

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



# Merry Christmas

Dear friends and valued clients.

November was quiet, but none the less had its moments of great excitement.

My favourite day of the year, being Melbourne cup day, was spent at home with friends and family. All taking part in the spirit of the day, we adorned an array of my hats, not surprisingly, each lady whom walked through the door, I actually had a hat that suited their outfits. Including my granddaughter Arianna, pictured in her top hat, enjoying a minute drop of champagne. Every woman is entitled to a fetish, mine's hats of course!



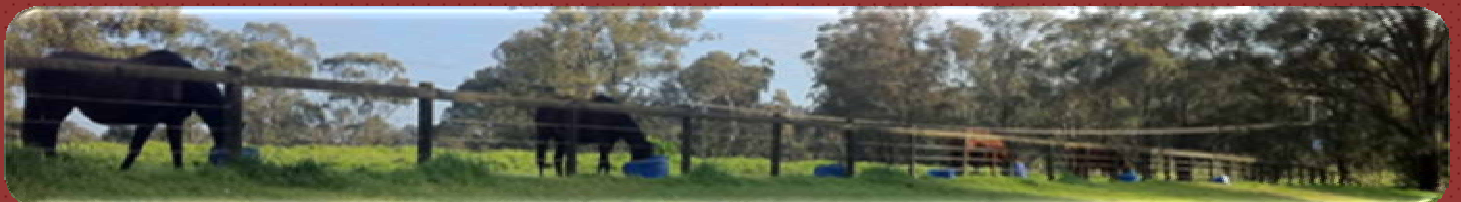
*Is that champagne in Arianna's glass?*



*Melbourne Cup Day at Windermere Farm*



*We all got into the spirit.. even Jack the dog !!!*





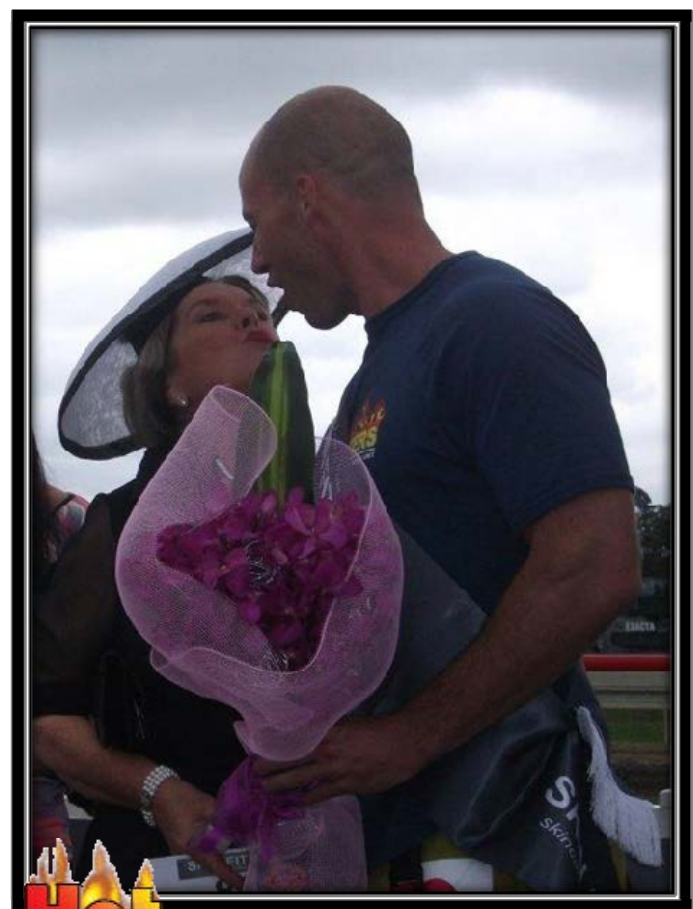
That was Tuesday..... come Thursday; even more enjoyment came our way with HAMBERG backing up from a fabulous 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rose hill on the previous Saturday to show them a clean pair of heels to win the Ted McCabe Memorial trophy race at Hawkesbury. As he was passing the post, I was being sashed the winner in the contemporary best dressed. With even *more excitement*, being sashed by one of the calendar firemen! Hot stuff, they nearly had to extinguish me after the kiss.



*Wade with two beautiful women, Kim and Sandra, after winning with HAMBERG, the Ted McCabe Memorial, 3rd November*



*Contemporary Best Dressed*



*The highlight of winning the fashion.... the kiss from the handsome fireman*

*Anyone got a fire extinguisher?*

The following Thursday the 10th saw me fall from Grace, as I was looking for the clerk of the course to assist our daughter Lisa with BLACK PIRATE. (It pays to keep a look out whilst in the mounting yard ;) a rather large horse rump swung around and flattened me like a domino, Not quite so funny if I were dressed in Tee shirt and jeans. However, sporting a lovely straw hat, feminine top, straight skirt and high heels, painted a very funny picture when struck down completely unawares. Having no ego to contend with, I immediately saw the funny side, the only disappointment was—there was not a calendar fireman in sight to pick me up.

I know, it's not all about me, BLACK PIRATE sat four wide all the way over the 1300mt journey, the kid was too frightened to move, after being warned-- the horse does not take lightly to anyone tugging on his mouth. So sit he did, four wide and was only beaten 2 ½ lengths. A great effort considering they broke the class record and were only a split second off breaking the course record.

In two weeks time a wonderful, perfect, unbelievable race for BLACK PIRATE was abandoned due to rain. We all know about that week as we were under the same grey sky. Let's hope this Sunday coming plus Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> will allow BLACK PIRATE and us all to enjoy the open day.





*If my mum's name is Rose, I must be a Rose bud filly*

HAMBERG raced at Canterbury on the 21<sup>st</sup> over 1550, with the journey being a little too long. He did however run a great race only beaten a little less than two lengths. We have come to the conclusion that 1400 is his distance. We have had several 1400mt specialists, most of whom showed us a staying quality that soon fizzled out when put over a longer distance, but when put back to the 1400, they excelled again.



*Cameron and Lynn Clark and their three children are having a fun filled day at the Hay Races*



All horses are coming along well, with only two disappointments this past month. SHADES OF GREEN never really got over her foot problem and has had to go out until completely sound.

THE COBRA KING Trialled and went slightly under our expectations. However, when returning home and walking off the truck he was lame, due to the old injury when kicked, a hair line fracture was determined by the vet, so he's out too.

CLEO'S GIFT, was certainly not disappointing, but was sent back to Muskoka just to confirm her barrier manners. All is well with her and she will trial on the 19/12, this will begin her first racing prep.

SACRED JOURNEY has been held up with the rain-- no barriers-- no practice. Hopefully this Friday they'll drag the barriers out, he'll jump and run, then all going well, this coming Monday will see him in an unofficial trial,( jump out.)

AUSBRED GOLD, is in foal and returned to work, looking magnificent and heading for a huge day at the Hawkesbury trials ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DEC, where we will have eight or nine trillers, including -SACRED JOURNEY--CLEO'S GIFT--LORD ROW-HAMBURG--MADAM MEDUSA--SMART AUSBRED--AUSBRED OPERAH and maybe BILLET, of whom has had a cough and was scoped to find a slight throat infection. Since being on treatment the cough has just stopped, so I will jump him out next Monday and then make a decision as to whether I run him at Hawkesbury on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> or trial him on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

All other horses are well with no problems.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and very stress free happy Christmas. May you all be blessed with good health and good fortune!!

Sending rainbows,

Dor & Wade

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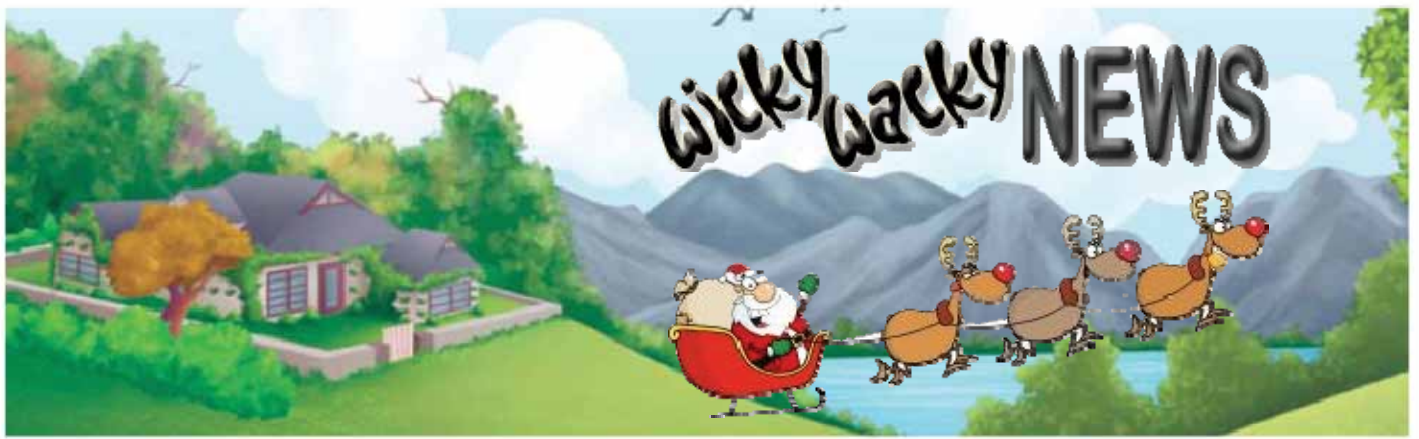
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We have been short staffed recently, so once again the horses took precedence over my travelling to country schools. With Staff all back from holidays, plus welcoming Josh Earl to the team has brought welcome relief to Wade and I.

Some exciting news however, I finally received the proof read of "The Uluru Adventure". This is the fourth book of the Wicky Wacky Farm series.

Peppi Goes to China is in production at the moment and should be on shelves March 2012.

So please remember they make great children's gifts, you can buy on line at [www.doreenslinkardauthor.com.au](http://www.doreenslinkardauthor.com.au)



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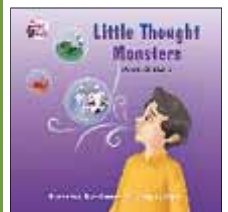
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