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ACDS NSW Branch General Meeting Minutes 25/11/2021 (Zoom)

Opening:

Meeting opened at 8pm, Thursday 25/11/2021 (Via Zoom Meeting) Welcome by Peter Dunn.

Attendees:

Peter Dunn, John Tonkiss, Judy Tonkiss, Rowena Walker, Kim Schumacher, John Barton, Dot Wilcoxson, Lyn Dominish, Chuckie Radnedge, Tracey Ellis, Nikki Flynn, Trina Redgwell, Carol Hardaker, Jessica Meridith, Charlotte Hyles, John Gorman, Jennifer & John White, Faye Cairncross, Greg McDonald, Jan Muspratt, Peter Honeyman, Karen Sylvester, Michael Jones, Caroline & Amanda Blakeley, Liz O'Brien, Jenny Conquest

Apologies:

Sue Plath, Belinda Casper, Graeme & Debbie Dowling, Heidi Naylor.

President's Report; – Nov 21

If it's not Covid stopping us getting together it's the weather, the latest being the show driving at Goulbourn planned for this weekend hosted by the Reedy Creek Club, it's disappointing after the effort the club has gone too organising the event, judges' trophies ribbons etc.

We have not been able to hold any discipline championships this year, so looking forward to a better 2022, the Dressage and CDE Championships are planned for Easter next year at Boorowa, also there will be activities for all members at Boorowa over the 10 days. God forbid the event at Boorowa can't go ahead for some reason eg Covid, the calendar dates have been blocked out for the Dressage and CDE champs in October and November, these dates will become available once the events go ahead at Boorowa.

Looking ahead clubs need to be thinking if they wish to run the 2023 championships because they need to have submissions into the Branch secretary before the branch AGM next year.

Memberships have been slow to come in this year I presume due to the lack of competitions and club activities. The Branch hosted 4- or 5-member open chat forums over the past few months and I was very pleased with the attendance it was a good way for members to get together from around the state during Covid.

Congratulations SHCC on making finalist in Best International Carriage Driving Club/Association of the year, an award from UK Carriage Driving Magazine, I hear there are a couple of members hoping to attend the presentation ceremony.

Finally, my fingers are crossed for some fine weather for the Battle on The Border level 2 CDE at Holbrook and hosted by the Border Cub, good luck to those attending.

Peter Dunn

Branch President





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Secretaries Report;

- Easter Event at Boorowa, the full program of Events and Planning currently under way was discussed, including that the State will not be charging for Camping.
Schedules and Details from the Clubs organising their Events will be sent out in the New Year
Ellmore Club (CDE Championships)
Bungendore (Dressage Championships)
PE&H Committee (Mini Enduro)
Show Driving Committee (Show Driving Event)
- The State Executive has approved the Purchase of a 6mtr x 3mtr Gazebo with Photo's etc printed, this will be available for all clubs to use as a Promotional Tool for Carriage Driving,
- Notice to All Club Secretaries, please make sure that all Documentation sent back to the Secretary or Treasurer is Legible as we are still receiving paperwork that cannot be read.
- All please make sure you forward all Monies received for Membership ASAP to the Treasurer, as this is the only way The ACDS can confirm that your Club Member is Financial, and able to compete at ACDS Events.

Treasurers / Membership Report;

- Treasurer Nikki Flynn presented the financial statements. (Attached)

Federal Council Meeting 24/11/2021 Representative Report- (State Secretary)

- Junior Bursaries, were reviewed and approved to Issue the Bursaries, there were 4 Applicants and all will receive an equal proportion.
- 13 TPR Stewards from Reedy Creek Club were accredited.
- NSW ACDS has offered to hold the 2022 Federal ACDS AGM in Wagga Wagga in June/July, Fed ACDS has approved our offer.
- New Horse Registrar is Briony Bree from Roma Qld, her details are on the Website.

Discipline Convenor Reports

Show Driving - Carolyn Blakeley's report was read out. (Report issued via Email 25/11/2021 Attached)

Dressage – Sue Plath was not in attendance and State Secretary gave a brief outline of Dressage within NSW including GDDQ across the State being planned.

CDE – Tracey Ellis discussed the upcoming Border CDE and the number of entries 80, a large event and the hope is no more rain. CDE are being planned for next year.
Joe Hawkins Cup is the first Event Planned for 2022.

NSW CALENDAR – Tracey Ellis (Calendar Co-ordinator). Calendar is going along nicely and next year appears to be a busy program at this stage. Tracey to add to Calendar two GDDQ planned to be held at Tamworth and Border next year

PE&H - John Tonkiss' advised about Mini enduro Plans for Boorowa, and the need for more members on the PE&H Committee.

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Newsletter & Editors Report- Jan Muspratt spoke to her report. (Report issued via Email 18/11/2021) Attached

FACEBOOK – Trina Redgwell discussed about how she is now only doing the Facebook Page due to personal commitments; she outlined the information on her report attached.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion in reference of email from ACDS Member, Noeline Cassettari in relation to horse welfare and how the use of Bitless/Bridleless with Horses to improve Horses Welfare should be reviewed.

The Meeting discussed this matter and it was Decided that we should forward on to the Federal Body of the ACDS as this was an Issue that at State Level, we are unable to review or implement.

President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

John Tonkiss

Peter Dunn





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Australian Carriage Driving Society NSW Branch - Cash Trial Balan

Account: Cheque 062-806-6556 [REDACTED] From : 1/05/2021
To : 30/11/2021

Category	Debits	Credits
Income		
Membership:Border		2,734.00
Membership:Bungendor		2,967.00
Membership:Camden		2,717.00
Membership:Ellmore		3,084.00
Membership:Gulgong		3,529.00
Membership:Hawkesbur		2,135.00
Membership:Hill Tops		1,946.00
Membership:Hills Dst		3,738.00
Membership:Hunter		3,032.00
Membership:Liverpool		3,961.00
Membership:Murrumbid		1,857.00
Membership:Nth Cst		2,361.00
Membership:Reedy Crk		4,984.00
Membership:Riverina		1,552.00
Membership:SHCC		6,628.00
Membership:Tamworth		5,862.00
Income Total		<u>53,087.00</u>
Expense		
Accountancy Fees	100.00	
ACDS Federal Levies	49,097.00	
Bank Charges	25.45	
Branch Meeting Costs	394.15	
Newsletter	77.40	
Printing/Stationery	1,208.00	
Expense Total	<u>50,902.00</u>	
Movement in Bank Balance	2,185.00	
Grand Total:	<u>53,087.00</u>	<u>53,087.00</u>

Note: This is a cash trial balance report showing transactions through the bank account in the selected period.

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NSW ACDS NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

Many thanks to the Club secretaries and members who have supplied me with news for the Journal and the Whip Around in the last few months. The last Whip Around with its feature of dog stories was very well received. The December Journal will have a similar feature of horse and carriage driving stories sent in by NSW members. I am still occasionally having to chase up information such as surnames, names of people in photos, photographers' names and permission to publish photos of juniors.

As mentioned in previous reports, when a professional photographer attends an event and takes hundreds of photos, it is very helpful if the Club representative makes a selection, rather than just referring me to the photographer's site. This is also helpful for the Journal production team.

Hardcopy requests for Whip Around have continued to reduce. This was fortunate for the distribution of the September Whip Around, as it was impossible to have it printed in the usual way due to lockdown restrictions. Clubs were asked to look after supplying hardcopies to their members who lack email facilities. Generally, there was only a small number per club, who needed hardcopies. Many thanks to those secretaries who cheerfully took on the task.

Regarding emailed copies, the problem with getting email addresses correct has mostly been ironed out, but some are still being returned due to full mailboxes. It still goes without saying that email addresses must be very clearly written on membership forms. Letters such as 'v' and 'u' need to be very carefully written, as they can be easily confused in an email address.

The next two deadlines for news coming to me are January 15 2022 for the March 2022 Journal and February 20 2022 for the March 2022 Whip Around.

Thank you again to all the contributors to Whip Around and the Journal. Your efforts are very much appreciated and go a long way towards making these two publications very popular amongst ACDS members.

Janet Muspratt (Newsletter Editor) 18/11/2021

Facebook Administrator Report – Australian Carriage Driving Society NSW Branch

We currently have 953 Group Members. Over the past month we have had 23 new posts to the group.

806 of those people are actively looking at the group, reading posts.

Sunday and Mondays are the most popular viewing days of the week.

Once again, I encourage all ACDS members to please share posts, photos, results from ANY of your club events included by not limited to rally days, CDE's, Graded Driven Dressage Qualifiers, Christmas Parties, Cones, Obstrathons, Indoor Outdoor Competitions, Shows, Ag Shows, Historical, and especially information regarding upcoming events or anything of general interest to the group.

Many people get great enjoyment from seeing this and its FREE, all it takes is a moment of your time pressing the share button. You are also helping to attract new enthusiasts, promoting carriage driving and our wonderful society. You have nothing to lose by sharing the joy!

Wishing everyone all the best for a fabulous Christmas & New Year.

Kind Regards

Trina Redgwell.

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Show Driving Report for November 2021 – NSW Branch Meeting

Reedy Creek Equestrian Club will be holding a Show Driving Show on Saturday 27th November at Goulburn Pony Club Grounds, great entries already received. Schedule, entry form and further information on the Reedy Creek Equestrian Club Facebook page.

There have been some breed shows in the last month or so that have had harness and have been supported by ACDS members which is great to see and congratulations to those members.

Canberra Royal entries have closed with record entries.

Sydney Royal entries are still open but close 1st December 2021 at 11:59pm.

Hopefully in the new year we will have lots of shows to attend including ag and breed shows.

Happy Driving

Carolyn Blakeley
NSW Show Driving Convenor
23/11/21





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ACDS NEW SOUTH WALES
Celebration
of
CARRIAGE DRIVING
BOOROWA | Easter 2022

Get excited carriage drivers!
IT'S ALL HAPPENING with something for EVERYONE...
at Boorowa Showgrounds.

PROGRAM of EVENTS:

SATURDAY 9 APRIL	GROUND'S OPEN
SUNDAY 10 APRIL	Pleasure Drive
MONDAY 11 APRIL	2022 Robert Allport Memorial Mini Enduro / Junior Driver Enduro <i>hosted by NSW Branch A.C.D.S and P&S Committee</i>
TUESDAY 12 APRIL	2022 Robert Allport Memorial Mini Enduro / Junior Driver Enduro
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL	2022 Robert Allport Memorial Mini Enduro
THURSDAY 14 APRIL	2022 NSW Driven Dressage Championships <i>hosted by Bungendore Carriage Driving Club</i>
FRIDAY 15 APRIL	2022 NSW CDE Championships plus Level 4 CDE (Dressage) <i>hosted by Ellmore Harness Club</i>
SATURDAY 16 APRIL	2022 NSW CDE Championships plus Level 4 CDE (Marathon)
SUNDAY 17 APRIL	2022 NSW CDE Championships plus Level 4 CDE (Cones) Junior Driver Obstacles / Cones Clinic and Drive-Off
MONDAY 18 APRIL	Show Driving Event / Park Drive
TUESDAY 19 APRIL	Pleasure Drive
WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL	CLOSE

ALL WELCOME!

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COPY OF EMAIL FROM NOELINE CASSETTARI – RE HORSE WELFARE.

noeline cassetari

Mon, 1 Nov, 09:13

to me

Hi John,

I would like to add Animal Welfare to the topics for discussion, for the next branch meeting.

Animal welfare is already an important part of decision making at all levels, for ACDS.

There have been advances in ethology that have changed how vets, zoos, horse owners and animal welfare organisations manage horses. This change has not yet been actioned in any way by ACDS.

The advantages of making changes would be:

Happier, safer horses, Better educated drivers

Carriage driving viewed in a more positive way by the general public and animal rights organisations.

Ways ACDS could improve animal welfare:

Have information about behaviour science on our website, and state how and why ACDS focuses on animal welfare.

Allow drivers to choose whether they use blinkers or bits.

The use of blinkers and bits:

Studies show that animal welfare is improved by the removal of a bit:

<https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2018/05/13/horses-dramatic-fall-pain-behaviors-going-bitless/>

The use of blinkers should be optional, not mandatory: <https://www.theplaidhorse.com/2020/01/22/how-do-blinkers-affect-a-horses-performance/>

Bitless Inc (Australia) was very easily able to obtain insurance for bit and blinker-less drivers and riders. There is no increased insurance risk to allow both options.

Animal welfare changes:

Horse training (and human training) historically involves punishment.

Cruel punishment of humans has been phased out as we have realised it is ineffective:

<https://www.volocars.com/blog/history-of-crime-and-punishment>

Physical punishment, once common in schools, has been replaced with positive psychology techniques:

<https://positivepsychology.com/positive-reinforcement-classroom/>

Pat Parelli was one of the first to introduce learning theory to horse owners. He uses negative reinforcement (this annoying thing will keep happening until you change your behaviour).

Positive behaviour management is the most recent tool used in horse training.

These techniques are now used by:

vets <https://fearfreepets.com/>

Zoos <https://www.whyanimalsdothething.com/how-to-understand-zoo-animal-training>

Horse trainers: <https://horsesport.com/magazine/behaviour/feeding-to-correct-pica/>

<https://www.thewillingequine.com/post/the-power-of-positive-reinforcement>

Recognising that equine behaviour is a science, and making reference to the latest science on the ACDS website, will increase our commitment to continual improvement of animal welfare.

Noeline Cassetari

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