

## Pony Trots write – up from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

The Sealey Family sponsored the first pony trot race of the night, with a full field of eight runners competing. Poppin Pepe, with Marnee Formosa in the driver's seat, stepped off the mark nicely and led the field around the bend. Super Marley closed the gap quickly, with driver Holly Phillips, and Just a Rumor (Jemma Glynn) reducing the margin between themselves and the leaders as they headed into the home straight. Back markers Jerry (Nicola Bowditch) and Blaze (Amber Formosa) made up a lot of ground during the race but the front markers were too far away. Just a Rumor took out the honours with a good run home, Slim Dusty and Amity Formosa showed age is no barrier, Slim being the oldest pony in the field and a seasoned campaigner, trotted along nicely and finished second. Super Mario, with Keeley Formosa in the cart, powered along from their sixty metre handicap to finish with a third. Super Marley galloped for Phillips down the straight, and hence was disqualified from placing. Poppin Pepe getting closer each week, finished fourth, closely followed by Buddy Boom Boom (Evie Sealey) putting in the quick steps with his little legs, Blaze and Jerry crossing the line side by side at the rear of the field.

The second race, sponsored by Courtney Sealey, saw Super Marley and Phillips start at the rear of the field to regain a bit of confidence. Handicapper Barry Carraill re-issued the starting marks, seeing Just a Rumor move back in the field, and a few others receiving a lift. All ponies headed off from their marks, all driven with enthusiasm. A closer finish this time round saw Just a Rumor and Glynn take out a double for the night, followed home by Slim Dusty (Amity Formosa) and Super Mario (Keeley Formosa). Buddy Boom Boom and Sealey crossed the line in fourth, closely followed by Jerry who made up a lot of ground again with Poppin Pepe (Marnee Formosa) tiring towards the line, and Blaze (Amber Formosa) bringing up the rear. Super Marley and Holly Phillips finished the race a long way behind the main field, but trotted comfortably across the line to the cheers of the crowd. Next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> December, with all ponies and drivers looking forward to the Christmas themed fancy dress parade.