



# Whip Around



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Col Ffrost driving Nellie through the water, with Brendan Dwyer and Suzie Ffrost on the bank, at the Witwood Training Weekend (D Lopaten)

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' May 17 2019**

**Next Branch Meeting is the AGM at Bathurst Panthers Club  
132 Piper St Bathurst  
Saturday June 15 2019  
All members welcome**

Please notify the Secretary Amanda Blakeley of intention to attend by June 8 2019  
Ph: 0417 228 814 or [carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au](mailto:carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au)

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## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

***IMPORTANT ! Club Secretaries – Always submit proposed calendar dates to the Calendar Coordinator Garry Harris ( [gjharris@live.com.au](mailto:gjharris@live.com.au) or ph 02 6942 6762 ) for checking, to avoid clashes with other events, particularly similar nearby or close interstate events.***

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
<b>Mar</b>		
2-3	Anne Synnot Cup & Driving Lessons Hill Tops Club	Judy Harris 0429 528 990
5	Tuesday Small Arena Day Camden Club	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
9-10	Munro Cup Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
10	Pleasure Drive Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
10	Sports Day at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
10	Dungog Pony Club Carriage Driving Demo Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
16-17	Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar Riverina Club	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
22-25	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
24	Training/Coaching/Junior Come & Try Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
24	Wollombi Drive Hunter Club	Margie Walmsley 0434 014 952
<b>April</b>		
6	Fun/Club Day Bungendore Club	Jen Brennan 0403 062 340
12-23	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
13-14	Hinemoa Frog Weekend at Grenfell Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 0263433292
14	Dressage and Cones Clinic Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
19-22	Easter Drive at Laggan Goulburn Club	Judy Emerton 02 4829 0185
27-28	ANZAC Level 3 CDE Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859
28	Activity Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
<b>May</b>		
1-5	Ladies Drive Liverpool Range Club	Vicki Donnelly 0458 473 771
4-5	Indoor/Outdoor Rosemont Complex Goulburn Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
12	Long Reining Clinic Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
17-20	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
18-19	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518
18-19	Indoor/Outdoor Series Training Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
18-19	Pleasure Drive Rabbiters Hill Reedy Creek Club	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
25-26	Putty Drive Hunter Club	June Malmberg 0418 417 147
<b>June</b>		
1-2	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Tumut Hill Tops Club	Debbie Dunn 0407 472 361
9-10	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
15	NSW Branch AGM and General Meeting at Bathurst Panthers Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
16	Orienteering Belanglo State Forest Camden Club	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
23	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
23	Girvan/Bulahdelah Drive Hunter Club	Pat Thompson 0428 532 459
29-30	Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier Hinemoa Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 0263433292
30	Gymkhana Club Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>July</b>		
12-15	Phil Marshall Clinic Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
13-15	Three Day Enduro Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
13-14	Federal AGM and Conference Beechworth Vic	Sue Waters 03 5983 6629
14	Harness Fun Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
28	Stroud Safari Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
28	Club Drive Camden Club	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
28	Activity Day and Junior Challenge Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9505 5085
<b>Aug</b>		
11	Interclub Challenge Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
11	Harness Gymkhana Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
18	Club Day Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
24-25	Northern Indoor/Outdoor Series Final venue TBA	Tracey Ellis 0402 854 696
25	Come and Try Day Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
31-1Se	Southern Indoor/Outdoor Series Final Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
<b>Sept</b>		
8	Dressage Cones & Mini Marathon Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

8	Combined Driving Experience Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
14-15	Level 3 CDE at Murrumbidgee Club	Kerrie Rosetta 0428 414 518
14-15	Pleasure Drive Rabbiters Hill Reedy Creek Club	Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814
20-29	Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Judy Tonkiss 0438 669 271
22	Aberdeen Drive Hunter Club TBC	Mick Carey 0402 283 789
22	Obsthon Camden Club	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
28-29	Level 3 CDE Hinemoa Ellmore Club	K Engelsman 02 6343 3292
29	Pleasure Drive at Quorrobolong Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Oct</b>		
5-10	Endurance Drive at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
12-13	NSW Graded Dressage Championships Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 02 4883 4859
19	Dressage and Cones Day Camden Club	Lou Lyons 0417 684 508
27	Cones Competition Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490
<b>Nov</b>		
2-3	NSW CDE Championships TBA	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
10	Max Saunders Memorial Sporting Day at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
10	Activity Day Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
24	Christmas Party Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 0408 562 257
24	NSW Show Driving Championships at Gunning Reedy Creek Club	Amanda Blakeley 02 4845 8298
<b>Dec</b>		
1	Christmas Lunch Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8	Christmas Lunch Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
15	Christmas Party Central Coast Club	Mary Grant 0434 584 490

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Bram Chardon with Ross Carbery and his pair in a lesson at Bundanoon (T James)

## CLUB NEWS

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Faye Cairncross: Preparations for the new season have kept us busy in January and February. We now have new 'horse-safe' fencing along the front boundary, floor base in the yards, a new manure dump, another obstacle for the April CDE, two new stove/ovens for the kitchen and the floor in the canteen has been repainted. New steel yards will be constructed in a few days time.

Bram Chardon is here. He arrived yesterday (February 15), a few days after winning the World Indoor Final in Bordeaux, France, and a celebration party will be held tonight at the

clubhouse, supported by some generous donations. There will be a spit roast, cake and champagne! Everyone wants lessons over the next nine days. All 78 sessions are filled up, and these include lessons for three junior drivers. Participants and fence sitters are coming from Qld, SA, Vic, ACT, NSW and even the NT! Congratulations Bram, from all of us!

Our next clinic with Phil Marshall will start on March 22 and go for four days. It is nearly full. Contact Yvonne Wood on 0497 603 424 if interested in attending. Further clinics with Phil will be in May and July.

I attended the CDE Officials Clinic at Bathurst with John and Jennifer White in January, run by

NSW CDE Convenor Tracey Ellis. It was two days of intensive training, testing and accreditation, and ran very smoothly.

Next was the training weekend held at Witwood, which was very popular, lots of fun and very helpful. Brendan Dwyer gave lessons, solved problems and encouraged all of us. Sally Crowell and I even got our ponies Monty and Brandy through the water!

Coming events for the Southern Highlands Club include the Level 3 CDE on April 27-28, the NSW Southern Indoor/Outdoor Series Final on Aug 31-Sept 1, and on Oct 12-13 the NSW State and National Dressage Championships back to back over one weekend.

To fill out the Indoor/Outdoor Finals weekend, there is a possibility that a Three Nation Cones Competition with South Africa and New Zealand may be run. There will be more news about this if it develops.

### **CENTRAL COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Mary Grant: The weather on our club day on January 20 was way too cruel to harness up, so we had a 'catch up and coffee' day instead. A few new interested people attended so we had plenty of time to tell them all about our exciting new club and upcoming events.

The Blackman family competed at the Morisset Show on February 9 with their donkeys and mules. It was a very hot day! However they persevered and did very well, winning multiple ribbons and sashes. It is very good to have harness classes back on the Morisset program for the second year in a row, after about ten years without.



Hayley and Ryan Blackman at the Morisset Show  
(M Grant)

Margaret Kelly and Linda Bagnall have Rosie in harness now and have been doing plenty of road drives getting her used to all her surrounds. The Grant family has been working hard with their pair of ponies. David is especially enjoying the extra strength in pairs, and is becoming very competitive and skilled.

We have a 'Come and Try Day for Juniors' on March 24, and have had massive interest from the local pony club communities. It looks like being a great day. On May 18-19 we are having a two day Indoor/Outdoor Training event. There will be a mock competition on the Sunday, so members can have a real go without the stress of competition qualifying. Members of other clubs will be made very welcome and there are prizes to be won.

Looking further ahead, the Annual Cones Competition will be held again in October.

Central Coast Club has a Facebook page: 'central coast carriage driving club', and also has a new emblem worth looking at.

### **GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION**

John Hetherington: This year marks the end of an era with the decision to no longer run the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive. The first trip was organised after Sue Fuller asked Noel Compton, Buzzy Westaway, Rod Brown, Peter Jenkins and me to go out of town (Gulgong) and drive our sulkies back into town for the Henry Lawson Festival. We went away and thought about it and decided why not drive all the way from Grenfell to Gulgong instead?



Going through Wellington on the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive in 2014 (C Hardaker)

After talking to a few other people, interest grew. Dave Chandler became the first coordinator and Ian Carter our first cook. We ended up with 60 people, 13 sulkies and wagons and a rider at the end of the two week trip. We went through rain, hail and freezing temperatures. When we arrived back at Gulgong we camped at the showground, and nobody wanted it to end. We were on such a high. 'Let's keep going' was the cry! Lois O'Neil didn't even want to go home.

Bill Ryan and Jeff Turner later went to a meeting in Parkes, and when they came back we formed the Gulgong Heritage Harness Association Inc.

The Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive lasted for 20 years, and was the longest sulky drive in Australia.

For many years the Drive start alternated between Gulgong and Grenfell and the finish always coincided with the Henry Lawson Festival parades in either Gulgong or Grenfell.

Unfortunately time has caught up with many of us and the logistics of organisation, plus police and council regulations have made it much more difficult to run. The drive was cut back to one week, but participation numbers have decreased in recent years, and sadly it has been decided to call it a day.



Ted and Anneise Curby on the 2012 Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive (P Fitzpatrick)

When this trip started it was the only one of its kind, but other clubs are now doing similar weeklong drives which are very popular. The Pilgrimage Drive's appeal certainly started a trend. Instead of the Pilgrimage Drive, the Gulgong Club is running a week of driving based at Armatree. There will be one campsite for the week. It will be held from May 22 – 29 2019, and drives of about 30km will be held each day, on mostly dirt roads. Toilets and showers, and a cool room for storing food and drinks will be available. However Armatree doesn't have a service station, so it is important to fill up with diesel or petrol on the way. Contact John Hetherington for more information on 0429 405 501

#### **HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB**

The first get together for the Hills Club for 2019 was an evening BBQ at Lilian Mannix's home at Londonderry on February 2. A delicious dinner was enjoyed, with Lilian's son and daughter in law Daniel and Kylie preparing roast pork and lamb, Lilian making gravy and apple sauce, and every else bringing along salads and desserts. Along with Lilian, Daniel and Kylie and their daughter Aimee (with baby Cooper) and son Damian, those there included Dennis and Andrea Casper, Angela and Mick Eberle, Paul and Marilyn Austin, Karen

Silvester, Lynne Buckingham, Eddie and Rhonda Dobbin, Alan and Helen Robertson, Janet Muspratt, Willy and Chris Reinhardt, Leanne Perceval and daughters Trystal and Nyssa, Nigel Burton and Christine Dunn. The club certainly has appreciated the wonderful hospitality of the Mannix family over the last few years at this annual BBQ.

Kirstin Feddersen thoroughly enjoyed her trip to Bega with her horse Zed to have lessons with Boyd Exell in January. She had three lessons which included dressage, cones and obstacles and 'learned heaps!' She is now enthusiastically setting up marathon obstacles at home to practice what she learnt.

Christine Dunn and Nigel Burton have been to several shows already this year with their miniature ponies, going in the led classes as well as harness classes. After they were finished at the Albion Park Show they decided to take the ponies to a nearby beach for some fun in the surf. They were joined by a number of the other miniature pony exhibitors and a great time was had by all – ponies and people. About ten ponies took to the sand and surf. What a great way to finish a hot day at a show!



Mini ponies and their owners enjoying the surf (C Dunn)

Tony Ingersole and Helen Tudor opened their year of Enduro driving at the Goulburn Club's Yalbraith event over the January long weekend. They then gave their horse May some more training on the relatively quiet roads of the St Albans area, before making the long trip down to Ruffy in northern Victoria for Victoria's first Enduro. It was held on February 16-18 2019. About eleven drivers took part including other drivers from NSW Kath Cole and John Moyes, Peter and Debbie Dunn and Sue Fraser. Tony and Helen were thrilled to win the Perpetual Trophy and a handsome sash.

Jenny Conquest took her pony Pistachio to the Bungendore Club's training weekend at Witwood

with Brendan Dwyer at the start of February, and came home with more confidence and plenty of ideas to work on.

Angela Eberle, Leanne Perceval and other members have been doing regular pleasure drives in the Scheyville National Park over the summer. They enjoy the off road driving and the interesting tracks to follow through the bush, as well as seeing the occasional kangaroo and deer.

### **TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB**

It's TRHDC's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and members are getting ready to party!

In September 2009 a group of harness enthusiasts in the Tamworth district decided they wanted to be able to enjoy their chosen sport with other like-minded people in a safe and friendly environment, and the Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club was formed. From these humble beginnings we have achieved so much over the ten years since. Not only have we held our regular monthly club days, we have also hosted an array of state and national events. We have a hard working group of members who all contribute to the running of the club, whether it be taking on the management of events, organizing sponsors or cooking the BBQ.



Yvette Furner with Fairlea Luke 'n Good on his first Club Day (E O'Brien)

We are proud to be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and look forward to the future with lots of ideas and events in the pipeline. New and old members are always welcome, as are members of other clubs, at our events.

Despite the rather warm weather, there was a nice breeze in the air for the Bundarra Show. Harness drivers enjoyed a full program with something for everyone. The judge was Christine O'Rourke from Ebor. Karl Olsson driving Soho Eros came away with the Champion Turnout trophy and sash whilst Richard Edler with Caddie received the Reserve

Champion Sash. Liz O'Brien's Prince Rebel was Champion Pony and Margaret Neely's Fairlea Larry Reserve Champion. The Horse Champion went to Richard Edler's Caddie, with Karl Olsson's Soho Eros the Reserve Champion. Karl was the Champion Driver, with Liz being Reserve, and the overall Supreme Champion Exhibit went to Karl and Soho Eros.

The first Combined Driving Experience for 2019 was held on February 10. Harness was dusted off, horses were washed and everyone got their heads around the dressage test, cones and obstacle course. It took a bit to get back into the swing of things during the extremely hot weather, but once we were out there everyone had loads of fun. It was also a pleasure having several junior drivers come along and join in.



Trina Redgewell with Prophet at the February Club Day (E O'Brien)

The club is planning lots of fun as well as educational events for the coming year. These include a driving clinic with Garry and Judy Harris on Saturday June 8, followed by two qualifiers on June 9/10 for the NSW Indoor/Outdoor Series. The Northern Series Championships will be held on August 24/25 at a venue still to be decided. See the calendar for further information on Tamworth Club events or contact secretary Liz O'Brien on 0427 766 726 or [trhdc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:trhdc.secretary@gmail.com)

### **ELLMORE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Auburn Carr: January was a very quiet month for Ellmore Club members, due to the extreme heat. The only active member was Heidi Stevens and her beautiful horse Clyde, who travelled to Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre for the 2019 National Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Festival on January 19-20. There were over 100 horses entered and over one thousand spectators. Heidi and Clyde went in led, ridden and long reining classes, earning a second in the ridden, a third in the led class and a third in the rider class. Heidi reported it was a terrific weekend including enjoying watching the harness classes.

With the cooler weather of February, most club members have returned their horses to work in preparation for the 2019 autumn CDE season.



Heidi Stevens with Clyde at the Werribee Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Festival (Dreamscape Photography)

### HILL TOPS CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Tess Smith: Several Hill Tops members headed to Yalbraith over the weekend of January 25-28 for the Goulburn Club's Enduro and pleasure driving event. A lot of fun in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere was had, despite the heat. The hosts even provided a pool of a unique and interesting design!

Beautiful roads along undulating terrain, quiet winding tree lined lanes and trails with lovely scenery greeted the drivers. For those who are less competitive, this event is a wonderful way to get young horses going or to get experienced horses fit.



Charlie Nicholls receiving a ribbon at the Yalbraith Enduro, with Damon Allport and Nikki Flynn (S Fraser)

Peter Dunn competed in the Enduro Horse class with Trinny, and bowled along at a comfortable pace through the rolling hills to finish 4<sup>th</sup> on all

three days and 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Debbie Dunn enjoyed driving her pony Harry, accompanied by her little dogs, and also completed the three days. She finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Pony class.

Nikki Flynn took along her lovely new pony Noah in order to get some miles under his belt, and finished 4<sup>th</sup> on day one, and 5<sup>th</sup> on day three in the Pony class. Her son Charlie was awarded a ribbon for his excellent performance as a groom.

Tess Smith went along to be groom for Graeme and Debbie Dowling and their new pair of grey ponies, and had a lot of fun.

A top weekend was had by all, and some even went home with a bit of extra cash in their pockets after a hot tip saw some grinning winners. This followed the win of Damon Allport's standardbred Boyd Writer, romping home at the Menangle trots. Members and friends were invited to Garry and Judy Harris' property at Cootamundra over the weekend of February 9/10 for a bit of fun, socializing, and a play on the 'equipment' whilst getting some expert advice and assistance. On Sunday a few of the people with bigger horses and ponies went for a drive in perfect weather to Bethungra for lunch.

Amongst the activities planned this year by Hill Tops is an Indoor/Outdoor Series event at Tumut Showgrounds on June 1 and 2 2019. Mark it on your calendar!



Wayne Harris driving his new pony Mickey at the weekend at Cootamundra (J Gorman)

### BUNGENDORE CARRAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Jen Brennan: Bungendore Club sponsored the Harness Ring at the Bungendore Show at the end of January. After a sweltering 40°C the day before, the show day turned out to be mild and overcast. The show society moved the ring to a more suitable location which helped to showcase the harness events. The judge was Jane Paroissien from the Bathurst area. We hope to see many more competitors next year for the new and improved Harness Ring.

The Club held a very successful Training Weekend in early February with Brendan Dwyer. We had drivers from Hill Tops, Camden, Hills, and Southern Highlands Clubs as well as from our club. Brendan was kept busy with a variety of horses and drivers. The water obstacle was popular, as was the bridge. The dressage arena was also well utilized. There were two junior drivers who were thrilled with their lessons, and also with splashing through the water. Everyone really appreciated Brendan's calm and helpful advice. The weekend was casual and fun, which was a relaxing change from competition. It was also a good chance for a friendly catch up with everyone. Many members are booked to have lessons with new World Champion Bram Chardon in mid February organized by the Southern Highlands Club at Bundanoon, and preparations are well under way for our rescheduled Munro Cup on March 8-9 2019.



Junior driver Harry McIntyre at the Bram Chardon Clinic at Bundanoon (Y Wood)

### **LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB**

The drought has really knocked things about for Liverpool Range Club members and no drives or meetings have been held since December. The emphasis now is on organising the Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge on May 1-5 2019 with hosts Vicki Donnelly and Christine O'Rourke. The Ladies Drive has been a great success in the past two years and promises to be a much enjoyed event again this year.

The drivers will be divided into two groups – one for those with smaller ponies and the other for drivers of bigger horses. Both groups will be doing twice daily ten km drives at a walking pace, however everyone will drive together on one of the days for the Chicken and Champagne drive. The aim is to increase confidence in pleasure driving

with the backup of an encouraging and friendly group. All ladies over 16 are welcome, including those unable to bring horses but willing to be grooms.

For further information contact Christine O'Rourke (0418 224 453) or look on the Ladies Drive Face Book page.

### **CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB**

Charlotte Hyles: Bungendore Club organized a training weekend at Doug and Dot Willcoxson's property Witwood on February 2-3 2019. Camden Club members who attended were Sally Crowell with Monty, Maxine Saliba with Katut and Greg and Alison McDonald with Fingal. It was a relaxing weekend full of fun and practical training, ably provided by Brendan Dwyer. Bungendore Club members are well organized and accustomed to running every sort of event, and they instantly made everyone feel welcome.



Maxine Saliba driving Katut having a lesson with Brendan Dwyer at Witwood (D Lopaten)

Saturday was jam packed with one dressage lesson after another, and the day ended with a magnificent dinner served in the clubhouse. Sunday was 'fun day', with lessons revolving around cones and obstacles, including water. Sally was thrilled with her new pony Monty who went over the bridge, under the bridge and straight through the water. It looks like Monty is trusting his new driver more and more. Maxine and Greg said they both gained great benefit from Brendan's experienced instruction. A discussion about vehicle wheel size, balance and fit and why these details are so important, was also much appreciated.

Everyone had a great time and went home with a lot to practice. Many thanks to Bungendore Club for organizing the weekend.



Maxine and granddaughter Isla Meads took their Welsh pony Lucy in the harness classes at the Bowral Show in mid January and were delighted to win a broad sash. Maxine then took Lucy to the Enduro event at Yalbraith at the end of January, before going to the Crookwell Show a week later where Lucy was awarded the Robert Allport Memorial prize for Best Presented Horse or Pony, for which she won a very nice embroidered cotton rug. Carol Fitzpatrick also went to Yalbraith and drove her new Standardbred Ricky. She was very pleased with the way he performed.

### **CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Gaye Lees: It's on! The Fifield Camp Out is on again this year. The dates are Saturday April 20 – Sunday April 28 2019, which is the second week of the school holidays.

This will be the last year that we will hold the Camp Out at Fifield as 'progress' has got in the way. The new Fifield mine will definitely be going ahead. However I have been assured that work will not commence until later in the year.

We are already looking at another venue for next year, so hopefully our annual event will continue for a while yet.

For more information please contact Gaye Lees by email: [gayelee@tpg.com.au](mailto:gayelee@tpg.com.au)

### **GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY**

The Club ran another very successful Enduro at Yalbraith over the long weekend at the end of January. Judy Emerton, Robby Baxter, Damon Allport and Alan Smith were at the helm.

The next activity planned by the club is a drive over Easter from April 19-22 2019 at Laggan. For more information contact Judy Emerton on 02 4829 0185

### **MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

The Club will be running an Indoor/Outdoor Qualifier on May 18-19 2019 at Murrumbidgee.

The other big event the Club is running this year is the Level 3 CDE on September 14-15, also at the well appointed Club grounds Murrumbidgee.

Contact Kerrie Rosetta on 0428 414 518 for more information on both events.

### **RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Michael Jones participated in a Heavy Horse Working event at Gundagai on February 23. He took his horses Annie and Louise and enjoyed the Long Reining, Driven Slide Obstacle, Log Snig, Pumpkin Snatch, Farmers Hay Challenge on Slide and the Stockman's Challenge. Thirteen horses were involved.

Members are preparing for the annual Joe Hawkins Cup Level 3 CDE which will be run on March 16-17 2019 at the Marrar Sportsground. Most of the event will be held within the Marrar Sportsground area. The marathon is approximately 15km long,

with 5 marathon obstacles. It is hoped it will again be a friendly and enjoyable event for all participants.

There is a special incentive this year for owners and drivers in the pony four in hand and horse four in hand classes, with entry fees being waived for these two classes. There are also \$50 cash prizes for the Fittest Horse and Pony, generously sponsored by Scribblegum Design and Print, Young, as well as a prize for the Best Groom.

Entries close on March 8 2019.

For more information contact the Event Secretary Tracey Ellis on 0402 854 696 or [scribblegum64@gmail.com](mailto:scribblegum64@gmail.com)

### **BORDER CARRIAGE CLUB**

Members Ross Carbery and Pam Salter each had lessons with Bram Chardon at his nine day long Clinic at Bundanoon in February. Pam drove a pair of ponies whilst Ross drove a pair of Dutch Gelderlander horses.



Pam Salter having a lesson with Bram Chardon

(T James)

### **HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

The Hunter Club held a very successful activity day at Stroud on February 24. Warren Ricketts set up three activities all designed to be good training exercises as well as challenging and fun to drive. There was a long cones course with plenty of left and right turns and circles, and a gambler's choice with big playing cards on gates of varying widths, and a time limit for running up points. The other activity involved driving as many one handed circles as possible in two minutes, whilst holding a 10m rope coming from a centre pivot, and the rope not to touch the ground – quite difficult as it turned out!

Sixteen people and eight horses were there for the day, with several newcomers along a look. There was a sausage sizzle for lunch, and the drivers and helpers were surprised and delighted to take home prize packs of licorice, carrots and apples for the horses; and lollies for the people. Even the dogs received their own biscuit packs!

The club is experiencing a resurgence in enthusiasm and activity and this very friendly and enjoyable day was yet another example of this.

#### **REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

John Moyes and Kath Cole recently attended the first Endurance event in Victoria, based at Ruffly in the Euroa district, and run by the Carriage Horse Driving Trials Club.

Carolyn and Amanda Blakeley have been busy supporting shows in their area, including the Crookwell Show and the Canberra Royal.

#### **TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Sue Fraser was another NSW driver who went to the Victorian Enduro at Ruffly in February, taking her pony Archie. The grounds at Ruffly were very pleasant, with shade from beautiful big oak trees being much appreciated by all.

#### **NORTH COAST CARRIAGE CLUB**

Rowena Walker: Unfortunately due to wet weather we had to cancel our event for 2019 on February 23. All our club days are based on themes.

As it was the month of February, the ideal theme was to make it a Valentine's Day and mock wedding occasion. Renae Connell designed a basic course involving various tasks one might do to prepare for a wedding: posting invitations, renting a tuxedo, collecting flowers and even dodging the 'crazy ex-girlfriend'! The non timed course was planned with juniors in mind, so, as grooms, they would have the most fun with their 'errands'. The drivers' tasks were to drive as accurately as possible.

We started with Renae's basic design and then we introduced technology! Using the overhead view and measurements available on *six maps*, we planned the course to match the available features on the Megan Recreation Ground at Dorrigo. Unfortunately the cyclone off the Queensland coast had plans of its own and moisture blowing in off the sea stimulated by the disturbance, put an end to our planning and preparation. (The rain was very welcome, however).

Formerly struggling with excessive heat, once we had an event to look forward to, things seemed better. However the weekend forecast was for blustery winds, showers and storms. Dorrigo has its own micro climate and unpredictable weather, with four seasons in one day sometimes! Seventy five mm fell at Megan on Thursday night in a violent wind storm, and we thought it better not to risk visitors getting flooded in at Megan. Some said they were *not* prepared to earn their keep on our farms if the river flooded!

Those of you living in more stable climates may be surprised how often this happens to us here on the North Coast, which is why we don't list our events in the calendar. We can't foresee our likely weather events that far ahead, and often have to cancel, point blank!

All the props and obstacles – old suits, artificial flowers and chocolate frogs, will have to hold over for a bit. Hopefully we can reschedule this event in a fortnight's time.

#### **NOT THAT LEFT, THE OTHER LEFT \***

by Linda Ongley(Hills)

There have been a lot of people asking lately how I manage to compete with you all. Well, here is a little bit of background about how I got started in the Harness World.

In 1995 I completely lost all my sight, and had to get used to a different lifestyle and using a guide dog, but on mastering this, I progressed. In autumn 2000 I visited my family in England. Whilst I was there, my sister-in-law Julie was breaking a pony to harness, and got me involved as well.

Besides being with her cleaning harness and grooming her 6 ponies, most days we went off to the field at the back of the stables, driving her experienced big Shetland called Marmite. It was there that my driving training began.



Linda and Julie driving Marmite on the beach in England in 2000 (I Coward)

There had been a lot of rain and the ground was very soggy, and in some places there was water lying around, but this did not stop us or Marmite. He took it all in his stride.

The first lesson consisted of Julie leading us around the field with me holding the reins to get the feel of being in a vehicle. (I had ridden a little in my younger days, so had to get used to being so far away from the horse's head.)

We progressed to driving lessons, walking to start with. I found at first that I did not have enough hands, especially when having to hold a rein and the whip in one hand. I thought I would never get the hang of it. Even now sometimes I feel the

same, but having my own reins and whip helps. Some days the sun was out and on others it was pouring rain. Not seeing the family's wet French Sheepdog jumping in sometimes made for a nice wet surprise. Once in there, he was quite happy to spend the next hour with us.

The hardest thing I found was trying to keep the pony in a straight line as I always over corrected, and ended up doing a rather good slalom. However with practice, I did get better. This was a real challenge to me on a harness club drive up and down a beach one day. Not only did I have to try and drive a straight line, but I also had to avoid the drivers coming back towards me and those coming from behind.

My brother thought to keep my vision problem from the other members until the lunch break. Everyone then told him how much they admired me for not letting being blind stop me from achieving a goal I had set myself.

I was then invited to join them on a Sunday pleasure drive in the country. This was a bit daunting at first, as part of the route consisted of travelling along a busy four lane road. I certainly felt better once we had changed to a country lane away from the traffic. Most of the others were a lot faster than us, and we did get left behind. However we did not let this worry us, and got to our destination in the end. (A nice hot lunch at a pub)

\*'The Title is a reference to the directions sometimes given by my guides in the vehicle. Who doesn't get their left and right mixed up occasionally ??

*To be continued*



Linda Ongley driving Kim McGregor's pony Rhianna with Kim as groom doing dressage at Witwood in 2015  
(A Ongley)

Ed. Linda has driven many different horses and ponies and has had many different grooms over the years, driving in all disciplines.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

1. Expressions of interest from clubs to run the following **Championships in 2020** are now being called for:

2020 NSW Show Driving Championships

2020 NSW CDE Championships

2020 NSW Driven Dressage Championships

Clubs should submit their EOIs to the NSW Branch Secretary at PO Box 175 Yass NSW 2582 or [carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au](mailto:carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au) prior to the Branch AGM on *June 15 2019*.

2. EOIs are also requested from clubs in the *northern* part of the state to run a **2019 Show Judges/Drivers School** in the May/June period.

The main requirements are access to a ground and a hall/meeting room, and members who can bring horses and vehicles for the candidate judges Prac Exam. Contact SD Convenor Carolyn Blakeley asap on 0438 458 298 or [blakeley3@activ8.net.au](mailto:blakeley3@activ8.net.au)

## 2019 ACDS JUNIOR BURSARY SCHEME

Clubs should encourage their juniors (aged 6 – 17, who are part of an ACDS membership), to apply for financial support in relation to carriage driving under the 2019 Federal ACDS Junior Bursary Scheme. The aim is to encourage and support juniors to maintain their interest in carriage driving, through, for example, funding for travel expenses to competitions and educational activities, and for coaching.

Further information regarding application forms and the closing date will be in the ACDS Journal.

## NOMINATIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2019-20

A form is attached to this Whip Around.

Nominations close on **May 4 2019**. Positions for which nominations are called include President, Vice Presidents(2), Secretary and Treasurer, and Panel members – P & E, CDE, Show Driving, Historical, Young Drivers and Dressage. Members are urged to seriously consider taking on or continuing in these roles for the good of the society and also to give something back to the society.

## ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN 2018

A Nomination and Supporting Statement Form is also attached to this Whip Around. Nominations close on **May 20 2019**. Individuals and clubs are strongly encouraged to nominate deserving members for the categories of CDE Driver, Dressage Driver, Show Driving Driver, Pleasure and Endurance Driver and Junior Driver, well as for the Service to Carriage Driving Award. These are to be based on activities performed **during 2018**. Every club has a member/s who deserves a nomination in at least one of these categories. It is

a great honour to have one's name added to those already listed on the magnificent long standing perpetual trophies.

## RETURN OF TROPHIES

Would the current holders of the perpetual Awards Trophies please contact the State Secretary Amanda Blakeley 0417 228 814 or [carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au](mailto:carriagedrivingnsw@live.com.au) as soon as possible, to arrange the return of the trophies to her no later than **May 20 2019** ?

## NOTES from the Branch Meeting Bathurst February 16 2019

25 members attended from Bungendore, Ellmore, Southern Highlands, Hills, Liverpool Range, Hill Tops, Gulgong, Reedy Creek, and Camden Clubs

### Panel Reports

#### Show Driving

\*Canberra Royal (February) has separate harness classes for standardbreds

\*Sydney Royal starts on April 12

\*the ACDS is now an RAS recognized Registry.

This means that ACDS members will be able to use their ACDS horse registration (except for Breed classes) when entering the Sydney Royal, starting with the 2020 Show.

\*The 2019 NSW Show Driving Championships will be hosted by Reedy Creek Club at Gunning on November 24 2019.

\*A club/s in the northern part of the state is being urgently sought to host the 2019 Show Judges/Drivers School in the May/June period of 2019. Please contact the SD Convenor asap with ideas.

### P & E

\*Escort drivers for pleasure drives on public roads will need to be accredited as Traffic Controllers. Suggested a school be held to train and accredit a number of ACDS members. It was passed that a grant from the State be given to train escort drivers in Traffic Control for the Ladies Drive at Spring Ridge in May.

### CDE

\*Officials, TPR and Scorers Clinic in January very successful. Many thanks to the presenters, SH Club for the loan of equipment, the members who brought horses and vehicles, and all the members who attended.

\*The format of having a number of clinics over the weekend worked well and gave everyone a chance to join in, listen and learn about the various aspects involved in running events.

\*Re CDE rules: Suggestions raised: reduction in the minimum age for junior drivers – possibly to 10 yrs; include ponies up to 12.2 or 127cm in the Small Pony class; qualifications for Championships be reverted to two Level 4 events

or one Level 3 event. These will be followed through by the NSW CDE Panel.

\*Clubs organizing events are asked to use *different officials* for each event, so that accredited officials continue to get experience and fulfill requirements to stay on the list. Some officials never get asked to officiate in the 3yr period between accreditations, and could be tempted to let their accreditation lapse, thus being lost to the list.

\*Members in the midst of becoming new officials are advised to contact clubs running events, and ask to assist alongside the relevant officials, to gain some experience.

\*Indoor/Outdoor Series 2019: The following clubs have approval for qualifiers: Reedy Creek May 4, Murrumbidgee May 18/19, Hill Tops June 1/2, Tamworth June 9/10 and Ellmore June 29/30. (nine qualifiers in total) Drivers must complete two qualifiers without elimination to be able to compete in the Finals.

Northern Final Aug 24/25 – host to be advised; Southern Qualifier Aug 31/Sept 1 Southern Highlands Club

The dressage test to be used in 2019 is yet to be advised.

### Dressage

\*New Dressage Rulebook: The NSW Panel has responded to the unexpected new Dressage Rulebook presented at the Federal Council Meeting in October, including the following objections which impact on Driven Dressage:

^Imposition of a minimum wheel width of 125cm: will impact some drivers of VSEs, and drivers with show vehicles and viceroys, and also require more stewards for events. Wheel width are not relevant to dressage.

^Addition of a Presentation mark in Championships (not used in Graded Dressage events): could result in the driver with the Bells and Whistles beating the driver with the best horse.

^Change of name from Graded Dressage to Graded Driven Dressage Qualifier (GDDQ): panel believes there is no need to add the word 'qualifier'. Unofficial events can be called simply that.

^Tests: Objection to the restriction on tests able to be driven in Graded Dressage and that these must be chosen by the Federal Dressage Panel, not the club organizing committee. New test to be introduced at the Championships.

^Pro Forma schedule and entry is 6-7 pages long: too complicated and has a declaration re a 'lockdown'. All this could deter drivers from entering.

^If a Club wishes to run a Championships, it must run a qualifier in the same year: panel felt this was unnecessary as many clubs have previously run large successful competitions.

^The new Rulebook was converted to a Rulebook and a Handbook after initial objections. NSW panel feels it should be just one document. \*Clubs are asked to take this information back to their members and if unhappy with any of the points, write to the Federal Convenor to voice what the drivers want.

\*The section on running cones has been removed. Not necessary in a Dressage Rulebook.

\*There is now no need for the Dressage Arena to be erected by a Course Designer as was stated in the first draft of the Rulebook.

#### **Historical**

\*Historic Database – photos and videos of club events as well as state and national championships have been added.

\*To add to the Database, Convenor Alan Ongley is willing to travel to scan photos and slides and convert film to digital media. Location and owners' identity will be held in strict confidence. Contact Alan on 0407 452 836 (leave a message) or [alan.ongley@gmail.com](mailto:alan.ongley@gmail.com)

#### **Junior Drivers**

\*Eight juniors from across Australia have been awarded Federal ACDS Bursaries from the 2018 applications. Only two of these were from NSW. More opportunities to apply in 2019 – includes driving and non driving junior members. The aim is to encourage and help them achieve goals in the carriage driving world.

\*Yalbraith Enduro – no junior drivers but two who were grooms, plus two others who were very helpful on the ground.

#### **Website Coordinator Report**

\*Website calendar is updated twice a month  
\*Clubs are reminded to put the *event name and date* in the title of the document – not just a heading saying 'program and entry form'.  
\*The NSW Facebook site is a great success

#### **Other Business**

\*Expressions of Interest are now being requested from clubs to run the following NSW Championships in 2020: Show Driving, CDE and Driven Dressage. Applications to the Branch Secretary by the AGM on June 15 2019

\*ACDS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021 – venue for an event featuring all disciplines is being sought. One suggestion was Quirindi Showground, with neighbouring clubs working together to run the whole event.

\*Much dissatisfaction was expressed about the difficulty in logging into the Federal ACDS website and the fact that certain parts such as publications are able to be accessed only by members. The NSW Secretary has been asked to write to the Federal Secretary re the problems.

\*Defibrillators – one club has purchased a defibrillator and several clubs are applying for funding to purchase defibrillators

**Next Branch Meeting** – AGM & General Meeting  
Saturday June 15 2019 at Bathurst Panthers Club  
10.30am



Kristy and Ellie French with Butterfly at the Tamworth Club Rally Day in February (E O'Brien)

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We had the sulky fully restored by Clint Jones of Glenorie. The timbers used in the restoration were kauri, hickory, tulipwood and American ash. The leather upholstery was done by Mark Burton of Canberra and the burgundy paintwork and lining was the work of Jeff Hicks from Brisbane.

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