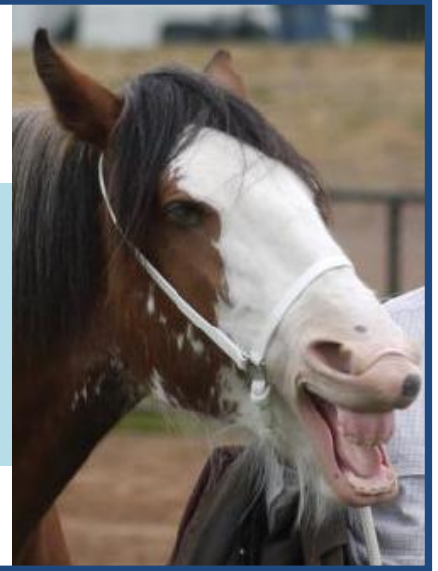




Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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Editor's Report

So this edition of SFTHM finds me extremely sore from hiking part of the Grand Strezlecki Track over the Easter weekend – lucky the only damage my typing hands suffered was the bite of a few stinging nettles. For those that didn't get a chance to escape over the long weekend, I'm sure you were working hard getting your foals used to leading, tying up, leg washing and floating in preparation for the upcoming array of foal shows.

It's great to hear some positive stories from those who attended Sydney Easter Show with a big congratulations extended to the Marriott family for exhibiting the Supreme Champion Led Clydesdale "Aarunga Mark". I hope to include some pictures in the next SFTHM issue.

The production of the Clydesdale Yearbook is well underway. Thanks to those that submitted adverts.

For those without foals that are excited to get out and about in Victoria, make sure you include Benalla Driving Day on your Clydesdale calendar. There is something for young and old, novice and experienced and always proves to be an enjoyable day out.

In past issues I have left you with a link to warm, fuzzy Budweiser Clydesdale adverts. This month I thought it was time to spread the word about our very own Carlton United Clydesdales with this video recently produced to celebrate the rich relationship between the brewery and the Clydesdale:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OnlqTliaxw>

Enjoy,

Denia ☺

Calendar of Events

April

Sun 27th *Castlemaine
Fool Show*

May

Sat 3rd *Benalla Driving
Day*

Sun 25th *Dandenong
Scottish Heritage Day*

Sweepstakes Sire Nominations Due

A reminder that sire nomination forms for the 2014 Royal Melbourne Show Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes are due to the CCHS Vic Branch Secretary by the 25th April 2014.

In order for your colt or filly to be eligible to compete in the sweepstakes competition their sire must be nominated.

I have attached a form to the end of this SFTHM edition and it's also available from the Events page on the Vic Branch website.

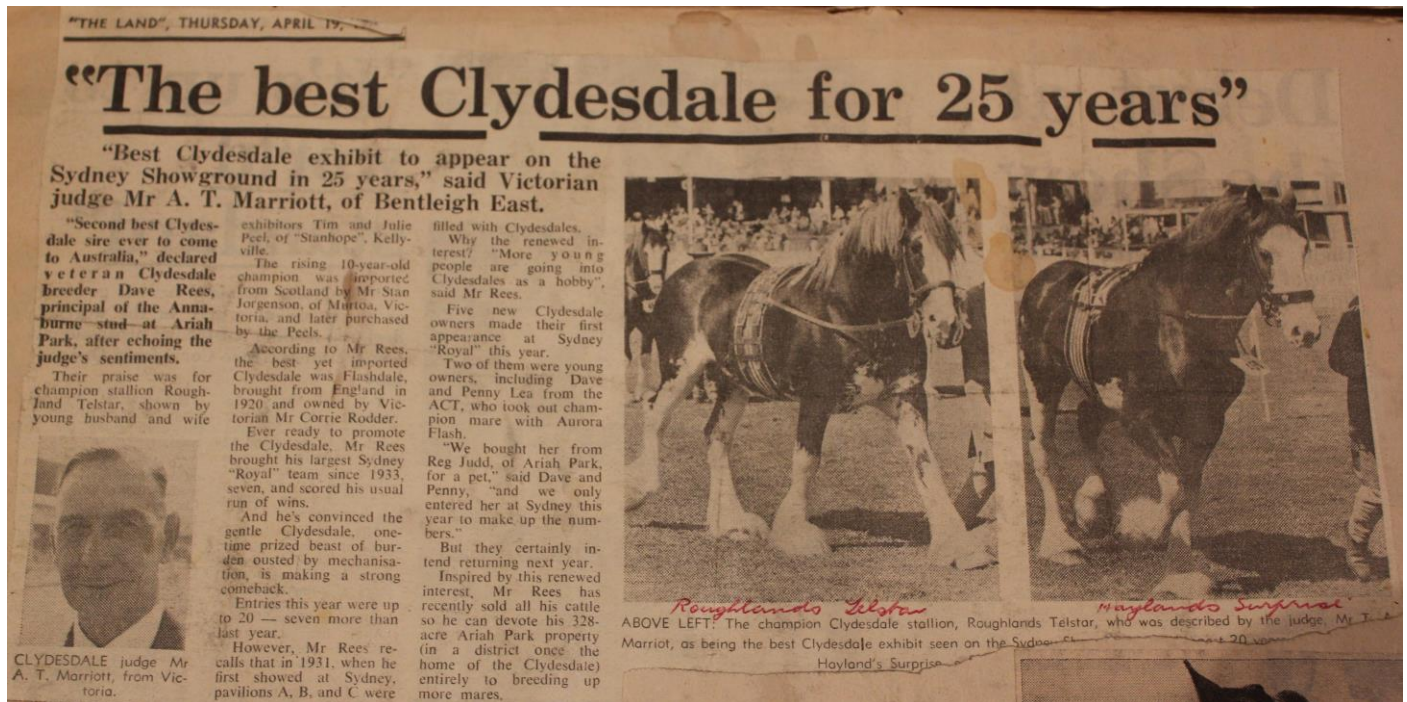


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A step back in time...

This edition I've dipped back into the Grandma Dot scrapbook collection. With Sydney Show just passed I thought this newspaper clipped from Sydney Show many Easters ago was timely for this edition. A.T Marriott proclaimed in 1973 "Roughlands Telstar", exhibited by Tim and Julie Peel, as the best Clydesdale exhibit to appear at the Sydney Showgrounds in 25 years.



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



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Highpoints Reminder

With the impending onset of the foal showing season, this issue serves as a timely reminder to print off your Highpoints Competition form. The 2014-2015 Competition commences with Castlemaine Foal Show 2014 for foals only and all other horses at the Royal Melbourne Show 2014.

Double points will be awarded at both Castlemaine Foal Show and the Dandenong Scottish Heritage day as an incentive to get your foals out and about.

An updated 2014-2015 Competition form (with competition rules) is now available from the CCHSV Vic Branch website by clicking the following link:

http://clydesdalesvic.org.au/doc/CCHSV_Victorian_Branch_High_Points_Competition_form_and_rules_1415.pdf



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World Clydesdale Show

When it comes to making the most of any excuse to travel I've become well practised since my early uni years, funds pending of course.

In 2012 I joined a few other Aussie Clydesdale enthusiasts and attended the Highland Show in Scotland, dropped in unexpectedly to Clydesdale farms in Eastern Canada and saw the spectacle of Clydesdales paraded in harness to a philharmonic orchestra at the Calgary Stampede. Aside from ticking a few things off the bucket list, this trip gave me an amazing opportunity to meet Clydesdale breeders in Scotland and Canada.

The World Clydesdale Show only happens once every four years and it's on again in 2015 from the 29th September to the 3rd October in London, Ontario, Canada.

Val Perkins is hoping to organise a trip in combination with Kingston Tours Australia to the World Clydesdale Show and is seeking expressions of interest from anyone keen to join in. A proposed itinerary is included to the right. Not only does it include the full extent of the show but ensures you make the most of your trip north-east by factoring in the rich and famous, carriage rides around Central Park and facing the Niagara Falls with a disposable spray jacket. And if you're still not ready to come home to Aus, there is room to extend your trip. For further information, please contact Val on the details listed at the bottom of the itinerary.



29 September to 3 October 2015

Expressions of Interest

Kingston Tours (Australia) is looking into organising a tour group to see this remarkable event.

We are seeking expressions of interest at this stage as in the process pricing flights, looking at alternative accommodation and also optional tours.

Possible scenario:

- Day 1 & 2: Fly/Overnight stop over Los Angeles or San Francisco
- Day 3 & 4 Fly/ stay in New York (Broadway, Central Park, Hollywood etc)
- Day 5 Train from New York with Niagara Falls on the way to London, Ontario, Canada
- Day 6-10 World Clydesdale Show
- Day 11 + Fly Home or :-
Tour to Halifax , or train from East to West Canada, or fly to Calgary then train to Vancouver via the Rockies then home.

Contact Val Perkins 0438 599 590 or
dave.perkins6@bigpond.com



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Upcoming Events

April and May bring learning curves all round – foal shows provide learning opportunities for your young ones and driving days provide learning opportunities for the drivers. With lots of light-hearted events on the horizon, we look forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces.

Castlemaine Foal Show – Sun 27th April 2014

Castlemaine Foal Show is a great first outing for your Clydie foal. No rides/sideshows 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. Don't forget to view the web site www.castlemaineshow.com

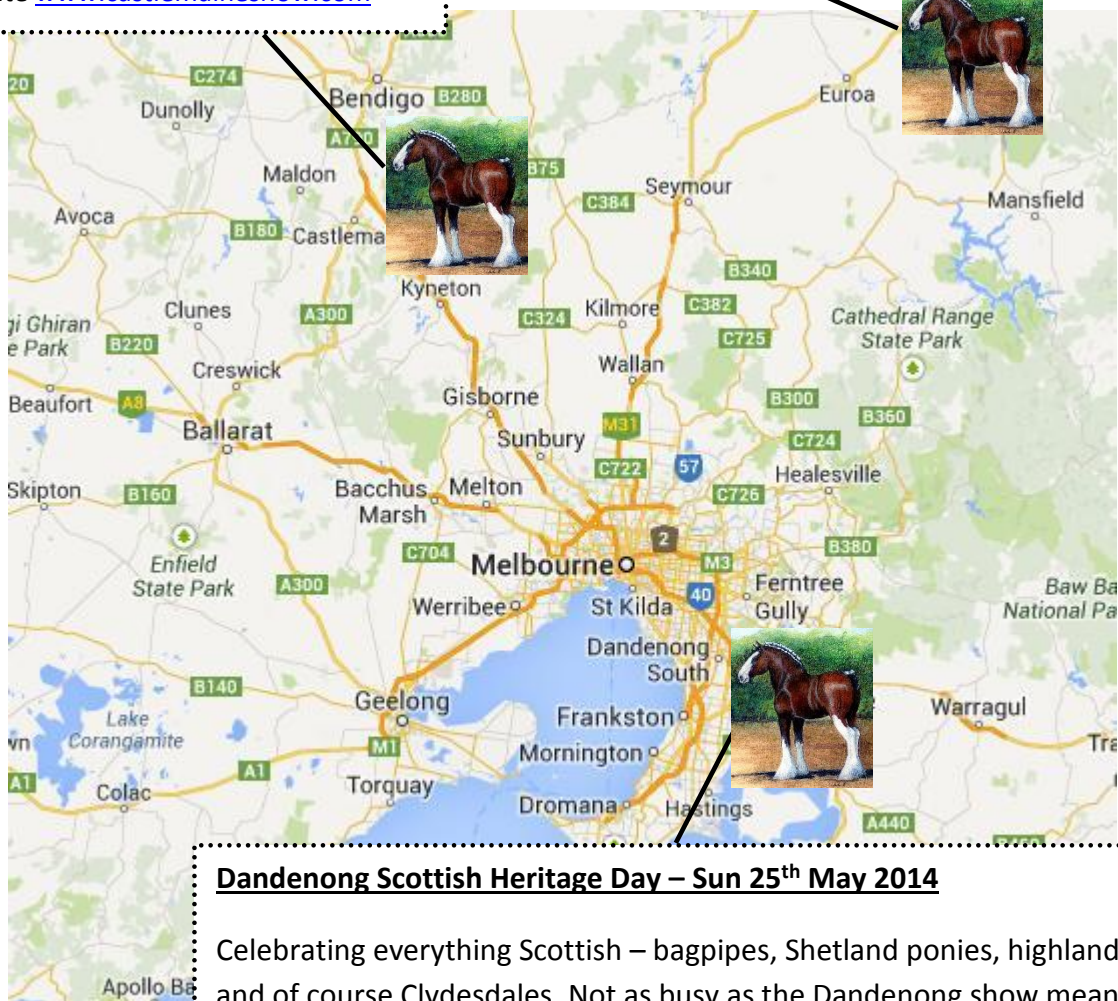
Benalla Driving Day – Saturday 3rd May 2014

You can't beat Victoria's north-east when it comes to Autumn days out. The program boasts two senior rings and a junior driving ring ensuring something to suit everyone. Senior ring 2 encompasses the Max Marriott Master Class which is designed for novice drivers or those with novice horses – you'll be sure to leave with some new found driving wisdom.

Location: Equine Park, Shepparton Rd, Benalla VIC

Schedule Link:

<http://www.clydesdalesvic.org.au/11.html>



Dandenong Scottish Heritage Day – Sun 25th May 2014

Celebrating everything Scottish – bagpipes, Shetland ponies, highland dancers and of course Clydesdales. Not as busy as the Dandenong show means this is a great day to get your foals and experiencing the show scene.

Location: Dandenong Showgrounds, Greaves Reserve, Bennet St, Dandenong

Schedule link:

http://clydesdalesvic.org.au/doc/Dandenong_Scottish_Heritage_Day_2014.pdf



2014 Royal Melbourne Show
CCHS Victorian Branch Inc.
Clydesdale Produce
Sweepstakes



2014 Nomination Fees

Colt	\$20 per nomination
Filly	\$20 per nomination
Colt & Filly	\$40 per nomination

Nominee Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Ph: _____

I hereby nominate (*insert name of sire*) _____ as a sire
of a yearling (*circle one*) Colt/Filly/Colt & Filly to be exhibited in the Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes Class
at the 2014 Royal Melbourne Show. Please find enclosed the nomination fee of \$ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed form and accompanying nomination fee by **Friday 25th April 2014** to:

CCHS Victorian Branch - Secretary
Denia Ford
625 Holden Rd
Diggers Rest
VIC 3427

Payment can be made by cheque or money order to "CCHS Victorian Branch Inc." and must be included with this nomination form.