

Thank you to all the visitors and exhibitors who attended the Field Day on this wonderful Sunday. The weather could not have been better. That together with having the Honey Festival joining us for the first time resulted in an unprecedented number of visitors. Unfortunately, our Traffic Management was abysmal and there were long queues of traffic in both directions. Our apologies for the delays. Needless to say we will be not using that firm next year.

The day was absolute magic and we are very grateful to the wonderful entertainers we had along on the day and the dedicated team of speakers in the Talks Forum. Everywhere was packed. The livestock exhibits were particularly busy with children getting to know these small animals and there was a great number: goats, alpacas, cattle. Llamas and sheep were also there on the day. Critters up Close, West Aussie Reptiles and Old McDonalds farm were also very busy. Matthew Lunn's Potting Paradise and the Small Landholders marquee were packed out with enquiring children and adults. The Worm Farm was also extremely busy.

The Honey Festival was definitely a highlight of the day with a huge amount of people visiting their area to learn all about Bees and Honey – we might need to give them more room next year. The Slow Food Movement were holding the Long Table Lunch as well and they seemed pretty busy and the Cycles for riding to produce the smoothies were going full on all day. The WA Wood Turners were really busy and interest in this group grows every year. Mounted Games were busy in the arena, together with the Forge Farm Pony rides and the wonderful working dogs. The shearing demos by Bruce and Vic were very busy as well over in the Farriers Shed together with Angie and her Dog Attack site – this is extremely important as if we wish to protect our canine friends we need to keep them at home, where they won't get shot or injured on the roads. The Afrinos and Wiltshires were in the Farriers shed as well with their very knowledgeable owners. The Poultry Pavilion was crowded as were Dr. Grant Richard's talks on Poultry Health. Geoff Francis was also busy with his talks on battery powered tools and chainsaw maintenance. The Alpaca Association Show and sale was very busy as well as was Treechange Alpacas by the livestock yards with the cutest baby alpacas. The Mundaring Community Bank and the Discovery Trail and children's interactive craft.

Over in the Food and Wine Hall it was packed. Both the Café/Entertainment area and the Café 2 area in the back paddock were extremely busy and the selection of Food vans was incredible. Over at Café 2 there were Gordon Lee and the Von Tramps rocking away with a

lot of foot tapping and singing along. The Mad Tatters were also dancing away here in their amazing brightly coloured plumage. Camel rides were busy all day as was the Dinosaur train.

At Café/Entertainment area 1 there was amazing food from Gidge Primary, Face painting by Nina Rose, Punch and Judy, Josephine and Goggles the Goose, The Amazing Wadumbah Aboriginal dancers and the Gidge Primary School Choir who were enchanting with their wonderful singing. Jessica Shaw MLA opened the day to a packed crowd.

There was so much happening around the grounds it was difficult to take it all in and the three food areas were full up with every table taken. We provide a great many tables and chairs as we know how important it is for families to sit down and enjoy themselves. What a lot of families as well, many of them three generations. The Field Day has to be the ultimate family day out and we haven't changed the entry fee in 12 years so extremely affordable.

We have now gone through the day and picked up on some of the things that can be improved and will be working on them for next year. A lot went extremely well and there are even more exciting plans for next year.

We hoped you enjoyed the day and thank you for coming along. All feedback and suggestions are welcome and we will be back next year on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. The site is already booked.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this vibrant day including our committee who could hardly walk by the end of the day. Also to all the community groups and our School who were so closely involved with the day.

A very big thank you as well to the City of Swan, The Countryman, the Mundaring Community Bank, Eastern Hills Saws and Mowers who have supported us so much over the years. Thank you to the Slow Food Movement, the Alpaca Association, the Mounted Games Association, the WA Wood Turners Association and a special thank you to The Honey Festival for joining with us on this special day. Welcome and we hope to work with you all for many years with this event and – maybe some more exciting newcomers next year.