will be easy to show your horse what that path is!

Get Back To Work!

IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO TRAIN YOUR HORSE to be a habitual spooker, the perfect formula would be to stop all work the moment after a spook. I've seen more than one horse do the math on this equation, and it goes something like; Big Spook = Big Work Break.

Sure, your heart rate just jumped off the scale, and you're probably breathing harder than a jack rabbit on a date, but you gotta get yourself together. Let that tense moment fall behind you and return your focus to what you were doing with your horse.

If your horse had a break in gait, return to the gait you were supposed to be in as quickly as possible whether that was a walk, trot, or canter. If you were in the midst of a transition, complete the transition and keep driving. Returning to the work that you were doing before your horse spooked is the best way to take his mind off whatever it was that worried him in the first place.

Proactive Steps

THESE ARE JUST A FEW HANDY TIPS to keep in mind next time your horse starts get foolish when you're out on a drive. You can take a more proactive approach to these situations by practicing the aids and communications that will get you on your way past the spook.

Among the most useful aids in those situations would be the use of the outside rein, and teaching your horse to move off the whip. Those can be the most instrumental tools to get your drive back on the straight and narrow, if you've first defined them for your horse.

If you want more tips, skills, and exercises, take a look at 'Drive Past the Spook.' You'll not only get comprehensive advice on how to handle those spooks, but you'll get training ideas that may just keep them from coming up in the first place.

When you go out on your next drive with your horse, keep the things you learned here in mind. Put your eyes where they belong, keep your hands to yourself, and drive on!

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New South Wales OFFICIALS CLINIC



Debbie Dunn and Harry give participants something to think about during the Cones Judges practical. Photo: Tony James

NSW CDE CONVENOR Tracey Ellis organised a 'super' clinic for Officials, held at Buthurst Showgrounds in mid- January.

The two-day clinic covered Technical Delegates, Course Designers, Cones Judges, TPR Stewards, Ground Jury Members, and included a workshop for CDE Scorers.

The format was obviously popular with good attendance from NSW members, plus visitors from Victoria and North Queensland. Feedback indicated that members appreciated the opportunity to cover a number of qualifications over the one weekend.

The CDE Officials Clinic on Saturday was presented by Trevor Brand and involved a morning session covering theory, followed by an afternoon of practical exercises where participants split into two groups to alternatively layout and judge a marathon obstacle, and a cones course. The practical elements are always of value, giving participants the opportunity to discuss different approaches to course design, and to highlight the importance of a good working knowledge of the rule book (thanks to the drivers who threw in a few curly ones!)

Saturday evening saw many of the group enjoy a very pleasant meal and chat at the nearby Panorama Hotel.

Sunday's program took a little juggling to ensure everyone had the opportunity to attend the sessions they wanted, but in the end worked out very well. The TPR clinic was led by Sharon Beattie, assisted by NSW PE Convenor John Tonkiss, and with four equines on hand, participants were able to test their practical skills and be assessed under a variety of circumstances.

Greg and Alison McDonald delivered the CDE Scorer's Workshop, which gave budding event scorers an opportunity to play with the CDSS program, and also learn some of the 'tricks of the trade' when it comes CDE Scoring. A critical event role, it's great to see the NSW CDE Panel's initiative in running this workshop,

The CDE Ground Jury session was delivered by Brendan Dwyer, as a stand-alone format as opposed to being part of a Dressage Judges presentation, which allowed a bit more time to cover this important role. Dot Willcoxson was on hand to share her extensive experience of Ground Jury duties, which added further practical examples and discussion opportunities to the presentation. Small group discussion and decision making on a variety of Event scenarios was well-received and rounded out the session well.

All in all, it was a very successful weekend of education – a very big thanks must go to Tracey Ellis for all her work in organising the clinic; to the various presenters who did a great job delivering their respective subjects; and to those who brought along horses and ponies for the practical elements and the TPR Clinic. The multi-discipline format for the Clinic certainly proved a winner!

Left: TPR Clinic practical underway. Right: Attendees at the CDE Officials presentation. Photos: Tony James.





SHOW DRIVING REPORT Janet Muspratt Federal Show Driving Convenor

THE NATIONAL ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS November 11th 2018

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB, assisted by the Hills District Harness Club, ran the 2018 National Show. It was held at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon, which is on the western outskirts of Sydney at the foot of the Blue Mountains. It is one of the biggest showgrounds in Australia with plenty of room for parking and warming up, a large secure stable block and a very spacious arena. A Static Vehicle and Harness Show was run in conjunction with the main show. Tom and Michael Lenihan from Queensland were the Show Championships judges whilst Armando Djuric from Kurrajong (NSW) was the Static Show judge.

As it was Armistice Day, special attention was paid to the importance of the occasion. Competitors all received red poppies to wear, and everything stopped at 11am for a very dignified commemoration to be held.

Nearly 50 individual horses and ponies were entered in the show, coming from many parts of NSW. Clubs represented included Hills (Kathy Brammall, Andrea Casper, Belinda Casper, Linda Ongley, Christine Dunn, Marion Lovelace, Kirstin Feddersen, Juliana Dearnley, Alan Robertson, Karen Silvester, Sandra Shaw, Emily Thompson and Mark Thompson), Camden (Martyn Minns, Charlotte Hyles, Jeanna Kinleyside, Carolyn Kinleyside, and Isla Meads with her grandmother Maxine Saliba), Tamworth (Karl Olsson, Richard Edler, Elizabeth O'Brien, Margaret Neely and Yvette Furner), Reedy Creek (Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley and Kath Cole), Southern Highlands (Warren and Kerry Barlow), Bungendore (Sarah Keevers), Ellmore (Heidi Stevens) and Liverpool Range (Judy Tonkiss). In addition a number of One Activity Members competed including Wendy Ragg, Amanda Proctor, Mark Glendenning, Peter and Sue White, Kylie Briggs and Amanda and April Rattray. It was a truly well supported show, and a great indication that show driving is very much alive and well in NSW.

From 'an eye to the future' point of view, it was very good to see three competent young drivers in the Junior Driver class. Jeanna Kinleyside won the class, from equal second placegetters Juliana Dearnley and Isla Meads.

The first part of the day was devoted to the turnout classes, and there were big lineups in many of them. The Champion was *Glenwood Limited Edition* driven by Wendy Ragg, with Reserve Champion being *Southern Cross Nickolas* driven by Carolyn Blakeley. The Horse and Pony classes followed, starting with the novice and newcomer classes, both of which were well supported.

In the Pony Ring the Champions and Reserves were: Pony ne 10.2hh: Lynvale Lodge Balmoral (Amanda Rattray) and Woodview Summer Rose (April Rattray), Non Hackney Pony o10.2 ne 14hh: Nagero Porcelain (Warren Barlow) and Riverlodge Fonteyn (Kerry Barlow), and Hackney Pony: Parkwood Pollyanna (Mark Glendenning) and Glenwood Limited Edition (Wendy Ragg).

A feature of the show was the large entry of non hackney light harness horses, a section that has sometimes been sparsely supported in the recent past. These horses included Friesians, Welsh Cobs, Andalusian and Friesian crosses, Standardbreds and a Haflinger. The Non Hackney Horse Champion was *Indi Maverick* (Peter White) with *Crosswynds Ebony* (Amanda Proctor) awarded Reserve Champion. Delivery Horse numbers were fewer than usual but the quality was high. *Blue Bows* (Heidi Stevens) and *Southern Cross Nickolas* (Carolyn Blakeley) were the Champion and Reserve. Unfortunately there were no Hackney horses

Five excellent horses and ponies presented for the Supreme Champion Horse or Pony Award. None would have looked out of place at a Royal Show. The grey Welsh pony mare *Nagero Porcelain*, driven by Warren Barlow was the ultimate winner. After this presentation several other important awards were announced and presented. The Concours d'Elegance winner was Kirstin Feddersen driving *Shepherds Hill Yowie*, the Most Authentic Vehicle award went to Carolyn Blakeley with her 'Rat Catcher's' Gig drawn by *Southern Cross Nicholas*, and the Best Dressed Handler was Amanda Proctor.

There was a break for lunch before the show continued on with big lineups in the Driver, Pleasure and drive and ride classes. The Driver Champion was Amanda Proctor with Emily Thompson being Reserve, whilst the Pleasure Horse or Pony Champion was Sarah Keevers' pony *Drumeden Paddy*, with Jeanna Kinleyside's pony *Chocolate* gaining the Reserve Champion. Two other important awards then were presented, for the Best Performance by a Standardbred, going to *Soho Eros* exhibited by Karl Olsson, and the Standardbred Encouragement Award going to Richard Edler's *Caddie*.

Many interesting entries were received in the Static Show including a buggy and three sulkies, harness collars, old driving and riding whips, hat boxes, a WWI infantry sword, a child's Pegasus trotting gig and a Mobo Pony Express. Entries were on display in a shady area beside the main arena. Carol Fitzpatrick's buggy was the winner of the Judge's Choice Award.

Near the Static Show were trade stands from Heavenly Horse Designs, The Carriage Driver and The Mobile GG Spot, whilst Rodney's Photography was housed in a special trailer with facilities to look at photos and order on the spot. It was a popular area for spectators, with picnic tables and benches on hand, as well as the caterer Acacia's, ready to oblige with food and drinks.

This show was very generously supported by a large group of sponsors. Very valuable prizes went to all the major winners, every first and second placegetter received worthwhile awards, and there were useful gifts in all the competitor bags. The Platinum Sponsors were: Direct Corp and Mahbrook Carriage Supplies. Gold Sponsors were: Agileworx; EMCEE Apparel; Ge-Wy Leather Dressing; Heavenly Horse Designs; Horseland Narellan; The Mobile GG Spot; SSG Gloves and The Carriage Driver. Silver Sponsors were Carol and Peter Fitzpatrick; Dobbin Co. Carriages; Equissentials; Garrards Saddlery; Hawkesbury Equine Vet Centre; Horse Float & Trailer Repairs; International Animal Health; Kohnke's Own; Rodney's Photography, Kathy and Steve Brammall and Carol and Peter Fitzpatrick. In addition, the Camden Harness Club received excellent financial support to help run the show from the Federal ACDS and fellow clubs: Hunter Horse Driving Society, Liverpool Range Harness Club, Hills District Harness Club, Southern Highlands Carriage Club and the Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club.

Thank you everyone – competitors, judges, sponsors, caterers, stewards, officials and spectators for all contributing to make the show a great success, and of course special thanks to the Camden Harness Club, with assistance from the Hills Club, for all the organization.

Full results of the Show may be viewed on the NSW ACDS website.

Fiona Zibens and Karl Olsson, driving Soho Eros, the Most Successful Standardbred at the National Show. Photo: T Quist.



THE NATIONAL ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS November 11th 2018



Above: Line up in the Lady Driver class. Photo: K Thompson. Below left: National Show Champion Delivery Horse Blue Bows driven by Heidi Stevens. Photo: Rodeny's Photography. Below right: Alan Robertson's miniature horse Bob receiving an award from judge Tom Lenihan. Photo: T Quist.





Below left: Mark Thompson winner of the Gentleman Driver class. Photo: A Ongley. Below right: Yvette Furner driving Bundy Bear. Photo: P Fitzpatrick.





THE NATIONAL ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS November 11th 2018



Above: National Show Supreme Champion Horse or Pony Nagero Porcelain, driven by Warren Barlow. Photo: P Fitzpatrick. Below left: Champion Pony ne 10.2 Lynvale lodge Balmoral driven by Amanda Rattray. Photo: Rodney's Photography. Patient horses and ponies lined up in a class. T Quist.





Below left: National Show Champion Hackney Pony Parkwood Pollyanna driven by Mark Glendenning. Photo: P Fitzpatrick. Below right: Amanda Proctor, Champion Driver at the National Show. Photo: T Quist.





THE NATIONAL ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS November 11th 2018



Above: Champion Turnout, Wendy Ragg driving Glenwood Limited Edition. Photo: Rodney's Photography. Below left: Elizabeth O'Brien driving Prince Lonestar. Photo: P Fitzpatrick. Below left: April Rattray driving Woodview Summer Rose. Photo: P Fitzpatrick.





Below left: Small pony drivers Christine Dunn, Marion Lovelace and Andrea Casper receiving workout instructions from steward Louise Lyons. Photo: T Quist. Below right: National Show Champion Non Hackney Horse Indi Maverick driven by Peter White. Photo: Rodney's Photography.





Below left: Richard Edler with Caddie who won the Standardbred Encouragement Award at the National Show. Photo: P Fitzpatrick. Below right: Sandra Shaw driving Metsje Fan Twillens. Photo: P Fitzpatrick.









Brain drive the humands in many of his lessons. Here he is schooling Ross Carbery's Dutch Harness Horses which are actually related to Brain's team back in the Netherlands. Photos in Australia, Tony James.

ALBANY SHOW. Photos: Rustic Pics





Competing at Albany Show: Above left: Di Mills driving Hercules. Above right: Marena Williams and Phantom. Below: Sherone Clayton driving Silverbrook Morgwyn. Photos this page - Rustic Pics.



Western Australian State Championships weekend. Photos: Kylie Remaani Jones





Above left: Di Hunter's Beau Cheval's Renoir. Above right: Donna Reader driving One More Smile, Horse of the Year and Off The Track winner. Below left: Yarraman Top Montana driven by D Hunter. Below right: Jon Kelly and Ellenbank Paso Doble. Photos this page - Kylie Remaani Jones.







Above: Niamh Tester driving Trapalanda Quo Vadis. Below: Sandy Elliot and Narcoola Parc Dylan.





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Southern Carriage Driving Society, SA **Christmas Volunteers Obstathon 2018**

As a special thank you to the volunteers who tirelessly assisted us with our events throughout the year some drivers shoved their regular grooms off their vehicle and invited the volunteers to take the back step (or seat) for an Obstathon. The grooms then very graciously took up the roles our volunteers usually do and stewarded for the event.

I think a picture tells a thousands words, we couldn't wipe the smiles off the volunteers faces, although at one stage my stand in groom was screaming – at first I thought in terror, but it turned out she was screaming - go faaasssteeer. The event was a great success and a just a small way of saying a big thank you to those who give up their time so we can run events and drive. Ribbons were awarded to the stand in grooms and strangely everyone was a winner, being presented with a blue ribbon. Judi Carr took the photos.

The Obstathon was followed by Christmas lunch in the Club



DRESSAGE Cheryl Dowling Federal Dressage Convenor

JELCOME TO JANET SEDDON into the role of Dressage Convenor for Queensland. Many thanks for your support to both the Dressage discipline and Queensland.

As mentioned in an earlier report - "It is pleasing both from a National and State perspective that clubs and drivers are embracing the Graded Driven Dressage concept" - so much so that there has been an expression of interest for another National Graded Driven Dressage Championship to be held in 2019 - the third official Championships in 45+ years. This follows the second official Championships held in 2018, hence the strong need to ensure that Nationally, Graded Driven Dressage is on an even playing field.

At the time of print of this ACDS March Journal The Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines is pending ratification at the FC Meeting on 2nd March, 2019. The Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines has been produced based on feed-back received from all State Dressage Convenors (in consultation with their panel members) with the focus/intention being that Graded Driven Dressage is formalised and progresses Nationally.

The recommended changes are predominately in the areas of 'Organisation and Running Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers'. These changes will ensure that Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers (GDDQs) held at Club level, regardless of State, will all be conducted using the same criteria, in combination with the use of the standard GDDQ Pro-forma, which is also pending approval.

Dates for Dressage Workshops will be organised Nationally, enabling current Dressage Judges to maintain their Judging status along with the opportunity for candidates and interested drivers to also attend.

Remember, that your State Dressage Convenors and their panel members are there to support and assist you and your club regarding any Dressage related matters.

Cheryl Dowling NDDC

Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club Driven Dressage. Photos: Janice Gorick





Above left: Haddon Park Locket driven by Rachel Haslau, owned by Diane Boardman. Above right: Ross Carbery driving his pair, Carbery Estate Valentino & Carbery Estate Ferrero can still smile despite the rain. Below left: Lorraine Cairns driving Victor.





Above right: Mandy Lawrence driving her tandem, Forge Farm Heathcliff & Ambleside Lochindaal. Below left: Peter Lee driving his pair, Penbayer Ripple & Leehaven Blackie. Below right: Mosman Park Foxtrot & Mosman Park Mickey Mouse driven by Margaret Sperrin.





CLUB NEWS from NEW SOUTH WALES

Editor's Note for NSW News

Sincere apologies to Liverpool Range, Southern Highlands, Goulburn and Ellmore Clubs – due to an Editorial oversight your news was accidentally omitted from the NSW Club News in the December 2018 issue

Liverpool Range Harness Club

THE MAIN EVENT for our club in 2018 was the Charity Drive. Some statistics for the drive were: 17 horse drawn vehicles, including two drawn by pairs; and 174.1km driven in total (between 20-29km per day). The final total from the 2018 Charity Drive has been collated and collected and the cheques have been presented. \$10,524.83 was been raised by the club in 2018 with \$6103.28 coming from the Charity Drive itself. This was a great effort by all club members and in particular the Charity Drive committee, who worked hard all year with fund raising ideas.

2019 is the tenth anniversary of the Charity Drive. The event is already in the planning stages and promises to be as good if not better than the previous nine drives. It will run from Friday 20th September to Sunday 29th September 2019. It will have the Manilla Showground as its base at the start, before a midweek move to Attunga. For more information contact the club President Peter Honeyman, or Secretary Judy Tonkiss.

Drought is still having a great impact on our club members and no club drives have been planned at time of this article being written. It is with hand on heart that we pray for rain and for everyone's lives to return to normal once more.

Planning is under way for the Ladies Drive, from 1st - 5th May 2019. Vicki Donnelly and I have navigated some new routes and are negotiating with speakers. The format for this year has been changed a little, with the ladies being divided into two smaller groups, one for the smaller slower ponies and the other for the bigger horses. Both groups will be doing the twice daily 10km walks, and both will come together for the Chicken and Champagne drive.

Once again drives will be at a relaxed walking pace, aimed at encouraging inexperienced drivers, people with smaller ponies and drivers lacking confidence to enjoy pleasure driving, with some support and good company. Grooms are more than welcome and for those wishing to attend but living a large distance away, it is a great way to be part of the next Ladies Drive.

Whilst we welcome all ladies over 16 to the drive, more experienced drivers need to be aware that this is a drive to gain confidence. Therefore it is slow paced and there are no provisions made for those whose horses wish to move at speed. Anyone interested in attending the Ladies Drive should contact Christine O'Rourke or Vicki Donnelly at the Liverpool Range Club or on the Ladies Drive FB page.

Christine O'Rourke

Goulburn District Horse Drawn Vehicle Society

DAMON ALLPORT was been out and about on drives with other clubs in the latter part

of 2018. He went on the drive that lasted several days in the Condobolin area, and then, together with fellow Goulburn member Alan Smith, attended the Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive.

Southern Highlands Carriage Club

OUR FINAL in the series of Coaching Clinics for 2018 with Phil Marshall was held in August with the program fully booked again. Phil's 'regulars' are obviously gaining great benefits from his lessons and keep returning. The next four Clinics will be 22-25 March, 17-20 May, 12-15 July, and possibly 20-23 September 2019.

Southern Highlands Club's last event for 2018 was the Graded Dressage and Teams Challenge Mini CDE. This was a great stress free event for competitors, with thanks flowing to the club for firstly providing the beautiful weather (as always!), and secondly for the great competition, fun and camaraderie that evolved from the weekend. When such nice comments come from competitors and others, it makes the whole effort worthwhile, especially when so much work is done by so few organisers to make events happen.

Winners were: Pony class – 1st Tamara Abed, 2nd Kookie Engelsman & 3rd Amy Lucerne; Horse class:1st Belinda Casper; Multiples class: 1st Lynne Dominish and Beginner class 1st Carolyn Blakeley with her team of standardbreds. Unfortunately no entries were received for the class for VSEs.

The Winning Team was 'The Old Chooks', made up of Kookie Engelsman, Debbie Dunn and Carolyn Blakeley, 2nd 'Two Old Mares and a Filly', and 3rd 'The Bungendorians'. 'Two Old Mares and a Filly' was chosen as the quirkiest Team Name.

The Raffle run to help with expenses for Bram Chardon's visit in 2019 was won by ME! Many thanks to Scribblegum Design & Print for sponsoring the beautiful horse heads print which now hang above my desk.

Tracey Ellis had a busy end of year. She and her Cob *Louie* came second in the Intermediate Large Pony at the Murrami event in September and second again in the Intermediate Dressage Championships run by Ellmore Club in October. A new filly foal to her Welsh Cob mare also arrived in September to keep her even more busy than normal.

Welcome to new members in our club - Amy Lucerne and Keri Izzard, and also to Kirstie Little, who has come back home after seven-and-a-half years in the UK. We are looking forward to sharing the fun with you all. With Kirstie's return we hope to see Leslie Little out and about driving again. Poor *Webster*, their Haflinger, his holiday is over!

The Hills Club ran its Dressage Cones and Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore at the end of November, with a good number of entries across the height groups. The highlight for me was that my horse *Buckeroo* gave such a good account of himself that he won the perpetual trophy for the best dressage test of the day!

The Club Christmas party was held at the clubhouse at Bundanoon in early December. A casual dinner of pizza and pavlova, plenty of laughter and song, a medley of music by Elva Macpherson's friend Di Jones on her vintage violin and some mind numbing trivia made it a party to remember!

The club has been thrilled to receive a substantial grant from a Local Sports Grant Program, aided by the efforts of local MP Pru Goward. We plan to replace the perimeter fencing along Quarry Road, and erect some steel horse yards for the safety and comfort of larger horses and for stallions. Club members have spent a lot of time doing the preparation work, so that as much as possible can be achieved from the funding received. Working bees have continued, tidying up the equipment shed and installing new kitchen stoves, in readiness for the next events.

2019 will be another busy year. Apart from the Phil Marshall and Bram Chardon coaching clinics, the Club will run its Anzac Level 3 CDE will be on 27-28 April 2019, and has nominated to run the NSW and National Dressage Championships back to back in October.

Faye Cairncross



Penny Jacobs and Rocky at the Hill Tops Club drive in the Weddin Mountains National Park. Photo: T Smith.

Ellmore Harness Club

THE LONG HOT SUMMER and busy holiday season has meant many horses have enjoyed a quiet few months. In early December Penny Jacobs and *Rocky* joined the Hill Tops Club's pleasure drive at the Weddin Mountains National Park, just west of Grenfell. This was an enjoyable and friendly outing with a very pleasant drive, followed by an excellent barbecue lunch.

Ellmore's Christmas function was a horse free outing to the Coolamon Cheese Factory in mid December. This saw almost all the club members attend for a lovely meal in a terrific venue.

Members are now looking forward to the Hinemoa Frog Weekend in mid March. It is a Level 4 CDE, and will be a fun weekend specifically suited to inexperienced drivers and horses.

Auburn Carr

Central Coast Carriage Driving Club

WE HAD BEAUTIFUL WEATHER for our pleasure drive at Quorrobolong. When the sun came up, those who had camped overnight had a wonderful view of the mountains and properties around Quorrobolong. David and Mary Grant took their pony pair *Oakey* and *Whinnona*, whilst Ryan, Hayley and Amelie Blackman had their donkeys and Margie Walmsley drove her pony *Griffin*.

We all made great use of the 700 acre property next door to the campsite, utilising the dam, open paddocks and dry river crossings to get the animals comfortable working in a marathon type environment. The donkeys had some water issues but Hayley solved that by unharnessing and riding them through the water! David and I finally got *Oakey* and *Whinnona* working together properly, and Margie did a great job learning how to negotiate the water obstacle. The morning of driving was followed by a delicious barbcue lunch cooked by club president Ryan Blackman (the BBQ king!). It was a small club gathering but voted the best one yet. The weather was just right and the grounds and views superb.

Mary Grant

North Coast Carriage Club

ALTHOUGH this won't be published until March, I can't help but think about 2018 and what the North Coast Carriage Club members got up to.

- February— 9 members brought six horses to play with the cones and obstacles. Impromptu junior 'find the harness part' and 'harness, hitch and drive' games.
- March Club day cancelled due to lack of numbers. Rowena Walker launched the Online Hat & Harness Show, a nice fund raiser for our Club and well supported by other Clubs too.
- April Eight members brought eight horses.
 Fun long reining and driving ground obstacles with an impromptu quadrille.
- May Six members and eight horses. Some members competed in the HDT NSW Club Ribbon Day Maria Trott and Thea Eves drove singles, whilst Heidi Naylor and Lauren Wood drove singles and pairs. Heidi and Finnlay Naylor, and Lauren Wood attended the Ladies Drive out at Spring Ridge hosted by the Liverpool Range Harness Club.

Rowena Walker with her grand daughter Makayla Connell driving Pippin. Photo: L Walker.





Lauren Wood and her pair Dublin and Tex at the Glenreagh Timber Festival. Photo: H Naylor.

- June Nine members with ten horses. Heidi and junior driver Tully Naylor drove at Moonbi and successfully qualified for the NSW Northern Indoor/Outdoor Finals.
- July Christmas in July at the Naylor's Farm, eight members with six horses. Lauren again conducted horse drawn carriage rides at the annual Timberfest at Glenreagh with Dublin and Texas
- August Club Day cancelled due to lack of numbers. Heidi and Tully successfully competed at the Indoor/Outdoor Northern NSW Final.
- September we held our AGM nine people brought five horses. We decided to put on the dog a bit and dressed up for the occasion. The NSW Department of Primary Industries confirmed the first Hendra case of 2018 at Tweed Heads. A sobering reminder to pay attention to biosecurity (regardless of vaccination status). ABC New England North West photographed Christine O'Rourke and *Guy Fawkes Billy Tea* taking part in the Liverpool Range Harness Club Charity Drive.
- October Club Day cancelled due to (very welcome) rain. Lauren attended Camden Haven Show, and later attended the Boyd Exell Clinic at Tamworth as a fence sitter, coming away with a greater understanding of bitting and driving. Heidi's "tack-o-van' made the October issue of Horse Deals.
- November Club Day (our last) five members, six horses played with the cones course. ABC Rural ran a short TV and News piece on our member, Scott Naylor, who takes his Clydesdales to visit the local nursing home ...

www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2018-11-15/a-big-country-clydesdales-come-to-visit/10497688

Now what does 2019 hold for the North Coast Carriage Club? Well, we will again call Glenreagh Recreation Reserve our home ground, and meet monthly. We are going to attempt to do some 'theme' days which should provide for some fun challenges and interesting pictures for future articles. We hope to nurture and bring along our three younger junior drivers whilst maintaining the interests of our existing members. We often have two separate groups of fence-sitters who enjoy watching our Club Days, and profess past harness driving experience. We do want our Club to grow, but that growth does bring its own challenges.

As can be imagined by our 2018 Club attendance figures, our members are often flat out attending to their own horses (sometimes horses outnumber members), setting up then packing away courses and supervising junior members. It will

be challenging to induct new members to the ACDS way of doing things! Ideally, it would be great to have a non-driving, but experienced member on board to specifically nurture and encourage newcomers. As carriage drivers, we were all beginners once, some of us found our own way through trial and errors (and survived), some of us were taken under the wings of others and gratefully learnt from their experience. As President, if I were to sum up the North Coast Carriage Club's New Year's Resolution for 2019, it would be to foster safe and pleasurable driving for those who care to drive along-side us throughout 2019.

Heidi Naylor

Hills District Harness Club

THE ANNUAL Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day on 25th November at Rossmore again attracted a very pleasing number of drivers as well as plenty of helpers to run the events. The dressage arena, cones course, marathon obstacles and the Start/Finish point of the mini marathon were set up before most drivers arrived, thanks to the help of a number of people who arrived early and pitched in.

There were 17 drivers in all. They were Charlotte Hyles with Ziva, Maxine Saliba with Katut, Jeanna Kinleyside (Chocolate), Andrea Casper (Cassie), Sue Wright (Patrick), Angela Eberle (Pebbles), Carolyn Kinleyside (Charlie), Leanne Perceval (Sweetpea), Greg McDonald (Fingal), Belinda Casper (Indi), Emily Thompson (Ness), Faye Cairncross (Buckeroo), Sally Crowell (Monty), Danni Katon (King), Martyn Minns (Ulrika), Christine Dunn (Patches) and Nigel Burton (Ion). They were divided into three height groups for the competition, and most people did all three phases. Apart from being allocated start times for their dressage, drivers were encouraged to do the other sections in any order so that all would be finished by 12.45pm. It was a busy scene across the grounds with all the activities going on.

Kim McGregor, with her brother as penciller, was the dressage judge and was well occupied through the morning with 14 tests to judge. The cones course was looked after by Tiffany Cornall and Kiah Lyshak, Dennis Casper was the mini marathon time keeper, and Carol Fitzpatrick, Debbie Lyshak, Jenny Conquest and I, assisted by various other people from time to time, were in charge of the two marathon obstacles.

Leanne Perceval and Angela Eberle with Sweetpea at the Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day. Photo: J Muspratt.





Emily and Mark Thompson with Ness at the Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day. Photo: J Muspratt.

Other supporters there on the day were Eddie Dobbin, Roger Kinleyside, Mark and Karen Thompson, Alison McDonald, Bill Wright and Barbara Kidd.

Alan Ongley, assisted by Marg and John Moore, got the barbecue underway, ready for everyone to have for lunch at about 1.00. It was good to see the large group sitting in a big circle in the shade, having a chat whilst enjoying their hot lunch.

Marg Moore and I worked out the results of the morning's activities and award cards were distributed in the various sections and height groups. The overall ribbon winners over the three phases were: Small Ponies - Andrea Casper; Large Ponies - Sally Crowell and Horses - Belinda Casper. The beautiful perpetual trophy donated by Christine Dunn's family in New Zealand for the Best Dressage Score, went to Faye Cairncross driving her buckskin Welsh Cob Buckeroo. It was a great day to finish off the club's driving activities for

A short Special General Meeting was held before the club's Christmas Lunch and Auction on December 9 2018 in air conditioned comfort at the RDA Box Hill, to ratify alterations to the club constitution. With this important business done, everyone settled in for a good get-together without the horses. Thirty-two members and friends made up the group. They included new members Janet Slattery and Bruce Wood from St Albans and long time club friends and former members Christine and Barry McGregor who came all the way from Goolma near Gulgong.

This year Belinda and Mark Casper did all the catering for the lunch, with an excellent barbecue and salads, followed by desserts. The fundraiser auction followed, with Karen Silvester assisted by Jenny Conquest doing the auctioneering. Many interesting items changed hands amid a lot of good natured banter. Another fundraiser for the club was the raffle of day tickets for two, to the 2019 Sydney Royal. The delighted winners were Alan and Helen Robertson, who haven't been to the show for many

Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club

THE TAMWORTH CLUB held its Christmas lunch at North Tamworth Bowling Club and enjoyed a great array of food, drinks, fantastic service, and not to forget, the antics with the bare foot bowls game. We also had a secret Santa and everyone went home with something nice to remember our celebrations.

Club members have been enjoying a well earned break over the hot Christmas period, but will be back in February with an exciting array of club days, harness shows and events for 2019. We are also planning to run clinics and specialist days. There will be something to keep even the most diehard driver happy.

In addition to the local agricultural shows to support, we are hosting an open harness driving ring at the 2019 Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association State Championships. There will be classes for all types of horses and ponies, not just standardbreds, but standies will certainly be most welcome in our ring.

Our club is also hosting a two day Indoor/Outdoor Series Qualifier on the June long weekend, and everyone will be made very welcome.

2019 is our clubs 10th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate it in style, watch this space. Contact Liz O'Brien for further details on 0427 766 726

Liz O'Brien

Camden Harness Club

WHAT A GREAT DAY Camden Club members had at the Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day conducted at Rossmore Reserve on Nov 25 2018.

Sally Crowell with her new pony Monty did their first ever dressage test and was delighted with an overall win in the large pony class. Sally even cantered home after a fast and accurate cones course and was heard to say "That was such fun! Let's go again!"

Other Camden drivers were Greg McDonald with Fingal, Charlotte Hyles with Ziva, Jeanna Kinlyside with Chocolate, Carolyn Kinlyside driving little Charlie, Maxine Saliba driving Katut, Danni Katon with King, Martyn Minns with his young Friesian mare Ulrika and Sue Wright with her new Welsh gelding Patrick. All had a successful day in their various classes.

Carol Fitzpatrick stewarded on one of the Marathon Obstacles, whilst other Camden people there were Roger Kinleyside accompanying daughter Jeanna in the sulky, Alison McDonald and Bill Wright.

Judging by the happy faces at the sausage sizzle and cakes lunch, it would be fair to say that a good time was had by all. Thank you Hills Club! Reedy Creek Harness Club organised a friendly, fun Christmas Obstathon at Rosemont Indoor



Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day: Above: Danni Katon with King. Below: Maxine Saliba and Katut . Photos: J Muspratt.



Complex, near Goulburn, on December 1 2018. The fun times started when Kath Cole handed out numbers with lollies in Christmas wreaths! Nothing was too much trouble for organisers, who created a happy, relaxed atmosphere.

Camden members Greg and Alison McDonald drove their big striding Morgan horse 'Fingal' who had never previously seen an indoor arena or competed in an Obstathon before. Kath Cole allowed drivers to 'show' their horses the indoor arena before the competition, provided they did not lead their horse through any gates. Everyone drove two rounds with the total of both rounds added together. Fingal went confidently and ended up a very creditable third place in the Horse Class competing against some well established, experienced horses.

Charlotte Hyles drove her mare Ziva. They had been to the first Christmas Obstathon last year and showed great improvement this year by gaining a second place.

The day provided big smiles and lots of laughter from drivers and spectators.

Reedy Creek put on a social BBQ get together

Camden member Charlotte Hyles with Greg McDonald back stepping at the Boyd Exell Clinic at Bega. Photo: A McDonald.



Saturday evening. Greg and Alison camped, then went for a pleasure drive on Sunday morning. Unfortunately the weather turned nasty with a wild dust storm putting a stop to the morning's drive. Regardless, the pleasant and welcoming company made for a fantastic weekend.

World Harness Driving Champion, Boyd Exell comes home to Bega every Christmas season to share the New Year break with his parents and family. He usually runs a clinic and this year's one was from January 3 - 62019.

Camden Club members, Charlotte Hyles and Greg and Alison McDonald, had a fantastic time at the clinic held on the beautiful historic Bega Showground. The Bega district certainly looked wonderfully lush and green after the good rains they have received. Greg and Alison took advantage of the opportunity to do a little sight-seeing in the afternoons.

Charlotte scored two lessons with Boyd. Ziva just went better and Better and BETTER! Greg back-stepped in the dressage lesson and was a marvellous navigator in the cones course. 'Which way is Left?' Boyd even made comment on what a great job Greg did when we ran over #8. Greg jumped off, pulled #8 out from under the carriage and jumped straight back on with amazing quick athleticism!

Alison went into 'teacher' mode, taking notes and getting Boyd's comments on her phone. This was a great help for our lesson review and analysis. Rule # 1 Go where you want to go. Rule # 2 Make it look pretty.

Many drivers needed better half halts to prepare for the next movement and to use more outside rein to help with the balance.

Boyd is very approachable and likes to have a laugh. We hope to see him again next year with the next level of uncomfortable issues for his expert insight and advice.

Charlotte Hyles

Hunter Horse Driving Society

THE HUNTER CLUB has a number of activities in widespread places planned for the next few months, starting with a Games Day at Stroud on February 24. The March activity is a demonstration on carriage driving at the Dungog Pony Club on March 10, whilst the very popular drive in the Putty Valley organised by June Malmberg will be held on May 25-26. June 23 will see a drive in the Girvan/Bulahdelah district hosted by Pat Thomson.

Reedy Creek Equestrian Club

REEDY CREEK'S Christmas Obstathon was enjoyed by both participants and organisers, which surely makes it a successful event. The course started outdoors and led into the indoor arena, where two obstacles and a bridge provided entertainment to the onlookers.

The junior driver class saw three very promising drives from Brady Sonter, Baillie Hass and Harry McIntyre. The ridden class was tackled by another junior Charlie Pemberton-Flynn, whom I'm sure we will see driving when his mum's new pony has had a little more experience in harness. We had all levels of experience, all giving it their best shot, and dealing with the unexpected challenges that can crop up. By the end of the day the fastest time had been achieved by Peter Dunn driving his standardbred Trinity.

For many years Ray and Carol Roach have given horse drawn rides at the Goulburn pre-Christmas





Left: Hill Tops' Tess Smith and Debbie Dunn heading to the dressage arena at the Longwood CDE. Photo: W Harris. Right: Bungendore Club members with 'the big man' at the Bredbo Christmas Barn. Photo: S Brennan.

'Carols in the Park.' This Christmas they were joined by Carolyn Blakeley driving her ever reliable Peg, and looking the part with plenty of tinsel decorating the vehicle. Every year the kids love it and keep on lining up, and this time they had to declare a finish time or they would have been there all night! Ray, Carol and Carolyn have to be applauded for the time and effort they put into making this happen. It is actually one of the few occasions when the general public meet up with the world of harness.

Kath Cole

Riverina Carriage Driving Society

THE CLUB is preparing for its annual Joe Hawkins Cup CDE with its small team of members. Unfortunately a clash of dates with Victorian clubs has necessitated some re negotiation of a date but the club is committed to running the event which has always enjoyed very good support from drivers, officials and volunteers

Some of the club's members have been riding and driving in the mountains during the summer, thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Michael Jones

Hill Tops Carriage Driving Club

THE WEEKEND OF November 10-11 was a busy one for Hill Tops members with some heading north to see the National Show at Hawkesbury, and others going south to Longwood's Level 3 CDE. The CDE competitors were Peter Dunn driving Nanardine Danny Boy with Wayne Harris back stepping, Debbie Dunn with Ranni Park Hearts Ablaze and Tess Smith with the smallest pony at the event, Koriana Absolute Star. All finished with good placings in big classes.

During December, as a celebration of Christmas and a signing off to 2018, a drive was arranged followed by a BBQ picnic at Ben Hall's Cave in the Weddin Mountains near Grenfell. It was well attended. Everyone was interested to see Garry Harris' handsome new horse Khalif de Bousdael, who was brought along for some bush exposure. Despite the predicted heat, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with most staying on track and finding the treasures along the trail. Some even ventured up to Ben Hall's Cave to take some solace and admire the view.

The club will be running the Anne Synnot Cup on March 2-3, with a Clinic with Trevor Brand on the Saturday followed by Graded Dressage and Cones on the Sunday.

Tess Smith

Murrumbidgee Carriage Driving Club

 $R^{\rm OBYN}$ SCHMETZER reported (in January) that it was far too hot to be driving horses.

However the Rossetta family is involved in helping organise the Riverina Club's Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar in the autumn.

Bungendore Carriage Driving Society

A FTER HOSTING THE 2018 Scribblegum Design and Print NSW CDE Championships, Bungendore Club members had a well earned rest. However several members drove at the Reedy Creek Club Obstathon in early December and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We celebrated Christmas with a shared lunch at the Bredbo Inn. Lunch was preceded by a visit to the magical Bredbo Christmas Barn. The Christmas Barn is a cornucopia of all things Christmas and well worth a visit if in the area.

Several Bungendore members attended the Boyd Exell Clinic in Bega in early January. Byron McIntyre, Max Pearce, Leah Montefiore, Kim Groothof, Alison Cooper and our junior member Harry McIntyre had lessons. Dot Willcoxson, Lisa Harrington and I enjoyed fence sitting. The Club is now preparing for its Club Day with Brendan Dwyer and for the Munro Cup in February.

Jen Brennan

Gulgong Heritage Harness Assoc

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for the Gulgong Club drive which will be based at Armatree. It will be from May 14-21 2019. Leroy Trengove and John Hetherington spent a day scouting the area around Armatree finding suitable drives for the five days, averaging about 30km a day. The area is relatively flat with no hills, and there will be only about 7km of tarred road. The trip will be suitable for both large and small horses. Armatree is a fairly central location for most members who go on these sorts of drives, but people need to be mindful that there are no fuel facilities at Armatree, and to fill up before arriving. There will only be one campsite for the week. For more information contact John Hetherington on 0429 405 501.

Sam Loveday on a shopping trip in his sulky. Photo: S Loveday.



CLUB NEWS from QUEENSLAND

2018 ACDSOB HIGH POINT AWARDS

ONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 winners of the ACDS Qld Branch annual driving awards:

Ross Siemon Memorial Cup for Driven Dressage – Jan Young and Cwmkaren Welsh Rhapsody.

Trevor Cox Memorial High Point Trophy for Show Driving - Jan Young and Cwmkaren Welsh Rhapsody.

Queensland 3-Phase/CDE High Points Trophy -Angie McHugh and Dazle n Sonita.

The high points competition year runs from 1st January until 1st November with the perpetual trophies awarded at the ACDSQB November meeting. Further details are on the State website.

New Convenors

THE INCUMBENT CONVENOR resigned from several positions in November, so interim appointments have been made - Queensland Dressage Convenor is Janet Seddon, and the Queensland CDE Convenor is Greg Bowdler.

Accreditation and refresher schools will be planned for late 2019 so if Queensland members are interested in becoming an official, please contact the Qld convenors.

Clubs are conducting a number of instructional clinics for drivers in show driving, dressage, and cones so please check the Queensland website calendar for those events.

Driven Dressage

FIVE GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE events are scheduled before the State Championships on Sunday 18th August, Caboolture. Caboolture and Range carriage clubs are hosting graded driven dressage qualifiers alongside ungraded classes which provides opportunity for our drivers to participate in the State's high point dressage cup. Gold Coast Club also offers club dressage days for those starting out. The first 2019 driven dressage graded qualifiers will be held over two days, 16th and 17th March by Caboolture Carriage Club.

Pleasure Driving

RANGE CLUB hosted a successful Park Drive last year at the Laidley Historical Village, which coincided with the September Laidley Spring Festival, and will follow up with another Drive on 4th May during the local Heritage Festival. This club also will also conduct a number of pleasure drives during the year, with the first one held at Crows Nest, which Angie Cain and Greg

Bowdler organised. The drive was on a graded track, approximately 8km and the horses coped well with some slopes. Property facilities included good yards, bush toilet and showers, tables and seats all made out of bush timber and with cover so another event at this location might be on the cards for a future camp-oven dinner or barbecue. The club's next pleasure drives will be at Geham, Coominya, and Cambooya.

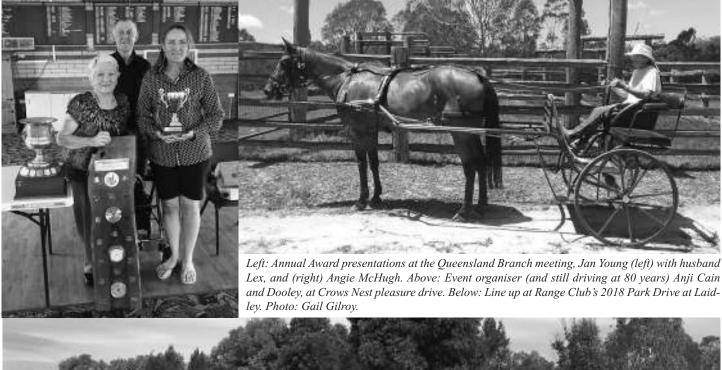
Show Driving

THE SHOW SEASON is underway in Queensland. The 2019 State Show Driving Championships will be held on Sunday, 23 June, Caboolture.

CDE/3-Phase

THE RANGE CLUB has three 3-Phase events planned this year (19th May, 14th & 15th September). The club has chosen to run these events rather than CDEs while they are further developing their obstacles and pool of ground crew and observers.

We hope that our Townsville club members, their animals and property are safe and sound, with North Queensland having recently experienced one of the State's worst flooding events.





CLUB NEWS from SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Goyder Plains Carriage Drivers

GRADED DRESSAGE and Christmas Windup for GPCDA. The 1st and 2nd December marked a weekend full of Graded Dressage, Cones and Christmas celebrations at the home of GPCDA in Peterborough SA

The dressage competition commenced at a very civilised 10am on both days and the three judges happily saw competitors running on time for the 14 tests judged each day.

Novice and Elementary Tests were judged and a huge improvement was noticed in all of the combinations over the two days of competition as was reflected in the scores.

Only one unhappy person - Lawries' pony decided that he was not going out in the wind again and spat the dummy half way through his test.

A cones competition was to take place each afternoon, but on Saturday it had to be abandoned after three competitors as the course was being blown away! A huge dust storm blew through followed by heavy rain and the drivers had to scramble for cover. No big deal, it just meant we started the Christmas celebrating early.

Sunday's cones were a relaxed affair with all combinations having fun and taking the opportunity to improve their cone driving skills.

Over the weekend we had two new drivers come out and have a try at driving, utilising the one activity membership. A huge thank you goes out to the members who took the time to share their skills and their experienced ponies so this could take place. Hopefully we may see some new memberships come as a result.

It was wonderful to see two Junior drivers having a go. Charlotte Farrell (aged 12) drove four tests over the weekend using a young pony belonging to her grandparents Lawrie and Ree Tyas. The improvement over the weekend was lovely to see and the smile on her face showed her obvious enjoyment of carriage driving.

Another local girl was also given the opportunity to have a drive after the conclusion of the official competitions and apparently has not stopped talking about it yet, hopefully another budding Junior.

Thanks as always must go to the Judges, Officials and Volunteers that make these weekends possible. The scores were out by 2.30 each day and our wonderful volunteers helped take the arenas and cones down in very trying weather conditions – THANK YOU!

Saturday night the club celebrated at the Railway Hotel with a lovely two course meal and a Kris Kringle with a twist! There was much laughter and enjoyment had by all.

Happy and Safe New Year to all!

Southern Carriage Driving Society

WITH THE FESTIVE SEASON now behind us, it's back to driving and work for Southern members. Our monthly rally program started up again in January with those members that weren't still away on holidays, turning out for a day of dressage, cones and MO practise. The dressage arena was set out, a cones course built and 2 MOs lettered. When everyone had worn themselves out ponies were put away and a

shared lunch enjoyed in the Club Rooms.

February will bring our second Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier and entries are pouring in. It's interesting to note the number of members who are entering two ponies, the old faithful and the young one coming on.

One of our juniors, Sophie Frahn has also entered, driving *Morton* the Shetland and this will be her first judged dressage tests. We wish Sophie the best of luck, it is fabulous to see such youngsters coming on and enjoying the drive.

Our third Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier is scheduled for early March followed by a two day Phil Marshall Clinic. Phil's clinics are always a sell out and with drivers' sights set on the SA CDE Champs in June, this will be a popular opportunity to start fine tuning.

Just for fun Southern will run an 'unofficial' Obstathon on the April rally day. Obstathon is proving to be very popular at Southern and we expect a good turn out. We will see minatures, shetlands, little ponies, big ponies and horses, in singles, pairs and tandem, young and old all taking on the MO and cones challenge.

May will be yet another busy month with our forth Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier and another Phil Marshall Clinic – perfectly timed for last minute tips in preparation for the South Australian CDE Championships.

Then our series of BIG events begin:

June 9th - 10th: SA CDE Championships.

August 24th - 25th: ACDS National Show Driving Championships.

October 6th - 7th: Australian Masters Games (Driven Dressage and Obstathon).

So, South Australia is going to be the place to be.

Check into our facebook page: Southern Carriage Driving Society (ACDS) - Monarto to keep up with the latest news on our events and you will also find information on the ACDS facebook page as the events get closer. Registrations for the Australian Masters Games opened on February 12th. Read all about AMG2019 Vintage and Register at http://www.australianmastersgames.com/

Southern invite all drivers looking for competition and fun in a friendly and welcoming environment to come on down to South Australia in 2019.

SA Pleasure Drivers

UDI CARR WRITES: "We don't have a pleasure JUDI CARR WRITES. We don't man I driving club in SA, but there are a group of friends who get together at Monarto twice a week to drive, have coffee and laugh a lot, not necessarily in that order. Most of us are ACDS members and do a few competitions, but we all spend a lot of time out on the local roads and tracks just for the fun of it. In spite of the quite unpredictable weather in the previous few months, which had seen some of our outings cancelled, eight or ten of us managed to have a hot pre-Christmas shared lunch and drive, complete with cool vests, which we really recommend for anyone venturing out over summer. Being mostly seniors, unkindly named the Postmenopausal Pony Club by Jill Billett's daughter, only a few could muster the energy to decorate horses for the occasion as we could see we were in for another storm coming down from the north."



Above: Charlotte Farrell competing at her first Graded Dressage day. Kangra.



Above: Deb O'Dowd driving Pearl at the Graded Dressage. Photo: Kangra.



Above: Graham Mercer competing on the Graded Dressage Day. Kangra.



Above: Shirley Crossley driving the new boy Lenny. Photo: Kangra.



Above: Jill Billet driving Gen. Below: Judi Carr's Tom. Photos thanks to grooms Mark Billett and Michelle Wheaton.



Harness News from Trinity College - Gawler

RINITY COLLEGE Equestrian had the ab-I solute pleasure of hosting Henry and Shirley Crossley and Deb O'Dowd and their wonderful New Forest carriage ponies Dennis and Jenny, on 6th November 2018.

he team travelled approximately three hours ■ to enable the students of Trinity College to have the unforgettable experience of not just watching but actually driving these Champion carriage ponies.

Trinity College actually has in its team of school horses Jasper who is a full brother to Jenny and Dennis. Jasper had been a carriage champion before illness forced him into retirement from the sport. The Crossley's kindly donated him to the Coordinator of Trinity Equestrian, Helen Barnes and the school where he is 'fit for purpose' and is used for teaching students to handle and ride; he is a much loved member of the team.

The day started with the team being introduced to the students, staff and parents with Henry speaking about the highlights of his driving career. Shirley then gave a long reining display using Jasper, then offered the students the opportunity try their hand at long reining. We then progressed to harnessing the horses with the students, enabling them to learn about safely harnessing a horse and what the functions of different parts of harness perform.

Then the excitement levels increased as the horses were warmed up and prepared for the students to come on board! It was fantastic to see all of the children eager to have a go at being a



Harness demo day group shot.

passenger and then a driver. I feel we did find some prospective future drivers amongst the students and it was fantastic to see so many huge smiles as the children drove, under supervision, around the grounds.

The culmination of the day was a display, by the Team, of some driving at speed, around the cones which was thrilling to watch. It was then time to bid farewell with group photos and the presentation of some Trinity farm produce as a small thank you gift for what was a wonderful and very memorable day. Thank you Henry, Shirley and Deb so much for this privilege.

> Helen Barnes. Coordinator of the Trinity College Equestrian Program. EA Level 1 Dressage Coach. EA SSTA

Harness demo day at Trinity College with Henry Crossley and Dennis.



CLUB NEWS from TASMANIA



HANK YOU to all those that were thinking I of us during the recent fire crisis, although it probably wasn't quite as bad as the media drummed it up to be. Only a few buildings lost, no loss of life, a fair bit of scrubland cleared out and with the promise of some rain on the way everything should soon be under control.

The State Show was held in November with Desiree Stewart from Victoria coming down as Judge. Congratulations to Stephanie and Troy as Supreme winners. Congratulations to all the other winners, I think everyone went home with a ribbon of some denomination. Desiree put on some interesting workouts, some not so easy, but everyone seemed to have a great time. The weather held out after a fairly rubbish start to the day, turning into a sunny and mild day. Speaking after the Show, Desiree was complimentary of the standard shown by all, and said she had a fabulous time. Thanks Desiree for making the trip!

Phil Marshall came and visited in January for a coaching clinic that was well attended. Phil's lessons always go down a treat with everyone coming away with something new to try. It was nice to see Phil without a sling with his numerous comments of how he can't wait to be back driving again as soon as the Doctor gives the all clear.

Northern Tasmanian Driving Society.

TEW YEAR'S EVE AT BURNIE. A request was received from the Event Organiser of Burnie City Council to find a UNICORN for their planned New Year's Eve Event.

This has become an annual event with the focus very much on family entertainment. The organiser, Jenny Cox, had been pursuing her idea of a unicorn for some time and had contacted Ruth who passed the details on to me. Secretary Jill agreed to come with me.

We went for a site visit along Marine Terrace opposite the Beach Hotel. Our spot was an area 10m x 5m of grass which was to be surrounded with woodland scenery. Ellie, the unicorn candidate, would be separated from her adoring public by a low picket fence.



Left: Maryl Cropper with her 'unicorn' at the Burnie New Year's Eve celebrations. Photo: Jill Cawsey. Above: Chrissie Angelino with Dolly. Top right: Chrissie Angelino, Jill Cawsey and Maryl Cropper in front of Entally House. Right: David Potter driving Ripley. Photos above and right: John Caine of Launceston Camera Club.

Jenny supplied us with two silver wigs and hair pieces to create a suitable long mane and of course a horn. We had a practice before the event with the mane and with me attired in a Maid Marian gown we set up in our forest dell to await the adoring public.

All Ellie wanted to do was trim the grass. It took a while for families with children to start visiting by which time Ellie had a full belly and was happy to stand at the fence and be made a fuss of. Loads of photos from toddlers in strollers to teenagers. Jill and I did have to keep reminding parents and grandparents that 'IT'S A UNI-CORN;. Most of the young people politely said 'thank you' as they walked away and some wished us a Happy New Year. There was 1 nonbeliever who told us it was a pony and we had stuck on the horn. My reply was that the horn was growing out of Ellie's head and had a plastic cover on it to keep it clean and to stop peoples' germs getting on it.

We packed up at 8.30 and headed for the float before the fireworks started after a really fun

Maryl Cropper

Tasmanian Horse Drawn Vehicle Foundation.

THE MUCH ANTICIPATED d'Attelage un-I fortunately didn't happen due to a lack of volunteers, but not to be put off, a Concours D'Elegance was held in its place that was still a lot of fun for those that made the effort to attend. First place was won by Maryl, with Chrissie second then Jill bringing up third. The planned judge was unavoidably delayed due to a work commitment so a guest judge drawn from the onlookers. 'Take a picture in your mind, then out of all the pictures, which one would you put on your wall'was the criteria and it worked a treat. Everyone was very happy with the placings, smiles all round and a great day was had by all. A few pleasure drives are planned for the not too distant future so they are keenly being looked

forward too. Until next issue

David







Above: Gwenda Holland, with Damien Roberts and Meg Finn looking the part at the THDVF's Concours D'Elegance held at Entally House, Hadspen. Below: Jill Cawsey and Willow. Bottom: Maryl Cropper driving Ruby.





CLUB NEWS from VICTORIA

Central Highlands Pleasure Harness Club Inc

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS members have been taking a short break from campaigning, but have been busy driving and training. Jan Moore has been getting her team of mini ponies CDE fit, and several members have been driving along with her on the lovely tracks.

The club now has access to the Huntly grounds three weekends each month, and several members are taking advantage of the access to drive both out on the tracks and practice in the arena. The January rally consisted of some ground work, respect, teaching our horses where to place their feet and marathon obstacle practice, followed by a barbecue in recognition of Australia Day.

Hilary Billett and other members have been planning and prepping for the March Dressage Qualifier hosted by CHPHC in the lead up to the dressage champs in late March. The club received several donations for the Dressage Qualifier raffle, including a lovely quilt sewn by Laraine Blume and lots of camping, horse and non-horse related goodies were donated by club members. We again had a trophy rug on offer to the highest VSE dressage score over the weekend, this year donated by Hilary Billett.

Phil Marshall is again hosting lessons with us on the 13th and 14th April and we are looking forward to another big learning weekend with Phil.

Our club has a few new members, both beginners and experienced harness people and we welcome them to the club and hope that they can enjoy being an ACDS member as much as the rest of us!

Eileen Perry

Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club Inc

T HE OCTOBER RALLY was a different spin on things. Tom Dowling held a 'How to set up' day. We learnt how to set up a cone course and a dressage arena for a rally day. Also how to open up the club rooms and set up for the day. We will be rostering members for each rally to set up to share the load around.

November was busy with local shows which were well attended and Maffra show was back on the agenda after a long hiatus. Thanks to Cheryl Dowling for getting it back on the program even though its held on the Sunday it proved to be very popular and well supported by drivers.

December was to be a Christmas oz trek/activity day but after setting up on the Saturday, rain and storms forced us to cancel but we still had a Christmas lunch and the Trevor Coster driving award was presented to Anita Heath.

January rally ended up being the Oz trek/ activity day and it was well attended by members and some real challenging activities were conquered.

In February we held a very successful two day graded dressage competition. We were also lucky enough to host a Dressage judges workshop on the Friday before the dressage competitions. The day was well attended and all agreed it was a very valuable clinic. Many thanks to Dot Willcoxson for presenting the teaching material.

Leanne Prosser





Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club: Top left: Anita Heath driving Marmalade. Top right: Jennifer McNabb driving Heatherbrae Jackston and Ann Berrett driving Spring Gully Smokey. Below left: Leanne Prosser and grand daughter driving Domino Downs Coffee Liquor. Below right: Peter McNabb driving Heatherbrae Jackston





Below: Congratulations to Dean, Nicole and Olivia Linic.



Geelong & District Carriage Drivers Inc

WONDERFUL NEWS! After spending Friday setting up the dressage and cones for the GDCD Driven Dressage Qualifier, someone could not wait any longer, she gave everyone an early surprise, on the morning of Saturday 24th November our President Nicole Linic gave birth to a baby girl. Congratulations to Nicole, Dean and baby Olivia.

Will Olivia follow in the family tradition and be the fourth generation of carriage drivers?

What's been happening at GDCD:

November 10 & 11 – Congratulations to GDCD combined drivers who had a successful event at the Skye Park- Longwood CDE, all winning

or placing well in their classes.

November 24 & 25 – Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers at Leighdale Equestrian Centre at Teesdale. The new venue was a great success with plenty of space for more dressage arenas and great facilities, as usual the weekend was well supported by Victorian drivers who all agreed that the venue was good.

December 9 - Club Christmas Rally at Austin & Co Winery, Sutherlands Creek. Four drivers and their passengers enjoyed a lovely morning on a pleasure drive around the picturesque tracks of the vineyard and its landscaped gardens. More members joined us for a feast of fine food and jolly company then a. 'now you've got it, now

you don't' Kris Kringle amused us all and completed the 'Best club rally ever', according to Trevor Jones (as he lugged his second case of wine back from the vineyard's cellar door sale). January 20 - Club rally, pleasure drive and working bee at Victoria Park, Inverleigh.

A change of planned venue and some good work done on the grounds, five drivers, some with new ponies out for a look around, enjoyed a pleasure drive before being joined by more members who rallied to build the newly designed 'top corner' MO, Dean's Dingo Worx came along and made the post hole digging fast and easy. Thanks Dean Linic, great work. The water obstacle had some TLC too, it had taken quite a few knocks and bumps over the years, the gravel base has been resurfaced and some posts and panels replaced.

Coming up at GDCD:

February 23 & 24 L3/4 CDE at Inverleigh. Entries are rolling in, the ground has been groomed and members have done some major work redesigning and rebuilding obstacles, the MOs will be fun to drive, who doesn't love the water challenge? By the time the Journal goes to print this event will be done and dusted, check the GDCD Facebook page for up to date news.

March 24 - Come and Try Day. Meet our experienced GDCD members, using selected safe driving horses, we will introduce interested people to carriage driving, they can have a go at driving a horse to see if this hobby is for them. We will advise aspiring carriage drivers, and novice drivers who want to learn more, on all aspects of safety and selection of harness and carriages.

April 28 – TPR Course refreshing qualifications and training new vet stewards, and a mini Oz Trec demonstration.

May 26 – Oz Trec at Inverleigh. Every second year we run this popular event, lots of laughs and plenty of challenges for horses and their drivers.

Madeleine Bentley

Gippsland Pleasure Harness Society Inc

GPHS HAD A GREAT FIRST RALLY for 2019, and all who attended enjoyed the day. To all our members and social members who are showing all over Victoria with their beautiful horses, ponies, viceroys, jinkers and drays keep up the excellent standard, you are all first class, and we are all very proud to have you as GPHS Members.

Congratulations also to Lorraine Cairns, her horse *Victor* and groom Phil Marshall (Oaklands Club) taking front cover on the Australian Performance Horse Magazine for Combined Driving. Well done to the trio.

Safe and Happy Driving to all our drivers in GPHS.

Jenny Cummins.

Lakes and Craters

THE LAKES AND CRATERS horse driving club know how to enjoy themselves.

Christmas was a wonderful horseless celebration held in the deep south of the beautiful Otways. The climate change was obvious as you meandered your way to the destination. Fog and



Lakes and Craters members enjoying a drive. mountain mist welcomed the travellers.

We stayed at Bimbi Park, a lovely camp ground. Some camped in, tents others their floats or caravans and some in the luxury of cabins.

On the Saturday we went in convoy to the Cape Otway lighthouse and had a birds eye panoramic view from the top. The old buildings with the history of the lighthouse and telegraph station was interesting viewing. The horse played a vital role to the inhabitants isolated in tough living conditions. A detour saw us all walking the boardwalk at Maits Rest, a truly beautiful pocket of the Otways.

Saturday afternoon we were all involved in Christmas themed games. Rather than naming a winner, it is easier to name those who cheated the least!

Our Christmas evening meal was delicious and enjoyed by all. A big thank you the organisers for a fun weekend of celebration.

Our January rally was a camp weekend held at Rokewood Recreation Reserve. The drives over the two days involved an assortment of terrain, tracks and quiet country roads. We were pleased to have a couple of visitors join us for a days drive.

Although only a few were able to attend, it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who did and not spoiled by the heat over the previous days.

February was another fun rally and change from our norm. It was held in the Noorat area utilising the Rec Reserve in the morning. A series of challenges including cones, obstacles and observation points and a poker game just for fun was included. The afternoon saw the group on a pleasure drive in the Alan Marshall 'I can jump puddles' district.

Sometimes our monthly drives are small with members otherwise engaged but the show always goes on. Members share the organising of our monthly rallies which ensures we spread ourselves around the district and keeps things interesting.

Where to next?

Sylvia Brown

Mornington Peninsula Pleasure Harness Club Inc

VIEWS OVER Wilsons Promontory and the lush rolling hills of South Gippsland were the perfect backdrop for our club, in conjunction with the Australian Tradesman and Delivery Show Horse Driving Association, to hold a Come and Try Harness Day in late November.

We were overwhelmed with interest and saw some 40 participants, some who had travelled from interstate and far flung parts of Victoria to try their hand at long reining, harnessing, principles of show driving, driving a single and some even drove a pair for the first time. Some were even raw beginners who had an interest in harness but had never had any horse experience or held any reins previously.

The day was overseen by a team of experienced drivers including Ross Carbery, Dean and Esmay



Bernadette Lewis and Astro teaching Kate Woodward at the MPPHC Come & Try Day.

Rheinberger, Matthew Marriott, Bernadette Lewis, Deborah Hoffrichter and the behind the scenes supporters who made the day a resounding success. The icing on the cake was an 8km pleasure drive on the 400acre property to the farm's private beach. Upon arrival through the tea-tree lined sand banks we were greeted by perfect glassy water and a flock of majestic black swans. The drive was an absolute delight as there were picture postcard views from every angle.

Our Christmas rally was a treasure hunt/navigation drive at Crib Point. It was well supported by members getting into the spirit of Christmas. Some cryptic thinking and careful map reading skills were required for the drive and upon arrival back at the club rooms we shared a lovely Christmas lunch.

The New Year saw the club decide, after the overwhelming success of our last Come and Try Harness day, and a long waiting list of beginners who were keen to learn harness, that we needed to hold another Come and Try Harness day. We have had a very pleasing response once the registrations opened with 30 people registering to attend. Unfortunately, the weather in the days leading up to the Come and Try Day was very hot in the 40s with strong winds predicted. The committee made the tough but necessary decision to cancel the day for safety reasons. Another date is being sought as all who had registered are still very keen.

Sally de Vent

Northern Country Carriage Driving Inc

NORTHERN COUNTRY Carriage Driving members have been busy since Christmas; our January drive was held at our Koonoomoo grounds, with cones and dressage practise.





Above left: Northern Country members Dawn Walter, Peter Dundon, Lorraine McNeill and Vicki Stevenson enjoying a club drive. Above right: Liz Fawns trying her hand at long reining at Pioneer Club's rally day





Above left: Peter Dundon at the Northern Country Club's pleasure drive. Above right: Val Woolley long reining Cataraqui Macca Packa, Pioneer Country Carriage Drivers..

The February drive left from Dawn Walter's at Cobram East and meandered around the beautiful Murray River tracks; we made it an early morning start so we could beat the extreme heat that we have experienced over the past few weeks. Four members drove down to the river and enjoyed lunch together (in air-conditioning) afterwards. It was predicted to be 46 deg later that afternoon.

The Club is excited to be running an indoor/out-door competition on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd June 2019 at Koonoomoo, and our first CDE, a Level 4, on 5th / 6th October at the Koonoomoo grounds as well. We are a relatively small club but our members are very enthusiastic and keen to run these events, and are willing to help in any way. Members are busy training their young ponies for their first CDE's this season. I wish them good luck and safe driving.

Dawn Walter

Oaklands Horse & Carriage Driving Club Inc

OAKLANDS HORSE & Carriage Driving Club is pleased to be able to support Vic Branch and all Victorian CDE Drivers by offering the use of their grounds at Greenvale over the weekend of 30/31 March, 2019 thus enabling the event to be held.

The Victorian CDE Championships will be run concurrently with a Level 4 CDE Event enabling 'all levels of drivers & equines' – including VSEs options to compete.

Oaklands is extremely proud to be able to include a \$35,000 Water Obstacle in its schedules – which has been achieved due to a consolidated effort of all the grounds user groups. This is just the beginning of major upgrades which have been approved and being funded by Local, State and Federal Government.

Cheryl Dowling

Pioneer Country Carriage Drivers Inc

 $T^{\rm HE\ CLUB}$ has just had a successful long reining day with 15 stations for the horses to work through.

The morning started with an example and then a small discussion on why we long rein - testing contact, half halts and voice commands. Then everyone had a turn through the activities.

The six metre circle was executed very well. Through the streamers, against the streamers and bunting, over poles in a diagonal, over different surfaces, backing out of obstacles, halting in obstacles doing a walking barrel race, along lines, carrying water in a cup, dressing up and carrying to the next obstacle, zigzagging through cones and more. The afternoon was a mini competition and prizes awarded.

We've been running drives, and lessons and more fun activities will follow. New members welcome and happy for others to join in as it suits from other clubs

Gwenifer Hack



Above: Come and Try Day at Pyreenes Ranges Club. Below: Social member Shirley Bunker, 80 years young, enjoying a lift from Margie Bowen and Roblea Coppelia.



Pyrenees Ranges Pleasure Drivers Inc

PYRENEES RANGES Pleasure Drivers Inc has only been running since September. In that time we have run quite a few activities, and club members are enthusiastic to say the least. We have approx. 24 members including social members.

The club has already run a Come & Try day which was very successful, with 30 people on the books as attending. We are still gathering memberships from that weekend.

Ranges members also had a day out at Stawell Trots, with all members coming home successful one way or another. The club itself has also benefited in other ways, from the Stawell Trotting club.

The last rally was a combination of lessons from instructors, and pleasure driving.

The March long weekend will be a three day club camp at the Elmhurst Recreation Reserve, with pleasure driving, a poker run, and a navigational drive.

All ACDS members are welcome.

Margie Bowen

CLUB NEWS from WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Albany Show

THE ALBANY Carriage Driving Club hosted two fabulous days of competition for carriage drivers at this years Albany Agricultural Show.

Show driving classes held on the first day saw beautiful turnouts of mini ponies, ponies, and horses putting their best hoof forward for judge, Mrs Margaret Langan. Amongst them were some impressive first-time drivers and equines. A well-deserved congratulations to Supreme Champion, *London Park Fame*, driven by Natalie Morris from the Western Australian Harness Driving Society.

Official dressage tests were driven on the following day, again many for the first time, judged by Mrs Margaret Langan and Mrs Gillian Woodstock. This year saw the introduction of the Brian Nicholas Perpetual Trophy for Grand Prix Cone Driving, dedicated to Brian, a life member of the Albany Club and WA State Branch. This hotly contested competition is now a feature of the show, and was won by Albany member Sherone Clayton driving Silverbrook Morgwyn. A beautiful, hand crafted, copper trophy was made by local farrier and artist, Brad Lucas. It is a replica of Brian driving his pony 'Whiskers' through a set of cones. Along with Brad was Brian's wife Diana, and his son Cameron, who all presented the trophy to Sherone in front of a large crowd of competitors and supporters who attended the Albany Show this year. Many thanks to Mr John Carr of the Murray Districts Carriage Driving Club who travelled to Albany to judge this exciting event.

Congratulations go to all competitors, organisers, volunteers, and stewards who assisted in so many ways to make the Albany Show such a fun and successful weekend.

There are photos from the show on page 22.

Teresa McAllister Albany Show Convenor

WA State Championship Weekend 3rd and 4th November 2018

COMPETITORS arriving on the Friday at Dryandra Equestrian Park for the WA State Show Driving Championships were rewarded with an amazing thunderstorm during the night. However, this cleared to a windy and overcast day on Saturday and lovely clear day on the Sunday. The venue was pristine with under cover yards for the horses, great shower and toilet facilities and an amazing surface on the oval for driving.

Judging for the weekend was Kate Wholagan, who was presented with a huge array of horses and ponies turned out beautifully to make her job just that little more difficult.

Kate judged not only the Show Horses but also Dressage and Horse of the Year Classes giving her a very full weekend.

Kate's thoughts on the Dryanda facility, "I think you should run more at that site. It is fantastic and situated perfectly for all clubs to foster



The Brian Nicholas Perpetual Trophy for Grand Prix Cone Driving was presented to Sherone Clayton by Brad Lucas, who made the trophy, and Brian's wife Diana and his son Cameron. Photo: Rustic Pics.

friendship and development of carriage driving in WA."

The Western Australian Harness Driving Society hosted the weekend in a very professional manner with gorgeous sashes, rosettes, garlands and prizes to be won. All the major awards were on the colours of red, white and purple as a tribute to the soldiers, nurses and animals that were lost in World War 1, this year being the centenary.

Major Show Driving Awards were :-

Champion Turnout — Kooralyn Enchantment (B Leeson). Reserve — One More Smile (D Reader). Champion Novice — Narcoola Parc Dylan (S Elliott). Reserve — Ellenbank Paso Doble (J Kelly). Champion Small Pony — Yarraman Top Montana (D Hunter). Reserve — Ellenbank Paso Doble (J

Champion Large Pony – *London Park Fame* (N Morris). That's Natalie and *Fame* on the front cover. Reserve – *Narcoola Parc Dylan* (S Elliott).

Champion Horse – *One More Smile* (D Reader). Reserve – *Pearl* (J John).

Champion Multiple – *Kooralyn Enchantment & Pacific View Composer* (B Leeson).

Supreme Champion Exhibit – *One More Smile* (D Reader).

Champion Whip - N Tester. Reserve – N Morris.

Newcomer of the Year – *Kooralyn Enchantment*.

Small Pony of the Year – *Ellenbank Paso Doble*.

Large Pony of the Year – *London Park Fame*.

Horse of the Year – *One More Smile*.

Off the Track of the Year - One More Smile.

On Saturday evening WAHDS provided dinner of roast beef rolls with sides and salads for the campers followed by a fun filled quiz night with Judge Kate taking out second place for the evening. Questions created much merriment with younger competitors getting right in there with their answers.

SUNDAY MORNING saw fantastic weather conditions for the Dressage Competition. Judges Margaret Langan and Merryn Bocjun joined the judging panel along with Kate.

Dressage Results:

Newcomer Award – *Ellenbank Paso Doble* (J Kelly).

Preliminary Champion – *One More Smile* (D Reader). Reserve Champion – *London Park Fame* (N Morris).

Novice Champion – *Yarraman Top Montana* (D Hunter). Reserve Champion – *Kimba Krisp* (R Carr).

Elementary Champion – *Narcoola Parc Dylan* (S Elliott). Reserve Champion – *Keeny Park Moonlight Shadow* (T Hunter).

Photos on page 23.

All in all it was a fantastic Championship weekend and grateful thanks must go to all competitors and their support crews, the organisers, WAHDS committee, judges, our Stewards, pencillers, all the helpers on the weekend and in a very large way to our very generous sponsors

T Hunter's Keeny Park Moonlight Shadow.



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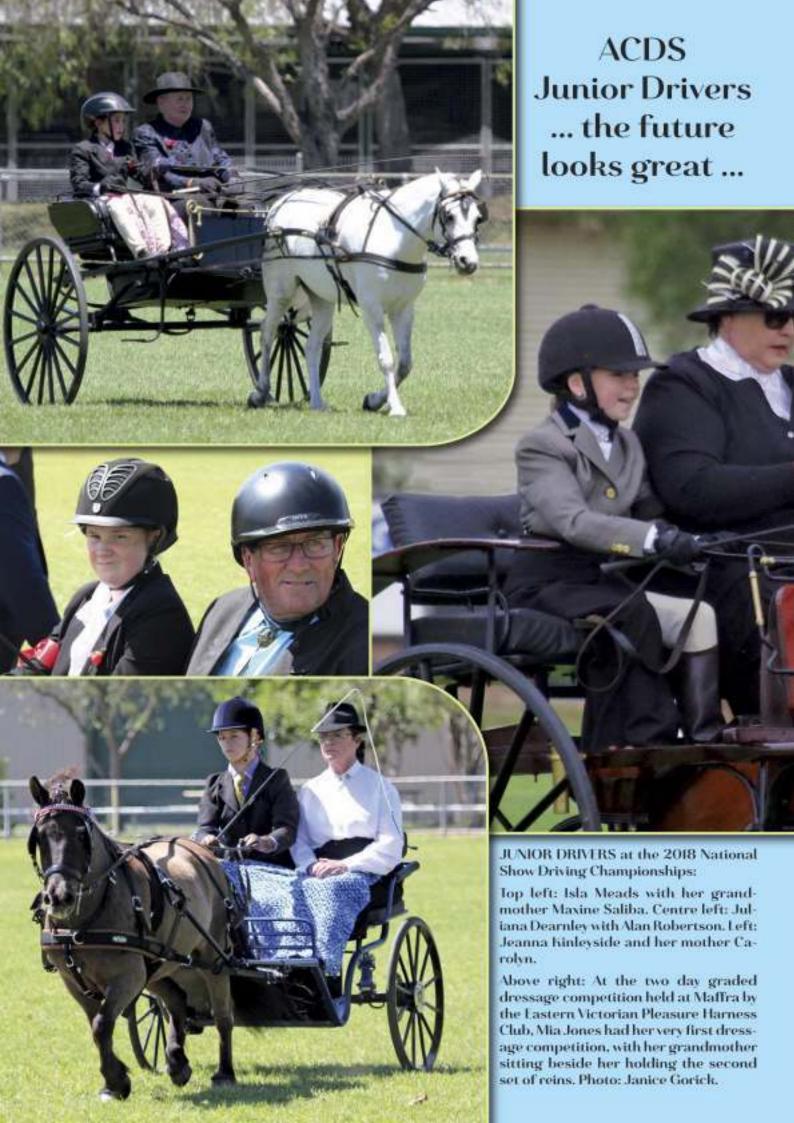
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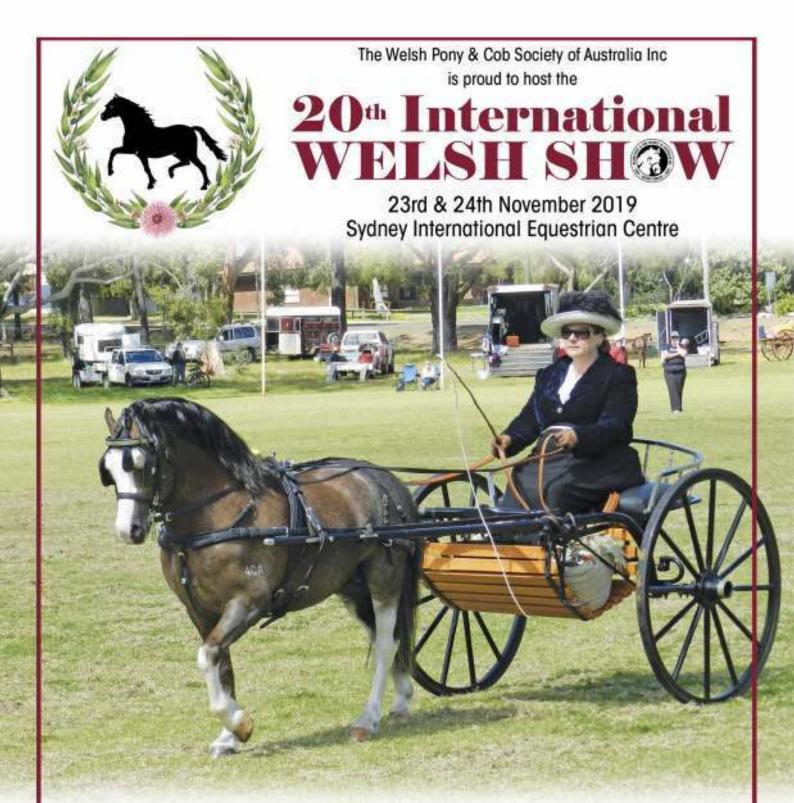
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Hazel Filear's Section A stallion Glen Avan Pyeman (Dalgangle Lady's Man x Dalgangle Carlad SOD Arielen Strauss) driven by Sarah Suvalika to a miniature Road Carl. Photo: Debbie McCosh

HARNESS CLASSES. To be driven in single harness. No qualifications required. Judges: Peter Jones (Menai Stud, UK) Max Pearce (Beauwood Stud, AUS)

Driven Section A Stallion/Mare/Gelding Driven Section B Stallion/Mare/Gelding Driven Section C Stallion/Mare/Gelding Driven Section D Stallion/Mare/Geldina Driven Part Welsh Stallion/Mare/Gelding 12.2hh & under Driven Part Welsh Stallion/Mare/Gelding over 12.2hh up to & inc 13.2hh Driven Part Welsh Stallion/Mare/Gelding over 13.2hh INTERNATIONAL Champion & Reserve Champion DRIVEN PART WELSH

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Brain drive the humands in many of his lessons. Here he is schooling Ross Carbery's Dutch Harness Horses which are actually related to Brain's team back in the Netherlands. Photos in Australia, Tony James.

ALBANY SHOW. Photos: Rustic Pics





Competing at Albany Show: Above left: Di Mills driving Hercules. Above right: Marena Williams and Phantom. Below: Sherone Clayton driving Silverbrook Morgwyn. Photos this page - Rustic Pics.



Western Australian State Championships weekend. Photos: Kylie Remaani Jones





Above left: Di Hunter's Beau Cheval's Renoir. Above right: Donna Reader driving One More Smile, Horse of the Year and Off The Track winner. Below left: Yarraman Top Montana driven by D Hunter. Below right: Jon Kelly and Ellenbank Paso Doble. Photos this page - Kylie Remaani Jones.







Above: Niamh Tester driving Trapalanda Quo Vadis. Below: Sandy Elliot and Narcoola Parc Dylan.





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Southern Carriage Driving Society, SA **Christmas Volunteers Obstathon 2018**

As a special thank you to the volunteers who tirelessly assisted us with our events throughout the year some drivers shoved their regular grooms off their vehicle and invited the volunteers to take the back step (or seat) for an Obstathon. The grooms then very graciously took up the roles our volunteers usually do and stewarded for the event.

I think a picture tells a thousands words, we couldn't wipe the smiles off the volunteers faces, although at one stage my stand in groom was screaming – at first I thought in terror, but it turned out she was screaming - go faaasssteeer. The event was a great success and a just a small way of saying a big thank you to those who give up their time so we can run events and drive. Ribbons were awarded to the stand in grooms and strangely everyone was a winner, being presented with a blue ribbon. Judi Carr took the photos.

The Obstathon was followed by Christmas lunch in the Club



DRESSAGE Cheryl Dowling Federal Dressage Convenor

JELCOME TO JANET SEDDON into the role of Dressage Convenor for Queensland. Many thanks for your support to both the Dressage discipline and Queensland.

As mentioned in an earlier report - "It is pleasing both from a National and State perspective that clubs and drivers are embracing the Graded Driven Dressage concept" - so much so that there has been an expression of interest for another National Graded Driven Dressage Championship to be held in 2019 - the third official Championships in 45+ years. This follows the second official Championships held in 2018, hence the strong need to ensure that Nationally, Graded Driven Dressage is on an even playing field.

At the time of print of this ACDS March Journal The Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines is pending ratification at the FC Meeting on 2nd March, 2019. The Graded Driven Dressage Rule Book and Guidelines has been produced based on feed-back received from all State Dressage Convenors (in consultation with their panel members) with the focus/intention being that Graded Driven Dressage is formalised and progresses Nationally.

The recommended changes are predominately in the areas of 'Organisation and Running Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers'. These changes will ensure that Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers (GDDQs) held at Club level, regardless of State, will all be conducted using the same criteria, in combination with the use of the standard GDDQ Pro-forma, which is also pending approval.

Dates for Dressage Workshops will be organised Nationally, enabling current Dressage Judges to maintain their Judging status along with the opportunity for candidates and interested drivers to also attend.

Remember, that your State Dressage Convenors and their panel members are there to support and assist you and your club regarding any Dressage related matters.

Cheryl Dowling NDDC

Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club Driven Dressage. Photos: Janice Gorick





Above left: Haddon Park Locket driven by Rachel Haslau, owned by Diane Boardman. Above right: Ross Carbery driving his pair, Carbery Estate Valentino & Carbery Estate Ferrero can still smile despite the rain. Below left: Lorraine Cairns driving Victor.





Above right: Mandy Lawrence driving her tandem, Forge Farm Heathcliff & Ambleside Lochindaal. Below left: Peter Lee driving his pair, Penbayer Ripple & Leehaven Blackie. Below right: Mosman Park Foxtrot & Mosman Park Mickey Mouse driven by Margaret Sperrin.





CLUB NEWS from NEW SOUTH WALES

Editor's Note for NSW News

Sincere apologies to Liverpool Range, Southern Highlands, Goulburn and Ellmore Clubs – due to an Editorial oversight your news was accidentally omitted from the NSW Club News in the December 2018 issue

Liverpool Range Harness Club

THE MAIN EVENT for our club in 2018 was the Charity Drive. Some statistics for the drive were: 17 horse drawn vehicles, including two drawn by pairs; and 174.1km driven in total (between 20-29km per day). The final total from the 2018 Charity Drive has been collated and collected and the cheques have been presented. \$10,524.83 was been raised by the club in 2018 with \$6103.28 coming from the Charity Drive itself. This was a great effort by all club members and in particular the Charity Drive committee, who worked hard all year with fund raising ideas.

2019 is the tenth anniversary of the Charity Drive. The event is already in the planning stages and promises to be as good if not better than the previous nine drives. It will run from Friday 20th September to Sunday 29th September 2019. It will have the Manilla Showground as its base at the start, before a midweek move to Attunga. For more information contact the club President Peter Honeyman, or Secretary Judy Tonkiss.

Drought is still having a great impact on our club members and no club drives have been planned at time of this article being written. It is with hand on heart that we pray for rain and for everyone's lives to return to normal once more.

Planning is under way for the Ladies Drive, from 1st - 5th May 2019. Vicki Donnelly and I have navigated some new routes and are negotiating with speakers. The format for this year has been changed a little, with the ladies being divided into two smaller groups, one for the smaller slower ponies and the other for the bigger horses. Both groups will be doing the twice daily 10km walks, and both will come together for the Chicken and Champagne drive.

Once again drives will be at a relaxed walking pace, aimed at encouraging inexperienced drivers, people with smaller ponies and drivers lacking confidence to enjoy pleasure driving, with some support and good company. Grooms are more than welcome and for those wishing to attend but living a large distance away, it is a great way to be part of the next Ladies Drive.

Whilst we welcome all ladies over 16 to the drive, more experienced drivers need to be aware that this is a drive to gain confidence. Therefore it is slow paced and there are no provisions made for those whose horses wish to move at speed. Anyone interested in attending the Ladies Drive should contact Christine O'Rourke or Vicki Donnelly at the Liverpool Range Club or on the Ladies Drive FB page.

Christine O'Rourke

Goulburn District Horse Drawn Vehicle Society

DAMON ALLPORT was been out and about on drives with other clubs in the latter part

of 2018. He went on the drive that lasted several days in the Condobolin area, and then, together with fellow Goulburn member Alan Smith, attended the Liverpool Range Club Charity Drive.

Southern Highlands Carriage Club

OUR FINAL in the series of Coaching Clinics for 2018 with Phil Marshall was held in August with the program fully booked again. Phil's 'regulars' are obviously gaining great benefits from his lessons and keep returning. The next four Clinics will be 22-25 March, 17-20 May, 12-15 July, and possibly 20-23 September 2019.

Southern Highlands Club's last event for 2018 was the Graded Dressage and Teams Challenge Mini CDE. This was a great stress free event for competitors, with thanks flowing to the club for firstly providing the beautiful weather (as always!), and secondly for the great competition, fun and camaraderie that evolved from the weekend. When such nice comments come from competitors and others, it makes the whole effort worthwhile, especially when so much work is done by so few organisers to make events happen.

Winners were: Pony class – 1st Tamara Abed, 2nd Kookie Engelsman & 3rd Amy Lucerne; Horse class:1st Belinda Casper; Multiples class: 1st Lynne Dominish and Beginner class 1st Carolyn Blakeley with her team of standardbreds. Unfortunately no entries were received for the class for VSEs.

The Winning Team was 'The Old Chooks', made up of Kookie Engelsman, Debbie Dunn and Carolyn Blakeley, 2nd 'Two Old Mares and a Filly', and 3rd 'The Bungendorians'. 'Two Old Mares and a Filly' was chosen as the quirkiest Team Name.

The Raffle run to help with expenses for Bram Chardon's visit in 2019 was won by ME! Many thanks to Scribblegum Design & Print for sponsoring the beautiful horse heads print which now hang above my desk.

Tracey Ellis had a busy end of year. She and her Cob *Louie* came second in the Intermediate Large Pony at the Murrami event in September and second again in the Intermediate Dressage Championships run by Ellmore Club in October. A new filly foal to her Welsh Cob mare also arrived in September to keep her even more busy than normal.

Welcome to new members in our club - Amy Lucerne and Keri Izzard, and also to Kirstie Little, who has come back home after seven-and-a-half years in the UK. We are looking forward to sharing the fun with you all. With Kirstie's return we hope to see Leslie Little out and about driving again. Poor *Webster*, their Haflinger, his holiday is over!

The Hills Club ran its Dressage Cones and Mini Marathon Day at Rossmore at the end of November, with a good number of entries across the height groups. The highlight for me was that my horse *Buckeroo* gave such a good account of himself that he won the perpetual trophy for the best dressage test of the day!

The Club Christmas party was held at the clubhouse at Bundanoon in early December. A casual dinner of pizza and pavlova, plenty of laughter and song, a medley of music by Elva Macpherson's friend Di Jones on her vintage violin and some mind numbing trivia made it a party to remember!

The club has been thrilled to receive a substantial grant from a Local Sports Grant Program, aided by the efforts of local MP Pru Goward. We plan to replace the perimeter fencing along Quarry Road, and erect some steel horse yards for the safety and comfort of larger horses and for stallions. Club members have spent a lot of time doing the preparation work, so that as much as possible can be achieved from the funding received. Working bees have continued, tidying up the equipment shed and installing new kitchen stoves, in readiness for the next events.

2019 will be another busy year. Apart from the Phil Marshall and Bram Chardon coaching clinics, the Club will run its Anzac Level 3 CDE will be on 27-28 April 2019, and has nominated to run the NSW and National Dressage Championships back to back in October.

Faye Cairncross



Penny Jacobs and Rocky at the Hill Tops Club drive in the Weddin Mountains National Park. Photo: T Smith.

Ellmore Harness Club

THE LONG HOT SUMMER and busy holiday season has meant many horses have enjoyed a quiet few months. In early December Penny Jacobs and *Rocky* joined the Hill Tops Club's pleasure drive at the Weddin Mountains National Park, just west of Grenfell. This was an enjoyable and friendly outing with a very pleasant drive, followed by an excellent barbecue lunch.

Ellmore's Christmas function was a horse free outing to the Coolamon Cheese Factory in mid December. This saw almost all the club members attend for a lovely meal in a terrific venue.

Members are now looking forward to the Hinemoa Frog Weekend in mid March. It is a Level 4 CDE, and will be a fun weekend specifically suited to inexperienced drivers and horses.

Auburn Carr

Central Coast Carriage Driving Club

WE HAD BEAUTIFUL WEATHER for our pleasure drive at Quorrobolong. When the sun came up, those who had camped overnight had a wonderful view of the mountains and properties around Quorrobolong. David and Mary Grant took their pony pair *Oakey* and *Whinnona*, whilst Ryan, Hayley and Amelie Blackman had their donkeys and Margie Walmsley drove her pony *Griffin*.

We all made great use of the 700 acre property next door to the campsite, utilising the dam, open paddocks and dry river crossings to get the animals comfortable working in a marathon type environment. The donkeys had some water issues but Hayley solved that by unharnessing and riding them through the water! David and I finally got *Oakey* and *Whinnona* working together properly, and Margie did a great job learning how to negotiate the water obstacle. The morning of driving was followed by a delicious barbcue lunch cooked by club president Ryan Blackman (the BBQ king!). It was a small club gathering but voted the best one yet. The weather was just right and the grounds and views superb.

Mary Grant

North Coast Carriage Club

ALTHOUGH this won't be published until March, I can't help but think about 2018 and what the North Coast Carriage Club members got up to.

- February— 9 members brought six horses to play with the cones and obstacles. Impromptu junior 'find the harness part' and 'harness, hitch and drive' games.
- March Club day cancelled due to lack of numbers. Rowena Walker launched the Online Hat & Harness Show, a nice fund raiser for our Club and well supported by other Clubs too.
- April Eight members brought eight horses.
 Fun long reining and driving ground obstacles with an impromptu quadrille.
- May Six members and eight horses. Some members competed in the HDT NSW Club Ribbon Day Maria Trott and Thea Eves drove singles, whilst Heidi Naylor and Lauren Wood drove singles and pairs. Heidi and Finnlay Naylor, and Lauren Wood attended the Ladies Drive out at Spring Ridge hosted by the Liverpool Range Harness Club.

Rowena Walker with her grand daughter Makayla Connell driving Pippin. Photo: L Walker.





Lauren Wood and her pair Dublin and Tex at the Glenreagh Timber Festival. Photo: H Naylor.

- June Nine members with ten horses. Heidi and junior driver Tully Naylor drove at Moonbi and successfully qualified for the NSW Northern Indoor/Outdoor Finals.
- July Christmas in July at the Naylor's Farm, eight members with six horses. Lauren again conducted horse drawn carriage rides at the annual Timberfest at Glenreagh with Dublin and Texas
- August Club Day cancelled due to lack of numbers. Heidi and Tully successfully competed at the Indoor/Outdoor Northern NSW Final.
- September we held our AGM nine people brought five horses. We decided to put on the dog a bit and dressed up for the occasion. The NSW Department of Primary Industries confirmed the first Hendra case of 2018 at Tweed Heads. A sobering reminder to pay attention to biosecurity (regardless of vaccination status). ABC New England North West photographed Christine O'Rourke and *Guy Fawkes Billy Tea* taking part in the Liverpool Range Harness Club Charity Drive.
- October Club Day cancelled due to (very welcome) rain. Lauren attended Camden Haven Show, and later attended the Boyd Exell Clinic at Tamworth as a fence sitter, coming away with a greater understanding of bitting and driving. Heidi's "tack-o-van' made the October issue of Horse Deals.
- November Club Day (our last) five members, six horses played with the cones course. ABC Rural ran a short TV and News piece on our member, Scott Naylor, who takes his Clydesdales to visit the local nursing home ...

www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2018-11-15/a-big-country-clydesdales-come-to-visit/10497688

Now what does 2019 hold for the North Coast Carriage Club? Well, we will again call Glenreagh Recreation Reserve our home ground, and meet monthly. We are going to attempt to do some 'theme' days which should provide for some fun challenges and interesting pictures for future articles. We hope to nurture and bring along our three younger junior drivers whilst maintaining the interests of our existing members. We often have two separate groups of fence-sitters who enjoy watching our Club Days, and profess past harness driving experience. We do want our Club to grow, but that growth does bring its own challenges.

As can be imagined by our 2018 Club attendance figures, our members are often flat out attending to their own horses (sometimes horses outnumber members), setting up then packing away courses and supervising junior members. It will

be challenging to induct new members to the ACDS way of doing things! Ideally, it would be great to have a non-driving, but experienced member on board to specifically nurture and encourage newcomers. As carriage drivers, we were all beginners once, some of us found our own way through trial and errors (and survived), some of us were taken under the wings of others and gratefully learnt from their experience. As President, if I were to sum up the North Coast Carriage Club's New Year's Resolution for 2019, it would be to foster safe and pleasurable driving for those who care to drive along-side us throughout 2019.

Heidi Naylor

Hills District Harness Club

THE ANNUAL Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day on 25th November at Rossmore again attracted a very pleasing number of drivers as well as plenty of helpers to run the events. The dressage arena, cones course, marathon obstacles and the Start/Finish point of the mini marathon were set up before most drivers arrived, thanks to the help of a number of people who arrived early and pitched in.

There were 17 drivers in all. They were Charlotte Hyles with Ziva, Maxine Saliba with Katut, Jeanna Kinleyside (Chocolate), Andrea Casper (Cassie), Sue Wright (Patrick), Angela Eberle (Pebbles), Carolyn Kinleyside (Charlie), Leanne Perceval (Sweetpea), Greg McDonald (Fingal), Belinda Casper (Indi), Emily Thompson (Ness), Faye Cairncross (Buckeroo), Sally Crowell (Monty), Danni Katon (King), Martyn Minns (Ulrika), Christine Dunn (Patches) and Nigel Burton (Ion). They were divided into three height groups for the competition, and most people did all three phases. Apart from being allocated start times for their dressage, drivers were encouraged to do the other sections in any order so that all would be finished by 12.45pm. It was a busy scene across the grounds with all the activities going on.

Kim McGregor, with her brother as penciller, was the dressage judge and was well occupied through the morning with 14 tests to judge. The cones course was looked after by Tiffany Cornall and Kiah Lyshak, Dennis Casper was the mini marathon time keeper, and Carol Fitzpatrick, Debbie Lyshak, Jenny Conquest and I, assisted by various other people from time to time, were in charge of the two marathon obstacles.

Leanne Perceval and Angela Eberle with Sweetpea at the Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day. Photo: J Muspratt.





Emily and Mark Thompson with Ness at the Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day. Photo: J Muspratt.

Other supporters there on the day were Eddie Dobbin, Roger Kinleyside, Mark and Karen Thompson, Alison McDonald, Bill Wright and Barbara Kidd.

Alan Ongley, assisted by Marg and John Moore, got the barbecue underway, ready for everyone to have for lunch at about 1.00. It was good to see the large group sitting in a big circle in the shade, having a chat whilst enjoying their hot lunch.

Marg Moore and I worked out the results of the morning's activities and award cards were distributed in the various sections and height groups. The overall ribbon winners over the three phases were: Small Ponies - Andrea Casper; Large Ponies - Sally Crowell and Horses - Belinda Casper. The beautiful perpetual trophy donated by Christine Dunn's family in New Zealand for the Best Dressage Score, went to Faye Cairncross driving her buckskin Welsh Cob *Buckeroo*. It was a great day to finish off the club's driving activities for the year.

A short Special General Meeting was held before the club's Christmas Lunch and Auction on December 9 2018 in air conditioned comfort at the RDA Box Hill, to ratify alterations to the club constitution. With this important business done, everyone settled in for a good get-together without the horses. Thirty-two members and friends made up the group. They included new members Janet Slattery and Bruce Wood from St Albans and long time club friends and former members Christine and Barry McGregor who came all the way from Goolma near Gulgong.

This year Belinda and Mark Casper did all the catering for the lunch, with an excellent barbecue and salads, followed by desserts. The fundraiser auction followed, with Karen Silvester assisted by Jenny Conquest doing the auctioneering. Many interesting items changed hands amid a lot of good natured banter. Another fundraiser for the club was the raffle of day tickets for two, to the 2019 Sydney Royal. The delighted winners were Alan and Helen Robertson, who haven't been to the show for many

Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club

THE TAMWORTH CLUB held its Christmas lunch at North Tamworth Bowling Club and enjoyed a great array of food, drinks, fantastic service, and not to forget, the antics with the bare foot bowls game. We also had a secret Santa and everyone went home with something nice to remember our celebrations.

Club members have been enjoying a well earned break over the hot Christmas period, but will be back in February with an exciting array of club days, harness shows and events for 2019. We are also planning to run clinics and specialist days. There will be something to keep even the most diehard driver happy.

In addition to the local agricultural shows to support, we are hosting an open harness driving ring at the 2019 Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association State Championships. There will be classes for all types of horses and ponies, not just standardbreds, but standies will certainly be most welcome in our ring.

Our club is also hosting a two day Indoor/Outdoor Series Qualifier on the June long weekend, and everyone will be made very welcome.

2019 is our clubs 10th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate it in style, watch this space. Contact Liz O'Brien for further details on 0427 766 726

Liz O'Brien

Camden Harness Club

WHAT A GREAT DAY Camden Club members had at the Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day conducted at Rossmore Reserve on Nov 25 2018.

Sally Crowell with her new pony Monty did their first ever dressage test and was delighted with an overall win in the large pony class. Sally even cantered home after a fast and accurate cones course and was heard to say "That was such fun! Let's go again!"

Other Camden drivers were Greg McDonald with Fingal, Charlotte Hyles with Ziva, Jeanna Kinlyside with Chocolate, Carolyn Kinlyside driving little Charlie, Maxine Saliba driving Katut, Danni Katon with King, Martyn Minns with his young Friesian mare Ulrika and Sue Wright with her new Welsh gelding Patrick. All had a successful day in their various classes.

Carol Fitzpatrick stewarded on one of the Marathon Obstacles, whilst other Camden people there were Roger Kinleyside accompanying daughter Jeanna in the sulky, Alison McDonald and Bill Wright.

Judging by the happy faces at the sausage sizzle and cakes lunch, it would be fair to say that a good time was had by all. Thank you Hills Club! Reedy Creek Harness Club organised a friendly, fun Christmas Obstathon at Rosemont Indoor



Hills Club Dressage, Cones and Mini Marathon Day: Above: Danni Katon with King. Below: Maxine Saliba and Katut. Photos: J Muspratt.



Complex, near Goulburn, on December 1 2018. The fun times started when Kath Cole handed out numbers with lollies in Christmas wreaths! Nothing was too much trouble for organisers, who created a happy, relaxed atmosphere.

Camden members Greg and Alison McDonald drove their big striding Morgan horse 'Fingal' who had never previously seen an indoor arena or competed in an Obstathon before. Kath Cole allowed drivers to 'show' their horses the indoor arena before the competition, provided they did not lead their horse through any gates. Everyone drove two rounds with the total of both rounds added together. Fingal went confidently and ended up a very creditable third place in the Horse Class competing against some well established, experienced horses.

Charlotte Hyles drove her mare Ziva. They had been to the first Christmas Obstathon last year and showed great improvement this year by gaining a second place.

The day provided big smiles and lots of laughter from drivers and spectators.

Reedy Creek put on a social BBQ get together

Camden member Charlotte Hyles with Greg McDonald back stepping at the Boyd Exell Clinic at Bega. Photo: A McDonald.



Saturday evening. Greg and Alison camped, then went for a pleasure drive on Sunday morning. Unfortunately the weather turned nasty with a wild dust storm putting a stop to the morning's drive. Regardless, the pleasant and welcoming company made for a fantastic weekend.

World Harness Driving Champion, Boyd Exell comes home to Bega every Christmas season to share the New Year break with his parents and family. He usually runs a clinic and this year's one was from January 3 - 62019.

Camden Club members, Charlotte Hyles and Greg and Alison McDonald, had a fantastic time at the clinic held on the beautiful historic Bega Showground. The Bega district certainly looked wonderfully lush and green after the good rains they have received. Greg and Alison took advantage of the opportunity to do a little sight-seeing in the afternoons.

Charlotte scored two lessons with Boyd. Ziva just went better and Better and BETTER! Greg back-stepped in the dressage lesson and was a marvellous navigator in the cones course. 'Which way is Left?' Boyd even made comment on what a great job Greg did when we ran over #8. Greg jumped off, pulled #8 out from under the carriage and jumped straight back on with amazing quick athleticism!

Alison went into 'teacher' mode, taking notes and getting Boyd's comments on her phone. This was a great help for our lesson review and analysis. Rule # 1 Go where you want to go. Rule # 2 Make it look pretty.

Many drivers needed better half halts to prepare for the next movement and to use more outside rein to help with the balance.

Boyd is very approachable and likes to have a laugh. We hope to see him again next year with the next level of uncomfortable issues for his expert insight and advice.

Charlotte Hyles

Hunter Horse Driving Society

THE HUNTER CLUB has a number of activities in widespread places planned for the next few months, starting with a Games Day at Stroud on February 24. The March activity is a demonstration on carriage driving at the Dungog Pony Club on March 10, whilst the very popular drive in the Putty Valley organised by June Malmberg will be held on May 25-26. June 23 will see a drive in the Girvan/Bulahdelah district hosted by Pat Thomson.

Reedy Creek Equestrian Club

REEDY CREEK'S Christmas Obstathon was enjoyed by both participants and organisers, which surely makes it a successful event. The course started outdoors and led into the indoor arena, where two obstacles and a bridge provided entertainment to the onlookers.

The junior driver class saw three very promising drives from Brady Sonter, Baillie Hass and Harry McIntyre. The ridden class was tackled by another junior Charlie Pemberton-Flynn, whom I'm sure we will see driving when his mum's new pony has had a little more experience in harness. We had all levels of experience, all giving it their best shot, and dealing with the unexpected challenges that can crop up. By the end of the day the fastest time had been achieved by Peter Dunn driving his standardbred Trinity.

For many years Ray and Carol Roach have given horse drawn rides at the Goulburn pre-Christmas





Left: Hill Tops' Tess Smith and Debbie Dunn heading to the dressage arena at the Longwood CDE. Photo: W Harris. Right: Bungendore Club members with 'the big man' at the Bredbo Christmas Barn. Photo: S Brennan.

'Carols in the Park.' This Christmas they were joined by Carolyn Blakeley driving her ever reliable Peg, and looking the part with plenty of tinsel decorating the vehicle. Every year the kids love it and keep on lining up, and this time they had to declare a finish time or they would have been there all night! Ray, Carol and Carolyn have to be applauded for the time and effort they put into making this happen. It is actually one of the few occasions when the general public meet up with the world of harness.

Kath Cole

Riverina Carriage Driving Society

THE CLUB is preparing for its annual Joe Hawkins Cup CDE with its small team of members. Unfortunately a clash of dates with Victorian clubs has necessitated some re negotiation of a date but the club is committed to running the event which has always enjoyed very good support from drivers, officials and volunteers

Some of the club's members have been riding and driving in the mountains during the summer, thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Michael Jones

Hill Tops Carriage Driving Club

THE WEEKEND OF November 10-11 was a busy one for Hill Tops members with some heading north to see the National Show at Hawkesbury, and others going south to Longwood's Level 3 CDE. The CDE competitors were Peter Dunn driving Nanardine Danny Boy with Wayne Harris back stepping, Debbie Dunn with Ranni Park Hearts Ablaze and Tess Smith with the smallest pony at the event, Koriana Absolute Star. All finished with good placings in big classes.

During December, as a celebration of Christmas and a signing off to 2018, a drive was arranged followed by a BBQ picnic at Ben Hall's Cave in the Weddin Mountains near Grenfell. It was well attended. Everyone was interested to see Garry Harris' handsome new horse Khalif de Bousdael, who was brought along for some bush exposure. Despite the predicted heat, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with most staying on track and finding the treasures along the trail. Some even ventured up to Ben Hall's Cave to take some solace and admire the view.

The club will be running the Anne Synnot Cup on March 2-3, with a Clinic with Trevor Brand on the Saturday followed by Graded Dressage and Cones on the Sunday.

Tess Smith

Murrumbidgee Carriage Driving Club

 $R^{\rm OBYN}$ SCHMETZER reported (in January) that it was far too hot to be driving horses.

However the Rossetta family is involved in helping organise the Riverina Club's Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar in the autumn.

Bungendore Carriage Driving Society

A FTER HOSTING THE 2018 Scribblegum Design and Print NSW CDE Championships, Bungendore Club members had a well earned rest. However several members drove at the Reedy Creek Club Obstathon in early December and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We celebrated Christmas with a shared lunch at the Bredbo Inn. Lunch was preceded by a visit to the magical Bredbo Christmas Barn. The Christmas Barn is a cornucopia of all things Christmas and well worth a visit if in the area.

Several Bungendore members attended the Boyd Exell Clinic in Bega in early January. Byron McIntyre, Max Pearce, Leah Montefiore, Kim Groothof, Alison Cooper and our junior member Harry McIntyre had lessons. Dot Willcoxson, Lisa Harrington and I enjoyed fence sitting. The Club is now preparing for its Club Day with Brendan Dwyer and for the Munro Cup in February.

Jen Brennan

Gulgong Heritage Harness Assoc

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for the Gulgong Club drive which will be based at Armatree. It will be from May 14-21 2019. Leroy Trengove and John Hetherington spent a day scouting the area around Armatree finding suitable drives for the five days, averaging about 30km a day. The area is relatively flat with no hills, and there will be only about 7km of tarred road. The trip will be suitable for both large and small horses. Armatree is a fairly central location for most members who go on these sorts of drives, but people need to be mindful that there are no fuel facilities at Armatree, and to fill up before arriving. There will only be one campsite for the week. For more information contact John Hetherington on 0429 405 501.

Sam Loveday on a shopping trip in his sulky. Photo: S Loveday.



CLUB NEWS from QUEENSLAND

2018 ACDSOB HIGH POINT AWARDS

ONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 winners of the ACDS Qld Branch annual driving awards:

Ross Siemon Memorial Cup for Driven Dressage – Jan Young and Cwmkaren Welsh Rhapsody.

Trevor Cox Memorial High Point Trophy for Show Driving - Jan Young and Cwmkaren Welsh Rhapsody.

Queensland 3-Phase/CDE High Points Trophy -Angie McHugh and Dazle n Sonita.

The high points competition year runs from 1st January until 1st November with the perpetual trophies awarded at the ACDSQB November meeting. Further details are on the State website.

New Convenors

THE INCUMBENT CONVENOR resigned from several positions in November, so interim appointments have been made - Queensland Dressage Convenor is Janet Seddon, and the Queensland CDE Convenor is Greg Bowdler.

Accreditation and refresher schools will be planned for late 2019 so if Queensland members are interested in becoming an official, please contact the Qld convenors.

Clubs are conducting a number of instructional clinics for drivers in show driving, dressage, and cones so please check the Queensland website calendar for those events.

Driven Dressage

FIVE GRADED DRIVEN DRESSAGE events are scheduled before the State Championships on Sunday 18th August, Caboolture. Caboolture and Range carriage clubs are hosting graded driven dressage qualifiers alongside ungraded classes which provides opportunity for our drivers to participate in the State's high point dressage cup. Gold Coast Club also offers club dressage days for those starting out. The first 2019 driven dressage graded qualifiers will be held over two days, 16th and 17th March by Caboolture Carriage Club.

Pleasure Driving

RANGE CLUB hosted a successful Park Drive last year at the Laidley Historical Village, which coincided with the September Laidley Spring Festival, and will follow up with another Drive on 4th May during the local Heritage Festival. This club also will also conduct a number of pleasure drives during the year, with the first one held at Crows Nest, which Angie Cain and Greg

Bowdler organised. The drive was on a graded track, approximately 8km and the horses coped well with some slopes. Property facilities included good yards, bush toilet and showers, tables and seats all made out of bush timber and with cover so another event at this location might be on the cards for a future camp-oven dinner or barbecue. The club's next pleasure drives will be at Geham, Coominya, and Cambooya.

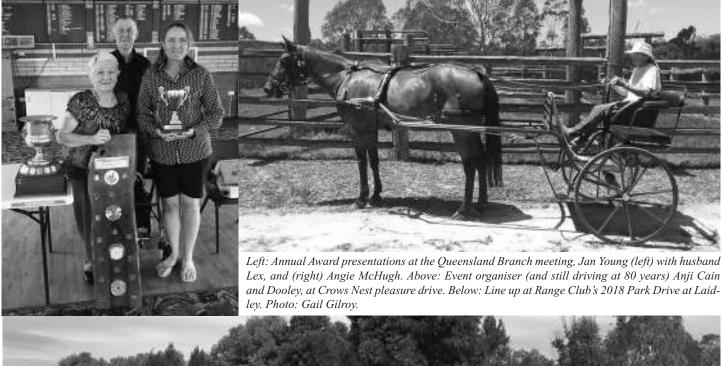
Show Driving

THE SHOW SEASON is underway in Queensland. The 2019 State Show Driving Championships will be held on Sunday, 23 June, Caboolture.

CDE/3-Phase

THE RANGE CLUB has three 3-Phase events planned this year (19th May, 14th & 15th September). The club has chosen to run these events rather than CDEs while they are further developing their obstacles and pool of ground crew and observers.

We hope that our Townsville club members, their animals and property are safe and sound, with North Queensland having recently experienced one of the State's worst flooding events.





CLUB NEWS from SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Goyder Plains Carriage Drivers

GRADED DRESSAGE and Christmas Windup for GPCDA. The 1st and 2nd December marked a weekend full of Graded Dressage, Cones and Christmas celebrations at the home of GPCDA in Peterborough

The dressage competition commenced at a very civilised 10am on both days and the three judges happily saw competitors running on time for the 14 tests judged each day.

Novice and Elementary Tests were judged and a huge improvement was noticed in all of the combinations over the two days of competition as was reflected in the scores.

Only one unhappy person - Lawries' pony decided that he was not going out in the wind again and spat the dummy half way through his test.

A cones competition was to take place each afternoon, but on Saturday it had to be abandoned after three competitors as the course was being blown away! A huge dust storm blew through followed by heavy rain and the drivers had to scramble for cover. No big deal, it just meant we started the Christmas celebrating early.

Sunday's cones were a relaxed affair with all combinations having fun and taking the opportunity to improve their cone driving skills.

Over the weekend we had two new drivers come out and have a try at driving, utilising the one activity membership. A huge thank you goes out to the members who took the time to share their skills and their experienced ponies so this could take place. Hopefully we may see some new memberships come as a result.

It was wonderful to see two Junior drivers having a go. Charlotte Farrell (aged 12) drove four tests over the weekend using a young pony belonging to her grandparents Lawrie and Ree Tyas. The improvement over the weekend was lovely to see and the smile on her face showed her obvious enjoyment of carriage

Another local girl was also given the opportunity to have a drive after the conclusion of the official competitions and apparently has not stopped talking about it yet, hopefully another budding Junior.

Thanks as always must go to the Judges, Officials and Volunteers that make these weekends possible. The scores were out by 2.30 each day and our wonderful volunteers helped take the arenas and cones down in very trying weather conditions - THANK YOU!

Saturday night the club celebrated at the Railway Hotel with a lovely two course meal and a Kris Kringle with a twist! There was much laughter and enjoyment had by all.

Happy and Safe New Year to all!

Southern Carriage Driving Society

7ITH THE FESTIVE SEASON now behind us, **V** it's back to driving and work for Southern members. Our monthly rally program started up again in January with those members that weren't still away on holidays, turning out for a day of dressage, cones and MO practise. The dressage arena was set out, a cones course built and 2 MOs lettered. When everyone had worn themselves out ponies were put away and a

shared lunch enjoyed in the Club Rooms.

February will bring our second Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier and entries are pouring in. It's interesting to note the number of members who are entering two ponies, the old faithful and the young one coming

One of our juniors, Sophie Frahn has also entered, driving Morton the Shetland and this will be her first judged dressage tests. We wish Sophie the best of luck, it is fabulous to see such youngsters coming on and enjoying the drive.

Our third Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier is scheduled for early March followed by a two day Phil Marshall Clinic. Phil's clinics are always a sell out and with drivers' sights set on the SA CDE Champs in June, this will be a popular opportunity to start fine

Just for fun Southern will run an 'unofficial' Obstathon on the April rally day. Obstathon is proving to be very popular at Southern and we expect a good turn out. We will see minatures, shetlands, little ponies, big ponies and horses, in singles, pairs and tandem, young and old all taking on the MO and cones challenge.

May will be yet another busy month with our forth Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier and another Phil Marshall Clinic – perfectly timed for last minute tips in preparation for the South Australian CDE Championships.

Then our series of BIG events begin:

June 9th - 10th: SA CDE Championships.

August 24th - 25th: ACDS National Show Driving Championships.

October 6th - 7th: Australian Masters Games (Driven Dressage and Obstathon).

So, South Australia is going to be the place to be.

Check into our facebook page: Southern Carriage Driving Society (ACDS) - Monarto to keep up with the latest news on our events and you will also find information on the ACDS facebook page as the events get closer. Registrations for the Australian Masters Games opened on February 12th. Read all about AMG2019 Vintage and Register at http://www.australianmastersgames.com/

Southern invite all drivers looking for competition and fun in a friendly and welcoming environment to come on down to South Australia in 2019.

SA Pleasure Drivers

UDI CARR WRITES: "We don't have a pleasure JUDI CARR WRITES. We don't man I driving club in SA, but there are a group of friends who get together at Monarto twice a week to drive, have coffee and laugh a lot, not necessarily in that order. Most of us are ACDS members and do a few competitions, but we all spend a lot of time out on the local roads and tracks just for the fun of it. In spite of the quite unpredictable weather in the previous few months, which had seen some of our outings cancelled, eight or ten of us managed to have a hot pre-Christmas shared lunch and drive, complete with cool vests, which we really recommend for anyone venturing out over summer. Being mostly seniors, unkindly named the Postmenopausal Pony Club by Jill Billett's daughter, only a few could muster the energy to decorate horses for the occasion as we could see we were in for another storm coming down from the north."



Above: Charlotte Farrell competing at her first Graded Dressage day. Kangra.



Above: Deb O'Dowd driving Pearl at the Graded Dressage. Photo: Kangra.



Above: Graham Mercer competing on the Graded Dressage Day. Kangra.



Above: Shirley Crossley driving the new boy Lenny. Photo: Kangra.



Above: Jill Billet driving Gen. Below: Judi Carr's Tom. Photos thanks to grooms Mark Billett and Michelle Wheaton.



Harness News from Trinity College - Gawler

RINITY COLLEGE Equestrian had the ab-I solute pleasure of hosting Henry and Shirley Crossley and Deb O'Dowd and their wonderful New Forest carriage ponies Dennis and Jenny, on 6th November 2018.

he team travelled approximately three hours ■ to enable the students of Trinity College to have the unforgettable experience of not just watching but actually driving these Champion carriage ponies.

Trinity College actually has in its team of school horses Jasper who is a full brother to Jenny and Dennis. Jasper had been a carriage champion before illness forced him into retirement from the sport. The Crossley's kindly donated him to the Coordinator of Trinity Equestrian, Helen Barnes and the school where he is 'fit for purpose' and is used for teaching students to handle and ride; he is a much loved member of the team.

The day started with the team being introduced to the students, staff and parents with Henry speaking about the highlights of his driving career. Shirley then gave a long reining display using Jasper, then offered the students the opportunity try their hand at long reining. We then progressed to harnessing the horses with the students, enabling them to learn about safely harnessing a horse and what the functions of different parts of harness perform.

Then the excitement levels increased as the horses were warmed up and prepared for the students to come on board! It was fantastic to see all of the children eager to have a go at being a



Harness demo day group shot.

passenger and then a driver. I feel we did find some prospective future drivers amongst the students and it was fantastic to see so many huge smiles as the children drove, under supervision, around the grounds.

The culmination of the day was a display, by the Team, of some driving at speed, around the cones which was thrilling to watch. It was then time to bid farewell with group photos and the presentation of some Trinity farm produce as a small thank you gift for what was a wonderful and very memorable day. Thank you Henry, Shirley and Deb so much for this privilege.

> Helen Barnes. Coordinator of the Trinity College Equestrian Program. EA Level 1 Dressage Coach. EA SSTA

Harness demo day at Trinity College with Henry Crossley and Dennis.



CLUB NEWS from TASMANIA



HANK YOU to all those that were thinking I of us during the recent fire crisis, although it probably wasn't quite as bad as the media drummed it up to be. Only a few buildings lost, no loss of life, a fair bit of scrubland cleared out and with the promise of some rain on the way everything should soon be under control.

The State Show was held in November with Desiree Stewart from Victoria coming down as Judge. Congratulations to Stephanie and Troy as Supreme winners. Congratulations to all the other winners, I think everyone went home with a ribbon of some denomination. Desiree put on some interesting workouts, some not so easy, but everyone seemed to have a great time. The weather held out after a fairly rubbish start to the day, turning into a sunny and mild day. Speaking after the Show, Desiree was complimentary of the standard shown by all, and said she had a fabulous time. Thanks Desiree for making the trip!

Phil Marshall came and visited in January for a coaching clinic that was well attended. Phil's lessons always go down a treat with everyone coming away with something new to try. It was nice to see Phil without a sling with his numerous comments of how he can't wait to be back driving again as soon as the Doctor gives the all clear.

Northern Tasmanian Driving Society.

TEW YEAR'S EVE AT BURNIE. A request was received from the Event Organiser of Burnie City Council to find a UNICORN for their planned New Year's Eve Event.

This has become an annual event with the focus very much on family entertainment. The organiser, Jenny Cox, had been pursuing her idea of a unicorn for some time and had contacted Ruth who passed the details on to me. Secretary Jill agreed to come with me.

We went for a site visit along Marine Terrace opposite the Beach Hotel. Our spot was an area 10m x 5m of grass which was to be surrounded with woodland scenery. Ellie, the unicorn candidate, would be separated from her adoring public by a low picket fence.



Left: Maryl Cropper with her 'unicorn' at the Burnie New Year's Eve celebrations. Photo: Jill Cawsey. Above: Chrissie Angelino with Dolly. Top right: Chrissie Angelino, Jill Cawsey and Maryl Cropper in front of Entally House. Right: David Potter driving Ripley. Photos above and right: John Caine of Launceston Camera Club.

Jenny supplied us with two silver wigs and hair pieces to create a suitable long mane and of course a horn. We had a practice before the event with the mane and with me attired in a Maid Marian gown we set up in our forest dell to await the adoring public.

All Ellie wanted to do was trim the grass. It took a while for families with children to start visiting by which time Ellie had a full belly and was happy to stand at the fence and be made a fuss of. Loads of photos from toddlers in strollers to teenagers. Jill and I did have to keep reminding parents and grandparents that 'IT'S A UNI-CORN;. Most of the young people politely said 'thank you' as they walked away and some wished us a Happy New Year. There was 1 nonbeliever who told us it was a pony and we had stuck on the horn. My reply was that the horn was growing out of Ellie's head and had a plastic cover on it to keep it clean and to stop peoples' germs getting on it.

We packed up at 8.30 and headed for the float before the fireworks started after a really fun

Maryl Cropper

Tasmanian Horse Drawn Vehicle Foundation.

THE MUCH ANTICIPATED d'Attelage un-I fortunately didn't happen due to a lack of volunteers, but not to be put off, a Concours D'Elegance was held in its place that was still a lot of fun for those that made the effort to attend. First place was won by Maryl, with Chrissie second then Jill bringing up third. The planned judge was unavoidably delayed due to a work commitment so a guest judge drawn from the onlookers. 'Take a picture in your mind, then out of all the pictures, which one would you put on your wall'was the criteria and it worked a treat. Everyone was very happy with the placings, smiles all round and a great day was had by all. A few pleasure drives are planned for the not too distant future so they are keenly being looked

forward too. Until next issue

David







Above: Gwenda Holland, with Damien Roberts and Meg Finn looking the part at the THDVF's Concours D'Elegance held at Entally House, Hadspen. Below: Jill Cawsey and Willow. Bottom: Maryl Cropper driving Ruby.





CLUB NEWS from VICTORIA

Central Highlands Pleasure Harness Club Inc

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS members have been taking a short break from campaigning, but have been busy driving and training. Jan Moore has been getting her team of mini ponies CDE fit, and several members have been driving along with her on the lovely tracks.

The club now has access to the Huntly grounds three weekends each month, and several members are taking advantage of the access to drive both out on the tracks and practice in the arena. The January rally consisted of some ground work, respect, teaching our horses where to place their feet and marathon obstacle practice, followed by a barbecue in recognition of Australia Day.

Hilary Billett and other members have been planning and prepping for the March Dressage Qualifier hosted by CHPHC in the lead up to the dressage champs in late March. The club received several donations for the Dressage Qualifier raffle, including a lovely quilt sewn by Laraine Blume and lots of camping, horse and non-horse related goodies were donated by club members. We again had a trophy rug on offer to the highest VSE dressage score over the weekend, this year donated by Hilary Billett.

Phil Marshall is again hosting lessons with us on the 13th and 14th April and we are looking forward to another big learning weekend with Phil.

Our club has a few new members, both beginners and experienced harness people and we welcome them to the club and hope that they can enjoy being an ACDS member as much as the rest of us!

Eileen Perry

Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club Inc

T HE OCTOBER RALLY was a different spin on things. Tom Dowling held a 'How to set up' day. We learnt how to set up a cone course and a dressage arena for a rally day. Also how to open up the club rooms and set up for the day. We will be rostering members for each rally to set up to share the load around.

November was busy with local shows which were well attended and Maffra show was back on the agenda after a long hiatus. Thanks to Cheryl Dowling for getting it back on the program even though its held on the Sunday it proved to be very popular and well supported by drivers.

December was to be a Christmas oz trek/activity day but after setting up on the Saturday, rain and storms forced us to cancel but we still had a Christmas lunch and the Trevor Coster driving award was presented to Anita Heath.

January rally ended up being the Oz trek/ activity day and it was well attended by members and some real challenging activities were conquered.

In February we held a very successful two day graded dressage competition. We were also lucky enough to host a Dressage judges workshop on the Friday before the dressage competitions. The day was well attended and all agreed it was a very valuable clinic. Many thanks to Dot Willcoxson for presenting the teaching material.

Leanne Prosser





Eastern Vic Pleasure Harness Club: Top left: Anita Heath driving Marmalade. Top right: Jennifer McNabb driving Heatherbrae Jackston and Ann Berrett driving Spring Gully Smokey. Below left: Leanne Prosser and grand daughter driving Domino Downs Coffee Liquor. Below right: Peter McNabb driving Heatherbrae Jackston





Below: Congratulations to Dean, Nicole and Olivia Linic.



Geelong & District Carriage Drivers Inc

WONDERFUL NEWS! After spending Friday setting up the dressage and cones for the GDCD Driven Dressage Qualifier, someone could not wait any longer, she gave everyone an early surprise, on the morning of Saturday 24th November our President Nicole Linic gave birth to a baby girl. Congratulations to Nicole, Dean and baby Olivia.

Will Olivia follow in the family tradition and be the fourth generation of carriage drivers?

What's been happening at GDCD:

November 10 & 11 – Congratulations to GDCD combined drivers who had a successful event at the Skye Park- Longwood CDE, all winning

or placing well in their classes.

November 24 & 25 – Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers at Leighdale Equestrian Centre at Teesdale. The new venue was a great success with plenty of space for more dressage arenas and great facilities, as usual the weekend was well supported by Victorian drivers who all agreed that the venue was good.

December 9 - Club Christmas Rally at Austin & Co Winery, Sutherlands Creek. Four drivers and their passengers enjoyed a lovely morning on a pleasure drive around the picturesque tracks of the vineyard and its landscaped gardens. More members joined us for a feast of fine food and jolly company then a. 'now you've got it, now

you don't' Kris Kringle amused us all and completed the 'Best club rally ever', according to Trevor Jones (as he lugged his second case of wine back from the vineyard's cellar door sale). January 20 - Club rally, pleasure drive and working bee at Victoria Park, Inverleigh.

A change of planned venue and some good work done on the grounds, five drivers, some with new ponies out for a look around, enjoyed a pleasure drive before being joined by more members who rallied to build the newly designed 'top corner' MO, Dean's Dingo Worx came along and made the post hole digging fast and easy. Thanks Dean Linic, great work. The water obstacle had some TLC too, it had taken quite a few knocks and bumps over the years, the gravel base has been resurfaced and some posts and panels replaced.

Coming up at GDCD:

February 23 & 24 L3/4 CDE at Inverleigh. Entries are rolling in, the ground has been groomed and members have done some major work redesigning and rebuilding obstacles, the MOs will be fun to drive, who doesn't love the water challenge? By the time the Journal goes to print this event will be done and dusted, check the GDCD Facebook page for up to date news.

March 24 - Come and Try Day. Meet our experienced GDCD members, using selected safe driving horses, we will introduce interested people to carriage driving, they can have a go at driving a horse to see if this hobby is for them. We will advise aspiring carriage drivers, and novice drivers who want to learn more, on all aspects of safety and selection of harness and carriages.

April 28 – TPR Course refreshing qualifications and training new vet stewards, and a mini Oz Trec demonstration.

May 26 – Oz Trec at Inverleigh. Every second year we run this popular event, lots of laughs and plenty of challenges for horses and their drivers.

Madeleine Bentley

Gippsland Pleasure Harness Society Inc

GPHS HAD A GREAT FIRST RALLY for 2019, and all who attended enjoyed the day. To all our members and social members who are showing all over Victoria with their beautiful horses, ponies, viceroys, jinkers and drays keep up the excellent standard, you are all first class, and we are all very proud to have you as GPHS Members.

Congratulations also to Lorraine Cairns, her horse *Victor* and groom Phil Marshall (Oaklands Club) taking front cover on the Australian Performance Horse Magazine for Combined Driving. Well done to the trio.

Safe and Happy Driving to all our drivers in GPHS.

Jenny Cummins.

Lakes and Craters

THE LAKES AND CRATERS horse driving club know how to enjoy themselves.

Christmas was a wonderful horseless celebration held in the deep south of the beautiful Otways. The climate change was obvious as you meandered your way to the destination. Fog and



Lakes and Craters members enjoying a drive. mountain mist welcomed the travellers.

We stayed at Bimbi Park, a lovely camp ground. Some camped in, tents others their floats or caravans and some in the luxury of cabins.

On the Saturday we went in convoy to the Cape Otway lighthouse and had a birds eye panoramic view from the top. The old buildings with the history of the lighthouse and telegraph station was interesting viewing. The horse played a vital role to the inhabitants isolated in tough living conditions. A detour saw us all walking the boardwalk at Maits Rest, a truly beautiful pocket of the Otways.

Saturday afternoon we were all involved in Christmas themed games. Rather than naming a winner, it is easier to name those who cheated the least!

Our Christmas evening meal was delicious and enjoyed by all. A big thank you the organisers for a fun weekend of celebration.

Our January rally was a camp weekend held at Rokewood Recreation Reserve. The drives over the two days involved an assortment of terrain, tracks and quiet country roads. We were pleased to have a couple of visitors join us for a days drive.

Although only a few were able to attend, it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who did and not spoiled by the heat over the previous days.

February was another fun rally and change from our norm. It was held in the Noorat area utilising the Rec Reserve in the morning. A series of challenges including cones, obstacles and observation points and a poker game just for fun was included. The afternoon saw the group on a pleasure drive in the Alan Marshall 'I can jump puddles' district.

Sometimes our monthly drives are small with members otherwise engaged but the show always goes on. Members share the organising of our monthly rallies which ensures we spread ourselves around the district and keeps things interesting.

Where to next?

Sylvia Brown

Mornington Peninsula Pleasure Harness Club Inc

VIEWS OVER Wilsons Promontory and the lush rolling hills of South Gippsland were the perfect backdrop for our club, in conjunction with the Australian Tradesman and Delivery Show Horse Driving Association, to hold a Come and Try Harness Day in late November.

We were overwhelmed with interest and saw some 40 participants, some who had travelled from interstate and far flung parts of Victoria to try their hand at long reining, harnessing, principles of show driving, driving a single and some even drove a pair for the first time. Some were even raw beginners who had an interest in harness but had never had any horse experience or held any reins previously.

The day was overseen by a team of experienced drivers including Ross Carbery, Dean and Esmay



Bernadette Lewis and Astro teaching Kate Woodward at the MPPHC Come & Try Day.

Rheinberger, Matthew Marriott, Bernadette Lewis, Deborah Hoffrichter and the behind the scenes supporters who made the day a resounding success. The icing on the cake was an 8km pleasure drive on the 400acre property to the farm's private beach. Upon arrival through the tea-tree lined sand banks we were greeted by perfect glassy water and a flock of majestic black swans. The drive was an absolute delight as there were picture postcard views from every angle.

Our Christmas rally was a treasure hunt/navigation drive at Crib Point. It was well supported by members getting into the spirit of Christmas. Some cryptic thinking and careful map reading skills were required for the drive and upon arrival back at the club rooms we shared a lovely Christmas lunch.

The New Year saw the club decide, after the overwhelming success of our last Come and Try Harness day, and a long waiting list of beginners who were keen to learn harness, that we needed to hold another Come and Try Harness day. We have had a very pleasing response once the registrations opened with 30 people registering to attend. Unfortunately, the weather in the days leading up to the Come and Try Day was very hot in the 40s with strong winds predicted. The committee made the tough but necessary decision to cancel the day for safety reasons. Another date is being sought as all who had registered are still very keen.

Sally de Vent

Northern Country Carriage Driving Inc

NORTHERN COUNTRY Carriage Driving members have been busy since Christmas; our January drive was held at our Koonoomoo grounds, with cones and dressage practise.





Above left: Northern Country members Dawn Walter, Peter Dundon, Lorraine McNeill and Vicki Stevenson enjoying a club drive. Above right: Liz Fawns trying her hand at long reining at Pioneer Club's rally day





Above left: Peter Dundon at the Northern Country Club's pleasure drive. Above right: Val Woolley long reining Cataraqui Macca Packa, Pioneer Country Carriage Drivers..

The February drive left from Dawn Walter's at Cobram East and meandered around the beautiful Murray River tracks; we made it an early morning start so we could beat the extreme heat that we have experienced over the past few weeks. Four members drove down to the river and enjoyed lunch together (in air-conditioning) afterwards. It was predicted to be 46 deg later that afternoon.

The Club is excited to be running an indoor/out-door competition on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd June 2019 at Koonoomoo, and our first CDE, a Level 4, on 5th / 6th October at the Koonoomoo grounds as well. We are a relatively small club but our members are very enthusiastic and keen to run these events, and are willing to help in any way. Members are busy training their young ponies for their first CDE's this season. I wish them good luck and safe driving.

Dawn Walter

Oaklands Horse & Carriage Driving Club Inc

OAKLANDS HORSE & Carriage Driving Club is pleased to be able to support Vic Branch and all Victorian CDE Drivers by offering the use of their grounds at Greenvale over the weekend of 30/31 March, 2019 thus enabling the event to be held.

The Victorian CDE Championships will be run concurrently with a Level 4 CDE Event enabling 'all levels of drivers & equines' – including VSEs options to compete.

Oaklands is extremely proud to be able to include a \$35,000 Water Obstacle in its schedules – which has been achieved due to a consolidated effort of all the grounds user groups. This is just the beginning of major upgrades which have been approved and being funded by Local, State and Federal Government.

Cheryl Dowling

Pioneer Country Carriage Drivers Inc

 $T^{\rm HE\ CLUB}$ has just had a successful long reining day with 15 stations for the horses to work through.

The morning started with an example and then a small discussion on why we long rein - testing contact, half halts and voice commands. Then everyone had a turn through the activities.

The six metre circle was executed very well. Through the streamers, against the streamers and bunting, over poles in a diagonal, over different surfaces, backing out of obstacles, halting in obstacles doing a walking barrel race, along lines, carrying water in a cup, dressing up and carrying to the next obstacle, zigzagging through cones and more. The afternoon was a mini competition and prizes awarded.

We've been running drives, and lessons and more fun activities will follow. New members welcome and happy for others to join in as it suits from other clubs

Gwenifer Hack



Above: Come and Try Day at Pyreenes Ranges Club. Below: Social member Shirley Bunker, 80 years young, enjoying a lift from Margie Bowen and Roblea Coppelia.



Pyrenees Ranges Pleasure Drivers Inc

PYRENEES RANGES Pleasure Drivers Inc has only been running since September. In that time we have run quite a few activities, and club members are enthusiastic to say the least. We have approx. 24 members including social members.

The club has already run a Come & Try day which was very successful, with 30 people on the books as attending. We are still gathering memberships from that weekend.

Ranges members also had a day out at Stawell Trots, with all members coming home successful one way or another. The club itself has also benefited in other ways, from the Stawell Trotting club.

The last rally was a combination of lessons from instructors, and pleasure driving.

The March long weekend will be a three day club camp at the Elmhurst Recreation Reserve, with pleasure driving, a poker run, and a navigational drive.

All ACDS members are welcome.

Margie Bowen

CLUB NEWS from WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Albany Show

THE ALBANY Carriage Driving Club hosted two fabulous days of competition for carriage drivers at this years Albany Agricultural Show.

Show driving classes held on the first day saw beautiful turnouts of mini ponies, ponies, and horses putting their best hoof forward for judge, Mrs Margaret Langan. Amongst them were some impressive first-time drivers and equines. A well-deserved congratulations to Supreme Champion, *London Park Fame*, driven by Natalie Morris from the Western Australian Harness Driving Society.

Official dressage tests were driven on the following day, again many for the first time, judged by Mrs Margaret Langan and Mrs Gillian Woodstock. This year saw the introduction of the Brian Nicholas Perpetual Trophy for Grand Prix Cone Driving, dedicated to Brian, a life member of the Albany Club and WA State Branch. This hotly contested competition is now a feature of the show, and was won by Albany member Sherone Clayton driving Silverbrook Morgwyn. A beautiful, hand crafted, copper trophy was made by local farrier and artist, Brad Lucas. It is a replica of Brian driving his pony 'Whiskers' through a set of cones. Along with Brad was Brian's wife Diana, and his son Cameron, who all presented the trophy to Sherone in front of a large crowd of competitors and supporters who attended the Albany Show this year. Many thanks to Mr John Carr of the Murray Districts Carriage Driving Club who travelled to Albany to judge this exciting event.

Congratulations go to all competitors, organisers, volunteers, and stewards who assisted in so many ways to make the Albany Show such a fun and successful weekend.

There are photos from the show on page 22.

Teresa McAllister Albany Show Convenor

WA State Championship Weekend 3rd and 4th November 2018

COMPETITORS arriving on the Friday at Dryandra Equestrian Park for the WA State Show Driving Championships were rewarded with an amazing thunderstorm during the night. However, this cleared to a windy and overcast day on Saturday and lovely clear day on the Sunday. The venue was pristine with under cover yards for the horses, great shower and toilet facilities and an amazing surface on the oval for driving.

Judging for the weekend was Kate Wholagan, who was presented with a huge array of horses and ponies turned out beautifully to make her job just that little more difficult.

Kate judged not only the Show Horses but also Dressage and Horse of the Year Classes giving her a very full weekend.

Kate's thoughts on the Dryanda facility, "I think you should run more at that site. It is fantastic and situated perfectly for all clubs to foster



The Brian Nicholas Perpetual Trophy for Grand Prix Cone Driving was presented to Sherone Clayton by Brad Lucas, who made the trophy, and Brian's wife Diana and his son Cameron. Photo: Rustic Pics.

friendship and development of carriage driving in WA."

The Western Australian Harness Driving Society hosted the weekend in a very professional manner with gorgeous sashes, rosettes, garlands and prizes to be won. All the major awards were on the colours of red, white and purple as a tribute to the soldiers, nurses and animals that were lost in World War 1, this year being the centenary.

Major Show Driving Awards were :-

Champion Turnout – Kooralyn Enchantment (B Leeson). Reserve – One More Smile (D Reader). Champion Novice – Narcoola Parc Dylan (S Elliott). Reserve – Ellenbank Paso Doble (J Kelly). Champion Small Pony – Yarraman Top Montana (D Hunter). Reserve – Ellenbank Paso Doble (J Kelly).

Champion Large Pony – *London Park Fame* (N Morris). That's Natalie and *Fame* on the front cover. Reserve – *Narcoola Parc Dylan* (S Elliott).

Champion Horse – *One More Smile* (D Reader). Reserve – *Pearl* (J John).

Champion Multiple – Kooralyn Enchantment & Pacific View Composer (B Leeson).

Supreme Champion Exhibit – *One More Smile* (D Reader).

Champion Whip - N Tester. Reserve – N Morris.

Newcomer of the Year – *Kooralyn Enchantment*.

Small Pony of the Year – *Ellenbank Paso Doble*.

Large Pony of the Year – *London Park Fame*.

Horse of the Year – *One More Smile*.

Off the Track of the Year - One More Smile.

On Saturday evening WAHDS provided dinner of roast beef rolls with sides and salads for the campers followed by a fun filled quiz night with

Judge Kate taking out second place for the evening. Questions created much merriment with younger competitors getting right in there with their answers.

SUNDAY MORNING saw fantastic weather conditions for the Dressage Competition. Judges Margaret Langan and Merryn Bocjun joined the judging panel along with Kate.

Dressage Results:

Newcomer Award – *Ellenbank Paso Doble* (J Kelly).

Preliminary Champion – *One More Smile* (D Reader). Reserve Champion – *London Park Fame* (N Morris).

Novice Champion – *Yarraman Top Montana* (D Hunter). Reserve Champion – *Kimba Krisp* (R Carr).

Elementary Champion – *Narcoola Parc Dylan* (S Elliott). Reserve Champion – *Keeny Park Moonlight Shadow* (T Hunter).

Photos on page 23.

All in all it was a fantastic Championship weekend and grateful thanks must go to all competitors and their support crews, the organisers, WAHDS committee, judges, our Stewards, pencillers, all the helpers on the weekend and in a very large way to our very generous sponsors

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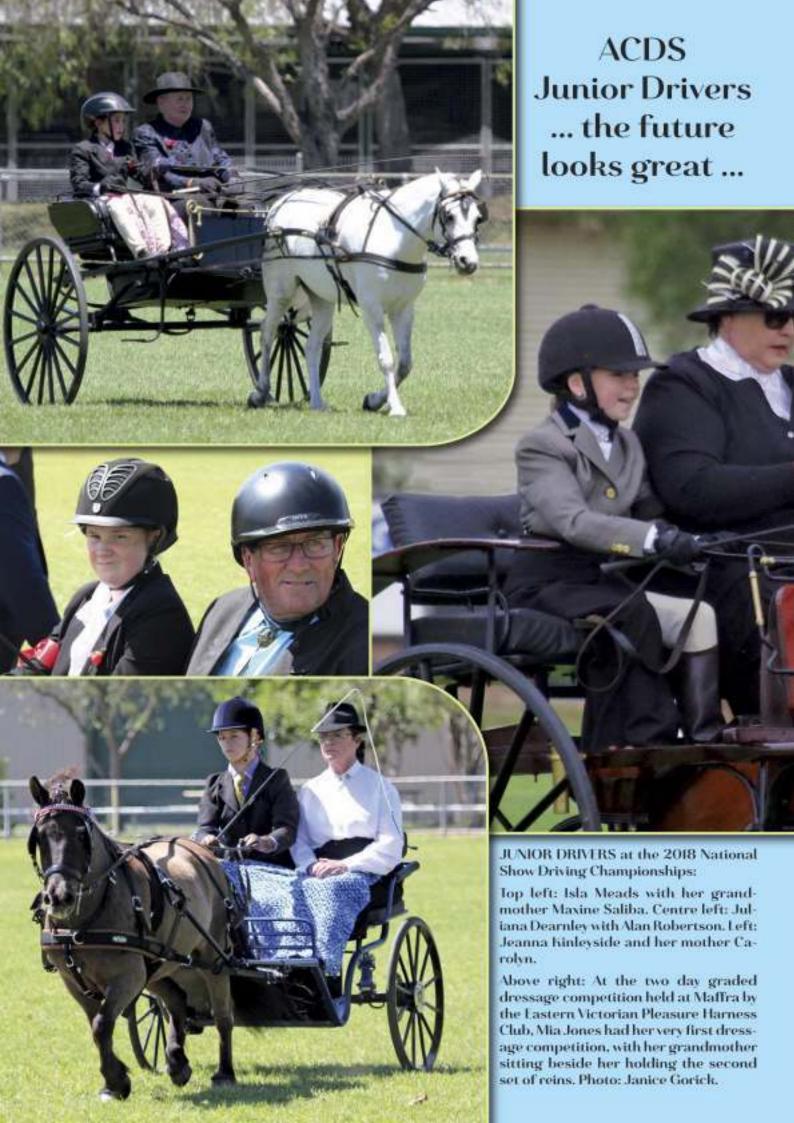
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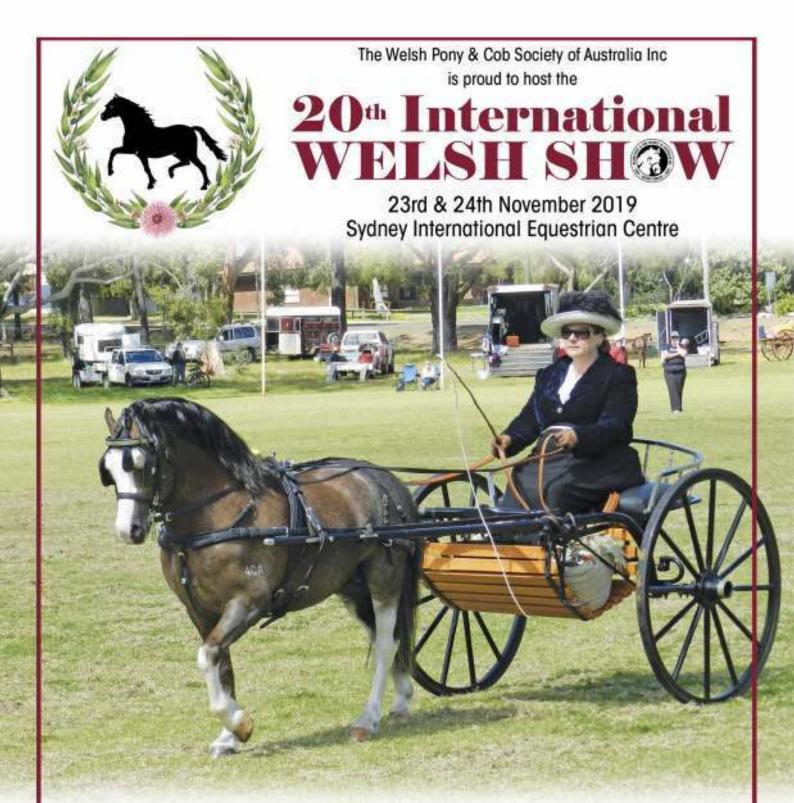
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