

## **NSW DISCIPLINE PANEL REPORTS AGM 2021**

### **NSW CDE REPORT 2021**

Carriage driving has slowly been getting back into the swing of things as we have become accustomed to life with COVID. It appears this will be our normal routine for a while longer yet. However, it was nice to see the drought break in most of Australia, but unfortunately this created flooding for some of our members, ironic, after they had to deal with the worst bushfires in NSW history. I hope all our members have recovered and have managed to get back to some normality.

I would like to thank my panel members Debbie Dunn, Kerrie Rosetta, Dot Willcoxson and Graeme Dowling for their support throughout 2020/2021.

Dot Willcoxson will not be standing on the NSW CDE panel this time around, as she has taken on the role as our ACDS Federal President. Thank you, Dot for your amazing wealth of knowledge, prompt responses and input into combined driving in NSW. We wish you all the best in your role as Federal President.

I would also like to thank our State president, Mr Peter Dunn for his unconditional support throughout the year, letting me vent my frustrations, I hope his ears are okay, as I have bashed them on a regular basis.

I believe NSW carriage driving is in a good place, thanks to a very positive and supportive State Branch Executive steering the ship. Thank you too all.

During our COVID journey, Ellmore Club managed to sneak in a L3 CDE last November and we also got the the L3 Joe Hawkins Cup up and running this year.

As always, our NSW calendar is full of events during the winter months, with an action-packed Spring program coming up.

Following the cancellation of last year's State CDE Championships, we are looking forward to running again this year at the exciting new venue at Boorowa. Ellmore Club has been very busy building the new course and obstacles in preparation for an exciting weekend.

About CDE's in general, Southern Highlands Club was offered sponsorship to encourage combined driving events in NSW and came up with the idea of running a series of CDE's where scores accumulate over a number of events, with prize money to be awarded at the completion of the series.

Organisation for this year's series is underway and will be known as the Southern Super Series. We are fortunate to have Lyn Callaghan from Scribblegum Design & Print, again kindly offering her support.

A flyer is being prepared for distribution, and if not already out, will be in the very near future. If the concept works well this season, it is hoped to continue next year.

Amongst all this, NSW also has the Dressage Championships and Show Driving Championships, providing us with an amazing program of events. I understand cost and time can get in the way, but I urge members to support as many events as possible. All these clubs put a lot of their time and effort into making these events happen for drivers, and let's hope COVID does not rear its ugly head and bring things to a halt.

Happy driving and take care wherever you may be.

**Regards**

**NSW State CDE Convenor 2020/21**

**Tracey Ellis**

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### **NSW DRESSAGE REPORT 2021**

Not much has happened since the last report. We do have two GDDQ scheduled before the NSW Dressage Championships in October. One GDDQ had to be cancelled due to wet grounds, but this is being rescheduled for August so check the NSW Calendar.

I ask drivers if they are not yet qualified to support these clubs that run these events. Even if you have done two qualifiers support these clubs and a bit more training is beneficial to everyone.

I would like to say we have here in NSW 4 Novice Dressage Judges and 4 Advanced Dressage Judges who have not done a reaccreditation workshop.

I am currently waiting on directives from the Federal Dressage Convenor on which format is going to be used to accredit or reaccredit judges. If judges are going to continue to judge you must attend the next workshop. If you are not sure of your status you can send me an email and I can let anyone know.

**Regards**

**NSW Dressage Convenor.**

**Sue Plath**

## **SHOW DRIVING REPORT 2021**

Sydney Royal ran this year after having a year off due to COVID-19. Numbers were down mainly to uncertainty of border closures for interstate competitors, but the quality was still present in the ring, and it was a great show.

ACDS members in both the light and heavy harness were well represented and amongst the ribbons with some members taking home broad ribbons.

At this stage Adelaide and Melbourne Royal are still running. The western NSW Ag show circuit starts early August, it is best to check with each show society that they have classes, Parkes and Peak Hill usually have harness classes.

I would like to thank Jan Muspratt for her time and commitment in being the Federal Show Driving Convenor for several years.

NSW State Show Driving Championships are to be held Sunday 28th November at Hawkesbury Showground; schedule will be out later in the year. Planning is progressing well and if you would like to sponsor any classes, please contact me.

The Federal AGM is on-line this year and show driving has some great presenters for our discipline presentation. Hopefully, you were able to join us on-line.

**Happy Driving**

**NSW Show Driving Convenor**

**Carolyn Blakeley**

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## **PE&H REPORT 2021.**

Although Covid has been ever present in our World as we know it Carriage Driving has still been enjoyed by many of our members, Clubs Members are still enjoying Pleasure Drives and Club Days that have been planned and undertaken across our State.

As a member of the NSW ACDS State Executive, I was extremely proud of the 40th Anniversary Celebration Event that was held at Boorowa over Easter 2021, this event was well received, and it was refreshing to see members who usually drive Pleasure and Endurance events, have an enjoyable time doing Dressage, Cones and Obstacle Courses, alongside a couple of Pleasure Drives, and in reverse it was good to see members who usually only do CDE ,Dressage or Showing enjoy the Pleasure Drives.

The Showground at Boorowa proved to be an Excellent Venue to run all forms of Carriage Driving with nice open country roads to hold, Marathon, Endurance and Pleasure drives, and a Showground that has all the Facilities and ample Grounds for CDE Obstacles to be constructed.

Safety / All the Members who have Planned and Organised Pleasure and Endurance Drives including Club Days it is good to see all are aware of the requirements in relation to Members Safety in line with Bio Security forms for COVID safety and Risk assessments.

Please note that we do have Vacancies on the PE&H Panel, any member who would like to be on the PE&H Panel, please contact me if you wish to discuss.

**Regards**

**NSW PE&H Convenor**

**John Tonkiss**

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## **SECRETARY REPORT .2021**

I would like to open my Report by saying that this past year as State Secretary has been to say the least interesting and yet frustrating having to deal with a whole new process in running our Branch and Sport, what with organizing ZOOM Meetings and Dealing with many Events and Meeting Cancellations including COVID requirements that have been placed before us to be undertaken by our Members, but in short we as a Society have raised to the tasks set before us.

Our current Membership number at the time of writing this report is as below.

Family Members 93, Single Members 141, Assoc 8, Junior 2, Life Members 7 with a Total Membership of 251.

When I became Secretary, I stated that I would Endeavor to streamline this role and make it an easier Position, so this year I have exclusively used Emails, when possible, with the assistance of the Club Secretaries who forward information to those members in their club who don't have Email Addresses, now 239 Emails are sent out to members directly. This has saved me a lot of time and Expense for the State Branch.

**Regards, John Tonkiss. (JT)**

## **NSW ACDS NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2021**

The number of June Whip Arouns sent out in the last ten years shows: 2010: 289, 2011: 300, 2012: 309 2013: 306 2014: 310 2015: 323 2016: 282 2017:281 2018: 269 2019: 245 2020: 232 and in 2021 241. Regarding the June 2021 issue, about 28% of members opted to receive it by mail (black and white) with the rest receiving it by email (colour).

I am still able to have the Whip Around printing done at a very reasonable rate, thus keeping the costs down considerably. Of course, overall printing and postage expenses have reduced a lot since the emailing option was adopted. The cost of postage at \$1.10 per stamp makes up the bulk of the cost per issue.

In this job, news and photos need to be gathered 8 times a year – 4 times for the Whip Around (deadlines Feb 20, May 20, Aug 20, and Nov 20) and 4 times for the Journal (Jan 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct 15). Reminders always go out to the club secretaries and publicity officers at least two weeks before these deadlines.

I receive regular newsletters from the Hills, Hunter and Tamworth Clubs and there are some exceptionally reliable contributors from a few other clubs. However, over the last six months or so it has been extremely hard to obtain news from several of the remaining clubs, even with regular reminders, and even when events have been back on the board. Therefore, several Clubs have simply not appeared in the Journal or Whip Around news. It is such a pity that the members of those clubs are not represented in Whip Around or Journal news.

Reports are much more interesting if the names (including surnames) of the people who attended events are mentioned, rather than just general descriptions of events. Reports are also really enhanced if accompanied by photos. Clubs should always try to have someone taking photos at their events, even if just one or two photos.

Photos titled with the names of drivers and horses and the photographers' names (and even suitable captions) are very much appreciated. Many thanks to the contributors who always do this. Not having to chase up names and photographers' names makes things much easier.

Being a carriage driving society, I think photos of members driving their horses are the most significant. Of paramount importance is that photos depict safe practices, and if juniors are shown in vehicles, they must be wearing helmets, and have an adult in with them if aged under 16, as per the ACDS rules.

I remind clubs again that written 'permission to publish' from parents or guardians regarding photos of children under 18, is essential. I have a big list of juniors for which this permission has been given, but new juniors are constantly cropping up in photos. Club secretaries and publicity officers need to be alert to the rule, organise 'permission to publish' and let me know it has been done. Many thanks to those who are already 'on the ball' with this.

The NSW Branch and the Hills Club were harness class sponsors again at the Sydney Royal this year whilst the Hills Club also sponsored classes at the Hawkesbury Show in April. With so many events cancelled over the last 12 months, the usual publicity gained from running Pleasure Drives and Enduros, as well as Championship events, has not been possible. However, the 40th Anniversary Celebration at Boorowa would no doubt have attracted a lot of interest in the town over the week.

Thank you again to all the people who have contributed to the Whip Around and to the Journal over the last year. This includes those who provided remarkably interesting histories of their clubs for editions during 2020 when current news was hard to come by.

**NSW Newsletter Editor June 2021**

**Janet Muspratt**