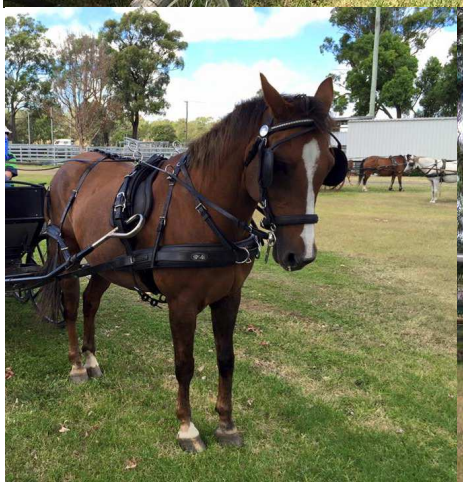
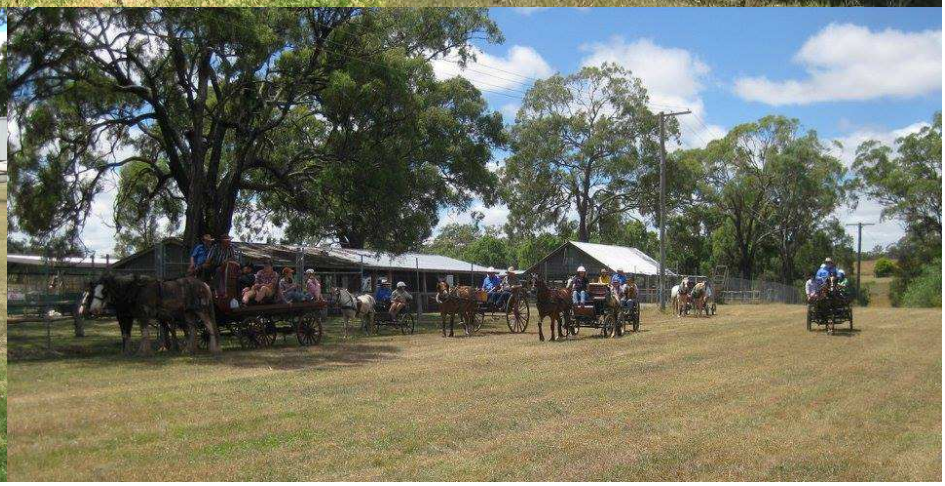
Range Carriage Club Inc

Newsletter

June, 2016

Driving for Everyone!!





Range members doing what we do best – enjoying our horses and inviting others to share the pleasure.

Top left: A shady spot for lunch on the Geham Forest Drive. Top right: Sid Hewson sharing his mule, Bronson, with one of our "Come & Try" guests
Bottom left: Gough waiting patiently for the Goombungee drive. Bottom right: Waiting for the stragglers – Goombungee drive – Come & Try day.
Photo credits: Lisa McDonald & Clare Gorwyn

President's report

Getting there

In the next couple of months you will see a lot of long talked over projects coming to fruition.

I want to thank those who have helped behind the scenes to accumulate information well out of my scope of practice and support me as I drive these projects. (Unfortunately, not from a box seat.)

Plans for the Club's 3-bay shed with small lean-to, are currently going through council and I'm confident we will celebrate the opening of it at our AGM with possibly a BBQ, fancy finger food and everyone should wear their best driving hats as it will be worth celebrating!

Our other project under the Spaces and Places Grant is well under way and those who went to the recent CDE in May will have noticed the cleared 5 acres behind MO 2 which will be the home of 4 new purpose-built Marathon Obstacles. It is very exciting; Bob Edwards has sourced obstacle designs from Europe and Boyd Excel that will delight all who choose to use them. Jerry and I have spent quite a few weekends measuring every tree to plot out the optimum positioning and use of the space. We ended up with 4 diverse obstacles, a water obstacle (if it rains), split level star, herringbone and a box set. If that means absolutely nothing to you , it doesn't matter all you need to know is that you can have hours of fun playing with them at whatever level you choose. It will be an asset to Goombungee as well as the sport of carriage driving.

With this project at the final stage we will need a working bee. The posts have to be marked out, our contractor Mark will plant the posts. We will need people to bar and shovel, ram posts, chain saw work, setting rails into posts, attaching rubber belting. If you think you can be of any assistance contact Jerry at jerry@leathergoods.com.au - Jerry said any young able-body people with a crow bar or shovel under 85. We don't know specific dates as yet but it will be in the next few weeks.

Thanks to Wendy and Terry for the donations of some of the posts and Bob for transporting them to the site. It will be absolutely beautiful and ready for the QLD CDE Championships in October.

The junior camp for the 25-26th June is still on track with a slight modification. We were hoping for 10 juniors with an optimum of 20 to make it a financially viable option to get Dianne Morton up from Victoria. Di's transport was sponsored by the Qld ACDS Branch with a grant to be reimbursed if we made a profit. Unfortunately it seems that kids are not as interested as their parents or grandparents had initially anticipated. We currently have 5 competitors making it unviable for the original plan. The money will be reimbursed to the State branch.

Plan B –Bob Edwards will take the juniors in the morning for lessons and give lessons to us oldies in the afternoon at $40 for 40 minute lesson there will be 6 available lessons.

The juniors will spend the afternoon with Jack Murphy practicing for the next day's events.

The next day is the pentathlon which was devised by the ancient Greeks and Rex Walker, I like to think of it as a sampler plate of carriage driving events.

1. Showing – 2 events
2. Dressage (Novice BB)
3. Obstalathon
4. Park Drive- Goombungee style
5. And for the Juniors Helmsman (see program for details) judged by a secret prestigious club member.

Please get involved have a lesson, drive in the pentathlon, arrive on the Saturday camp over, have fun and enjoy what our club is all about.

Support each other, fun driving and a few laughs.

Cheers, Jenni

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 25 June at Goombungee Showgrounds.

10am Start - we hope many of you can make it

Canteen will be open for morning tea & lunch

Range Carriage Club Inc Committee

President: Jenni Murphy
Ph: 0421 603 474
Email: rangecarriageclub@gmail.com
Vice President: Paul Humberdross
Ph: 0407 347 699
Treasurer: Clare Gorwyn
Ph: 0438 160 588
Newsletter Editor: Clare Gorwyn
Email: glengallanclydesdales@bigpond.com

Secretary: Position Vacant

Please Note: *Range Carriage Club now has its own email address accessed by all committee members. For all Club correspondence please use*
rangecarriageclub@gmail.com
Or post to: Jenni Murphy
PO Box 25, Pittsworth, Qld 4356

Web site: www.rangecarriageclub.com

Editor's Note...

It is quite some time (September, 2015) since the last Club newsletter went out and for that I apologise. It seems that each year gets busier and life just isn't slowing down at all. We all heaved a huge, collective sigh of relief once the Nationals were over and everyone involved is to be congratulated on an amazing job. Our Club showed that we can punch well above our weight and the event was one of the most professional carriage driving events seen in Queensland for a very long time.

For Pete & I here at Glengallan Clydesdales & Shires, it also meant the start of breeding and foaling season which is always our busiest time of year. Our mares presented us with six bundles of joy and after a very rocky start for a couple of them, we have six healthy foals – and weaning has now begun. So, after the hectic show season of the past few months, I finally get to draw breath for a moment or two and catch up on the many jobs that have been pushed to one side. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and forgive its belatedness.

Happy Driving, Clare

There is nothing quite so special than the first intimate contact between mother and baby. We managed to capture this special moment when our Clydesdale mare, "Brandy" and her newly born foal, "Billy" first touched noses. It makes all the lack of sleep and long nights worth it.

Farewell Lisa...

It was with great sadness that we farewelled our Club Secretary, Lisa McDonald. Lisa's contract with USQ had come to an end and she headed back to her home state of South Australia to start a consultancy business. She was a huge asset to the Management Committee during her short tenure, dragging us a little further into the 21st Century and streamlining our communication system so we can operate much more efficiently.

We thank Lisa for her dedication to Range and wish her every success in her new venture.

We hope you can make it back up to Toowoomba for a visit sometime ☺

Congratulations Paul & Melissa!!

A very special welcome to up-and-coming carriage driver, ***"William Duke Humberdross"***
Born 28th April, 2016 and weighing in at 3.9kg or 8 pound 9ozs.
Olivia is loving being a big sister.
All are doing well and we look forward to meeting young William.

Club News

Range Carriage Club has set a cracking pace for 2016 with so much that has happened during the past few months. The low-key start with a relaxing pleasure drive in Geham Forrest belied the frantic pace ahead for some members. Range CC became well-known for its wonderful forest drives (often with a chicken and bottle or two of bubbly for lunch) and we have a number of wonderful friends of the Club that make us welcome on their properties. The scenery is stunning, the views spectacular and the shady drives and picnic areas most welcome on warm summer days. We hope this will be back permanently on the Club Calendar.
Thank you to Anji for organising this event in memory of Linda Doulin, a former member of the Club and champion of the Chicken & Champagne Lunch.

So, before we get into the exciting news for this year, here's a recap of what happened in the last few months of 2015.

National Show Driving Championships:

This event dominated the calendar for last year and consumed an enormous amount of time for a number of the event organisers. However, none of us begrudge any of the effort that went into staging this event and every member of Range Carriage Club can be proud of themselves and their club for what we all achieved. We have an amazing group of people that came together to stage the best – and biggest – show driving event that has been seen in Queensland for a very long time. Range CC has set the bar at a very high level for future events and has put itself well and truly on the map as a Club that can punch well above its weight and perform, either as organisers or competitors (and in many cases both) at a very high level.
Much has already been reported about the event itself with results and photos in both the Whip & Wheel and the ACDS Journal so there is no need to repeat it all here, however, we would once again like to thank all members and friends of Range Carriage Club that stepped up to the plate and helped out in any way to make this event happen. The generosity of people – with both time and money – has been overwhelming.

AGM:

Our AGM was held a little later last year to enable the National Show Driving Championships to be run by the same committee that had been involved in all the planning. So, after a very relaxing and enjoyable pleasure drive around the Cambooya/Southbrook area followed by a barbeque lunch, Club members came together at the home of Terry Wells for our AGM and General Meeting.

Two of the former committee were stepping down as they had served their 3 year term (the maximum allowed is three consecutive years).

Gail Gilroy has been an active committee member holding different positions – most recently as our Vice President. She is the co-ordinator of all things that happen east of the Range and has already been in the thick of it with some impromptu, but always welcome, pleasure drives around the Coominya area.

Wendy Petrie has done an amazing job as Secretary for the last three years and, along with Jenni Murphy, has been the driving force behind our successful Grant applications. Wendy will help see through the administration of the Gaming Grant which the Club originally applied for to build infrastructure at Kingsthorpe but now will be used for a shed and trailer at Goombungee.

Stepping in to the vacant positions are **Paul Humberdross as Vice President** and **Lisa McDonald as Secretary**. Paul started off as a junior member of Range and it is great to have some young blood on the committee. Lisa joined us last year (after coming along to our hugely successful 'Come and Try' day). Both Paul and Lisa have been a welcome addition to the management team with their IT knowledge playing a vital role in giving the Club and the committee a more professional outlook.

Range Carriage Club is now on the web!!

www.rangecarriageclub.com

Range Carriage Club now has its own website.

We often get asked for our Club's website address by people wanting to know more about Range Club, or by those wanting information about up-coming events. Paul Humberdross (our Vice President) has done an amazing job creating our website from scratch, adding lots and lots of photos, putting in all the useful information about our Club and its activities as well as links to other websites.

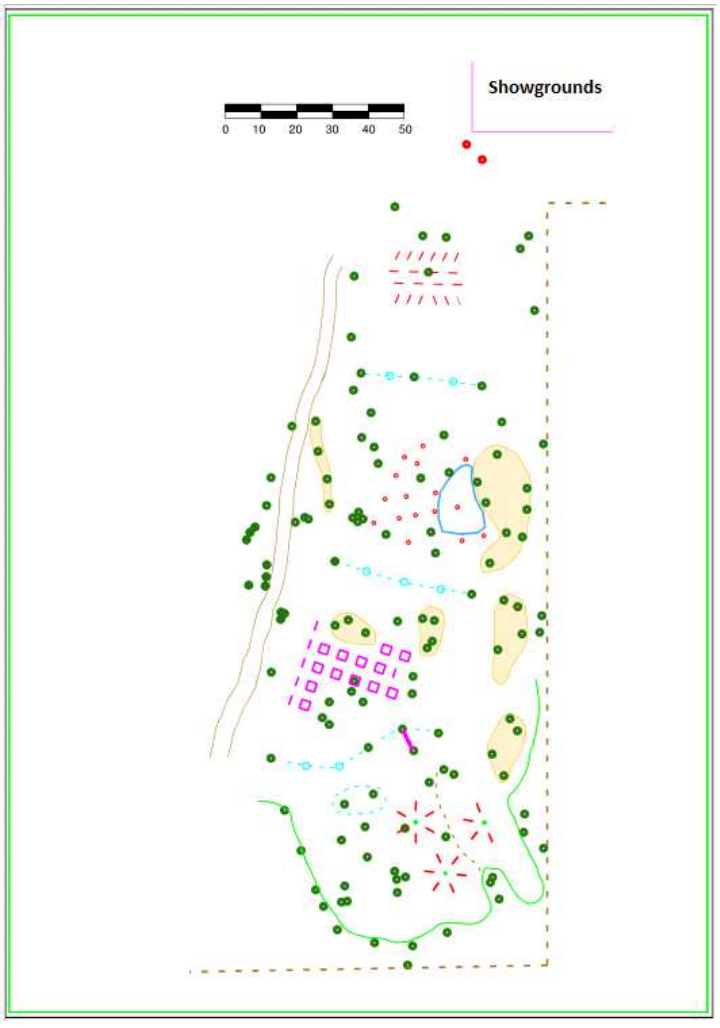
And now to 2016...

The big news for this year, as Jenni mentioned in her President's message, is the completion of two projects that have been in the pipeline for some time now. In the last 18 months or so, we have applied for, and received several government grants. One was for our very successful 'Get Carriage Driving' programme which ran throughout 2015 and enabled the Club to purchase a lot of much needed equipment.

The first one, however, was a $35,000 grant which was originally applied for to provide infrastructure (yards, wash bay, fencing, etc) at Kingsthorpe when the Club initially had plans of settling there. For a few reasons, it was then decided we would move a little further north and put down roots at Goombungee. There were many advantages to being located at an already established showgrounds with a nice safe arena, good yards and general facilities that made holding club days or staging an event more member/competitor friendly. By then, however, we had received the grant money and it was sitting safely tucked away in our bank account, so it was decided that the Club needed a shed to store all this newly acquired equipment that is currently kept in the Murphy's truck. The long, drawn-out process of negotiating firstly with the Goombungee-Haden Show Society, then the Toowoomba Regional Council, then applying for a 'Change of Use' permission as well as an extension

for the spending of the grant money, back to dealing with council, shed quotes etc, etc, etc (I think you all get the picture).
This project has been driven predominantly by two people, Wendy Petrie and Jenni Murphy. Through their efforts, which has consumed vast amounts of their time and energy, the Club will very soon have a 3 bay shed (with awning and rainwater tank) on a vacant block of land owned by the Council, located directly across the road from the main gates to the Goombungee Showgrounds. We also have enough money (and approval) to have a purpose-built trailer constructed so we have the means to carry our equipment not only across the road to the showgrounds easily, but to other venues as and when the need arises.
Progress report - A deposit on the trailer has been paid and it is under construction. The plans for the shed have passed through Council and payment has been made to allow construction of the shed to start. Earth works will begin shortly, the slab laid and then the shed erected. It is hoped that we can celebrate the longed-for milestone in our Club's short history by holding our AGM in our new shed in August. (We just might have to make a weekend of it!)

Our third grant, received earlier this year, comes under the heading of "Get in the Game - Spaces & Places". Some of you may know that to the right of the Showgrounds, before you enter the main gate, there is another block of Council land. This block has had various uses in the past, including being used as part of a cross-country course for the Goombungee Pony Club when it was active some years back. (We have actually found the remnants of some of their jumps.) Council has given the Club permission to selectively clear this block and establish 4 permanent marathon obstacles (MOs). To do this we have successfully applied for a grant which has provided us with almost $25,000 (plus a small grant of $2000) to complete this project. A number of people have been instrumental in this process – Greg Bowdler with his experience in staging CDEs at Goombungee and Warwick, Bob Edwards with his international contacts and competition experience, Jerry Murphy and his professional expertise as a surveyor and Jenni Murphy who has driven this project since its inception. Wendy & Terry Petrie have also kindly donated a quantity of timber from their property to be used on the construction of some of the MOs.



It is hoped that all MOs will be up and ready by the time we host the State CDE Championships in October.
Beware! We will be asking for volunteers for a working bee in the not too distant future ☺

To the left is a plan of the 4 permanent MOs to be constructed at Goombungee on the site adjacent to the Showgrounds (which are located at the top, right of the drawing). The left hand side is bordered by a dirt access road. The green dots represent trees that remain after selective clearing which mainly removed scrub and bushes to allow for clear access between MOs. It has also had the added advantage of cleaning up an overgrown and neglected block that can now be used by local residents as a walking or riding track.

Welcome New Members!!

Our highly successful Come & Try days, along with the activeness of our Club, have attracted many new members to Range Carriage Club. A hearty, warm welcome to...

Maxine Hobbs-Laing (Mt Walker West)
Briony O'Bree & Bridgette Aisthorpe (Roma)
Rosie Glassey (Torrington) *
Trevor Kohler (Pittsworth)*
Cherie Devenish & Graham Horrobin (Warwick)*
Rachael & Asha Cooper (Kingaroy)*
Nicole Kimlin *
Wilma Bourke (Clifton) *
Jo Bailey (Ma Ma Creek)*

**These memberships are current until August 2017*
All new members should have received their ACDS membership packs from the Federal Secretary by now. If you have not, or you still need your Membership No, please contact Clare Gorwyn.

Feedback

One of the difficulties facing our Club at the moment is how do we cater for the needs of all our members. We cover a vast geographical area with members across the Darling Downs; south to Warwick, west to Roma, north to Kingaroy and then east of the Range to the Lockyer and Brisbane Valleys. We have members who wish to compete in Combined Driving events (some to a very high level) while others have Show Driving as their preferred discipline – once again, some at the top level. We have many people who wish to enjoy pleasure drives and a lot whose interests overlap the various disciplines. This means planning the Club calendar requires careful and considerate thought if we are going to meet the needs of the majority of our members.
To do this we need your help. The Management Committee is currently devising a questionnaire that will provide us (the Club) with a better understanding of what our members want from the Club. So please give some thought to these sorts of things

- What do you see as the role of Range Carriage Club?
- What direction would you like to see it head in?
- What sorts of activities would you like it to have?

When you receive the questionnaire, please take the time to fill it out and return it as soon as possible so we can develop a more comprehensive understanding of what direction we, as a club, need to head in.

Come & Try Day – February 2016

As previously mentioned, the year started on a very relaxed note with a pleasure drive in Geham Forest. However, the pace quickly increased with our first Club day at Goombungee on 28 February. It was standing room only for the 'Welcome' talk to all participants and many of those who 'Came & Tried' have since joined the Club.
After several members talked about the different disciplines of carriage driving, horses, ponies, donkeys and mules were harnessed up and everyone had a lovely tour of Goombungee and its surrounds. Those without their own vehicles all managed to hitch a ride with one of our members. Bill's wagon with his pair of Clydesdales proved quite popular and managed to fit quite a few extras on board. After a barbeque lunch it was time to have some fun with the cones and one of our portable MOs set up in the arena.
We thank all those Club members who so generously allowed others to drive their equines and gave all our guests such a wonderful introduction to carriage driving and more specifically, Range Carriage Club.

It was a full house for the 'Welcome' talk before starting the day's activities.

The area surrounding the Goombungee Showgrounds is perfect for a country drive and we thank our generous neighbours who graciously allow us to travel through their properties.

And the afternoon was spent in the ring trying our hand at the cones course or over with one of our portable MOs that had been set up

Photo credits: Clare Gorwyn

3 Phase – March 2016

Hot on the heels of the Come & Try day was our 3 Phase event. For those of you who are unsure of what a '3 Phase' is, it is a less formal and simpler (easier) format of the Combined Driving Event. It was designed to give new drivers an introduction to this discipline of carriage driving in a more relaxed (and less daunting) atmosphere. This was well supported and big thanks go to Greg Bowdler and his team for organising a great day.

These events – 3 Phase and CDEs – require a lot of people to steward and time-keep, especially on the Marathon section. We thank everyone who came and volunteered their time to help this event run smoothly.

Greg & Matthew Bowdler setting up one of our portable MOs. Photo: Jenni Murphy

Crows Nest Show – May 2016

With the cancellation of our Inter-Club Challenge in April, the next event organised by Range was Crows Nest Show. For a number of years now (excluding 2015) Range members have taken on the responsibility of organising and funding the harness events at Crows Nest. It has been the Club's job to find sponsorship, organise, fund and look after a judge and steward and this year, set up the ring. Until recently, this show was well supported by Range members but the last two events (2014 & 2016) have been rather disappointing with just 4 competitors turning up. It is neither satisfying for competitors nor interesting to spectators to see class after class with just one entry in it. There are possibly several good reasons for this lack of support and as a Club we will have to seriously consider our future involvement with this event.

As there were so few competitors, I will only list the Championship results and also thank our judge, Vivienne Camac and steward, Jerry Murphy for their time and effort and helping us to make a 'show' of it.

Champion Turnout:
Jack Murphy & Beauwood Challenger
Reserve Champion Turnout:
Clare Gorwyn & Montana Park Damon
Champion In Harness:
Les Gilroy with Frodo & Shoshoni
Reserve Champion In Harness:
Clare Gorwyn & Montana Park Damon
Champion Whip:
Clare Gorwyn & Montana Park Damon
Reserve Champion Whip:
Les Gilroy with Frodo & Shoshoni

Above: Judge, Vivienne Camac with the Champions In Harness, Frodo & Shoshoni, exhibited by Les & Gail Gilroy
Photo: Jenni Murphy

CDE – May 2016

Continuing the Club's busy schedule was the CDE in May. This was the week following Crows Nest Show and attracted about a dozen competitors. It was a lovely weekend with perfect weather. Thank you again to all those who volunteer for these events, to Greg and Jerry for their organisational skills, to David & Ruth Rozynski as well as Rex Walker & Janet Seddon for judging and stewarding.
Congratulations to all competitors for your successes and we trust you enjoyed the weekend.
Thank you to the Bowdler family for the following photos.

Find Us on Facebook

To see more photos from the events our Club holds or our members are involved in, visit our Facebook page "Range Carriage Club Inc" – and don't forget to 'Like' it so you can keep up to date with new posts.

Please invite your Facebook friends to also 'Like' our page *(see the "Invite Friends to Like this Page" link on the left side of the page)* and help to spread the word on what a great club that we have.
Feel free to post your own photos to the page (admin can then share them to the main timeline) or you can email or message them to Jack, Jenni or Clare. *Thank you to those who have already shared* ☺

Youth Camp

Jack Murphy, in his role as Junior Driver Convenor for the State Branch has organised a Youth Camp to be held at Goombungee on 25 & 26 June – less than 3 weeks away. The age limit has been extended from Under 18 (Juniors) to Under 25 (Youth). Saturday will consist of lessons with Bob Edwards in the morning and then guidance with cones & MOs in the afternoon. On Sunday, all participants in the Youth Camp get to participate in the Pentathlon. (See details below)

There are still places available so please contact Jack Murphy as soon as possible if you are interested. Phone 0400 345 242 or email junior.driver.qld@gmail.com

Pentathlon

The Pentathalon will be run on the Sunday as part of the Youth Camp however it is **open to everyone.**

What is a Pentathalon??
A Pentathlon consists of five events which are judged individually and then an overall winner is worked out based on those results. However, you may compete in as many or as few as you wish. There is no requirement to attempt all elements of the Pentathlon.

What are the 5 elements?
Competitors will need to complete any or all of the following:

- Dressage Test – ACDS Novice BB
- Youth, Lady or Gentleman Whip class
- Equine In Harness – Either a) Under 12.2hh b) 12.2hh – 14.2hh or c) Over 14.2hh & Multiples
- Park Drive – a drive through the picturesque streets of Goombungee and judged as a Concours d'Elegance (Two divisions – Youth and Open Drivers)
- Obstalathon a combination of a shortened cones course and a couple of MOs

***** Nomination is $10 per horse/driver combination and please contact Jack Murphy if you would like to compete.*** Phone 0400 345 242 or email junior.driver.qld@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

25 & 26 June – Youth Camp (including Pentathlon) – Range CC - Goombungee

26 June – Pentathlon (Open to all competitors) – Range CC - Goombungee

23 July – Starlight Show – Jimboomba (See Whip & Wheel for details)

24 July – Qld State Show Driving Championships – Jimboomba (Pre-entries close 18 July)

31 July – Dressage instruction with Jan Young (TBC) Range CC - Goombungee

August – AGM (Date and venue to be announced)

28 August – Bob Edwards Clinic – Range CC - Goombungee (TBC)

September – Pleasure Drive (TBA)

1 – 3 October – Official CDE – Range CC - Goombungee (Details TBA)

It's Showtime!!

The Queensland Agricultural Show circuit kicks off with **Stanthorpe Show** at the end of January/beginning of February each year. They have harness events on Friday for light horses and, this year, heavy horse events were on Sunday. To my knowledge, no Range members competed in the harness events

Killarney Show was unfortunately down on harness numbers this year (but at least the show wasn't washed out as has happened twice in the last 3 years). Cherie Devenish and Graham Horrobin flew the harness flag and subsequently won Champion Harness Horse.

Pittsworth Show added Heavy Horse events to its schedule this year and, just days before the Show, added some light horse and pony harness classes. Even with such short notice, 4 light horse/ponies joined the 3 heavy horse harness competitors and made for an enjoyable and competitive show. An expanded programme will be added for 2017 so mark this Pittsworth Show down in your calendars for one to attend next year. Thank you to Carolyn & Trevor Kohler for your efforts to bring heavy horses and harness events back to Pittsworth Show – a decision which, unfortunately and unnecessarily, attracted a lot of opposition from some other competitors. Congratulations go to Trevor Kohler and his pair of Belgians, Archie & Albert, for winning both Champion Heavy Horse Turnout and Champion Heavy Horse In Harness. Clare Gorwyn and Sonny took out both Reserve Champion awards.

Trevor Kohler driving his pair of Belgian Draughts, Archie & Albert, at Pittsworth Show.
Photo: Carolyn Kohler

Oakey Show followed Pittsworth and was the week before Warwick. It has a good programme of harness classes which follow the heavy horse events. This year Trevor Kohler judged both sections and "Congratulations" to Jack Murphy for taking out Champion Harness Exhibit and winning a lovely show rug for his trouble.

Right: Jack Murphy and Beauwood Challenger winning Champion Harness Exhibit at Oakey Show.
Photo: Jenni Murphy

Warwick Show is now a favourite event on the Harness calendar. Held away from the main arena in Evans Paddock, it has become, along with the Heavy Horse events the following day, a 'show within a show'. It has a full programme of about 20 events including the Concours d'Elegance which takes place in the main ring and has become a show favourite. This year we had 15 competitors with Range members featuring strongly – especially Jan Young and Jack Murphy. A number of people stayed overnight on Saturday and enjoyed the camaraderie around the fire pit and were well fed by the members of the Australian Draught Horse Society. Congratulations and Thank You to all competitors, their grooms and helpers and those that just came to watch (and take photos). You were all amazing and are what makes Warwick one of the best heavy horse and harness shows around.

RESULTS:

Miniature Horse or Pony Under 38"

1st: Sophia Foster - Cisco
2nd: Les Gilroy – *Peter Pan Knight To Remember*

In Harness Equine Under 12.2hh

1st: Jan & Lex Young – *Nasrullah Novatel*
2nd: Tracy Bavinton – *Ripple Brook Astro Boy*
3rd: Gail Gilroy - *Barn Hill Frodo*

In Harness Equine 12.2hh – 14hh

1st: Diamond Stud - *Smokey*
2nd: Cherie Devenish - *Eskdale Masquerade*
3rd: Col Anderson - *Bailey*

In Harness Light Equine Over 14hh

1st: Jack Murphy - *Beauwood Challenger*
2nd: Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*
3rd: Diamond Stud - *Smokey*

In Harness Medium or Heavy Equine Over 14hh

1st: Clare Gorwyn & Peter Lowry - *Montana Park Damon*
2nd: Cobigan Draught Horses - *Cobigan Juliette*

Above: "Cisco" shown by Sophia Foster

Below: Jan Young and Nasrullah Novatel presented with the Champion Equine In Harness trophy & sash by Miss Warwick Showgirl, Amy Bradfield
Photos: TJ McCoombes Photography

CHAMPION EQUINE IN HARNESS **Jan & Lex Young - Novatel**
RESERVE CHAMPION EQUINE IN HARNESS **Jack Murphy - Beauwood Challenger**

Maiden Whip

1st: Tracy Bavinton - *Ripple Brook Astro Boy*
2nd: Col Anderson - *Bailey*
3rd: Sophia Foster - Cisco

Junior Whip – Under 18

1st: Sophia Foster - *Cisco*
2nd: Jessica Rowe - *Smokey*

Lady Whip

1st: Jan Young - *Nasrullah Novatel*
2nd: Tracy Bavinton - *Ripple Brook Astro Boy*
3rd: Helen Perry - *Cobigan Juliette*

Gentleman Whip

1st: Lex Young - *Novatel Nasrullah*
2nd: Jack Murphy - *Beauwood Challenger*
3rd: Les Gilroy – *Peter Pan Knight To Remember*

Pony Turnout

1st: Cherie Devenish - *Eskdale Masquerade*
2nd: Gail Gilroy - *Barn Hill Frodo*

Viceroy Turnout

1st: Jan & Lex Young - *Nasrullah Novatel*
2nd: Tracy Bavinton – *Ripple Brook Astro Boy*

Light Horse Turnout

1st: Jack Murphy - *Beauwood Challenger*
2nd: Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*
3rd:

Medium & Heavy Horse Turnout

1st: Clare Gorwyn & Peter Lowry - *Montana Park Damon*
2nd: Cobigan Draught Horses - Cobigan Juliette

Trade or Business Turnout

1st: Jack Murphy - *Beauwood Challenger*
2nd: Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*

Period Turnout

1st: Jack Murphy - *Beauwood Challenger*
2nd: Cherie Devenish - *Eskdale Masquerade*
3rd: Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*

Above: Anji Cain with groom, Tamar Smith and Hooley Dooley
Below: Montana Park Damon
Photos: TJ McCoombes Photography

CHAMPION TURNOUT :- **Jack Murphy - Beauwood Challenger**
RESERVE CHAMPION TURNOUT **Jan & Lex Young - Nasrullah Novatel**

Pleasure Equine

1st: Cobigan Draught Horses - *Cobigan Juliette*
2nd: Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*
3rd: June Smith – *Wittaglen Teegan*

Precision Driving

1st: Sophia Foster - *Cisco*
2nd: June Smith – *Wittaglen Teegan*
3rd: Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
Parade of Horse Drawn Vehicles

WINNER: **Jack Murphy - Beauwood Challenger**
RUNNERS UP: *(No particular order)*

1. Clare Gorwyn & Peter Lowry - *Montana Park Damon*
2. Jan & Lex Young - *Nasrullah Novatel*
3. Tracy Bavinton – *Ripple Brook Astro Boy*
4. Cherie Devenish - *Eskdale Masquerade*
5. Anji Cain - *Hooley Dooley*

Jack Murphy, groom Jenny Murphy and sponsor Leanne Cameron (LJ Hooker, Warwick) with Beauwood Challenger (Stampy) winners of the Concours d'Elegance ***Photo: Clint Kenny***

Some more Warwick Show photos from TJ McCoombes Photography (Thank you, Teresa)

Toowoomba Royal Show: This year, Easter separated Warwick & Toowoomba Shows which allowed some to draw breath after a big weekend. It is a shame that the harness events are on the Tuesday which is before the Show is officially open and therefore very few spectators. However, the upside is that parking is easy as is moving around the grounds to get to the ring.
Range Carriage Club was well represented and very successful. Clare Gorwyn won Champion Equine In Harness with Montana Park Damon, Jack Murphy won Champion Turnout with Beauwood Challenger and Jan Young, driving Nasrullah Novatel, took out Champion Whip. Unfortunately I cannot find any horse results for Toowoomba Royal on their website so this is all I can report.

Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Field Days: Held at Gatton Showgrounds on the May Day weekend each year, this is the largest and longest running of the Heavy Horse Field Days in Australia and several Range members can be found competing there. This year Trevor Kohler, Clare Gorwyn and Bill Lark could all be seen in the harness ring on both Saturday & Sunday and Bill Lark, with the help of Ron Roman, volunteered to give rides to the public on both days. Bob Edwards was also there demonstrating a more 'sporty' form of carriage driving with his team of 4.
Next year will be the 40th Heavy Horse Field Days so mark that weekend in your diary as one to be at – either as a competitor, helper or spectator. The committee is planning a special show.

Esk Show: Congratulations to Les Gilroy and Barn Hill Frodo for winning Champion Harness Exhibit at Esk Show recently. Reserve Champion was Sue O'Brien

Biosecurity Rules for Travelling with Horses

Most of you that travel with your horses to shows, club days, events and clinics would be aware that there are rules regarding Waybills, Movement Permits and spraying requirements if you are travelling across the tick line but… ***the rules are changing.***

As of 1 July 2016, the rules concerning movement of stock **anywhere in Queensland**, regardless of whether you are crossing the tick line, will be different. The finer details of these changes are not known yet – at least not by anyone I have spoken or listened to – and it seems we won't really know until very close to the end of the month. There is a very good webinar that was conducted by Equestrian Qld with the speaker being David McNab from Biosecurity Qld. The link to this is here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tClxpf-5TsI&feature=youtu.be or you can find it on Range Carriage Club's Facebook page.

Closer to the end of June it is hoped that more information will be on the Dept of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) website https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/

How will the changes affect you? Firstly, the onus of managing risk is shifted away from the government and onto the organisations and individuals. The general biosecurity obligation, as quoted from the act, is...

*"This obligation requires **all persons who deal with biosecurity matter or a carrier**, if they know or ought reasonably to know that it poses a risk, to take **all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the risk**."*

It is the responsibility of the individual or event organisers to know their obligations, to understand the biosecurity risks involved with owning horses and to have a biosecurity plan in place. If you do not understand the risks involved or the government requirements, then it is your responsibility to seek advice and information from reliable sources and then take all reasonable and practical measures to manage that risk.

There are a number of new government regulations that will mean changes to your record keeping and movement permits. They include:

- All properties where livestock is kept must have a **PIC** (Property Identification Code) issued to the owner of the property (current regulation) but in addition to that, if you keep your horse on a property belonging to someone else (eg an agistment centre) then each individual horse owner (or the person in care & control of the animal) will need to register as a **Registrable Biosecurity Entity (RBE).** One property may have multiple RBEs registered to it.
- **Movement records** will now be required for all horses moving from one place to another. The only exception to this is if you are moving a horse within a 20km distance for husbandry purposes (eg to see a vet or a mare being taken to a stallion) and the horse is returned to your property the same day. A Waybill as we know it does not have to be completed – you may choose your own form of record keeping (and it may be electronic), but your records must show – where the horse is moving from, where it is going to, the name of the person completing the record and the name of the person receiving the horse as well as the name of the horse and a description of it. A record of this movement must be kept at both ends of the journey for a period of 2 years. However, the only time you need to carry this information on you while travelling, is if you are crossing the tick line. ***So, all horse owners/carers must keep a record of ALL horses that leave their property and ALL horses that come onto their property for a period of 2 years.***
- **Crossing the tick line** will have some different rules with the onus once again on the owner to make sure that a horse travelling from a tick area to a clean (tick-free) area is free of ticks. There will be guidelines to follow and you may choose how you wish to do this but the guidelines for this are not available yet.

We will endeavour to keep members updated on the changes as we come to know of them. Please contact your local DAF (DPI) office if you have further questions or concerns.

Safety

Range Carriage Club prides itself on being a safety-conscious club. Carriage driving has many risks attached to it and we encourage all members and friends to help minimise those risks and avoid potential accidents by following the safety guidelines put together by the Qld Branch. A full list can be found on the Qld Branch website. Go to ACDS Qld Branch and click on 'Member Information' then look for the Queensland Safety Guidelines link. https://sites.google.com/site/acdsqueenslandbranch/Home/member-information-1

We would ask drivers to take particular note of the following: *(The term 'horse' covers all equines.)*

- Check your harness and vehicle regularly to make sure it is sound condition. Look for general wear & tear as well as damage. Make sure it is suitable for the task at hand.
- All horses must be wearing winkers when harnessed to a vehicle. Open bridles are not permitted.
- Winkers (with reins still connected) must remain on the horse while still harnessed to a vehicle.
- A horse must not be left unattended or tied to a fence, float or any other fixed object whilst still attached to a horse drawn vehicle
- The driver is always first into the carriage. Never allow anyone else to sit in the vehicle before the driver takes his/her place.
- The groom (if you have one) is always first out of the vehicle and should go straight to the horse's head. Avoid dismounting until you have someone at the horse's head.
- Always wear gloves and carry your whip while driving.
- Range Carriage Club encourages drivers to wear helmets at all times. However, they are compulsory for Juniors in all activities and must be worn those competing in Cones, Marathons and other timed events.

Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Field Days – Gatton
Above left: Clare Gorwyn & Sonny.
Right: Bill Lark's pair – Sonny & Dixie Belle
Left: Ron Roman & Bill Lark
Photos: PhotoGusto

Range Carriage Club Inc
Email: rangecarriageclub@gmail.com
Website: www.range carriageclub.com
Facebook: Range Carriage Club Inc