

# Horses attracted big crowd

## Tractor title

Robin Gericke of Naracoorte (SA) retained his title as "Australian Tractor Puller of the Year" at Quambatook on Saturday.

Robin, driving his super modified machine, Double Trouble, also took out the 3.3 and 4.2 tonne events.

Limited modified winner was Quambatook's Trevor Bennet on Cannie Cruncher while mini winner was John Cameron of Kingston (SA).

Peter Prentice of Cameroo (SA) on Mal-ee Muncha won the five tonne super modified event, while Stuart Hill of Colbinabbin (Vic) on Dirt Flirt won the two limited modified classes.

It has been many years since horses were the common mode of transport in Bendigo, but Saturday's horse and harness procession brought back fond memories for many.

Bendigonians and visitors lined the streets early Saturday afternoon to watch horses take pride of place.

Spots of rain fell as the Miss Popular Girls' float turned into Pall Mall, but the weather remained fine for the duration of the procession.

Mayfair Hams utilised "Star Wars" characters as the theme for its float.

It was followed by the float bearing Marong Community Princess, Miss Gaye Cooper.

Smiling young children brought across the Christian message and members of the Bendigo and Golden Square Little Athletics clubs featured with a well-costumed Olympics display.

Wizard of Oz was the theme for the excellent Bendigo Home and Hospital for the Aged float. The float won first prize for the most imaginative commercial entry and was second in the best decorated float award.

The Eaglehawk Senior Citizens and Combined Pensioners' colorful portrayal of springtime won the best decorated float award.

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association began the horse parade.

Cloaked in oilskins, the rugged men and women of the highlands won the best horse parade entry and the best individual entry awards.

Bendigo Pony Club members donned formal attire in the "Wedding of the Year" and won the best pony club display.

The Australian pony stud breeders won the best led/bred display with the quarterhorse display second.

Second prize as the most humorous entry was awarded to the Bendigo and District Donkey and Mule Club.

The beautiful horses of the Victorian Palomino Promotion Team won first prize as the best ridden/bred display and second prize as best individual entry.

Best individual fancy dress was A. Williams with the popular Shetland gig in second place.

Miss G. Pearce won the award as the best harness turnout with Raymond Roylance winning the prize as the most humorous entry.

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