

Darling Downs Heavy Horse Festival

15 - 16 March, 2025

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

GRAND CHAMPION CLYDESDALE

CLYDESDALE GELDING

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.

DH01 Draught Horse Colt – Under 3 Years
 DH02 Draught Horse Stallion – 3 Yrs & Over
 CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
 DRAUGHT HORSE STALLION OR COLT

DH03 Draught Horse Filly – Under 3 Years
 DH04 Draught Horse Mare – 3 Years & Over
 CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION
 DRAUGHT HORSE MARE OR FILLY

DH05 Draught Horse Gelding – Under 3 Years
 DH06 Draught Horse Gelding – 3 Yrs & Over
 CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION

DRAUGHT HORSE GELDING

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

PE05 Percheron Gelding – Under 3 Years
PE06 Percheron Gelding – 3 Years & Over
CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION

PERCHERON GELDING

GRAND CHAMPION PERCHERON

GRAND CHAMPION DRAUGHT HORSE

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

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

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 when all competitors and their horses are available

Juniors must be under 18 years of age on the day of the show (15 March 2025). 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.

SUPREME LED EXHIBIT

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

Led Obstacle Classes

These classes will be held on Saturday morning throughout the duration of the led classes. They will close once the judging of Supreme Led Exhibit is awarded.

- * Open to all heavy equines, cobs & partbreds that qualify for the led classes on either Saturday or Sunday.
- * Equines may be in either a halter or bridle and are to be led through the designated course.

Please note: A horse may enter the course a maximum of twice in the two classes combined – each time with a different competitor. Therefore, it may be entered in the juniors twice (each time with a different junior,) the junior class once and the adult class once, or the adult class twice with a different handler.

LO01 Led Obstacle Course – Adult competitors 18 years & over

LO02 Junior Led Obstacle Course - Open to all Juniors under 18 years of age. *Stallions or colts 2 years or over are not permitted in the Junior class.*

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 – Includes Donkeys & Mules)

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 - nomination not required)

Turnout Classes

- **LH02** Contemporary Vehicle 2 Wheels
- **LH03** Contemporary Vehicle 4 Wheels (excluding Viceroys)
- **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 ladies & gentlemen would display their wealth and position with fine clothes and horses. Costumes need not be historically accurate.

Riding Astride: 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 but remain above the hocks.

Riding Aside (side-saddle): Competitors riding side saddle should wear an outfit in keeping with the more traditional 'riding habit' with the skirt falling to the side of the horse – the same side as the saddle horns - covering the rider's legs.

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. Helmets are mandatory for all Junior riders (under 18 years). 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 with possibly a simple individual workout. 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.

Appearance Money: In recognition of the extra effort and expense required in entering this class, standard prize money has been replaced with a \$50 'Appearance Fee' for all competitors parading before the judge. On top of this appearance money, the winner will receive a beautiful rosette plus a prize, second place – a ribbon plus prize, with ribbons awarded to other placegetters.

Competitors must still nominate for this class and pay the \$8 entry fee.

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 their workouts.

US04 Heavy Horse/Cob Under Saddle – Under 15hh (Horse must be nominated & cannot be substituted) Horses to be judged on their workouts.

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 US06 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.

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.
- * The ridden Concours d'Elegance class is not a qualifying event.

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 for both the slide and log snig events. 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 winkers, 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 demontrations 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 PLO1 also qualify for plough ring demontrations.

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

High Point Awards

Awards will be given to

High Point Working Horse & Handler

High Point Junior Handler

High Point Partbred Exhibit

Details for these awards will be announced prior to the Festival.

SUNDAY PROGRAM

Heavy Horse & Cob Harness Ring - Start time 9.30am

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

Timetabling for the Heavy Horse Harness ring will be provided once nominations are received however, the turnout classes will be run consecutively and will not allow for complete change of turnouts between events. Please keep this in mind when considering which classes to enter.

There will be a longer break – minimum half hour – after the judging of Champion Turnout.

- **HH01 2 or 4 Wheeled Farm Turnout Singles, Pairs or Multiples** For sprung or unsprung vehicles that can be driven at a trot
- **HH02** 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. Does not include spring carts.)
- HH03 2 or 4 wheeled Trade or Business Turnout Single, Pairs or Multiples Heavy Horse or Cob Workouts will include trotting.
- HH04 Heavy Horse or Cob Turnout Show Cart, Break or Meadowbrook
- HH05 Heavy Horse or Cob Turnout Modern Vehicle

CHAMPION TURNOUT

RESERVE CHAMPION TURNOUT

- **HH06 Heavy Horse in Harness Single Over 15.2hh (any vehicle)** (Horse must be nominated & cannot be substituted)
- HH07 Heavy Horse or Cob in Harness Single 15.2hh & Under (any vehicle)
- **HH08** Pair of Heavy Horses or Cobs in Harness (any vehicle) (Please be aware that timetabling will not allow competitors to enter the same horse in both singles & pairs classes)

CHAMPION HEAVY HORSE/S OR COB/S IN HARNESS RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY HORSE/S OR COB/S IN HARNESS

- **HH09** Lady Driver (Driver must be nominated & cannot be substituted)
- **HH10** Gentleman Driver (Driver must be nominated & cannot be substituted)
- **HH11** Junior Driver (Driver must be nominated & cannot be substituted)

CHAMPION DRIVER RESERVE CHAMPION DRIVER

Grand Parade

A Grand Parade will be scheduled in for Sunday. Its format and awards are yet to be decided but we do ask all competitors to take part as this makes a wonderful spectacle for our visitors.

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 winkers 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 winkers 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 winkers 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 winkers, 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 winkers, 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 winkers, 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 winkers, collar & hames, backband & chains. Spider harness permitted. Slide and swingle bar will be supplied.

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.

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.

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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
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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 - <u>ddheavyhorses@qmail.com</u> – 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