

# Straight from the Horses Mouth

COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY  
VICTORIAN BRANCH INC

March 2013



## Editors Report

HAPPY BIRYHDAY SFTHM !

Yes it is now one year since the first edition of SFTHM began and it is hard to believe. I first decided to start SFTHM as a sample email newsletter to keep members up to date, with the correspondence coming across my desk. Since we are now about to begin our second year I can only assume it has been a success. It has been great to receive the positive feedback which has inspired me to keep going when some of the negatives arise. I thank those willing members who help the distribution of SFTHM, whether by printing hard copies, verbally or other and passing it on to the members who don't have email. As they say "Many hands make light work", and thank you to those who have forwarded items for inclusion. All these efforts has helped to keep everyone informed and lines of communication open. If anyone has something they would like included please forward to me by the end of the third week of each month so I have time to compile and get it out on time. So from me to you, I hope you enjoy the read.

regards

Junita Wiltshire

## Clydesdale for Lease

3 year old Filly available for lease in the Torquay area. Currently being broken to ride. Needs experienced handler. For further information contact: Paul  
paul@theinnergame.com.au



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### In Appreciation

On behalf of myself and all the other participants of the Junior Driver class, held at the 2012 Royal Melbourne Show, I would like to thank the following people and studs for their kind donations for sponsoring the class : Toolleen, Antelle, Beereega, Aarunga, Haylands, Jika Farm, Chocolyn Park and Graeme Marriott. If not for them the class was not going to be held. I would also like to thank all the other participants for their participation in the class. It was great to have such a big group of juniors and made the competition very interesting. As a result I hope to see more juniors getting involved with Clydesdales and to see a bigger participation number at shows, even just for fun.

**Caitlyn Beer**

### Judge Training Day



Expressions of interest are being sought from members who are interested in attending a training day to become a member of our State Judges Panel. The day would be a lead up to an assessment at another time. Committee will be scheduling a day in June if enough interest. If interested please contact the secretary on:

**wiltshire@kardiniaclydesdales.com**

Or

**(03) 5859 0100**

### Alexandra Show

The Alexandra A&P Society will hold its 130th Annual Show on the 2nd November 2013 and are hoping to expand their horse schedule to include a range of heavy horses, particularly clydesdales. They are hoping to gain an idea of exhibitors who may be interested. They would be looking at also including working draught classes and basic heavy delivery classes. They would love to hear of any expressions of interest. Please contact : Dr Denia Ford BVSc(Hon)

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## Werribee – A GREAT WEEKEND !

By Rod Kilgour

The recent Annual Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Festival has been hailed by several exhibitors as possibly the most successful yet. As expected, Werribee Park was in magnificent condition for the staging of the sixth festival and heavy horse enthusiasts enjoyed two days of competition in an atmosphere of friendly participation.

The pleasing number of Clydesdales was joined on the Saturday by Shires, Percherons, Friesians, Gypsy cobs, Highland Ponies and Norwegian Fjord and Drum Horses in the led classes. We were fortunate to have a first class panel of judges and stewards for the two days of competition. Local judges John O'Sullivan, Lyle Drayton, Mike Hopkins and Elsa Avery were joined by Ineke Kuiper and partner Byron Biffin from Picton, NSW – and what a fabulous team they all made. "Sir" Colin Brown (OAM), Maggie Burke, Hardy and Sue Hauke were the stewards "extraordinaire", giving great support to the judges.

Working Draught Horse enthusiasts were busy with their farm implements. Driving events and the harness turnout class were featuring some terrific vehicles followed the led Clydesdales. It was great to see Peter Jorgenson make the long trip down with two lovely fillies. Both caught the appreciative eye of judge John O'Sullivan, as did Marriott's stallion, Aarunga Mark, who showed his majestic presence to be awarded the Gordon Phillips trophy as the Supreme Champion Heavy Horse. We were thrilled to again see the Hodgetts family from Tasmania in the show ring – a great effort.

Harness turnout classes were eagerly contested with pleasing entries and spectators saw the flashy Beereega Culross winning the Champion Harness Turnout.

A pleasant evening of good food and fellowship followed Saturdays events. Andrew Lavis ably conducted the customary auction, with people happy to bid for the wide variety of goods on offer. Many bidders snared a bargain.

On Sunday morning, Ring One presented six Heavy Harness events, with some new exhibitors participating. It was a most interesting morning. Congratulations to the Marriott's Fours, who took out the Championship.

Several driving events followed, with Ladies, Novices and Juniors all joining in. Nice to see Clydesdale stalwart, Julie Barber from Walla Walla, NSW driving her horse, Avonberry Edward into second place.

We were very pleased to have Ring Three operating on Sunday, with members of the Clydesdale Cross Sport Horse Association staging their own gymkhana. Some members joined in our

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Continued.....ridden classes. We trust they will join us at future festivals. (The criteria for joining the association are that the horse MUST be a part Clydesdale).

The working Draught horses and handlers were in action again on Sunday, contesting long rein-ing events, showing restored and unrestored vehicles and participating in some fun filled novelty events. Lyle Drayton did a sterling job as judge of all the Working Horse events. The popular Fancy Dress event caused much interest and fun, with a “dinosaur” taking first place.

The usual array of food stalls, harness purveyors and horse-related businesses were present.

The small Festival Committee under Rob and Thelma Ronzio were again magnificent in their or-ganisation and setting up of the festival. There is always room for more helpers, so think about it for next year!

Photos by Kristen Marriott



## National Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Festival 2013

### Results

#### Champion Clydesdale Entire ,

Aarunga Mark - A.T. Marriott Family

#### Reserve Champion Clydesdale Entire ,

Valmont Odyssey - Mathy Hyder

#### Champion Clydesdale Colt ,

- J & J Hodgetts

#### Reserve Champion Clydesdale Colt ,

Meadow Lane Select - S. Loney

#### Champion Clydesdale Gelding ,

Aarunga Adam - A.T. Marriott Family

#### Reserve Champion Clydesdale Gelding ,

Aarunga Casper - A.T. Marriott Family

#### Champion Clydesdale Mare ,

Box Valley Lucy - Box Valley Clydesdales

#### Reserve Champion Clydesdale Mare ,

Valmont Symphony - Mathy Hyder

#### Champion Clydesdale Filly ,

Box Valley Martina - Box Valley Clydesdales

#### Reserve Champion Clydesdale Filly ,

Meadow Lane Cadeaux - S. Loney

#### SUPREME CHAMPION HEAVY HORSE

Aarunga Mark - A.T. Marriott Family

#### Best Exhibit under 2 years ,

Box Valley Martina - Box Valley Clydesdales

#### Heavy / Medium Delivery Horse , Single

##### Champion ,

Beereega Culross - Matthew Marriott

##### Reserve Champion ,

Myrtle Park - C. Nisbet

#### Heavy / Medium Delivery Horse , Multiple

##### Champion ,

A.T. Marriott Family - 4 horse team

##### Reserve Champion ,

Graeme Burns - 2 horses

#### SUPREME CHAMPION HARNESS EXHIBIT

A.T. Marriott Family

#### Harness Turnout

##### Champion ,

Beereega Culross - Matthew Marriott

##### Reserve Champion ,

Pair horses - A.T. Marriott Family

### Coming Events.....

This is a guide only, please check with the relevant Society for more details.

### 2013

#### March

21st Royal Sydney Easter Show

23rd Tatura Show

#### April

6th Red Hill Show

28th Castlemaine Foal & Mare Show

#### May

26th Dandenong Scottish Heritage Day

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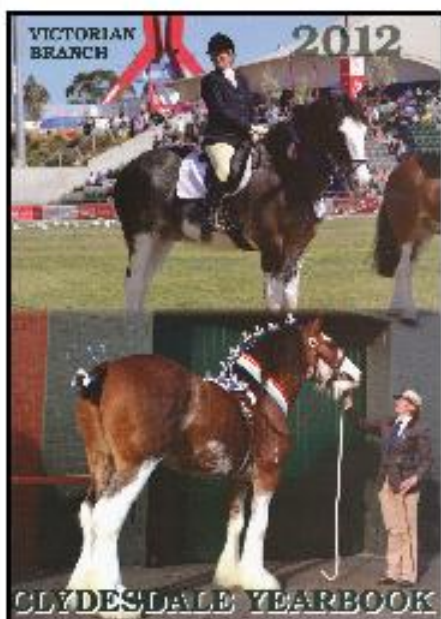
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