

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB –

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2012

Well 2012 is off to a lively start with some varied activities on the calendar of events. A big thank you to those members who showed their appreciation for the work of the Committee and some other Club members, who tried to provide interesting, educational and fun activities during 2011.

Firstly a Working Bee on 5th February to replace the mesh screening on the Treatment Works Fence, with some wire netting placed over the top to hopefully keep everything in place so that we will not have to do any more repairs after windy weather.



Many thanks to all those who attended, especially Peter & Jordan McGrath – without your expertise the job would have been a whole lot harder. The fence now looks fantastic!!

Afterwards there was a sausage sizzle for lunch which everyone enjoyed.

On 11th February is the John Kohnke Presentation - "Feeding the Performance Horse", which will be of great interest to many members. Other horse bodies have been invited, so hopefully quite a few will be in attendance with Afternoon Tea being provided for everyone. A Gold Coin Donation to help cover travel expenses would be appreciated.

A Pleasure Drive is scheduled for 19th February to the Penrose Forest, with everyone congregating at the Penrose Hall Oval. Timing is 9.30am arrival with a 10.00am start. John Wood has volunteered to set the course for this drive, so hopefully he will choose 10 – 12 kilometres of pleasureable roads and tracks.

So bring your picnic lunch and be prepared to have an enjoyable day, providing the weather is kind to us that is. If weather is in doubt please phone either Sue (4681 9538) or Yvonne (4883 6859) for information.

A day of Dressage, both theory and practical is being held on 4th March. We will keep you posted on further developments either by phone or email as planning is finalised.

On 10th March we are holding a Garage Sale at the Burradoo Pony Club Hall. Our previous efforts have been very successful, so everyone, please gather all your unwanted "junk" so that we can recycle it into someone else's "treasure".

We would like some help from anyone who can spare an hour or two, either on the Friday afternoon to set up, or from early on the Saturday morning. It is not hard work, and offers an opportunity for a little socialising at the same time. If you can spare a little time, please contact Yvonne.

Our Bus Trip to Sydney to view the wonderful Carriage Collection belonging to Graham Ware is scheduled for Sunday 25th March, arriving 10.30am – 11.00am. The cost is \$10.00 per head which will only cover the costs of hiring the Bus and the fuel involved. It is a "bring your own lunch etc." activity, so if you wish to come along please contact either Yvonne or Sue. It will be a case of **first in best dressed**, so make contact as soon as you are able. More information as to time of departure etc. will be available in the near future.

SHCC will make a Donation, on behalf of members, to Graham for his time spent with us imparting his knowledge, and sharing his wonderful collection of carriages from years gone by.

Several SHCC Club members will be attending the Dressage & Cones week-end run by the Canberra Club at Bowral, the Graded Dressage & Munro Cup conducted by Bungendore Club at Witwood in March, with some also competing in the Joe Hawkins Cup in April at Marrar near Wagga Wagga, hosted by Riverina Club. A few members will also be attending

the CDE National Championships at Longwood in Vic., so good luck and safe driving to all those who are heading off to further afield.

Our Anzac Week-end activity is still in the planning stages, so again more advice will follow on later. This is shaping up to be an informative and fun week-end, with something different in the wind. The Saturday night entertainment promises to be lively – so watch this space for more news as it comes to hand.

In May and the following winter months, on the last Sunday of each month, our usual Orienteering Drives will take place, and there is also Three “Winter Classics” being run this year by Shibumi Equestrian Centre.

These are mini CDE competitions scheduled for 10th June, 15th July and 19th August, so please contact Sheryl Leibowitz for information regarding entries – 4883 7134.

All in all there is plenty of varied driving activities to fill your week-ends for the next few months, so with your usual training activities during the week you should be kept busy, out of mischief and off the streets.

If anyone requires any further information, or has any problems on any subject, please feel free to phone or email Yvonne, and she will endeavour to help you.

Happy and Safe Driving.