

Gatton Heavy Horses  
Derby Day  
Eagle Farm  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

### *. . . . and the Winner is . . . .*

Well, to be honest, everyone that came along was in the winner's circle for our inaugural Gatton Heavy Horses Derby Day.

Most excitingly, Hannah and Flash showed the punters at Eagle farm true winning form by being the first past the post, closely followed by Cobigan Juliette and Springvale Smokie who each sported professional Eagle Farm jockeys. The race was joyfully cheered on in good spirit by the racing crowd, and of course those of us from Gatton cheered them on just a bit more excitedly.

The day was perfect Autumn weather so our colourful kiosk selling all things heavy really had its opportunity to shine and attract attention. Kath and Barry Pearce brought their lorry pulled by TulachArd Beauty (Beauty) and Valhalla Tranquil Liza (Liza)

Harry Howarth learnt something new about his Gypsy Wagon. Harry discovered that his wagon is not only an attraction for those with an appreciative eye for exquisite attention to detail, but now it seems it is quite a chick magnet – yes we have the proof – a bevy of race day beauties adorning the wagon.

Ken Bowden is becoming quite the media celebrity with regular radio spots and at the track doing a live video interview broadcast on the track big screen, giving the racing audience a great introduction to Flash, Juliette and Smokie as well as explaining the different breeds, their lineage and the heritage of these breeds in Australia.

Overall a fantastic day for everyone. It was successful due to the generosity of everyone who gave their time and their precious horses to make the day. Our thanks to:

- ❖ Our Winner – Hannah Stewart-Koster and Duneske Flash Gordon
- ❖ Cobigan Juliette and Helen & Christine Perry
- ❖ Springvale Smokie and Tammy & Sharon Rhodes
- ❖ Kath and Barry Pearce for bringing TulachArd Beauty (Beauty) and Valhalla Tranquil Liza (Liza) and their Lorry
- ❖ Harry Howarth for bringing his Gypsy Wagon
- ❖ Michael Denton for weeks of organising and liaison with Brisbane Racing Club
- ❖ Brisbane Racing Club Eagle Farm
- ❖ The jockeys who rode Juliette and Smokie
- ❖ Marilyn Borg for bringing everyone together and being the primary liaison with Michael
- ❖ Ken Bowden – for being our media celebrity
- ❖ Katy Driver for capturing the memories
- ❖ And to all the other folk who worked tirelessly before and during the day
- ❖ Oh, and let's not forget – Harry's bevy of beauties

Congratulations to everyone!

Check out the Gallery and Facebook page for photos.

Cheers,  
Sharon