

## ESPERANCE STATE TRIAL 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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Our state trial was hosted by the Esperance Club this year at Tim Foster's farm "Linthorpe," just east of the small town of Ongerup. The Esperance club has been running for 25 years this year, and the Esperance members celebrated this by presenting every competitor with a lovely bottle of wine at the conclusion of the trial.

Entry numbers at the trial were smaller than usual with 33 entered in the novice event, 32 in the improver and 46 in the open.

Although Spring has sprung and the feed dried off already, an overcast day greeted triallers on the Thursday morning, with a cold east / south easterly wind blowing across the trial ground that increased in revs rather rapidly and had everyone reaching for coats and woolly hats before the day had progressed too far. Friday fared not much better but the arrival of Saturday morning found the wind had eased and the sun decided to put in an appearance, warming things up somewhat.

The novice and improver sheep were well grown mixed sex white tag lambs, who although had a bit of run in them, generally hung together but still proved to be very challenging for both dogs and handlers alike, resulting in only 4 scores out of the novice field and 9 in the improver.

The open sheep were more of the same, but must have had a talk to their novice and improver mates through the fence and decided they would run more and charge down the ground, mainly along the fence, and split, just to add a bit more excitement and give us more of a headache. The open dogs managed to get 25 scores up on the board.



### **Novice Results – judged by Jenny Whitelock**

1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Gorton	Olboa May	48 + 84 = 132
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Boyle	Boylee Gus	64 + 67 = 131
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dave Lacey	Coshies Buddy	81 + 21 = 102
4 <sup>th</sup> Rod Forsyth	Grassvalley Hazel	73 + 27 = 100
Best Cast, lift and draw	Andrew Gorton with Olboa May	

### **Improver Results – judged by Phil Dorrell**

1 <sup>st</sup> Jenny Whitelock	Jensown Microchip	75 + 89 = 164
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Boyle	Boylee Midget	73 + 81 = 154
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jane Dorrell	Rocky Dusty	61 + 89 = 150
4 <sup>th</sup> Dave Lacey	Coshies Buddy	79 + 43 = 122
5 <sup>th</sup> Nick Webb	Morillo Max	50 + X = 50
6 <sup>th</sup> Helen Svalbe	Boonining Swag	49
7 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Whitelock	Boylee Talent	48
8 <sup>th</sup> Jane Dorrell	Perangery Buster	47
9 <sup>th</sup> Nick Webb	Morillo Roy	46
Best Cast, lift and draw	Nick Webb with Morillo Roy	

## Open Results – judged by Gordon Curtis

1 <sup>st</sup> Grant Cooke	Badgingarra Fly	83 + 77 = 160
2 <sup>nd</sup> Frank Sutherland	Pendalup Sue	70 + 75 = 145
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grant Cooke	Grassvalley Moss	72 + 72 = 144
4 <sup>th</sup> Tony Boyle	Boylee Sugar	75 + 65 = 140
5 <sup>th</sup> Dave Lacey	Akoonah Lady	50 + 84 = 134
6 <sup>th</sup> Ken Atherton	Ramulam Punch	63 + 53 = 116
7 <sup>th</sup> Nick Webb	Morillo Cinda	44 + 55 = 99
8 <sup>th</sup> Phil Dorrell	Jandoree Clive	62 + 31 = 93
9 <sup>th</sup> Jane Dorrell	Olboa Spanner	40 + 46 = 86
10 <sup>th</sup> Nick Webb	Morillo Roy	39 + 44 = 83
11 <sup>th</sup> Jane Dorrell	Rocky Dusty	58 + X = 58
12 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Whitelock	Boylee Talent	40 + RTD = 40

Best Cast, lift and draw                  Grant Cooke with Grassvalley Floss



*Phil Dorrell's Jandoree Clive*



*Andrew Gorton's Just Sam persuading the sheep to join his mates*



*Jenny Whitelock's Jensown Sooty – on a mission*



*Nick Webb's Morillo Roy*



*Some dogs thought the best option was to be a "Utility" dog!*