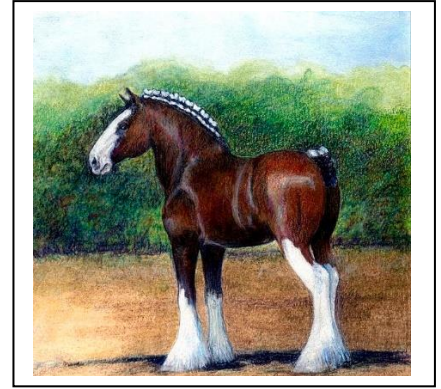




Straight from the Horse's Mouth

August 2016



Editor's Report

The days are certainly starting to be a little bit longer, and a little warmer ... bring on Spring!! I hope everyone has been able to avoid the terrible winter bugs that have been going around, and are feeling fit and ready for the upcoming show season!!

The **Victorian Branch AGM** is to be held this **Sunday, 28 August 2016** at the **Anglers Tavern in Maribyrnong** – starting at **1.30pm**. We encourage all members to attend, & also to consider getting involved in the Committee, or in other roles. All members should have received their AGM papers.

Award winners for the **2015/2016 Highpoints Competition** will be announced & presented at the AGM. Again, this year there are some fantastic prizes to be won by those that have had their horses out & about! A big **"Thank You"** to those that have participated in this year's Highpoint Competition!

Again, **"thank you"** to all that have made contributions to the newsletter! Without your input, SFTHM would be a boring old read!! Please keep the items coming!



**** 2016 Events ****

If you know of any that I have missed please let me know and I will make sure that they are promoted to our members and listed on the website.

Shows & Events

* Sunday 28 August 2016 *

Victorian Branch CCHS
– Annual General Meeting

17-27 September 2016

Royal Melbourne Show

- Friday 23 Sept – Led Classes
- Monday 26 Sept – Harness
- Mon & Tues 26-27 - Tradesmen & Delivery

1 October 2016

Nathalia Show

7 & 8 October 2016

Wangaratta Show

13-16 October 2016

Royal Geelong Show

28-30 October 2016

Sale Agricultural Show

4-6 November 2016

Colac Show

11 to 13 November 2016

150th Ballarat Spring Show

Please Email Details of Any Shows Not Listed to :-

clydesdalesvic@gmail.com

Memories from Dookie Agricultural College dated 1961

Thank you to Doug Grey, for sending in the following article & photo. Doug has also sent in numerous other photos, which I will try to use in future editions of SFTHM.

Doug runs a Facebook Page called 'Old Dookie Agricultural College' which was set up as a tool to show off some of his late father's color slides. He was a former student of Longerenong Ag near Horsham and was appointed to Dookie Ag as a lecturer and later Branch Manager of the College piggery. His dad started at Dookie in 1952 and stayed there for 22 years. Fortunately he was a mad keen photographer, so I have a fairly extensive collection of color, and black & white photos dated 1952-1974.

The handsome young fella in the picture below is Doug at the age of 3 years in 1961. The College had Clydesdale horse teams well into the 1960's. Doug can still remember the milk deliveries to the campus residencies being made by the quintessential 'horse and cart' until 1967.

The passing of time means that unfortunately Doug cant remember this horse's name....perhaps 'Topsy' or 'Dookie Pilot'. He can still remember the day his Dad took the photothis horse had been doing the run for 20 years and was hitched to the cart at the stables (*which were burnt down in 1964*), tapped on the rump and sent on his way without a driver to do his rounds. Doug's dad used to frequently plonk him up in the driver's seat and send the horse on his way. Doug used to think he was running the show!!



***** It has been great to receive photos & reports from recent events held around the State. It gives us the opportunity to share the information with all members, and hopefully inspire more to participate next time!**

We're Still Looking



The Victorian Branch are still looking for an enthusiastic Promotions Officer! If you think you might be interested, please contact our President, Mr Rob Ronzio for more details.

The position will be supported by the Committee & other members, & offers a fantastic opportunity to get involved & manage the CCHS Victorian Branch Merchandise shop at Clydesdale events. There will always be Committee & members to assist where/when ever needed. **We urge you to give it some thought ...!** The Promotions Officer provides a vital role in both promoting our beautiful horses, & also assisting to raise income for the Branch.



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The Victorian Branch Committee are looking for a person to take on the role of Promotions Officer.



The Promotions Officer role is important to the Victorian Branch, as it provides great promotion for our breed as well as being a vital source of income. Duties for the role include the following :-

- Control of merchandise stock & ordering
- Filling of mail & webpage orders
- Attendance at shows & events
- Sourcing of new stock & merchandise options
- Completion of reports to Branch Treasurer & Committee

The role is very much supported by the Committee and other members of the Victorian Branch. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact our President, Mr Rob Ronzio

Not Long To Wait Now

2016 Commemorative Edition Year Book Is Nearly Here!

The 2016 Commemorative Edition Year Book, celebrating 100 Years of Harness, and Parades at Royal Melbourne Show, is due to be Released on Judging Day – 23 September!! It promises to be as good, or better read than the first Edition.

A huge "Thank You", to all that have contributed with stories, photos, or advertising.

**** More Information To Follow** Stay Tuned!!**

The CCHS Victorian Branch are excited to present the


2015 CLYDESDALE YEARBOOK – HERITAGE EDITION

Celebrating 100 Years of Clydesdale Champions at the Royal Melbourne Show 1914-2014, you can't afford to miss out on this special edition yearbook – a walk through the ages of where the Australian Clydesdale began and how they have become the breed they are today. Stories complimented by countless photographs of the horses and people that brought the pavilion at the Royal Melbourne Show to life each September.



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or mob 0425 111 570 for more information.



The image shows the cover of the '2015 Clydesdale Yearbook - Heritage Edition'. The cover features a central photograph of a dark brown Clydesdale horse with white feathering on its lower legs, being led by a man in a brown jacket and hat. Above and below this central image are smaller photographs of various Clydesdale horses in different colors and poses. The text on the cover includes 'CENTENARY OF CLYDESDALE' and 'ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW CHAMPIONS 1914-2014'. Logos for the State Government of Victoria and the Public Record Office Victoria are visible at the bottom of the advertisement.



If you haven't already Make sure you get your copy of the 2015 Yearbook! It is a fantastic read & is packed full of photos of past Champions & characters that have made Melbourne Show the pinnacle event for Clydesdale breeders for so many years.

Books are available for \$ 9.95, plus \$ 5.00 if you would like it posted. The books are a fantastic read, and a wonderful gift for that hard to buy for family member or friend!



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❖ *Agricultural Shows & Events with Clydesdale Classes*

2016		
September		
17-27 September	Royal Melbourne Show	https://royalshow.com.au/animals/animals-up-close/horses/
October		
1 October 2016	Nathalia Show - Equine Extravaganza	http://www.vicagshows.com.au/nathalia-agriculture-society
7 & 8 October 2016	Wangaratta Show	http://wangerattashow.org.au/index.php/horse/
8 October 2016	Sunbury Show	http://sunburyshow.org.au
13-16 October 2016	Royal Geelong Show	http://www.royalgeelongshow.com.au/
14 & 15 October 2016	Benalla Show	http://www.benallashow.com/
15 October 2016	Kyabram Show	
22 October 2016	Bendigo Show	
23 & 24 October 2016	Cobram Agricultural Show	http://www.cobramshow.com/
28-30 October 2016	Sale Agricultural Show	http://www.saleshow.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=59
29 October 2016	Dookie Agricultural Show	
November		
4-6 November 2016	Colac & District P & A Society's Annual Show	www.colacshow.com.au
6 November 2016	Echuca Agricultural Show	http://echucamoamashow.com.au/
11-13 November 2016	150 th Ballarat Show	http://ballaratshow.org.au/events/ballarat_show
12 November 2016	Dandenong Show	http://dandyshow.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Horse-single-pages.pdf
17-22 November 2016	Equitana	http://www.equitana.com.au/
19 November 2016	Mansfield Show	http://www.mansfieldaandpsociety.com.au
19 November 2016	Deloraine Show	
2017		
17 – 22 January	National Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Festival - (NCHHF) - Werribee	** More Information to Follow ** https://www.facebook.com/NationalClydesdaleandHeavyHorseFestival

- ❖ For details and contacts of **Victorian Shows** please visit .. www.vicagshow.com.au
- ❖ For **Tasmanian shows** please visit ... www.ascti.com.au.
- ❖ For **New South Wales Shows** please visit ... www.agshowsnsw.org.au.
- ❖ For Show Dates in **New Zealand** ... check out www.ras.org.nz

****Please confirm with Show Societies if they are conducting Clydesdale & Harness Classes prior to the show****

Want to know what's happening elsewhere in the Clydesdale world?
Why not check out the following websites.

- New South Wales www.clydesdalensw.com.au
- Queensland www.clydesdaleqld.com.au
- Great Britain www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com
- America www.clydesusa.com
- New Zealand www.clydesdale.org.nz

If you know of an interesting site or information please let us know.

Welcome to **'Tuff Dog Beds'**
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Please Help!!

I would love to receive photos from events, etc from our members for use in our newsletters. If you have any photos of horses, exhibitors or anything that you think may be of interest to our members, please email them to me at 'clydesdalesvic@gmail.com'. Also, if you have a report or results from events, please forward them through for us to share through our Newsletters.

Take Care! ☺

Bev Bell