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RESIDENTS at Resthaven Mount Gambier/Berrin were delighted to see their home come alive in celebration of show week.

Resthaven lifestyle assistant Tracey Krueger said she wanted to be able to include the residents at Resthaven in the fun of the event.

“It helps make them feel part of the community and included in a big Mount Gambier event,” she said.

Along with Shelly Van Der Linde, Tracey Crafter, Dianne Bailey-Walters and other staff, Ms Krueger said it was a team effort to bring the day together.

Complete with sideshow games like putt putt, basketball and prize fishing and special extras like show bags, fairy floss and high tea, there was plenty to do and see throughout the afternoon.

Residents, family, friends and staff were encouraged to enter into the ‘Show Hall’ event, with categories ranging from flowers, knitting and crocheting, floral arrangements, photography, crafts and cooking.

Resident Judy said the day was a chance to relive the magic of the show from when she used to visit with her children.

“I used to love going to the show,” she said.

“I loved looking at the cakes and all of the other things people made.

“I would give my children a couple of shillings each and go and look at the show hall by myself and meet up with them later.”

A surprise appearance by Deek, the miniature horse was the highlight of the day, with both residents and staff excited by the special visitor.

Tracey hoped to make the show day an annual event at Resthaven, and was looking to improve the event every year.



**SHOW DAY:** Resident Dianne happy with her showbag.



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**HORSING AROUND:** Resident James with enrolled nurse Ella, personal care assistant Aaro and enrolled nurse Naomi with surprise visitor Deek

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**SHOW HALL:** The Photography category of the 'Show Hall' event.



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**DRESSED TO IMPRESS:** Personal care assistant Aaro with resident Judy.



**TIED FIRST:** Enrolled nurse Chloe and personal care assistant Ella with their prize-winning cakes.



**HOLE-IN-ONE:** Resident Desmond plays putt putt with personal care assistant Brock.