

Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society NSW Branch Inc.

Newsletter

Spring 2016



Photo: Colin Lavender

Four-Wheeled Trade/Delivery Turnout: 3 or more Medium/Heavy Horses
National Heavy Horse Foal & Harness Show, 24th April 2016

Dean & Esmay Rheinberger

It has been a long time dream for Dean and Esmay Rheinberger of Demore Park Harness Horses to be able to put together and drive a team of 6 horses. With the support of Murroka Clydesdale Stud and Benwerrin Park Clydesdale Stud combined with their own horses from Demore Park the dream became the reality.

After showcasing the 6 horse team in the Harness Parade at Sydney Royal 2016 Dean and Esmay were excited to do it again at the CCHS National Foal and Harness Show and that won't be the last you will see of them and their team. As its a rare sight in Australia they plan to show their team as often as they can so the public can get the opportunity to see and appreciate these magnificent horse's in action.

Calendar of Events

Merriwa Springtime Show <i>Merriwa Showground NSW</i>	17-18th Sept
Temora Ag Show <i>Temora Showground NSW</i>	24th Sept
Singleton Show <i>Singleton Showground NSW</i>	24th Sept
Menangle Park Ag Show <i>Menangle Park Showground NSW</i>	25th Sept
Culcairn Show <i>Culcairn Showground NSW</i>	1st Oct
Barellan Working Clydesdales & Heavy Horses Weekend <i>Barellan Showground NSW</i>	1st-2nd Oct
Kyogle Annual Show <i>Kyogle Showground NSW</i>	8th Oct
Leeton Show <i>Leeton Showground NSW</i>	7-8th Oct
Taree Show <i>Taree Showground NSW</i>	8th Oct
St. Heliers Heavy Horse Field Days inc. Training Day <i>Muswellbrook NSW</i>	15-16 Oct
Robertson Spring Horse Show <i>Robertson Showground NSW</i>	23rd Oct
Carcoar Show <i>Carcoar Showground NSW</i>	29th Oct

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President's Report

As presented at the CCHS NSW AGM, 29th May 2016

It gives me great pleasure to submit my President's Report which covers the period from my report that appeared in the 2015 Spring Newsletter to the current date.

Again I give thanks to our State Committee Members for their input in so many ways and particularly to Glenda for her hard work and dedication as Secretary.

Our led classes at this year's Sydney Show were judged by Mr. John O'Sullivan of "Moorland" Stud, Tooradin, Victoria, who gave his champion awards to: Male - "Samarah Park Sovereign", shown by Shaun and Yvette Moloney and Female and Supreme - "Farleton Classic Caviar" shown by Gayle Watson with Tim Peel. Congratulations to these and to all award winners. Again we acknowledge the dedication of all Clydesdale exhibitors both in led and harness classes on the presentation of their horses, harness and vehicles, and I thank them for their participation.

Our aisle function was held on the Saturday evening after judging and once again proved an enjoyable and successful activity. We were favoured with the presence of our Federal President, Rob Ronzio and his wife, Thelma, together with Federal Secretary, Rod Bowles. Many thanks again to those involved in the organisation.

Our Resource Book, "The Clydesdale Horse", 3rd Edition, was ably launched during the evening by our Patron, Dick Adams and in conjunction we conducted a raffle for Book No. 1 which was won by Tony Riley.

We certainly appreciate the immense amount of work put into its publication by Ian Stewart-Koster and also thanks go to those members of our own Committee who were also involved.

At the Federal Council meeting held at Sydney on the 20th March a revised copy of the constitution was circulated.

It was agreed that the Federal Secretary instruct each State what they are to do regarding the adoption of the new Constitution and the winding up of the various States' regulations.

Our major event during this reporting period was the inaugural National Heavy Horse, Foal and Har-

ness Show held on 24th April at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park. The decision was taken by the State Committee to hold the event under cover as two attempts to have our usual Annual Foal Show at Camden last year were abandoned because of wet weather. Also it was decided to widen the participation to cater for other breeds of heavy horses. Many thanks again to those involved in the organisation.

"Tullymore William" was awarded the supreme champion led Clydesdale with the champion Clydesdale gelding being the recipient of the Max Fowler award going to Col and Karen Brown's "McMurchie Ingram."

Generally speaking the event proved successful with many favourable comments, and thanks go to all those who were involved in its organisation and running.

The Anzac Day tribute, incorporated into the day, was professionally conducted and was very well received.

Another St. Heliers Heavy Horse Field Days event, the 20th, was held last weekend and was reported to have been again a most successful activity. Congratulations to John Sercombe and his team.

We sponsored the awards for both the Champion and Reserve Champion led Clydesdale.

It is planned to have two of our Committee members attend the Annual Meeting with the R.A.S. Horse Committee scheduled for the week after next to give feedback on this year's Sydney Show and to make appropriate requests for the 2017 Show.

Some initial thoughts have already been expressed to the R.A.S. to have a male award at Sydney Show similar to the Annaburne Cup for females.

Thank you for your attendance today and continue to enjoy your involvement with our magnificent horses.

John Drinnan

Treasurer's Report

*Statement of Receipts and Payments
For Year Ending 31st December 2015
As presented at AGM, 29th May 2016*

RECEIPTS

Advertising in Resource Book	800.00	
Bank Interest – Term Deposit	406.71	
Federal Council Branch Rebate	1,852.00	
Sale Resource Books	383.15	
Sale Merchandise	85.00	
Foal & Harness Show Sponsorship	1,000.00	
		4,526.86

PAYMENTS

Newsletter and Flyers	355.50	
Aisle Function Sydney Show	200.00	
Foal Show Expenses	313.13	
Skills Day 15.8.15 Expenses	501.00	
Website Expenses	184.90	
Stationery and Postage	144.78	
Meeting Expenses	55.00	
NSW Fair Trading – Annual Return	81.00	
Sydney Show – 2016 Prize	100.00	
St. Heliers Field Days Sponsorship	100.00	
		2,035.31
<u>Net Surplus for Year</u>		2,491.55

Cash Funds Balance 1.1.15	16,479.23	
<u>Add</u> Net Surplus for Year	2,491.55	
Cash Funds Balance 31.12.15	18, 970.78	

Represented by:

Current A/c Balance	6,037.93
Term Deposit Balance	12,932.85
	18,970.78

Treasurer's Report

*Statement of Receipts and Payments
For Period 1 January to 30 July 2016
As presented at State Committee Meeting, 31st July 2016*

RECEIPTS

Advertising Resource Book (1)	2000.00	
Sale White Ropes	88.60	
Raffle Resource Book	238.00	
Federal Council Branch Rebate	2060.00	
Sale Merchandise	75.00	
Sale Resource Books	3619.00	
Max Fowler Award (Federal Council)	400.00	
Term Deposit Interest	108.92	
		8,589.52

PAYMENTS

National Foal and Harness Show (2)	3562.88	
Newsletter and Flyers	400.10	
St Heliers Sponsorship	170.00	
Resource Book Production	5618.70	
Hire Meeting Room	200.00	
Annual Return Fee	51.00	
Postage Resource Books	29.60	
		10,032.28
<u>Net Deficit for Period</u>		(1,442.76)

Cash Funds Balance 1.1.16	18,970.78	
<u>Less</u> Net Deficit for Period	1,442.76	
Cash Funds Balance 30.7.16	17,528.02	

Represented by:

Current A/C Balance	11,490.86	
Term Deposit Balance	6,037.16	
		<u>17,528.02</u>

1. Advertising Resource Book:

Receipts as Shown	2,000.00	
Received Previous Years	1,000.00	
		<u>3,000.00</u>

2. National Foal and Harness Show:

Cost as Shown	3,562.88	
Sponsorship Received Previous Year	1,000.00	
	2,562.88	
Expense Paid Previous Year	185.63	
		<u>2,748.51</u>

Grading-Up Proposal

The motion passed at the 2015 NSW Branch AGM and forwarded to Federal Council AGM will hopefully initiate immediate debate on this issue.

For nearly two decades the discussion of Grading-up our Clydesdale base has ranged from those unable to accept the concept to those who believe it is a necessary progression if our genetic base is to be broadened.

Several points emerge from the initial Motion:

1. Any motion passed to Council from a State Branch is a proposal, a concept, a basis for debate and discussion.
2. Such motions can be rejected outright or modified to suit the discussions that naturally follow. It was agreed at Council that we further discuss the proposed concept and that each State has time to discuss the proposal with its members.
3. It is realised that such a motion as this proposed 'Grading-up Register' may not be accepted on its first presentation. - In recent times we have successfully modified motions on establishing a Cross-Bred Register to assist the Sport Horse fraternity. The final outcome based on shared debate was indeed an improved and workable concept and policy. This process was concluded over several meetings of Council and all possibilities reviewed and modified.
4. The motion as put goes beyond the structure of the CHS-UK Studbook Grading-up Regulation. Their policy accepts the use of "Unregistered Clydesdale mares" and "Shire mares" as the female base, or Shire Stallions over Clydesdale mares. They also require the gelding of all male progeny in the 1st and 2nd crosses. Our proposal extends the concept by accepting the use of graded up colts, be they 1st or 2nd cross, who are deemed acceptable to the programme.
5. Importantly, the NSW Branch motion would mean the female base was either a pure Clydesdale or 1st/2nd cross upgraded mare. The Shire Stallion or Graded up Stallion could only be used once in the programme, thus maintaining progeny of Clydesdale type in each successive generation. A Graded-up Stallion could only be used once over a Pure Clydesdale mare in the programme - replacing the use of a Registered Shire Stallion. If the Graded-up Stallion is deemed acceptable, the breeder has saved up to 3 to 4 years in their breeding programme.
6. The CHS-UK policy requires all colts of the first 2 crosses be gelded. Colts by a 3rd cross are deemed as Full-blood being 7/8th Clydesdale.
7. Council has recently accepted the concept of changing our own CCHS importation regulations to bring us in line with the UK definition of 2 cross female; 3 cross male. Thus the importation of a Stallion or their semen under this ruling would be possible.
8. It would be simple to present a programme in line with the UK Grading-up policy, but again, if we are satisfied to use a pure bred Shire in the programme, are not the 1st or 2nd cross stallions similarly suitable, if they meet our desired standards?
9. If a breeder can import a Registered stallion or their semen from the UK at huge \$ cost wise, then why are they subjected to this imposition if the same upgrading programme can be done within Australia?
10. One level of opinion is that the quality of Shire horses is insufficient within Australia. Given the level of importation and subsequent breeding over the past decade, this is a very hard opinion to accept.
11. Another is that we may in fact lose our Clydesdale breed character? Have not the breeders in the UK over many decades, through prudent introduction of Shire genetics, provided the Clydesdale horse that we still see today as distinct from the current modern Shire breed?
12. The crucial element is the establishment of a Panel of Federal Judges who would be willing to choose "Premium Stallions" deemed suitable to use. In the same way, if a 1st or 2nd cross stallion possessing either 1/2 or 3/4 Clydesdale blood was deemed suitable by the Panel, then why not make these animals available?
Yes, this is a confronting concept and will no doubt raise concerns from individuals- but that is the role of our Council and the State delegates to consider changes, to discuss and debate and make decisions on behalf of our members and breed. If Council believes that a Panel to select "Premium Shire Stallions" would be unworkable or too "sensitive" for their owners- are we then willing to drop this concept and allow the show ring and market place to establish the standard? Is Council willing to establish a 1st level responsibility on the suitability of what stallions are to be used or allow the market place to do this job? If you consider the general level of quality in our Clydesdales to be superior to that displayed in the Shire breed in Australia, then why risk 'damaging' this standard by an open book policy and the rejection of a 'Premium Stallion' concept?
13. The reality of such a programme, even if introduced today, would not see the final product until at least 11 to 12 years. This proposed policy will not advantage our current "older" breeders, but it will provide a programme for those who take our place.
14. If the Grading-up Proposal as presented is not deemed appropriate- then please as Council delegates and through Branch discussion, review changes, modify the proposal, suggest alternatives, but do not walk away from the concept and leave future generations with an ever decreasing gene pool of breeding animals. If the CHS-UK breeders have accepted a Grading-up policy then why do we not take on the responsibility given that we are willing to accept genetics from their Studbook?
15. Grading-up programmes are not uncommon to many livestock breeding Societies who aim at broadening their gene pool. As we earnestly aim at preserving our Clydesdale, do not destroy our heritage by closed minds. We owe it to those early breeders who in the past implemented Grading-up programmes to improve their desired animal. Progress and improvement in the hands of our Council will be our legacy to future Clydesdale breeders.

Colin Brown OAM

On behalf of the CCHS NSW Branch, 5/3/2016

THE NATIONAL HEAVY HORSE FOAL & HARNESS SHOW

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2016

Sydney International Equestrian Centre
Horsley Park NSW

2015 proved to be a Year of bad weather in late Autumn. Several dates were set down for our Annual Foal Show only to be postponed each time. As the year drew on it was decided to cancel the event and hopefully enjoy the upcoming Spring and Summer shows on the Clydesdale Calendar.

The Committee then prepared for the 2016 Show by taking advantage of the available Anzac weekend at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in Horsley Park. Knowing this would be a more costly event than our traditional Camden site, six Committee Members pooled sponsored the event with a \$3000 seeding budget. The CCHS NSW Branch supported with the usual sum of \$1500 and due to the great effort of Esmay and Dean Rheinberger, additional major sponsorship was raised to enable this new initiative to be established. Additional thanks to Paul Brooks for his provision of the ring shrubs and plants and to Karen Brown for the catering for our Judges and ring assistants.

A full schedule of Led Classes for Clydesdales, Shires, Percherons and Part-Bred Heavy Horses saw a memorable turnout of horses and exhibitors. This was then supported by Harness Classes in the afternoon and into the night under lights.

Given the nature of this weekend, an Anzac Service was held during the lunchbreak with our State Patron Mr Dick Adams leading proceeding on the day. The presence of a Light Horse representative was most appreciated and we thank Dick for his continued support and organisation of this ceremony and to our President John Drinnan for his management of the event.

No level of planning can be successful without the continuous efforts of an efficient Secretary. Many thanks to Glenda Bisset for her many hours of organisation and liaising with the SIEC team.

Many thanks to our two Federal Judges - Mrs Julie Peel who commanded the Led classes and to Mr Dave Pitstock Qld. who, judged the Harness classes. A special thanks to our Ridden Judge Nicola Yates, who was presented with an impressive number of Heavy Horses in this crowd pleasing class. Thanks to the support team of Stewards including Mrs Deb Teatoff, Fed. Judge from QLD and to Allison, Andrew & Adelle Beer, Andrew Lavis, Rob & Thelma Ronzio, Ashlee & Rachel Sternbeck, Heather & Philip Oxenham, Brendan Layton and to Mr Tim Peel as the Safety Officer on the day. One of the important features of staging this event at such a high tech venue was the availability of the electronic board. A major effort by our Publicity Officer Fleur LeMesurier who kept the audience and exhibitors well informed throughout the day and night.

Congratulations to all those who supported the Show in whatever capacity and especially to those ribbon winners on the day. Well done.

This venue in 2017 will host the Shire Horse Society's Heavy Horse event and it is hoped that the fraternity will again gather in support of this Australian Heavy Horse Spectacular, on 22-23rd April 2017.

Colin Brown



Photo: Colin Lavender

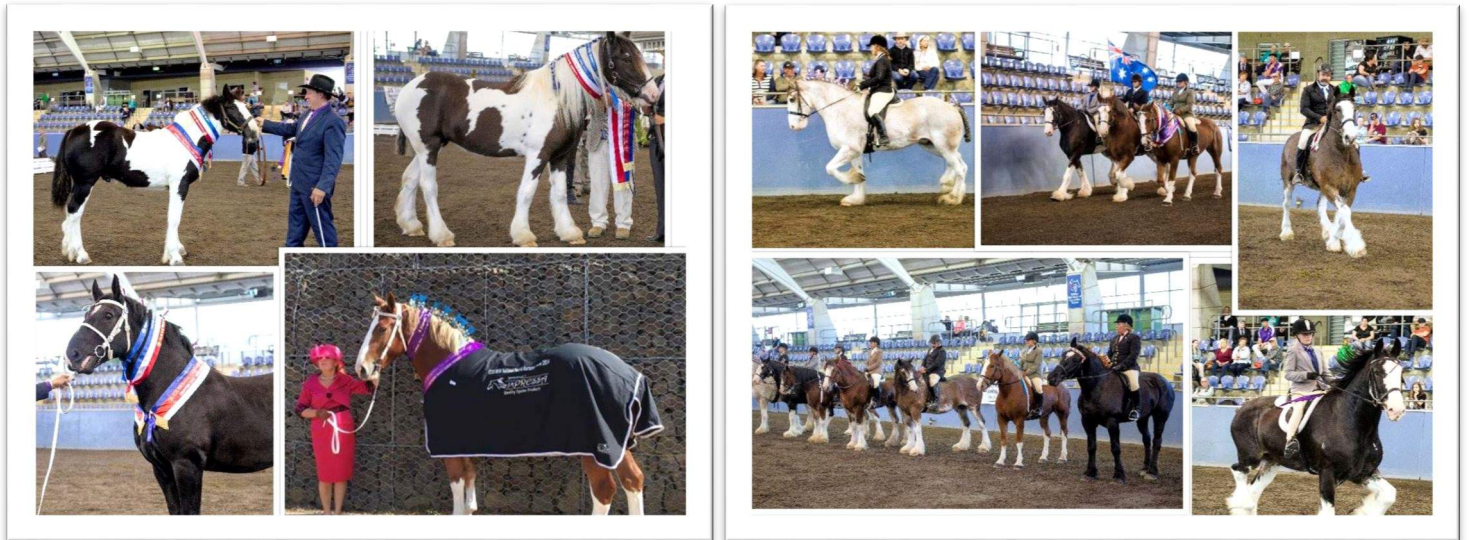
National Heavy Horse Foal & Harness Show 2016

Gallery



National Heavy Horse Foal & Harness Show 2016

Gallery



The CCHS NSW Branch would like to make special acknowledgment and thanks to Colin Lavender, for being our photographer at the 2016 National Heavy Horse Foal and Harness Show. We appreciated the time taken and the photo quality.

National Heavy Horse Foal & Harness Show

Sydney International Equestrian Centre

24th April 2016

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On a personal level, as being on the organising committee and also being an exhibitor, I would like to say a few words in regard to this year's successful Foal & Harness Show.

There was a huge amount of work done behind the scenes for this marvellous day to take place. The basic organising committee involved Esmay and Dean Rheinberger, Glenda Bissett and myself. Glenda Bissett doing all the organisation of the entries and stabling with Nominat. On the day Glenda and Brendan Layton did the thankless task of organising the stabling and shavings for every exhibitor, which was very time consuming, while still exhibiting their own horses. A huge thank you to both of them.

Esmay, Dean and myself organised most of the program, ribbons and all the setup of the venue and Esmay did a fantastic job in arranging most of the sponsorship. Esmay needs a great big thank you as we could not have done it without her tremendous effort.

Arriving on the Friday there was the arena to be set up, banners to be hung etc. Paul Brooks arrived with the most beautiful plants for us to place selectively around the arena, all of this at no cost to the Society. With all this finishing late into the evening there was Saturday for us to do the final touches and also prepare our own horses ready for Sunday.

We were lucky enough to have a conference room with a huge kitchen and dining area available to us for the whole weekend. I would like to thank all the people who ran the kitchen over the weekend - Jan Pierce, Thelma Ronzio (for doing the washing up), Karen Brown and Philip Oxenham who was the runner to the Judges and Stewards with their lunches, tea and coffee. You all did a fantastic job to keep it running on time.

Esmay's sister and her husband Allison and Andrew Beer came along out of the goodness of their heart from Mudgee, with Alison running the administration desk. Alison, we could not have done it without you. Andrew was our Marshall for the day and what a great job he did, he kept all the exhibitors up to date on the times, etc and got them organised and into the ring on time.

Andrew Lavis drove all the way from Victoria to volunteer as our announcer for the day, and all I can say is what a terrific person he is to have on a microphone. Andrew kept the audience entertained with his comments and jokes all day and well into the evening harness classes.

Volunteers for stewarding included Debbie Teatoff from QLD, Rob Ronzio from VIC, as well as the Sternbeck sisters, Rachel and Ashlee, and weren't they all the best stewards you could find. Fleur LeMesurier did an excellent job keeping us all informed in regard to the results on the electronic notice board and played some awesome music.

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National Heavy Horse Foal & Harness Show

Sydney International Equestrian Centre

24th April 2016

Letter to the Editor

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Congratulations to all exhibitors, especially to the Champions and Supremes.

SUPREME CLYDESDALE: TULLYMORE WILLIAM / S & Y MOLONEY

SUPREME SHIRE: DARKMORE ELIZABETH / C & E THOMAS

SUPREME HEAVY HORSE: CARBERY ESTATE BELIEVE IN DREAMS / S CLARKE

SUPREME HARNESS HORSE: DEMORE PARK HARNESS TEAM / D & E RHEINBERGER

After being at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre for 4 days, at the completion of the show, a group of dedicated helpers including Esmay, Dean, Alison, Andrew, Glenda, Brendan, Fleur, Sheriden, Philip and myself did a massive clean-up, and then we all faced the long haul home.

To sum the weekend up I think it was a very successful event and a good time was had by all. And once again a huge THANK YOU to all who made it possible with their time and effort, making it the best Foal Show we have ever held.

Personally our family had a very successful and enjoyable time.

Heather Oxenham



Photos: Colin Lavender

The CCHS NSW Branch Inc. would like to make a huge
 THANKYOU to the following sponsors for their support of the
 THE 2016 NATIONAL HEAVY HORSE FOAL & HARNESS SHOW

Benwerrin Park Clydesdale Stud

McMurchie Clydesdale Stud

Amaroo Clydesdale Stud

Juzta Clydesdale Stud

Oscarville Clydesdale Stud

Demore Park Heavy Harness Horses

Glennlawrie Clydesdales

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ST HELIERS HEAVY HORSE FIELD DAYS

Muswellbrook NSW

21-22nd May 2016

We had the pleasure of attending the St Heliers Heavy Horse Field Days on the weekend of 21st and 22nd May this year.

What a wonderful weekend was had by all who attended, the weather was absolutely perfect and as usual the grounds and facilities of St Heliers were in perfect condition.

Approx 70 horses attended the weekend and with somewhere near 2000 people through the gate it was capacity overload, with many competitors and spectators choosing to camp the weekend, approx. 100 caravans camped across the road.

The highlight of the weekend though was with BETTER HOMES and GARDENS being there for the whole time with special guest Dr Harry Cooper. Dr Harry moved freely around the ground mingling with the crowd, speaking and filming people preparing their horses for their events interviewing a few and generally having a good time.

Everybody was looking forward to watching the segment on the 'Heavy Horse' which Better Homes and Gardens recorded during the weekend, to be shown later in the month by Channel 7 on the Better Homes and Garden programme.

Another highlight of the weekend was the Grand Parade on Saturday with approx. 40 horses being either led, ground driven or driven in a vehicle, all competing for "Best on Parade". With that many horses at a "Local Show" the parade was a spectacle.

Dinner sitting by the camp fire on Saturday night listening to a few Bush Poets recite their yarns was wonderful. Sunday there was a lot of ploughing, ground driven and novelty events being participated in.

A huge thanks you to all the people involved in putting on this spectacular event, we are so looking forward to returning next year. A good time was had by all who attended.

Over all it is a wonderful family atmosphere filled weekend and should be put on every ones calendar for next year.

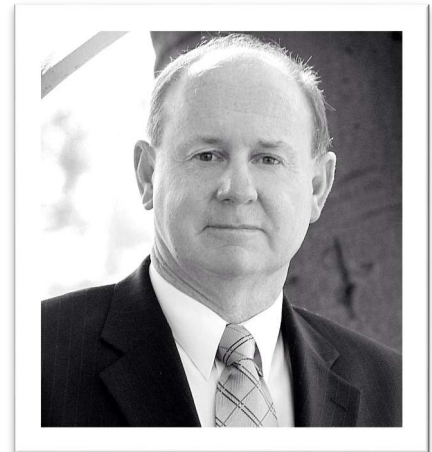
Heather Ovenham



Photo: Colin Lavender

OAM Award

We offer congratulations to our Branch Patron, Dick Adams, who has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his work with Ex-Service Men & Women and Legacy, which was announced on the Queen's Birthday List in June 2016.



Well done and well deserved Dick.



ST HELIERS HEAVY HORSE FIELD DAYS INC.

Training Weekend **15th October (Sat) & 16th October 2016 (Sun) - 8:30 am start**

Experienced personnel teaching all you need to know to get started showing heavy horses. This is a great opportunity to come along and learn in a friendly relaxed environment and meet like minded people within the heavy horse community. Please join us for what will be a very interesting and informative weekend.

The CCHS of NSW will be presenting: - (1) **HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR RIDDEN PERFORMANCE WHEN RIDING A HEAVY HORSE** when competing and what the judges are looking for when judging.

(2) **STANDARD OF THE CLYDESDALE IN HARNESS** Presentation on what to look for when purchasing a Clydesdale for use in harness.

Plus **Mr Leicester Dewsbury** from the Trade Harness Society and Harness Maker: **Kate Stewart**.



**BRING YOUR HORSE
ALONG FOR A GROUP
COACHING SESSION**



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Free camping is available Friday n Saturday night (sites not powered- basic facilities)

Members cost: \$0 - Non Members fee (**\$10 membership**) is compulsory to participate and is payable on the grounds on the day. (fee - this covers insurance etc.

A reminder that our membership period is from 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2016 regardless of what date you joined in 2016)

**** No horse? You are still most welcome to come along and join in**

St Heliers Exhibition Grounds >> St Heliers Road. Muswellbrook. NSW.

The Max Fowler Award 2015

This prestigious Award is competed for each year in a different State to acclaim and recognise the Best Gelding of Show. First awarded in 2003 it has remained the most coveted Gelding Prize in our Nation. Max Fowler OAM - Coolegong Stud, was a major leader, Federal Judge and supporter of the NSW Branch over many years. Often he was heard talking passionately of his trip in 1934 with his family to Scotland where several horses were purchased from the famous Craigie Stud. The family then continued their holiday to Europe then on to the United States, arriving home one day before the unloading of the new stud horses at 'Monteagle' near Young NSW!

Max's close association with Dave and Ettie Rees of the Annaburne Stud at Aria Park in the Riverina throughout the post tractor decades after WW11, was a pivotal stage in the history of our Breed. The NSW Riverina region emerged as the saviour of important genetics as those steadfast breeders continued the breeding of Clydesdale horses in NSW. It would benefit all members to refresh their understanding by again reading the historical chapters in our Clydesdale Resource Book. Thankfully it was their commitment that allows members to still enjoy the heritage we take ownership of today.

Federal Council assigns the recipient State at its AGM. As members would remember, the 2015 NSW Foal Show was abandoned due to heavy rain over the late autumn/ winter period and the new venue for the National Heavy Horse Foal and Harness Show was the next available time for this competition. It was decided by Federal Council that the 2015 Award could be completed at this Show and then be transferred to Qld for the 2016 Award.

The 2015 Award was judged by Mrs Julie Peel and awarded to McMurchie Ingram a 3 year old, bred by Colin and Karen Brown and paraded by their son Thep on the day.

Ingram is the product of several notable horses in his pedigree. By Aarunga Frazer- purchased by the McMurchie Stud as a yearling, Frazer was by Aarunga Scottish Design out of Aarunga Venus. Frazer's paternal Grandparents were the imported stallion Greendykes Monty (owned by John and June Smith of Ballarat) and the multi award show mare Aarunga Carmel. His dam McMurchie Agnes is by Phesdo Farewell Imp. and out of McMurchie Tegan who was by Dillars Lesmahagow Imp.



Tullymore William

Tullymore William was bred by Maurice Irvine of Tullymore Stud in Merriwa in October of 2006, sired by Lisborne Park Scottish Legend (Hillside Lorton Legend) and out of Valmont Tia Maria (Dillars Benedictine). He was purchased by Shaun & Yvette Moloney in April of 2008 and was the foundation stallion for Samarah Park stud.

From the age of 2 he commenced his show career firstly with the local agricultural shows, delighting local crowds and their love for the Clydesdale horse, and then onto Royal Shows, dedicated heavy horse shows, and CCHS events.

Over his show career he has become one of the most awarded stallions in Australia and has been a great ambassador for the Clydesdale breed. As a sire he has produced progeny that have had many successes in the show ring including championships at Royal Shows.

As a nine-year old he still exhibits the desired breed qualities including abundant and soft feather, correct hock action and confirmation. His calm & even temperament make him a joy to show and have endeared him to people in and out of the show ring.

It was an absolute delight to show him and be awarded the CCHS Heavy Horse & Foal Spectacular Supreme Exhibit for a second time, in April of this year.



How Do I Become A Clydesdale Judge?

At our recent State Branch Committee Meeting, general discussion regarding our Assessment of State Judges enlarged into a concern that there are fewer Federal Panel Judges on our list and indeed, only a small number of accredited State Panel Judges.

How many times have you attended your local show only to find that for one reason or another, you are to be assessed by a Breed Judge not totally familiar with the standards of our Clydesdale Horse? The job is done to the best of their ability, but as an exhibitor you are no further advanced in your own education or understanding of your horse's performance?

A few suggestions if you can help out your local Show Secretary could include-Asking them to contact our Branch Secretary for a list of Judges; Suggesting they go to our Website to access potential Judges. Often you may face a Panel Judge from another Heavy Horse Association and this should be acceptable, given that their Assessment process is similar to our own and they too are out there to further our Heavy Horse Breeds.

How then can I begin the process of attaining State Judge Accreditation? A fundamental starting point would be making yourself familiar with the history and development of our Clydesdale Horse over the past one hundred years. Many sources are available to provide this grounding- our Clydesdale Resource Book, Newsletters from various State Branches, Heavy Horse publications, internet websites and discussion forums, listening, talking, absorbing knowledge and understanding at shows, post show discussions with judges etc. Then, by contacting the State Secretary, asking to join a Panel Judge as a Probationary Judge at their next Show to shadow and learn first hand in the ring. Remember, as a Panel Judge you become our Ambassador and you are there to further the Breed and assist others in their understanding.

To be blunt, it is not like going for your car licence and studying the rules and regulations and then satisfying a written test and practical driving test. Unfortunately, there are some people who possess all the desire in the world to be Judges, yet lack an affinity for our Heavy Horse. As a Breed Society member, there is no better experience than the hard work of caring, breeding and raising your own stock or being involved with those that do, to inspire you to breed better for each successive season.

The Assessment itself is verbal and applied to horses paraded before a panel of current Judges. For our State Assessment Panel this consist of at least one Federal Judge and two State Judges, or a combination to make a panel of three. For those State Judges who progress to a Federal Assessment the Panel is assessment by three Federal Judges.

In 2015 Federal Council completed a Survey of the Criteria believed to be the most important when assessing the Clydesdale Horse.(Please make yourself familiar with this summary as outlined in the latest edition of the Clydesdale Horse Resource Book- pages 78 to 81.) Quite simply, the aspects of this consensus are no different to the previous time in our history, when someone purchasing or breeding a horse had a definite checklist to ensure they possessed a sound, viable and capable workhorse that would sustain them into the future. Thus, as then, our Judges are preoccupied with things such as Breed Character, Soundness, Conformation, Temperament, Height, Action etc. it is essential for the aspiring Judge to be fully aware of these features. We must adhere to these standards if we are to continue to produce a viable horse.

One of the most important aspects of your understanding of the Clydesdale Horse is your innate passion and love of the Breed. Your ability to foster and encourage others towards the promotion of the Clydesdale Horse is fundamental to your role.

For those who can aspire to the challenge of becoming a Clydesdale Judge and becoming an Ambassador for all of us, do not lose your determination to become that medium that furthers our Clydesdale Horse into the future. Your peers and colleagues will thank you for your efforts, knowing that the next time you step into the show ring as their Judge , they will be rewarded with a competent opinion of the horses presented on the day.

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Foaling Season

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FOALING – WHEN TO CALL THE VET

Foaling is generally an extraordinarily rapid event which typically only lasts a few minutes from observable signs until the foal is fully expelled. Knowing what is normal allows you to be better equipped when it's not! Minutes can be the difference between life and death.

Foaling Stage 1

This can last from 1-4 hours generally.

Restlessness, sweating, walking, attitude changes, pawing, getting up and down, looking at flanks, urinating and defecating more frequently.

Foal is turning from a position on its back and positioning itself feet first in the birth canal.

Foaling Stage 2: Foal Delivery



Fig 1. Mare foaling normally, delivery should occur 20 minutes after seeing these legs.

Starting with the breaking of waters, which is caused by propulsion of the foal's feet through the chorioallantois at the cervix.

The amnion (bluish white bag) should appear within 20min from the waters breaking, if this is not seen then it is a good idea to check presentation (if experienced in foaling) or if inexperienced call your vet. If you see a red, velvety bag this is premature separation of the placenta and is an emergency as your foal is being deprived of oxygen – call your vet immediately.

Presentation of the foal:

Generally, one foot is just in front of the other with the nose in between. Unlike cattle where fetal oversize is the most common birthing issue, presentation abnormalities is the most common in mares. If the foal is presented abnormally then intervention is recommended. The foal's feet are presented this way to decrease the diameter of the shoulders passing through the birthing canal. Passing the shoulders is the hardest part for your mare, once the shoulders are through they will generally have a quick rest and then pass the foal's hips. Once the feet appear, the foal should be delivered within 20 minutes. The foal's hind legs generally stay in the vagina whilst very important blood flow is passing from the mare to the foal through the umbilicus called Passive Transfer. The mare standing or the foal starting to move around will generally break the cord. The foal's umbilicus should be dipped in 10% chlorhexidine solution 3-4 times daily for the first few days of its life.

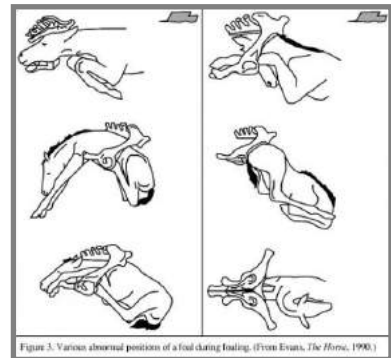


Figure 3. Various abnormal positions of a foal during foaling. (From Evans, *The Horse*, 1990.)

Foaling Stage 3: Passing of the placenta



This generally occurs from 10 min to 6 hours after the foal is born and the mare may exhibit colicky signs as her uterus contracts to expel the placenta. If it is not expelled within 6 hours, call the vet as your mare could be susceptible to uterine infection, systemic illness and possibly laminitis. The placenta is expelled inside out and it is very important to check the placenta is all there and there aren't any pieces missing. If there are tears check they join up. You can also turn the placenta back in the right way and check the colour. A nice red velvety placenta is a healthy placenta; any brown patches/ areas should be noted as this may mean the mare was suffering from placentitis. Your foal may also be affected by a placentitis infection. The weight of the placenta is also very important. The placenta should weigh approximately 10% of the weight of your foal.

Fig 3. Mare with placenta still in place.

Foaling Season

IS YOUR FOAL NORMAL? What to look out for from birth

A normal foal should:

- stand within an hour of being born.
- suckle within 2 hours of being born.
- Pass meconium within 4 hours.



Colostrum is very important to the newborn as this is its first immunity provided by the mare. There are two main reasons a foal may not receive enough colostrum. Firstly, the mare may not have enough or any – this can be due to failure to make enough or the foal being born prematurely or the mare has run milk. Secondly the foal may not drink enough, this can occur for several reasons. When drinking, it is very important to see the foals tongue latching on as this is how you know they are drinking properly. A normal foal will suckle, sleep, suckle, for the first 24 hours of its life.

When your foal is 24hrs old you can do an IgG test to check the level of immunity it has received from the colostrum. A result of <4mg/dL is classed as failure of passive transfer and ideally an IV plasma transfusion should be administered. A result of 4-8mg/dL is considered partial failure and plasma may be recommended. An ideal result is >8mg/dL. Foals stomachs can no longer absorb any immunoglobulins after 24hrs old and minimal after 6hrs, this is why the process is critical. If your foal does not receive adequate immunoglobulins, then it is more prone to infection at a young age as it doesn't start developing its own immunity until 30 days of age.

A normal foal's temperature is 37.3°- 38.6°C. Your foal should have pasty yellowish faeces. If your foal has diarrhea it can become dehydrated and sick very quickly so **call your vet**. The most important thing to monitor with foals is their suckling. As a general rule if a foal is suckling it is ok and if it isn't - it is sick. Remember you can watch the mare's udder to assess how well a foal is drinking.

Dipping of the umbilicus 3-4 times daily with chlorhexidine 10% is very important as this area is the first route for infection to enter the foals body.

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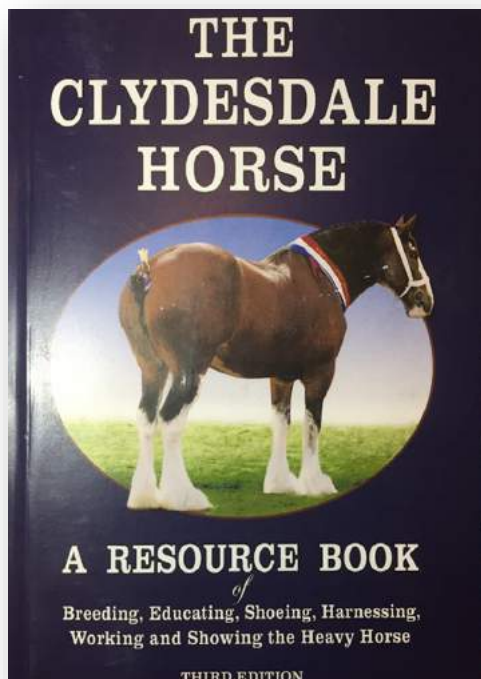


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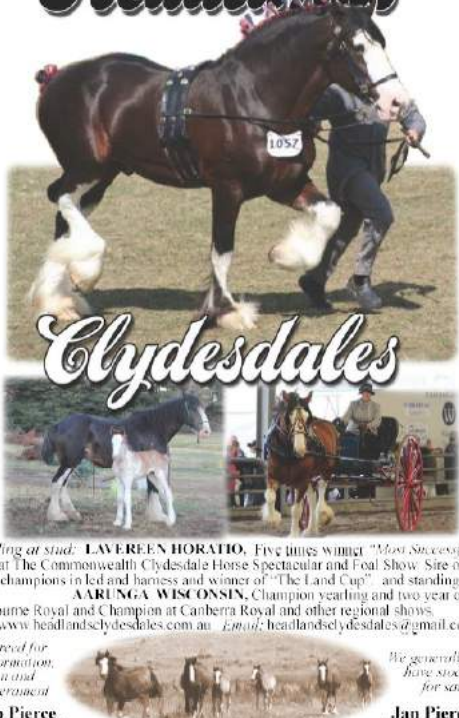
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