



Straight from the Horse's Mouth

May 2020



Editor's Report

Hope all our members are well & finding a new 'normal'!

2020 has certainly thrown lots of challenges at all of us & has definitely tested our resilience & our ability to adapt! Whilst COVID-19 has forced change in our habits, work practices & also our social activities, it has also forced a fairly sharp learning curve in a number of areas! I can also see positives though, & I hope everyone has been able to slow down & appreciate 'the little things'! Again – I hope everyone is well & looking after themselves & each other!

Winter Merchandise Available Now!



WELCOME TO WINTER!!

I thought it would be a good time to promote some of the CCHS merchandise to help keep you warm! New into stock are beanies! Nothing like a super warm beanie to keep the chills away!

Beanies come in Navy Blue or Black
\$25 each plus Postage

As most of you will know, shows & events for the foreseeable future have been cancelled. It is still unclear as to how long it will be before show can resume – so for now, we all 'stay tuned' & wait for updates & announcements.

Thank you to all members for your support & input to SFTHM throughout 2019. Now more than ever, I really need to hear from our members as to what you would like to see included in SFTHM. Any ideas or topics that you have will give me the opportunity to ensure our newsletter is providing information that is being looked for by our members. The more you send in – the more interesting & relevant our newsletters are – so **'Thank You'** & keep it coming!

Take care!



Shows & Events

**For a full list of
Agricultural Shows
please check:-**

<http://www.vicagshows.com.au/>

More Information

Events & Shows Cancelled due
to Covid-19 :

<https://www.clydesdalesvic.org.au/events>

**Please Email Details of Any
Shows Not Listed to :-**
clydesdalesvic@gmail.com

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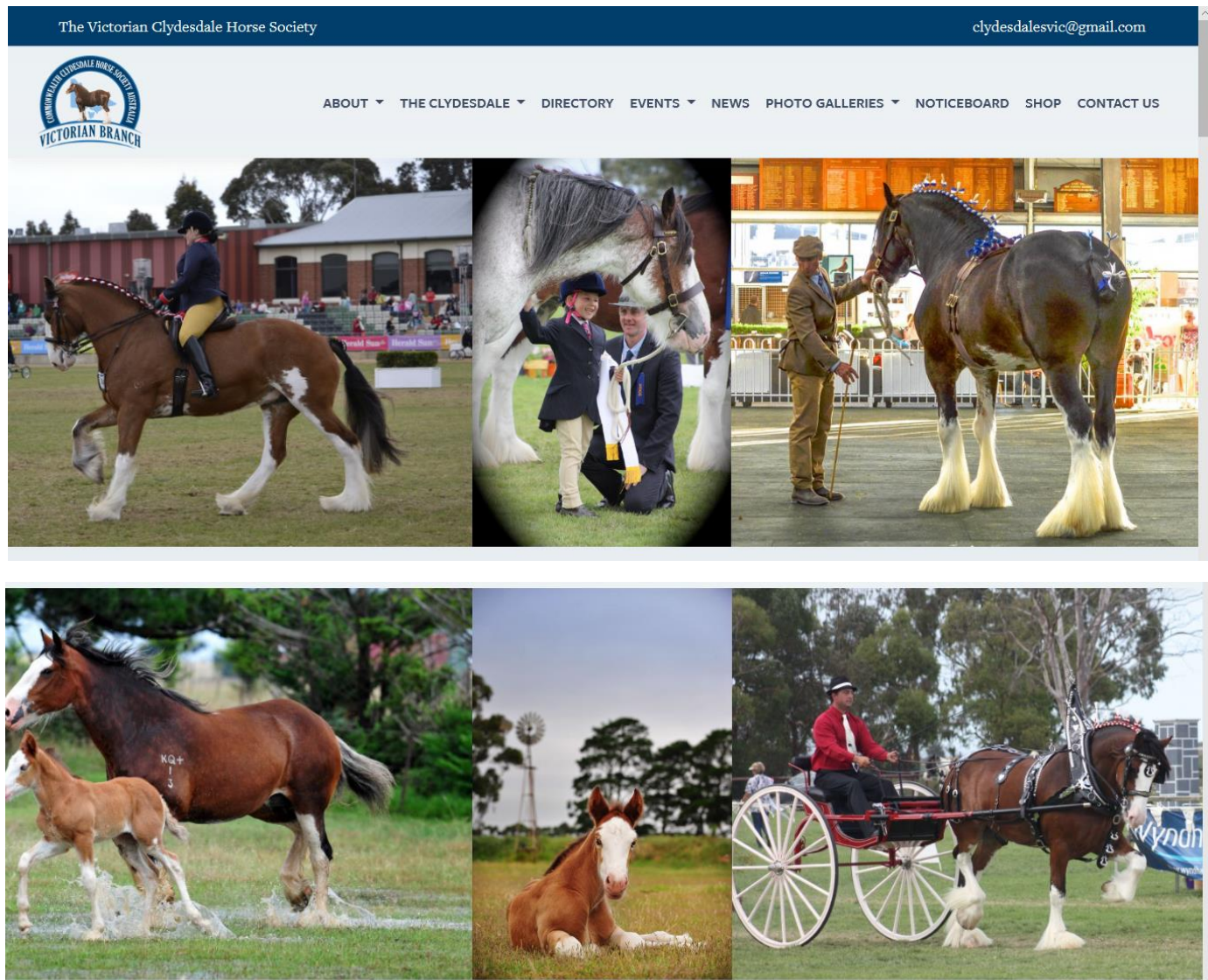
Vic Branch Committee Goes Online! ZOOM Meetings!

COVID-19 is forcing us all to learn new skills! The Victorian Branch Committee held a Trial Committee Meeting over Zoom recently to see if this would be a viable option. From all reports – *(with the exception of a few hiccups!)* all went fairly well. It is something the Committee may be forced to utilise more in the coming months.



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 3 July 2020

'NEW' CCHS VICTORIAN BRANCH WEBSITE



For The Love Of Clydesdales

The Victorian Branch of the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society of Australia.

Please feel free to explore our Website. This website has been designed to give information about the Clydesdale breed, upcoming events, shows, breeders, and other relevant news and information.

This site is for anyone interested in our breed, members or non-members. Non members interested in becoming involved with Clydesdales can learn more about the Clydesdale breed, not only in Australia but worldwide.

LEARN MORE

Please Take Some Time to Check Out the Website & Send Us Your Feedback

CLICK HERE <https://www.clydesdalesvic.org.au/>

Members Contribution

We'd love to share some photos or stories from our Members!

Please send through photos to share with our members

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'Thank You' Louise Beer for Sending this Through

"THE ANZAC ON THE WALL"

By Jim Brown

I wandered thru a country town, 'cos I had some time to spare,
And went into an antique shop to see what was in there.
Old Bikes and pumps and kero lamps, but hidden by it all,
A photo of a soldier boy – an Anzac on the Wall.

'The Anzac have a name?' I asked. The old man answered 'No'. The ones who could have told me mate, have passed-on long ago.

The old man kept on talking and, according to his tale, The photo was unwanted junk bought from a clearance sale.

'I asked around', the old man said, 'but no-one knows his face,
He's been on that wall twenty years... Deserves a better place.
For someone must have loved him, so it seems a shame somehow.'
I nodded in agreement and then said, 'I'll take him now.'

My nameless digger's photo, well it was a sorry sight
A cracked glass pane and a broken frame - I had to make it
right
To prise the photo from its frame I took care just in case,
Cause only sticky paper held the cardboard back in place.

I peeled away the faded screed and much to my surprise,
Two letters and a telegram appeared before my eyes.
The first reveals my Anzac's name, and regiment of course,
John Mathew Francis Stuart - of Australia's own Light Horse.

This letter written from the front... My interest now was keen,
This note was dated August seventh 1917.
'Dear Mum, I'm at Khalasa Springs not far from the Red Sea,
They say it's in the Bible - looks like a Billabong to me.

'My Kathy wrote I'm in her prayers... she's still my bride to be, I just can't wait to see you both, you're all the world to me. And Mum you'll soon meet Bluey, last month they shipped him out, I told him to call on you when he's up and about.'

'That Bluey is a larrikin, and we all thought it funny,
He lobbed a Turkish hand grenade into the CO's dunny.
I told you how he dragged me wounded, in from no man's
land,
He stopped the bleeding, closed the wound, with only his bare
hand.'

'Then he copped it at the front from some stray shrapnel blast,
It was my turn to drag him in and I thought he wouldn't last.
He woke up in hospital, and nearly lost his mind,
Cause out there on the battlefield he'd left one leg behind.'

'He's been in a bad way Mum, he knows he'll ride no more,
Like me he loves a horse's back, he was a champ before.
So Please Mum can you take him in, he's been like my own
brother,
Raised in a Queensland orphanage he's never known a
mother.'

But struth, I miss Australia Mum, and in my mind each day,
I am a mountain cattleman on high plains far away.
I'm mustering white-faced cattle, with no camel's hump in
sight,
And I waltz my Matilda by a campfire every night.

I wonder who rides Billy, I heard the pub burnt down,
I'll always love you and please say, 'hooroo' to all in town.
The second letter I could see, was in a lady's hand,
An answer to her soldier son there in a foreign land.

Her copperplate was perfect, the pages neat and clean,
It bore the date, November 3rd 1917.
'T'was hard enough to lose your Dad, without you at the war,
I'd hoped you would be home by now - each day I miss you
more.'

Your Kathy calls around a lot since you have been away,
To share with me her hopes and dreams about your wedding
day.
And Bluey has arrived - and what a godsend he has been,

We talked and laughed for days about the things you've done and seen.'

'He really is a comfort, and works hard around the farm, I read the same hope in his eyes that you won't come to harm. McConnell's kids rode Billy, but suddenly that changed, We had a violent lightning storm, and it was really strange.'

'Last Wednesday, just on midnight, not a single cloud in sight, It raged for several minutes, it gave us all a fright. It really spooked your Billy - and he screamed and bucked and reared, And then he rushed the sliprail fence, which by a foot he cleared.'

'They brought him back next afternoon, but something's changed I fear, It's like the day you brought him home, for no one can get near. Remember when you caught him with his black and flowing mane? Now Horse breakers fear the beast that only you can tame.'

'That's why we need you home son' - then the flow of ink went dry, This letter was unfinished, and I couldn't work out why. Until I started reading, the letter number three, A yellow telegram delivered news of tragedy.

Her son killed in action - oh - what pain that must have been, The same date as her letter - 3rd November 1917. This letter which was never sent, became then one of three, She sealed behind the photo's face - the face she longed to see.

And John's home town's old timers - children when he went to war, Would say no greater cattleman had left the town before. They knew his widowed mother well - and with respect did tell, How when she lost her only boy, she lost her mind as well.

She could not face the awful truth, to strangers she would speak, 'My Johnny's at the war you know, he's coming home next week.' They all remembered Bluey he stayed on to the end, A younger man with wooden leg became her closest friend.

And he would go and find her when she wandered old and weak, And always softly say 'yes dear - John will be home next week.' Then when she died Bluey moved on, to Queensland some did say, I tried to find out where he went, but don't know to this day.

And Kathy never wed - a lonely spinster some found odd, She wouldn't set foot in a church - she'd turned her back on God.

John's mother left no Will I learned on my detective trail, This explains my photo's journey, of that clearance sale.

So I continued digging, cause I wanted to know more, I found John's name with thousands, in the records of the war. His last ride proved his courage - a ride you will acclaim, The Light Horse Charge at Beersheba of everlasting fame.

That last day in October, back in 1917, At 4pm our brave boys fell - that sad fact I did glean. That's when John's life was sacrificed, the record's crystal clear, But 4pm in Beersheba is midnight over here.....

So as John's gallant spirit rose to cross the great divide, Were lightning bolts back home, a signal from the other side? Is that why Billy bolted and went racing as in pain? Because he'd never feel his master on his back again?

Was it coincidental? same time - same day - same date? Some proof of numerology, or just a quirk of fate? I think it's more than that you know, as I've heard wiser men, Acknowledge there are many things that go beyond our ken.

Where craggy peaks guard secrets 'neath dark skies torn asunder, Where hoof-beats are companions to the rolling waves of thunder. Where lightning cracks like 303's and ricochets again, Where howling moaning gusts of wind sound just like dying men.

Some Mountain cattlemen have sworn on lonely alpine track, They've glimpsed a huge black stallion - Light Horseman on his back. Yes, sceptics say, it's swirling clouds just forming apparitions, Oh no, my friend, you can't dismiss all this as superstition.

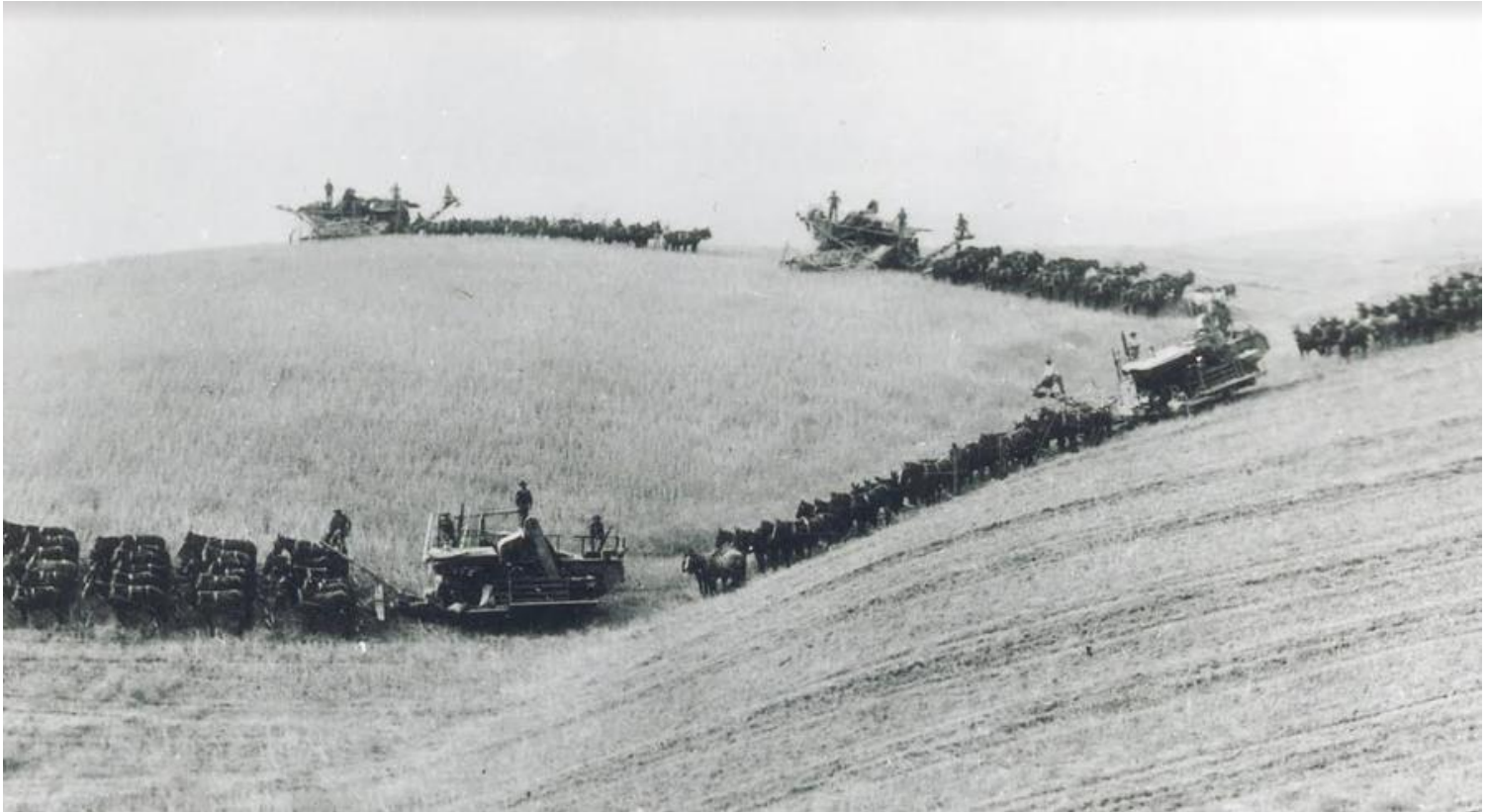
The desert of Beersheba - or windswept Aussie range, John Stuart rides on forever there - Now I don't find that strange. Now some gaze upon this photo, and they often question me, And I tell them a small white lie, and say he's family.

'You must be proud of him.' they say - I tell them, one and all, That's why he takes - the pride of place - my Anzac on the Wall.



“Clydesdales Back In Time”

Photos from Years Past



Washington Wheat Foundation

Yesterday at 3:45 am · 🌐

#TBT - 100 years ago, combine teams often consisted of up to 37 horses to pull each combine. The lead horse did not have reins, but could be turned when needed by a verbal command of the driver. This horse was very valuable and could be sold for \$5000 (approximately \$66,230 in 2020!)

The harvest horse teams on the Jennings farm pose for a photo on the rolling hills south of Pullman, Washington, 1920.



Videos



Traditional on Dutch Draft Horses Centuries-old Ritual

Farmers riding to the Zeeuwse Beaches after winter and washing the workinghorse's legs in the sea!

Click on the Link Below:-

<https://www.facebook.com/706069506121227/posts/2972574436137378/?d=n>

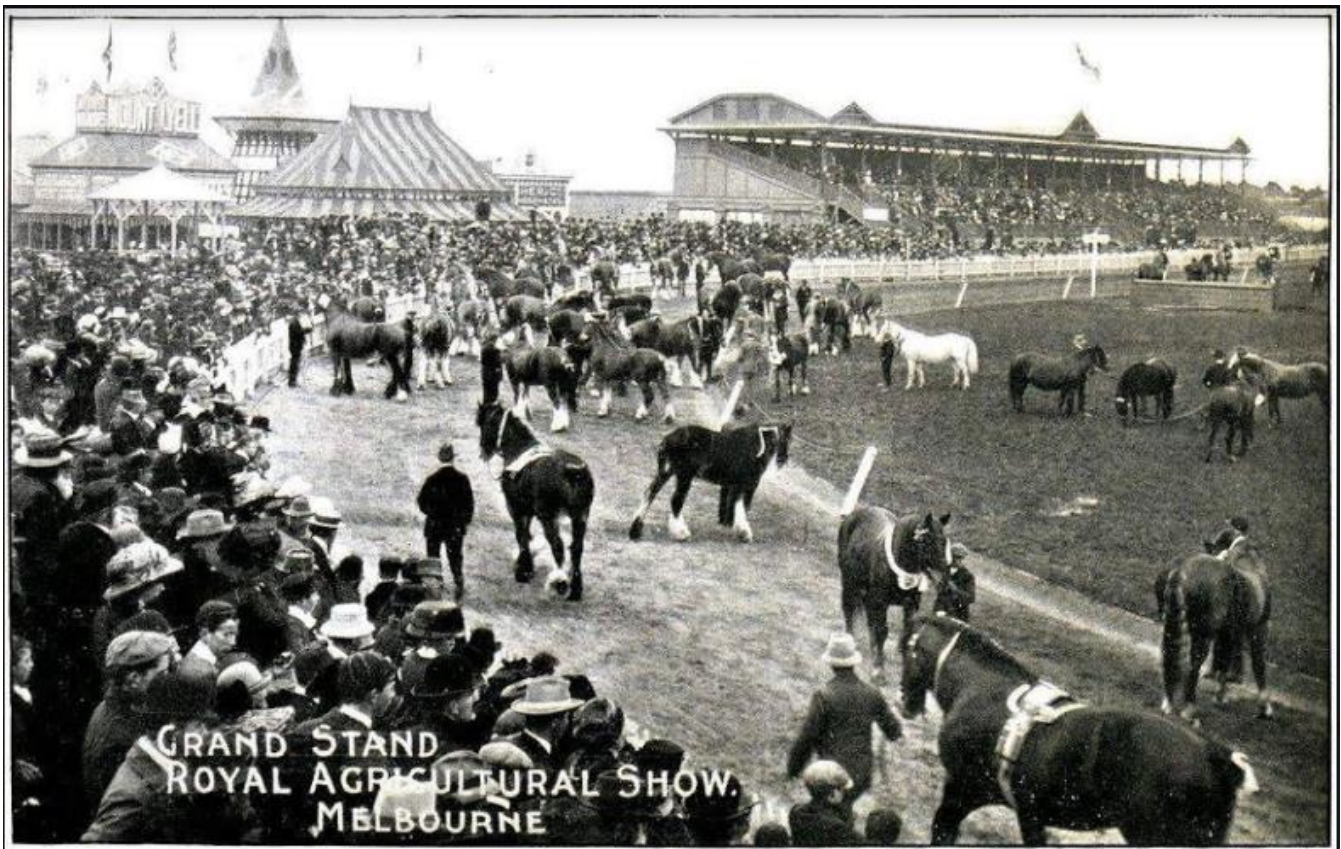
YouTube – Virtual Tour – Budweisser Stables

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwvSVLTvLDE&list=PLuhRSW02CzBYNPKGZiuBE9aZL7dwT9QYA&index=3&t=0s>

“Clydesdales Back In Time”

Photos from Years Past

1945 Horsham Show



CCHS Merchandise – Now Available



NEW! Super Warm Beanies



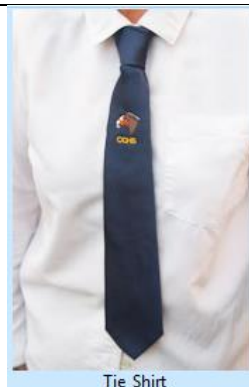
Tea_Towel



Windcheater



Tartan_Tie



Tie_Shirt



More Information Available on VicBranch Website - <https://www.clydesdalesvic.org.au/shop>

Email Donna Ronzio – Victorian Branch Promotions Officer

– Email : clydesdalepromo@yahoo.com

NOTICEBOARD

WANTED TO BUY

**Young Clydesale
- Doesn't have to be registered**

Looking for Bay – White Legs & Face

**Call John Gulgarno
Ph: 0409 603 541**

HELP NEEDED

WODONGA HORSE SALE CATALOGUES

Looking for members who may have copies of Catalogues from the Wodonga Sales.

Years Required : 1980,1990,1992, 1995, 1999, 2000 & 2003.

Please call **Eileen Jorgensen** if you are able to assist.

Ph: 03 5385 5002

Email: jorgpet60@gmail.com

NC&HHF

National Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Festival



Planning for the 2021 NC&HHF has started! Many hands make light work! Please contact us if you are interested in helping make this fantastic event happen.

Seeking Expressions of Interest

Judging Training & Assessment Day

Dates & Location to be Confirmed



**COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY
AUSTRALIA**
(Federal Council) Incorporated
Reg.No. A0019631A ABN 24 748 123 650

ARE NOW OFFERING A

PART BRED REGISTRY

For further information and registration forms please contact the
Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society Australia Federal Office

Website: www.clydesdalehorse.com.au
Phone: 03 5442 8890
Email: fedadmin@clydesdalehorse.com.au

[CCHS Part Bred Registration Application Form](#)
[CCHS Part Bred Regulations \(2017\)](#)

NOTICEBOARD

Dispersal Sale of Heavy Horse Show Vehicles & Harness

Contact Val Perkins 0438 599 590



Rubber Tyred Show Lorry \$15,000

Fully restored and lined, successfully shown in Victoria for many years. Morris Cowley wheels, polished hardwood floor, complete with full turnout kit of woolpack, bag hook, skins, sisal rope, order book, took kit, Gladstone bag, nosebag and another set of shafts to suit smaller sized medium delivery horse. This is an authentic 1939 business turnout of the Perkins Family (grandfather) from Mt Gambier.

Delivery Show Harness (pictured) \$11,000

Made by the late Robert Wood in 2011. As new and in immaculate condition. English leather with box keepers. Complete with 24" Asterisk leather lined show collar and Peel show hames. Has an extra set of tan end lorry reins and shorter traces. Polished stainless steel & chrome fittings.

Melbourne Show Lorry \$21,000

Fully restored and repainted by the late Robert Wood. Polished hardwood floor, fully lined and scrolled. Comes with authentic turnout kit of Baltic lining boards, wheel spanner, candle lamp & sisal ropes. Nothing to spend and ready to show at any Royal. No pair pole, shown as a single.

2016 Equus 2H Straight Load float - Aussie made \$23,000

Big roomy float suitable for warmbloods or partbred heavy horses. 13'6 internal length, 7'4 internal height. Fully enclosed tack box, cupboards, water, storm door, storm door etc. Many extras to many to mention here. GVM 2950 Tare 1400. As new condition and always shedded. No further use.

NOTICEBOARD CONTD...



Quarterly Newsletter

DON'T FORGET ...

Roz Bardsley, our **Newsletter Editor**

would love your input & assistance to ensure the
Newsletter is an interesting read!!

Please forward through anything you would like included
to newslettercchsvic@gmail.com

*We need your help to ensure that our Newsletters contain reports, photos, advice on up
& coming shows & events that have Clydesdale classes etc.*



Notice to all Members

CCHS Policy on Bullying & Respect

Please be aware that a Policy on Bullying & Respect was approved at the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society of Australia Federal Council meeting held on 25 March 2018, during Sydney Royal Show.

The Policy builds on, and enhances the Disciplinary Action already in the CCHSA Rules of Incorporation.

The new Policy took effect on 25 March 2018.

The Victorian Branch encourages all members to read and be familiar with the Policy.

The Policy document can be found on the CCHS Federal Website

- <http://clydesdalehorse.com.au/society-info/rules-and-regulations/>

Agricultural Shows & Events with Clydesdale Classes

For details and contacts of **Victorian Shows** please visit

- **CCHS Victorian Branch Website**

❖ **Victorian Agricultural Shows**

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



Facebook Pages –

Clydesdales Victoria CCHS Vic Branch

Showing Clydesdales

Clydesdale Horses – A Walk Down Memory Lane

Clydesdale Shows Australia

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

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Want to know what's happening elsewhere in the Clydesdale world?

Why not check out the following websites.

- New South Wales
- Queensland
- Great Britain
- America
- New Zealand

www.clydesdalensw.com.au

www.clydesdaleqld.com.au

www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com

www.clydesusa.com

www.clydesdale.org.nz

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