



# *Straight from the Horse's Mouth*

July 2020



## Editor's Report

Hello all! Hope you are all well & staying healthy! Please keep in touch with those around you & as always, let me know if there is anything you would like to know about from the Committee or ideas for SFTHM.



## COVID Clydesdale Cuties – Photo Competition

Get your cameras ready! With foaling season about to start, we have decided to run a **'COVID Clydesdale Cuties'** photo competition!.

**Stay Tuned! More details to follow!**

## 2020 Year Book

Work on the 2020 Edition has continued & it is shaping up to be another great read & resource for our members & Clydesdale enthusiasts in general. The 2020 edition should be available in October. Just in time for Christmas!!

## Winter Merchandise Available Now!



### WELCOME TO WINTER!!

Check out our range of CCHS merchandise! You may as well be looking sharp while keeping warm

New into stock are beanies! Nothing like a super warm beanie to keep the chills away!

Beanies come in Navy Blue or Black

## 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As you can appreciate, the conduct of our 2020 AGM is at this stage on hold & we are seeking approval from Consumer Affairs to delay the Meeting. An update will be circulated to all members as soon as we confirmation of our way forward.

Take care!



## Highlights

**'COVID Cuties' Photo Competition**

**2020 Year Book**

**Baby News**

**Community Art Projects**

**CCHS Merchandise**

**Birthday Wishes**

**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>

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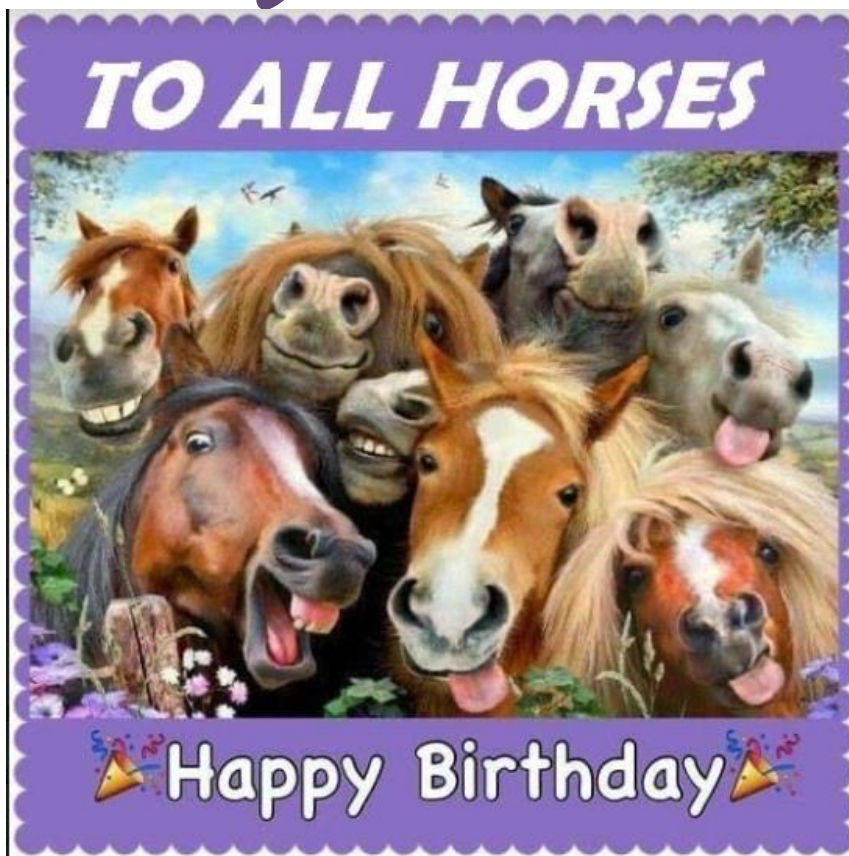
**Please Email Details of Any Shows Not Listed to :-**  
clydesdalesvic@gmail.com



# Happy Birthday to All Horses!



1 August 2020



## **Congratulations**

to Tom & Denia Gilheany on the arrival of

**Margaret (Margie) Jean**

On 27 July 2020

A beautiful new granddaughter for Barb Ford to love!

(Photo – Big sister Murial meeting Margie for the first time )



## *Too Good Not to Share ....*

The following story doesn't focus on our beloved clydesdales, but I decided it was too good not to share! Such an incredible true story! I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did!

Timeline Photos

### LENNIE GWYTHER & HIS PONY GINGER MICK

On the morning of February 3rd, 1932, at the tender age of nine, Lennie Gwyther set out on his beloved pony Ginger Mick from his home farm "Flers" just south of Leongatha to ride 1000 kms to Sydney to be present at the opening of the newly constructed Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Neither weather nor bushfires dampened Lennie's resolution to be present at the opening ceremony of the Bridge (then the longest single span bridge in the world.)

Lennie's parents, Capt. Leo and Clare Gwyther, had allowed Lennie to make this monumental journey as a reward for his work running the family farm for some months when Leo was incapacitated due to a major work accident.

Lennie carried a letter from the Wooryal Shire President to the Lord Mayor of Sydney. When passing through Canberra Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, himself a Tasmanian farmer, shook Lennie's hand and wished him well. News of the boy and pony preceded them until all Australia could read of their progress. Even the London Times recorded the determination of Lennie to follow his dream.

Stirred by the courage of the young boy from South Gippsland people were moved to come to roadsides to wave and wish him 'Godspeed'. Honoured by an invitation to partake in the official opening parade, Lennie must have wondered why all the fuss, being a quiet retiring youngster.

The Gwyther family sincerely thank the people of Leongatha district, assisted by the Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and many other local groups for this tribute to one of their own.

This Statue was proudly unveiled by members of the Gwyther Family on 14th October 2017.



**CLICK HERE** for [Link to Facebook Page](#)

# 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* Trevor McDonald for Sending this Through



# Community Art Projects

Finley RSL Artwork



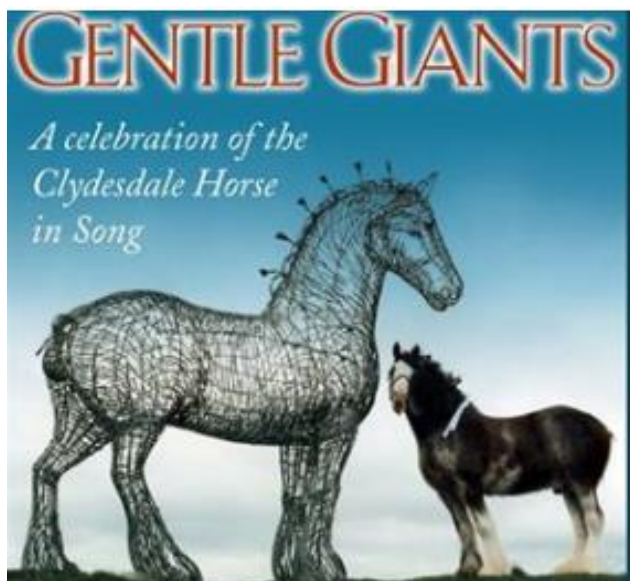
St James Silo Art



# “Clydesdales Back In Time”

Photos from Years Past

## Feature – ‘Baron of Buchlyvie’



Song - The Barn O' Buchlyvie · Ken Campbell

Click the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQC5UeKj5wE&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR\\_OgoU\\_32VOt3-uFjovgMyZusgbQgm5s3KqWv9FXv3TDrYX06PKw3QBMR8Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQC5UeKj5wE&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR_OgoU_32VOt3-uFjovgMyZusgbQgm5s3KqWv9FXv3TDrYX06PKw3QBMR8Y)

Song - The Baron of Buchlyvie and The Stolen Service  
Written & Sang by Graham Bell

Click the link:

<https://youtu.be/9XvptnVFmKAstolen>

### “The Baron” - Baron of Buchlyvie

*Clydesdale Stallion, foaled 16 May 1900, bred by William McKeich,  
Sold by public auction December 1911 for 9500gns. Died 30 June 1914*



Above, the Baron of Buchlyvie, pictured after winning 1st in open class of aged stallions, H. & A.S. show, Scotland, 1908'

AT 21 shillings to the guinea, 9500 guineas was a considerable sum, and set a world record price at the time for the sale of a horse.

Auctions were conducted with sale price in guineas, so that the seller received the nominated amount in pounds, while the auctioneer kept the extra shilling per pound as commission.

BUT, let's step back a few years in the story, to consider the Scot, William Dunlop...

William had been involved with Clydesdales since his boyhood and in 1897 he bought two good mature stallions and a fine brood mare with which he established Dunure Mains as a stud.

From then on he devoted himself to buying and selling and exhibiting horses and travelling the length and breadth of Britain in his quest for outstanding stock.

He was recognised as an excellent judge of Clydesdales and within ten years his horses were winning the breed's major honours. James Kilpatrick, another clydesdale breeder, and William Dunlop were keen rivals but good friends.

They competed against each other in business and in the show ring but each respected the other's knowledge of horses.

# “Clydesdales Back In Time”

Photos from Years Past

In 1901, Kilpatrick saw a gangling yearling Clydesdale being exhibited by William McKeich of Buchlyvie. The young horse was Baron of Buchlyvie.

He was thought by many to be far from impressive in its conformation and action but the experienced Kilpatrick recognised its potential and tried to buy it.



Above, a silver statue of The Baron  
Details next page

McKeich was also aware of his animal's worth and refused to sell and rejecting a second, improved offer of £200 a few weeks later.

Eventually, in 1902, McKeich took him to the Aberdeen Highland Show, gaining third place, and he then agreed to sell The Baron to James Kilpatrick for £700, with a gelding 'thrown in for luck'. £700 was a considerable sum as at that time a good yearling could be bought for between £400 and £500. At that juncture, an odd thing occurred.

In spite of his admiration for Baron of Buchlyvie, and having been so keen to purchase it, Kilpatrick sold a half share in the horse to his rival, William Dunlop.

He claimed later that he had done so for the reason that a few months earlier he had sold a stallion (named Royal Carrick) to Dunlop which had died at the beginning of

his first season, and that his motive had been to compensate Dunlop for his loss.

Whatever the reason for the sharing of the horse and the two men kept their transaction secret and for many months Kilpatrick was thought to be still the sole owner.

Baron of Buchlyvie was kept at Craigie Mains and as a three year old was exhibited as being owned by James Kilpatrick. With the stud's expert preparation and the horse won prizes at Ayr, Kilmarnock and Glasgow horse shows.

Although a late developer, he began to take on the size and conformation of an excellent Clydesdale stallion. The Baron stood at stud at Craigie and half of his earnings were paid to William Dunlop and the sleeping partner.

Late in 1903, Dunlop asked Kilpatrick to sell him his half-share in the Baron so that he, Dunlop, could be sole owner. At first Kilpatrick refused but eventually, and surprisingly, he agreed to sell.

The story of the figure varies a bit, depending on whether you read Kilpatrick's memoirs published in 1949, or Dunlop's address to the society in 1935, but it seems that Kilpatrick asked £2000 for the share, and Dunlop figured that £2000 was the full price so half that, or £1000 was correct for his share. The horse had been delivered to Dunure Mains, Dunlop's property, and with the 'confusion' over the balance of £1000, Kilpatrick decided to call the deal off, but Dunlop refused. In the stalemate, the profits from service fees for the following couple of seasons were shared equally.

In 1908, the boil reached a head-this was also the year that The Baron's most famous son, Dunure Footprint was foaled. Dunlop claimed he had already paid Kilpatrick, but Kilpatrick denied this, stating the payments were shares from service owed, not payment for the horse. Litigation followed, creating tremendous interest amongst the Clydesdale community, and the subsequent auction wherein the horse would be sold, created even more interest.

A crowd estimated at between 4000 and 5000 attended the sale of the Baron of Buchlyvie, now aged almost 12 years. Each 'owner' was entitled to bid, but the full price was to be paid to the auctioneer, before the winner could take delivery. The sale was well documented, and began with an opening bid of £3000 from a well-known hackney breeder of the day, rising in £100 increments. Dunlop and Kilpatrick entered the bidding in the low and mid £4000s. Kilpatrick appeared the winner at £7000 as Dunlop seemed to have withdrawn, but a stranger in the gallery joined in then, and the bids climbed to £8000 with Kilpatrick in the lead once again...

After a pause and some jostling and joking, the figures swept up, finally peaking at £9500 with The Baron being sold to the stranger in the gallery.

After the excitement finally died, the auctioneer announced that the final bid came from a bidder acting for Mr Dunlop (as explained, the bid was £9500, but the bill was actually 9500 guineas or £9975). Thus the Baron of Buchlyvie returned to Dunure mains, and James Kilpatrick took home a cheque for half of that world record bid. To add to that, James Kilpatrick was owed his share of several years of unpaid service fee profits- as ordered by the court, and upheld in a House of Lords appeal.

Baron of Buchlyvie survived that hectic auction by almost 2-1/2 years and allegedly had his leg broken by a kick from a mare, so was destroyed. His body was buried in the rose garden at Dunure Mains. Some years later (and with Dunlop's permission) his body was exhumed and sent to the museum at Kelvingrove, Glasgow and rebuilt in memorium of the breed and the auction.

Dunure Footprint, The Baron's most celebrated son which made Mr Dunlop's fortune was foaled in 1908 and died in 1930 - but that is another story.

A silver statue (pictured here) of the Baron of Buchlyvie was created by G Halliday in memorium of the significant occasion and world record price, and was given to Mr Dunlop at a special dinner in Ayr in 1912. The silver statue, some medals, and the letter of request to exhume the bones are on display beside the recreated skeleton of the Baron of Buchlyvie in the Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow.



Along with the broken humerus bone in the near foreleg, another interesting aspect is the fact that in all the show photos, The Baron was pictured as a horse with a docked tail, yet the skeleton has a full set of tail bones! Looking closely, you can see where the 'ring-in' occurred, and the false extension to the tail which is on show, came from a different horse which was a little smaller!

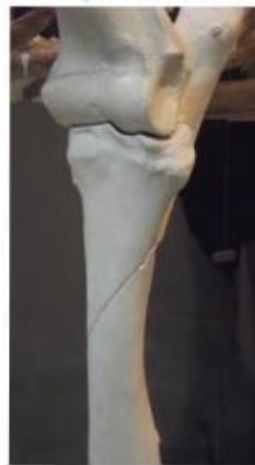
Ian Stewart-Koster



Above, the reassembled skeleton of The Baron of Buchlyvie, beside a lifesize reversed or flipped photo of him. (He had a dark nearside front leg, but the photo on the wall shows the offside leg dark)

Below left, a closeup of the nearside humerus showing the break allegedly caused by a mare's kick.

Below right, The full tail of the skeleton showing the photo of him with a plaited docked tail in the background



Ian S-K photos. 2013

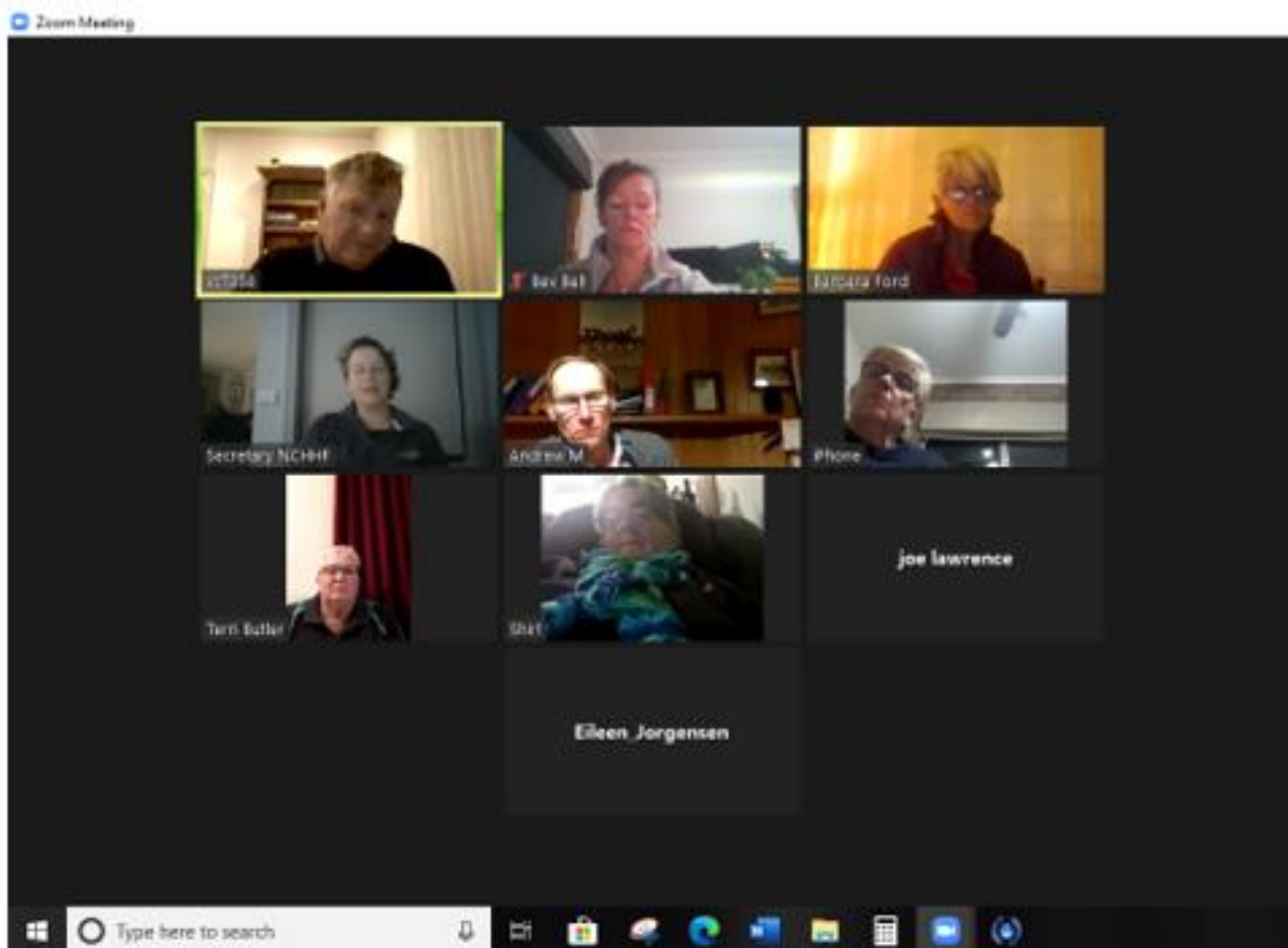
# 2019/2020 Victorian CCHS Committee

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<b>Federal Delegates</b>	Rob Ronzio	Barb Ford
	Andrew Marriott	Bill Mahncke
	Mathy Hyder	

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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 – 10 July 2020

# CCHS VICTORIAN BRANCH WEBSITE

The Victorian Clydesdale Horse Society

clydesdalesvic@gmail.com



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## 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/>

# CCHS Merchandise – Now Available



**NEW! Super Warm Beanies**



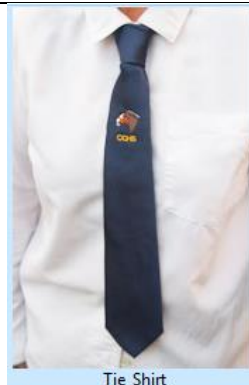
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Windcheater



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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](mailto:clydesdalepromo@yahoo.com)

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## ***WANTED TO BUY***

**Young Clydesale  
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**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



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## **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](mailto: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

❖ **Victorian Agricultural Shows**

❖ For **Tasmanian shows** please visit ...

❖ For **New South Wales Shows** please visit ...

❖ For Show Dates in **New Zealand** ... check out



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- **CCHS Victorian Branch Website**

[www.vicagshow.com.au](http://www.vicagshow.com.au)

[www.ascti.com.au](http://www.ascti.com.au).

[www.agshowsnsw.org.au](http://www.agshowsnsw.org.au).

[www.ras.org.nz](http://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](http://www.clydesdalensw.com.au)

➤ Queensland

[www.clydesdaleqld.com.au](http://www.clydesdaleqld.com.au)

➤ Great Britain

[www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com](http://www.clydesdalehorsesociety.com)

➤ America

[www.clydesusa.com](http://www.clydesusa.com)

➤ New Zealand

[www.clydesdale.org.nz](http://www.clydesdale.org.nz)

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

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