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at the 40th Anniversary Festival

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' August 29 2011

Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting August 27 2011 at Tamworth

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am

Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day

Please notify Judy Harris on (02) 6942 6762 of intention to attend by August 19 2011

NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
June		
18-19	Training Weekend at Moronglo Showground Ellmore Club	Zita Farrell 02 6382 4972
18-19	Driving Weekend at Pialloway Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
19	TPR School at Laggan Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 04 0031 3803
25-26	Driving Weekend at Lostock Hunter Club	Denese Ward 02 4938 9167
26	Winter Harness Gymkhana at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
26	Driving Fun Day at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Gail Haberman 02 6954 1241
26	Orienteering in Penrose Forest Southern Highlands Club	Tracey Greenacre 0402 854 696
July		
2-9	Enduro at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 04 0031 3803
3	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
15-16	Mudgee Field Days Display Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
16-17	Federal ACDS Conference and AGM at Albury	Brendan Dwyer 04 0783 8700
16-17	Wollombi Barnstay Driving Weekend at Wollombi Hunter Club	Cathie Browning 02 9452 3075
23	Course Designers and Officials Workshops at Witwood NSW Dressage and CDE Panels	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164 Bruce Hammond 02 6955 1205
24	Hills Club AGM and Anniversary Lunch RDA Box Hill	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
30	Reunion Dinner venue TBC Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
31	Concours d'Elegance at Tocal Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
31	Orienteering Penrose Forest Southern Highlands Club	Tracey Greenacre 0402 854 696
August		
6-7	Come and Try Day and Campover at Chris Hills' Gulgong Club	Chris Hills 02 6374 1818
6-9	Putty Valley Drive at Putty Hills Club	June Malmberg 0418 417 147
14	Interclub Challenge Day at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Sue Plath 02 4681 9538
14	Carnival Capers at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Linda Newman 026955 2284
20-21	Dressage and Cones Day at Lockhart Murrumbidgee Club	Bruce McNally 02 6920 4876
27	NSW Branch Meeting at Tamworth	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
27-28	Driver Development School venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
27-28	Training Weekend at Morongla Ellmore Club TBC	Zita Farrell 02 6382 4972
28	Orienteering Interclub Challenge Penrose Forest Sthern Highlands	Tracey Greenacre 0402 854 696
September		
3-4	Kate Wholagan School venue TBC Temora Club	Ben Rosetta 04 2915 9029
3-4	Interclub Weekend at Stroud Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
10-11	Winery Weekend at Mudgee Gulgong Club	Jim Gilbey 02 6372 1996
10-11	Graded Dressage & One Hr CDE at Murrami Murrumbidgee Club	Robyn Schmetzer 02 6955 2331
11	Dressage and Cones Day at Rossmore Reserve Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
17-25	Royal Far West Charity Drive at Quirindi Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6741 1773
24	Social Night venue TBC Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
24-25	Pleasure Drive, Interstate Cones & Mini CDE at Hinemoa Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 02 6343 3292
October		
2	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
8-9	Gulgong to the Crusher at Gulgong Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6374 2750
8	NSW Show Driving Championships at Jugiong Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9	Dressage and Cones at Jugiong Canberra Club	Penny Jacobs 02 6943 2667
9	Safety & New Horse/New Driver Day at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
30	NSW ACDS Show Judges /Drivers School at Bundanoon Show Panel & Southern Highlands Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
November		
5-6	NSW CDE Championships venue TBC	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
6	Social Drive venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
10 -14	Equitana at Sydney Showground	Tracey Greenacre 0402 854 696
12	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
20	Australian Show Driving Championships at Hawkesbury Showground Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

26	NSW Branch Meeting venue TBA	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
26-27	Christmas Party venue TBC Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 026374 2750
December		
4	Christmas Get Together venue TBC Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
10	Christmas Party at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

NSW PANEL CONVENORS 2011 -2012

P & E	To be confirmed
Show Driving	Janet Muspratt 02 96066085 jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au
Dressage	To be confirmed
CDE	Bruce Hammond 02 69551205 bhammond@iinet.net.au
Historical	To be confirmed



John Moyes at the Festival CDE Bundanoon (ph K Thomas)

CLUB NEWS

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Marty Boyce: Members have been busy competing in a number of events over the last few months, culminating in the celebration of the club's 10th anniversary over the weekend of June 21-22.

Kath Cole and John Moyes travelled many kilometres in the lead up to the 40th Anniversary Festival. Kath took out 1st place in her class in the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar driving Bojangles, pipping John who finished 2nd driving Nicholas. John and Kath also attended the mini CDE at Hinemoa, driving Wee Jordie and Regina. The travel finally led to Bundanoon and John was extremely proud to pick up 3rd place in his class in the National titles, driving Nicholas.

Marty Boyce with Jess Parramore as co driver, entered Effie in the Fifield Enduro in April, with mixed results. After running strongly up to the rest day, Effie succumbed to a stone bruise that was picked up on day 2, and was withdrawn from the remainder of the event. Although it was disappointing to have to withdraw, it was another significant learning opportunity and the assistance provided by other drivers was gratefully received. Special thanks must go to Neil and Rosemary Munn, John Hetherington and Damon Allport for their willingness to assist, providing guidance and hands on help. We look forward to a return to Fifield next year. Effie has enjoyed a well earned rest and has recently started training and fitness work for the upcoming Marrar endurance event. Our club's 10th anniversary was a terrific weekend with Central West and Goulburn Club members joining Reedy Creek members for the celebrations.

On Saturday, novelty events were the order of the day with the old tuckshop favourite Wagon Wheels given out as prizes. On Saturday night there was live music provided by Wayne Rogers from Albion Park, and various degrees of dance ability on display. Shiralee Unger and Robert Allport were judged Best Dressed for the evening. The party continued until the wee hours. Those fit enough the next morning either took the opportunity to do a 25km pleasure drive around the Laggan area, or have some specialized training by Warren Ricketts.

Elaine Daley driving her pony Claudie, has been receiving lessons from Max Pearce with very pleasing results. We look forward to seeing Elaine zipping around the cones and obstacles in the near future. Our newest members, the Warren family, have recently been out to Laggan to drive the ponies and are progressing very well. Young Lloyd quickly pointed out that he had a clear round whilst his mum Bronwyn knocked over two balls, during the cones.

Congratulations to John Moyes for being awarded a Service Certificate at the recent Branch AGM.

Our thoughts are with Cath Felber who had a nasty fall during Easter, but is now recovering well.

The club will be holding a TPR School at Laggan on Sunday June 19 2011. For details contact Kylie Boyce on 0400 313 803 or

reedycreekequestrianclub@gmail.com

The next major event for the Reedy Creek Club is the 5th annual Marrar Endurance Drive to be held on July 2-9 2011. Details: Kylie Boyce (see above)

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Robyn Schmetzer, Gail Heberman and Trevor Brand all competed at the 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon. In the CDE Robyn finished 5th in a field of 20 competitors in the Novice Pony o 121cm, which Trevor came 5th out of 11 in the Pony Pairs class. Prior to Bundanoon, Gail and Robyn competed for the first time in the Fifield Enduro, driving in the hotly contested Horse section.



Gail Haberman and Robyn Schmetzer at Fifield Members enjoyed the pleasure drive at Lockhart in May, jointly organized by Bruce McNally from Murrumbidgee and Di Murray from the Riverina Club.

Gail Haberman is organizing a Driving Fun Day at Murrami on June 26, with an emphasis on working heavy horses. Details from Gail on 02 69541241

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

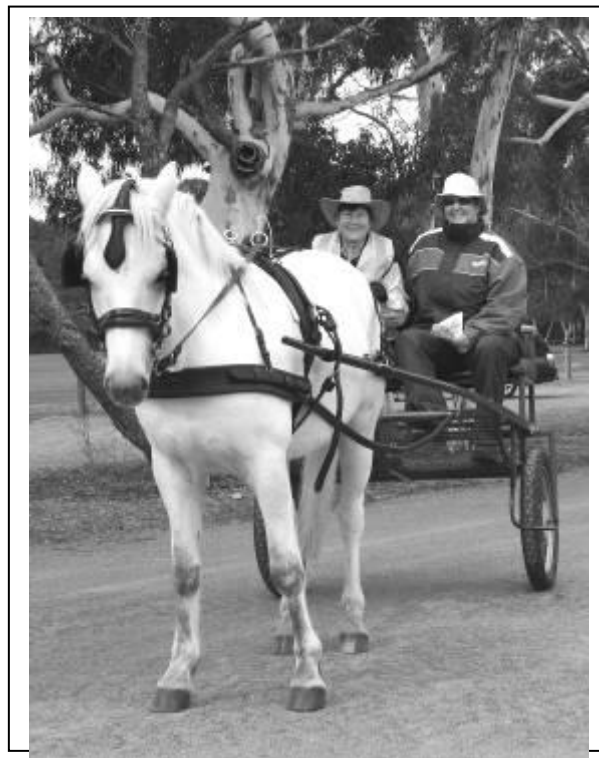
Canberra Club members have had a busy autumn beginning with lessons with Kate Wholagan, followed by the Marrar CDE and finishing with a lovely fun pleasure driving weekend at Lockhart. Several members also competed at the 40th Anniversary Festival with success, whilst others groomed to support club members. Whilst the horses are having a winter break, members are preparing for a Come and Try Day in the spring. The Club is also busy preparing to host the NSW Show Driving Championships at Jugiong on October 8. This will be followed the next day by a Graded Dressage Day, so there will be plenty to fill a great weekend.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

A number of Camden members competed at the 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon. Pam Fisher, with husband Noel as back up crew, had a successful day with her pony Max at the Show, and Nicki Price accompanied by Carol Fitzpatrick took part in the Pleasure Drive. Greg McDonald drove in the Dressage Championships, whilst Martyn Minns competed in the Dressage Championships, the Show, the Cones Classic and the CDE Championships. Carol Fitzpatrick was

also the TPR official for the Endurance Event and at the end of the CDE.

Carol drove her pair at the Hills Club pleasure drive at Wallacia in May, whilst Maxine Saliba joined the group at lunchtime and went for an afternoon drive with Carol.



Nicki Price and Carol Fitzpatrick on the Pleasure Drive at the 40th Anniversary Festival

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Club Secretary Sue Plath writes:

The Southern Highlands Club conducted the ACDS 40th Anniversary Festival over 10 days in April, and judging by the many cards, emails and phone calls, it appears that the festivities were well received. All six states and the ACT were represented as well as New Zealand.

The club wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported this event.

Coming events for the club until the end of the year include a PR stand at Winterfest in Bundanoon, two dressage workshops, a junior clinic, a one hour CDE and graded dressage, and Christmas in July, as well as orienteering in Penrose Forest and the Interclub Challenge Day between Southern Highlands, Hills and Camden in August. On October 30 the club is hosting the annual NSW Show Driving Judges and Drivers School.

The club is pleased to announce that three new junior members have joined the club. It has high hopes that more will follow.

NORTH COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Karen Anderson:

Driving on the mid North Coast is getting better and better with members attending club days and

other social days around the beautiful Macleay Valley and districts. Jim McKenna, Don Purcell and Lorraine Nichols ventured up the mountain to join the Tamworth Club for their weekend at Walcha, and our club has extended a return invitation to Tamworth members to take the drive down to the coast to join us on one of our weekends. May saw our members gather at Unkya Reserve for a pleasure drive and practice day for the up and coming Agricultural Shows. We were visited by some members of the Dalmatian Club of NSW who approached us about assistance with training their dogs for their Coach Dog Titles. This event is very big in the UK. The dog is examined on its natural ability to follow the coach, as well as watch and guard it. My horse Chelsea and I assisted Trevor and Maree from the Dalmatian Club and they have asked if this could become a regular event. For more about the Coach Dogs and the carriage driving partnership see the website <http://carriagedog.org/BCDS/Home>



Karen Anderson and Chelsea with the dalmatians
In May a number of our members attended the Nambucca River District Agricultural Show for the harness classes. The weather was not particularly kind to us. As soon as we were harnessed up and ready to go, the heavens opened up and down she came. All our horses did extremely well and stood like statues against the rain, with their drivers and grooms sitting and standing like cab drivers of old, waiting for the next fare. Murphy's law was definitely there on the day, and as soon as our classes were finished the sun began to shine again. Showing in these conditions was very difficult as the ring was very boggy and our vehicles were covered in mud by the end of the day. Success was had by all who entered and it was great to see our Treasurer Rowena Walker entering the lady driver class for the first time.

TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB

Kerrie Rosetta:

The Temora Carriage Club got off to a great start with a TPR School conducted after the last state AGM at Cootamundra. New members of the Temora Club attended the school to learn all about

the skills and knowledge needed to become a TPR steward.

Club President Phil Rosetta turned 60 on June 1 and a surprise party was held for him on June 4, with a number of carriage driving members attending. A club drive was held the day after the party, and this was the first time junior member Cameron Roberts drove at a club event.



Cameron Roberts with Emily Stead on her first Temora Club pleasure drive

ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Brendan Dwyer:

We would like to warmly welcome our newest member to the Club, Rebecca Knight from Grenfell.

Ellmore Club members have been far and wide in recent months. At the Fifield Enduro junior driver Tom Finn with grandfather Michael Finn as co driver successfully completed the Horse course, whilst Fergus Finn accompanied Ron Guihot had a good run in the Pony class.



Ron Guihot and Fergus Finn at Fifield
Meanwhile, several of us had a great time at the 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon. The Dwyer family enjoyed the full 10 day program along with some success in the Anniversary Show, the Dressage Championships and Historical Vehicles competitions, as well as the Australian

CDE Championships. Kookie Engelsman and Chuckie Radnedge competed in the Cones Driving competition and the CDE Champs with a pony pair and open pony respectively, achieving good results.

Michael Finn, Ron Guihot, Bluey Delboux and Peter Lotherington are all heading off on the Gulgong to Grenfell Pilgrimage Drive, which promises to be a great experience. Michael also plans to compete at the upcoming Marrar Enduro. The Club has decided to postpone its June training weekend to a date in late August or early September, yet to be confirmed. Looking further ahead, the Engelsmans are planning to host another pleasure drive and mini CDE at 'Hinemoa' Grenfell on September 24 /25.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Mal Welsh:

Riverina Carriage Driving Society held its Joe Hawkins Cup CDE in early April. It was a very successful event for us. Congratulations to Ben Rosetta on winning the cup this year, driving his Haflinger mare. Garry Harris drove his pony team and Mark Peel his horse team. Spectators at the Sunday marathon were amazed how these drivers and the other combinations of singles, pairs and a pony tandem negotiated the obstacles. We as a club were very gratified by the many messages of thanks to us from the competitors, some of whom travelled very long distances. It certainly made all the work and effort worthwhile.

Speaking of work, the effort put in by Alan Bowyer (Event Director) and his team of Michael Jones, Peter Bryant, Patrick Mockler, Sue Fraser (Event Secretary), David and Judy Royle, and Di and Bob Murray was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the dressage judges Ann Robertson and her penciller Mara Hayler who travelled all the way from Melbourne, Dot Willcoxson and her penciller Lorraine Wharton; Jack Wind the cones judge, Sue Wind the scorer, and to Virginia Jones and Mary Crawshaw for stewarding on the Saturday.



Di Murray in the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar

Di Murray drove her pony Shadow at the 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon, placing very well in several events. David and Judy Royle drove their pony Erinskay Corelli there too. They have since sold Corelli to Lyn Cunnew from Young. Lyn drove him at our next event which was the pleasure driving weekend at Lockhart, run in conjunction with the Murrumbidgee Club. (see report in this Whip Around)

Michael Jones has been busy with his Clydesdales, attending the 150 Year Celebrations at Morven near Culcairn and the 100 Year Celebrations at Ganmain at the Catholic Church. Meanwhile, Cheryl Drummond drove her pony Monty at the Tumbarumba Show where she won Champion Harness Pony/Horse and was Best on Parade.

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

Elizabeth McIntosh:

The Bungendore Autumn Fair was held on April 3 and the Bungendore Carriage Driving Society had a display at it. Several members arrived bright and early to set up the display of two historical vehicles, a four wheel CDE carriage, some harness and a board displaying various bits.

The Fair was well attended and the members were kept busy explaining about the Club, the vehicles, the sport of carriage driving and typical events. Many children climbed about, and one little boy asked where the steering wheel was !

It was a lovely day. The weather was perfect and the members enjoyed themselves munching on fresh fruit supplied all day by one of the other stalls. Many thanks to the Tritschlers, the Burtons and the MacArthurs for representing the Club at the Fair.



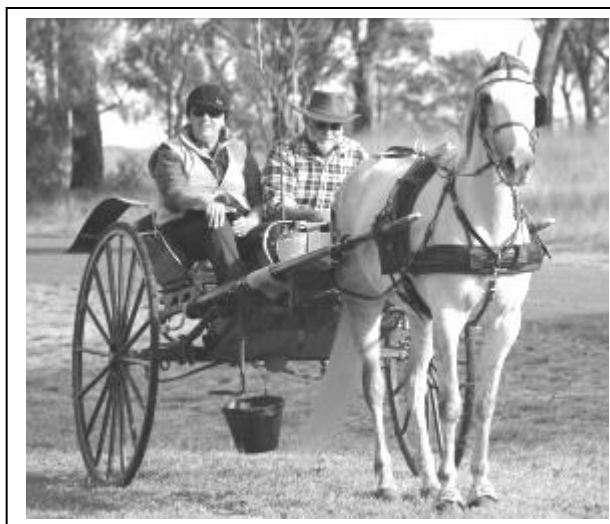
Lizzie McIntosh competing in the Anniversary Festival Show at Bundanoon

The last couple of months have been extremely busy for Bungendore Club members with Ag shows, the Royal Easter Show and the ACDS 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon. Max Pearce competed at the Easter Show, sometimes in awful weather. I think we could start a song 'The 12 Days of Carriage Driving' judging by the quantity of horses, harnesses, carriages and grooms he had to take along for a successful show.

Max, Tamara Abed and Elizabeth McIntosh also took part in the Goulburn Show in mid March. In April Gail Lodge, Tamara and Elizabeth were competitors at the 40th Anniversary Festival. Tamara entered the Driven Dressage, whilst Elizabeth drove in the Show and the CDE, and Gail in the CDE. All had a very enjoyable time and felt it was fantastic to be a part of the Festival.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

Wazza's 50km weekend drive from Coolah to Dunedoo attracted a good roll up of members including Warwick Leeson, Chris Hills, Sam Loveday, Neil and Rosemary Munn, Donny Hobbs, Leroy and Jo Trengove, Robbie and Vicki Bennett, Brad Lincoln, Harry Arnall, Tony Stafford and Luke Milsom. All up, there were 8 horse drawn vehicles and several riders. Ted and Anneliese Curby and Sam and Rody Williams attended the 'King of the Ranges' event at Murrurundi at the end of April. The event was excellent and highly recommended to attend next year.



Rosemary and Neil Munn with Annie at Fifield

The Wollar weekend drive was on May 14-15. Red Buchanan takes up the story: All up 15 members turned up for the 25km drive to the property Derowan. On the way, travelling along Barragun Rd, some of the members called in to have a guided tour of a beautiful historic house made from blocks of sandstone. What a lot of time and effort must have gone into the making of them, back in those days. On arrival at Derowan we were greeted by the owner John Jakes offering help to everyone, including gathering us some logs which was much appreciated. The horses were yarded and fed, the fire was lit and with the sun going down, Rocky the Labrador got to know everyone. After dark John and his wife came to have a bit of a yarn and meet everyone. The night was cold, but the morning was even colder. However soon all were harnessed up and we started back for the return trip. After a stop for lunch, we arrived back

at Wollar, loaded up and said goodbye, with talk of the next trip, before setting off for home. A big thank you to Joe Glover and Jim Gilbey for organizing the trip route, and to Donny Hobbs for the history of the area. A great trip...cold though.

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

Hunter members Rosemary Laing, Helen Huckerby and George and Doreen Sinclair went to the Fifield Enduro in April, together with Rosemary's pony Tinker and Helen's Mishka. Jill Buisman was missed as the 'housemother', as were Fifield regulars Queen Kath (Kath Smith) and June Malmberg. George groomed for Rosemary, driving Tinker, for the first two days, after which Helen took over as groom. Once again Tinker shone as an Endurance pony and won her section. Mishka did not compete in the Enduro but was driven in the afternoons after the Enduro drives were finished. She was tested out at times, with stray sheep, noisy llamas and huge pieces of farm machinery.

When the Fifield event finished, Rosemary and Helen with Tinker and Mishka had a night in Parkes, before heading for Bundanoon for the Festival. After setting up camp, they were pleased to see John and Helen Bryce arrive. They all went on the Pleasure drive the next day. Rosemary, Helen and Tinker then competed in the two day Enduro in the Penrose Forest, on a course which presented quite different conditions to those at Fifield - hilly terrain and some uneven ground, but with nice sandy tracks. Tinker was, however, still able to return in some good times. They stayed until Easter Saturday enjoying watching the events, the evening presentations by David Saunders and meeting lots of old friends and making some new ones.



Ashleigh Allison Woods with Ashwood Elite at the Sydney Royal

The Sydney Royal was the destination in April for other Hunter members Ashleigh and Robin Allison Woods, Laurie and Barbara Smith and Paul and Denese Ward. Ashleigh and Robin had a very pleasing show with a number of horses and ponies culminating in winning the Light Harness Supreme Champion Turnout with Mayflowers Beau Supreme, whilst Barbara also had success with

several good placings with her pony Brampton Dreams in their first Royal appearance. Paul and Denese again competed with success in the Business and Delivery Horse events with Georgia. The Club has two camping weekends coming up soon. The first is the Lostock Driving Weekend on June 25-26 being organized by Denese and Paul Ward. Accommodation will be in a Lostock Scout house, situated 3km from the Lostock Dam, about 23km north of Gresford, on the Paterson River Rd. The road for the drive follows the Paterson River upstream towards the Barrington Tops, through private properties. It has a superb surface, and traffic is extremely scarce. There is plenty of sleeping accommodation in the house and it is equipped with fridges, microwaves, crockery, cutlery, an outdoor BBQ and a slow combustion stove. Participants will need to bring their own bedding, food and drinks. There are limited numbers of stockyards so it is best to bring portable yards. Cost : \$3 per day per person (to cover hire of the house)

Contact Denese Ward for more details and to book in on 02 4938 9167 or

info@hvweddingcarriages.com.au

The other driving weekend will be the Wollombi Barn Stay on July 16-17. Pleasure drive on Sat and tuition /training on Sun. BYO food and drinks. Details: Cathie Browning 02 9452 3075

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

Congratulations to Robert Allport and Robbie Baxter for their election to the Pleasure and Endurance panel in NSW, together with Michael Finn (Ellmore), Neil Munn (Gulgong) and John Hetherington (Gulgong).

Robbie Baxter and Damon Allport competed in the Fifield Enduro with Robbie coming home with 3rd overall in the Horse section.

Goulburn Club's next drives will be after winter is over, but several Goulburn members are currently on the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive, and some will be attending the Liverpool Range Drive in September at Quirindi.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

Hills Club member Kim McGregor had a wonderful Sydney Royal this year. She was thrilled to drive her horse Judstan Khabir to be awarded Supreme Champion Non Hackney Horse or Pony in Harness. Kim has done all the work with the horse, breaking him into harness and saddle and working him up to top showing level. She also rides and jumps Khabir at Pony Club and competes with success in saddle on him at Ag shows. Not many Champions in Harness at Royals would have this background these days. Khabir was bred by another Hills member Judy Shore. The Hills Club May pleasure drive was held at a new venue near Bents Basin at the foot of the Blue Mountains. Bob and Roz West were hosts for the

day and led the two hour drive out through a large neighbouring property and eventually along the banks of the Nepean River. There were ten vehicles on the drive in lovely warm sunny conditions. Those out driving were Lynne Buckingham, Andrea and Dennis Casper, Belinda Sims, Bob and Roz West, Karen Silvester, Ailsa and Ross Adams, Bob and Karinne Goodchild, new members Paula and son Quinn Forrester, Carol Fitzpatrick and Janet Muspratt.



Ailsa and Ross Adams and Bob and Karinne Goodchild on the Wallacia Drive

The club had its annual DVD and video night a few weeks later at the Dobbins' home, and about 30 members from Hills and Camden clubs enjoyed a variety of horse related DVDs and videos. They saw one on the huge Halflinger Show in Austria, another on the fiery work of tying a wagon wheel and an old Hills video of a Fagan Park Drive in the early 1990s. It was interesting to see a number of current members in the latter video, all looking much younger, and several driving horses that have long since been retired.

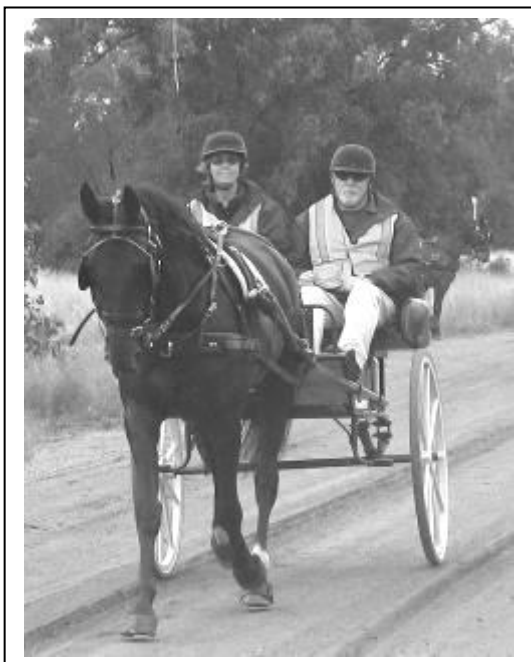
BEGA VALLEY HARNESS SOCIETY

Jane and Sarah Keevers were keen competitors at the 40th Anniversary Festival at Bundanoon. They went in a number of the events, starting off with the Anniversary Show where their pony Southern Rose was awarded Champion Non Hackney Pony o 10.2hh as well as doing well in several other classes. In the CDE Jane came 9th out of 20 in the Novice Pony o 121cm, whilst Sarah came 4th out of 6 in the Open Pony o 121cm

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Brain and Robbie Duck:

The beginning of April saw Peter and Trish Honeyman and Brian and Robbie Duck head off to Fifield to participate in the Enduro. Congratulations to Peter and Trish who came second in the Pony Section. Everyone had a most enjoyable week, with great hospitality and organization by the Central West Club.



Robbie and Brian Duck at Fifield

Our Liverpool Range Club's May weekend was held at Murrurundi at the King of the Ranges competition. Bill and Trish Greer organized the weekend, including the novelty events displayed in the arena to entertain the crowd. Congratulations must go to Charlie Phillips who celebrated his 86th birthday by winning the harness barrel race. Charlie is an inspiration to us all.

The weekend was also enjoyed by Peter and Trish Honeyman, John and Carol Scanlon, Darcy and Allison Richards, Don and Lyn Thomas, Sally Jones, Brian and Robbie Duck and Sam and Rody Williams from the Gulgong Club.

Quite a few of our members are preparing for and looking forward to the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive at the end of May and early June. After that we will only just have time to catch our breath before heading to Charlie Phillips' property at Pialloway for a wonderful driving weekend on June 18/19.

Don't forget the Liverpool Range Harness Club Far West Charity drive from September 17 – 24. The itinerary is now taking shape and it will prove a drive to remember. For further information on any of these drives contact Bill Greer on 02 6747 1773

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Liz O'Brien: WOW is all I can say with regards to the Australian Carriage Driving Society's 40th Anniversary Event at Bundanoon over the Easter holidays. A ten day spectacular of harness events including social drives, show, endurance, dressage, cones events, static displays of historical vehicles, equine demonstrations, combined driving events, bus trips around historical Bundanoon and district just to name a few, all proved to be part of what was to be a most impressive event in ACDS history.

Our club was well represented by Margaret O'Brien, Margaret Neely, Liz O'Brien and Amanda See with groom Glen Murray, all enjoying the variety of events on offer. The endurance, dressage and cones events proved very popular, but the CDE drew a very large entry of 86 competitors. The weather held off for the dressage and marathon in the CDE but the cones competition was driven under wet and slippery conditions.

The Southern Highlands Club members were our hosts and had thought of everything. The whole ten days was run like clockwork with an army of volunteers tending to everyone's needs. The CDE Championships alone had 120 volunteers for the marathon section. Coordinating the events, volunteers, competitors and judges was a mammoth task, but like true professionals the Southern Highlands Club handled the undertaking with style and proficiency.



Karl Olsson on the Pialloway Drive at Avonlea

Our club's social drive held on May 1 at Pialloway was absolutely fantastic, with the drive around Greg and Loraine Malone's property 'Avonlea.' With 12 members attending it was a drive we will remember for quite some time to come. Greg took us through some very picturesque parts of his property and up to the lookout, which was so breath taking with views from Attunga to Tamworth on one side and overlooking the Liverpool Plains on the other. We drove for several hours and enjoyed every moment, before having a late lunch and then heading for home. Our thanks go to Greg and Loraine for their wonderful hospitality.

There is a great new magazine out called the Tamworth & District Local Horse Magazine, and our club has its own section. The magazine is free at all good produce and saddlery stores around the area. It is also available on the internet www.tdlhorsemag.com.au

The Tamworth Club now has its own website. The address is www.trhdc.webs.com. It is a work in progress and we will endeavour to update it regularly.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Central West Club's annual big event is the Fifield Enduro. This year it was held before Easter but the change of date did not deter competitors, with a very pleasing entry of 11 in the Horse Section and 5 in the Pony Section. Competitors came from Goulburn, Murrumbidgee, Gulgong, Liverpool Range, Reedy Creek, Hunter, Camden, Ellmore and Central West Clubs. Central West Club was well represented by Wayne Teale, Colin Lees, Denny Smith and Junior driver Rachael Unger. Wayne finished 2nd overall in the Horse section and Colin was one of only four who successfully completed the whole distance in the Horse section. Denny had several day wins and Rachael had some good times in the Pony section. Rosemary Laing (Hunter Club) reports on the Fifield Enduro: There was a new touch of luxury with the Lachlan Shire Council providing flushing toilets! This meant everyone on the western side of the ground (including us) having to move their campsites a bit further down, but this was a small price to pay. The showers were wonderful as always. The formal dinner was a highlight and also the presentation dinner put on by the Fifield Hotel.



Some of the group relaxing at Fifield

Rain on the last day meant that some people had trouble getting out of the grounds when the time came to leave, but the Hunter girls (Rosemary with Helen Huckerby) showed them how – low gear, low revs, no probs.

A big thank you to Gaye Lees and the Central West Committee for putting on such a great event.

FROM THE REINSMAN.....

Hello y'all from the Reinsman. (note the Southern USA greeting)

Scenario: The Oracle decides to take the Reinsman to a big horse show in the US. Reinsman points out the benefits of going to Cessnock instead – overruled.

So... we arrive in the US. Accommodation is near the show in a multistory hotel /casino catering for dogs and people.

We hook up with our trainer friend, his wife and their dog (Australian Shepherd), and a pretty young strapper. The dog is about the size of a border collie – very alert and very territorial (a bit like the Oracle). We arrange to meet downstairs in the restaurant at 7 am for breakfast. We take the lift from the 10th floor. Trainer, wife and dog get aboard at the 8th floor. The strapper will join us on the 5th floor. However the lift stops next at the 6th floor. Out bounds the dog expecting to greet the strapper. Surprise ! Not the strapper but a huge Texan type and his skinny blonde wife. Dog is suitably surprised and upset so he sets about informing Tex that he doesn't belong. Tex is annoyed but lobs into the lift anyway. No dog is going to push *him* around.

The lift is about 2m x 2m and the points of view are exchanged:

Tex: 'They shouldn't allow dogs in the hotel'

Trainer: 'They let kids in.' Tex: 'Kids are human.'

Trainer: 'Only just.' At this point backs are straightening, shoulders are squaring, dog has taken up his position, Reinsman spits on his hands, rubs them together – looks like the US is going to be more interesting than Cessnock after all. There is much yelling, dog is growling, Mrs Tex is calling to Tex to settle down, trainer's wife is telling him it's not worth it. Oracle has your Reinsman by the arm so he settles back into the tag position for Round 2. We all have our corners but before the fun begins, the doors open to the foyer. What a let down ! What might have been.....

Oracle is first out with the Reinsman very much in tow, followed by the dog and the others in various disarray.

Final arguments were presented with words of a possible follow up elevator rematch next day, should the timings match up again.

Ah well – such is life and its little disappointments..... probably just as well. Bless you all and all your horses The Reinsman.

PLEASURE DRIVING WEEKEND AT LOCKHART

By Mal Welsh (Riverina Club)

The Lockhart pleasure driving weekend was organized by Bruce McNally (Murrumbidgee) and Di Murray (Riverina). The venue was the Lockhart Showgrounds / Racecourse with all its amenities, and it was voted 'absolutely fabulous'. There were covered yards for the horses, showers and toilets, and a large shed for a meeting room. This was where Pat McNally manned a food stall with free coffee and tea available all day all weekend, and where egg and bacon rolls were served for breakfast on the Sunday. Dinner on the Saturday night was held at the Chinese Restaurant in the Ex Servicemen's Club. Everyone attended, and a great night was had by all.

We had a pleasure drive on the Saturday morning, out and back approximately 15km, before a break for lunch. In the afternoon Garry Harris and I set up a 15 gate cones course which drivers could drive as many times as they wished. Garry also set up a barrels course, a musical drive course and a cup and water course. All drivers had a lot of fun. The people of Lockhart showed a lot of interest in the event, with many coming to see what was happening.



Competing in the Games at Lockhart

On Sunday we had another pleasure drive through the town, with a stop and parade in front of the Retirement Village. The residents all came out to look. Next we went down the main street, with locals out again and taking photos. We then drove out to a reserve where Bruce McNally and a friend had slashed a path through the long grass. This was just the place for people to drive new horses, to familiarize them with driving in a group situation, as it was all very safe.

One Lockhart lady named Heather was so interested in our activities that she made a large batch of scones and brought them, with jam and cream, to the showground for morning tea. We were spoilt to the extreme. I would like to thank Bruce and Pat McNally and Di Murray for doing all the organization. The venue proved to be so good that we are now looking to stage a graded dressage and cones / training weekend on August 20-21 2011, there.

THE A(C)DS by Chuckie Radnedge(Ellmore Club)

The ACDS turned 40 the other day with a giant celebration of all things carriage driving related, hosted by the Southern Highlands Club in Bundanoon. All the talk of how far we have come got me thinking about my relationship with the society. I am about to turn 35 and cannot remember a time when the ADS was not a part of my life. Most children went on a family holiday each year to the Gold Coast Theme Parks or camping near the beach. Not my family. We would overload the old ute with tents, harness, cooking equipment and everything else we needed,

load a couple of ponies on the float and hit the Hume Highway, not the Freeway we have now, and head towards Dunolly or Ellmore for a great weekend. It is strange to think that I never went to Harden or Young (the nearby towns). It was the event we went to and we loved every minute of it. Back then the properties where the events were held were the greatest places on earth to be a kid. There were shearing sheds, cattle yards, dams and occasionally a pool, and all sorts of things you could do to keep yourself amused. As far as I can remember as soon as we arrived at an event the kids would find their mates and take off, not to be seen again until dark when they usually returned ringing wet and covered in mud. The 'kids' I refer to were the likes of the Dwyer boys, Boyd and Kent Exell, Stevie Wright, Jenny Willcoxson, Buster Ford and my brother Guy.



The Dwyer boys, now grown up, taken recently at a driving weekend at Hinemoa.

Recalling the characters who made up driving events back in the early days, who could ever forget Rod and Sue Ryan and their truck ? It was a green thing that managed to break down on the way to *every* event. If you were woken up at 3am, it was just the Ryans finally arriving. Brian and Jan Ford were also regular competitors. Brian was the tallest person I had ever seen, but he drove the smallest team of Shetlands. Gordon Garlick was another person of note. He owned the fastest ponies in the business Copper Glow and Copper Glitter.

Tony and Ann Synnot who were in fact Sir Anthony and Lady Ann, were great characters. I remember them arguing in the middle of a tall wheat crop because Tony had got them lost and was standing on the sulky seat trying to find a way out. Another personality was Peter Anderson who was the president of the ADS for some time. Peter had a couple of lovely shire/thoroughbred crosses called Boney and Jedda. People would take bets on where on the course Peter would roll his outfit, so the sight of Jedda galloping towards the float was one we all became accustomed to. Whilst on memorable moments with horses, another was

when Ken Thomas' pony got stuck in the cattle grid at Dunolly.

Apparently the shower at Ellmore was a 'pump the water yourself and light a fire to heat it up' contraption. I find it worrying that I do not remember this. I guess it was just too hard to bother showering the kids! However I do remember the dust storm that overtook Ellmore one year, leaving everything covered in a thick layer of red dust, including the competitors who were trying to do their dressage at the time. Mill Valley in Victoria was another event that we kids looked forward to. The venue was a camp of some kind and they had an inground trampoline so we were happy from the moment we arrived till the moment we left. However, the marathon was extremely tough for a pony especially one time when the driver did not listen to the groom's instructions, and mistakenly followed a really muddy horse track up a hill.

This was another thing about being a kid back then. When you turned about 10 you became useful, as you would end up thrown in with someone who needed a light groom. One particular time at Dookie Ag College I was told to go round the marathon with Herb Jackson from South Australia. 'OK Mum' was my reply and all seemed fine until the starter said 'go' and the pony kicked with both barrels. It did this for the entire first kilometre! I still can feel my terror and wonder how the sulky ever held up.

There were lots of teams and other multiples back then with Judy Dwyer, Mike Thill and the Ryans all driving teams of horses and Richard Bentley, Brian Ford and Jan Hall driving teams of ponies at every event. Mike Thill clearly was a cricket fan with his horses named Thommo, Lilley, Chappell, and Marsh. They won every title there was to win. It was not unusual for 6-8 tandems to be at every event. These days the pair is the popular thing but back then if you didn't drive a tandem you were nothing. I clearly remember Karen Price and Maddie Bentley going hell for leather each time to try to win. Maddie had the most amazing pony leader which could do an extension Olympic riders would kill for.

Back then I was just a crew member as Mum (Kookie Engelsman) usually had my pony in the wheel of the tandem, and I was a rider rather than driver. I have become a driver in the last few years and am very happy that my kids are going to grow up with the ACDS as part of their lives.

The festival to celebrate 40 years of competitive carriage driving was a blast and it really was great to catch up with so many people I have known my whole life. It did bring a tear to my eye however, to think of those we have lost such as Mary and Michael Willsallen who were such good supporters of the sport, and Merv Biffin who died

at the end of last year and was another great character and supporter of carriage driving. These are just some of my ADS recollections. I would love to hear from others who have fond memories of driving too.

COMING EVENT.....
LIVERPOOL RANGE CLUB ROYAL FAR WEST CHARITY DRIVE Quirindi to Willow Tree September 17 – 24 2011

Itinerary: (subject to change, distances approximate)

Sat 17 Arrive at Quirindi Heritage Village before 5pm Welcome & Dinner at 6pm
Sun 18: Quirindi to Werris Creek 33.8km
Mon 19 Werris Creek to Breeza 27.2km
Tue 20 Breeza to Spring Ridge 35.4km
Wed 21 Spring Ridge to Premer 38km
Thur 22 Premer to Yarraman 40km
Fri 23 Yarraman to Windy Woolshed 30km
Sat 24 Windy to Willow Tree 41km
Sun 25 Pack up and go home

Total Distance approx 245km

Dinner provided at all camps as part of entry fee, except last night at Willow Tree where dinner will be available at own cost at Bowling Club. Toilets at all camps. Showers at Quirindi Heritage Village, Spring Ridge, Premer and Willow Tree. Escort vehicles will carry a water tank and tow a toilet. BYO breakfast and lunch each day (gas BBQ provided for cooking breakfast)

Hay and chaff provided for horses. Drivers to supply own portable yards.

All drivers must be current ACDS members.

Cost: \$185 per person whole drive, or \$30 per day with evening meal, or \$15 per day without evening meal.

Closing date for registrations: Sept 3 2011.

For full details and registration forms contact Bill Greer ph 02 6747 1773 or trishgreer@activ8.net.au

ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The NSW ACDS Annual Awards for Excellence were announced and presented at the AGM on May 28 2011. Congratulations to all the nominees, and the winners.

Dressage Award Warren Ricketts (Southern Highlands Club)

Warren and his open pony Max did consistently well in dressage competitions in 2010 including: best dressage score at the Joe Hawkins Cup CDE, 1st Open Pony Level 3 CDE at Bundanoon, 1st Open Pony dressage NSW CDE Championships and 2nd Open Pony dressage at the Australian Championships CDE at Peterborough SA. Apart from these achievements, Warren was co winner of the Southern Highlands Club Best Supporter Award for 2010. He regularly drives in Penrose Forest with club members, represented the club at the Interclub Challenge Day and Interclub

Orienteering, and drove in the Tulip Festival Parade at Bowral. Warren is a General Show Driving Judge, TPR Steward, Novice Dressage Judge and SH Club delegate. He is a very knowledgeable horseman and always willing to help people with their horses.

CDE Award: Gail Lodge (Bungendore Club)

Gail driving her open horse Rossini was a regular competitor at CDEs and other events in 2010. Amongst her best achievements were coming 1st in the Open Horse Level 3 CDE at Bundanoon and 4th in the Open Horse at the NSW CDE Championships. Gail is an active member of the NSW CDE panel and has supported her club well in the running of events.

Also nominated: Keri Izzard, Penny Jacobs, Ben Rosetta

Junior Award: Teale Richardson (Hills Club)

Teale has been a keen and competent driver for a number of years. In 2010 he had another successful year at the Sydney Royal, as well as at shows in the Sydney region such as Hawkesbury and Castle Hill, driving his small Shetland Akonea Khan in the Miniature pony and Shetland harness classes.

Pleasure and Endurance Award: Bill Greer (Liverpool Range Club)

Bill is the president of the Liverpool Range Club. He organized and drove at most of the Liverpool Range Club drives during 2010 including those at Warrah Creek, Wingen to Murrurundi, the King of the Ranges Weekend and the Royal Far West Charity Drive over the Liverpool Plains. He and his wife Trish hosted the weekend drive at Warrah Creek. He also drove in the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive. Bill did most of the organization, mapping out and negotiation of routes and camping sites for the 5 day Royal Far West Charity Drive. This drive raised over \$3000 for the charity which is for country children. Bill is a great ambassador for carriage driving and very welcoming and encouraging to visitors and new members. He loves pleasure driving and does it as often as possible.

Also nominated: Dennis Casper, Peter Honeyman, Neil and Rosemary Munn

Show Driving Award Barbara Smith (Hunter Club)

Barbara has had a very successful year in showing, driving her pony Brampton Dreams. She, together with her husband Laurie, travelled long distances in 2010 to support harness classes at Ag shows such as Camden, Stroud, Northern Suburbs, Hawkesbury, Maitland and Singleton, as well as the APSB Show at Manilla and the NSW Show Driving Championships at Tamworth. Successes at these shows included many Champions and Reserve Champions in Pony / Horse and Turnout classes. Barbara was also Reserve Champion Driver at the NSW ACDS Show Championships.

Apart from attending shows, Barbara and Laurie were strong supporters of Hunter and Hills Club events such as the Hunter Club Lostock drive, the Concours d'Elegance event at Pokolbin and the Hills Club Gymkhana and Sporting Day. They hosted the Hunter Club Christmas Party. Barbara always shows in traditional sulkies and is a great promoter of the elegance of carriage driving.

Also nominated: Carolyn Blakeley

Services to Carriage Driving Award

Trevor and Sheryl Leibowitz (Southern Highlands Club)

Sheryl and Trevor have, during the entire 12 years of their membership of the Southern Highlands Club, given freely of their time, expertise and possessions to assist the club, individuals and the sport of carriage driving in the most generous manner possible. Regarding 2010, they have given an enormous amount of time, expertise and financial assistance to the Southern Highlands Club and the ACDS during the lead up to and the conduct of the 40th Anniversary Festival. Without their valuable assistance this very successful event would not have been conducted with the level of expertise and precision made possible by their absolute commitment to the sport of carriage driving. Additionally, during the last 12 months, Sheryl has been giving free weekly lessons to three junior drivers to the level where they are confidently and correctly driving on the roads around Bundanoon. They have now applied to be members of the Southern Highlands Club.

Service Certificates: Alan Bowyer, Judy Emerton, Carol Fitzpatrick, John Moyes

**NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS
BRANCH AGM AND GENERAL
MEETING HELD AT COOTAMUNDRA
ON MAY 28 2011**

Clubs represented were: Ellmore, Murrumbidgee, Canberra, Bungendore, Camden, Central West, Hills, Reedy Creek, Riverina, Southern Highlands and Temora. 41 attendees.

Panel Reports

P & E

- * Pleasure activities such as drives of between 10 – 15km remain a popular choice for most clubs
- * Distance driving over a week or more is becoming more and more popular
- * 19 horses and ponies were registered for the Distance Driving Awards for 2010 but many more could be part of this by more members registering their pleasure driving distances
- * Leader Board for Endurance Drivers has been set up. Must complete the full distance without vetting out to be eligible.
- * Accumulated distances recorded since 2008 are building up with several horses covering more than 2000km in that time.

* Request for grant of \$400 to fund the 28 medals and other perpetual trophies achieved by horses and ponies in P & E.

Dressage

* All state dressage convenors met at Bundanoon during Festival
* There will be a Dressage Forum at the ACDS Conference at Albury in July. Anyone with a topic to be discussed should contact Dot Willcoxson asap

CDE

* Section 40 requirement – Police and RTA must be contacted first if public roads are to be used for a timed competition.

* Scorers School at Wagga Wagga had 16 attendees including a junior member. All gained knowledge and practice of the scoring system. It is hoped that another school of this type will be run further north in the future.

* CDE Officials Workshop to be run at Witwood on July 23. Of benefit to all interested in CDEs, plus officials requiring reaccreditation.

Show Driving

* A number of successful Show Driving events during the year – NSW Show Championships, Show Judges & Drivers School, 40th Anniversary Show, Concours d'Elegance

* Show judges again received their twice yearly circulars

* Post Sydney Royal meeting held with RAS horse committee

* Canberra Club running NSW Show Championships at Jugiong on October 8 2011

* Show Judges and Drivers School to be held on October 30 at Bundanoon

* National Show Driving Championships to be at Hawkesbury Showground on November 20 – Hills Club.

Webmaster's Report

* Webpage continues to receive about 93 sessions a day, with an average of 600 hits.

* Calendar is being utilized more and more – many entry forms being posted to the web page so they can be downloaded electronically.

Election of Office Bearers for 2011 - 2012

Executive:

President: Brendan Dwyer

Vice Presidents: Trevor Brand and Tony James

Secretary: Judy Harris

Treasurer: Terry Kelly

Panels:

CDE: Bruce Hammond, John Moyes, Gail Lodge, Rob Robertson, Lyn Cunnew

Dressage: Liz Hammond, Yvonne Wood, Anne Robertson, Sue Plath, Dot Willcoxson

P & E: Robert Allport, Neil Munn, Michael Finn, John Hetherington, Robert Baxter.

Show Driving: John White, Janet Muspratt, Ken

Thomas, Carolyn Blakeley, Amanda Blakeley

Historical: Dennis Casper, Judy Dwyer, Faye

Cairncross, Peter McIntyre. *One vacancy*

Appointments: Newsletter: Janet Muspratt

Webmaster: Amanda Kettlestring

Annual Awards:

CDE: Gail Lodge

Dressage: Warren Ricketts

Junior: Teale Richardson

PE: Bill Greer

Show Driving: Barbara Smith

Services to Carriage Driving: Trevor and Sheryl Leibowitz

CDE Leader Board: Ben Rosetta

Other Business

* National Coaching Development Scheme – anyone interested in contributing to the formation of a national scheme should contact Fed Vice President Wayne Armstrong

* 2012 National CDE Championships to be run at Longwood Victoria over Easter 2012

* Equitana Nov 10-14 2011 at Sydney Showground. ACDS invited to have display and trade stall. Various carriage driving displays are planned. An ACDS group is working with Equitana.

* Club Survey – just over half clubs responded. Evaluation available from President..

* Draft guidelines on the allocation of State Branch funds in the form of grants, to be distributed to clubs for feedback and input, prior to August meeting.

* 2012 AGM will be held on 23rd June 2012 to avoid clash with Henry Lawson Drive

* Upgrade of Sharon Beattie and Trevor Leibowitz to Novice TD

* CDE Beginner class definition reaffirmed: class is driver only, no grading points given, only at Level 4 events, driver to have not competed in more than 2 CDEs, multiples not allowed, time allowances for varying heights.

* Copy of Federal Risk Management Guidelines to be sent to all Clubs

* NSW rugby jumpers can be ordered as requested. (*Form in this Whip Around*)

* NSW CDE Champs – possible date Nov 5/6, clubs needed to help run. CDE Panel follow up.

* Height measurement: NSW Branch to set up own horse measuring system for use at ACDS events / activities. T Brand to start setting up system.

Next General Meeting August 27 2011 at Tamworth