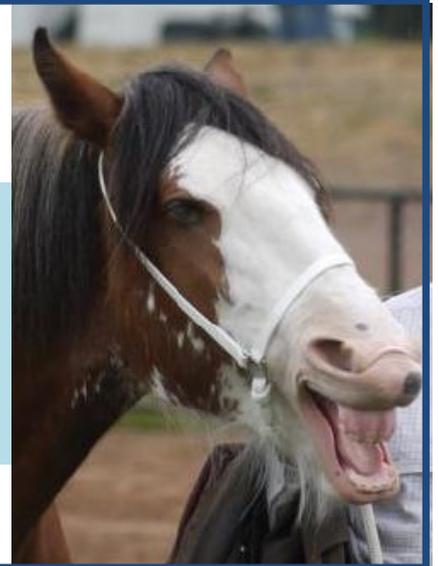




# Straight from the Horse's Mouth

March 2014



## Editor's Report

During my time in north-east Victoria I decided Autumn is my favourite time of year. You can't beat cool nights, sunny days and wonderful autumn colours. Although I'm sure everyone has their fingers and toes crossed for some rain to come their way soon.

In recent weeks we saw a good turnout of exhibitors and spectators at the National Heavy Horse Festival at Werribee Park. The weather refrained from the blistering heat outlaid in previous years, making the weekend much more comfortable for all. In between leading horses I had a chance to chat to many current members and also a lot of prospective ones – it's great to meet others with interest in our breed, especially those that travelled long distances to be there.

Congratulations to Rob Ronzio and his dedicated NHHF committee for once again putting on a good show.

Looking ahead, there is a good array of Clydie events on the calendar in coming months – I have had to expand from the regular Melbourne and surrounds map in this month's "Upcoming Events" section.

Among exhibitors and spectators, CCHS Federal delegates will travel to Sydney for the CCHS Annual General Meeting to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April at the Sydney Showgrounds.

A reminder for those interested in advertising in the Clydesdale Yearbook that forms are to be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> March in order to be included by the publisher.

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### Purebred Clydie Wanted

Adrian Wood from Pakenham is seeking a purebred Clydesdale mare or gelding to lavish attention on. His main requirement is a good temperament and ideally would like one with a good few years left in it. Doesn't need to be broken, just easy to handle. If anyone has a suitable horse in mind, please contact Adrian on 0418 385 989.

## Calendar of Events

### March

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Heavy Horse Driving Training Weekend – Westbury TAS

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Gippsland Harness Show – *Harness Only*

### April

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Sydney Royal Easter Show – *Led*

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Sydney Royal Easter Show – *Harness*

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Castlemaine Foal Show

### May

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Benalla Driving Day

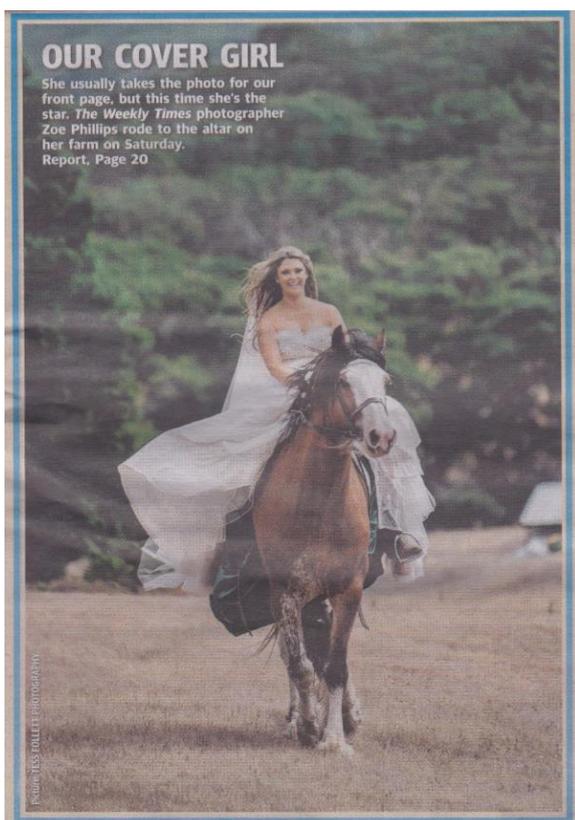
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dandenong Scottish Heritage Day



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## A step back in time...



So I branched away from the norm this issue (including a Grandma Dot Barrie newspaper article) thinking it more fitting to use a photo published in the Weekly Times last week (19<sup>th</sup> March 2014). Weekly Times photographer, Zoe Phillips, has taken the front page spot, this time in front of the camera. She cantered to her wedding on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March on the back of Haylands Brigalow, her much loved and very versatile Clydie. Zoe and Brigalow frequent many ag shows and driving days in led, driven and ridden classes. We wish her and new husband Stuart congratulations and all the best for their future together.

As always if you have any photos or memorabilia you would like to share with other members, please email them to [clydesdalesvic@gmail.com](mailto:clydesdalesvic@gmail.com).



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## Worry worms...

In my last few months as a predominantly equine practitioner I can say I've read my fair share of, how should we term it, "incorrect" articles on the internet regarding all sorts of horse health issues. No doubt as everyone reads the list that is presented to them in a Google search of "horse worming" the mind becomes boggled on which sources to trust. Of course, this is a topic in the animal health world that is very dynamic – changing with what we require from our animals, the intensity in which we run them and the drugs we administer to them – and therefore is bound to have conflicting recommendations.

The days of the regular 6-8 week de-worming schedule is becoming superseded by strategic worm management driven by the concern for increasing drug resistance in worm populations. Keeping environmental control in mind, the use of anthelmintics (de-wormers) are best timed late Summer and late Winter then based on Faecal Egg Counts (exceeding 200 eggs per gram) in between. A rotational wormer (eg Strategy T) should be implemented if further worming is required. Your drench product should include praziquantel bi-annually to control tapeworm and moxidectin (Equest) should be restricted to once annually or for clinical cases.

Foals should be wormed more regularly (6-8 weekly prior to weaning) as their immune system is still immature. Don't use moxidectin in foals less than 6 month of age as toxicity is a concern.



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# Upcoming Events

As Autumn rolls in we see the start of the foal show season and lots of driving days on the calendar. Foal shows are a great excuse to be handling your Clydesdale babies and getting them exposed to the weird and wonderful distractions that present at shows/events. We look forward to seeing many of you enjoying the milder weather that accompanies these shows.

## **Castlemaine Foal Show – Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Castlemaine Foal Show is a great first outing for your Clydie foal. No rides/sideshow makes for a peaceful learning environment for your foals at their first show. Of course this show isn't just about foals – bring along your mares and geldings to make the most of the day.

**Location:** Castlemaine Showgrounds

**Contact:** Debbie Hamilton on 0413339058 or [debbiehamilton@gcom.net.au](mailto:debbiehamilton@gcom.net.au). Don't forget to view the web site [www.castlemaineshow.com](http://www.castlemaineshow.com)



## **Sydney Royal Easter Show –12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Although entries closed months ago, it's not too late to decide to go along as a spectator. The Sydney Royal is challenging Melbourne for highest competitor numbers and boasts an exciting led, harness and ridden program.

**Location:** Sydney Showground, Olympic Park, Sydney NSW

**Schedule Link:**

<http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/366.htm>

## **Heavy Horse Driving Training Day – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The first year this event has been organised, we look forward to some well needed support from members. Focused on driving training from beginning to advanced.

**Location:** Westbury Showgrounds, Westbury TAS

**Schedule link:**

[http://clydesdalesvic.org.au/doc/Heavy\\_Horse\\_Driving\\_Weekend\\_Tas.pdf](http://clydesdalesvic.org.au/doc/Heavy_Horse_Driving_Weekend_Tas.pdf)

