



Straight from the Horse's Mouth

July 2016



Shows & Events

Editor's Report

My sincere apologies for this very late edition of SFTHM!! Time seems to be going at double pace ... hard to believe we are nearly into August already!!!

Firstly, I'd like to thank those that responded to my requests to respond to training days, highpoint entries, and stories from events around the state. The Branch can only run events if we know there is interest & SFTHM

Secondly the **Victorian Branch AGM is to be held 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. AGM papers will be posted shortly to all members.

Award winners for the **2015/2016 Highpoints Competition** will be announced & presented at the AGM. Again, 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!

Anyone interested in participating in the **2016 Equitana Showcase** to be held in November ... please contact our President, Rob Ronzio. More details to follow!

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!

Also, last call for anyone who is interested in participating in **Judging Training &/or Assessment, &/or for Harness Training Day**. We need to get an indication of interest to be able to run these events So please, if you are thinking that this could be something you would like to attend, please let me know ASAP.

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!

17-27 September 2016

Royal Melbourne Show

7 & 8 October 2016

Wangaratta Show

8 October 2016

Sunbury 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

Help Spread the Word

If you know of any events/shows in your area that have classes for Clydesdales – please send through the details so we can 'spread the word' via our Newsletters.

Please email:-

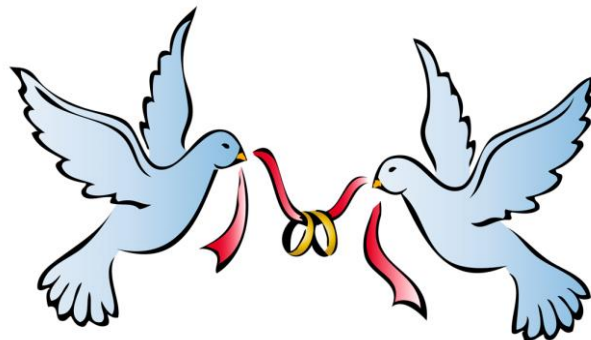
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A Beautiful Bride & a Clydesdale ...

(.. & a Groom of Course!)

Former Victorian Branch Secretary, Denia Ford married Tom Gilheany on 30 April 2016 on the family farm 'Colglen'. All reports are that the couple had a wonderful day surrounded by many family & friends – both human & equine!

On behalf of the Victorian Branch, we would like to wish Denia & Tom all the very best of health & happiness for their future together!!



We're Still Looking



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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



****** 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.

Work on the 2016 Commemorative Edition Year Book Is In Full Swing!

The CCHS Vic Branch is thrilled to have sold almost 600 copies of the 2015 Yearbook to branch members and fellow Clydesdale enthusiasts. The first edition of the Centenary Celebration has reached homes all over Australia and in New Zealand, USA, Canada, Scotland and Switzerland.

The successful sale of this publication has been achieved by promotion of the book at Clydesdale events; on social media such as Facebook; distribution through newsagents and local businesses and; advertisement via the CCHS Vic Branch Website, newsletter and SFTHM. A special thankyou must go to all the members that volunteered to help sell/distribute books – Bev Bell, Josh Taylor, Ron & Mathy Hyder, Daphne Talbot, Eileen Jorgensen, Kristin Marriott, Jane Marriott, Shirley Filbay-Kerlin, Noel Wiltshire, Terri Butler, Nita Smith and Louise Scott. Copies are still available for purchase, please note the slight increase in postage.

We hope that the 2016 Yearbook will be just as, if not more, successful. In order to achieve this we will be collecting photos and information regarding history of the Royal Melbourne Show, with particular reference to harness, grand parades, heritage of trophies and new classes such as Junior Handler and the Ridden Clydesdale. Previous advertisers will be invited again to support the publication and we look forward to welcoming new advertisers in 2016. If you have information or photos you would like to share, or an interest in advertising, please contact Barbara Ford on 0425 111 570 or at clydesdaleyearbook@gmail.com

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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CLYDESDALE YEARBOOK 2015

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!

Final Call for Anyone Interested



Expression of Interest - Judging Training &/or Assessment

The Committee are seeking Expressions of interest to gauge interest in the Vic Branch holding either Judging Training and/or Judging Assessment Days in 2016.

Training days are aimed at upskilling those interested in learning more about the finer points of judging Clydesdales.

Judging Assessment Days give the opportunity for individuals interested in becoming Clydesdale Judges to be tested and appraised

**** If you are interested in participating in either event, please forward your details to the Secretary****

Expression of Interest – Educational Day – Harness Training Day

Expressions of interest are also sought from members interested in participating in a Harness Training Day – possibly to be held at Geelong. The proposed day will include instruction on long reigning & harness.

Also seeking interest from anyone who may be interested in a Ladies Harness Driving Day with a lady instructor.

**** If you are interested, please forward your details to the Secretary ****

Agricultural Shows & Events with Clydesdale Classes

13-16 October 2016	Royal Geelong Show	http://www.royalgeelongshow.com.au/
7 & 8 October 2016	Wangaratta Show	http://wangarattashow.org.au/index.php/horse/
8 October 2016	Sunbury Show	http://sunburyshow.org.au/
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
4-6 November 2016	Colac & District P & A society's Annual Show	www.colacshow.com.au
11-13 November 2016	150 th Ballarat Show	http://ballaratshow.org.au/events/ballarat_show

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 please visit www.agshowsnsw.org.au.

For those considering going on holiday over the ditch check out dates for New Zealand shows at www.ras.org.nz

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From time to time we receive requests from individuals and tourist/event organisers looking for members with horses & carts/drays that would be willing to **participate in tourist or promotional events**. If you would like the opportunity to make use of your horse & vehicle, please let me know & I will keep your details in a register. I will then forward on any requests we receive to those on the register to consider.

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