

## Pony Trot Write-up for Meeting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Pony Trots returned to the Greenwald Paceway on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This season two new drivers debuted, being sisters, Jemma and Jorja Glynn. Having been around harness racing their whole lives, with dad Jason, and grandfather Terry, driving and training horses, it is a natural progression for the two girls to join the pony trotting ranks.

Race One, sponsored by the Shepherd Family, saw the eight ponies and their drivers set off. Front marker Just a Rumour, driven by Jemma Glynn, made a speedy start, followed closely behind by Poppin Pepe and Marnee Formosa. Super Marley and Holly Phillips quickly gained ground on the front runners, while Buddy Boom Boom, driven by Evie Sealey, followed, making good pace. At the back end of the field Super Mario (Keeley Formosa), and Slim Dusty (Amity Formosa), were chasing the frontrunners down, with Blaze (Amber Formosa) and Jerry (Nic Bowditch) following suit. First to cross the line was Just a Rumour, in second Super Marley, and third Super Mario.

Race Two, sponsored by The Produce Store, saw a shake up in the handicapping with Just a Rumour, now driven by Jorja Glynn, starting alongside Blaze, off the back mark. Poppin Pepe led the field toward the bend with Super Marley, Buddy Boom Boom, Jerry, Slim Dusty and Super Mario all overtaking as they turned into the home straight. Just a Rumour made up a lot of ground, while Blaze stormed home down the outside to claim third place, Super Marley and young driver Holly Phillips in second, with Super Mario striding out taking home first place. Buddy Boom Boom ran home in fourth position, closely followed by Jerry, Slim Dusty, Poppin Pepe with Jorja and Just a Rumour completing the race, not far behind them.

Ponies Blaze, Super Mario and Buddy Boom Boom recently qualified in Adelaide for the Inter Dominion, to be run at Tabcorp Park in mid December. Driver's Amber & Keeley Formosa and Evie Sealey have been putting in a lot of work preparing the ponies for the big race, and all look forward to representing Mount Gambier and the State of SA in the iconic race.