



Unofficial Gala

17th October 2020

Judges: Neryl Simmons, Janine Olsen
& Shush Kingham

SPPHAWA hosted an Unofficial Gala on the 16th October 2020 at the popular Magenup Equestrian Grounds. There was something for everyone in the program with which saw 5 well supported rings and over 60 entries. The smell of frying bacon wafted over the grounds with the canteen in full swing as we had lots of helpers coming to get their breakfast and coffee fix while the competitors were getting horses ready. The weather couldn't have been more perfect, albeit a little hot and I'm sure some went home with t shirt tans but it made for great photo opportunities with sparkling coats and a beautiful backdrop.

There were prizes and rosettes on offer for all our Champions with Reserve winners receiving rosettes too. Our littlest competitors however were all winners on the day with each lead line entry leaving with a rosette and goodie bag for them and their ponies. (Apologies parents on any sugar highs that may have eventuated)

Big congratulations to all who attended and placed throughout the day. Willow Valley Look At Me and Abbey Barker were our Walk Trot Pony Champions and then went on to win Grand Champion Walk Trot and receive a stunning garland donated by SPPHAWA.

Top Der Magic and Nicole Groves were our Champion Hack and then received Grand Champion Ridden and received a beautiful garland donated by SPPHAWA.

Huge thank you to all that made the day possible, our judges, marshals, pencillers, canteen crew, SPPHAWA Committee and the people who put there hands up to help out throughout the day or in the packing up at the end. The event has had fantastic feedback from competitors about the relaxed, supportive environment and everyone played a role in creating this. A thank you also needs to be extended to all the competitors for their sportsmanship towards fellow riders and complimenting the friendly atmosphere that was present.

Photo Credit to Sherri Wightman Photography and thanks to all who supplied photos for the gallery.