



Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival

16 - 17 March, 2024

Allora Showgrounds

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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY PROGRAM

Prize money for all classes – 1st: \$40

2nd: \$30

3rd: \$20

Ribbons to 6th place

LED CLASSES

Ring 1 - Start Time: 8.30am

Registered Clydesdales

(Clydesdales to be registered with the CCHSA Inc)

- CL01 Clydesdale Colt – Under 3 Years
- CL02 Clydesdale Stallion – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
CLYDESDALE STALLION OR COLT
- CL03 Clydesdale Filly – Under 3 Years
- CL04 Clydesdale Mare – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
CLYDESDALE MARE OR FILLY
- CL05 Clydesdale Gelding – Under 3 Years
- CL06 Clydesdale Gelding – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
CLYDESDALE GELDING

GRAND CHAMPION CLYDESDALE

Registered Shire Horses

(Shires to be registered with the SHSA Inc or SHS UK)

- SH01 Shire Colt – Under 3 Years
- SH02 Shire Stallion – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
SHIRE STALLION OR COLT
- SH03 Shire Filly – Under 3 Years
- SH04 Shire Mare – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
SHIRE MARE OR FILLY
- SH05 Shire Gelding – Under 3 Years
- SH06 Shire Gelding – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
SHIRE GELDING

GRAND CHAMPION SHIRE

Ring 2 - Start Time: 8.30am

Draught Horses

Open to any heavy breed & unregistered horses of heavy type excluding registered Clydesdales, Shires, Percherons, Gypsy Cobs & Drum Horses that qualify for their breed-specific classes.

- DR01 Draught Horse Colt – Under 3 Years
- DR02 Draught Horse Stallion – 3 Yrs & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
DRAUGHT HORSE STALLION OR COLT
- DR03 Draught Horse Filly – Under 3 Years
- DR04 Draught Horse Mare – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
DRAUGHT HORSE MARE OR FILLY
- DR05 Draught Horse Gelding – Under 3 Years
- DR06 Draught Horse Gelding – 3 Yrs & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
DRAUGHT HORSE GELDING

GRAND CHAMPION DRAUGHT HORSE

Registered Percherons

(Percherons to be registered with the PHBAA Inc)

- PE01 Percheron Colt - Under 3 Years
- PE02 Percheron Stallion - 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
PERCHERON STALLION OR COLT
- PE03 Percheron Filly - Under 3 Years
- PE04 Percheron Mare - 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
PERCHERON MARE OR FILLY
- PE05 Percheron Gelding – Under 3 Years
- PE06 Percheron Gelding – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
PERCHERON GELDING

GRAND CHAMPION PERCHERON

Ring 3 - Start Time: 8.30am

Registered Purebred Gypsy Cobs

Open to purebred Gypsy Cobs registered with the APSB or the AGHS

GD01 Gypsy Cob Stallion or Colt

GD02 Gypsy Cob Mare of Filly

GD03 Gypsy Cob Gelding – any age

CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION

GYPSY COB

GD04 Best Presented Gypsy Cob or Drum Horse (to be judged between the judging of the Gypsy Cobs & Drum Horses)

JU01 Junior Handler Led Exhibit

To be held in Ring 3 after the completion of the Drum Horse judging and all competitors and their horses are available

Juniors must be under 18 years of age on the day of the show (16 March 2024). Horses must be eligible to enter any of the led events. To be judged on the ability of the handler to show the horse, not the quality of the horse. Stallions & colts 2 years and over are not permitted.

Registered Drum Horses

Drum Horses to be registered with either the APSB, AGHS or the IDHA

GD05 Drum Horse Stallion or Colt

GD06 Drum Horse Mare of Filly

GD07 Drum Horse Gelding – any age

CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION

DRUM HORSE

SUPREME LED EXHIBIT

To be judged from the Grand Champion Clydesdale, Shire, Draught Horse & Percheron plus the Champion Gypsy Cob & Champion Drum Horse

GRAND PARADE & OFFICIAL OPENING

to follow the judging of the Supreme Led Exhibit

LUNCH

*A half hour lunch break will follow the Official Opening.
Demonstrations will continue in the main ring throughout this time.*

Ring 4 - Start Time: 8.30am

HARNESS EVENTS – PONIES, LIGHT & MEDIUM HORSES

(Excludes Heavy Horses)

Please note: The harness program will be suspended for the Grand Parade & Official Opening, and we invite (and encourage) all competitors to participate in the parade. A lunch break will follow the Parade and Official Opening.

LH01 Concours d'Elegance *(free entry)*

Turnout Classes

LH02 Contemporary Vehicle 2 Wheels

LH03 Contemporary Vehicle 4 Wheels *(excluding Viceroy)*

LH04 Viceroy Turnout

LH05 Traditional Vehicle 2 Wheels

LH06 Traditional Vehicle 4 Wheels

LH07 Period Turnout – open to all eras from historical to modern day. The complete turnout – harness, vehicle and outfits of driver (and groom) should all be of the same period with accessories to compliment the time & vehicle.

CHAMPION TURNOUT

RESERVE CHAMPION TURNOUT

In Harness Classes

LH08 Equine Under 12.2hh

LH09 Equine 12.2hh – 14hh

LH10 Light or Medium Equine Over 14hh

LH11 Multiples – any height

CHAMPION EQUINE IN HARNESS

In Memory of David Look

RESERVE CHAMPION EQUINE IN HARNESS

Whip Classes

LH12 Maiden Whip *Driver not to have won a blue ribbon in any Driver/Whip class of 2 or more competitors.*

LH13 Junior Whip – Under 18 *All Junior Drivers must wear an approved helmet. A Junior driver aged 8-15 years inclusive, must be accompanied in the vehicle by an experienced adult facing forward.*

LH14 Lady Whip

LH15 Gentleman Whip

CHAMPION WHIP

RESERVE CHAMPION WHIP

LH16 Pleasure Equine

After Lunch

UNDER SADDLE CLASSES – starting after the lunch break

Horses entered in ridden classes must be eligible to enter one of the led heavy horse/cob events.

Unless otherwise specified, all riders must wear an approved safety helmet.

US01 Ridden Concours d'Elegance

Open to Heavy Horses & Gypsy Cobs. Partbreds eligible for Sunday's led classes may also enter this event.

The Concours d'Elegance is a 'Competition of Elegance'. It is a ridden costume class (not a fancy dress) where the competitors' outfits are inspired by times gone by when men and women would display their wealth and position with fine clothes and horses. Costumes need not be historically accurate.

In keeping with the tradition of the ridden Concours events, the rider's skirt should cover the rider's legs and saddle

and flow back over their horse's rump and top of the tail. Helmets are optional for adult riders and a rider who chooses to wear one will not be disadvantaged however it should be 'dressed' to be in keeping with the outfit. Male riders should be dressed as gentlemen or in historic military outfits. Once again, historical accuracy is not as important as the general impression.

The event will be judged on the circle at a walk and trot. The judge will be looking for the total package – horse, rider and outfit that shows style and elegance. The horse should display manners and education and the rider confidence in themselves and their mount. Side saddles are permitted.

US02 Heavy Horse/Cob Handy Horse

Horses to be ridden in a snaffle bit. Workout to include walk, trot, canter & back-up. Competitors may be asked to jump a small jump, bend poles, pick up an 'item', or similar such tasks.

Open to heavy horses and cobs.

US03 Heavy Horse Under Saddle – 15hh & Over (Horse must be nominated & cannot be substituted)

Horses to be judged on both breed conformation and workout.

US04 Heavy Horse/Cob Under Saddle – Under 15hh (Horse must be nominated & cannot be substituted)

Horses to be judged on both breed conformation and workout.

US05 Adult Rider 18 years & over (Rider must be nominated & cannot be substituted)

Open to Adult riders on heavy horses or cobs

US06 Junior Rider Under 18 years (Rider must be nominated & cannot be substituted)

Open to Junior riders on heavy horses or cobs

Best Horse & Rider Award To qualify for the Best Horse & Rider Award you must be a winner or the highest placed competitor behind an exhibitor who has already qualified in ridden classes. Only classes US02 to RUS06 are eligible for this award. For example, the winner of class US02 will qualify for the Best Horse & Rider award. If they then win class US03, the second place getter will become the qualifier from that event. For those competitors sharing a horse with a Junior rider, only one of you can qualify as a horse cannot be judged for the award twice. The ridden Concours d'Elegance class is not a qualifying event.

Horse and rider will be judged on a workout as directed by the judge on the day and they will be looking for the all-round, 'total package' of horse & rider.

*The Best Horse & Rider Award replaces the High Points Horse & Rider of previous Festivals.

US07 Adult Barrel Race - 18 years & over. Open to Heavy Horses & Gypsy Cobs

US08 Junior Barrel Race – Junior riders under 18. Open to Heavy Horses & Gypsy Cobs

US09 Partbred Barrel Race. Open to all Partbreds eligible to enter Sunday's Partbred classes.

This will be the last event of the day and will commence after all other rings have finished for the day.

***Please note: Spurs of any kind are NOT permitted in the Barrel Races (US07 – US09)**

OPEN WORKING CLASSES – starting after the lunch break

Main Arena

Classes WH01 to WH06 are for Heavy Equines – including Drums & Gypsy Cobs & Draught Mules - 15hh and over.

Equines must be in winkers, collar & hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted.

Slide, logs and swingle bar will be supplied for working events.

These events will run simultaneously throughout the afternoon with the pairs classes starting once the singles are completed.

Single Equine Events

All equines to be in winkers, collar, hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted.

An equine may enter each event no more than twice – each time with a different driver and a driver may enter no more than twice but with a different equine each time.

Pairs Events

All equine to be in blinkers, collar, hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted.

A driver may enter a pairs event no more than twice – each time with a different pair combination.

An equine may enter a pairs event no more than twice – either with the same driver paired with a different equine, or the same pair with a different driver.

WH01 Open Long Reining – Single Equine

This is a ‘driver’ class and will be judged on a workout at the judge’s discretion.

The Driver should not be less than 2 metres from their equine. Points will be deducted for consistently being too close.

The Driver will be judged on his or her ability to calmly negotiate their equine through the course.

The Equine will be judged on their response to the Driver and their ability to negotiate each part of the course.

Rough handling will earn loss of points.

Each entry will be timed and used only if points are equal.

WH02 Open Slide Obstacle Course – Single Equine

WH03 Open Log Snig Challenge - Single Equine

WH04 Open Long Reining – Pairs

This is a ‘driver’ class and will be judged on a workout at the judge’s discretion. (See Class WH01)

WH05 Open Slide Obstacle Course – Pairs

WH06 Open Log Snig - Pairs

WH07 Sunflower Snatch *Open to all heavy equines & cobs.*

Similar to a Pumpkin Snatch, this event requires two competitors and a single heavy equine or cob to be driven in a slide. One competitor is the driver while the other (the ‘snatcher’) must remain on the slide at all times. The equine is driven through the course alongside the sunflowers and the pots are to be picked up and placed on the slide. At the end of the course, the equine and slide turn back and the sunflower pots are to be placed back in position.

The course is to be completed at the WALK. Any break into a trot will incur a penalty, a break into a canter is disqualification.

The fastest time without penalties wins. A clear round with no penalties beats a faster round with penalties. Penalties are incurred for error of course or breaking into a trot.

Plough Ring

Ploughing Demonstrations

**All competitors entered in Plough classes (PL01 – PL05) are invited to partake in ploughing demonstrations on Saturday morning. This would mean there is activity in the plough ring for spectators to enjoy and competitors would be able to get a ‘feel’ for the plot.*

Competitors who take part in the demonstrations will qualify for a \$50 ‘Appearance’ payment. *This is a single payment to exhibitors who are both plough ring competitors and demonstrators and will only be paid once regardless of how many demonstrations you partake in or with how many horses you plough with.*

Implements entered in PL01 also qualify for plough ring demonstrations.

Ploughing Rules

The Judge will decide and control the ploughing match. Their decision is final.

Points will be recorded on a score sheet and the competitor has a right to view his or her scores.

In the event of a plough breaking down due to the condition of the ground and the competitor is unable to continue, the judge may direct them to either repair or change their plough and resume their turn.

When turning at ends it is the competitor’s right to either lay the plough down or take it around upright.

A single horse may enter each event no more than twice – each time with a different driver and a driver may enter no more than twice but with a different horse each time.

A driver may enter a pairs event no more than twice – each time with a different pair combination.

A horse may enter a pairs event no more than twice – either with the same driver paired with a different horse, or the same pair with a different driver.

PL01 Soil Tilling Ag Implement Turnout – Single, Pairs or Multiples

Soil tilling implements that break the surface of the ground – eg harrows, scuffler, plough, cultivator. Implements must be in sound working order.

This is a turnout class and therefore will be judged on horse/s, harness, implement and general appearance.

PL02 Beginners Ploughing

A 'Beginner' is a competitor who has not won a single horse plough event at any show or competition with two or more competitors.

Please read the Ploughing Rules above

SUNDAY PROGRAM

Harness Ring - Start time 9.30am

Heavy Horses and Cobs eligible for Saturday's Led Classes are eligible to enter these events.

HH01 4 Wheeled Business or Tradesman's Show Turnout – Pairs or Multiples

HH02 2 or 4 Wheeled Farm Turnout – Pairs or Multiples

HH03 Farm or Delivery Cart or Dray – Single Horse. *Horses may be driven from the ground and the workout will be at the walk (Water carts, pie carts, farm drays and similar such vehicles)*

HH04 Trade or Business Turnout – Single Heavy Horse or Cob *Workouts will include trotting.*

HH05 Heavy Horse or Cob Turnout – 2 & 4 Wheeled Show Cart, Break or Modern Vehicle

CHAMPION TURNOUT

RESERVE CHAMPION TURNOUT

HH06 Heavy Horse in Harness – Single Over 15.2hh (any vehicle) *(Horse must be nominated & can't be substituted)*

HH07 Heavy Horse or Cob in Harness – Single 15.2hh & Under (any vehicle)

CHAMPION HEAVY HORSE OR COB IN HARNESS

RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY HORSE OR COB IN HARNESS

HH08 Lady Driver *(Driver must be nominated & cannot be substituted)*

HH09 Gentleman Driver *(Driver must be nominated & cannot be substituted)*

HH10 Junior Driver *(Driver must be nominated & cannot be substituted)*

CHAMPION DRIVER

RESERVE CHAMPION DRIVER

Concours d' Agriculture & Grand Parade

*We will start with the **Concours d'Agriculture** which will be held as close as possible to 11.30 am. It is a celebration of our agricultural heritage. It will be judged as a Concours – a guest judge looking for an exhibit aesthetically pleasing and not necessarily technically correct.*

*Our **Grand Parade** will commence once the judging of the Concours is completed.*

We ask all competitors to take part and make it a wonderful spectacle for the public.

All rings will close for the parade.

Entry is free – nomination not required.

Working Horse Ring - Start time 8.30am

WH08 Wheeled Ag Implement Turnout – Single, Pairs or Multiples

WH09 Beginners Long Reining – Open to all Heavy Equines - 15hh & Over

Equines must be wearing blinkers and a minimum of a roller for the reins to pass through. Collar & hames, backband & chains are optional. See WH01 for judging guidelines.

WH10 Long Reining – Heavy Equines Under 15hh

Equines must be wearing blinkers and a minimum of a roller for the reins to pass through. Collar & hames, backband & chains are optional. See WH01 for judging guidelines.

WH11 Junior Long Reining – Open to Junior Drivers under 18 years of age driving any heavy equine, Drum or cob.

Equines must be wearing blinkers and a minimum of a roller for the reins to pass through. Collar & hames, backband & chains are optional. See WH01 for judging guidelines.

WH12 Junior Slide Obstacle Course Open to Junior Drivers under 18 years of age driving a heavy equine or cob.

Equines must be in blinkers, collar & hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted. Slide and swingle bar will be supplied.

WH13 Beginners Slide Obstacle Course - Heavy Equines 15hh & Over

Equines must be in blinkers, collar & hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted. Slide and swingle bar will be supplied.

WH14 Beginners Slide Log Snig - Heavy Equines 15hh & Over

Equines must be in blinkers, collar & hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted. Log and swingle bar will be supplied.

WH15 Slide Obstacle Course - Heavy Equines & Cobs Under 15hh

Equines must be in blinkers, collar & hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted. Slide and swingle bar will be supplied.

Led Obstacle Classes

LO01 Led Obstacle Course – Open to all Heavy Equines, Drums, Cobs and Partbreds – any height.

Equines may be in either a halter or bridle and are to be led through the designated course.

LO02 Junior Led Obstacle Course – Open to all Juniors under 18 years of age.

Equines may be in either a halter or bridle and are to be led through the designated course.

Partbred Classes – Main Arena – Start Time 8.30am

Partbred horses must be registered or recorded with one of the following associations:

CCHSA, CCSHA, PHBAA, SHSA, AGHS, APSB

Horses eligible to enter partbred classes must be at least 50% heavy horse and should be a medium heavy horse of sport or performance type rather than of 'draught' or 'heavy horse' type. They should have a minimum mature height of 14 hands. Partbred Gypsy Cobs must be at least 50% Gypsy Cob and have a minimum mature height of 13 hands. Horses entered in these events are not eligible to enter the Draught or Heavy Horse classes unless specifically stated (Ridden Concours & Led Obstacle Course). Please note that there is a separate Partbred barrel race on Saturday afternoon as well. Partbred horses & cobs may also enter Saturday's harness events.

Led Classes

Open to all Partbred medium heavy horses and partbred Gypsy Cobs as defined above.

PB01 Partbred Youngstock Under 3 Years old – colt, filly or gelding.

PB02 Partbred Stallion 3 Years & Over

PB03 Partbred Mare 3 Years & Over

PB04 Partbred Gelding 3 Years & Over

CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION PARTBRED

PB05 Partbred Horse or Cob Under Saddle

PB06 Partbred Handy Horse or Cob

Horses to be ridden in a snaffle bit. Workout to include walk, trot, canter & back-up. Competitors may be asked to jump a small jump, bend poles, pick up an 'item', or similar such tasks. Open to all horses eligible to enter classes PB01 to PB04.

Please note that the times for these events will be scheduled once we have a dressage draw so that competitors may enter both the dressage & under saddle classes.

Plough Ring

PL03 Mouldboard Ploughing – Single Horse

PL04 2 Person Mouldboard Ploughing – Single Horse

PL05 Mouldboard Ploughing – Pairs

Should time permit we may be able to have a 2 Person Plough event for pairs. This will be 'no entry required, and ribbons only awarded' and will be at the discretion of the judge on the day.

High Points Awards

There will be High Points awards for working events, junior handlers and part bred horses. Details of these will be disclosed closer to the Festival.

Undercover Arena – Start time 8.30am

Heavy Horse Dressage – Unofficial

Open to all Heavy Horses, Purebred Gypsy Cobs and Drum Horses.

A horse/rider combination may enter a maximum of two tests. A horse may be entered in a test twice but with a different rider. A rider may enter a test twice with different horses.

Horses to be ridden in a snaffle bit. Callers permitted.

Riders are to be dressed in English attire. Jackets & gloves are optional. Jeans are not permitted.

All riders must wear an approved helmet.

DR01 EA Preparatory Test 1 – Junior Riders Under 18 Years Old

DR02 EA Preparatory Test 1 – Adult Riders 18 Years & Over

DR03 EA Preparatory Test 2 – Open to all riders, junior & adult

DR04 EA Preliminary Test 1.1 - Open to all riders, junior & adult

DR05 EA Preliminary Test 1.2 - Open to all riders, junior & adult

Judge's Encouragement Award – Junior Rider

Highest Score over both tests Award (Heavy Horse)

Partbred Dressage – Unofficial

Open to all medium heavy horses – partbreds with a minimum of 50% heavy breed and of sport or performance type. Partbred Gypsy Cobs with a minimum of 50% Gypsy Cob may also enter. Horses that qualify for events DR06 to DR09 may not enter Classes DR01 to DR05

A horse/rider combination may enter a maximum of two tests. A horse may be entered in a test twice but with a different rider. A rider may enter a test twice with different horses.

Horses to be ridden in a snaffle bit. Callers permitted.

Riders are to be dressed in English attire. Jackets & gloves are optional. Jeans are not permitted.

All riders must wear an approved helmet.

***Please note: EA have updated their dressage tests <https://www.equestrian.org.au/Dressage-rules>**

- DR06 EA Preparatory Test 1 – Open to all riders, junior & adult**
- DR07 EA Preparatory Test 2 – Open to all riders, junior & adult**
- DR08 EA Preliminary Test 1.1 - Open to all riders, junior & adult**
- DR09 EA Preliminary Test 1.2 - Open to all riders, junior & adult**

Highest Score over both tests Award (Partbred)

**If you are having trouble accessing the tests, please email us - ddheavyhorses@gmail.com – and we will happily send them to you.*

Show Jumping

- SJ01 Heavy Horse & Cob Show Jumping - Adult riders 18 Years & Over** *Open to all Heavy Horses & Pure Bred Gypsy Cobs & Drum Horses.*
- SJ02 Heavy Horse & Cob Show Jumping - Junior Riders Under 18 Years** *Open to all Heavy Horses & Pure Bred Gypsy Cobs & Drum Horses.*
- SJ03 Partbred Show Jumping – Riders any age** *Open to all Partbred horses eligible for Sunday's Led classes*

Combined Training Awards

Combined Training awards are calculated on the least number of penalties for a horse & rider in their combined dressage and show jumping events. For those competing in two dressage tests, the best score will be used.

The awards will be made in three categories – Junior rider on a heavy horse or cob, adult rider on a heavy horse or cob and Partbred horse & rider.