

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



Kate & David work very well together

Spring has Sprung at Windermere Farm!

Dear valued clients and friends,

Spring is in the air, hats are on heads and once again the best day of racing, probably in the world, is fast approaching. One day I'm sure we will have a runner. I won't bore you with details, but since I was nine-years-old I have had a reoccurring dream of winning the Melbourne Cup. So, who knows?

We are about to go back on our word and attend Kembla Races on Melbourne Cup day (last year was so bloody hot more people had fainted than were standing). It will be Gold's first start back after a freshen up.

Miss Arianna will also continue her education and be good company for Gold. Arianna's last start at Bathurst was nothing short of a drunken sailor returning home from a

night out on the grog. The blinkers were off, which probably didn't help, as she looked at every horse in the race - sideways backwards, you name it. She is a preparation short of being a competitive racehorse. PATIENCE is key!

Sorry to everyone that stuck with Octopus. Unfortunately, you will not get your money back, young Kyle that works with us has purchased him off Tom. He is now a well cared for, promising 3-day-eventer.

Hamburg ran at Hawkesbury on Sunday the 10th. The track was quite heavy, he hit his hip as he jumped and never really recovered. We had the vet go over him with a fine tooth comb. He was given the go ahead to race 4 days later at Wyong and he ran an extremely close third. So he is back on track, but won't race for 2 more weeks.

That is it, as far as our racing went this past month.

However we are in for a busy time ahead. We trialed 6 horses last Monday at Hawkesbury and they all performed really well, even Ausbred Lady improved, but unfortunately not enough to go on with. We have been very patient, watching her climb in her gallops, to getting down, stretching out and doing her best. She is one of the most beautiful fillies we have ever put a bridle on. So sorry to all concerned, sometimes this happens, even though she was bred in the purple.

She will now become a treasured show horse and our daughter Lisa has had her eye on her since she arrived here. Isn't it great to know when they retire they are well cared for?



Everybody loves the new pony Bubbles. Black Pirate in the background says "everybody get back to work, that's the only way we get any cuddles around here" ↑

Kyle and Wade - you can't work on an empty stomach ↓



Chris Caldicott, Chris Lawlor and Ausbred Lady all smiles before a trial ←

As for the other trialers.

Ausbred Royal will have another trial after her easy one at Hawkesbury. Then I'm sure she will give all concerned an early Christmas present. Fresh Tell is going great guns, our son-in-law has been riding him at home trying to teach him how to relax and it's working!

Lady Green won't go a yard in the wet, so we forgot about her trial. Swing and Sing showed great early speed and then got a little tired. Gold ran on well looking for the mile, she will contend at Kembla MCD.

Biensong was to have a jump out, then a trial on the 25th. However he smashed through the barriers and when he cooled down he was a bit sore over the hind quarters. He has been a perfect barrier horse from woah-to-go but the horse standing next to him in the barriers played up, so we think he just said 'I'm out of here'! We decided to give him a couple of weeks out to get over it all. He's fine, galloping around the paddock and we can assure you Grant Buckley has a big wrap on him, as do we.

Sweet Jewel (Blondie) was also ready to trial, but she has been plagued with the most difficult tying up syndrome I think we have ever come across. You name it, we've tried it! Hopefully after 10 days free of it we have found the secret. She will now trial on the 8/11 at Hawkesbury.

After conferring with the vet and the owners of Freddy and Billet, we have decided to leave them

out a little longer, giving them a full 12 months off.

I have decided both horses will go to a near-by spelling farm that has a large walker for one month starting 1/12. The reason for my decision is both horses are too keen to get on with it, they give the riders hell while they are asked just to walk with the occasional trot. So they are still enjoying each others' company in their private paddock. When they return from the walker, they can have their trot and canter, this will keep all happy!!

Black Pirate will return to work 1/11 but Smart Ausbred will stay out another month. While I hate to break the friendship, the pair have to grow up some day. Both horses look magnificent, they have grown and furnished tremendously.

I saved the best news until last. David Baxter our apprentice who has been with us for nearly six years rode his first winner at Bathurst. He will be riding the same horse (Touch of magic) at Kembla MCD. He had only 12 rides under his belt when he kicked home the baker's dozen, well done David! Plenty more to come!

Hope you enjoy the pics and George's story on the inaugural Ausbred.

Next month we will feature Ausbred King and his new life.

Sending Rainbows,

Dor xxx

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

For the October issue of *Sending Rainbows*, we have a look at one of the success stories of life after racing.

Ausbred is a familiar name here at Windermere Farm and we have had many racing successes through our breeding and training partnership with Chris Lawlor. The first Ausbred was born 1996, beginning his racing career with us when he was two. He didn't race until he was an early three-year-old, however, as he was bred to stay and being a big rangy horse he needed time. While he was no record breaker, he had a great heart and will to win. Like most average but competitive racehorses he was unlucky on many occasions, only winning four races but plenty of placings, including some city races.



We retired him early in 2003 and from here he went to Chrissie Johnson and her training centre in Nelson to try his luck as a showjumper. Talented from the start, Ausbred, registered for jumping as Ozbred, is one half of a competitive pairing with Chrissie's son, George (pictured left).

Now competing at a World Cup standard, George and Ozbred have had wins and placings at competitions around Australia, including the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Ozbred's career was set back for a several months in 2006 when the thoroughbred damaged his eye in a paddock accident, eventually needing to have the eye removed.

Despite this, George and Ozbred are back in the ring competing regularly. Watch George and Ozbred [competing](#) in a recent speed class at Sydney Showjumping Club.

A NOTE FROM ALICE.

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BEIJING SUCCESS!

Some more good news! I have heard from some of the Chinese connections I made in my recent trip to Beijing. My books will be published and turned into an animated cartoon series. Isn't it amazing how we Aussies have to go abroad to be appreciated? Anyway, when I receive the first million, the horses will have ten days off and you are all welcome to join us for a ten day, all expenses paid cruise - compliments of The Wicky Wacky Farm book series! So start praying! Check out the new [Wicky Wacky Farm Website](#) for more details

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