

## 2019 Redhill Young Paraders Competition

The first Victorian Alpaca Youth Paraders' Competition for 2019 was held at Redhill Showgrounds on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We arrived at the ground early with a smoke haze hanging in the air from the ongoing bushfires, but this didn't lessen the enthusiasm of the 13 participants who came along.

This was the first show for many of the youth, alpacas and even judges while others were returning from a four month break. While nerves were evident, particularly with changes to the competition, the Youth achieved fantastic results. Apprentice Judges Nicole Miller & Daniel Boote did an outstanding job expertly tutored by Louise Lazarus.



### Results

#### Open

**Senior Champion-** Leah Burnett

**Intermediate Champion-** Taleisha Yelland

**Intermediate Reserve Champion-** Tamaryn Kimber

#### Preliminary

**Preliminary Senior Champion-** Sayge Carpmael

**Intermediate Champion-** Hannah Moon

**Intermediate Reserve Champion-** Archer Carmael

**Junior Champion-** Dirk Varmeulen

**Open Supreme-** Leah Burnett

**Preliminary Supreme-** Hannah Moon

**Trainers Award-** Leah Burnett

Many of the Youth only started working with their alpacas in the last 6 weeks, so the results they achieved bears out the hours they have spent diligently focused on what has been taught. We welcomed a new family into the competition, who 12 months previously came to Redhill Show saw what we were doing in Paraders and where keen to join in. It was great to hear one of the new participants exclaim, "I want to come to the next show!"

A highlight for the children in the public came at the lunchtime break when they were able to walk an alpaca over some simple stations, while being ably assisted by the Youth. The delight of being up close to the alpacas was evident by the smiles that radiated across their faces. Their smiles said so much more than words could. We had forty participants and were sorry to turn others away as we needed to move onto the next part of the program.

There were many opportunities presented throughout the day to chat with the public about the Paraders' Program and the Alpaca industry.

The excellent results achieved over the course of the day would not have been made possible without the many people who volunteered their time. It was a fantastic team effort.

Particular thanks goes to:



Meg Price for Convening the Show - her countless hours leading up to the show and on the day ensuring things ran to plan.

Louise Lazarus for her continued work with the Youth, mentoring, educating and inspiring us all to reach higher.

All the Youth who displayed great maturity assisting when asked and interacting with the public.

Tieran & Lynne Kimber for the use of their alpacas and Lynne for her tireless work with scoring.

Peter Jones, Hannah Moon & Tieran Kimber for their excellent work as MCs.

Rachel Burnett for her mentoring role and organizing the Youth on the day.

Glenda Yelland for looking after the "build an alpaca" table.



Donvale Christian College: Peter Jones, Rachel & Leah Burnett for the teaching and training spent leading up to the show and the use of the school alpacas

All the parents who gave up their Saturday to get up early, drive down and stay for the day and helping out.

The breeders who encourage us and have taken on a mentoring role with the Youth.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next show, please check Facebook for details.