

## Jump in the Park Show Jumping Spectacular

Amanda Madigan and TP Gifted won the *Jump in the Park* hosted by the Lugarno Lions as part of the 2008 Spring Fair at Gannons Park, Peakhurst on Sunday 21 September 2008.

Kevin Reed of the Lions Club and sports promoter Phil Bates, along with David Lawrence of the Equestrian Federation of Australia

(NSW) and Jane Robinson of Northside Riding Club, organised the show jumping spectacular which thrilled huge crowds at the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Lugarno Festival. The festival is organised to promote community spirit and to raise money for charities such as research into Prostate Cancer.



Thirty two elite riders and horses competed for a share in the \$2500 prize money alongside carnival rides, pony rides, sheep dog trails, emergency service displays and an impressive classic motor show. The Lugarno track was the same design as day three of the Beijing Olympics, providing a thrilling two rounds of competition for excited spectators.

TP Gifted was quick over the course, giving Amanda the victory just in front of Chris Chugg and Alondra, who also placed seventh on Conquistador. James Mooney and Haka W were third in the Open class, and topped the thoroughbred places. Fourth went to Hilary Scott and Oaksville Miss Scarlett, and fifth was again Amanda, this time on ASB Cara Mia. Cec Staples and Statford Delight were sixth in the Open class, and the highest placed amateur combination. Hot on the heels of these more experienced riders are a talented group of juniors headed by Jess Brown riding Last Drop and Monique Barrett on Deo Juvante. Rebecca Seckold and Cool Customer were tenth.

Newly appointed Minister for Sport and Recreation, Kevin Greene, was delighted to make the presentations, bravely getting up close to the talented equine competitors. Keen interest from sponsors and organisers promises a bigger, more exciting competition in 2009.

