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Denese and Paul Ward with Rosemary Laing following, on the Lostock Drive  
(Photo: E Thompson)

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' November 26 2012**

**Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting Nov 24 2012 at Wagga Wagga**

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 Nov 17 2012

## NSW ACDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012-2013

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
<b>Sept</b>		
15-16	Level 4 Training Weekend at Hinemoa Grenfell Ellmore Club	Kookie Engelsman 63433292
15- 22	Royal Far West Charity Drive Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
16	Town Farm Drive & Games at Camden Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 46545558
22	Social Night Dinner at Rouse Hill Hills Club	Linda Ongley 02 9626 1373
29-Oct 7	Robbie Duck Art Exhibition at Dungowan (part proceeds to Royal Far West Charity via Liverpool Range Club)	Robbie Duck 02 6746 2347
29-Oct 1	NSW Dressage Championships and Level 3 CDE at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Yvonne Wood 4883 6859
29-Oct 1	Pleasure Drive at Laggan Reedy Creek Club	Kylie Boyce 0400 313 803
<b>Oct</b>		
6 - 7	Driving Weekend at Curlewis Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
6	Pleasure Drive at Cedar Farm Temora Temora Club	Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1934
7	NSW Show Judges & Drivers School Cedar Farm Temora	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
7	Harness Gymkhana at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 04 2776 6726
13-14	Graded Dressage and Munro Cup Weekend at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164
13	Town Farm Open Day Display at Camden Camden Club	Carol Fitzpatrick 02 9606 6306
14	Brownlow Hill Pleasure Drive at Camden Camden Club	Lou Lyons 02 4654 5558
14	Safety /New Horse/New Driver Day Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
20	Concours d'Elegance Event at Murrurundi Hunter Club	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
20-21	Level 3 CDE at Jugiong Canberra Club	Hannah Becchio 0412240382
21	Buy Swap and Sell at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Dennis Casper 02 9450 2748
<b>Nov</b>		
3-4	NSW CDE Championships at Witwood Bungendore Club	Dot Willcoxson 0248427164
4	Social Drive at Loomberah Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427766726
4	Pleasure Drive at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
10	Trivia Night at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
10-11	Fun Driving Weekend at Cedar Farm Temora Temora Club	Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1924
13	Janelle Marshall School at Galston Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
14-15	Janelle Marshall School at Cootamundra Canberra Club	Hannah Becchio 0412240382
17	Ben Hall Re Enactment at Jugiong Canberra Club	Hannah Becchio 0412240382
24	NSW ACDS Branch Meeting at Wagga Wagga	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
24-25	NSW Show Driving Championships at Gresford Hunter Club	Tammara Ward 4938 9615
<b>Dec</b>		
1	Christmas Dinner at Nemingha Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
1-2	Dressage Judges & CDE Officials School at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8	Christmas Party at RDA Box Hill Hills Club	Andrea Casper 02 9450 2748
<b>2013</b>		
<b>Jan</b>		
19-27	Young & Beginning Drivers Camp at Temora NSW Branch & Young Driver Coordinator	Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1924
<b>Feb</b>		
23	NSW ACDS Branch Meeting venue TBA	Judy Harris 02 6942 6762
<b>Mar</b>		
16-17	Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Sue Fraser 6920 2330
23-24	Level 3 CDE at Moonbi Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726

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Christine O'Rourke (Tamworth Club) after the Avonlea Drive

## CLUB NEWS

### MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Gail Habermann: The weather for the Heavy Horse Day at Murrumbidgee was lovely, so we have been lucky two years in a row. The first perpetual shield was won by Michael Jones of the Riverina Club. The Pumpkin Snatch proved a success with Elizabeth Habermann doing the hard work of picking up the pumpkins for the competitors. Irene Clark's Clydesdale had his first outing and was well behaved, also winning his class in the led section. We need to send a big thank you to Colin Brown for his expert judging at our event.



Elizabeth Habermann with Michael Jones doing the Pumpkin Snatch at the Heavy Horse Day

The next event on the calendar was the Introduction to Carriage Driving at the show grounds at Griffith. This ran smoothly with quite a few people coming to have a ride in the carriages. We got another three social members from this and hopefully some of them will start driving as well. In the meantime, it will be good to have some extra grooms on hand for future events. We have been holding a few working bees and will be pouring cement on September 1 for the long awaited shed. The shower is also under way and

should be ready before the Bryce Maw Cup competition on September 8 and Obsthon on September 9.

We are coming to the end of a very full year with only a couple of rallies and our Christmas party and campout to go. We look forward to success with next year's calendar of events, and hope that many more people will come to see and compete at our lovely grounds.

### CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

Canberra Club's AGM was held at the home of Peter and Sue White, with everyone bringing along delicious food to share. A big thank you was extended to outgoing secretary Penny Jacobs for her work over the last three years, and Hannah Becchio was welcomed as the new secretary. Canberra Club members have been kept very busy preparing for the running of their up and coming events. These include a Susan Carter Clinic and Dressage Day on September 8/9 at Bowral, a Level 3 CDE at Jugiong on October 20/21 and a Janelle Marshall Clinic to be held at Cootamundra in November. The Club has also been invited to take part in a Re Enactment to do with bushranger Ben Hall at Jugiong on November 17.

A raffle will be run at the Bowral and Jugiong events with the major prize being a pair of wheels made by legendary Peter McIntyre. People who would like tickets but cannot attend either of these events, should contact club secretary Hannah Becchio (0412 240 382) to secure tickets.

### CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

It was Camden's turn to host the annual Inter Club Challenge Day between Southern Highlands, Hills and Camden, this year, and it was held in the Pony Club area at Bicentennial Equestrian Park, near the Camden Showground. A number of Camden members worked hard the day before to set up the various activities such as the Gamblers Choice, planned and run by Sylvia Biffin, the Barrel Race, the Flag and Bending races and the Long Rein

Equitation. The Gamblers Choice featured a number of interesting ‘gates’ such as a clothes line, a keyhole of flapping bunting, wheel on the board, a tarp crossing, a reinback into a u shaped obstacle and a drive across a line of closely positioned balls (with the aim of not touching any). Each ‘gate’ had a value and contestants had to run up as many points as possible in the time given. Some horses took it all in their stride but several didn’t want to know about a lot of it.

The day started with the usual show classes for the different heights, with Kathy Turner doing the judging. Competitors then moved on to do the sporting activities and the long reining.

Representing Camden on the day were Martyn Minns, Pam Fisher, Lou Lyons, John Moore, Maxine Saliba, John Sharman and Ian Denney and they made a great team as they amassed the top points score and secured the Inter Club trophy. Maxine’s pony Bindi was equal top individual points scorer with Sue Hellyer’s (SH) pony Piper to share the Spokesman Trophy.



John Sharman and groom in the flag race at the Inter Club Challenge Day (J Muspratt)

Helping run the day were Sylvia Biffin, Carol Fitzpatrick, Jan Downes, Michael Lyons, Betty Lyons and Joanne Minns whilst Marg Moore, Jan Denney and Noel Fisher were also there to support the squad.

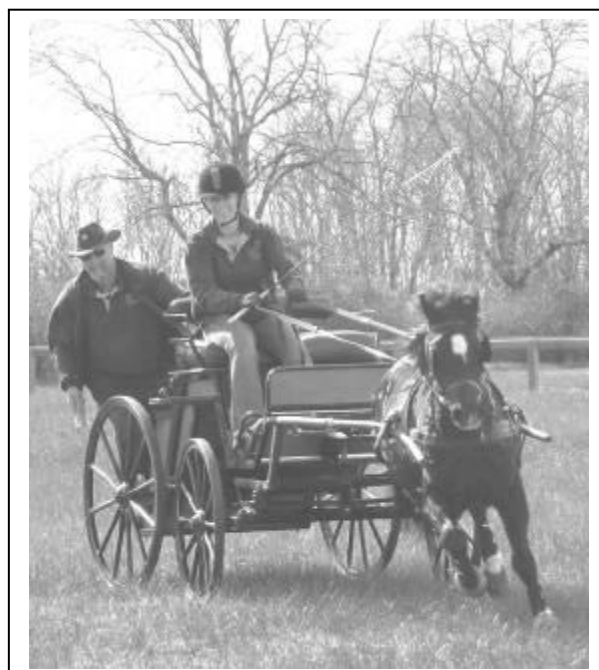
Martyn Minns has taken on a new challenge and has been driving his pair of Friesians at the Shibumi Winter Classic events over the last couple of months.

#### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB**

Jane Knight: August saw the ‘President’s Lunch’ day, following the July AGM, and was used to introduce the new look Committee to members. The Club hosted a turnout of about 40 members and guests who enjoyed the first class food and company they regularly share. Many new members

and some of our juniors attended and enjoyed the day. A Trivia competition was held to round out the afternoon and provided the usual laughs. There was a very even and close finish amongst the tables of teams.

Sue Hellyer represented the club driving Piper at the recent Inter Club Challenge Day at Camden. There were all manner of horses and vehicles competing for the various trophies. Some of the horses were small enough to go straight under the Washing Line in the Gambler’s Choice, but others who were a little taller were not quite sure how to tackle it. Fun was had by all who attended, even though the weather was a bit cool and windy. Sue did very well and came home as the sharing winner of the High Point Horse trophy, with Maxine Saliba from Camden. She also won Southern Highlands the trophy for the Best Average Points Score. A big thank you to Camden for providing this most enjoyable activity.



Sue Hellyer and groom with Piper in the flag race at the Inter Club Challenge Day (J Muspratt)

Members are looking forward to the September Club Activity Day at Banjo’s Run Winery, at nearby Exeter. The plan is for a morning pleasure drive on the fire trails, a BBQ lunch, wine tasting, and BYO fishing rods to try your luck with the trout in the dam. Warm sunny weather would be a bonus on the day.

The Club is full on organizing for the October Long Weekend when the NSW Driven Dressage Championships will be held on Saturday September 29 and a Level 3 CDE on Sunday and Monday, September 30 and October 1.

Information and entry forms are available on the Southern Highlands Carriage Club website or by contacting Secretary Debbie Davis on 02 4443 5139

## **NORTH COAST CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB**

Karen Anderson: The weather has not been kind to our members in the northern region of the club, so unfortunately a number of meets have had to be cancelled. The southern members have been luckier with the sun shining and driving days enjoyed by all.

A lovely day was held at the Gladstone markets where members arrived early in the morning and harnessed up to have a pleasure drive around the streets of the historic village of Gladstone on the Mid North Coast. People visiting the markets were very interested in seeing the horses being harnessed up and put to the carriages. Jim McKenna and Clancy, Don Purcell and Rowena Walker with Misty, and Karen Anderson with Chelsea brought many a smile and memories to the locals. The Historical Hotel was very accommodating by allowing us to tie our horses up near the Beer Garden so we could have a lovely lunch and watch our horses at the same time.



Jim McKenna and passengers with Clancy

The drive to Eungai Rail turned out to be a very enjoyable and relaxing drive with Jim McKenna and Karen Anderson taking their horses along the back road to the General Store, where they were asked to be part of a photoshoot for the upcoming 2013 calendar. The drive entailed crossing a railway line, and carpet was put across to make sure the horses didn't come in contact with the rail lines. Both horses crossed this obstacle like troopers and the locals that came out to watch the photo shoot praised the horses for their manners and calm personalities. This drive will become a regular event as it takes in quiet roads and beautiful scenery.

A special invitation was sent to Jim McKenna to attend the Kempsey and Macleay District Kennel Club Show to bring the officiating judges into the main arena via horse and carriage. The event coincided with the Opening of the Olympic Games so the Kennel Club thought it only suitable to have their judges arrive in royal style. The judges were thrilled. Clancy took quite a shine to one of the

judges. The exhibitors were just as thrilled at such a grand entry, and it proves that it pays to be seen like this, as later in the day one of the exhibitors came and spoke to both Jim and myself about some carriages his grandfather had in his shed and wanted to sell. Phone numbers were exchanged and a visit later arranged. Sitting in the shed was a Jubilee Carriage in great condition and a Victorian sulky ready to go. If anyone is interested in any of these carriages please email me on

[karen.ann@westnet.com.au](mailto:karen.ann@westnet.com.au)



The Jubilee Carriage

## **TEMORA CARRIAGE CLUB**

Temora Club will be holding a pleasure driving weekend on Sept 1 and 2 and another pleasure drive on October 6, the day before the Show Judges and Drivers School on October 7. These drives, plus the School, will be held at Cedar Farm on Cedar Rd Temora.

On the weekend of November 10/11 the club is holding a Fun Driving weekend with lots of sporting activities, including a cones course using the club's new international cones. This will also be at Cedar Farm.

## **ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB**

Kookie Engelsman: The Club Executive for 2012-2013 is President: Keith Engelsman, Vice President: Judy Dwyer, Secretary: Brendan Dwyer and Treasurer: Rebecca Knight. Coming up on the club's calendar are several events, starting with the Level 4 Training Weekend at Hinemoa Grenfell on September 15/16. After that there will be a Pleasure Drive to Ben Hall's Cave in the Wedden Mountains near Grenfell, and another Introduction to Carriage Driving, both dates still to be decided. The dates will be put on the NSW ACDS website when confirmed.

Although Ellmore Club is small, members are keen drivers and several regularly get about the countryside with their horses and ponies to compete in a variety of events. Some members are bringing out new horses this season, including Louise Dewar who has been lucky to have

acquired Percy from Gail Bain. She is thrilled with the horse and is having fun with him. Another very lucky person is Chuckie Radnedge, who purchased the two very handsome chestnut horses Gucci and Gambler, from Ryan and Tammara Ward. Both horses had their first event with Chuckie at Shibumi, a couple of weeks ago. We look forward to keeping an eye on Louise and Chuckie to see how they get on, and wish them lots of luck.

### **BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Dot Willcoxson: At its recent AGM, the Bungendore Carriage Driving Club awarded Life Membership to an inaugural member Gordon Burton. Gordon has held a number of positions in the club. However the longest he has held has been as club treasurer. As well, he assists at working bees and with stewarding, and his family company Mahbrook Carriage Supplies is always a generous sponsor of club activities, as well as those in the wider community. Most importantly Gordon keeps the finances of the Bungendore Club in check. Gordon is always supported by his wife Barbara and together they make a great team. Gordon was presented with a rose bush which we hope will flourish in their already beautiful garden. Bungendore Club is most grateful for the contributions they have made over the years and hopefully into the future.



Gordon and Barbara Burton

### **HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY**

The annual Concours d'Elegance was held at the end of July in conjunction with the Peek into the Past Day at Tocal Homestead. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. Ray and Judy Hynes from Willow Tree were the judges, and a number of club members rallied around to help run the day. Results were: Period Turnout: Cathy Browning driving Star Angel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Smith driving Brampton Dreams; Heavy Horse Turnout: 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Ward driving Fortune, HC Tocal Bill; Any Other Turnout: 1<sup>st</sup> Val Dewsbury with her tandem Jessica and Shadow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Lord driving Picaso. People's Choice: Stephen Lord and Picaso.

The Lostock Driving Weekend was much enjoyed by Hunter members, together with several Hills

Club members and their horses. There were picturesque drives on both days, and a wonderful Christmas dinner followed by games held in the cosy Scout Assoc house near Lostock Dam.



Sandy Hunter and Barbara Smith with Rita on the Lostock Drive (J Hunter)

Helen Huckerby with Ruby went on the mid week Putty Valley Drive organized by June Malmberg from the Hills Club in early August.

Rosemary Laing, George and Doreen Sinclair and Helen Huckerby are preparing to once again attend the week long Royal Far West Charity Drive which starts at Nundle in mid September.

The Club will be running another Concours d'Elegance event on Saturday October 20, this time at Murrurundi, in conjunction with the Back to Murrurundi weekend. A drive of several kilometres is planned traversing some of the quieter streets and roads of the picturesque little town in the Upper Hunter. Next day there will be a pleasure drive possibly to Paradise Park. November 24/25 will be the big weekend at Gresford for the NSW Show Driving Championships. There are more details on the show later in this Whip Around.

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

Robert Allport; Damon Allport with Mike Delaney of the Reedy Creek Club as groom drove standardbred gelding Hickory Park Bayley for a win in the horse section of the Reedy Creek Club Enduro at Marrar in July. This followed a second placing in the Fifield Enduro in April. Damon, driving Bayley, has now won back to back Marrar Enduros. Robert Allport lent assistance to this event as a member of the ground jury, time keeper and safety and risk management officer.

Goulburn Club held its AGM on August 4. The following were elected: President Allen Smith, Vice President and First Aid Officer Robbie Baxter, Secretary/Treasurer Judy Emerton, Risk Management and Safety Officer Trevor Mills and Public Officer and Publicity Officer Robert

Allport. Some pleasure drives are planned for the coming months with dates still to be confirmed. Robert and Damon Allport, Allan Robertson, Robbie Baxter and Michael Finn met up with some members from Gulgong, Ellmore and Central West Clubs at Lake Cargelligo in August for a leisurely seven day pleasure drive up the Lachlan River to Forbes. The only disappointing part of the week was that the fish were not biting. Only one carp was caught.

### **HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB**

Hills Club had a good representation at the annual Inter Club Challenge Day at Bicentennial Equestrian Park at Camden in early August. Drivers included Lynne Buckingham with George, Karen Silvester with Wilbur, Dennis Casper with Cassie, new member Christine Dunn with Grassdale Elliot, Paula Forrester with Scarlet, Sandy Hunter with Rita and junior driver Emily Thompson with Ardock Aluino. They all enjoyed the variety of activities Camden had set up for the day. Christine had a great day which started when she won her show class with her very pretty little black and white pony. She went on to win a number of other events and finished up with the Hills Club Shield. Not a bad effort for a first event, *and* with a new pony! Emily did well driving her big Andalusian in the very competitive horse class, and was the worthy winner of the Junior Driver trophy.



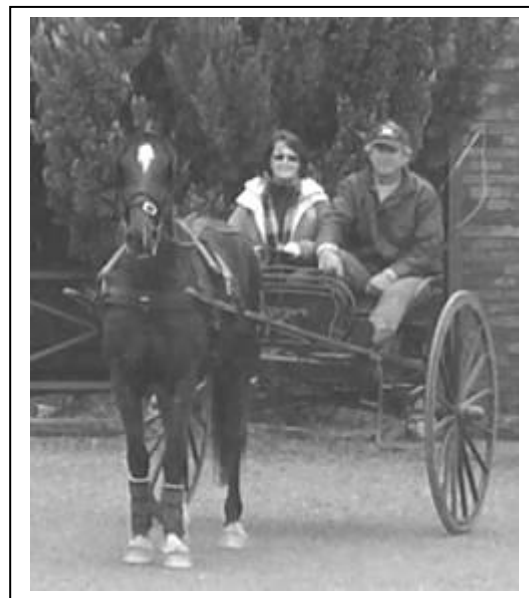
Christine Dunn with Grassdale Elliott , winner of the Hills Club Shield ( J Muspratt)

There were only three turnouts on the mid week Putty Valley Drive hosted by June Malmberg in August but it was much enjoyed by those who attended. This year they were able to at last drive cross the wooden bridge up the valley from June's place. In previous years, the gaps in the bridge decking made it too dangerous to drive a horse across. Horses had to unharnessed and led through the rocky stream then reharnessed on the other side. The bridge has now been repaired. Several Hills members have been part of a tree replanting exercise at Rossmore Reserve in the last few months. At the Activities Day in June it was discovered that the beds of tree plantings that are

in the top corner of the grounds, had been extended into the area the club uses for its dressage arena, by about 20 metres. This is the only truly flat open area on the grounds. The Camden Council was urgently contacted and amazingly were keen to cooperate in moving the trees elsewhere so that the dressage area would be restored. A meeting at the grounds was held, arrangements were made, and several weeks later Karen Silvester, Carol Fitzpatrick and Janet Muspratt worked with Neil and Pat Patterson (who are the volunteers who look after the Reserve and who planted the trees originally), to dig up the nine trees (each over a metre tall) and transport them by ute about 100 metres away to a newly ploughed strip for replanting. Mulch was moved as well, and the trees watered in. It was all achieved very quickly with everyone rolling up their sleeves and doing what had to be done. A second day a month later saw Carol, Janet and Eddie Dobbin join the Pattersons and a friend, and a young man from the Council, to move the rest of the mulch, so that the dressage arena area is now back to normal, just in time for the Dressage and Cones Day on September 9. Camden Council is to be congratulated for its support and cooperation in the whole exercise. Coming up on the Hills calendar for September and October are the Cones and Dressage Day, Dinner at The Brewery at Rouse Hill on Sept 22, the Safety/New Horse/New Driver Day at Londonderry on October 14 and the Buy Swap and Sell Day, in conjunction with the RDA Fete on October 21 at Box Hill.

On November 13 the Club is hosting the Janelle Marshall School at Galston (see details in Coming Events in this Whip Around).

### **LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB**



Donna and Malcolm Grace on the July Drive

Brian and Robbie Duck: Our July weekend was held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in the Dungowan/Woolamin

area near Tamworth. One couldn't ask for a better place to drive than in the Dungowan valley! We camped on a property near Woolamin and on Saturday drove upstream behind the Chaffey Dam, which is Tamworth's water supply. The scenery was amazing and the birdlife plentiful on the 26km drive. On Sunday we drove down stream to Dungowan, again with wonderful scenery and prolific and varied animal life. How many drives have you been on where you see not only dairy cows and horses but also American bison and emus ?

Many thanks must go to Doug and Sally Jones for organizing the entire weekend. Thanks also to Col and Robyn Douglas for their help. Doug must have very good Council connections to give us freshly graded roads, resulting in very smooth and comfortable driving. There were 17 turnouts driven on the weekend and everyone left with big smiles, including Liz O'Brien and Margaret Neely visiting from the Tamworth Club.



Robbie and Brian Duck on the Dungowan Drive

Our August weekend was held at Bill and Trish Greer's property at Warrah Creek. On Saturday we harnessed up at the recreation ground at Willow Tree and drove to Warrah Creek, stopping for a picnic lunch on the way. This is a very scenic route, with the Liverpool Range as the backdrop, and the Liverpool Plains stretched out before us. An early rise on Sunday morning gave us time for a short drive through Parraweena Highlands up to Captains Creek. We then returned to the Greers' to hold our AGM before lunch. We were joined there by other club members who couldn't make it for Saturday's drive. Many thanks must go to Bill and Trish for hosting a wonderful weekend. There will be a short one day drive at Spring Ridge on Saturday September 1, to be held at Bruce and Vicky Donnelly's place. Two weeks later, the

Royal Far West Charity Drive will be starting on September 15, at Nundle.

From September 29 through to October 7 Robbie Duck will be holding her Art Exhibition at the Edelweiss Gallery at Dungowan near Tamworth. Opening Night is on Saturday September 29. A percentage of all sales will go to the Liverpool Range Club's fund raising for the Royal Far West Charity. Everyone is welcome. For more information on the Exhibition, ring Robbie on 6746 2347.

For more information on drives, contact Bill Greer on 6747 1773

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

Liz O'Brien: August 5 saw fourteen members descend on Avonlea, Piallaway for what was a lovely day's drive, in the most glorious weather, and great company. The horses also seemed to have as much fun as the drivers. We would like to thank Greg and Lorraine Malone for the use of their beautiful property and for their wonderful hospitality.



Some of the drivers at Avonlea ( E O'Brien)

The Tamworth Club is hosting a Dressage Judges School in conjunction with a Technical Delegates, Course Designers and Stewards School on December 1/2 2012. Anyone interested in attending should contact Liz O'Brien, whether as a current or prospective Dressage Judge, TD, Course Designer or Steward, or as an interested fence sitter. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about the technical side of driving. People are often surprised at how much they learn just by listening in at one of these schools. The Club's Christmas lunch has been changed to Christmas dinner on the Saturday night (Dec 1). It was felt that it could be combined with the two schools, allowing everyone the opportunity to socialize with the schools' instructors. For further details contact Liz O'Brien on 0427 766 726 or myeyor@yahoo.com.au

### **RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY**

Mal Welsh: Since the last report the Riverina Club has held its AGM and as a result, there have been a few changes to office bearers. Kate Young is now our President and Publicity Officer, plus



Alternative Delegate. David Royle remains as Vice President. Sue Fraser is now Secretary /Treasurer and Club Delegate, whilst Cheryl Drummond is the other Delegate. Michael Jones stepped down as Secretary after three or four years in the position. I must thank Michael for carrying out this position so diligently, his doing so made it easier for me as the President.

Once again our plans to hold a rally day at Marrar were thwarted by cold wet weather. Here's hoping that the weather will improve for our next outing. Michael Jones once again has paraded his heavy horses at the Ganmain Show (the first show in the Riverina Springtime circuit), a family tradition. He is also assisting his friend Fred preparing a team of eight or more Clydesdales for the Barellan Heavy Horse Festival. This Festival is to be held on October 6/7 2012.

Members are starting to prepare horses and ponies for the upcoming spring CDE season and/or the Far West Charity Drive on the Liverpool Plains.

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

There will be a three day drive in the Laggan district on the coming long weekend – September 29 – October 1, organized by Jess Parramore. Following that, a CDE Training Weekend is planned for November, and the annual Obsthon for early December. The Obsthon will this year be held at Laggan.

#### **THE REINSMAN**

Hello all from the Reinsman

This issue I am writing about the natural affinities girls have with their dads and horses.

One young lady I know, so wanted a pony that she continually pestered her father on the subject. This went on for more than a year and he eventually struggled to find any excuses for not meeting the request.

One fine morning our young lady awoke to find two lovely ponies grazing outside her bedroom window. Wonder of wonders she thought ! Her faith in her father had her believe that he had finally given in. This resulted in a race to her dad's bed and a dive onto his sleepy head, with much lavishing of hugs and kisses. Her father assured himself it wasn't his birthday and struggled for other explanations for this outburst of affection. His daughter soon blurted out her thanks and the reason for her outpouring of joy. He stumbled to the window half out of curiosity and half out of disbelief, thinking surely it wasn't April 1<sup>st</sup> ? Picture Dad standing in his PJs with his head spinning after seeing the ponies, wondering what needed to be said next. Amidst this confusing time, their observant neighbour arrived. After some teasing and joking with dad, he said he knew whose ponies they were and how they had escaped. Dad was quietly relieved, but his daughter was devastated at this news. What a scene – emotions everywhere. No, the ponies

didn't stay, but there is a happy ending to this story, with quite an unusual twist. I'll tell you the outcome next issue.

May God bless us all with continued good times with our loving horses. The Reinsman

#### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CLUB TO HOST INTERNATIONAL CONES COMPETITION**

The Southern Highlands Carriage Club has been approached and has agreed to host the Australian section of the Tri Nations Cones Competition between New Zealand, South Africa and Australia, starting in 2013. New Zealand and South Africa have been competing against each other for several years in this exciting competition.

It now appears that Argentina will also compete, making four countries in the Competition, and there might be a name change, perhaps to 'Southern Hemisphere Cones Competition'.

The Club is very enthused about this new challenge, and with its newly purchased Electronic Timer, it will be a very exciting event for both drivers and spectators.

The first segment will commence in February 2013, and the club hopes to invite an International Official to the first event. As more details become available, the information will be posted on the Southern Highlands Club website

[www.SHCC.org.au](http://www.SHCC.org.au) or may be obtained from Club Secretary Debbie Davis on 02 4443 5139

#### **LOSTOCK DRIVE – FOOD & FUN & A BIT OF DRIVING (Hunter Club) by**

Rosemary Laing

Tinker and I were last to arrive on Friday afternoon, after a winding drive from East Greford, past Lostock Dam. It is nearly forty years since I was last there, camping with my family.



Karen Thompson, Sandy Hunter, Barbara Smith & Mark Thompson on the Lostock Drive (J Hunter)

The Hunters, Thompsons and Smiths were already there and of course, our hosts Denese and Paul Ward. Our 'camp' was in a cottage owned by the Scouting Association, about 5km past the dam. It has all mod cons and a wood burning stove which kept it very cosy on the mid July weekend.

Tinker had the job of keeping Denese's young horse company in the stock yards at the top of the hill. After walking her up there (I'm fitter than I thought), we settled in for a nice dinner of shared dishes, and some socializing.

Next day was overcast but dry as we set off for a pretty drive alongside the Paterson River. There were a few gates but luckily we had Laurie Smith and John Hunter to open and close them for us.

The Smiths had come ponyless. Denese and I drove on a bit further than the rest, then turned back to join them for a gourmet picnic lunch put together by Barb Smith. As we neared home, we were met by the Cranwells who had come to join us (also sans horse) for the rest of the weekend. We also had a visit from Paul and Lin Monger, with an application to join our club. We look forward to seeing them at future events.

It soon became obvious that Julia Cranwell and others had not come empty handed, as vast quantities of Christmas decorations were brought out to transform the cottage. We were also amazed to see a Christmas tree (casuarina) being dragged up from the river. Laurie, Barb and I set to peeling and chopping vegetables for baking and all sorts of goodies appeared, including beef, pork, chickens, Christmas pudding and a beautiful chocolate gateau. We were then joined by Denese's sister and her husband, with two exchange students from Holland and Norway, who probably thought that we were a bit mad, celebrating Christmas in July. Eventually twenty of us sat down to a wonderful dinner with all the trimmings, including bonbons. Afterwards Julia had entertainment laid on, including very clever poetry featuring some of the people present, and Celebrity Heads, most of whom were well known identities from the driving world.

On Sunday it was *very* windy, so after a cooked breakfast it was only Denese and I who were game (or silly) enough to brave the cold and go for a drive. This time we went in the opposite direction to the previous day, climbing a hill, where we could look down on the dam. The view made the drive worthwhile. We were accompanied for part of the way by Emily Thompson (Junior Driver of the Year) and her father, who were riding.

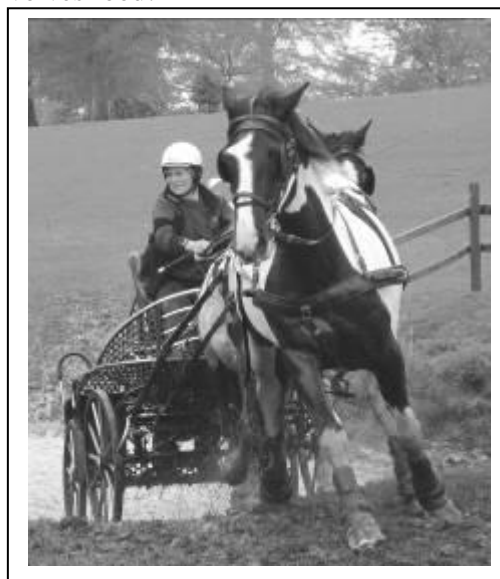
Back at camp, Ryan, Tammara and Isobelle Ward had arrived and we had a late morning tea, where we tried valiantly to finish off all the cakes (but there was just too much), before packing up and heading for home. Before I could leave, it was all hands on deck to turn my float around, as it had been stuck in the driveway since Friday.

It made quite a change for me to spend time with all the 'showies' and get to know them better, and I'd like to thank everyone, especially Denese and Paul, for making this a weekend to remember.

### **CARRIAGE DRIVING AT RIPLEY**

**CASTLE (UK)** by Dot Willcoxson  
(Bungendore Club)

I was delighted to be invited to judge at a two day club event hosted by the North Eastern Driving Trials Ltd (NEDL) Club at Ripley Castle in North Yorkshire, recently. As I was staying with club members Douglas and Doreen Strachan near Kingston-on-Hull, the trip up to Ripley Castle was through very picturesque countryside and villages. I received a very warm welcome from the organizers and that feeling continued through the whole weekend, which culminated in an afternoon tea in a marquee. Driving all over the world involves food!



Pat Cooper driving her tandem through the water obstacle ( D Willcoxson)

The setting at Ripley Castle is just beautiful but the dressage arena has the somewhat dubious reputation as 'the worst dressage arena in the country'. The marathon course certainly makes up for that. The NEDL team is fantastic with Ken Walmsley and Alwin Harrison leading the way. The club also holds a sponsored drive each year, and they raise a good sum for different charities. The weather was damp and bitterly cold so I was pleased to be sitting in a car. The standard of dressage at this level was probably much the same as here in Australia. Quite a variety of breeds were presented. I hadn't seen so many coloured horses until I visited the Appleby Horse Fair. Lunch for the judges was a sit-down affair in one of the horse lorries, and there was some fabulous Yorkshire food.

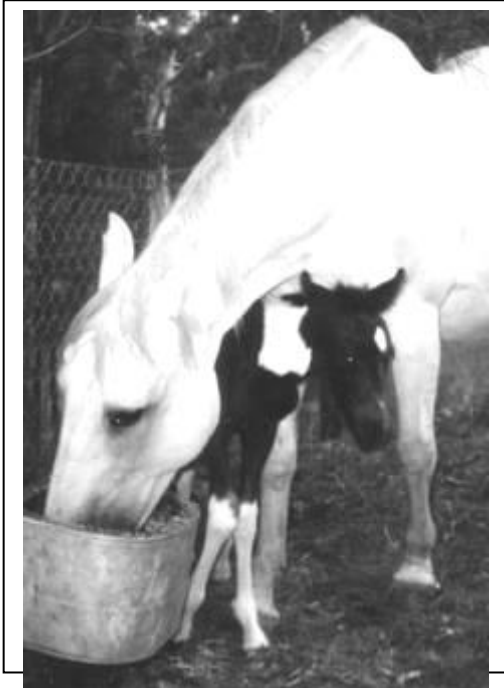
Marathon day dawned windy, bitterly cold and at times a little damp. Suitably rugged up, I was stationed on the water obstacle, which proved very entertaining. Fortunately only a couple of grooms were soaked. Pat Cooper, tandem horse driver,

went through the water, remembered she had missed a compulsory marker, turned around and did it all again. She got the big 'E' of course, but took it as always in good spirit and with much laughter.

It was a great weekend of driving and meeting old and new friends.

**MY HORSE BOKKIE** by Echah Wright  
(North Coast Club)

Bokkie began life here on the farm in northern NSW. His dam was a Percheron TB cross (Mariah) who had done rather well on the show circuit. I bought her from a lady at Bringelly, along with a gelding who has done well at Coffs Harbour Show since. Bok was an accident, but a very nice one.



Bok and his mother

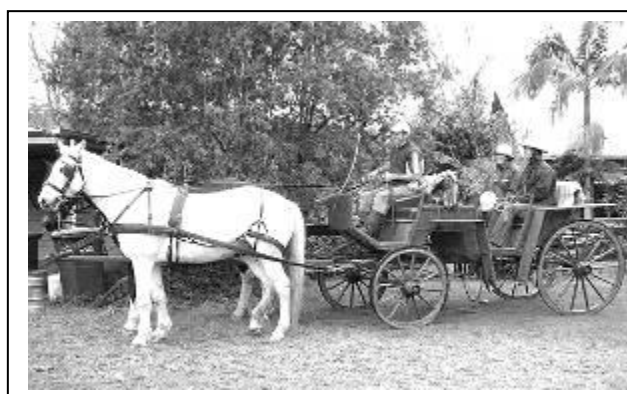
A brumby stallion arrived in the paddock, because my youngest son felt sorry for him and opened the gate. He was as wild as the hills from which he had come. No one could catch him. He has a story all of his own. We named him Do Chi (Thunder). Do Chi, all 13 hands of pinto, was, I considered, no threat to my mare, and I was in the process of finding her a stallion, so I could breed a beautiful horse for driving. It took a couple of weeks to tame Do Chi in a way of which I approved. He became friendly and unafraid. Then I had to leave them on the farm and go back to work.

We moved back to Sydney after the Christmas holidays and I left the gelding, mare and pony stallion, now a lot tamer and approachable, with friends. I organized a vet to come and geld Do Chi. The deed was done without complications. He was always a kind and gentle soul. In the meantime I could not find a stallion I liked, with the temperament to go with the conformation. So I waited. Unbeknown to me, Do Chi had managed to service the mare, and on January 1 1996, Bok was born. I awoke with my father in law saying "Have you bought another damn horse?" We all

went out to see what he was talking about. There in the paddock next to Mariah was this little black and white goat like creature.

Bok got his name from Spring Bok, jumping goat. Bok is the word for goat in Dutch. He looked like a goat, all hairy and with big ears. I thought 'What have we here?' Due to his colour, I knew who was the sire.

Bok was initiated to the saddle later, rather than as a youngster, at about four years of age, as he was still growing and so immature. He was consequently not ridden much until he was about six years old. He looked very gangly, and was still black and white. He was used mainly for trail riding in his early years, and was a very brave horse. He has been to pony club and he was a very good A grade jumper, used by children at pony club. He has a very strong presence and for the uninitiated, can be a bit daunting.



Bok in a pair driven by Gary Rollans

I do not ride any longer, so I asked Gary Rollans to put Bok in harness. So it was that this year his training began at the tender age of 16. Initially Gary said he was too 'naughty' for me, and Gary and I would go out together, and Gary would use him for a while. Now, I take him out at least twice a week, and he has calmed down a treat. He has been in one show and did well, much to my surprise. We only went in for a giggle, but it was a lot of work for a giggle. He has done one novice dressage test and won that as well. There were four other novice competitors. He does look good in harness and he seems to enjoy it more than being ridden. He is a big boy and I have had him all his life. I love him very much, and as my new groom Thea said the other day 'He *really* likes you and he talks to you all the time'.

To make sure I can look after my horses to the best of my ability I did a TAFE Horse Industries Course. It has been very useful, although one never stops learning. The main thing for me is to have fun, be safe, and go out with friends and share my love of horses and driving with others. Bok just wants to eat grass, but he is happy to go out and enjoy a good working trot down a forest path.

## **COMPETITION**

### **DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE NSW ACDS BRANCH**

#### **Guidelines for your design:**

\*Must reflect and be identifiable as representing the sport of carriage driving

\*Must be readily reproducible in print and electronic forms and as embroidery / screen print etc

\*You must hold the copyright to the design, and if selected as the winner, be willing to confer those rights to the ACDS NSW Branch at no cost.

Entries to be displayed at the Branch Meeting November 24 2012 and subsequently voted on by Club Delegates.

**Closing date:** Designs in electronic or hard copy to be submitted to the NSW Secretary by **November 10 2012.** ( Judy Harris 405 Frampton Rd Cootamundra NSW 2590 or [gjharris@live.com.au](mailto:gjharris@live.com.au))

**Prize for winner:** The entry selected for use as the NSW Branch Logo will win 2x day passes to the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2013.

### **UPDATE: 2012 NSW ACDS 'FARMERS WAREHOUSE' SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS** by Tammara Ward (Hunter Club)

The NSW ACDS 'Farmers Warehouse' Show Driving Championships will be hosted this year by the Hunter Horse Driving Society, at the picturesque Gresford Showgrounds on November 24/25 2012. The organization of the event is progressing very well, with some truly wonderful sponsorship received, meaning the program is packed with exciting products and prize money. Farmers Warehouse is our major sponsor. Together with Prydes Easi Feed, they have enabled us to offer feed and prize money to every programmed event. Of further note is the generosity of Beauwood Stud and Max Pearce, who has kindly donated a weekend of driving tuition and accommodation for the winner of the Junior Driver class. It was important to us that we focused some energy on ensuring this class was particularly inviting. We all know that the juniors are the future of our sport. Further, the Lady, Gent and Champion Driver classes have been sponsored by R M Williams, and there are \$400 worth of vouchers up for grabs on these classes alone. Our judges have been finalized. Jim Black and Heidi Stevens will bring their show ring experience to our weekend, and we thank them for their time.

The show will be run over two days, and we have events on the program that will suit both light and heavy horses, and traditional and CDE turnouts, and there is a Cones Competition on the Sunday. The weekend is shaping up to be a rewarding and sociable event, with a social gathering included on

the Saturday evening hosted onsite by the Hunter Club.

**Pre Entries close on Friday October 5 2012** and the first 10 entries will receive a bag of Prydes Easi Feed, just for being organized! Entry is available on the day, but at an increased fee. The Program and Entry Form are available via the ACDS website, also via the '2012 NSW ACDS Farmers Warehouse Show Driving Championships' facebook page, or a copy can be sent out by email or post. Please contact Tammara Ward to request one on [rmtlward@live.com](mailto:rmtlward@live.com) or 02 49389615

PS Did I mention that RM Williams is bring the Long Horn Express ? For those not actually competing, there will still be plenty to see and do!

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **NSW DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & LEVEL 3 CDE**

**Date: Dressage Championships:** Sat Sept 29 2012

**Level 3 CDE:** Sun Sept 30- Mon Oct 1

**Host Club:** Southern Highlands Carriage Club

**Venue:** SHCC Grounds Bundanoon

**Entries close:** Mon Sept 10 2012 (Late entries until Fri Sept 17, with extra \$20)

**Contact:** Yvonne Wood 02 4883 6859

### **NSW SHOW JUDGES AND DRIVERS SCHOOL & JUDGES PRAC EXAM**

**Date:** Sun Oct 7 2012

**Host Club:** Temora Carriage Club

**Venue:** Cedar Farm, 471 Cedar Rd Temora

**Bookings close:** School: Sept 26 2012

Candidate Judges Exam: Sept 13 2012

**Contact:** Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 or [jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au)

Sharon Beattie 02 6973 1924 or

[sbeattie3@bigpond.com](mailto:sbeattie3@bigpond.com)

### **NSW CDE CHAMPIONSHIPS & LEVEL 4 WITWOOD CHALLENGE**

**Date:** Nov 3 – 4 2012

**Host Club:** Bungendore Carriage Driving Club

**Venue:** Witwood, 8903 Kings Highway Braidwood

**Entries Close:** Oct 19 2012

**Contact:** Dot Willcoxson 02 4842 7164

Lorraine Wharton 02 4822 8494

### **NSW ACDS SHOW DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Date:** Nov 24-25 2012

**Host Club:** Hunter Horse Driving Society

**Venue:** Gresford Showground, Gresford

**Entries close:** Pre entries: Oct 5. (Entry also available on the day with added fee)

**Contact:** Tammara Ward 02 49389615 or  
rmtlward@live.com.au

### **JANELLE MARSHALL SCHOOLS**

Two Schools with Janelle Marshall will be held in NSW in November 2012. They present wonderful opportunities to have lessons with Janelle, who is currently teaching and driving in the USA. Janelle represented Australia in 2011 at the World Pony CDE Championships held in Lipicia, Slovenia, finishing in the middle of the field at her first World Championship Event.

Janelle has a great ability to teach at the level that each driver needs and really focuses on improving driving skills and the way the horse is going, rather than concentrating on a specific discipline. She works with all sizes of horses and ponies, and all who attended her schools last year enjoyed them immensely. These people included experienced as well as new and less experienced drivers, and had a range of interests including showing, pleasure driving, dressage and CDE.

NB Young Drivers (under 25) will have their lesson fees subsidized by the Federal ACDS – find out more from the contacts named below.

#### **SYDNEY REGION**

**Date:** Tuesday November 13 2012

**Host Club:** Hills District Harness Club

**Venue:** Rural Sports Facility, Bayfield Rd Galston

**Details:** Janelle will be giving individual 45 minute lessons through the day. Only a limited number of lesson slots are available so intending participants are advised to book in as soon as possible.

**Fees:** \$100 per lesson \$10 each for fence sitters

**Bookings close and fees payable by:** October 12 2012

**Bookings and further enquiries:** Janet Muspratt  
02 9606 6085 [jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jmuspratt@ozemail.com.au)

#### **COOTAMUNDRA**

**Date:** Wed / Thurs November 14/15 2012

**Host Club:** Canberra Carriage Driving Society

**Venue:** Garry & Judy Harris' property  
'Corramandel' 405 Frampton Rd Cootamundra

**Fee:** \$95 per 45 minute lesson

**Bookings close and fees payable by:** October 12 2012

**Bookings and further enquiries:** Hannah  
Becchio 0412 240 382  
[Hannah.Harris@climatechange.gov.au](mailto:Hannah.Harris@climatechange.gov.au)

### **DRESSAGE JUDGES & CDE OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS**

**Date:** December 1/2 2012

**Host Club:** Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn  
Club

**Venue:** Moonbi

**Further details:** Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726  
[myeyor@yahoo.com.au](mailto:myeyor@yahoo.com.au)

### **YOUNG AND BEGINNING DRIVERS CAMP**

by Sharon Beattie

**Date:** Jan 19 – 27 2013

**Organised by:** NSW Branch ACDS and  
Young Driver Co Coordinator(Sharon Beattie)

**Venue:** Cedar Farm, Temora

**Details:** As one of the NSW Branch's two Young Driver Co-Ordinators I am organizing a 9 day camp in 2013, from January 19 – 27, at Cedar Farm, Cedar Rd Temora in Southern NSW. I am building on the fantastic Young and Beginning Drivers Schools conducted some years ago at Picton and later on at Yanco. These were conducted over just two days each and packed lots of worthwhile activities into the small time frame. The aim of the 2013 camp is to instruct young and beginning drivers on correct and safe driving, as well as giving them an opportunity to meet up and bond in a fun learning environment. The plan is to start with learning about such basics as the parts of the harness, care of a horse, how to hold the reins and handle a whip, long reining and control of the horse once in the vehicle. Each day this knowledge will be reinforced and built upon.

Students will also learn how to set up and drive a CDE. They will measure out a driven dressage arena, set out a marathon and its obstacles, construct a cones course and then learn to walk, then drive each of these competitions. At the end of the week, the plan is to use this knowledge and work, to run a Mini CDE.

January is hot, yet last January we had a Come and Try Weekend and were able to drive right through the day. I want to start this Camp's activities early each day and be finished using the horses and ponies by late morning. After lunch there will be discussion of practical things, for example how to design a Marathon Obstacle, before going out as the day cools down to build the obstacle.

Other afternoon activities could include a visit to the Rural Museum in Temora to look at the horse drawn vehicle collection, or if it is really hot, a trip to the Barmedman Mineral Pool. Afternoons will also be time for students to gain extra help if required.

The camp is aimed at anyone aged from 6 – 25 years, but is not restricted to this age group. Beginning drivers of any age will be welcome. The plan is to advertise it to ACDS members as well as within Pony Clubs, Mini Trots Clubs and to pleasure riders through newspapers and Horse Deals. The possibility of having One Activity Memberships which will cover the duration of the camp is being investigated.

**Expressions of Interest** are now needed:

**1. Assistance to run the school**, especially from dressage and cones judges, TDs, TPR stewards and scorers, event secretaries, organizers, show judges

and show, CDE, endurance and pleasure drivers. Others such as regular stewards would also be of great help. People are needed to instruct, but also to accompany or mingle with the learners to ensure they understand and follow the instructions. Any help whether it is for the whole time, a few days or just one day at the camp will be most welcome.

**2. Students** - any juniors (not necessary to have a driving background) or beginner drivers interested in participating in the school

**3. Quiet horses and ponies** suitable for young and beginner drivers, plus **vehicles and harness** are also required

*Please contact Sharon as soon as possible if you believe you can be of assistance, can provide a suitable horse/pony/vehicle/harness or if you would like to be a student at this school*

Sharon Beattie (02) 69 731924 or  
sbeattie3@bigpond.com

## **NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH MEETING HELD AT TAMWORTH ON AUGUST 25 2012**

**Clubs represented were:** Tamworth, Ellmore, Canberra, Bungendore, Hills, Hunter, North Coast, Southern Highlands, Liverpool Range, Temora. 22 attendees.

### **Panel Reports**

#### **CDE**

\*Bruce Hammond has resigned from Panel – his significant contribution to the management of CDE affairs as Convenor, was acknowledged and his input will be missed. Gail Lodge has accepted an invitation to re join the panel.

\*Interactive CDE Forums will be held at Tamworth and Yass – to reaccredit officials, attract members to become officials, also opportunity for officials and drivers to catch up on new rules and discuss aspects of CDE. Tamworth forum will be Dec 1/2. Yass date TBA.

\*Clubs running Level 4 (Training) and Level 3 CDEs at the start of the season are encouraged to use lower level dressage tests to give drivers and horses an easier lead into competition after some months time out. Higher level tests recommended later in season as lead in to Level 1 Championships

#### **P & E**

\*Marrar Enduro organized by Reedy Creek Club covered 303.3km for the full course and 136.4 for the half course in cool to cold conditions and some very heavy rain. It was the second trial of having no vet to inspect horses at start, and no problems were encountered.

\*Results look encouraging re the way the Ground Juries at Fifield and Marrar have addressed the welfare of the competing horses.

\*Thank you to Neil Munn for his contribution whilst on the Panel, and welcome to Rosemary Laing with her wealth of experience in endurance driving.

\*TPR Schools – offers from John Moyes (Reedy Creek Club) and Chris Hills (Gulgong Club) to run schools.

\*Reminder about the Liverpool Range Club's Royal Far West Charity Drive Sept 15 – 22.

#### **Dressage**

\*Annual Dressage Award – Panel recommended it should select award winner based on performance (see note in Other Business re basis of award)

\*Strong recommendation to include FEI 8C Test on Matrix, for multiples

\*Margaret O'Brien has fulfilled requirements to be Advanced Dressage Judge

\*Candidate Judge Assessors for 2012/13 – Sheryl Leibowitz, Judy Dwyer, Dot Willcoxson and Sue Plath.

\*Dressage material and photos required for NSW website.

\*2013 FEI Rule Change re use of half marks – panel decided not to use half marks. Other states will need to put forward their views.

\*No objection to the use of hoof boots in dressage competitions

\*Important to emphasise difference between Graded Dressage system and CDE Dressage

\*Selection of dressage tests for events to be left to the organizers. However when an event is a 'warm up' for a Championship, it is appropriate that the same tests be used for both events.

#### **Show Driving**

\*Thank you to Ken Thomas and John White for their contributions to the Panel over the last few years, welcome to new members Jennifer White and Carol Fitzpatrick.

\*Club Gymkhanas and Concours d'Elegance events recommended – thanks to Hills and Hunter for holding them.

\*Sponsorship by NSW Branch of Junior Whip class in Light Harness at Sydney Royal has been arranged.

\*State Show Driving Championships at Gresford on November 24/25 – excellent sponsorship and donations. This includes support from Ellmore, Southern Highlands, Hills, Camden, Gulgong and Bungendore clubs and the NSW Branch. Schedules are available on the Federal and NSW Websites. Pre entries close Oct 5.

\*Show Judges and Drivers School and Exam to be held on October 7 at Temora. Contact Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 for bookings and details.

\*Centenary Canberra Royal Show in 2013 – Harness feature on Feb 23/24 with numerous classes.

\*Nominations needed from clubs to run the 2013 State Show. Interested clubs should contact Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085 asap.

#### **Historical**

\*Gathering information on horse drawn vehicles continues – members are invited to supply

information and photos of their vehicles to go into the records. Contact Dennis Casper 02 9450 2748

\*Information and photos of 39 vehicles now on the record.

\*A Buy Swap and Sell Day will be run by Hills Club on October 21 at the RDA Centre Box Hill.

\*Very good Historical Forum run by Michael MacDonald at the ACDS Conference at Albury, especially the hands on section on identifying parts of a vehicle.

\*There are records of vintage cars and vintage caravans, why not a record of Vintage Horse Drawn Vehicles ?

#### **Other Business**

\*Dressage tests for multiples for 2012 NSW CDE Champs confirmed as FEI 8A, 8B & 8C

\*Treasurer – no nominations for position received at AGM or subsequently. Moved that Branch continue to coopt Tina Kelly to the role of Financial Officer until the next AGM.

\*Property Identification Code (PIC) required for Horse Owners as from Sept 1. Check with LHPA.

\*Insurance – Clubs need to keep a register of volunteers (Federal will develop template soon). Details of any members, grooms, passengers, or volunteers aged 80yrs + need to be sent to Fed Assistant Sec Sue Waters.

\*Memberships must be paid to club by August 31. Cannot drive at ACDS activities and will not be covered by insurance after that date unless membership has been renewed and paid up.

\*Fed Council has opportunity to secure 24/7 Personal Accident insurance for members. Would add approx \$4 to Single, and \$8 to Family memberships. Clubs asked to discuss whether ACDS should obtain this cover, and report back to president prior to next meeting.

\*Tail restraint – acceptable for use and does not constitute a ‘tail tie’

\*Annual dressage award is judged on performance and contribution. Clubs, panels and individuals are able to nominate anyone they believe worthy.

\*Margaret O’Brien to be accredited as an Advanced Dressage Judge.

\*Whip Around to be published in early June rather than after AGM in July due to production difficulties.

\*New website has been launched with same web address

\*State Logo – competition to be held for members to design a NSW ACDS logo. 2x day passes to Sydney Royal as prize.

\*Grants: Southern Highlands Club for NSW Dressage Champs - \$400, Bungendore Club for NSW CDE Champs \$600, Tamworth Club for Judges Development Schools (Dressage, CDE) in Dec 2012 - \$400

\*ACDS/NZCDS Cultural Exchange – scheduled for February 2013. Expressions of interest being sought from drivers interested in going to NZ to compete. Contact Tony James for details.

\*Young and Beginner Drivers Camp late January 2013 at Temora to be organized as a State Branch activity by Sharon Beattie.

\*Job descriptions for NSW Branch positions – written job descriptions for panel members / convenors and executive positions may assist in encouraging people to take on jobs and avoid people going on panels when not aware of the requirements. Panels to come up with position descriptions for panel member / convenor roles. Exec positions to be developed by president. Drafts for next meeting.

\*Event clashes – important to check calendar, including major interstate events, before setting dates.

\*Government grants – clubs are encouraged to apply for grants from Government schemes and Branch will support applications as appropriate.

\*Branch equipment trailer discussed – has been raised before but majority of clubs did not support concept. Maintenance and transporting across large state mentioned as problems. Clubs take pride in owning their own equipment.

\*Federal ACDS/EA sub committee has been re formed with a view to maintaining communication and promoting the potential for pony drivers to compete internationally, as well as horse singles, 4 in hands etc

\*Requesting visitors to leave ACDS venues – organizers have the right and duty of care to request anyone whom they suspect may present a risk, to leave. Signs at entry points saying ‘Right of Admission Reserved’ strengthen this authority.

**Next Meeting to be held on November 24, 2012 at Wagga Wagga.**

Horse class at the Inter Club Challenge Day – Camden, Hills and Southern Highlands



## SERVICE DIRECTORY

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Farrier	Ryan's Farrier Service	0416 181 917
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Horse Dentist	Don Davies	02 4576 7676
Horse Dentist	Bill Galway	041924901
Horse Dentists	Alan Griffiss & Stephen Carn	02 9627 1478 0409 664 066
Horse Dentist	John Tarbutt unavailable May – July	0418 439 297
Horse Handling/ Reschooling/ Breaking In	Conundrum Horse Handling	02 6942 7889
Horse Breaking, Training, Re-Education, Zilco Harness, Whips, Gloves, Shackles and more	Sheryl, Trevor & Kim Leibowitz 'Shibumi Equestrian Centre'	02 4883 7136 0410 523 376 0410 536 755
Lining on vehicles, sign writing	Samantha Moseley (Bilpin)	0438 539 500
Millinery – Show & Presentation	Mahbrook Originals	02 6236 9210
Mobile Repairs – horse floats, caravans, trailers, including maintenance and electronics.	Towfix Peter Chamberlain	0423 607 949 (Sydney area)
Overnight Accommodation for you & your horse – self contained accommodation, stables & yards	Beauwood Stud (Goulburn)	02 4829 0178 <a href="mailto:pearce@wirefree.net.au">pearce@wirefree.net.au</a> <a href="http://www.beauwoodstud.com.au">www.beauwoodstud.com.au</a>
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